

# NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS



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*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.*

Thomas Jefferson

Sir Knights,

This month we observe the two hundred forty-seventh anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. As we enjoy the fireworks and cookouts with friends and family, let us remember and, in our civic pursuits, strive to uphold the principles upon which our great republic was founded.

Our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Kaleb R. Brown, paid his first fraternal visit to the Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Vermont in Killington June 11 and 12, last. We trust that this will be but the first of many enjoyable sojourns to our neighboring jurisdictions.



Sir Knight Brown, R. E. Grand Commander, with his counterparts from Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maine, New York and Vermont.

Sunday, June 25, Sir Knights formed the escort for the Grand Lodge officers during the annual Saint Johns Day observance at Cathedral of the Pines in Ringe. Continuing a long tradition, the day was also celebrated in Portsmouth, where Sir Knights joined the Most

Worshipful Grand Master, Brother and Sir Knight Daniel R. Hotchkiss, and the Brethren of Saint John's Lodge No. 1, attending services at Saint John's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth.



The Templar escort under the direction of Sir Knight Earl W. Cole, Jr. R.E. Past Grand Commander at the entrance of Cathedral of the Pines.



Brethren, their families and friends attending the Saint Johns Day Observance were blessed with a sunny morning and beautiful view of Mount Monadnock, said to be the **world's** most climbed mountain.

The Right Eminent Grand Commander reminds all Sir Knights to join him Sunday, July 2, for the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade in Dover. Sir Knights will assemble at 1:00 p.m. on Sixth Street.

The Right Eminent Grand Commander has ordered the following schedule for Commandery Inspections:

Saturday, February 3, 2024, Portsmouth, Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, De Witt Clinton Commandery No. 2 and Palestine Commandery No. 11;

Saturday, March 9, 2024, Lancaster, Order of Malta, Mount Horeb Commandery No. 3 and North Star-Saint Gerard Commandery No. 4; and

Saturday, March 16, 2024, Manchester, Order of the Temple, Trinity Commandery No. 1 and Saint George Commandery No. 8.

Each Inspection will begin at 1:00 p.m. and be preceded by lunch at Noon. Additional details concerning the above and other events may be found in GEN ORDER NO. 2 and on the New Hampshire York Rite website.

Courteously,



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