

# NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS



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*There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produces so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October.*

—Nathaniel Hawthorne

Sir Knights,

After too many years, the Boston Nine will play baseball in October, hopefully for more than a few days. Their first test will be against the Evil Empire in the Bronx. Let us hope that the *Red Sox* prevail or our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Arthur W. Stauff, K.T.C.H., a native of Western Connecticut and a life-long *Yankees* fan, will be insufferable.

Speaking of Sir Knight Stauff, last month our Right Eminent Grand Commander sojourned to Albany, New York to attend the Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New York, accompanied by Sir Knight Peter J. Noddin, K.T.C.H., Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander. Grand Commander Stauff and several of his officers also attended the Northeastern York Rite Conference, again in Albany, September 5 and 6.



Sir Knights Noddin and Stauff at the Grand Conclave in Albany, New York.

It was brought to my attention, that the date of the Bicentennial Observance of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire published in last month's *Knight Templar News* was incorrect. The correct date is Saturday, June 13, 2026, not June 23. Please take due notice and plan accordingly. Also, the date of the conferral of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross by Trinity, DeWitt Clinton, and Saint George Commanderies, originally scheduled for Saturday, February 21, next, in Portsmouth, will need to be changed on account of a conflict. The new date has yet to be determined.

The National Conference of State Legislatures celebrated fifty years of "commitment to strengthening the legislative institution and supporting the people who make it work" at its Annual Summit in August, convened fittingly in Boston. Our Grand Commandery was well represented at the Summit in the persons of Sir Knights Sherman A. Packard, Past Commander and Speaker of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, and Paul C. Smith, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, Clerk of the House. Sir Knight Smith led a panel on civility, of which the need in our social and political discourse has of late become all too apparent. How fitting that such a discussion be led by a Chivalric Mason and courteous, kind Eagle Scout!

Please note the Grand Commandery Officers Call, Sunday evening, October 5, next. The regular Drill Practice will be held in Concord, Friday evening, October 17, at 6:30 p.m.

Courteously,



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