

NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS



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Do more than is required. What is the distance between someone who achieves their goals consistently and those who spend their lives and careers merely following? The extra mile.

– Gary Ryan Blair

Sir Knights,

Last month Sir Knight Roger Arthur Douillette, Sr., Past Right Eminent Honorary Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire and of the Grand Commandery of the Philippines, passed to the Eternal Asylum. Sir Knight Douillette was active in all branches of the Masonic Fraternity. Your Editor recalls that, when he was Grand Commander, he and Sir Knight Douillette, then Deputy General Grand High Priest for the North East Region, General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International, sojourned together to the Grand York Rite Sessions in Delaware. Sir Knight Douillette was awarded the Major General John Sullivan Award in Bronze by the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire and received the Order of the Purple Cross from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America.



Sir Knight Roger Arthur Douillette, Sr.

This month we honor the brave men and women who serve and who have served in our nation's armed forces. Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day, marking the end of hostilities in World War I, the so-called "Great War" or "War to end all Wars," memorialized by physician and poet, John McCrea, who wrote, "In Flanders fields the poppies blow between the crosses, row on row" To gain entrance to the World War I Memorial Museum in Kansas City one crosses over a field of poppies. While unable to serve himself on account of poor eyesight, your Editor knows firsthand the sacrifices made and rigors endured by our servicemen and women and their families. In the October 2022 *Knight Templar News*, he wrote of the Cuban Missile Crisis. That was but one episode in the nearly five-decade struggle against Russian depredation and domination. In Germany he witnessed both the Hungarian Revolution and the

invasion of Czechoslovakia. The resolve of our fighting men and women and our leaders and allies who stood with them secured victory in the Cold War. How painful it is to watch our current administration squander away the fruits of that victory. One can only hope that the sordid betrayal in Munich will not be repeated in Mar-a-Lago.



Your Editor and his Lady at the World War I Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri.

Our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Peter J. Noddin, requests that all Sir Knights who are able join him in marching in the City of Manchester's Veterans Day Parade, Wednesday, November 11, next. Sir Knights will gather on Temple Court behind the New Hampshire Masonic Center at 10:00 a.m. and walk to our assembly point near the corner of Chestnut and Bridge Streets for a 10:20 lineup and 10:45 step off. The parade will proceed down Elm Street to Veterans Park. Following the observances at the park, all Sir Knights are invited to meet at the *Piccola Italia* Restaurant, 815 Elm Street, for a "No-host" lunch where we will recognize the veterans in our ranks. If you are able to join in the parade, kindly notify Sir Knight Noddin, telephone (207) 745-1103 and email petef86a@yahoo.com. Your Editor will drive his car behind the marchers and will transport Sir Knights back to the assembly point as needed.

Mark your calendars for the annual Christmas Observance by the Grand Commandery Sunday, December 6, next, Saint Nicholas Day, at 1:00 p.m. in the Masonic Temple, 53 Iron Works Road, Concord. This event is open to all Sir Knights and members and friends of the Masonic family. A collation will follow. We encourage you to join us.

Please take notice that the New Hampshire Grand York Rite website is now at <https://www.nyorkrite.net/>.

Don't forget to exercise your vote on Election Day. That is a privilege too often taken for granted, one not universally enjoyed. By way of encouragement, see the photographs taken recently of a bald eagle perched atop Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Manchester.



A bald eagle surveys his domain from atop Saint George Cathedral in Manchester on a bright Fall day. Photo courtesy of Ms. Beth McFarlane, Cathedral Office Secretary.

Courteously,

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