

NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS



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And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

--Luke 2:13-15

Sir Knights,

As we approach the Yuletide Season, I marvel at how swiftly this year has flown by. It has certainly been eventful and, I hope, filled with blessings for each of you. This past month was a busy one for many of us. A contingent of our Grand Commandery Sir Knights, led by our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Arthur W. Stauff, K.T.C.H., marched in the Veterans Day Parade in Manchester on Veterans Day. This was Sir Knight Stauff's first time marching with us as, in other years, he has paraded with the Manchester West High School Naval Junior R.O.T.C. detachment which he commanded. The weather was breezy but bright resulting in a nice turnout of marchers and spectators.



Sir Knight Stauff, left, and Sir Knight Earl W. Cole, Jr., K.T.C.H., R.E. Past Grand Commander, second from right, with the Grand Commandery contingent, preparing to step off. Your editor was close by in the chase car.

Our Order enjoys a strong affinity for our Masonic youth organizations, especially Demolay International which is named in honor of the last Grand Master of the ancient Knights Templar, upon whom our Masonic Chivalric Order is modeled. Our own Right Eminent Grand Commander is the

Executive Officer for New Hampshire Demolay and his Deputy is Sir Knight Samuel A. Varjabedian, Eminent Grand Senior Warden. Our prior Executive Officer was Sir Knight Paul M. Leary, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander. Recently, one our Sir Knights, Ronald J. Brown, Eminent Past Commander of Palestine Commandery No. 11, was made an honorary member of the International Supreme Council of DeMolay, in recognition of his long service as a DeMolay Dad Advisor of Clarence L. Woodman Chapter in Rochester.

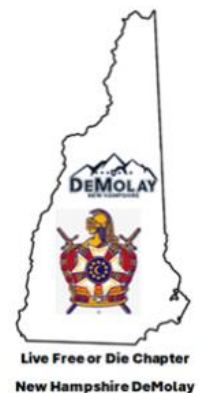


Sir Knight and Executive Officer Stauff presents the International Supreme Council Jewel and Collar to Sir Knight Ronald J. Brown in Clarence J. Woodman Chapter. Sir Knight and Deputy Executive Officer Samuel A. Varjabedian, center, looks on.

On November 16, last, thirty Master Masons were created honorary members of DeMolay and initiated into *Live Free or Die Chapter* of New Hampshire Demolay. Among them were Sir Knights Kaleb R. Brown, Earl W. Cole, Jr., Paul M. Leary, and your editor, Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders, John E. Glover, Eminent Grand Junior Warden, Scott M. Ayen, Eminent Grand Warden, and W. David Ackridge, Eminent Deputy Grand Recorder.



The New DeMolays of *Live Free or Die Chapter*. Not pictured is your editor. Also pictured is Brother Liam, New Hampshire's newest DeMolay.



Prior to the Degree, Sir Knight and Dad Stauff recognized Sir Knight and Senior DeMolay George X. Tsirimokos, late of Bavaria Commandery No. 3 in Munich, Germany, and presented his Seventy-Five Year DeMolay Certificate. Sir Knight Tsirimokos, my dad, is a Past Master Councilor of Derryfield Chapter in Manchester. I am privileged to wear the Past Master jewel of Worshipful Brother Stanley F. Dydo, his then Dad Advisor.



Sir Knight Tsirimokos receives his 75 Year Certificate from Brother Liam. New Hampshire's newest Demolay. Looking on is Sir Knight Arthur Stauff.

For those of you who see this article in time, our Right Eminent Grand Commander cordially invites all Sir Knights, their Ladies, families, and friends within and without the Masonic Fraternity to join in the Christmas Observance by the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire Sunday, December 1, next, at 2:00 p.m., in the Manchester Masonic Community Center, 1505 Elm Street, Manchester. A free collation will follow the ceremony. In order that all may be properly accommodated, kindly *R.S.V.P.* to Sir Knight Dennis A. Sheridan, K.C.T., Right Eminent Grand Recorder, dasheridan49@gmail.com. We look forward to celebrating the true spirit of Christmas with you and yours.

Please note the Grand Commandery Officers Call, Sunday evening, December 1, next, at 8:00 p.m. The regular Drill Practice will be held in Concord, Friday evening, December 20, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 7, next, the Grand Cryptic Council of New Hampshire will confer the Super Excellent Master Degree in Concord at 9:30 a.m. It was originally scheduled for October in Tilton, but had to be postponed due to a conflict with another event. 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 are a Select Master who has not yet received the Super Excellent Master Degree, I encourage you to seize this opportunity.

Looking further ahead, our Commandery Orders are scheduled as follows:

Saturday, February 1, Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, in Concord;

Saturday, February 15, Order of Malta, in Nashua; and

Saturday, March 8, 2025, Order of the Temple, in Portsmouth.

Conferral of the Orders will be at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will precede the Orders at Noon. Additional details will be provided in the coming months.

I was informed that the photograph of Sir Knight Stauff with the Northeastern Department Traveling Beauseant was actually not taken this year, but at last year's Grand Conclave of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. I apologize for the error.

I and my Lady, Virginia, join our Right Eminent Grand Commander and Lady Linda in wishing each of you and your families a joyous Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Courteously,



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