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PROCEEDINGS
of the
Grand Commandery Knights Templar
Of
New Hampshire



ANNUAL GRAND CONCLAVE

2005

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OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

One Hundred and Fifty-eight Annual Conclave held at the Masonic Temple Portsmouth, New
Hampshire December 3rd, 2005
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WILLIAM FRANK CURTIS
R.E. GRAND COMMANDER Presiding

NATHANIEL H. SAWYER Elected

Personal History

Nathaniel Haley Sawyer

SK Sawyer was born in Sanford Maine on June 2, 1928 the son of Guy and Caroline Sawyer. He attended Rochester NH schools graduating from Spaulding High school in 1946. He then joined the regular army following graduation. Serving in the transportation corps as a machinist and diesel mechanic at Fort Eustis VA and was discharged in 1948. He attended Wentworth Institute in Boston ,following graduation He became employed by Pope Machine Corp. in Haverhill MA, where He was employed for 43 years and retired in 1993.

He met and married Marilyn Louise Ames on July 3, 1951 and they were blessed with three children. Nathaniel H.Sawyer Jr. (Chip), Christina L. Sawyer, and Lorna J.Sawyer. They have been married for 54 years, are blessed with seven Grandchildren and two Great Grandchildren.

Masonic Record

Blue Lodge

Raised in Gideon Lodge #84 in Kingston NH Jan. 1955 receiving His 50 year metal in 2005
Elected Worshipful Master of Gideon Lodge in Dec. 2004.

Capitular Masonry

Anointed in St.Albans Chapter #15 in Exeter and served as High Priest in 1967-1970-1971, &1980. He served the Grand Chapter as Grand High Priest in 1984-1985, member of the Order of High Priesthood serving as ME President. He is also a Honorary member of Washington Chapter in Portsmouth.

Cryptic Masonry

Greeted in Olivet Council #11 of Exeter serving as ~t I II .. Master in 1969&1970, recieved the Super Excellent Degree in Orphan Council in Dover. Member of the Order of the Silver Trowel. Presently serving as Grand PCW

Chivalric Masonry

Knighted in Dewitt Clinton Commandery in Portsmouth NH, serving as Commander in 1998
Grand Commander Grand Commandery KT of NH 2005 Member Past Commanders Association
Member Newburyport Commandery, Newburyport Ma., Grand representative of the Grand Commandery of California near NH

Appendant Orders

Profile York Rite College #100 - Past Governor and present **Grand Governor**

Scenic Council Knight Masons - Past Excellent Chief.

Palistine Tabernacle XLI HRAKTP - serving as a Pillar

Granite State Conclave Red Cross of Constantine - serving as Viceroy

Other Masonic Bodies Past Officers Assoc. State of Maine Order of Old Saratoga

Bektash Shrine AAOMS

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Portsmouth& Dover

Consistory 32 Degree of Nashua NH

Grand Commandery

Easter Service

March 27, 2005 8:00 AM
Concord, Masonic Temple
To all Sir Knights;

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, State of New Hampshire will hold an Easter Service at the Concord Masonic Temple on Sunday, March 27th at 8:00 a.m. followed by a breakfast. All Sir Knights, their families, and friends are welcome to attend.

The service will be under the direction of Rev. and S.K. Dwight V Meader. The R.E. Grand Commander, William F Curtis would appreciate as many Sir Knights as possible to attend in uniform, less Chapeau, Sword, gloves.

To insure enough food for the breakfast buffet, please make reservations by calling or by E-Mail to; Alan J Pollard, Tel. # 483-8340.

Fraternally,
Alan J Pollard Grand Recorder

REPORT OF THE EASTER SUNRISE COMMITTEE

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, New Hampshire:

Members of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire their ladies and guests gathered at the Masonic Temple in Concord, New Hampshire on Sunday March 27, 2005 at 8:00 A.M. for the Easter Service.

The service was conducted by the Grand Prelates, P.G.C. Robert M. Argel and S.K. Dwight V. Meader with S.K. Rodney A. Robinson as Organist. P.G.C. Thomas X. Tsirimoxos sang an Easter Hymn.

The REGC William F. Curtis welcomed all present with Easter Greetings. He also announced that the Easter Offering would go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

The sermon "Easter Song" was given by S.K. Dwight V. Meader, Grand Prelate. After the Worship Service S.K. Roger A. Douillette and his helpers prepared and served a delicious Breakfast. We thank Roger A. Douillette for the most delicious meal provided and for all who could attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert M. Argel P.G.C.
Charles J. Kennedy, P.G.C.
Allen L. Isley
Dwight V. Meader, 'Chairman

Grand Commandery of NH Knight Templar

Annual Business Conclave

Per order of the R.E. Grand Commander the annual Business Conclave of the Grand Commandery of NH was held at 7:30 PM in the Portsmouth Masonic Temple. Due and timely notice was sent to all Commanderies and Grand Officers to be in attendance to present their reports or have them sent to the Grand Recorder for presentation at this meeting for reading and approval.

The meeting was called to order by the RE Grand Commander SK Curtis at 7:30 PM. The Grand Prelate was called on for a Prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Grand Commander welcomed all and called on the Grand Recorder for the Roll Call of Commanderies.

Results of the Roll Call

	Officers	Others	Total
Trinity	1	3	4
DeWitt Clinton	1	6	7
Mt Horeb	2	5	7
N. Star/St Gerard	1	1	2
Sullivan/Hugh dePayens	1	0	1
St George	0	2	2
Palestine	0	2	2
Total			25

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT FOR 2004-2005

STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

Number of Members as of July 1,2004	640
Knights	16
Restored	2
Total Additions	18
	658
Deceased	25
Demitted	16
Suspended	13
Error	1
Total Loss	55
Number of Members as of July 1,2005	603

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts from Per-Capta & Knights	\$ 7,887.00
Deposited with the Treasurer	\$ 7,887.00
Cash on Hand	\$ 0.00

TACTICS ACCOUNT

Cash on Hand July 31, 2005	\$ 66.80
No Activity	

RITUAL ACCOUNT

Cash on Hand July 31, 2005	\$ 30.60
No Activity	

POSTAGE & SUPPLIES ACCOUNT

Cash on hand July 31, 2004	
Deposit of Budget amount for 2004 - 2005 Total	\$ 37.49 \$
Cash on hand	425.00 \$
Postage- Proceedings, Notices and Miscellaneous	462.49
Office Supplies and Notice Copies	\$ 292.63
Cash on Hand July 31, 2005	\$ 136.49
Respectfully Submitted Alan J Pollard, PGC Grand Recorder	\$ 33.37

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of NH 2005 Annual Return Payments

Commandery	Check #	Members @\$13.00	Candidates @3.00	Total
Trinity #1	633	98 = \$1,274	1= \$3	\$1,277.00
Dewitt Clinton #2	882	108= \$1,404	8 = \$24	\$1,428.00
Mount Horeb # 3	1024	116 = \$1,508	0	\$1,508.00
North Star/ St. Gerard #4 Sullivan /	305	62 = \$ 806	2=\$6	\$ 812.00
Hugh dePayens #6	5983	41=\$533	0	\$ 533.00
Saint George #8	180	64 = \$ 832	2=6	\$ 838.00
Palestine # 11		114 = \$1,482	3=\$9	\$1,491.00

Payments received as of July 7 -	\$ 3,493.00
Payments received as of July 14 -	\$ 2,879.00
Payment received as of July 17 -	\$ 1,491.00
Total received-	\$ 7,887.00

Note - All Commanderies
annual returns received.

Respectfully submitted
Alan J Pollard
Grand Recorder

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of NH
Report of the Finance Committee

Your Finance Committee has met with the Grand Treasurer, Robert Sutherland Jr, and have audited his records for the year 2004 - 2005. We find the records complete and accurate. Your Committee commends the Grand Treasurer for his diligence and outstanding care of the Grand Commandery funds and investments.

