

NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS



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But from this earth, this grave, this dust, my God shall raise me up, I trust.

Sir Walter Raleigh

Sir Knights,

We wish you and yours a blessed Easter and all the joys of Spring. Let us treasure, and strive always to be deserving of, the precious gift which our Blessed Father bestowed upon us in the person of his only begotten son.

This past month was a busy one for our Grand Commandery. Saturday, March 11, a score of Companions of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross were created Knights of Malta in Portsmouth at the Inspection of DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 1 and Palestine Commandery No. 11. A week later, completed their York Rite journey, receiving the Order of the Temple at the Inspection of Mount Horeb Commandery No. 3 and North Star-Saint Gerard Commandery No. 4, in Lancaster.



The new Knights of Malta pictured with members of the cast and the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Earl W. Cole, Jr., and the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother and Sir Knight David S. Collins.



New Hampshire's newest Sir Knights flanked by Sir Knight David S. Collins, Past Grand Commander and our Most Worshipful Grand Master (left), and Sir Knight Cole, Right Eminent Grand Commander.

By the time you read this, the Grand Commandery business Conclave will have convened in Concord, following the Grand Convocation of Grand Chapter and the Grand Assembly of Grand Council. The Annual Grand Conclave will reconvene Saturday, May 13, at 1:00 p.m. in the Masonic Temple, 53 Iron Works Road, Concord. The Grand York Rite Banquet will be Friday evening, May 12, at 7:00 p.m., in the Holiday Inn Concord. We hope that many of you and your Ladies will join us for both events, to enjoy each other's company and to greet our visitors from other jurisdictions. For your convenience, here is a link to the registration form: <https://nhyorkrite.org/2023-annual-grand-sessions-reservation-form/>. The Grand Commander requests that each Commandery prepare a gift basket to be raffled off during the Banquet to benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

The Grand Commandery will hold its Annual Easter Observance Sunday, April 9, at 8:00 a.m., again in Concord, at the Masonic Temple. Sir Knights should come in uniform, *sans* swords, gloves, and chapeaux. Visitors may wear a business suit. Ladies may wear casual dress. Coffee and light refreshments will be available following the service. Please plan to join your Fraters, families, and friends to commemorate the joyous Resurrection.

On a lighter note, our Grand Commander has kept a busy schedule, attending not only events in New Hampshire, but also representing the Grand Commandery in our sister jurisdictions, most recently in Connecticut. He is not only a worthy ambassador for the Granite State, but apparently is quite the Ladies' Man.



Lock up your wives and daughters when Sir Knight Cole is in town! Here he enjoys the company of the Department Commander's Lady and those of his fellow Grand Commanders attending Connecticut's Grand Conclave.

Courteously,

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York Rite Calendar -- <https://nhyorkrite.org/calendars>