



Connecticut Knightly News



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MESSAGE FROM YOUR GRAND COMMANDER

Sir Knights,

I pray that you and your families enjoyed a blessed Easter. Now we look forward to the founding of the church, Pentecost, and Ascension Day.

The Clark Commandery Association will be sponsoring the Annual Ascension Day Observance at the Hillside Cemetery in Torrington on Thursday, May 21, 2009 followed by dinner at the Kaaban Club. I hope to greet many of you on this occasion when we mark the departure of our beloved fraters who have passed to that distant shore during the past year.

The Grand Commandery Workshop and Training Session will be held at the Meriden Temple on Saturday, May 16, 2009 beginning at 8:00AM with registration, coffee, and doughnuts. Our Grand Captain-General, SK Charles O'Neill, is in charge so it promises to be an informative and interesting program. We will be finished by noon. All dais officers and recorders are required to attend and all other interested officers and Sir Knights are cordially welcomed to attend.

I would also like to give each Commandery advanced notice that we will be marching in the parade at Grand Masters' Day on Saturday, June 13, 2009 on the grounds of Masonicare. All Commanderies are expected to be represented and march with their beauseant. S.K. Stuart Drost, Grand Senior Warden, will be in charge of the line of march.

Finally, speak to worthy men in your churches and places of employment about Freemasonry. We must continue to build our Blue Lodges if we hope to grow the York Rite and Templary.

Your frater in Christ's service,
Bruce R. Bellmore, REGC

FROM THE GRAND HISTORIAN

The first Right Eminent Grand Commander was John Richard Watrous of Colchester. He served just under five years at the helm. Born in 1754 he lived to the ripe old age of 88 and studied medicine under Dr Philip Turner. He was made a Mason when American Union Lodge was encamped in Redding in 1779 and was a charter member of Wooster Lodge (10) of Colchester. He was a charter member of Vander Brook Chapter RAM and Watrous Council and was its only Thrice Illustrious Master. He was the first candidate to be knighted in Washington Encampment at Colchester in 1796 and served as Commander from 1819 to 1821 and when the Grand Commandery was organized he was the first Grand Commander.

Fraternally;
S.K. Gary Littlefield
may 2009

NEWS FROM THE COMMANDERIES

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

May 5th - Stated Convocation; Rehearsal Order of the Red Cross
May 19th - Stated Convocation; Conferal of the Order of the Red Cross

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

May 15th - Stated Convocation; Ladies night for Mother's Day
May 21 - Special Convocation; Ascension Day Service - Hillside Cemetary, Torrington, 6:00Ppm, dinner to follow at Kaabans Clyb, Plymouth

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

May 28th - Stated Convocation; Rehearse Full Form Opening and Rehearsal of Duties

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

May 21st - Stated Convocation; Awards Night - 25 year pin presentation, refreshments to follow
June 18th - Stated Convocation; Presentation by Rt. Em. S.K. William Miller on the full form Malta

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

May 28th - Stated Convocation; Rehearsal Order of the Red Cross
May 25th - Stated Convocation; Conferal of the Order of the Red Cross

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

May 12th - Stated Convocation; Rehearsal Full Form Opening

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

May 19th - Stated Convocation; Order of the Temple, under inspection, Dinner 6:30pm
June 16th - Stated Convocation; Strawberry Festival, Dinner 6:15pm, Ladies welcomed

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

May 8th - Stated Convocation; Rehearse Full Form Opening and Rehearsal of Duties

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

May 18th - Stated Convocation

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

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