Your committee has also prepared a budget for the year 2005 - 2006. The Committee recommends the acceptance of that budget and to allow the Treasurer to use any Excess of budgeted items to supplement other budgeted items, if required, at his discretion.

Your Committee thanks the Right Eminent Grand Commander for the opportunity to serve this Grand Commandery on this important Committee.

Respectfully submitted
Wallace F. Emerson REPGC
Robert M. Argel REPGC
Richard A. Gilbert Sr. REPGC

GRAND COMMANDERY NH BUDGET 2006

Membership 2005 = 606	\$2,006.00
INCOME	
KT Assessment 606 members@\$10.00	\$6060.00
Conclave Assessment 606 members @ \$3.00	\$1818.00
General fund interest	185.00
25 Knightings @ \$3.00	75.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$8,138.00
EXPENSES	
Grand Encampment Assessment	
640 members (last year) @ \$3.30	\$2112.00
GC Jewel engraving	100.00
GC Expense	600.00
Salary Recorder	600.00
Salary Treasurer	75.00
Grand Recorder rent	250.00
Grand Recorder postage & Supplies	425.00
Fidelity Bond {\$49.18 per Commandery 2005}	50.00
Walk-in safe rental	60.00
York Rite Council @0.35 per member	0.00
General printinQ and supplies	2,000.00
Conclave expense	1,500.00
KT Templar Magazine Supplement Editor	200.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$7,972.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$8,138.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$7,972.00
BALANCE	\$ 166.00

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, State of New Hampshire

Your Committee met with Alan J. Pollard REPGC, the Grand Recorder, on July 26th, 2005, at the Masonic Temple in Manchester, to discuss the Educational Scholarship Program.

Present were committee members Ronald H. Keyser - REPGC, Arnold M. Ashley REPGC, Richard A. Gilbert, Sr. REPGC, and Edward M. Younker REPGC - Chairman.

As this would be our first involvement with this Program, and because the anticipated income from our investments for the next 12 months is estimated at \$2,336.00, in order reserve some of the fund, due to uncertain future income - it was voted to award two Scholarships in the amount of \$700.00 each, for two eligible students who have completed their freshman year in a technical school or college.

All applicants must have a Masonic affiliation to be eligible. All application forms must be completed and returned to the Grand Recorder no later than April 30th, 2006. Any applications remaining after our selection of the two, will be turned over to the Krafty Companions for their use.

We wish to thank you and this Grand Commandery for the privilege of serving on this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward M. Younker REPGC - Chairman
Ronald H. Keyser REPGC
Robert M. Argel REPGC
Arnold M. Ashley REPGC
Richard A. Gilbert, Sr. REPGC

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of New Hampshire:

Your committee on Public Relations and Publicity is pleased to present this report on the activities during the past year in this important area.

We regret that there has been no publication of the New Hampshire York Rite News during 2005. It appears that publication will not be realized during the coming year, even though it is an important means for keeping our York Rite community informed of current activities.

We continue to receive the New Hampshire Supplement to the Knights Templar Magazine each month. Our Editor was able to meet all deadlines during this past year. He has endeavored to include articles of general interest to our New Hampshire York Rite in general, and to New Hampshire Knights Templary in particular.

We were pleased during the past year to receive information and several photos from our Sir Knights and their ladies for use in our New Hampshire Supplement. We encourage all of our readers to send in material for future articles. The information need not be any more than handwritten, and photos may be either black and white or color, and of any size. E-mail material is welcome. We also invite ideas for topics, as we are always looking for thoughts and materials to keep this publication lively and interesting. Please send along your input at any time, and your Editor will be most grateful to receive it.

Respectfully submitted,

Rodney A. Robinson, Chairman
Arnold M. Ashley
Robert L. Sutherland, Jr.

***To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand
Commandery Knights Templar, State of New Hampshire***

The 37th Annual Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation raised a total of \$9,668.07

Trinity	\$ 1,473.15	Sullivan-Hugh De	\$,. 155.00
De Witt Clinton	878.00	Payens St. George	448.00
Mt. Horeb	2,309.00	Palestine	1,415.00
N. Star-St. Gerard	343.00	Krafty	700.00
O. E. S.	1,921.92	Companions	25.00
		York Rite Bodies	

Also, \$64,366.41 was received from the Estate of Ethel H. Lynch. Ethel was the wife of the late Sir Knight Frederick Lynch, a faithful member of Mount Horeb Commandery.

New Hampshire placed 2nd in per capita donations this year, country Wide.

To date, New Hampshire, since 1978, raised \$545,074.98.

Respectfully submitted,
Carleton W. Titus, PGC, Chairman
Nathaniel H. Sawyer, VEDGC
Alan L. Ilsley, EGG

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New Hampshire:

The Committee on grievances is please to make the following report. That peace and harmony has rained with in the boarder of the fair State of New Hampshire this year, and that if any disharmony did arise is was resolved with the up most speed, by the Sir Knight, with out the need of this fair Committee.

The Committee would like to thank the R. E. Grand Commander for have the faith in the members of the Committee that we would be able to handle any grievances that might come up during his Templar year, but alas we had no work to do, Praise God.

Respectfully submitted,
SK Robert L. Sutherland Jr. PGC Chairman
SK Rodney A. Robinson PC

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and this Grand Commandery now in session:

Your Committee on Commanderies and Returns is pleased to present the following report:

Each Recorder of a Commandery is to be commended for a great job getting their annual reports submitted to the Grand Recorder on time, complete, and accurate. However the membership content of said reports is still as disturbing as ever.

The losse of membership of this Grand Commandery during the last five years is tabulated below:

Year	Membership Loss
2004 -2005	37
2003 - 2004	49
2002 - 2003	45
2001 - 2002	36
2000 - 2001	25

This averages a loss of 38.4 per year. Using this average, statistically in 15.7 years membership will be "0". Realistically, this will not happen. But in the last 15 years this Grand Commandery has lost 612 members, A greater number than our present membership of 603.

Now lets take a positive look at the statistics. If this Grand Commandery reduces it's annual net loss by just 6 (% of the loss between 2004 and 2005) each year for the next 6 years, this grand Commandery will nearly eliminate that average loss. We will then be in a position to start gaining membership.

We all know what has to be done.

Respectfully submitted:
Wallace F. Emerson, REPGC
Allen L. Iisley, Grand Generalissimo Roger
A. Douillette, Grand Capt. General

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of New Hampshire:

Your Committee on Grand Regulations is pleased to present this report on the activities during the past year in this important area.

There were three requests submitted to the Committee for changes to constituent Commandery By-laws, as follows:

Sullivan - Hugh de Payens Commandery requested a change to reduce the number of Stated Conclaves from 10 to 4. The change was approved.

DeWitt Clinton Commandery requested a change to reduce the number of Stated Conclaves from 12 to 4. Also requested were changes in the timing of audits by the Standing Committee and subsequent reports by the Treasurer and Recorder. The changes were approved.

Mount Horeb Commandery submitted a complete By-Laws revision. The submission was returned with comments requiring resolution.

The Committee received no requests for revisions to the Grand Regulations. However, the Committee recommends the adoption of a proposal by the Committee to change the Grand Regulations in the area of the annual business meeting (proposal submitted separately).

Respectfully submitted,

Rodney A. Robinson, Chairman
Robert L. Sutherland, Jr.
Ronald E. Metcalf

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, State of New Hampshire

As of this report, Grand Master, Sir Kenneth B. Fischer has ordered plans made for the 25th Holy. Land Pilgrimage to take place in early 2006.

Lawrence F. Clough of Errol Congregational Church has been approved and ready to go. Pending date of approval, he will leave March 7, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Carleton W. Titus, PGC
Chairman Dwight V. Meader,
EPC
Robert C. Cook, PGC

To: Sir Knight William F. Curtis., REGC of the Grand Commandery, K.T., of the State of New Hampshire:

On Friday, March 25, 2005, the annual meeting of the NH York Rite Life Membership Foundation was held. At the end of the fiscal year 2004, we had \$49,691.10 invested in the foundation. We end the 2004 fiscal year with 239 members participating; of which 71 are Commandery members. The income from these investments amounted to \$1,576.92, which will be distributed to the Chapters, Councils and Commanderies.

