

NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS



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Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time.

—John Lubbock

Sir Knights,

Orion, the hunter, makes his appearance in the early morning sky, followed by his faithful dogs. The brightest star in the heavens, Sirius, called the “Dog Star,” it being in the constellation *Canis Majoris*, was believed by the ancient Greeks and Romans to enhance the power of the Sun with which it rises this time of year, bringing heat, drought, thunderstorms, and lethargy, hence the expression, “dog days of Summer,” in which we find ourselves. The warmth does not seem to have hurt the *Red Sox* who, despite their horrendous start, after winning fifteen in a row, have entered the post-season conversation.

Last month our Sir Knights and Masonic Brethren were honored to lead the Independence Day Parade in Concord. This year’s Parade was doubly significant, as it celebrated the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the 300th anniversary of the land grant for Penacook Plantation which would become the City of Concord.



The Knights Templar Color Guard leads the Concord Fourth of July Parade up Main Street to the State House. Photo courtesy of the *Concord Monitor*.



Left: The Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren followed the Sir Knights. Right: Sir Knight the Honorable Sheman A. Packard, Eminent Past Commander, Trinity Commandery No. 1, Speaker of the House of Representatives, addressed those gathered at the State House for the Independence Day festivities.

The evening before the parade our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Peter J. Noddin, K.T.C.H., attended the Grand Assembly of New Hampshire, International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Nashua.



Sir Knight Noddin with Sir Knights Kenneth A. Colpaert, Sr., Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Most Illustrious Grand Master, and Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., Most Worshipful Past Grand Master and Deputy for New Hampshire, A.A.S.R., N.M.J., at New Hampshire Grand Assembly.

The Grand Commander issued a General Order, setting the following schedule for Inspections of our Commanderies:

Saturday January 16, 2027, in Portsmouth, Dewitt Clinton Commandery No. 2 and Palestine Commandery No. 11 will confer the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross with Short Form Opening. Snow Day will be Saturday, January 30;

Saturday, February 20, 2027, in Nashua, Trinity Commandery No. 1 and Saint George Commandery No. 8 will confer the Order of Malta with Medium Form Opening. Snow Day will be Saturday, February 27; and

Saturday, March 20, 2027, in Lancaster, Mount Horeb Commandery No. 3 and North Star-Saint Gerard Commandery will confer the Order of the Temple with Full Form Opening. Snow Day will Saturday, March 27.

Additional details will be provided in future issues.

Two Sir Knights, Kaleb R. Brown, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, and Samuel A. Varjabedian, Eminent Past Commander, received the Order of the Purple Cross and became Associate Regents of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America at the General Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa. Regrettably your editor could not attend the General Assembly to present their rings, but he arranged for Sir Knight William Karstens, IV, Regent of the College and Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont., to perform that pleasant duty.



Sir Knights Brown and Varjabedian at the General Assembly in Des Moines. Sir Knight Brown is a Past Governor of Profile College No. 100, Concord.

Sir Knight Paul C. Smith, K.C.T., Right Eminent Past Grand Commander and Clerk of the House of Representatives of New Hampshire, received the Legislative Staff Achievement Award of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries, National Conference of State Legislatures. Sir Knight Smith is the 56th Clerk of the House, having first been elected to the post in 2014 and reelected every biennium since.



Sir Knight Smith proudly displays his Award presented by Donne Holiday, Chief Clerk of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and President of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries.

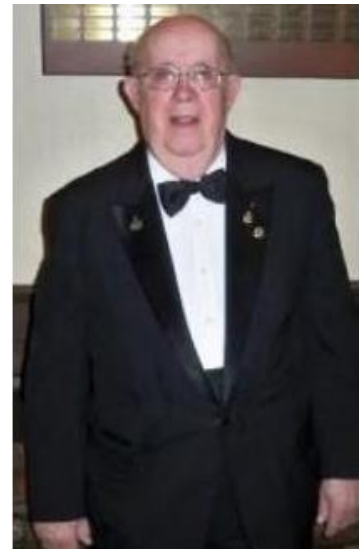
Last month we were saddened by the loss of three of our beloved Fraters. Sir Knights Scott M. Ayen, K.C.T., was Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire and a Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire. Sir Knight Frederick B. Chenevert was a Past Eminent Commander of Trinity Commandery No. 1, Manchester. A seventy-year Mason, Sir Knight Verne S. Anderson, Jr., O.P.C., was a member of DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 2, Portsmouth, and Past Right Excellent and Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer Emeritus of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter and the Grand Cryptic Council of New Hampshire. Our lives were enriched by their friendship and our Chivalric Fraternity by their service. May their memory be eternal.



Sir Knight Scott M. Ayen, K.C.T.



Sir Knight Frederick B. Chenevert



Sir Knight Verne S. Anderson, Jr., O.P.C.

This month the Grand Commander's Officers Call will be online Sunday, August 2, at 8:00 p.m. The monthly Commandery drill session will be Friday, August 21, at 6:30 p.m., in Concord. The latter will focus on "The School of the Knight."

Courteously,



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