

Grand Commandery of Maine

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Greetings Sir Knights,

We have just completed our annual convocation and elected a new slate of officers. I would like to thank all who attended and assisted in making this annual event a success. During the event, our basket raffle raised \$1533 which will be donated to support the Holy land Pilgrimage. Many current Grand Commanders from the Northeast Department attended along with one Grand Commander from Utah.



The elected and installed officers for the 2025/2026 Grand Commandery of Knights Templar for the State of Maine

Now for a future look into Knight Templary in Maine. Currently, when Knight Templars are asked how things are going in Commandery, the common response is “We need more people.” I have read articles from the many different decades with the common statement of how we need and are desperate for more members. Albeit this being a true and valid statement for every organization, masonic or not, we must take a different look at our current position. When a person makes inquiries about your or your groups wellbeing, people can generally feel the energy given off by negative or sarcastic comments. Any person interested in joining a group becomes significantly less interested when he receives a response indicating “We need more!” Such a person does not want to join a group and immediately be responsible for every aspect of the group’s survival. As a result of such responses, we continue to lack the ability to inspire new members.

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Most Eminent David Kussman stated at the Northeast Department Conference, “Aspire to Inspire!” I think of this statement often when being approached by new potential members. When asked how our Commandery is functioning, I answer with a positive versus sarcastic statement. I truly believe we need to project a positive outlook toward not just potential members, but our own current members. Never can a positive outlook be attained from a negative opinion. We must continue to express all the positive attributes Templary has to offer regardless of seemingly less appetizing situations. For example, when asked how is your Commandery doing? I might say, “absolutely wonderful”, and give some examples of good things happening. Leave the potential negatives out of the conversation. Let’s all work on being positive of the situation we are in all aspects of life. If we desire a change in nay situation, please remember, we are in control of the changes we want.

Monthly Quote

“Change your thoughts and you change your world.”

--Norman Vincent Peale

Upcoming events in Maine

Ascension Sunday May 4, 2025 **South Parish Church**, 9 Church St. Augusta, ME.

Lewiston/Pilgrim Commandery Inspection May 31, 2024 10:30am Auburn
Masonic Hall, 1021 Turner St. Auburn, ME.

St Johns Sunday June 22, 2025 **West Gorham Union Church**, 190 Ossipee Trail
(Route 25) West Gorham, ME.

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Right Eminent Grand Commander