The Commanderies will receive: \$570.67 which will be distributed to the six (6) participating Commanderies.

We already have 26 new memberships for 2005.

The following foundation officers were elected for 2005:

Robert L. Sutherland, Jr	President
Alan J. Pollard	Vice Present
Rodney A. Robinson	Treasurer/Assist.
Gerald F. Buehrer	Secretary/Assist. Trea.

The Committee would like to remind all Secretaries/Recorders that they are requested to send a list of their Life Members, (Active and Memorial), to the Secretary of this Committee each year. This is so that we can verify our list and make sure no one is overlooked as a Life Member and that each Chapter/Council/Commandery receives their proper funds. Send reports to: Gerald F. Buehrer, 260 Meadow Road, Portsmouth: NH 03801-3126. This report should be received by March 10th of each year. You can e-mail thereporttoBuehrerNH@AOL.com.

RESK Robert M. Argel is due to go off this Committee this year if not re-elected. We recommend that he be re-elected for another three (3) years. We also welcome SK Robert G. Hatfield to the Life membership Foundation. He replaced RESK Leighton A. Drown last year.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald F. Buehrer,
Robert L. Sutherland, Jr.
Alan J. Pollard
Rodney A. Robinson,
Nathaniel H. Sawyer
Robert M. Argel
Wallace F. Emerson
Richard A. Gilbert, Sr.
Robert G. Hatfield

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Officers and Constituent Commanderies

As your Inspector General for the year, I submit the following report:

All seven constituent commanderies were inspected individually this year. I found them to be in good condition and in accordance with the ritual and tactics of this jurisdiction.

I present the following as the respective grades/averages for each commandery:

DATE	COMMANDERY	RAW SCORE	FINAL SCORE
1/29/2005	Mount Horeb, Concord	103.8	118.8
3/26/2005	Trinity, Manchester	101.1	115.1
4/02/2005	Sullivan-Hugh de Payens, Claremont	81.5	84.5
4/09/2005	North Star-St. Gerard, Littleton	98.8	108.3
4/30/2005	Palestine, Rochester	96.1	105.6
6/11/2005	Saint George, Nashua	99.0	106.5
10/1/2005	Dewitt Clinton, Portsmouth	101.3	120.8

NOTE: Final score included a bonus for Commandery members traveling this year.

On behalf of the Assistant Inspector General and myself, I wish to thank all the Commanderies for the courtesies extended to both of us. I also wish to thank Eminent Sir Knight Glen R. Gordon for filling in for me when I was not able to travel.

In the Faith,
ROBERT M. ARGEL
Inspector General

To: Right Eminent Grand Commander Grand Officers and Sir Knights From Patriotic: Committee:

I am sorry to report that there was no patriotic activity in the Commandries In the State of New Hampshire for the year of 2004-2005.

We thank you for the opportunity to serve the Grand Commandry.

John S. Geas, Chairman
Robert Argel, RIPGC
Dennis Sheridan, GSW

To the Fight Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandry of the State of New Hampshire

December 2004

- 4 Grand Conclave at Portsmouth 5 Masonic Family Unity Party
- 8 Visitation Adnoriam Council No.3
- 10 Grand Commandery Organizational meeting 12 Attended Holy Royal Arch Knight Priests 15 Visitation Solomon Chapter No. 17
- 16 Christmas Observance at Newburyport Commandery
- 19 Christmas Observance at DeWitt Clinton Commandery

January 2005

- 8 Scenic Council Knight Masons
- 19 Exchange visit with St. Amand Commandery at DeWitt Clinton
- 22 Red Cross of Constantine
- 29 Inspection Mt. Horeb Commandery No.3

February 2005

- 1 Attended Temple Chapter No.2 in Rochester
- 8 Chapter of Instruction at Chesire Webb No.4 14 St. Alban No. 15
- 17 Chapter of Instruction at Bell No. 25 Derry
- 24 Attended Solomon No. 17 R.A. Degree

March 2005

- 3-5 Attended The Grand Chapter of New York
- 11-12 Attended Grand Chapter/Grand Council of Delaware
- 18 Attended St. Amand Commandery at Kennebunk Maine
- 26 Inspection Trinity Commandery No.1
- 27 Attended Easter Sunrise Service at Concord

April 2005

- 2 Inspection Sullivan-Hugh dePaynes Commandery No.6
- 9 Inspection North Star/ st. Girard No.4
- 10 Attended Green Mountain College at St. Johnsbury Vt.
- 15 Grand Chapter Business Meeting at Pembroke

May 2005

- 7 Profile York Rite College annual Meeting
- 14 Grand Chapter/Grang Council annual Meeting
- 16 stated meeting of DeWitt Clinton Commandery
- 21 Attended annual Grand Lodge session

June 2005

- 7 Palestine Commandry No.11
- 13 Olivet Council Foyal Master Degree
- 18 Super Excellent Degree at Portsmouth
- 19 Reception for Grand Commander at Dewitt Clinton Commandery
- 25 Inspection at Palestine No.11
- 26 Attended St. John Sunday Observance

July 2005

- 1 Rainbow Grand Assembly at Nashua
- 16 Attended Scenic Council at Littleton
- 17 Grand Commandery outing at Sutherlands in Greenland
- 20 Attended the General Assembly of the York Fite Sovereign·College of North America

August 2005

- Grand Commandery Business meeting at Portsmouth
- 14 Summer outing of Ped Cross of Constantine, KYCH and HFAKTP

27 Profile York Pite College at Littleton
30 Council Visitation of Columbia/ St. John No.2
September 2005
7 Visitation of Evening Star Council No. 13 at Colebrook
12 Visitation of Olivet Council No. 11 at Exeter
15 Visitation of Bell Chapter No.25 at Derry
24 Attended North East College Joint Assembly at Barre Vermont
October 2005
1 Inspection of DeWitt Clinton Commandry No.2
4 Attended Visitation of Orient Council No. 14
13 Attended School of Instruction at Washington Chapter No.3
17 DeWitt Clinton Commandry Stated meeting

Respectfully submitted, Nathaniel H. Sawyer
V.E. Deputy Grand Commander

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandry of the State of New Hampshire.

The following is a report of my Templar activities for 2005:

Jan 29 Mt Horeb #3 inspection
March 26 Trinity # 1 inspection
March 27 Easter service Concord
April 2 Sullivan Hugh De Payne #6 Claremont Commandry of instruction
April 9 No Star St Gerard #4 Littleton inspection
June 25 Palestine # 11 Rochester inspection
June 26 St Johns day service at Cathedral in the pines
July 1 to form lines for the introduction of guests at the annual assembly of NH Rainbow Girls in Nashua NH
July 11 St George 3 8 Nashua inspection
July 17 July Grand Commanders outing
August 12 Annual Business Conclave
Sept 9-11 Northeast conference Graniteville Pa
Oct 1 Dewitt Clinton #2 Portsmouth inspection

Respectfully Submitted
Allen L Ilsley
Eminent Grand Generalissimo

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander William F. Curtis and the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar for the State of New Hampshire.

It was a indeed a pleasure to serve this Grand Body this past year as the Grand Captain General.

I was unable to attend all in state inspections, due too other commitments as the Deputy General Grand High Priest for the North East Region of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International.

I was in attendance of the Grand Commandery of the State of New Hampshire on December 4,2004; for its annual Conclave.

I was at the Christmas Observance of Mount Horeb Commandery No.3., on December 7,2004.

Attended Mount Horeb Christmas Observance,
December 7, 2004.

Was at the Easter Sunrise service at Concord, NH on
March 27,2005.

