

# NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS



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*October is the opal month of the year. It is the month of glory, of ripeness. It is the picture-month.*  
— Henry Ward Beecher

Sir Knights,

It is half a century since I last strode onto the *Theresienwiese* in Munich for my last *Oktoberfest*. The next October would find me enrolled in the Emory University School of Law in Atlanta. I missed Bavaria and its wonderful brews and, like other “One Ls,” wrestled with detinue, replevin, trover, quantum merit, trespass, etc. The *Red Sox* provided a welcome distraction in my first semester, as *El Tiante* carried them to the World Series. The memory of Carlton Fisk’s homer in the twelfth inning of Game Six remains with me as vivid as it was in the wee hours of that October morning. Fortunately, my professors empathized with my lack of alertness in class that day, as some of them had also watched the game. As every citizen of *Red Sox Nation* knows, his month marks the twentieth anniversary of the lifting the “Curse of the Bambino,” ending their eighty-six year drought of World Series championships.

Speaking of the World Series, I will return to the reference to Willie Stargell, which I made in last month’s *Knight Templar News*. In 1979, while I was counsel for Newport News Shipbuilding, I and my father, Sir Knight George, late of Bavaria Commandery No. 3 in Munich, had tickets for the World Series between the Baltimore *Orioles* and the Pittsburgh *Pirates*. Games Six and Seven were played in old Memorial Stadium in Baltimore. The *Orioles* led the Series three games to two going into Game Six and Jim Palmer was the starting pitcher for Baltimore. Dad and I drove up from Newport News, fully expecting that they would wrap up the Series that night. However, the *Pirates* and their pitcher, John Candelaria, did not get the memo, defeating Baltimore 4 to 0 and forcing Game Seven. Faced with a four-hour drive back to Newport News only to repeat the drive the next day, Dad and I drove to the *Holiday Inn* on Lombard Street, which he remembered from his days in the U. S. Army Intelligence School at Fort Holabird, where I was fortunate to secure the very last room. While we dined in the restaurant, Dad noticed Bill Madlock, the *Pirates* third baseman, at another table. We then saw out the window John Candelaria, the winning pitcher, resplendent in a western suit, boots, and Stetson hat, strolling by with a babe on each arm. His work was done and he was going out on the town. That the *Holiday Inn* was the *Pirates*’ hotel was confirmed the next morning when I happened upon the buffet set up for the team and press corps by the *Pirates* Booster Club.

Dad and I passed the day in the Greek neighborhood on Eastern Avenue until game time. In Game Seven, Willie Stargell smashed his third home run of the Series, providing the winning runs for the *Pirates*. He batted .400 for the Series, his hits including three doubles for a total of twenty-five bases, a record which he shares with Reggie Jackson. Willie Stargell was the Most Valuable Player of the World Series and the National League Championship Series which preceded it. Don Sutton, a pitcher for the Los Angeles *Dodgers*, once said of him, “He doesn’t just hit pitchers. He takes away their dignity.” That World Series and Stargell’s performance are still among my favorite baseball memories.

Least month our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Arthur W. Stauff, K.T.C.H., sojourned to Suffern, New York to attend the Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New York. He and several of his officers also attended the Northeastern York Rite Conference in Albany September 6 and 7.



R. E. Grand Commander Stauff at the Grand Conclave in New York.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Sir Knight Gerald F. Buehrer, K.T.C.H., Right Eminent Honorary Past Grand Commander, September 10, last, at the age of 91. He was a stalwart of Dewitt Clinton Commandery No. 2 in Portsmouth, Past Commander, and long-time Recorder.



Sir Knight Gerald F. Buehrer.

During the meeting of the Manchester York Rite Bodies September 25, the Right Eminent Grand Commander presented Sir Knight David L. Bruce, Eminent Commander of Trinity Commandery No. 1, with the Grand Commandery Meritorious Service Medal. The Meritorious Service Medal may be given to a deserving Sir Knight by his Commandery, but each Commandery can present only one each calendar year.



Grand Commander Stauff presents the Meritorious Service Medal to Sir Knight David L. Bruce, Eminent Commander of Trinity Commandery No. 1.

Please note the Grand Commandery Officers Call, Sunday evening, October 6, next. There will be an additional Drill Practice this month in Portsmouth Saturday, October 5, at 1:30 p.m. The regular Drill Practice will be held in Concord, Friday evening, October 18, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 19, next, the Grand Cryptic Council of New Hampshire will confer the Super Excellent Master Degree in Tilton at 10:00 a.m. This Cryptic degree is optional and fills some of the historical gap between the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degrees. On account of the large cast required, it is conferred infrequently. If you have not yet received the Degree, I encourage you to seize this opportunity.

Courteously,

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