

NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS



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*There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on,
and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October.*

— Nathaniel Hawthorne

Sir Knights,

The feelings of we citizens of Red Sox Nation may be less than pleasant, as the Boston Nine, once again, find themselves in last place in the American League Eastern Division and everywhere is heard the **familiar cry, “Wait ‘till next year!”**

Turning to more pleasant news, New Hampshire was recognized for two significant accomplishments, during **last month’s** Northeastern York Rite Conference in Albany. First, our Grand Commandery boasted a 6.5 per cent increase in membership in 2022. All other Grand Commanderies in the Northeastern Department saw their memberships decline. This is a testament to the excellent efforts of our York Rite leadership and the strength of our constituent bodies.

Our Grand Council was recognized for having raised over \$27,000 for the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF) since its establishment in 1986. New Hampshire also raised the most money for CMMRF in the Northeastern Department this year. In May, we heard presentations by Companion Gary G. Wyne, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master of Indiana and Executive Secretary of the CMMRF, who attended our Grand York Rite Sessions. He left the Granite State with almost \$1,200 raised during his visit. Well done, Companions!



M.I. David S. Collins receives a commemorative plate from R.P. G. Thomas Taylor, Deputy General Grand Master. Looking on is M.I. Paul C. Smith, new Regional Deputy General Grand Master.



M.I. Collins holding the Championship Belt for the most funds raised for CMMRF this year. It was designed by Companion Paul Smith. **Let’s** make sure we keep it next year!

Speaking of charity, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation (KTEF) is our flagship philanthropy. Many of you have heard your editor speak of his personal connection to the important research into the treatment and prevention of pediatric eye disease, which the KTEF supports. He lost the sight in his right eye on account of one such condition, the retinopathy of prematurity (ROP). The Grand Commandery of New Hampshire was one of the first Grand Commanderies to have 100 per cent of its Sir Knights be Life Sponsors of the KTEF. Over the succeeding years, as new Knighthoods have been conferred, not all new Sir Knights have become Life Sponsors, so we are no longer at 100 per cent. Each of our constituent Commanderies should check its records to identify any of its Sir Knights who are not yet Life Sponsors and encourage them to become Life Sponsors or procure Life Sponsorships for them. The price of Life Sponsorship is quite modest, a mere \$30.00 per member, and once the Sir Knight becomes a Life Sponsor, he and his Commandery are exempt from the annual assessment for the KTEF.

The following is the 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 GENERAL ORDER NO. 2 and on the New Hampshire York Rite website.

Courteously,



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