

# NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS



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*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:  
and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,  
The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

--Isaiah 9:6

Sir Knights,

Again, the year has flown by. I hope that it was filled with blessings for each of you. Last month the contingent of our Grand Commandery Sir Knights, led by our Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Peter J. Noddin, K.T.C.H., marched in the Veterans Day Parade in Manchester. The parade route was shortened this year, on account of security concerns. The weather was blustery but there was still a nice turnout for the parade. Following the parade, the Grand Commandery sponsored a luncheon at a local restaurant to recognize and thank the Sir Knights who have served in the armed forces. It is hoped that the luncheon will become an annual event.



Ladies love a man in uniform. Clara Nasciamento, Miss Manchester (left), and Kendall Laroche, Miss Capitol Area Teen (right), posed with the Grand Commandery contingent before step off.

Saturday, November 1, our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Arthur W. Stauff, K.T.C.H., traveled to Branford, Connecticut to attend the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of New Haven Commandery No. 2. He was welcomed there by Sir Knight Steven J. Chiappalone, K.C.T., Right Eminent Grand Commander. Sir Knight Stauff is a Connecticut native and relishes the opportunity to represent our Grand Commandery there on such occasions. Sir Knight Chiappalone played a key role in the conferral of the Order Knight of York at the New England and Eastern Canada York Rite College Assembly in Manchester in March.



Sir Knights Steven J. Chiappalone, R.E.G.C. Connecticut Grand Commandery, and Arthur W. Stauff, at the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of New Haven Commandery.

For those of you who see this article in time, our Right Eminent Grand Commander cordially invites all Sir Knights, their Ladies, families, and friends within and without the Masonic Family 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](mailto:dasheridan49@gmail.com). We look forward to celebrating the true spirit of Christmas with you and yours.

Please note the Grand Commandery Officers Call, Sunday evening, December 7, next, at 8:00 p.m. The regular Drill Practice will be held in Concord, Friday evening, December 20, at 6:30 p.m.

Looking further ahead, our Commandery Orders are currently scheduled as follows:

Saturday, March 14, 2026, Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, in Portsmouth;

Saturday, March 21, Order of Malta, in Concord; and

Saturday, June 13, 2025, Order of the Temple, in Manchester.

Conferral of the Orders will be at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will precede the Orders at Noon. Additional details will be provided in the coming months.

I and my Lady, Virginia, join our Right Eminent Grand Commander and Lady Linda in wishing each of you and your loved ones a joyous Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Courteously,



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