



Connecticut Knightly News



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MESSAGE FROM YOUR GRAND COMMANDER

Sir Knights,

Happy New Year! I pray that your holidays were safe and blessed with opportunities to enjoy family and friends, to renew acquaintances and to make new ones.

New Years is the traditional time to make resolutions and to start anew. I ask that each of us take this time to rededicate ourselves to the principles of Templary. Let us look for opportunities to "clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted." Christian and Masonic charity is not confined to any particular time or season, but is our duty and delight every day of the year.

I would ask you to look for worthy men to become mason and worthy masons to become York Rite Masons and Knights Templar. Our membership through death, NPD, and demit is decreasing by an average of 5% every year. We must work together to stem this tide and begin to grow our Order.

Our Knightly Orders contain some of the most beautiful and meaningful ritual in all of Freemasonry. Let us share these lessons with our Christian Masonic Brothers and build our earthly Cathedral of brotherly love, relief, and truth and give glory to Him under whose banner we have enlisted.

In Templary,
Bruce R. Bellmore, REGC 2009 - 2010



York Rite Testimonial honorees from Left to Right: Sir Knight Bruce Bellmore, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Companion Randy Stevens, Most Puissant Grand Master, Brother Donald Robinson, Recipient of the 2009 James Royal Case Award for Outstanding Service to York Rite Masonry, Companion, John Melor, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Brother Paul Chello, President of the York Rite Coordinating Committee, and Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

NEWS FROM THE COMMANDERIES

Washington No. 1 Sir Knight Paul A. Edberg, Eminent Commander
Sir Knight Charles B. Fowler, Recorder

Jan. 19th - Stated Convocation - Flag Presentation by the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Refreshments following the program. Ladies and friends cordially invited

New Haven No. 2 Sir Knight Ray Tomlinson, Eminent Commander
Sir Knight Leonard H. Bucher, Recorder

Jan. 15th - Stated Convocation

Stamford-Clinton No. 3 Sir Knight Charles D. O'Neill, Eminent Commander
Sir Knight Charles A. McCollum, Recorder

Jan. 28th - Stated Convocation - Planing meeting for 2010, rehearsal full for opening

Hamilton No. 5 Sir Knight Edward R. Ham, Eminent Commander
Sir Knight James S. Demko, Recorder

Jan. 10th - Rehearsal Order of the Temple, 7pm Stratford

Jan. 17th - Rehearsal Order of the Temple, 7pm Stratford

Jan. 21st - Stated Convocation, Order of the Temple under inspection, Refreshments to follow

Palestine No. 6 Sir Knight I. William Clark, Eminent Commander
Sir Knight John A. Birdsall, Recorder

Jan. 28th - Stated Convocation, Order of Red Cross for inspection

Cyrene No. 8 Sir Knight Robert N. Jones, Eminent Commander
Sir Knight Vincent A. Cowie, Recorder

Jan. 12th - Stated Convocation, Election of Officers for 2010

St. Elmo No. 9 Sir Knight Richard A. Eppler, Eminent Commander
Sir Knight Clyde W. Kayser II, Recorder

Jan. 19th - Stated Convocation, Order of the Red Cross, Order of Malta (short form). 6pm opening, dinner will be within the Red Cross Degree.

Crusader No. 10 Sir Knight William R. Deickler, Eminent Commander
Sir Knight James A. Backus, Recorder

Jan. 8th - Stated Convocation, Order of Red Cross for inspection

St Johns No. 11 Sir Knight Kenneth R. Sheldon, Eminent Commander
Sir Knight William F. Lot, Recorder

Jan. 18th - Stated Convocation