



# Connecticut Knightly News



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## MESSAGE FROM YOUR GRAND COMMANDER

Summer is finally here and we get to take a short breather from most Masonic activities. I hope that you will each take this time to be with family and friends and enjoy our brief New England summer.

Our Statewide Picnic is planned for Sunday, July 12 at the Pavilion at Ashlar Village in Wallingford. Our Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Jack H. Stevens, is in charge of this event which is open to all Sir Knights, their families, and guests. Costs and further details are listed elsewhere in this month's supplement.

Your dais officers will be representing you at the Triennial of the Grand Encampment in Roanoke, VA, during the month of August. We are also looking forward to cheering on our CT Drill Team as they compete against teams from across the US.

The highlight for those of us from CT will be the installation of our own Sir Knight and Grand Recorder, Vincent A. Cowie, REPGC, as the Northeast Department Commander of the Grand Encampment. This is a first for CT and we will honor RESK Vince at a testimonial on Saturday, September 27, 2009 at the New Haven Masonic Temple. Complete details will be appearing in the August and September KT Magazine CT Supplement.

I pray that each of you will have a safe and enjoyable summer and I look forward to greeting you at the picnic!

In Templary,  
Bruce R. Bellmore, REGC

## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

New Chairman for 2009-2010 campaign:  
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## FROM THE GRAND HISTORIAN

Eighty years ago templary in Stamford had a unique solution to a problem. The commandery at Stamford was having its reception and ball on January 25, 1929. There was a massive power outage in Stamford which knocked out power to the armory where the ball was being held as well as the three downtown theatres (Strand, Palace and Stamford). Also hit was the Stamford High School which was having a prom or dance. The templars had an idea to drive some autos into the armory and on the floor and use the headlights to illuminate the room so the dance and banquet could continue. Reports from the event do not specifically state when the power was returned or what caused the outage other than seeing arching electricity coming from lines a short distance away.

S.K. Gary Littlefield

## CONNECTICUT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR



for all

## SIR KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

- DATE:** JULY 12, 2009 (Saturday)  
**TIME:** 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** ASHLAR VILLAGE – at the outside picnic area.  
 Bring your own lawn chairs and games to play.  
**MENU:** Hamburgers, hot dogs, cooked on the grill.  
 Plus potato salad, beans, watermelon, soda and other picnic fixings.  
**PRICE:** \$12.00 per person

**RESERVATIONS:** Are a must along with your check Make checks payable to Jack Stevens

**LAST DATE FOR RESERVATIONS IS JULY 8, 2009**

If any questions please contact:  
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