

Grand Commandery of New York

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FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY

Christian Greetings Sir Knights,

What happened to the month of May? The Grand Lodge of F&AM in New York started the month with three days of friendship, Brotherly Love and Ladies with broad smiles and twinkling eyes. It was so great to see old friends and to make new ones at such a festive affair.

The social events were a welcome change to the world we had become accustomed to. The humble emotions that were expressed during the business sessions as the awards for service and dedication to the craft were presented, deeply touched me. These scenarios played out again and again in New Hampshire and Pennsylvania at their Annual Conclaves.

These events are so valuable to attend not only to renew our Faith and Hope, but to discuss different programs and successes with regards to membership—especially the active kind and attendance. The value of networking and the sharing of experiences cannot be overestimated.

The smiles and gratitude I have witnessed these past two months from the Brothers, Companions and Sir Knights that have finally reached that next step in completing the Degrees and Orders that they have waited so patiently to receive has increased my desire to participate in every opportunity to assist in that noble and glorious work. Please come out and again feel that warmth that comes from the spreading of Masonic Light.

Join with us at the Saint Johns' Day Parade in Utica as we unite with our Fraternal Family and fan your Masonic flame with inspiration from our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Sir Knight Richard J. Kessler.

Courteously with Brotherly Love,
SK Dennis S. Davis, R.E.G.C.

Upcoming Events

Bethlehem Crusader No. 53 Inspection, June 4, White Plains, NY

Vermont KT Annual Conclave, June 12-13, Killington, VT

Saint Johns' Day Weekend, June 24 & 25, MCC Utica, NY

Grand Prelate's Corner

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." ([Isaiah. 43:18-19](#)) Sometimes....God is wanting to do something "new" and yet we're still stuck in the "old." It's hard at times to let go of what's familiar and what we know. It seems easier to stay "comfortable," to just keep going with the flow, not to mess anything up. But then "new" happens and often sends us spiraling on one big, long loop.

For those who like change - "new" is mostly exciting. For those who don't like change - "new" is mostly stressful. Your family, if you're like most, is probably a mix of those two traits, but here's what I love about God. God thinks and works outside our own box of thinking. God doesn't always work in the ways that we would have chosen for our "new." If we had to have a "new." God sees the big picture. God knows what God's doing. God works behind the scenes of life that unfold our every day in the places where we can't always see or understand all the "why's." So we can trust...that God has our best in mind. That God's got our back. God is with us right now, and God secures our future too.

Sometimes our "new" comes out of great blessing, new opportunities. Sometimes it comes through great pain, huge loss. People move, life happens, decisions are made, many change jobs, kids grow up and there are times we might go through some really tough struggles. We may even start to feel cheated—like life is unfair, but it still breathes this truth: God is not finished with our lives yet. You're still here, and God has great purpose in all that you walk through, even in every life change and season. Whether we recognize it or not, we're rubbing shoulders everyday with people that we needed to meet in our "new"—however hard that new thing may be. We can rest in God's care for us. God knows. God sees. God works in ways we don't always "get," but there's peace in knowing we don't have to try to control it all. We can let go of the need to figure it all out and the striving to make things happen. We can trust God.

Our future awaits, and there's still good around the bend. God has more in store—PEACE.