



GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR FOR THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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GENERAL ORDER NO. 3

To: The Grand Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Officers and Members of all Commanderies within the jurisdiction of, and holding Allegiance to the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire

Greetings, Sir Knights,

On June 13, 2015, a Conclave of Instruction will be held in Concord beginning at 10:00 a.m. and concluding about 3:00 p.m. The top 5 officers (EC, G, CG, SW & JW) or their proxies are required to attend, but any Sir Knight is welcome to come. A lunch will be provided and your reservation for such is required.

It will be a tactics and floor work time of instruction to retrain, refresh and learn. You will need comfortable shoes, conference casual attire; i.e. golf shirts or collared shirt, Dockers style pants (no jeans or shorts), your Chapeau, Sword, sling and gloves. Part II will be in the late fall early winter, and will require full uniform, Dias Officers, Senior Wardens and Warders who should be prepared to do their ritual parts. More information will be provided on June 13th. We will rehearse, break for lunch then do a full form opening so we can all keep learning the art of the floor work and tactics that go with the ritual.

This is hands-on time of instruction led by Sir Knights Cole, PGC and Tsirimokos, PGC, NEDC. This instruction is to be carried back to your Asylums for their instruction. All Sir Knights are welcome, we just need to have a count so we will have enough food and thumb drives with the NH Tactics Manual for each attendee.

The Inspections will be different this year. All Commanderies will do the Reception of the Grand Commander. Lancaster/Concord will do a full form Order of Red Cross. Portsmouth/Rochester will do the full form Order of Malta, and Manchester/Nashua will do the Order of the Temple. I am working out the details with the Inspector General.

By doing the Inspections in this manner each Commandery, over three years, will have done the Order of the Temple and the other work thus ensuring that our work does not become a lost art, known only to the older generation. The Ritual of Commandery is beautiful when executed well. Over time we will recover this lost art and be able to have a NH Drill Team to represent us at the Triennial.

Sunday, December 6, 2015 will be our Christmas Observance in Concord or Tilton at 2:00 p.m. Please save this date on your calendars. More details will follow as the year progresses.

I am also asking our Grand Prelates to work on putting together an Easter Sunrise Service for us in NH, with more details to follow. I know that for many the trip to Alexandria is cost prohibitive so we will see if we can fill that void right here in our own State. The date is March 27th, 2016.

The year will be full of other ideas. The Grand High Priest, MI Grand Master and I will be having Town Hall Meetings and will be held for Chapter/Council/Commandery to find out what you need and want most from us and our Grand Bodies. As you are aware, if the others do not flourish we will not grow, this must not happen; we will strive to make this successful for all of us.

We also plan to give you a six month review of the state of the Commandery.

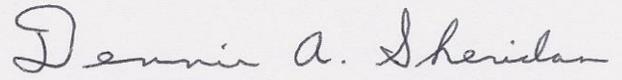
This is not a we/them job, it is an US job as we can make NH Commandery grow and flourish for those future generations...or not.

By Order of:

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SK Paul M. Leary, KCT
Grand Commander

Attest,

Handwritten signature of Dennis A. Sheridan in cursive script.

SK Dennis A. Sheridan, KCT, REPGC
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