

NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS



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It is better to be a young June-bug than an old bird of paradise.
Mark Twain (Samuel L. Clemens)

Sir Knights,

Greetings! We had an eventful month of May, highlighted by the convening of our Grand Conclave in Concord, May 13, presided over by our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Earl W. Cole, Jr., K.C.T., K.T.C.H. Among his final acts was the award, during the Grand Banquet, of the Knight Templar Cross of Honor to Sir Knight Peter J. Noddin, Eminent Commander of Mount Horeb Commandery No. 3 and our new Eminent Grand Captain General.



From left to right, Sir Knight Bobby B. Simmons, R.E. Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight Earl W. Cole, Jr., Grand Commander, Sir Knight Peter J. Noddin, K.T.C.H., his Lady, Peggy, and Sir Knight John D. Barnes, R.E. Northeastern Department Commander.

The Grand Banquet was very well attended and our Commanderies contributed many quality baskets for the raffle to benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. They contained spirits and cigars in abundance. Over Nine Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$970.00) were raised for K.T.E.F.



Visiting dignitaries from left R.E. Sir Knight Bobby B. Simmons (Grand Encampment), R.E. Sir Knight Edward C. Page (Connecticut), R.E. Sir Knight Richard J. Phillips (Maine), R.E. Sir Knight Eugene B. Nichols (Massachusetts and Rhode Island), R.E. Sir Knight Earl W. Cole, Jr., R.E. Sir Knight E. Eugene Fricks (New Jersey), R.E. Sir Knight Roland Woodward (Vermont), and R.E. Sir Knight John D. Barnes (Grand Encampment).

Our new Right Eminent Grand Commander is Sir Knight Kaleb Robert Brown who was born in Exeter, New Hampshire on May 8th 1988 to Robert and Kimberly Brown of Seabrook. He received schooling at Portsmouth Christian Academy and has worked for his family business, Brown's Lobster Pound, ever since. He also serves the town of Seabrook as one of the supervisors of the checklist. Sir Knight Brown and his Lady, Lauren, live in Seabrook where they are raising three beautiful children, Liam, Isla, and Cian. They enjoy playing board games together and visiting his parents' camp in the summer. Sir Knight Brown is a fourth generation Master Mason of Saint James Lodge No. 102 in Hampton. He was raised in April 2008 and served as Worshipful Master in 2013. He also is a member of Saint Andrews Lodge No. 56 in Portsmouth and Anniversary Lodge of Research No. 175. A member of the Valley of Portsmouth-Dover, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, he has served as both Thrice Potent Master and Most Wise Master. He received the degrees of the Royal Order of Scotland in 2018. Sir Knight Brown was exalted in Washington Chapter No. 3 Royal Arch Masons in Portsmouth. He is a past High Priest and a member of the Order of the High Priesthood. He holds the David Dean Quarry Award and the General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze. Sir Knight Brown was greeted in Davenport Council No. 5 Royal and Select Masters in

Portsmouth, served as Illustrious Master, and is a member of the Order of the Silver Trowel. He received the *Ish Sodi* award from the Grand Council. Sir Knight Brown was knighted in DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 2 in Portsmouth and is a Past Eminent Commander. He was elected to the Grand Commandery line in 2019. **Sir Knight Brown's other Masonic memberships** include Scenic Council No. 37, Knight Masons, Profile York Rite College No. 100, John Harris Council No. 458, Allied Masonic Degrees and the Red Branch of Eri, the Grand College of Rites, Nutmeg Chapel No 29 (Connecticut) and St. Anselm's Chapel No.36 (New Hampshire), Commemorative Order of Saint Thomas of Acon, New Hampshire Priory No. 58, Knights of the York Cross of Honor, Palestine Tabernacle XLI, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Granite State Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, and New Hampshire College, *Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis*. Brother Brown is also a member of Trinity Chapter No. 22, Order of the Eastern Star, in Hampton.



Sir Knight Kaleb Robert Brown, R.E. Grand Commander, seated second from right, and the newly installed Grand Commandery officers for the 2023 Chivalric Year.

Sir Knight and Reverend Paul Michael Leary, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander and Past Grand Prelate and Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, was proclaimed Eminent Grand Prelate Emeritus in consequence of his dedication and meritorious service to New Hampshire Templary.



Sir Knight Paul M. Leary, Eminent Grand Prelate Emeritus, flanked by Sir Knight Earl W.Cole, Jr., R.E. Grand Commander, and Sir Knight Paul C. Smith, R.E. Past Grand Commander, our new Eminent Grand Prelate.

Monday, May 15, **at the Grand Master's Officers Banquet**, Sir Knight Sherman A. Packard, Eminent Grand Sentinel, was presented the Jeremy Ladd Cross Medal of the Grand Lodge by Sir Knight and Brother David S. Collins, Most Worshipful Grand Master, in recognition of his long service to the people of New Hampshire, most recently as Speaker of the New Hampshire House of Representatives in which he has served since 1990. Sir Knight Packard is a Past Commander of Trinity Commandery No. 1 in Manchester.



Sir Knight **Sherman Packard** addresses the attendees at the **Grand Master's** dinner. Looking on is Sir Knight Paul C. Smith, R.E. Past Grand Commander, Clerk of the New Hampshire House of Representatives.

The Right Eminent Grand Commander calls on all Sir Knights to join him in participating in the following events:

Saturday, June 3, 400th Anniversary Parade in Portsmouth. Sir Knights assemble at 9:00 a.m. near Walgreens Pharmacy on Islington Street;

Sunday, June 25, **Saint John's Day** observance at Cathedral of the Pines in Ringe. Sir Knights assemble at 9:30 a.m. to escort the Grand Lodge officers; and

Sunday, July 2, 400th Anniversary Parade in Dover. Sir Knights assemble at 1:00 p.m. on Sixth Street.

Additional details concerning the above and other events may be found in GENERAL ORDER NO. 2 and on the New Hampshire York Rite website.

Courteously,



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