

# NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS



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Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.  
*Alfred Lord Tennyson*

Sir Knights,

On behalf of our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Earl W. Cole, Jr., I extend best wishes to you and your loved ones for a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year 2023.

Saturday, December 3, last, some twenty Companions completed the first leg of their York Rite journey, being exalted to the august Degree of Royal Arch Mason, in a Special Assembly of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire in Manchester.



New Royal Arch Masons pictured with members of the cast for the conferral and your editor, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and Sir Knight and Companion David S. Collins, R.E. Past Grand Commander and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

At the conclusion of the Royal Arch Degree your editor, assisted by the Right Eminent Grand Commander, was pleased to invest Sir Knight Robert M. Porter, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, with the Order of Knight Commander of the Temple. Sir Knight Porter is the Right Excellent Deputy Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter and served as Principal Sojourner for the Royal Arch Degree.



Sir Knight Cole, R.E. Grand Commander and Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner, with Sir Knight Robert M. Porter, K.C.T., R.E. Past Grand Commander, and your editor, R.E. Past Department Commander and the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Sunday, December 4, last, the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire celebrated its annual Christmas Observance in Concord. This event is always well attended and Christmas greetings and well wishes were received from representatives of all Masonic Appendant Bodies and the Orders of Eastern Star, De Molay, and Rainbow, notwithstanding the occurrence at the same time of funeral services for a beloved Past Grand Matron. Your editor served as Prelate and led the caroling. A delightful collation concluded the gathering.



Saturday, December 10, last, our Right Eminent Grand Commander visited Saint Aldemar Commandery No. 11 in Barre, Vermont, accompanied by Sir Knight Peter J. Noddin, Eminent Grand Warder. The occasion was Saint Aldemar **Commandery's** annual inspection on the Order of the Temple. Sir Knights Cole and Noddin were greeted warmly by the Sir Knights from the Green Mountain State, many of whom are frequent visitors to New Hampshire and members of our appendant orders. At the dinner following the



Inspection, a fifty-fifty raffle was held to benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Sir Knight Cole held the winning ticket and generously returned his winnings to be contributed to the Eye Foundation, a gesture befitting the Season.



Pictured with Sir Knight Cole are Vermont Sir Knights William Karstens, IV, R.E. Past Grand Commander, Roland E. Woodward, R.E. Grand Commander, and David Schuler, R.E. Past Grand Commander, and Sir Knight Peter J. Noddin.

Sunday, December 11, your editor was honored to be installed as Very Eminent Preceptor of Palestine Tabernacle XLI, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. Our Right Eminent Grand Commander is the newly installed Eminent Deputy Preceptor.

Our Commanderies are diligently preparing for Inspections. The first will be the joint inspection of Trinity Commandery No. 1 and Saint George Commandery No. 8, Saturday, February 4, next, in Manchester. The Commandery will open at 1:00 p.m. for conferral of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross. Lunch will be served at Noon for all persons who make reservations with your editor by Wednesday, February 1, next. Before lunch, at 11:00 a.m., the Past Commanders Association will meet to welcome new Past Commanders since the last meeting of the Association.

The next two Inspections will be those of De Witt-Clinton Commandery No. 2 and Palestine Commandery No. 11 on the Order of Malta Saturday, March 11, next, and of Mount Horeb Commandery No. 3 and North Star-Saint Gerard Commandery No. 4 on the Order of the Temple Saturday, March 18, next. Additional details will follow from the office of the Right Eminent Grand Recorder.

Courteously,

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