

NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS



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The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existence. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery each day.

— Albert Einstein

Sir Knights,

The snow that was falling as I wrote last month lingers still, but there is hope. The Grapefruit League is in full swing, and the World Baseball Classic starts this week. The *Patriots* were outclassed in the Super Bowl but laid a foundation for success in the coming seasons. The *Celtics* are showing tremendous resilience and the *Red Sox* prospects for the coming season are promising. Would that we could say the same for the tenuous peace in Gaza and elsewhere about the Middle East.

This month there is a coincidence of important holidays of the three Abrahamic faiths. For Moslems, *Ramadan* commemorates the first revelations to the Prophet Muhammad. *Purim* celebrates the rescue of the Jews of ancient Persia from a plot to destroy them, as related in the *Book of Esther*. Those of us who are members of the Order of the Eastern Star will be quite familiar with this story. We of the Christian faith are in *Lent*, a time of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, as we strive to draw closer to God and His light. While paying attention to what goes into our mouths, we must recognize that what comes out of them is even more important. Our words have the power to create unity and peace or disunity and conflict. That is why, when we pray, we should beseech God, in the words of Saint Ephraim the Syrian, “to grant to [us] the Spirit of prudence, humility, patience and love.”

The first of our Commandery Orders will be conferred this month and the Sir Knights have been rehearsing for them. There remain still parts to be filled. Please lend a hand when the opportunity presents itself. Again, the schedule of conferrals is as follows:

Saturday, March 14, Illustrious Order of the Red Cross conferred in Portsmouth by Trinity Commandery No. 1, DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 2, and Saint George Commandery No. 8. Make lunch reservations with Sir Knight Peter B. Tarlton, Recorder, De Witt Clinton Commandery No 2, pyrsecretary2024@gmail.com; and

Saturday, March 21, Order of Malta conferred in Concord by Mount Horeb Commandery No. 3, North Star Saint Gerard Commandery No. 4, and Palestine Commandery No. 11. Make lunch reservations with Sir Knight Anthony J. Tuttle, Recorder, Mount Horeb Commandery No. 3, tuttle.anthony3@gmail.com.

The Order of the Temple will be conferred at the celebration of the bicentennial of the Grand Commandery in June. The conferral will feature the full-form opening with pass in review which, when properly done, is most impressive. Additional details will be published in the coming months.

Our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Arthur W. Stauff, K.T.C.H., has been visiting the Commanderies to discuss the legislation and other matters to come before the Business Conclave April 4 in Concord. A revision to the Grand Regulations has been proposed in order to clarify the stipulation that an individual must hold

the Select Master Degree prior to receiving any Orders in Commandery. A revision of the Uniform Manual is also being considered. During his most recent visit, Sir Knight Stauff expressed concern for the lack of attendance at the conclaves, which may not be wholly attributable to the inclement weather that we have experienced these past long weeks.

Please note the Grand Commandery Officers Call, Sunday evening, March 1, next, at 8:00 p.m. The regular Drill Practice will be held in Concord, Friday evening, March 20, at 6:30 p.m.

Lady Virginia joins me in wishing you and yours a blessed Lenten season.

Courteously,



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