

NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS



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I love September, especially when we're in it
—Willie Stargell

Sir Knights,

For now, our *Red Sox* are technically still “in it,” but will need an amazing month to avoid missing the post season for the fifth straight year. I was privileged to see Willie Stargell in the 1979 World Series, but that story is more appropriate for next month’s supplement.

Our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Arthur W. Stauff, traveled to Salt Lake City for the 69th Triennial Grand Conclave of the Grand Encampment, accompanied by Sir Knights Peter J. Noddin, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, and David S. Collins and R. Bradley Alderfer, Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders. Sir Knight Alderfer is also a Trustee of the Grand Encampment Permanent Fund. Among the noteworthy items from the Grand Conclave are the election of Sir Knight James C. McGee, G.C.T., Right Eminent Passt Grand Commander of Alabama, as Right Eminent Grand Captain General, and the appointment of Sir Knight Kenneth A. Caldwell, K.C.T., Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Maine, as Right Eminent Northeastern Department Commander. The Grand Commandery of New Jersey is no longer in the Northeastern Department, having been transferred to the Mid-Atlantic Department for the 70th Triennium.



Sir Knights David S. Collins, R.E.P.G.C., Arthur W. Stauff, R.E.G.C., R. Bradley Alderfer, R.E.P.G.C., and Peter J. Noddin, V.E.D.G.C. at the 69th Triennial Conclae in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Last month our Right Eminent Grand Commander hosted an officers call for the Grand Commandery to brief his officers on the results of the Triennial Grand Conclave and to discuss matters of concern for New Hampshire Templary and the York Rite in general. Many of them will continue to be addressed during the virtual officers call the first Sunday of every month. The Commandery drill sessions continue to meet the third Friday of the month in Concord.

The first weekend of August I attended the Annual Assembly of the Sovereign York Rite College of North America in Louisville, Kentucky, where I was pleased to see one of our many friends from the Green Mountain State, Sir Knight William (“Sandy”) Karstens, IV, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Vermont and Grand Governor for Vermont, elevated to the rank of Regent of the Sovereign College. Sir Knight Karstens is a member of several bodies in New Hampshire and well deserving of the honor.

All Companions and Sir Knights are reminded of 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://usagekt.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/>.

The New Hampshire Masonic Unity Picnic will take place Sunday, September 15, next, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., at Wellington State Park, Bristol on the shore of beautiful Newfound Lake. This is a wonderful event open to all members of our Masonic organizations, our families, and friends. We can enjoy fresh air, great fellowship, and a delicious cookout for a nominal cost of only \$5:00 per person (children 10 years and under are free). The Grand Commandery has been requested to assist with food preparation, serving, and cleanup. Any Sir Knight who can lend a hand is requested to contact Sir Knight Peter J. Noddin, (207) 745-1103, Petef86a@yahoo.com, for further information and instructions. Thank you for your support.

Courteously,



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