Inspections:

Mount Horeb Commandery
January 25,2005
North Star/ St. Gerard Commandery April
9, 2005
De WittCommandery
October 1,2005

Attended the Grand Lodge Unity Meeting, Concord, NH on June 7,2005.
At the request of the Right Eminent Commander William F. Curtis.

Out of State Visits:

District of Columbia
March 17-19, 2005
Delaware
March 10-12,2005
Maryland May
11,2005
Vermont June
13,2005

Attended the North East Regional at Pennsylvania on
September 9-10, 2005.

Fraternally and in the Faith;
Roger A. Douillette, Sr.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander William F. Curtis, and the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar for the State of New Hampshire:

It is with great pleasure that I submit this report of my activities over the last Templar Year.

I attended the 2004 Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire in Portsmouth on December 04, 2004

I attended the several State Inspections, which were as follows:

Mt. Horeb No.3 @ Concord on January 29,2005.

Trinity No. 1 @ Manchester on March 26, 2005 Sullivan/Hugh dePayens No.6 @ Claremont, April 2, 2005 No. Star/ St. Gerard No.4 @ Littleton, April 9, 2005

St. George No.8 @ Nashua, July 11, 2005

I was unavailable for the 2 Rochester Inspection dates due to Masonic conflicts and illness.

I also attended the Grand Commandery of Vermont on June 13,2005 and plan to attend the Grand Commanders cookout on July 17,2005.

I had the pleasure to host the Christmas Observance of No. Star-St. Gerard Commandery on December 05, 200~, and was pleased to have you and your wife's company on that occasion. I was happy with the attendance and program, and hope you were as well.

Right Eminent Sir, I thank you for the opportunity to serve this Grand Commandery.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis A. Sheridan, Senior Grand Warden

To the R. E. Grand Commander and Sir Knights of New Hampshire Commandery, Greetings:

After my election and installation to this Office on December 4,2005, I attended the following functions. No attempt was made to list ALL Masonic functions attended during this time frame.

I thank the Grand Commandery for the opportunity to serve and will to the best of my ability; continue to serve as required or requested.

December

- 4: Past commanders Association after Grand Convocation.
- 5: Christmas Observance at North Star - St. Gerard Cdry. #4, Littleton.
- 10: Grand Commandery Business Meeting, Portsmouth.
- 12: H. R. A. K. T. P.
- 19: Christmas Observance, Mt. Horeb # 3, Concord.
- 20: Order of the Temple, Dewitt Clinton # 2, Portsmouth.

January

- 22: Red Cross of Constantine.
- 29: Mt. Horeb Cdry. #3, Concord, Inspection.

February

- 26: Profile York Rite College, Derry.

March

- 21: North Star - St. Gerard Cdry. #4, Stated.
- 26: Trinity Cdry. #1, Manchester, Inspection.
- 27: Easter Sunrise Service, Concord.
- 30: Rehearsal, NSSG #4.

April

- 2: Grand Commandery School of Instruction, Sullivan! Hugh de Payens #6, Clairemont.
- 9: NSSG Cdry #4, Littleton, Inspection.
- 15: Grand Commandery Business Meeting, Pembroke.

May

- 7: Profile York Rite College, Rochester.
- 20 & 21: Grand Lodge

June

- 7: Palestine Cdry #11, Inspection, Order of the Temple.
- 13: Grand Commandery of Vermont Grand Session, Killington, VT.
- 20: North Star - St. Gerard Cdry #4, Stated.
- 25: Palestine Cdry. #11. Rochester, Inspection, Tactics.
- 26: Cathedral of the Pines.

July

- 11: St. George Cdry. #8, Nashua, Grand Commandry School of Instruction.
- 16: Council of Knight Masons, Littleton.
- 17: Grand Commanders Outing.

August

- 12: Grand Commandery Business Session, Portsmouth.
- 14: Honors Group Train Ride Sept.
- 19: NSSG#4 Stated Mtg.

November

- 21: NSSG #4 Stated Mtg.

December

- 2 & 3: NH Grand Commandery, KT, Portsmouth & Past Commanders Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert D. Steel, GJW

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery, Knights Temp/ar of New Hampshire:

Your Historical Committee is pleased to report on the activities during the past year of this new Special Committee. At each Commandery Inspection a brief report was offered on the information available from the records relative to how and when that Commandery began its operations, as follows:

Jan 29, 2005	Mt Horeb Commandery, Chartered 1826
Mar 26, 2005	Trinity Commandery, Chartered 1824
Apr 2, 2005	Sullivan/Hugh dePayens Commandery, Chartered 1866
Apr 9, 2005	N. Star-St Gerard Commandery, Chartered 1859
Jun 25, 2005	Palestine Commandery, Chatered 1895
Jul 11, 2005	St George Commandery, Chartered 1867
Oct 1, 2005*	DeWitt Clinton Commandery, Chartered 1826

*Scheduled

Each report presentation took about five minutes. The reports appeared to be well received by the Sir Knights, contrary to the generally expected lack of interest in stuffy historical matters. Each report included comments on the name selection for that Commandery, except in obvious cases such as Trinity and Palestine. Overall the project was challenging to create and deliver, and hopefully was informative for most of the listeners. Not one Sir Knight was noticed to have fallen asleep during the presentations, which defies the predictions usually associated with such an endeavor. Eureka!

Respectfully submitted,
 Rodney A. Robinson, Chairman
 Mark E. Furber

The following motions from the reports were presented and approved by a vote:

Motion # 1 - Grand Commandery Budget for 2005 - 2006

Motion # 2 - By-Laws change Article I, Section 8, paragraph c
 Change the date for holding the Annual Business
 Conclave from - between August 1 st and September 15th
 of each year, to read - No sooner than 45 days nor later
 than 15 days prior to the Annual Conclave.

Motion # 3 - To elect SK Ronald E. Metcalfto replace Robert M Argel as a member of
 the Life Membership Committee representing the Grand Coinmandery for a
 term of3 years.

A motion was also made and approved to donate the sum of \$50.00 to the S1. John's
 Masonic Associations Operation and Maintenance Fund for the use of the Temple.

Upon completion ofthe reports RE. Curtis called on SK Dwight V Meader, the M.L
 Grand Master of the Grand Council who presented to Companion Dennis A Sheridan
 a certificate as the Grand Representative to Montana from the Grand Council. R.E.
 Curtis at the same time presented a certificate to SK John S Geas as the Grand
 Representative to Montana from the Grand Commandery.

R E. Curtis than called upon Robert D Steel, M.E. Grand High Priest who brought the
 greetings of the Grand Chapter and his own personal greetings, he spoke about some of
 his plans for the year. Grand Commander Curtis in like manner called upon Dwight V
 Meader, M.L Grand Master of the Grand Council who in turn brought the greetings of
 the Grand Council and his own personal greetings, he spoke for a few moments and
 thanked the Grand Commandery.

The Grand Commander than presented awards from the 37th Annual Voluntary Eye Campaign as follows:

Commanderies achieving \$ 10.00 per member, plaque
and seals Palestine # 11 - first time plaque

Trinity # 1 - seal

Mt Horeb # 3 - seal

Appreciation Certificates for achieving \$5.00 - \$9.99 per
member De Witt Clinton # 2

No. Star/St. Gerard # 4

St. George # 8

There being no further business to come before the Grand Commandery, the RE. Grand Commander closed the annual business conclave in short form at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan J Pollard, PGC Grand Recorder

N. H. RAINBOW FLAG CEREMONY

Prior to the opening of the 158th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New Hampshire, the RE Grand Commander had requested the NH Rainbow Girls to perform the Flag Ceremony. He invited all the Sir Knights and Ladies present to witness the ceremony.

When all was ready, the NH Rainbow Girls entered and performed an excellent display with the flags, ending with the Pledge of Allegiance to our National Flag. The ceremony being completed, RE Curtis thanked the girls and the Ladies for attending and performing the flag ceremony, and present the Grand Worthy Adviser with a special gift. He hoped that the Sir Knights and the Ladies enjoyed the program. A standing round of applause followed signifying they truly did.

