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Sir Knights, this is my first issue as your new Editor. It is a flip of the coin, to say the least. I thought I would update everyone on the Annual Conclave just held in Manchester on May 09, 2009.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of NH and the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons met early that morning starting at 9:00 a.m. Several things occurred besides the election of the new Officers. Right Excellent Grand Captain of the Host Comp. Ralph Gasner, Jr. stepped down from the Grand Line due to health reasons. As his contribution to Royal Arch Masonry went beyond the call of duty, ME GHP William J. Morrison nominated him as an Honorary Past Grand High Priest which was enthusiastically supported by his Companions. Also, newly elected MEGHP Comp. John S. Geas proposed long time Grand Sentinel and PHP Andrew Jackson to be made an Honorary Past Grand Scribe which again was applauded with much enthusiasm.

During the Assembly of the Grand Council, Most Illustrious Grand Master Comp. William F. Curtis approved that PIM Comp. Edward M. Younker be made an Honorary M.I. Past Grand Master. Companion Younker has been Past Commander and Past Grand High Priest in his Masonic career.

The Grand Conclave followed and a few Sir Knights were recognized for exemplary service to Templary. Sir Knight Joseph Marion was appointed as an Aide to the Grand Commander and charged to assist the Eminent Inspector General at the several Inspections, which he did admirably. Eminent Commander Mark G. Kilmister of Mount Horeb Commandery was also recognized for service to the Grand Commandery as an Aide to the Grand Commander. Mark had assisted in several capacities over the year including doing Junior Warden of my Commandery's Inspection last February. Sir Knight Thomas A. Ladd of No. Star-St. Gerard Commandery was created an Honorary Past Commander and presented with a certificate from the Grand Commandery. He was later discovered to be this year's recipient of the Knight Templar Cross of Honor for distinguished service far beyond the call of duty. Congratulations Sir Knight Thomas Ladd!

Following the Installation of Officers and a Worship Service by newly elected Grand Generalissimo E. Sir Knight and Reverend Dwight V. Meader, came the social period and annual Banquet. The Grand Line March to start off the festivities began close to on time. RE Grand Commander Sir Knight Donald Murray of Vermont acted as escort and Piped the March for our entrance. A fine meal was enjoyed and introductions of distinguished guests followed. Most Excellent PGHP William J. Morrison received a plaque from General Grand Chapter, his PGHP Apron and Jewel. Most Illustrious Grand Master William F. Curtis received his Apron a month before and his Jewel that day as well. Then they called upon the Junior Past Grand Commander to speak.

Introductions of the several tables of guests ensued by applauding each State's Visitors. The NE Department Commander RE Sir Knight John Lewis brought greetings and well wishes. After recognizing my Lady and Daughter with 2 dozen roses, I then introduced the Most Eminent Grand Master Sir Knight William Howard Koon II.

Grand Master Koon and PGC Charles Kennedy presented Eminent Commander of Trinity Commandery Robert Bradley Alderfer with the honor of Knight Commander of the Temple. Sir Knight Brad had performed outstanding service last year to your Grand Commandery and the honor was very well deserved.

ME Grand Master Koon spoke for several minutes on the accomplishments of the Grand Commandery Officers and applauded the outgoing Grand Commander for his efforts. He also charged the new Grand Commander with the challenge of exceeding the previous administration. Sir Knight Robert D. Steel says he is up to the challenge and ready to advance the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire forward on the path of activity and service. Last to speak was our Most Worshipful Grand Master Robert G. Hatfield who gave closing comments, thanked everyone for the courtesies extended and the banquet concluded about 9:15 p.m.

I would like to give thanks to our Most Eminent Grand Master William Koon, MWGM Hatfield, AASR Deputy Richard Elliott, NH OES and Rainbow, for supporting our Grand York Rite Banquet. I had an enjoyable time as your host. I thank my fellow Red Cords and their fellow travelers for everything, and especially YOU Sir Knights, for your endeavors and support of my year as your Grand Commander. I will never forget it.

Respectfully Submitted,
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