

NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS



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*Patriotism consists not in waving the flag, but striving
that our country shall be righteous as well as strong.*

—James Bryce

Sir Knights,

Summer has gotten off to a very warm start, except for the *Red Sox* whose bats have gone dormant. We were elated by the sweep of the Evil Empire only to suffer the jolt of the disastrous, West-Coast road trip. It put me in mind of my younger days, living in California, a San Francisco *Giants* fan, when Herb Caen, renowned columnist of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, would write of the *Giants'* inevitable "June Swoon." Since I still also root for the favorite ball club of my youth, I was not entirely displeased with the trade of Rafael Devers. May he continue to produce, especially against the *Dodgers*.

Last month Sir Knight Arthur W. Stauff, K.T.C.H., our Right Eminent Grand Commander, and several of his officers journeyed to the Green Mountain State to attend the Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Vermont and the Grand Convocation of Grand Chapter and Grand Assembly of Grand Council.



Grand Commander Stauff in Vermont with Sir Knights Dennis A. Tuttle, Sr., E. Inspector General, John E. Glover, E. Grand Junior Warden, Earl W. Cole, Jr., R.E. Past Grand Commander, M.E. Gand High Priest and M.I. Grand Master, and Kenneth A. Colpaert, Sr., E. Grand Captain General.

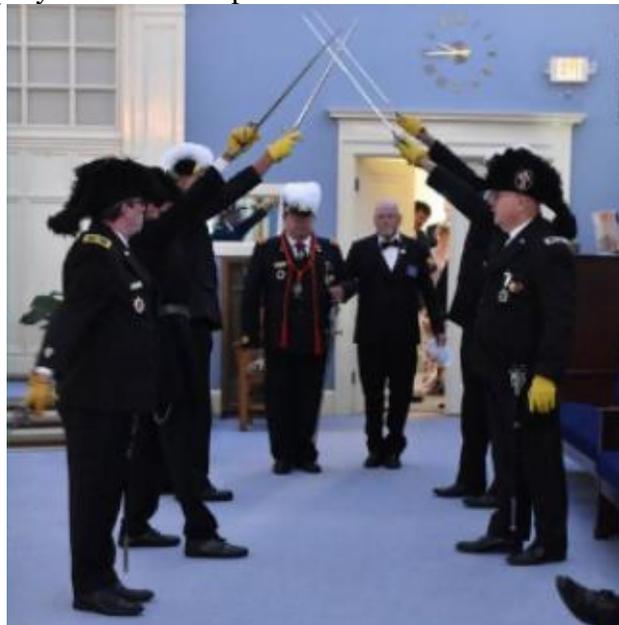
They remained following the Grand York Rite sessions, to attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, F.&A.M., where they had the pleasure of witnessing the installation of our good friend, Brother, and Sir Knight William S. Karstens, IV, as Most Worshipful Grand Master. Brother Karstens,

more familiarly known as Sandy, is a member of several appendant Masonic bodies in, and a frequent visitor to, New Hampshire.



M.W. Brother William S. Karstens, IV, newly installed Grand Master of Vermont with M.W. Brother Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., Past Grand Master of New Hampshire.

The Grand Commandery furnished the Honor Guard for the reception of dignitaries at the Council of Deliberation, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in Portsmouth, Saturday, June 7, last. For their excellent work the detail received a note of appreciation from Illustrious and Sir Knight Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., 33°, Commander in Chief and Deputy for New Hampshire.



S.K. Arthur W. Stauff, R.E. Grand Commander, is conducted through the lines for reception at the Council of Deliberation.

Sunday, June 22, our Sir Knights escorted the Grand Lodge for the the Saint Johns Sunday services at the Cathedral of the Pines in Ringe and at Saint John Church in Portsmouth.



Bro. Scott Borthwick, M.W. Grand Master, with his Officers and other Brethren in Ringe.



The procession to St. John's Church in Portsmouth.



The Sir Knights who comprised the Escort for the Grand Master and Grand Lodge at the Saint Johns Sunday service at the Cathedral of the Pines in Ringe.

The previous weekend was the Conclave of New Hampshire DeMolay, held at the National Guard Training Center in Strafford. The Deputy Grand Commander presented Keene Chapter the Grand Commandery DeMolay Sword, in recognition of the Chapter having enjoyed the largest increase in members during the past year. The Grand Commandery instituted the award a few years ago in recognition of our symbolic tie to the Order, which was named after Jaques DeMolay, the last Grand Master of the ancient Knights Templar on which our Masonic Chivalric is founded.



S.K. Stauff, Executive Officer for New Hampshire, DeMolay International, S.K. Peter J. Noddin, V.E. Deputy Grand Commander and members of Keene Chapter, at Conclave.

In other DeMolay news, we were pleased to learn that Sir Knight Samuel A. Varjabedian, Eminent Grand Senior Warden and Deputy Executive Officer for New Hampshire, was elevated to Active Member of the Supreme Council, International Order of DeMolay, at the recent meeting of the Supreme Council in Orlando, Florida.

Sir Knight Kaleb R. Brown, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, was elected Eminent Prior of New Hampshire Priory No. 58, Knights of the York Cross of Honor, at the Annual Meeting in Tilton Saturday, June 21, last. He succeeded Sir Knight Paul M. Leary, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, in the post.



S.K. Kaleb R. Brown, newly installed Eminent Prior of New Hampshire Priory No. 58 and his officers. Eminent Past Prior, S.K. Paul M. Leary, is in the second row, second from the left.

Sunday, June 29, there was a ceremony to mark the 100th Anniversary of the laying of the Cornerstone of the Manchester Masonic Community Center in Manchester. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Scott R. Borthwich, his officers, and the Honorable Jay Ruais, Mayor of the City of Manchester, and Brother and Sir Knight Sherman A. Packard, Speaker of the House of Representatives, were among the dignitaries who participated in the event. Sir Knights formed the honor guard and led the procession to the ceremony.



Sir Knights led the procession to the Masonic Community Center on Temple Court



The Grand Master and his Officers followed the Grand Sword Bearer.



Sir Knights presented the colors in the Grand Lodge Hall. Mayor Ruais and House Speaker Packard are seated left.

Our Order was saddened by the loss, on June 4, of Sir Knight Robert Lawson Sutherland, Jr., K.C.T., Past Right Eminent Grand Commander and a stalwart of Masonry and our Order in New Hampshire. His loss is deeply personal to your editor, as he was a memtor throughout my journey in the York Rite. He was experienced in the hospitality industry was most helpful in arranging the New Hampshire Grand Conclave, when I was Grand Commander, and the Northeastern York Rite Conference, when I was Department Commander. Both were great successes, notwithstanding a blizzard during the former. He and my son, Sir Knight George, became great friends during one of our sojourns in Louisville, Kentucky, when they visited the Louisville Slugger Museum together. He will be missed.



Brother and Sir Knight Robert L. Sutherland, Jr.

This month the Grand Commander's Officers Call will be held online Sunday, July 6, at 8:00 p.m. The monthly Commandery drill session will be Friday, July 18, at 6:30 p.m., in Concord.

I and Lady Virginia wish you and yours a most enjoyable Independence Day.

Courteously,

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