

# NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS



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*April hath put a spirit of youth in everything.*

--William Shakespeare

Sir Knights,

As this is written, blustery winds protest **March's** imminent demise. It has been for me a challenging month, as it witnessed the passing, on Annunciation Day, of my beloved mother whose presence I was blessed and grateful to enjoy for seventy-three years. To her I was still very much a work in progress, but I hope that some will deem her efforts to have been not entirely unavailing. Fortunately, my father is still in good health and we soldier on together.

To those of you who follow the Western calendar, I say, “**Christ is risen! Truly risen!**” The Eastern Churches will celebrate Easter the first weekend in May. You may wonder why the difference. By rule Easter is observed the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox. However, in the Orthodox Church, an additional predicate is the completion of the Jewish Passover, which this year is April 30. The Sunday following is May 5 which is Orthodox Easter this year. While every few years Western and Eastern Easter coincide, growing up, my children usually enjoyed two Easter baskets.

Our Grand Commander concluded his inspections in March. Mount Horeb Commandery No. 3 and North Star-Saint Gerard Commandery No. 4 conferred the Order of Malta in Lancaster Saturday, March 9.



The R.E. Grand Commander with the cast and new Knights of Malta.

The following Saturday, Trinity Commandery No. 1 and Saint George Commandery No. 8 conferred the Order of the Temple, welcoming seven Sir Knights into our ranks.



Our R.E. Grand Commander with the Order cast and new Sir Knights of our Grand Commandery.

Saturday, April 6, next, our Grand York Rite Bodies will convene their Annual Business Sessions at the Masonic Temple, 53 Iron Works Road, Concord. The sessions begin with the Grand Chapter at 8:30 a.m., the Grand Council and Grand Commandery following in order. Dress is business attire, *sans* regalia. The Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery will be Saturday, May 11, at 1:00 p.m., again in Concord. The Grand Chapter Convocation and Grand Council Assembly will be that morning. The Grand York Rite Banquet is Friday evening, at 7:00 p.m., preceded by a Social Hour. The Hospitality Suite at the hotel will be open from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Friday afternoon for those arriving early. The Banquet is open to the public and all Sir Knights are invited to attend a fun evening of good food and fellowship. Any Sir Knight may attend the Business Sessions and Conclave. Registration and meal-selection forms may be found on the New Hampshire York Rite Website, at <https://nhyorkrite.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024-ANNUAL-GRAND-SESSIONS-Fill-in.pdf>.

Courteously,

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