Proceedings Of the Grand Commandery Knight Templar of New Hampshire

December 3, 2005

The Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of New Hampshire, assembled at the Masonic Temple in Portsmouth, NH on Saturday morning December 3, 2005. The RE Grand Commander William F. Curtis declared the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New Hampshire reconvened for the 158th Annual Conclave at 9:45 AM and directed the Grand Warder to inform the Grand Sentinel to guard well his post.

The Grand Commander then Called all to attention, and asked the Grand Prelate to lead us in prayer. RE Curtis then welcomed all to the 158th Conclave and hoped that all would enjoy the Session.

A motion made by the Grand Recorder to admit all Sir Knights that were in the City and in good standing to our Conclave. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion made by the Grand Recorder to omit the reading of the minutes of 2004 as they were printed. The motion was seconded and passed.

The REGC of Maine asked the Grand Commander if he could have the floor, and the use of the GSW, the Grand Commander was please to him such. The Grand Commander of Maine asked that the GSW present REPGC Wallace F Emerson to him, which he did. The Grand Commander proceeded to present Sir Knight Wally with a special Award for his contribution to the Grand Commandery of Maine for it's Endowment Fund, Sir Knight Wally is a dual member. The Grand Commander of Maine invited all that would like this same award to make a donation and he would be please to give them a pin as well. He thanked the Grand Commander for the time and the use of his Officer.

ROLL CALL OF PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

The Grand Recorder then called the Roll of the Past Grand Commander and they were asked to assemble in the East, the following Past Grand Commander answered the Call.

Arnold Maxfield Ashley	1984
Ronald Edgar Metcalf	1986
Alan John Pollard	1987
Douglas Lockhart Robinson Sr.	1988
Carlton Wayne Titus	1989
Richard Asa Gilbert Sr.	1992
Robert Michael Argel	1993
Charles Joseph Kennedy	1994
Edward MacRae Younker	1995
Robert Lawson Sutherland Jr.	1996
Wallace Finley Emerson	1997
Ronald Herbert Keyser	1999
James Siddall Spence	2000
Melvin Lee Covey	2001
Thomas Xenophon Tsiromokos	2002
Richard Frederick Cole Jr.	2003
*Roderick Donald Morrison Jr.	2002 * Honorary

Grand Commander Curtis thanked each of them for there support and assistance during his year. He also noted that all but 3 of the Past Grand Commander were in attendance. He greeted each of them personal, asking them if there was a place at the end of the line for him, all smile and assured him that he would be duly greeted in due time.

ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Grand Commander Curtis requested that a roll of the Grand Representatives be called and that they assemble in the East as their names were called.

Alabama	Richard A Gilbert Sr.	
Arizona	Wallace F. Emerson	
California	Nathaniel H Sawyer	
Colorado	James S Spence	
Connecticut	Rocerick D Morrison Jr.	Resigned due to health
Florida	Charles J Kennedy	
Georgia	Ronald E Metcalf	
Idaho	David R Walters	
Illinois	Melvin L Covey	
Iowa	Thomas X Tsirimokos	
Kentucky	William F Curtis	
Louisiana	Robert Sutherland Jr.	
Maine	Richard F Cole Jr.	
Maryland	Roger A Douillette	
Mass & RI	Carleton W Titus	
Minnesota	Dennis A Sheridan	
Montana	John S Geas	
Nebraska	Dwight V Meader	
Nevada	Robert M Argel	
New Jersey	Edward M Younker	
North Carolina	Arnold M Ashley	
North Dakota	Andrew Jackson	
Ohio	Shirley H Sheppard	
Oregon	Ronald H Keyser	
Pennsylvania	Nathaniel C Foss Jr.	
Philippines	John B Clark	
South Carolina	Alan L Ilsley	
Tennessee	Robert G Hatfield	
Texas	Alan J Pollard	
Vermont	Rodney A Robinson	
Washington	Douglas L Robinson Sr,	
Wisconsin	Harold M Chase Jr.	
Wyoming	Raymond E Bailey Jr.	

Grand Commander Curtis thanked the them for attending and asked that each to correspond with there counter parts often to let them know what goes on in NH, that they will more then likely make a new friend.

The Grand Commander announced that approximately at 11:45 AM a lunch break would be taken and that the Conclave would resume at 1:00 PM Sharp with the introduction of the visiting guests.

The Time and Place Committee gave a report at this time outlining what the plans were for the Conclave for next year. There was a rather long discussion as to the plans however the plan laid out as follows. That the Grand Commandery would NOT meet till May of 2006 this would be a 17 month term for the incoming Grand Commander, rather than a 5 month term. This would allow for a three way meeting of the Grand York Rite Bodies under the direction of the York Rite Council (with votes of approval by Grand Chapter and Council). The Date for this 3way meeting would be the following May. The vote was taken, and approved we would not meet on the following May with Chapter and Council but would join them on the Following one in 2007. This was a great step forward in York Rite Masonry in NH.

DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS

*To the Grand Commandery Knights Templar State of New Hampshire
The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers are happy to make the following report*

Your committee has reviewed the reports of the following Grand Officers

R.E Grand Commander
v.B. Deputy Grand Commander E.Grand Generalissimo
E.Grand Captain General E.Grand Senior Warden
E. Grand Junior Warden

There were five inspections and two schools of instruction during the Templar year with the following attendance by the Grand Officers

R.E. Grand Commander (7)
V.E. Deputy Grand Commander (6)
E. Grand Generalissimo (7)
E.Grand Captain General (3)
B. Grand Senior Warden (5)
E.Grand Junior Warden (6)

We commend the Past Grand Commanders of New Hampshire for their continued supports of Templary here in New Hampshire .We also commend the Grand line officers for their dedication and attention to duty.

Our Grand Commander is to be commended for His efforts to further Knights Templary both within and without our State.

The committee once again thanks the Grand Commandery for allowing us to serve this past year.

Fraternally Submitted;
Richard A. Gilbert Chairman REPGC Charles I.Kennedy
REPGC
Richard F. Cole Jr. REPGC

The Credentials report was called for and REPCG Robert M. Argel Chairman of the Committee reported as follows:

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, and the Grand Commander Members of NH:

The Committee on Credential submits the following data:

18	Grand Officers
7	Constituent Eminent Commanders
6	Constituent Generalissimos
7	Constituent Captains General
35	Constituent Eminent Past Commanders
18	Rt. Eminent Past Grand Commanders
31	Grand Representatives

The Committee on Credentials has performed its task, presents this report and thank you for the opportunity to serve this Grand Commandery.

In the Faith

Robert M Argel REPGC Chairman

Edward F. Brown PC

Gerald F. Buehrer PC

Willis V Nowell PC

Ronald H Keyser REPGC

The Grand Commander Called on the Nomination Committee for it report. Sir Knight Sutherland REPGC gave the following report:

REG Commander	Nathaniel H. Sawyer
VEDG Commander	Allen L. Ilsley
EG Generalissimo	Roger A. Douillette
EG Capt. General	Dennis A Sheridan
EG Sr. Warden	Robert Steel
EG Treasurer	Rodney A Robinson
EG Asst. Treasurer	Robert Sutherland Jr.
EG Recorder	Robert L. Sutherland Jr.
EG Asst. Recorder	William F. Curtis

Motion was made and seconded that nominations be closed and that REPGC Cole cast one ballot for the Sir Knights named. Motion was passed with decent.

Motion from the floor was made for Sir Knight Harold Chase for the office of EG Jr. Warden, the vote was taken and Sir Knight Chase was elected.

Motion was made from the floor that Sir Knight Argel REPGC and Grand Prelate be voted a Grand Prelate Emeritus as he was not going to take the office again this year. The Motion was passed with a standing ovation. Sir Knight Argel was very touched and thanked all and promised that he was not going to stay away that it was just very hard to travel as he had done in years past.

