

NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS



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World War II was a decisive time in our history and June 6, 1944, marked the decisive moment of the war.

-- Lane Evans

Sir Knights,

The quotation above is particularly apt this month, as we observe the eightieth anniversary of the D Day landings in Normandy, France, that marked the start of the liberation of Europe from Nazi oppression. May the memories of the brave men and women who fought there be eternal. Let us ever remember and preserve the ideals for which so many of them made the ultimate sacrifice.

In May our Grand Commandery convened its One Hundred Seventy-fourth Annual Grand Conclave in Concord, highlighted by the installation of our new Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Arthur William Stauff, K.T.C.H., and his officers.



Sir Knight Arthur W. Stauff, R.E. Grand Commander and the newly installed officers of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire.

Several awards were presented at the Annual York Rite Banquet. Sir Knight Calvin Whitney Cline, Palestine Commandery No. 11, received the Reverend Jonathan Nye Distinguished Service Medal, The Knight Templar Cross of Honor was awarded to Sir Knight John Edward Glover, Eminent Commander of Mount Horeb Commandery No. 3. The College of Honors was pleased to confer the honor of Companion of the Temple upon Lady Colleen Murphy Collins, wife of Sir Knight David Scott Collins, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander and Most Worshipful Past Grand Master. Also, the raffle of baskets prepared by our several Commanderies raised \$ Five Hundred for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.



Lady Colleen Collins, Companion of the Temple, receives her award from S.K. Lawrence E. Tucker, K.G.T., R.E. Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment. Looking on are Sir Knights David S. Collins, R.E.P.G.C., Kaleb R. Brown, R.E.G.C., and John D. Barnes, R.E.D.C.



S.K. Glover receives the K.T.C.H. from S.K. Lawrence E. Tucker, K.G.C., R.E. Grand Recorder, as S.K. Brown, R.E.G.C., looks on.



S.K. Calvin W. Cline receives the Rev. Jonathan Nye Distinguished Service Medal from S.K. Brown, R.E.G.C.

Our new Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Arthur William Stauff, K.T.C.H., is the scion of a multigenerational Masonic Family. He started his journey in Doric Chapter, Order of DeMolay, where he served as Master Councilor in 1976 and as State Master Councilor of Connecticut DeMolay in 1979. He was raised in Continental Lodge No. 76, A.F. & A.M. in Waterbury, Connecticut, three years later. He continues his service to DeMolay, having received the Distinguished Service Award, Degree of Chevalier, Cross of Honor, and Legion of Honor. He is a member of New Hampshire Preceptory, DeMolay Legion of Honor, and is the Executive Officer for New Hampshire and an Active Member of the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay. He began his York Rite journey in Gainesville Chapter No. 2, Royal Arch Masons, Gainesville Council No. 27, Royal and Select Masters, and Pilgrim

Commandery No. 7, Knights Templar, all in Gainesville, Florida, on December 8, 1984.



Sir Knight Stauff enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1980. He entered the University of Florida on a Naval **R.O.T.C. Scholarship, graduating with B.S. degree in Business Management and an Ensign's** commission in 1985. He served thirty-four years in the U. S. Navy, retiring in 2014 with the rank of Captain and having received twenty-four decorations for his service. He continued his education, earning Master's degrees in Industrial Technology from Central Connecticut State University, Naval Operations from the U.S. Naval War College, and Joint Military Planning from the Joint Force Staff College of the National Defense Institute. Until recently, he was the Instructor of Naval Science in the N.J.R.O.T.C. Program at Manchester West High School. He is a member of the Naval Order of the United States and the Association of the U.S. Navy.

Sir Knight Stauff is a Past Master of Liberty-Continental Lodge No. 76, Waterbury, Connecticut, and holds membership in Solomon Lodge No. 822, Ludwigsburg, Germany, and Washington Lodge No. 61, Manchester. He is affiliated with the Scottish Rite Valley of Concord, A.A.S.R., N.M.J. Upon moving to New Hampshire, he affiliated with the Manchester York Rite Bodies where he served as High Priest of Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 11 in 2017, Illustrious Master of Adoniram Council No. 3 in 2021, and Eminent Commander of Trinity Commandery No. 1 in 2018.



Captain Stauff, your Editor, and our Ladies at the gala for the Commissioning of the *U.S.S. Manchester* (LCS 14) in Portsmouth May 25, 2018. The Manchester York Rite Bodies were a sponsor of the event.

Sir Knight Stauff joined Emirate Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Heidelberg, Germany, and Hesper Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. He is a member of Hartford Chapter No. 56, National Sojourners and Heroes of 76; Gaspee Order No. 99, Sword of Bunker Hill; New Hampshire Council, Order of High Priesthood; Past Commanders Association of New Hampshire; New Hampshire Priory No. 58, Knights of the York Cross of Honor; Saint Anselm Chapel No. 36, Commemorative Order of Saint Thomas of Acon; Scenic Council No. 37, Knight Masons; John Harris Council No. 458, Allied Masonic Degrees and New Hampshire Faslairt, Red Branch of Eri; Order of the Silver Trowel; Palestine Tabernacle XLI, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; Profile York Rite College No. 100; Granite State Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; and Knight Preceptor of the Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor. He has been honored with the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire Distinguished Service Medal, General Grand Council Adult Youth Leadership Award, and the Knight Templar Cross of Honor.

Sir Knight Stauff and his Lady, Linda, reside in Goffstown, and have four adult children, Jennifer and Kristina, both former Rainbow Girls and Kenneth and Samuel who were both in DeMolay. They have four grandchildren. Art serves as the Moderator of the Congregational Church of Goffstown and is President of the Manchester Masonic Community Center.

Our Sir Knights continue to engage the public when opportunity present. Most recently several Sir Knights joined the Brethren of Horace Chase Lodge No. 72, marching in the Memorial Day Parade in Penacook. **This month, Sunday, June 23, next, our Sir Knights will assemble** in Ringe and Portsmouth to participate in the observances for Saint Johns Sunday. Additional details on this and other matters will be published in General Orders and other communications. Please plan to join us when you can.

S.K. Earl W. Cole, Jr., R.E.P.G., and the Sir Knights at the Memorial Day Parade.



In closing, I and my Lady, Virginia, wish you and yours a most enjoyable Summer.

Courteously,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas X. Tsirimokos".

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