

NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS



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*There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on,
and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October.*

— Nathaniel Hawthorne

Sir Knights,

Our *Red Sox* stumbled into the playoffs, a seeming impossibility in June. How fitting that it was a home run by Atlanta *Braves*' Mike Yastremski, grandson of Carl Yastremski, beloved "Yaz," against the Houston *Astros* that secured Boston the final Wild Card spot. I recall six decades ago being newly arrived in Munich, Germany, following the World Series on the Armed Forces Network. The Los Angeles *Dodgers* had clinched the National League Pennant over my San Francisco *Giants* the last day of the season and faced the Baltimore *Orioles*. I had come to follow the *Orioles* the summer of 1965, while visiting my father who was attending the U.S. Army Intelligence School at Fort Holabird in Baltimore. We saw several games in Memorial Stadium. I knew the *Dodgers* all too well from my days in the Bay Area. With a pitching staff headed by Sandy Koufax and Don Drysdale, they were heavily favored to defend their World Series title from the previous year. Koufax was our nemesis. The *Giants*' only pennant in those days came the year he injured his pitching hand. To my great satisfaction, he and the *Dodgers* were swept by Baltimore, scoring only two runs for the entirety of the World Series, a record of futility which stands to this day. Koufax retired after that season.

Last month our Nation observed the twenty-fifth anniversary of the attacks on the New York World Trade Center and Pentagon. I expect that the memory of that day remains as vivid for most of you as it does for me. The day was bright and clear. From my office in Nashua, I could see the John Hancock building, Prudential Center, and International Place in Boston. Having seen the attacks on television in my colleague's office, I feared for a similar attack there. The events of that day and the many that followed lent additional import to my work at BAE Systems for our nation's defenders. "We protect those who protect us" was our motto. Let us never forget those whom we lost that September day. Imagine the incredible bravery of the policemen and firemen who ascended the hundreds of tower steps toward what they knew was certain danger and likely death. More importantly, let us remember and support those men and women, military and civilian, whose vigilance has prevented a recurrence of such an attack. May it continue to do so.

Turning to more pleasant matters, last month was quite eventful for the Sir Knights of New Hampshire. It started the first weekend with the Seventy-third Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International and the Forty-ninth Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, both held in Washington, D.C. New Hampshire sent a sizeable delegation to both events, headed up by Sir Knight and Companion Kenneth A. Colpaert, Sr., Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Cryptic

Council of New Hampshire, and Right Eminent Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New Hampshire. He was accompanied by Sir Knights and Companions David S. Collins, K.C.T., Paul C. Smith, K.C.T., Earl W. Cole, Jr., K.C.T., and Chadwick B. Burks, each a Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, and Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, Peter J. Noddin, K.T.C.H., Right Eminent Grand Commander, Right Excellent Grand Scribe, and Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, and John E. Glover, K.T.C.H., Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Right Excellent Grand King, and Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master. Companion Burks was also the General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter. Sir Knight Collins is a Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

The highlight of the Triennial Grand Convocation was the election of our own Sir Knight and Companion Chadwick B. Burks, a resident of Hollis and a member of the Manchester York Rite Bodies, to the office of Most Excellent General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International for the Seventy-fourth Triennium. Sir Knight and Companion Paul C. Smith, Deputy General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International for the North East Region during the Forty-ninth Triennium, was appointed Right Excellent General Grand Master of the Second Veil of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International for the Seventy-fourth Triennium. Sir Knight and Companion Earl W. Cole, Jr. was appointed Right Excellent Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International for the North East Region for the Seventy-fourth Triennium.



New Hampshire Sir Knights and Companions at the Seventy-third Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter International, David S. Collins, Paul C. Smith, Kenneth A. Colpaert, Sr., John E. Glover, Earl W. Cole, Jr., and Peter J. Noddin. Not pictured is Sir Knight and Companion Chadwick B. Burks.



Left: Sir Knight and Companion Chadwick B. Burks receives the Badge of Office from Lady Oxsana. Right: Most Excellent Companion Burks addresses the Grand Convocation.



Sir Knight and Companion Earl W. Cole, Jr., the Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest for the North East Region.



New Hampshire Sir Knights and Companions at the Forty-ninth Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, David S. Collins, Earl W. Cole, Jr., Peter J. Noddin, Kenneth A. Colpaert, Sr., John E. Glover, and Paul C. Smith, Deputy General Grand Master for the North East Region. Not pictured is Sir Knight and Companion Chadwick B. Burks.

New Hampshire's York Rite leaders attended the Northeastern York Rite Conference on the second weekend of the month in Albany.



Left: Sir Knights Kenneth A. Colpaert, Sr., Arthur W. Stauff, K.T.C.H., R.E. Past Grand Commander, and Peter J. Noddin, K.T.C.H., R.E. Grand Commander. We feed them well in New Hampshire. Right: Applauding a presentation.



Left: M.E. Companion Burks addresses the Conference Grand Chapter session. Right: He is joined by Companions and Sir Knights Earl W. Cole, Jr., R.E. Deputy General Grand High Priest, David W. Schuler, R.I. Deputy General Grand Master, and Kenneth A. Caldwell, K.C.T., R.E. Department Commander, presenting Ladies Lucy Neel and Terri Caldwell the Grand Lady of York Award of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International.

Our Right Eminent Grand Commander and Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander returned to Albany the following weekend for the Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New York.



Sir Knights Colpaert and Noddin at New York's Grand Conclave.

The Grand Commandery will again march in the Veterans Day parade in Manchester next month. It is anticipated that the parade will follow the same route as last year, down Elm Street from Bridge Street to Central Street. Additional details, including assembly point and time, are being finalized.

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.

Further information will be provided in future issues.

This month the Grand Commander's Officers Call will be online Sunday, October 4, at 8:00 p.m. The monthly Commandery drill session will be Friday, October 16, at 6:30 p.m., in Concord.

Courteously,



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