

# NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS

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And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:2-4

Sir Knights,

In a few days we will observe the Feast of Pentecost, fifty days after **our Savior's passion**, when His mission was finally fulfilled and the age of the Kingdom of God, present in the church, began. Fifty represents eternal and heavenly fulfillment: seven times seven plus one.

A few short weeks ago, we convened for the 172<sup>nd</sup> Annual Grand Conclave in Concord where our new Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Earl W. Cole, Jr., and his officers assumed the leadership of the Grand Commandery for the coming Chivalric year.

Sir Knight Earl William Cole, Jr. was born December 18, 1946, in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Fisher Junior College with an Associate Degree in Business Management. He enjoyed fifty-two years of marriage to his beloved Lady Alice (née Berutis) who passed in February. He resides in Rindge, New Hampshire, where he enjoys riding his horses and bicycling.

He was employed some thirty-eight years in the Personal Trust Division of State Street Bank and Trust Company, retiring as Vice President of the Systems Support Unit. He also served his country in the United States Air Force and the United States Air Force Reserve, retiring with the rank of Senior Master Sergeant.

Sir Knight Cole was initiated, passed, and raised in King Cyrus Lodge, Reading, Massachusetts, in 1996, serving as Worshipful Master from 1999 through 2001. He served the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, as District Deputy Grand Master, in 2001 through 2003, and the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, as District Deputy Grand Lecturer, in 2010 and 2011, and, as District Deputy Grand Master, from 2011 through 2013. He is Secretary of Charity Lodge No. 18, in East Jaffrey, and Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Texas near the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire. He was awarded the Jeremy Ladd Cross Medal, in 2013, and the Major General John Sullivan Medal, in 2018. He was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason January 14, 2012. A Past High Priest of Trinity Chapter No. 2, in Concord, he is currently Eminent Principal Sojourner of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire and Grand Representative of Texas near the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire. He received the Distinguished Service Medal in 2017. He was greeted as a Select Master May 30, 2012. A Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Horace Chase Council No. 4, in Concord, he is currently Illustrious Conductor of the Council of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of New Hampshire and Grand Representative of Texas near the Grand Council of New Hampshire.

Sir Knight Cole was Knighted June 22, 2012. He is a Past Eminent Commander of Mt Horeb Commandery No. 3, in Concord. He was installed as Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New Hampshire, during the 172<sup>nd</sup> Annual Grand Conclave May 14, last, in Concord. He holds the Knight Templar Cross of Honor and, in 2021, was created a Knight Commander of the Temple. He is Grand Representative of Texas near the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire.

His other Masonic activities include the following: John Harris Council No. 458, Allied Masonic Degrees; Palestine Tabernacle XLI, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; Scenic Council No. 37, Knight Masons; Profile York Rite College No. 100; New Hampshire Priory No. 58, Knights of the York Cross of Honor; The

Royal Order of Scotland; and Granite State Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. In 1997, he became a 32-degree Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Boston and a Noble of Aleppo Shrine in Massachusetts.



Sir Knight Earl W. Cole, Jr., newly installed Right Eminent Grand Commander, and his new Officers. The Officers of Grand Commandery are all listed at [Grand Commandery | NH Grand York Rite Website \(nhyorkrite.org\)](http://GrandCommandery|NHGrandYorkRiteWebsite(nhyorkrite.org))

**This year's Grand Conclave, held in** conjunction with the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter and Annual Assembly of Grand Council, was a great success. Over one hundred Sir Knights, Companions, and their Ladies enjoyed the Grand York Rite Banquet Friday evening and donated generously to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation. Two deserving Sir Knights were recognized for their dedicated service to Templary and the York Rite. Sir Knight Dennis A. Tuttle, Sr., Eminent Grand Standard Bearer, was awarded the Knight Templar Cross of Honor. Sir Knight David S. Collins, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander and Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, was created a Knight Commander of the Temple. He and his Lady, Colleen, graciously hosted the Hospitality Room as they have done for so many years.



Sir Knight Dennis A. Tuttle, Sr., receives the Knight Templar Cross of Honor from Sir Knight Jack M. Harper, II, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment. Looking on is Sir Knight Patrick J. O'Sullivan, Right Eminent Grand Commander.



Sir Knight David S. Collins, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander and Most Worshipful Grand Master, with Lady Colleen. Also pictured is the Patent of Honor constituting him a Knight Commander of the Temple.

On Saturday, while the Companions and Sir Knights were engaged in the business of the Grand York Rite Bodies several of our Ladies visited the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center and were then treated to lunch

at the Red Blazer Restaurant. The Sir Knights and Companions also made a generous donation to Royal Arch Research Assistance.



Master Jack McNeely, son of Sir Knight James S. McNeely, IV. Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Connecticut, joined the Ladies in visiting the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center. At the Grand Banquet, he upstaged the Grand Encampment Representative who referred to as **“The Other Jack.”**

The *Celtics* continue their quest for an Eighteenth Championship. Your Editor remembers the last time they faced the then *San Francisco Warriors* in the Final, besting them in five games, despite the presence of the legendary Wilton **“Wilt the Stilt” Chamberlain**. May history repeat itself.

Courteously,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas X. Tsirimokos". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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