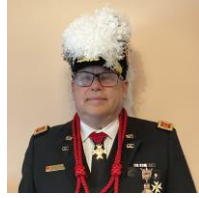


# NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS



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*And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them and carried up into heaven.*

--Luke 24:51

*Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men have died to win them.*

--Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Sir Knights,

Christ is risen! Truly He is risen! I hope that each of you enjoyed a blessed Easter with your friends and loved ones. The 30<sup>th</sup> of this month we will celebrate Christ's Ascension, the depiction of which precedes the Prelate's Address in our beloved Order of the Temple. Traditionally the 30<sup>th</sup> was also Memorial Day to remember and honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in defense of our country. It is still so officially recognized by the State of New Hampshire. How fitting that the two events coincide this year, as they both involved ultimate sacrifice.

Last month our Grand Commandery held the first session of the Annual Grand Conclave in Concord. Much of the routine, but necessary, business of the Grand Commandery was concluded, leaving more time for the reception of visitors and other ceremonies which will mark the second session Saturday, May 10, next, at 1:00 p.m., again in Concord. While attendance is only required of dais officers, all Sir Knights are welcome and encouraged to attend the Grand Conclave to learn and enjoy the fellowship of Sir Knights from other commanderies and jurisdictions.

Easter Sunday morning the Annual Grand Commandery Easter Observance took place in Concord. Attendance was noticeably lighter than in previous years. This appears to be due less to the work of those who prepared the excellent program than to the relative lack of publicity surrounding the event compared to previous years. Let us mark our calendars for next Easter, April 5, 2026.



Sir Knight Peter J. Noddin, V.E. Deputy Grand Commander addresses Attendees at the Easter Observance. The photo was taken by Sir Knight Paul C. Smith, Eminent Grand Prelate.

Tuesday, April 22, the Daniel Webster Council, Scouting America, held its Annual Recognition Dinner at the New Hampshire Institute of Politics of Saint Anselm College. Among the honorees was our own Sir Knight Paul Clifford Smith, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, who received the prestigious Silver Beaver Award. This award recognizes “registered Scouters of exceptional character who have provided distinguished service within a council.” This aptly describes Sir Knight and Scouter Smith. He is an Eagle Scout and past District Executive in Daniel Webster Council. In January 2017, Sir Knight Smith received the Outstanding Eagle Scout Award of the National Eagle Scouts Association at the Council’s Annual Eagle Scout Recognition Ceremony. He has completed Wood Badge, the advanced, leadership course for Scouting volunteers and professionals. Scouter Smith is a Brotherhood Member of the Order of the Arrow and holder of the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award. He is currently the Cubmaster of Cup Scout Pack 77 in Hopkinton.



Silver Beaver recipient, Sir Knight Paul C. Smith with son, Cub Scout Henry.

Sir Knight Smith’s son, Henry, became the youngest member of the Grand Master’s Club of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, when, at two months old, he received his plaque and pin at the Grand Conclave, in May 2016, from Sir Knight Jeffrey N. Nelson, then Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. We hope that he will follow in his father’s footsteps, both in Scouting and Templary.

The weekend of April 25 through 27 the Grand Commandery of Maine held its Grand Conclave. As usual, our Grand Commandery was well represented, notwithstanding the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Arthur W. Stauff, K.T.C.H. and his Lady being on a cruise through the Panama Canal to the West Coast. Several of our Fraters made the scenic drive up the coast of Maine to Bar Harbor, site of the Grand Conclave. That drive and the annual sojourns to De Valois Commandery in Vinalhaven were some of my and Lady Virginia’s favorite travels in Templary.



The Granite State at the Grand Conclave of Maine, from left to right, Sir Knights Dennis A. Tuttle, Sr., E. Grand Standard Bearer; Earl W. Cole, Jr., R.E. Past Grand Commander, E. Inspector General; Peter J. Noddin, V.E. Deputy Grand Commander; Kenneth A. Colpaert, Sr., E. Grand Captain General; Robert W. Canney; and Orman W. Hall.

Your editor is aware of the Knights Templar being invited to march in the following Memorial Day Parades:

Sunday, May 25, in Penacook—Assemble at Boudreau Square at 9:30 a.m. for 10 a.m. step off;

Monday, May 26, in Ringe--Assemble at the Town Office 30 Payson Hill Road, at 1:30 p.m.; and

Monday, May 26, in Rochester—Assemble at Holy Rosary Church on North Main Street at 10:00 a.m. for 10:30 a.m. step off.

This month the Grand Commander's Officer's Call will be held online Sunday, May 4, at 8:00 p.m. The monthly Commandery drill session will be Friday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m., in Concord.

Courteously,

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