

NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS

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Sir Knights,

Our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Patrick Joseph O'Sullivan, and his Lady, Vicky, join me in wishing you and your loved ones a Happy New Year 2022. May you enjoy good health and prosperity, material and spiritual.

While the upsurge in COVID-19 infections caused the Grand Commandery Christmas Observance to be held virtually for a second year, those who participated found it enjoyable and meaningful nevertheless. May we have the good fortune to gather in person this year.

Happily, the Christmas Season is still upon us. It doesn't end until January 6th, when we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany (from Greek *epiphaneia*, meaning "manifestation"), commemorating the first manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the Wisemen who visited the newborn Jesus. *Matthew 2:1-13*. One of the hymns of the Season in the Orthodox Church proclaims,

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath shined the light of knowledge upon the world; for thereby they that worshipped the stars [astrologers] were instructed by a star to worship Thee, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know Thee, the Dayspring from on high. O Lord, glory be to Thee.

On January 6th, the Orthodox Church also celebrates the Feast of Theophany (from Greek *theophania*, meaning "appearance of God"). It is called *Theophany*, because, at the baptism of Christ by John the Forerunner, the Holy Trinity appeared clearly to mankind for the first time. The Father's voice was heard from Heaven, the Son of God was incarnate, standing in the Jordan River, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove. *Matthew 3:13-17*. As another hymn declares,

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hath appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

In the coming months, we will have the pleasure to welcome several new Sir Knights into our ranks. Pursuant to Grand Commander O'Sullivan's General Order No. 3, our Commanderies will confer the Orders, and be inspected, in accordance with the following schedule:

Mount Horeb Commandery No. 3 and North Star - Saint Gerard Commandery No. 4 will confer the Illustrious Order of Red Cross Saturday, February 5, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., in Concord;

Trinity Commandery No. 1 and St. George Commandery No. 8 will confer the Order of Malta Saturday, March 5, 2022, in Manchester; and

DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 2 and Palestine Commandery No. 11 will confer the Order of the Temple Saturday, March 19, 2022, in Portsmouth.

Additional details will be forthcoming. Come out, support your Commanderies, participate in the Orders, and welcome the new Sir Knights.

Courteously,



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