The Grand Commandery called on the Grand Historian for his history of the Commandery that he had prepared for us.

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of New Hampshire chartered 1826 a brief history of its beginnings

Offered at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery on December 3, 2005

Sir Henry Fowle, Deputy General Grand Master of the General Grand Encampment of the United States of America, established the Grand Encampment of New Hampshire on May 27, 1826. At that time there were Encampments in Hanover (Trinity), Portsmouth (DeWitt Clinton), and Hopkinton (Mount Horeb).

The Grand Encampment of New Hampshire met on June 13, 1826 to choose Officers and to adopt a constitution. The first Grand Master was Most Eminent and Honorable Sir John Harris, of Hopkinton. Also, a committee of three was appointed to *udraft a Constitution and By-Laws for the government of this Grand Encampment for the ensuing year.*"

They met again on June 14, 1826 (at 5:00 AM), received the draft Constitution and By-Laws presented by the Committee, accepted the report of the Committee, and adopted the Constitution. They then formed a committee of three *Uto draft general and particular regulations for the government of this Grand Encampment, and the Subordinate Encampments under its jurisdiction, and report the same at the next annual meeting of this Grand Encampment for acceptance and adoption*".

They met on June 15, 1827; presented and adopted general regulations; named committees (one of them was the committee to *USort and Count the Votes*"); officers were elected; there was \$7.73 in the treasury; Trinity Encampment was authorized to move from Hanover to Lebanon; Trinity reported 18 members, DeWitt Clinton 28 members, Mount Horeb made no report.

They met again on June 13, 1828. That year Mount Horeb reported 20 members. Nothing but routine business was transacted.

Annuals were held on: June 12, 1829; June 10, 1830; June 9, 1831; June 12, 1832; June 11, 1833; June 11, 1834; June 8, 1836; and June 14, 1837, their last meeting. At all of these annuals almost nothing was done, aside from the usual. This ended our first Templar Grand Body in New Hampshire.

The demise of the Grand Encampment of New Hampshire came at a time when the Anti-Masonic period of the 1800's was upon us. Also becoming dormant during this period were two of the three Encampments established in New Hampshire, those being Trinity and Mount Horeb. The only Templar activity to continue operations without faltering was DeWitt Clinton Encampment in Portsmouth, at that time operating directly under the General Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

We find the following remarks offered by Sir Horace Chase, Grand Recorder, dated December 26, 1860, relative to the conditions facing Masonry during the anti-Masonic Period of the mid-1800's, which remarks may be of interest:

"About this time, when a strong anti-masonic excitement was raging with unchecked violence, sweeping over the country like an undulating deluge, or an irresistible tornado, threatening to lay waste and destroy every vestige of Free-Masonry throughout our land, the hearts of many ardent friends and zealous advocates of the Order became discouraged and their efforts paralyzed.

"Symbolic, Capitular and Templar Masonry were made targets at which were hurled the envenomed darts of bitter persecution, vindictive malice, ignorance, hatred, and all uncharitableness.

"Many subordinate Lodges, Chapters and Encampments ceased to keep up their organization: some for want of patronage, others from fear of an infuriated populace, and more from a sense of prudence and sound discretion.

"As the flood of Masonic persecution abated, and the turbulent waters of passion and strife subsided, affording a resting-place for the Dove of Peace; and, as the winds of popular frenzy became lulled and the public mind more tranquil, and intelligence, reason, candor, and a spirit of liberality assumed the sway over ignorance, bigotry, superstition and intolerance, Free-Masonry, like 'truth crushed to earth,' began to rise, revive, increase and flourish with new life and increased vigor.

"Dormant Lodges were resuscitated, new Lodges multiplied, and members every where increased to a degree unparalleled in the history of the Institution.

"Royal Arch and Templar Masonry, as well as Symbolic, received a new impulse. Most of the Subordinate Chapters and two of the Encampments in the State, which had long lain dormant (to wit: Trinity and Mount Horeb), became re-organized: two new Commanderies were instituted, to wit: St. Paul, at Dover, and North Star, at Lancaster: all giving promise of permanency, future prosperity and usefulness.

"By a revision of the General Grand Constitution of the General Grand Encampment of the United States, in 1856, the name was changed to that of 'Grand Encampment of the United States of America'. State Grand Bodies of Templar Masonry were styled 'State Grand Commanderies', and subordinates to them were termed 'Commanderies'." Horace Chase

The Grand Commandery of New Hampshire would rise again after a 23-year period of darkness. Our own Moses Paul, of Dover, took the first recorded action toward re-establishment. He attended the triennial held at Chicago, opening on September 13, 1859. The prospect for a new Grand Commandery in New Hampshire was such that he offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, that this Grand Encampment approve the formation of Grand Commanderies to be hereafter instituted and consecrated in the States of Georgia, New Hampshire, Tennessee, Alabama, Missouri, Wisconsin and New Jersey, and authority is hereby given for the establishment of such Commanderies under the jurisdiction of this Grand Encampment, by the Chartered Commanderies in said States."

Upon the motion of Albert Pike, a Nationally prominent Mason of that period, the following amendment was offered and adopted:

"And that Charters be issued to each State Grand Commandery, when formed, upon the Grand Recorder being officially advised of the regular formation and establishment of each respectively."

On July 19, 1859, the Grand Master issued his dispensation permitting the five Commanderies then active in New Hampshire (Trinity, DeWitt Clinton, Mount Horeb, North Star, and Saint Paul) to organize a Grand Commandery.

In the Appendix of the printed Proceedings of the Grand Encampment (1862) we find the following: *"New Hampshire: active from 1826 to 1841; dormant until re-organized Aug 22, 1859; Horace Chase, Grand Recorder, Hopkinton."*

The printed Proceedings for New Hampshire offer no reference to the statement *"re-organized Aug 22, 1859"*. Rather, we find in the Proceedings of our Grand Commandery the following: *"An invitation having been given to the several Commanderies in the State to appoint delegates to attend a Convention, to be holden at Concord, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of June, A.D. 1860, A.I. 742, to take into consideration the expediency of forming a State Grand Commandery, the said several Commanderies responded to said invitation, by appointing delegates accordingly, who attended on the day aforesaid. "*

Sir Knight Theodore T. Abbot, Eminent Commander of Trinity Commandery, was chosen as Chairman. Horace Chase, Delegate from Mount Horeb Commandery, was chosen as Secretary. Sir Charles W. Harvey of Mount Horeb Commandery offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That a State Grand Conclave be formed in New Hampshire, subordinate to and on principles consistent with the Grand Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America."

A temporary Constitution was adopted, and grand officers were elected. Sir Knight Daniel Balch of Trinity Commandery was elected to the office of Right Eminent Grand Commander. Sir Knight Horace Chase offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That a committee of three be raised, to ascertain whether the charter or warrant, book of records and constitution of the old Grand Encampment of this State can be found and obtained; notify the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States of the formation of this State Grand Commandery, and make all necessary arrangements for the installation of the Grand Officers." Three Sir Knights were appointed as the committee for the above purposes.

