



# Connecticut Knightly News



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## MESSAGE FROM YOUR GRAND COMMANDER

Sir Knights,

I wish to congratulate the Sir Knights who served as Eminent Commanders of their constituent Commanderies for the 2009 - 2010 Chivalric year. It has been a good year and it has been my pleasure to visit with you and the Sir Knights. I also offer my congratulations to the new Eminent Commanders on your election. I will try to attend as many of your installations as possible and want to assure you that your Grand Commandery Officers are here to assist you.

The York Rite Coordinating Committee, with the consent of the presiding grand officers of the three bodies, has scheduled two festivals for this year. The first will be the Grand Chapter Festival on February 27, 2009 followed by a Grand Council/Grand Commandery Festival of March 13, 2009. Both festivals are at the New Haven Masonic Temple, 285 Whitney Avenue. The Grand Commandery portion of the festival will consist of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross in full form and the Order of Malta in short form. This will assist the Commanderies in preparing candidates to receive the Order of the Temple on Good Friday. I offer my sincere thanks to Sir Knight and Companion Randy S. Stevens, Most Puissant Grand Master for allowing us to share his day. Please remember, all candidates for the Orders must be duly elected and escorted. No exceptions.

This year we have made a concerted effort to reduce the number of Sir Knights dropped for none payment of dues. Please remember your obligations to your Commandery and to your fellow knights. We need all of us to participate fully if we are to "...manfully fight" under His Banner.

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



## Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Sir Knights, on behalf of Lady Lori Cowie, I remind everyone that "The Joyce Kluntz Memorial Bakeless Bake Sale" for the 2010 Campaign is now in full swing. Please contribute to this worthwhile cause.

Remember that your gift is a gift of sight for those who now live in darkness.

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## NEWS FROM THE COMMANDERIES

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

Feb. 2nd - Stated Convocation, Annual Meeting and Election of Officers  
Feb. 16th - Semi public installation of officers, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Installation

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

Feb. 19th - Stated Convocation - Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

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

Feb. 25th - Stated Convocation - Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

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

Feb. 18, 2010 Stated-Annual-Election of Officers-Refreshments following  
Feb. 20, 2010 Semi public installation at 2PM-Refreshments following

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

Feb. 25th - Stated Convocation - Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

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

Feb. 9th - Stated Convocation - Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

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

Feb. 16th - Stated Convocation - Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

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

Feb. 12th - Stated Convocation - Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

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

Feb. 15th - Stated Convocation - Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

## FROM THE GRAND HISTORIAN

Our ninety seventh Grand Commander was Lawrence George Drescher. Sir Knight Drescher was an excellent ritualist who was born on 9 December 1891 in Baltic, Connecticut the business area of Sprague. He became associated with his father in the meat business. He served in World War I, was in the General Assembly in 1926 and was raised in Mount Vernon #75 in 1921 and served as Master in 1928. He was a member of the York Rite bodies in Norwich and Columbian Commandery #4 where he led the commandry in 1932. He served as Grand Commander in 1945 and was Most Puissant Grand Master in 1942. He also was active in the Scottish Rite of Norwich and was crowned a 33rd in 1942. This Grand Historian remembers this fine Sir Knight and his dedication to Freemasonry and its appendant bodies.

S.K. Gary Littlefield, Grand Historian