

# NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS

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Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. Matthew 11:11

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. 1 John 5:13

Sir Knights,

Sunday, June 26, last, our Fraternity celebrated our Patron Saints, John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. In accordance with tradition, the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire held observance services in Ringe, at the Cathedral of the Pines, and in Portsmouth, in the Masonic Temple. Sir Knights formed the escort for the Grand Lodge officers at each observance.



Our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Earl W. Cole, Jr., and Sir Knights escorted Right Worshipful Daniel R. Hotchkiss, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, who presided over the Saint Johns Day observance in Ringe.



Most Worshipful Brother and Sir Knight David S. Collins, Past Grand Commander, presided over the Saint Johns Day observance in Portsmouth. The Sir Knights of his escort are standing in the Back row.

The previous day, our Right Eminent Grand Commander was installed as Eminent Prior of New Hampshire Priory No. 58, Knights of the York Cross of Honor, succeeding Sir Knight Paul C. Smith, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander. The Deputy Prior is **Sir Knight Patrick J. O'Sullivan**, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander. For those who may be unaware, Convent General of the Knights of the York Cross of Honor, through its Medical Foundation, has for many years supported groundbreaking research in the prevention and treatment of cancer at the Norris Cotton Cancer Center at the Geisel School of Medicine of Dartmouth College. It has produced very promising results in the field of immunotherapy for certain types of cancer.

Speaking of medical research, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation published the results of the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Voluntary Campaign. Our New Hampshire Sir Knights contributed \$11,538.00 this year, ranking

37<sup>th</sup> among the Grand Commanderies. Our *per capita* contribution was \$37.83, 10<sup>th</sup> among the Grand Commanderies, a result of which we can be justly proud. Hopefully, we will do even better in the coming year. Each of our Commanderies should strive to achieve 100% Life Sponsorship for its Sir Knights. A Life Sponsorship is only \$30.00 and relieves the Commandery of the annual Eye Foundation assessment for each Life Sponsor. Our Grand Commandery achieved this goal in 1994, but not all who have been Knighted since have become Life Sponsors. My Commandery used to purchase a Life Sponsorship for each new Sir Knight, but the practice seems to have lapsed in the recent past. We have some catching up to do. I encourage each Commandery to adopt the practice.



Sir Knight Earl W. Cole, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Commander, after his installation as Eminent Prior of New Hampshire Priory No. 58, K.Y.C.H.

Our Grand Commander has scheduled a Training Session for the Grand Officers Sunday, July 10, next, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Concord Masonic Temple. Take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Courteously,

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