A petition, dated July 10, 1860, was sent to the Honorable Benjamin Brown French, Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States of America explaining that delegates from the several Commanderies in New Hampshire had met, elected officers, appointed a committee to obtain, if practicable, the Warrant and Records of the old Grand Encampment of New Hampshire, notify the Grand Encampment of the United States of America of the formation of this Grand Commandery, and make all necessary arrangements for the installation of the Grand Officers elect. The Most Eminent Grand Master had earlier been informed of the preliminary proceedings toward organizing our State Grand Commandery, and that it appeared to be the general wish to reorganize under the old Warrant of Dispensation if the same could be found. He had expressed doubts whether that could be done consistently with the changes that had since been made in the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and recommended an entirely new organization, under a new Warrant of Dispensation. He had expressed his willingness to grant such a Warrant upon proper application for it. The petition, therefore, contained the following language of particular impact on the matter of whether this Grand Commandery would be reorganized under the old Warrant of Dispensation granted in 1826, or under an entirely new Warrant of Dispensation:

"The undersigned would further represent, that it is the prevailing sentiment of the delegates of the Convention, with the assent and approbation of the M.E. Grand Master, to re-organize under the Warrant of the old Grand Encampment of this State; but as the M.E. Grand Master has expressed doubts whether this would be consistent and proper, they would not be tenacious upon this point, but would cheerfully submit to his opinion and better judgment in the premises, and most respectfully ask the M.E. Grand Master to approve of the preliminary proceedings thus far toward forming a State Grand Commandery, grant his warrant for the same, and, if consistent with his arrangements, to appoint a time, and attend in person at Concord, and install the grand officers elect; and, if not consistent to attend himself, that he would depute some worthy Sir Knight in the vicinity to perform the service of installation, and commission him accordingly, and in duty bound will ever pray. "

The Grand Master granted his Dispensation on July 19, 1860. He also expressed his desire to be present and participate on the organization of our Grand Commandery. This was done in Concord on Wednesday, August 22, 1860, beginning at 2:00 PM. That evening Grand Master French installed the officers, assisted by Sir Knight Dr. Winslow Lewis, Very Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, and General William Sutton, of Danvers, MA. In his remarks following the Installation, Grand Master French *"expressed his strong attachment to this! his native State! and his anticipated pleasure! which was then fully realized! on being present as the head of Templar Masonry in the United States of America; and perfecting the organization of a State Grand Commandery in the State of his nativity! under so many favorable auspices as seemed to animate and encourage the hearts and strengthen the hands of the officers and members of this Grand Commandery! and promise so much success to their endeavors. 11*

The printed Proceedings do not contain any report by the committee charged to seek out the original 1826 Warrant and the early Records of our Grand Commandery. The results of their efforts are unknown.

The Grand Commandery met again on December 26, 1860, and adopted a Constitution. Since then it has continued its operations without interruption to the present day. The two dates, 1826 and 1860, on the ceremonial banner of this Grand Commandery are indicative of the two startups of its operations.

Offered by
S.K. Rodney A. Robinson, P.C. Grand Historian

There being time the Grand Commander Called on the RE Dept. Commander for his remarks at this time. Sir Knight Lewis was pleased to bring the greeting of the Grand Encampment as well as his own personal greetings. He was somewhat concerned that we would going 17 months till our next Grand Conclave. He mentioned that we did a good job on the Eye Foundation Drive this year and was please to see that NH was doing so well. He made other Grand Encampment comments that were taken from wince they came.

These remarks being done the Grand Commander announce that we would resume the Grand Commandery at 1:00 PM to receive the Guests of this Grand Commandery.

The Grand Commander ordered the Capt. General from the line for the reception of the guests.
The following in attendance were present as follows:

Mass & RI

John H Day Jr.	REGC	Duncan C Watson	PGC
Eugene Capobianco	GCG	C Robert Jingoian	PGC

New York

George A Harrison	REGC	Robert H Cook	PGC
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Vermont

Alexis J. Parent	REGC	Belford A Belles	PGC
Willis J Morse	PGC		

Connecticut

Edward R Ham	REGC	William L Miller	VEDCC
Ernest J Smith	GG	Thurman P Sharples	GT
Vincent A Cowie	GR	Bruce P Bellmore	SGW
Kenneth Hall	JGW	Jack H Stevens	GSWB
Leonard H Bucher	GStB	Kenneth W Marvin	PC

Maine

Thomas A Emery	REGC	Thomas E Libby	VEGC
Gordon L Kimball	PGC	L Richard Duross	PGC
David J Billings	PCG	Robert J Landry	PGC

Maryland

James B Coker	REGC		
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Delaware

Arthur A Loveless Jr.	REGC	G Thomas Taylor	GCG
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Virginia

Paul J Reardon	REGC		
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APPENCANT MASONIC BODIES IN NH

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire

Robert D Steel	ME Grand High Priest
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Grand Council Cryptic Masons of New Hampshire

Dwight V Meader	MI Grand Master
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Granite State Conclave Red Cross of Constantine

Chares J Kennedy	Puissant Sovereign
Ronald E Metcalf	Intendant General Div. of NH

NH Priory #58 Knight of the York Cross of Honour

Alan M Robinson

Eminent Prior

Palestine Tabernacle XLI Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests

Andrew Jackson

VE Preceptor

Profile York Rite College #100

Dennis A Sheridan

Preeminent Governor

Nathaniel H Sawyer

Preeminently Distinguished Grand Governor for NH

Scenic Council #37 Knight Masons

Robert D Steel

Excellent Chief

The Past Grand Commanders assemble outside the door then entered and formed two lines joining the drill squad. Sir Knight Bond was introduced and proceeded to the east under an arch of steel. Then Sir Knights Winterhalter and Caroenter were present west of the lines and introduced Grand Commander Curtis proceeded west of the lines to greet them and escorted them to the East under an arch of steel and present his Sword to REDC Winterhalter to do with as he saw fit. He made brief remarks and returned the Sword, and was seated with Sir Knight Carpenter.

Grand Encampment of Knight Templar of the United States of America

Robert P Winterhalter

RE Dept. Commander NE Dept N.

Personal Rep of the Gr. Master of the GE.

Edwin R Carpenter

RE Dept Commander NE Dept S

John O Bond

REP Dept. Commander NE Dept

The Past Commanders returned and assembled with drill squad at the foot of the lines, they were forming the lines for the MWGM of NH. Sir Knight Arnold Senior REPGC presented the MWGM west of the lines and proceeded with the introduction. The Grand Commander went west of the lines to greet the Grand Master and personally conducted him to the East, where he presented him with his Sword the GM thanked and told that it would be better if he didn't take it that he was better with ward than with a sword (all gave a chuckle) at that the Grand Master made very brief remarks and was seated.

Grand Lodge of the State of New Hampshire

David John Lamprey Sr.

Most Worshipful Grand Master

The Grand Commander had the lines dismissed and round of applause was given for all the guests that took time from their busy schedules to be with us here in NH on a cold winter day. The Grand Commander then asked the VE Deputy Grand Commander to preside over the Conclave that he might give his annual report.

Grand Commander's Address

Greetings and welcome to the 158th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire. I hope you have a great weekend, if you need anything please contact Marci or myself.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in New Hampshire, Brother and Sir Knight David J. Lamprey, Sr.

I am pleased to see that you have taken time out of your busy schedule to be with us today.

To the Right Eminent Department Commanders,

Sir Knight Robert P. Winterhalter and Sir Knight Edwin R. Carpenter, Jr.

I have known Sir Knight Bob for many years because of my ties to Mass. and R.I. Sir Knight Ed, I met just before he was appointed, and consider them my friends as well as superiors. They have served the Northeast Department in excellent fashion and will leave it better than they found it.

To the Red Cords and Junior Past Grand Commanders,

It's nice to see the Red Cords and the junior Past Grand Commanders I served with present today, we've form some great friendships that I hope will last long after our terms are done. Red Cords good luck the rest of the way, Junior Pasts here I come.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, Companion and Sir Knight Robert D. Steel

The Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of New Hampshire, Companion and Sir Knight Dwight V. Meader

Supreme Council, 33 Degree A.A. Scottish Rite Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A., Deputy for New Hampshire.

Illustrious and Sir Knight Robert E. Hansen and other leaders of the Appendent York Rite Bodies.

It's has been my pleasure to serve with all of you, this year and in the future as well.

To the Grand Commandery Officers and Sir Knights all.

Always nice to see the sidelines full, thank you all for coming, I know you also have busy schedules and other things you could be doing today.

By-Laws

After approval by the Grand Regulations and By-Laws Committee, I approved bylaws changes for Sullivan- Hugh de Payens #6 in Claremont and DeWitt Clinton #2 in Portsmouth.

