

NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS



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Sir Knights,

It is with deep sadness that I report the passing of Companion and Sir Knight Ronald Edgar Metcalf, K.C.T., Past Right Eminent Grand Commander, on October 16, last, at age 85. Affectionately called “**Ronnie**,” Sir Knight Metcalf was a dedicated, sixty-year Mason. He served the Grand Lodge as a District Deputy Grand Master and was an active member of the York and Scottish Rites and the Bektash Shrine.



Sir Knight Ronald Edgar Metcalf

A member of the York Rite since 1964, he served as Excellent High Priest of Washington Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons, Thrice Illustrious Master of Davenport Council No. 5, Royal and Select Masters, and Eminent Commander of DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar. He was elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, Royal Arch Masons in 1996, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of New Hampshire in 2000, and Rite Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire, Knights Templar in 1986. He was a member of several invitational and honorary bodies of the York Rite in New Hampshire, including Profile York Rite College No. 100, where he was a member of the Order of the Purple Cross and served as Pre-eminent Governor and Grand Governor for New Hampshire of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Scenic Council No. 37 Knight Masons, Palestine Tabernacle No. XLI, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, New Hampshire Priory No. 58, Knights of the York Cross of Honor, and Granite State Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, serving as Puissant Sovereign and Intendant General for New Hampshire of the United Grand Imperial Council Red Cross of Constantine. A proud Marine, Sir Knight Metcalf was a master of tactics and excellent Master of Ceremonies for the Orders in Commandery. He and his beloved Lady Eileen, who predeceased him, were dear friends and mentors to Lady Virginia and me as I advanced through the line in Grand Commandery. They were stalwart supporters of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. **Lady Eileen founded the “KraFTy Companions” who** raised thousands of Dollars for our Templar charities through sales of handicrafts and basket raffles.

A Masonic Service will be held for Sir Knight Metcalf Saturday, November 12, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at St. **John's Episcopal Church, 100 Chapel St., Portsmouth, followed immediately by a Church Memorial Service.** A reception will follow at the church. Our Right Eminent Grand Commander requests that Sir Knights attend in uniform, *sans* sword, and that they arrive at the church by 10:30 a.m.

Our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Earl W. Cole, Jr., again requests that all Sir Knights who are able join him in marching in the City of Manchester's Veterans Day Parade, Friday, November 11, next. The parade will assemble at Brookside Congregational Church, 2013 Elm Street, Manchester, at 9:30 a.m. and step off promptly at 10:30 a.m. It will proceed down Elm Street to Veterans Park. If you are able to join in the parade, kindly notify S.K. Peter Noddin. Eminent Grand Warder, whose telephone is (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. We had a very good showing last year and our participation in the parade was very well received.

Sunday, December 4, next, the Annual Christmas Observance by New Hampshire Grand Commandery will take place in the Concord Masonic Temple, 53 Iron Works Road, Concord, at 2:00 p.m. This event is open to all. Invite your brethren, family, and friends to step back from the hectic, holiday shopping and preparations and to join with us in reflecting upon the meaning of Christmas.

Courteously,



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