

NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS

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Sir Knights,

This month marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a Middle English word meaning "spring." For many, it is characterized by abstinence from certain foods, prayer, personal improvement, and almsgiving. to prepare for the feast of the Resurrection. It commemorates the forty days which Jesus spent in the wilderness, after His baptism, being tempted by Satan. When urged to turn stones into bread to assuage His hunger, Jesus answered, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4. For us, may it be a time of strengthened devotion to the sublime principles of our Magnanimous Order, to prayer, repentance, abstinence, and charity. Let us resolve to renew our minds, hearts, and deeds to reflect Christ's teachings, especially the great commandments:

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. Mark 12: 30-31

Last month, the Right Eminent Grand Commander kicked off his inspections of our Commanderies. Saturday, February 5th, North Star-Saint Gerard Commandery No. 4 and Mount Horeb Commandery No. 3 conferred the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross in the Concord Masonic Temple. Twelve Companions received the Order. Among the dignitaries present to enjoy the work, were our Most Worshipful Grand Master and Past Grand Commander, Brother and Sir Knight David S. Collins, and Ill. Mark C. Roth, 33^o Grand Lieutenant Commander, Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.



The Most Worshipful Grand Master (left) with candidates, members of the cast and attendees for the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross.

This month is a busy one. Saturday, March 5th, at 10:00 a.m., Trinity Commandery No. 1 and Saint George Commandery No. 8 will confer the Order of Malta at the Manchester Masonic Temple, 1505 Elm Street, Manchester. Coffee and donuts will be available at 9:00 a.m. Following the Order, lunch prepared by the Ladies of Ruth Chapter No. 16, O.E.S., will be served for a nominal charge of \$10.00. It will be complimentary for the Candidates. Kindly make reservations with the undersigned, Recorder, Trinity Commandery, at Telephone 603-759-6071 or email tsirimokos@comcast.net, no later than Wednesday, March 2nd.

Saturday, March 12th, a Special Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar will be convened in conjunction with the East Central Department Conference, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The Grand Commandery of New Hampshire will be represented by the undersigned and Sir Knight Paul M. Leary, K.C.T., Right Eminent Past Grand Commander.

Saturday, March 19th, at 10:00 a.m., Dewitt Clinton Commandery No. 2 and Palestine Commandery No. 11 will confer the Order of the Temple, at the Portsmouth Masonic Temple, 351 Middle Street, Portsmouth. Again, lunch will follow the Order for a cost of \$10.00 (complimentary for the Candidates). Kindly make reservations with Sir Knight R. Daniel Perry, Recorder at 603 799-6996 or email pyr@gmail.com, no later than Wednesday, March 16th.

On Thursday, March 17th, let us each raise a glass to our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Patrick J. O'Sullivan, on the occasion of his Name Day.

Take care and stay safe.

Courteously,



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