

NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS



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*The seasonal urge is strong in poets. Burns chose autumn.
Longfellow liked the month of September.*

— Helen Bevington

Sir Knights,

Sixty years ago this month I flew on a Military Airlift Command C-118 from Athens, Greece, where I had passed a delightful year, to Rhein Main Air Base, Germany, thence on to Munich where my father commanded the Air Force Liaison Office in the Consulate General. The Consulate was located by the *Englischer Garten*. One of the largest urban public parks in the world, it was designed by Sir Benjamin Thompson, Count Rumford, a former major in the New Hampshire Militia, who supported the Loyalist cause during the Revolution. Driven from New Hampshire and his property burned, he fled to England, serving in the British Government and leading the *King's American Dragoons* on Long Island. Returning to England, he was made a Fellow of the Royal Society for his scientific pursuits and Knighted. He was a founder of the Royal Institute. He later traveled to the Electorate of Bavaria, part of the Holy Roman Empire, where, for his service to the government, was made an Imperial Count, choosing the name Rumford (*Reichgraf von Rumford*), as that was the name of the town in which he had been married. The town would later be renamed Concord by Governor Benning Wentworth to recognize the settlement of a boundary dispute with the neighboring Town of Bow.

Our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Peter J. Noddin, K.T.C.H., was among the dignitaries recognized at the Annual Grand Chapter, New Hampshire Order of the Eastern Star in Concord, Friday, August 21, last. Our York Rite was well represented.



Sir Knight Noddin with Sir Knights Kenneth A. Colpaert, Sr., V. E. Deputy Grand Commander and M.E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter and M.I. Grand Master of the Grand Cryptic Council, Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., Deputy for New Hampshire, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, N.M.J., and John E. Glover, K.T.C.H., R.E. Grand Generalissimo, R.E. Grand King of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and R.I. Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Cryptic Council.

Our Right Eminent Grand Commander also attended the Official Reception of the Grand Family, New Hampshire International Order of Rainbow for Girls, in Nashua, August 2, last.



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All Companions and Sir Knights are reminded of the Northeastern York Rite Conference Friday and Saturday, September 11 and 12, next, in the Crowne Plaza Desmond Hotel and Conference Center, Albany, New York. General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council meet Friday and the Grand Encampment meets Saturday. Our Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, Sir Knight Paul C. Smith, is one of the organizers, so it is sure to be a quality event. Information and online registration are available at <https://ggcramipay.org/neregion>.

The Annual New Hampshire Masonic Unity Picnic is Sunday, September 13, next, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., at Wellington State Park, Bristol, on the shore of beautiful Newfound Lake. This is a wonderful event open to all members of our Masonic organizations, our families, and friends. We can enjoy fresh air, great fellowship, and a delicious cookout for a nominal cost of only \$5:00 per person (children 11 years and under and active members of Rainbow and DeMolay are free). Reservation and payment information are found at <https://www.nhgrandlodge.org/event/unity-picnic-annual/>. Registration and payment for the event are due no later than September 4, next.

Here, again, is the 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 be Saturday, March 27.

Additional details will be provided in future issues.

This month the Grand Commander's Officers Call will be online Sunday, September 6, at 8:00 p.m. The monthly Commandery drill session will be Friday, September 18, at 6:30 p.m., in Concord.

Courteously,



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York Rite Calendar -- <https://nhyorkrite.org/calendars>