

NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS



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There comes a time when people get tired of being pushed out of the glittering sunlight of life's July and left standing amid the piercing chill of an alpine November.

–Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sir Knights,

Our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Arthur W. Stauff, K.T.C.H., calls upon all Sir Knights who are able to march in the City of Manchester Veterans Day Parade Tuesday, November 11. 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 Sir Knight Peter Noddin, K.T.C.H., Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, whose email is 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.

The last weekend of October, Right Eminent Grand Commander Stauff and Sir Knights Earl W. Cole, Jr., K.T.C.H., 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.



Sir Knights Earl W. Cole, Jr. R.E.P.G.C., Arthur W. Stauff, R.E.G.C., and Kenneth A. Colpaert, Sr., E.G.C.G., at the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

That was the Grand Commander's second sojourn out of State in October, as on the 7th, he and your editor traveled to Rochelle Park, New Jersey, to attend the Celebration of Life for Sir Knight Andrew Jackson, Past Honorary Right Eminent Grand Commander. Our visit meant a great deal to Sir Knight Jackson's family and friends who were gathered for the occasion, and we were warmly welcomed. Sir Knight Jackson was as cherished by his many friends in the Garden State as he was by our Fraters in the Granite State. Your editor recounted his many fond memories of Sir Knight Jackson. He also mischievously remarked how all those former *New Hampshire Fisher Cats* were beating up on the boys from the Bronx. The *Yankee* fans took it good naturedly.



Pictured with the display of Sir Knight Andrew Jackson's Templar uniform are, from left to right, Daniel Betancourt and Bob Torre, friends of the family, Sir Knight Jackson's daughter, Andrea, Sir Knight Stauff, your editor, and Sir Knight Jackson's grandsons, Mitchell and Jackson White, and his granddaughter, Sarah Abramson.

As was mentioned last month, the date of the conferral of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, originally scheduled for February 21, 2026, has been changed to Saturday, March 14, 2026. The conferral by Trinity Commandery No. 1, DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 2, and Saint George Commandery No. 8 will still take place in Portsmouth.

Please note the Grand Commandery Officers Call, Sunday evening, November 2, next, at 8:00 p.m. The regular Drill Practice will be held in Concord, Friday evening, November 15, at 6:30 p.m.

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 7, next, at 2:00 p.m., in the New Hampshire Masonic 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. We look forward to celebrating the true spirit of Christmas with you and yours.

Looking further ahead, our other Commandery Orders are scheduled as follows: Saturday March 21, Order of Malta, in Concord; and Saturday, June 13, 2026, Order of the Temple, in Manchester, in connection with the Grand Commandery Bicentennial festivities. Additional details will be provided closer to the events.

On behalf of our Right Eminent Grand Commander and his Lady, Linda, I wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving. May you be blessed with much for which to be thankful.

Courteously,

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