

# NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS



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*The thinnest yellow light of November is more warming and exhilarating than any wine they tell of. The mite which November contributes becomes equal in value to the bounty of July.*

--Henry David Thoreau

Sir Knights,

This month we elect the persons whom we will entrust with the governance of our nation, state, and, in many cases, localities. I encourage you to perform that sacred, civic duty of casting your ballot, which is a privilege far from universally available throughout the world. The exercise of that privilege is only made possible by the service and sacrifice, past and present, of those men and women whom we honor Monday, November 11, Veterans Day. On that day especially, please make it a point to show appreciation to those you know who served, or are serving, in our armed forces.

Our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Arthur W. Stauff, K.T.C.H., calls upon all Sir Knights who are able join him in marching in the City of Manchester's Veterans Day Parade on Veterans Day. The parade will assemble at Brookside Congregational Church, 2013 Elm Street, Manchester, at 9:45 a.m. and step off promptly at 10:30 a.m. It will proceed down Elm Street to Veterans Park. If you are able to join in the parade, kindly notify S.K. Peter Noddin, K.Y.C.H., Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, whose email is [petef86a@yahoo.com](mailto:petef86a@yahoo.com). You may also text him at 207-745-1103 (include your name). Your Editor will again drive his car behind the marchers and transport Sir Knights back to the assembly point. We had a good showing last year and our participation in the parade is always well received.

Last month our Grand Commander and Deputy Grand Commander visited Jewell Lodge No. 94 in Pembroke to promote Masonic Templary and its charitable work. Their visit was rewarded with a generous, \$500.00 contribution to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation from the Brethren of Jewell Lodge.



S.K. Peter J. Noddin and S.K Arthur W. Stauff, receive a check From R.W. Brother and S.K. Arthur W. Aznive, Senior Warden of Jewell Lodge.

The Grand Commandery of New Hampshire has long supported the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. In 1994 our Grand Commandery became the first to achieve 100 percent participation in the Life Sponsorship Program. This status was restored this year through the efforts of our Right Eminent Grand Commander.

On October 26, the Companions of Meridian Sun Chapter No. 9, Nashua, and King Solomon Chapter No. 17, Milford, exalted some fourteen Companions to the August Degree of Royal Arch Mason. We eagerly look forward to welcoming many of them into our ranks as Sir Knights in March.



The Officers of Meridian Sun and King Solomon Chapters, cast, and newly exalted Royal Arch Masons assembled in the Nashua Masonic Temple.

The last weekend of October, Right Eminent Grand Commander Stauff, very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Noddin, Sir Knights Earl W. Cole, Jr., Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, and Kenneth A. Colpaert, Sr., Eminent Grand Captain General, travelled to Mansfield, Massachusetts to attend the Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. There they reclaimed the Traveling Beauseant created by the Grand Commandery of New York, which is awarded to the visiting Grand Commandery in the Northeastern Department with the largest delegation at a Grand Conclave. Our Grand Commandery has captured the Beauseant on several occasions. Many years ago, some of our Grand Commanders had routinely foregone attendance at other Grand Conclaves, in favor of Masonic events in New Hampshire. In consequence, visits to New Hampshire by Grand Commanders of other jurisdictions were limited. When I was installed As Grand Commander, I resolved to attend the Grand Conclaves of every jurisdictions in the Northeastern Department, which then numbered ten states and the District of Columbia. I did so, together with the Grand Conclaves of Virginia and Iowa, having been appointed Grand Representative to the latter. When I was introduced in the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia, the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Robert B. Malwitz, remarked, "It's good to see New Hampshire traveling again." As a result, at our Grand Conclave in December, 2003, we had visiting Sir Knights from as far away as Virginia, a sixteen-inch snowfall notwithstanding. I am pleased that New Hampshire continues to be well represented throughout the Northeastern Department.



Sir Knights Cole, Stauff, Colpaert, and Noddin proudly displaying the Traveling Beauceant earned at the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Please note the Grand Commandery Officers Call, Sunday evening, November 3, next, at 8:00 p.m.. The regular Drill Practice will be held in Concord, Friday evening, November 15, 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 last month 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 Masteer Degree, I encourage you to seize this opportunity.

Our Right Eminent Grand Commander 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](mailto:dasheridan49@gmail.com). We look forward to celebrating the true spirit of Christmas with you and yours.

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 Malta; and Saturday, March 8, 2025, Order of the Temple, in Portsmouth. Conferral of the Orders will be at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will proceed the Orders at Noon. Additional details will be provided in the following months.

Courteously,

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