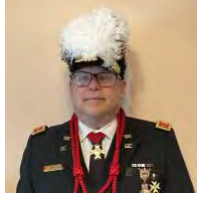


NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS



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Optimism doesn't mean that you are blind to the reality of the situation. It means that you remain motivated to seek a solution to whatever problems arise.

—The Dalai Lama

Sir Knights,

How the summer is flying by! Our Commanderies, Lodges, and other bodies are preparing their trestle boards for the return from darkness and many of us are brushing up on our rituals to clear away the cobwebs. Of course, Summer is not entirely devoid of activity. Our Right Eminent Grand Commander and several of our New Hampshire Fraters will travel to Salt Lake City in a couple of weeks to attend the Triennial Grand Conclave of the Grand Encampment. There are contested elections for Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Captain General which is unusual. There appears to be little substantive legislation for consideration, but the only Grand **Master's Decision**, while clearly erroneous, will nevertheless be presented for approval.

Last month I wrote of the Saint Johns Day observance at the Cathedral of the Pines in Ringe. There was a like, long-standing observance taking place in Portsmouth the same day, as the Masons of Saint John's Lodge No. 1 marched to Saint John's Episcopal Church, accompanied by pipers and several officers of the Grand Lodge and led by Sir Knights of DeWitt Clinton Commandery. Please forgive the oversight. No slight of the Portsmouth observance was intended.



The procession to Saint John's Church on Saint John's Day.

Some of our Chapters and Councils have met and conferred degrees and the Commandery drill sessions continue to meet the third Friday of the month in Concord. Saint Anselm Chapel No.36,

Commemorative Order of Saint Thomas of Acon and Granite State Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine held their annual meetings the last Saturday of July.



New Knight Companions and Officers of Granite State Conclave in Tilton

All Companions and Sir Knights are encouraged to attend the Northeastern York Rite Conference Friday and Saturday, September 6 and 7, next, at the Desmond Hotel, Albany, New York. Our Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, Sir Knight Paul C. Smith is on the organizing committee, so we can expect the event to be well worth attending. The conference brochure is at https://knightstemplar.org/wp/wpcontent/uploads/2024/07/NERGrandEncampScan_20240711_155407.pdf. York Rite Leadership training will be offered Saturday. This training has been very well received and every Mason should consider taking the course. Further information concerning the program is at <https://yorkriteleadership.org/>.

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