

## New Hampshire Supplement

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In order to keep you better informed of the happenings in the jurisdiction, I will dedicate a portion of this column to upcoming events. Below are our events for March and beyond:

- Saturday 7 March, Mt Horeb & Northstar St Gerard Commanderies, Order of Malta, at Lancaster
- Saturday 14 March, DeWitt Clinton & Palestine Commanderies, Order of the Temple
- Saturday 4 April, Grand Commandery Annual Business Meeting, Concord

### KTEF

Well Sir Knights, depending on when you receive your latest issue, we will be either 1/3 or 2/3 of the way through inspections and will soon welcome those new SKs to our local commanderies.

I wanted to take a moment of personal privilege if you will and that is to talk to you about the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. For those of you not aware, it is the primary charity for Grand Encampment and the subordinate Grand Commanderies. The focus now is on early research grants for pediatric ophthalmic clinicians. We are the main donor in this space and have helped launch the careers & emerging science for many new doctors.

The original mission for KTEF can be seen here: *"to provide assistance to those who face loss of sight due to the need for surgical treatment without regard to race, color, creed, age, sex or national origin provided they are unable to pay or receive adequate assistance from current government agencies or similar sources and to provide funds for research in curing diseases of the eye."* In 2010, a new mission was put out with a broader focus:

*"to improve vision through research, education, and supporting access to care."*

There are many ways to donate and contribute to the amazing charity. You can make a personal donation, one on behalf of someone else, you can participate in the Grand Commander's Club or the Grand Master's club, or your local commandery can even donate. The Grand Commander's club asks that you donate \$100 every year for ten years or until reach \$1,000 in donations. At that time, you will be moved to the Grand Master's club and will receive a Crusader's Cross that can be worn on your uniform. Life membership is another option in which you make a one-time donation of \$30. From that point forward your commandery and the Grand Commandery will not annually assess you for the KTEF assessment.

We are currently in the 52d annual campaign which will run until May. Last Year, NH finished 25<sup>th</sup> on a dollars-based contribution to the campaign. When looked at per capita, we finished fourth! My personal goal is to see us finish in the top 20 this year for the dollar-based contributions (\$12,865.00 or \$36 per SK was donated last year).

You will have heard me speak about his at our inspections, I ask that you look at what you can do, even just \$5 will make a difference if every SK contributes.

I want to thank all of you who have already contributed and am happy to talk if anyone would like more information.

Reminder, dates of events are always subject to change -- York Rite Calendar posted on the website at <https://nhyorkrite.org/calendars/>

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