

# NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS

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Dog Days bright and clear  
Indicate a happy year;  
But when accompanied by rain,  
For better times, our hopes are vain.

Sir Knights,

While many of our bodies go “dark” for the “Dog Days” in July and August, our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Earl W. Cole, Jr., and his officers have kept rather busy. On Friday, July 1, they joined representatives of our other Masonic organizations, in attending the Grand Assembly of New Hampshire, International Order of Rainbow for Girls. After having been introduced and made a donation on behalf of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire, he participated in a skit where he and other lucky brethren were transformed into Rainbow Sisters to the enjoyment of all.



Sir Knight Cole awaiting introduction at Grand Assembly. With him is Sir Knight Kaleb R. Brown, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander.



Sir Knight Cole with two of his new Sisters.”

Our Grand Commander and Grand Recorder conducted training for the Grand Officers Sunday, July 10, In Concord, wherein the duties of the Grand Officers were explained and the Grand Commander’s expectations laid out, not only for the current Chivalric year, but for those Sir Knights who wished to advance through the Grand Commandery officer line. Those in attendance had ample opportunity to ask questions and all found the training quite helpful.



On July 24, last, Sir Knight Cole attended the Annual Conclave of New Hampshire Order of DeMolay in Nashua. There is, of course, a natural affinity between our two chivalric orders, the Order of DeMolay having been named for the last Grand Master of the Templar Knights on whom our Order is modeled. Sir Knight Cole presented the Sword of Merit to Upper Valley Chapter in Cornish for having achieved the largest increase in membership the past year. The ceremonial sword was a gift to New Hampshire DeMolay from the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire. Our Grand Commandery can be proud of the wonderful support which our Sir Knights give to both Rainbow and DeMolay.



Sir Knight Cole prepares to present Sword of Merit. He is introduced by Sir Knight Arthur W. Stauff, Executive Officer and Eminent Grand Generalissimo Of New Hampshire Grand Commandery.



Sir Knight Cole addresses the members and guests at the Conclave luncheon.

There is an exciting opportunity coming up this month. The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of New Hampshire will confer the Super Excellent Master Degree upon any qualified Royal and Select Master Masons Saturday, August 27, next, at 1:00 p.m. Lunch, by reservation, will precede the Degree at Noon for a nominal cost of \$10.00. Candidates for the Degree must register in advance with Sir Knight and Companion Dennis A. Sheridan, Grand Recorder, [dasheridan49@gmail.com](mailto:dasheridan49@gmail.com), who will also take reservations for lunch. The Super Excellent Master Degree is an optional Degree in the American York Rite System, which many of our Sir Knights have not yet received, as it is conferred infrequently. This is a great opportunity to fill a gap in your Masonic education.

Courteously,

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