

## New Hampshire Supplement

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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 January and beyond:

- Monthly Grand York Rite bodies educational series, at 7:00pm online (details provided in advanced)

### A Message from the REGC

Sir Knights,

It is nice to have 2020 in our rear-view mirror, but certainly there will be a time to pass in 2021 before we are back to a regular in-person meeting schedule. In February, I would normally be speaking about our upcoming Commandery Orders. However, our Degree Work has been at a standstill since early March of 2020, with a large class of candidates waiting to complete the orders.

In all that has been discouraging this past year, one of the best things to come out of COVID is forcing the virtual meeting concept to the forefront of Freemasonry. The Grand Commandery of New Hampshire, along with most of the respective Grand Commanderies in our Northeast Department, held their Annual Christmas Observance online for the first time in their History. These events were attended by Commandery members both new and old and the Spirit of Knight Templary was in high order. Further, the Grand York Rite Bodies here in New Hampshire have been holding virtual monthly discussions on the York Rite and though these are not large groups we do have a steady interest of Companions and Sir Knights attending each month.

So, Sir Knights of the respective Commanderies in New Hampshire, I ask you - Have we been engaging your new Companions in this period of waiting? If not, Why? I implore each of the Commanderies in this jurisdiction to reach out by email and

phone to see how our Members are doing and work to keep them engaged in the York Rite.

As the saying goes "Rome Wasn't Built in a Day" and neither was Freemasonry or Templary. We all need to make the best of these challenging times. If you are not meeting in person, do not be discouraged, set up a virtual meeting and invite your members to attend. This can be a deep discussion or just an interesting short topic with a celebratory toast at the end. Make this an event that your Members and Candidates want to attend. The group may start small, but stay the course as we need to keep our members engaged. The dark days of winter are upon us Sir Knights, so why don't we share some Brotherly Light to our fellow Knights.

My term of office as your Grand Commander will be coming to a close in May of 2021, but it is very important to me to see the class of candidates from 2020 receive their Order of the Temple. The time when it is safe to do so may go beyond my term as Grand Commander, but I plan to be there participating as a Sir Knight supporting their journey in Templary. Support them now Sir Knights so later we can all partake in a celebratory toast together!

Yours in Knightly Courtesy,  
Sir Knight David S. Collins, Right Eminent Grand Commander  
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York Rite Calendar -- <https://nhyorkrite.org/calendars/>

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