

NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS

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Sir Knights,

November was a busy month for Templary in New Hampshire. A contingent of Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery, led by the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Patrick J. O'Sullivan, marched in the Annual Veterans Day Parade in Manchester. The Sir Knights made quite an impression and our Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Earl W. Cole, Jr., was interviewed by a reporter from the *Union Leader*. A more perfect day for a parade could not be had and numerous spectators turned out to honor those brave men and women who serve, and have served, our Nation. Many thanks to Sir Knight Cole who arranged our participation and to the Sir Knights who marched in the parade.



Right Eminent Grand Commander O'Sullivan and the Sir Knights, preparing to step off for the Veterans Day Parade in Manchester. Your editor followed in the support vehicle with identifying signage.



On October 31, last, New Hampshire DeMolay held the Traditional Observance of the New Hampshire Preceptory, DeMolay Legion of Honor, and the New Hampshire Court of Chevaliers, in conjunction with the Installation of State Officers where Brother Alex Newbery was installed as State Master Councilor. It was truly gratifying to see our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight O'Sullivan, and other Sir Knights recognized with the Legion of Honor, among them, David R. Walters, Robert M. Porter, Jackson E. Marston, Sherman A. Packard, and Richard E. Davis.

Our Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander was Dean of the Preceptory. Sir Knight Samuel A. Varjabedian received the Degree of Chevalier. Sir Knight Arthur W. Stauff, Eminent Grand Captain General, was installed as Personal Representative for New Hampshire DeMolay, of Sir Knight Vincent A. D'Aguzzo, Grand Master of DeMolay International, succeeding Brother and Sir Knight David S. Collins, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander and Most Worshipful Grand Master. We are justly proud that so many of our Sir Knights devote their time and talents to mentoring our young men of DeMolay.

Under the direction of the Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knights were privileged to present the colors at the opening of the 164th Semiannual Communication of Grand Lodge in Manchester Saturday, November 20. The following day, the Deputy Grand Commander, your editor, and Sir Knight William P. Carter of Trinity Commandery No. 1 attended the Masonic and Eastern Star Memorial Services in Milford for Companion and Sir Knight Herbert Homer Hutchinson, Past Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire (1998) and Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire (2000). Sir Knight Hutchinson passed to the Celestial Asylum September 3, 2020, but a memorial could not be scheduled until the COVID contagion had subsided. The presence in uniform of the Sir Knights was noted and greatly appreciated by Lady Sheila Hutchinson and all in attendance.

Your editor was pleasantly surprised to be elevated to the honor of Knight Grand Cross of the Temple in the Grand Encampment the first weekend of November. He and Lady Virginia were part of the Granite State contingent, attending the High Council of the S.R.I.C.F. in Louisville, Kentucky, together with Sir Knights O'Sullivan, Robert L. Sutherland, Jr., and Joseph J. Rella and his Lady, Jennifer.



Your editor receiving the Knight Grand Cross of the Temple from Sir Knight Michael B. Johnson, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.



Lady Virginia enjoying her first Mint Julep. She and Lady Jennifer visited Churchill Downs, while their Sir Knights were in meetings.



The Grand Commandery of New Hampshire will conduct its Annual Christmas Observance Sunday, December 5, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., in the Concord Masonic Temple, 53 Iron Works Road, Concord, N.H. 03301. We hope that you will join your fellow Sir Knights and other representatives of our Masonic Family, as we pause to commemorate the glorious birth of Jesus, the Great Captain of our Salvation. All Brothers, Companions, Sir Knights, and their families and friends are welcome.

Right Eminent Grand Commander O’Sullivan, his Officers, and all Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire wish you and yours a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Courteously,



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