

NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS



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The life of the nation is secure only while the nation is honest, truthful and virtuous.
- Frederick Douglass

Sir Knights,

Our summer is off to a terrific start, our Boston *Celtics* having captured the Championship of the National Basketball Association for the eighteenth time, surpassing the Los Angeles *Lakers*. The *Red Sox* are playing far better than expected and may keep us well entertained while we are away from our Asylums.

As we prepare to celebrate the 248th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, it is always good to recall those of our Praters who stood the watch to preserve that independence. In that connection, I received a photograph of Sir Knight Earl W. Cole, Jr., K.C.T., Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, presenting the Colors at the Memorial Day observance in Ringe. Sir Knight Cole is a member of the Ringe Veterans Association.



S.K. Cole (U.S.A.F Retired) posts the Colors.

The first weekend in June several of our Fraters, led by Sir Knight Kenneth A. Colpaert, Sr., Eminent Grand Captain General, travelled to the Green Mountain State for the Grand Conclave and celebration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Vermont, which concluded with the installation of Sir Knight Kirk C. White as Right Eminent Grand Commander. Attired in period costumes and regalia, Sir Knights from Vermont and the Grand Encampment re-enacted the granting of the Charter to the then Grand Encampment of Vermont. A spirit of fellowship and good humor marked the commemoration of that august event. We extend our best wishes to Sir Knight White and all the Sir Knights of Vermont for the next two hundred years.



S.K. Roland E. Woodward, R.E. Past Grand Commander, S.K Jeffrey A. Bolstad, R.E. Deputy Grand Master, and S.K. John D. Barnes, R.E. Northeastern Department Commander share a laugh after the performance. S.K. Woodward's baldric was originally worn by the first Grand Master (Grand Commander) in 1824.



Ladies Cindy Barnes and Carol Woodward took part in the fun.

On Saint Johns Sunday, a contingent of Sir Knights from New Hampshire and Vermont formed the Honor Guard for the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, F.&A.M., for the service at the Cathedral of the Pines in Ringe. On account of inclement weather, it was necessary to hold the services in the Chapel.



The Honor Guard in the Chapel at Cathedral of the Pin

There are some events this month which may be of interest. The first is the monthly **Grand Commandery Officers' Zoom Call** Sunday, July 7, at 8:00 p.m. A Drill Practice will be hosted by Mount Horeb Commandery No. 3 in Concord, Friday, July 19, at 6:30 p.m. This, too, has been occurring monthly on the third Friday. Lastly, Palestine Commandery will conduct a memorial service for Sir Knight Harry Stephen

Wood, Past Righty Eminent Grand Commander, Saturday, July 20, at 2:00p.m., in Rochester. For additional information please contact Sir Knight Robert W. Canney, 207-312-0121 or hrbhotrodbob@gmail.com.



S.K. H. Stephen Wood, Past R.E. Grand Commander

Sir Knights, since two of our Grand dais officer's are **unable to attend** the next Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment in Salt Lake City, August 19 through 21, the Grand Commandery can give their proxies to two Sir Knights who are interested in attending. The Grand Commandery can also cover a portion of their expenses. As there are three contested elections and other matters to be considered, this should be an interesting event wherein our votes will matter. Interested Sir Knights may find additional information at <https://knightstemplar.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/069A03.pdf> or by contacting the Right Eminent Grand Commander. Note that all Past Grand Commanders already have a vote at the Conclave.

On behalf of Grand Commander Stauff, I wish you and yours a happy and safe Independence Day holiday.

Courteously,

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