



Connecticut Knightly News



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Grand Commander

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR GRAND COMMANDER

Sir Knights,

I would like to thank each of you for the courtesy extended to me and the honor conferred upon me by electing me to serve as Grand Commander this past year. It has been a pleasure to serve the Sir Knights of Connecticut and I look forward to continuing the friendships and acquaintances I have made during my travels in the Grand Line.

We are very fortunate to have dedicated and competent Grand Officers. I am proud to have served with these fine men and masons and look forward with great anticipation to watching them bring our Grand Commandery to higher planes.

A special thanks to our Grand Commandery ladies who are always there to support us and assist us in our charitable endeavors.

Finally, let us never forget our vows to serve God and humanity, and to assist each other in our knightly duties as Fellow Soldiers of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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

FROM THE GRAND HISTORIAN

Just before the Great Depression of the 1900s, a Willimantic man named James Ponder Mustard was Grand Commander. Born in 1877 in Delaware he came to Willimantic after studying law and worked in a bank. He served political offices as selectman and assessor. He was raised in Ancient #724 in New York in 1901 but affiliated with Eastern Star #44 when he arrived in Willimantic in 1905 and was Master in 1911. He also joined Trinity Chapter, Olive Branch Council and St John's Commandery where he was Commander in 1918. He was elected Grand Commander on May 7, 1927 and served for one year. He was also a Scottish Rite Mason. He started an insurance business that is still in existence today in his adopted city.

S.K. Gary Littlefield, Grand Historian

Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Sir Knights We need your help to give as much as you can afford for this worthy Charity. Please make your contribution To "Knights Templar Eye Foundation" Send to me for forwarding to Grand Encampment Address Leonard H. Bucher, 22 Jerimoth Drive Branford, CT 06405 2226

Let's surpass last years total!

S.K. Leonard H. Bucher, Chairman

GRAND COMMANDER EVENTS

April 4th - Easter Sunrise Service at the Masonicare Chapel, Wallingford Connecticut. 8:00 AM Service with Breakfast to follow. Cost for breakfast \$6.00

April 16 - 18 - Grand Conclave of Connecticut. Rocky Hill Marriott, Rocky Hill Connecticut.

NEWS FROM THE COMMANDERIES

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

April 2nd - Good Friday Observance, Lunch at 12:30 with Order of the Temple to follow

April 6th - Rehearsal Illustrious Order of the Red Cross

April 20th - Rehearsal Illustrious Order of the Red Cross

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

April 2nd - Good Friday Observance, Lunch at 12 with Order of the Temple to follow

April 19th - Stated Convocation

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

April 2nd - Good Friday Observance, dinner at 6 pm and Order of the Temple to follow

April 25th - Stated Convocation - presentation on the Order of Malta Banners

Hamilton No. 5 Sir Knight Robert Cascone, Eminent Commander Sir Knight James S. Demko, Recorder

April 2nd - Good Friday Observance, 3 pm Order of the Temple, Dinner to follow

April 15th - Testimonial dinner for Em. S.K. Anthony Pipitone, Em. S.K. James Demko and Em. S.K. Robert Foster. Reservations to John Mellor 203-378-4080. Dinner at 6:00pm

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

April 25th - Stated Convocation

Cyrene No. 8 Sir Knight Lloyd D. Drager, Eminent Commander Sir Knight Vincent A. Cowie, Recorder

April 9th - Stated Convocation

St. Elmo No. 9 Sir Knight Dan Luft, Eminent Commander Sir Knight Clyde W. Kayser II, Recorder

April 20th - Stated Convocation - Order of the Temple

April 27th - Special Convocation - Order of the Temple

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

April 15th - Stated Convocation