

Connecticut

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Knightly News

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Greetings Sir Knights:

This month I would like to discuss the legend of the Knight Templars as it relates to Robert the Bruce and the Scottish Battle of Bannockburn on June 24-25, 1314. In 1307, Philip IV (aka Philip the Fair), King of France, heavily in debt, moved against the Knight Templars in an attempt to seize their wealth. Fortunately, the Templars' Fleet had sailed with most of the Knights aboard. Some Knights took refuge in Scotland where they were welcomed by Robert the Bruce, its "King".

The forces of Robert the Bruce were fighting for Scottish Independence. These forces and those of Edward II, King of England, met in battle at Bannockburn on June 24-25, 1314. Although outnumbered, the Scottish forces were holding their own when legend has it that a heavily armed force of the Knights bearing a half black half white standard arrived to support them.

There are scholars who will argue that this never happened. Other scholars believe that anywhere from 29 to 70 knights did appear and that their mere presence swung the tide of battle in favor of the Bruce's forces. As a result of this battle, Scotland won its independence from England, an independence which lasted for approximately two and one-half centuries. What do you think?

Yours in Templiary,
Paul L. Chello
Right Eminent Grand Commander

SAVE THE DATE !! Tuesday October 16, 2018

The Grand Commandery of CT has once again been given the opportunity to participate in the Boscov stores "Friends Helping Friends" project. Your Past Grand Commander, Clyde W. Kayser II and I, Lady A.J., agreed to do this project again. We are selling \$5.00 shopping passes which all goes to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The pass is for up to 25% off your purchases on Tuesday October 16th, 2018. Connecticut's store is located in Meriden at the Westfield Shopping Center – Meriden Square. Milford is supposed to get a store in September but not sure if it is on schedule. If interested in participating in this fundraiser please mail your check made payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to Mrs. A.J. Kayser, 19 Adelaide Avenue, Waterbury, CT 06708. (Clyde gets enough mail..haha!). Any questions call 203-754-8209. Thank you in advance for your support. Your Recorder of your Commandery will also have passes for sale at your meetings in June and September.

Sincerely,
Lady AJ Kayser

Connecticut State Dinner at the 67th Triennial

Sir Knights,

If you will be attending the Triennial in Indianapolis, and are planning to attend the Connecticut State Dinner, you need to make reservations with me. The dinner will be on Monday, August 20, 2018, from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM, at the Weber Grill Restaurant. The restaurant is about 3 blocks from the hotel. We are limited in number to the first 40 people who respond. Please email me ASAP if you will be attending and how many are in your party. My email address is: nelsoncraig@sbcglobal.net.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Courteously,
SK Craig R. Nelson
Grand Captain General