



Connecticut Knightly News



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MESSAGE FROM YOUR GRAND COMMANDER

Sir Knights,

Templary in Connecticut is moving forward! We have completed an outstanding Training Seminar complete with power point presentations on motivation, history, and Inspections. Our Recorders received instructions on the electronic reporting and information updates. Tactics were demonstrated and practiced by those in attendance. Most importantly, we share ideas, thoughts, challenges, and good fellowship. Thank you to our Eminent Grand Captain-General, SK Charles D. O'Neill, Chairman, and his committee of SK Stuart K. Drost, Em. Grand Senior Warden, SK Chuck McCollum, Em. Grand Inspector, and our Grand Recorder, SK Vincent Cowie, REPGC.

We have some great events coming up in the next few months. First we will march in the Grand Masters' Day Parade honoring Brother and Eminent Sir Knight Arthur H. Carlstrom, Most Worshipful Grand Master A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut and Brother Michael L. Ferguson, Most Worshipful Grand Master Prince Hall Masons of Connecticut at Masonicare in Wallingford on Saturday, June 13th at 10:00AM. All commanderies are to bring their Beauseants. Line-up at 9:30PM. Details to be mailed to each commandery. Let us have a large turnout to honor our Grand Masters and to delight our friends and residents at Masonicare.

Then on Sunday, June 28th we will join with the members of North Congregational Church in Woodbury at 10:30AM for St. John's Day Services followed by brunch in the Fellowship Hall. Our host and preacher for this event is the Senior Pastor of North Church, our own Grand Prelate, Rev. Dr. Craig T. McClellan. This event is open to all Sir Knights, Master Masons, and their families.

Our Statewide Grand Commandery Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 12 at the Ashlar Village Picnic Grounds in Wallingford. Look for a flyer on this event from our Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, SK Jack H. Stevens with full details.

I hope that you will take advantage of these and other statewide events sponsored by your Grand Commandery. Remember my fellow soldiers, "When two or three are gathered together in His name, He will be in their midst and bless them."

May you have a healthy, happy, and safe summer!

In Templary,
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NEWS FROM THE COMMANDERIES

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

June 2nd - Stated Conclave - Holy Land Pilgrimage Presentation by Rev. James A. Debner, 6:30 dinner

June 16th - No Conclave - Past Commanders Association Annual Dinner - Marco Polo Restaurant, East Hartford

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

June 12th - Stated Conclave - Casual dress, dinner 6:15 PM

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

June 25th - Stated Conclave - rehearsal full form opening - Conferral of the Order of the Red Cross

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

June 18th - Stated Conclave; 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

June 15 - Joint Conclave with St. Johns No. 11 - Conferring the Order of the Temple

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

June 9th - Stated Conclave; Rehearsal Full Form Opening

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

June 16th - Stated Conclave; Strawberry Festival, Dinner 6:15pm, Ladies welcomed

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

June 12th - Stated Conclave - Rehearsal Full Form Opening

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

June 15 - Stated Conclave - Conferral of the Order of the Temple

FROM THE GRAND HISTORIAN

Our Christian order has had and continues to have all the pageantry and splendor when we gather in parade formation. One parade that this writer recently read about was the June 12, 1923 parade in New Haven. Gathered together were 1500 representatives from all twelve asylums together with RE James McPherson, Grand Commander of Norwich for a parade and field day on New Haven green. On the reviewing stand were member of the Grand Commandery and the mayor of New Haven, David Fitzgerald. It was reported that the Grand Commander appointed some of his special aides to attend to the needs of the mayor. One reporter wrote that it was most amazing display of military precision he had ever witnessed. Dinner and libations followed in the dining room of the college (Yale) and guests left by both train and automobile.

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