

New Hampshire Supplement

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In order to keep you better informed of the happenings in the jurisdiction, I will dedicate a portion of this column to upcoming events. Below are our events for April & May:

- Saturday, 13 April, Grand York Rite Bodies Annual Business meeting, Concord at 8:00am
- Friday, 10 May, Grand York Rite Bodies Banquet, Holiday Inn, Concord at 7:00pm
- Saturday, 11 May, Grand York Rite Bodies Session, Concord at 1:00pm for Grand Commandery, other bodies begin at 8:00am (lunch will be offered)

A Season of Changes

SKs, as you can see from the above upcoming events, we are coming to a close on another templar year. These really do seem to go by faster every year. It has been a wonderful season with the completion of our orders as we knighted eighteen new Sir Knights! We look forward to their continued journeys in our local commanderies, as we work to impart further light.

Well, we have reached the penultimate chivalric initiation of the commandery, the Order of the Temple. We can see from the following quote out of the Masonic Americana, Volume II, May 1985...Devotion to Christianity, Our Templar Heritage in The United States by Ned E. Dull, Most Eminent Grand Master, 1982-1985, that the origins of the Order are quite interesting, pay special note to the second member be knighted.

“United States Templary has existed in one form or another for going on 239 years. The first date of record for the conferring of the Order of the Temple in the North American continent is “

“August 28, 1769, when Captain William Davis, a Past Master received the honor. On December 11 of that same year Paul Revere was knighted, and on May 14, 1770, General Joseph Warren received the Order of the Temple.”

Within the order itself, we see the journey one must undertake from pilgrim, to warrior, and ultimately to knighthood. The messages portrayed are quite profound and should serve to act as guide for our chivalric and Christian duties. We learn of our obligations to our fellow Sir Knights, our faith, and our country. We experience the lessons to be learned of faith, zeal, courage, constancy, and humility. With this we have completed the steps to becoming Christian Knights, but there is a life of learning ahead of us for those who continue to seek.

We have one more month in our templar year before the changing of our officers and the newly elected & appointed Sir Knights take up the mantle of leadership. On behalf of the REGC and the other Grand Officers, we thank you for what you all do in your local commanderies. Without the work you do, we would not exist. Be well and I look forward to seeing all of you over the next months.

Reminder, dates of events are always subject to change. We do have our York Rite Calendar posted on the website at <https://nhyorkrite.org/calendars/>

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