

NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS



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*Indoors or out, no one relaxes in March, that month of wind and taxes,
the wind will presently disappear, the taxes last us all the year.*
Ogden Nash

Sir Knights,

While February was a comparatively short month, it was eventful. It began Saturday, February 9, with the conferral in Portsmouth of the first of the Templar Orders, the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, by the Sir Knights of DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 2 and Palestine Commandery No. 11. This was the first **of this year's annual inspections** and, from all accounts, the two Commanderies performed with distinction.



S.K. Kaleb R. Brown, R.E. Grand Commander, pictured with members of the conferral team and new Companions of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross.

The following weekend, the Grand Commandery, assisted by New Hampshire members of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and the Order of DeMolay International, hosted a ceremony and banquet to honor those of our brethren who serve, or previously served, in our nation's **Armed Forces**. Some thirty veteran members of the fraternity, among them a Most Worshipful Past Grand Master and two Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders, attended the tribute and were presented with a Forget-Me-Not flower pin and special challenge coin. The flower (*Vergess Mich Nicht*) had been adopted as a means of identification by German Masons, during the period of Nazi suppression. Sir

Knight David R. Walters, Right Eminent Grand Treasurer and Air Force veteran, spoke on behalf of the honorees, recounting his service and his pride in that of his grandfather and father before him. Lady Linda Stauff, wife of Sir Knight Arthur W. Stauff, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, reminded the attendees of the trials and sacrifices of the families of those who serve and expressed her gratitude to spouses present.



The active duty and veteran Brethren in attendance were individually greeted and introduced.



Left. S.K. Brown, greets his predecessor, S.K. Earl W. Cole, Jr., R.E. Past Grand Comander and U.S. Air Force veteran. Right. Sister Natalie G., of Exeter Assembly No. 20, New Hampshire Rainbow, pins a Forget Me Not on the lapel of U.S. Navy veteran S.K. Richard F. Cole, Jr., R.E. Past Grand Commander.



Flag folding ceremony conducted and narrated by New Hampshire Rainbow and DeMolay.



The Commemorative Challenge Coin which was presented to each veteran Brother who attended the ceremony.

Saturday afternoon, February 24, in Concord, Profile York Rite College No. 100 welcomed eight new Knights of York to its ranks. Participating in the conferral was Sir Knight and Brother Daniel R Hotchkiss, Most Worshipful Grand Master. Sir Knights David S. Collins and Paul M. Leary, Most Worshipful Past

Grand Masters, and Jerome T. Becker, Most Worshipful Honorary Past Grand Master, were also in attendance.



Brother Daniel R. Hotchkiss, M.W. Grand Master (left) and your Editor, Grand Governor for New Hampshire, York Rite Sovereign College of North America, with the new Knights of York and the cast for the conferral.

Saturday, March 9, next, Mount Horeb Commandery No. 3 and North Star-St. Gerard Commandery No. 4 will confer the Order of Malta in Lancaster, for the second of **the Grand Commander's Inspections**. The Order will be at 1:00 p.m. following lunch for which reservations should be made with the Right Eminent Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Dennis A. Sheridan, K.C.T., dasheridan49@gmail.com. Candidates for the Order should plan to be in Lancaster by 11:00.

The following Saturday, March 16, Trinity Commandery No. 1 and Saint George Commandery No. 8, will confer the Order of the Temple in Manchester, again, at 1:00 p.m. **This will be the Grand Commander's final Inspection**. Lunch reservations should be made with your Editor, tsirimokos@comcast.net. Again, candidates are requested to be present by 11:00 a.m.

Courteously,

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