Christmas Message

In this season of giving, we give and receive gifts, send greeting cards, hope for peace on earth and goodwill toward men, friendship and fellowship abide. But always remember the gift He gave us is eternal, not just when it 'tis the season.

My lady Marci and I wish you the merriest Christmas, the happiest Holidays, and a most wonderful New Year.

Grand Representatives

Accepted nominations of Sir Knight Fred R. Kaylor Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire near the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania
And Sir Knight George T. Rosendaul Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire near the Grand Commandery of Ohio

Regrets

This year like all years was not without conflicts, I sent Regrets to the following:
Washington D.C. Virginia Pennsylvania New York
NH Order of the High Priesthood
NH Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters

As you will see by my activities list, I attended most things I was required or invited to and some things that I was not. I was pleased that R. E. Past Grand Commander S.K. Thomas X. Tsirimkos could represent me in New York and Virginia

Inspections

The Inspections went well this year, with five Inspections and two Commanderys of Instruction, with an average attendance of almost forty (40). There were great highlights from the short histories presented by our Grand Historian, the Grand Commander of Vermont in Littleton, and the Deputy Grand Commander and two other Sir Knights from Maine and the Grand Recorder of Mass. and R.I. at Dewitt Clinton. There were highs and lows, Nashua's Commandery of Instruction was a pleasant surprise, I'm sure they will be able to do their own Inspection next year. A low was Claremont but with a little help from their friends they will be doing an Inspection as well in no time. Points leader for this year was a tie between Trinity Commandery in Manchester and DeWitt Clinton in Portsmouth. Both with first time Commanders.

The leader with attendance added was Mt. Horeb Commandery in Concord, Who for the second year in a row had the best attendance of their own members at their Inspection and had no fill-ins, with the Installed Commander (a first timer), Capt. General and Prelate doing the work.

A Special Thanks to the Grand Historian (Rodney A. Robinson), your talks were a pleasing addition to the Inspections and I hope the incoming Grand Commander continues the office. I also recommend that we have as many Inspections as possible and keep taking attendance by Commandery.

Easter Sunrise Service

The Easter service was held at Concord Masonic Temple on March 27, 2005
At 8:00 A.M. I would like to thank the Grand Prelates (Sir Knight Robert M. Argel and Sir Knight and Reverend Dwight V. Meader) for planning and presenting the service. Thanks also to the cook (Sir Knight Roger A. Douillette) for the fine breakfast afterwards.

Eye Foundation

Congratulations to Mt. Horeb Commandery, the first winner of the Frank Winslow Curtis Traveling Bible. Thanks to the Eye Foundation Drive Chairman, Nathaniel H. Sawyer, Carlton W. Titus and all who donated for making New Hampshire second in per capita nation wide. This was a large improvement over last year. We raised almost ten

thousand dollars, also thanks to the KaITy Companions, and Eastern Star for their donations.

Necrology

Sir Knight's in Memoriam are 4 Past Commanders and 21 Sir Knights.

In Memoriam

TRINITY No.1

Norman C Smith - 8/24/04 Walter R Swanson 1/2/05
 Alfred M Weigler 1/21/05 Charles C Reece * 4/16/05
 *Past Commander of St. George #8

DeWITT CLINTON No.2

Rafe H Blood - 9/6/04 Philip C Hoyt - 10/19/04
William C MacIntosh - 11/28/04

MT. HOREB No.3

Clarence W Edmunds - 3/1/04	Richmond H Hoyt - 8/18/04
Edwin Burt - 3/20/05	Vemon F Hall - 3/29/05
David Briand - 6/3/05	

NORTH STAR - ST. GERARD No.4

David K Patrick - 1/3/05 James E Montgomery - 3/17/05

SULLIVAN - HUGH dePAYENS No.6

Stanley A Johnson * - 4/05 Robert H Turner - 3/15/05
Wallace S Corson * - 5/10/05

ST. GEORGE No.8

Dennis M Durfee - 9/14/04
Harry C Downing * - 3/17/05

PALESTINE No. 11

William H Lamb - 8/11/04	Homer W Doane -12/14/04
George J Voedisch - 12/20/04	Duncan L Morang - 1/7/05

* Past Commander

Our Grand Commandery is sadden with the lost of

4 Past Commanders & 21 Sir Knights

REPORT OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

I Make the Following Report of my Templar Activities for the year 2004 -2005 My Lady Marci Morris and I attended the following:

Dec.5, 2004 NH Grand Conclave
Dec.6, 2004 Littleton Christmas Observance
Dec.6, 2004 Unity Party
Dec.19, 2004 Portsmouth Christmas Observance
Jan. 29, 2005 Concord Inspection
March 4,5, and 6, 2005 NJ Grand Conclave
March 11, 2005 Delaware Grand Conclave
March 26, 2005 Manchester Inspection
March 27, 2005 Easter (Concord)
April 9,2005 Littleton Inspection
April 15,16 and 17,2005 Conn. Grand Conclave
April 23, 24 and 25, 2005 Maine Grand Conclave
May 6 & 7,2005 200th Anniversary of Mass. and R.I.
May 10 & 11,2005 Maryland Grand Conclave
May 14,2005 Grand Chapter and Council
May 21 & 22, 2005 Grand Lodge ofNH
June 12 &13, 2005 Vermont Grand Conclave
July 17,2005 Grand Commander's Picnic
July 24, 2005 Friendship Picnic (Rochester)
Aug. 14, 2005 Combined York Rite Outing
Sept. 9, 10 and 11,2005 Northeast Conf.
Oct. 1, 2005 Portsmouth Inspection
Oct. 21,22 and 23, 2005 Mass. R.I. Grand Conclave
Dec. 2 & 3, 2005 NH Grand Conclave

I also attended the following:

Dec.8, 2004 Council Manchester
Dec.10, 2004 Grand Commandery Planning Installed Warder
Dec.12, 2004 Palestine Tabernacle #XLI H.R.A.K.T.P. (Manchester) Dec.20, 2004 Order ofthe Temple (Portsmouth) Knighted four (4) 33rd,s
Dec.28, 2004 Concord Commandery
Jan. 3, 2005 Exeter Rainbow
Jan. 4,2005 Rochester Commandery
Jan. 8,2005 Scenic Council #37
Jan. 9,2005 Kingston Installation (Gideon Lodge #84)
Jan. 11, 2005 Claremont Commandery
Jan. 13, 2005 Council Portsmouth
Jan. 15,2005 KYCH Portsmouth
Jan. 17, 2005 Malta Portsmouth, St. Amand's and DeWitt Clinton
Jan. 22, 2005 Red Cross of Const. (Concord)
Jan. 30, 2005 Demolay Installation (Concord)
Feb. 2, 2005 Derry Rainbow
Feb. 15, 2005 Council Rochester
Feb. 19, 2005 Haverhill Ma (Exemplification) Feb. 22, 2005 Rochester Rainbow
Feb. 23, 2005 Manchester Commandery

(ME) March 18, 2005 St. Amand's Inspection (ME) March 21, 2005 DeWitt Clinton
 Commandery
 April 2, 2005 Claremont (Commandery of Instruction) Inspection
 April 6, 2005 Morning Star Lodge #17 (Wolfeboro) York Rite presentation Feb. 26, 2005 York
 Rite College (Derry) March 7, 2005 Rockland Inspection April 12, 2005 Rochester Rainbow
 April 18, 2005 Dedicated Bible at Dewitt Clinton (portsmouth) April 19, 2005 Inspection
 (pilgrim and Haverhill) at Haverhill Ma. May 3, 2005 Rochester Commandery (installation)
 May 7, 2005 York Rite College (Rochester)
 May 16, 2005 DeWitt Clinton Commandery
 May 18, 2005 Derry Rainbow
 May 24, 2005 Commandery Veteran's Night (Concord) May 25, 2005 Manchester
 Commandery
 June 6, 2005 Exeter Rainbow
 June 7, 2005 Order of the Temple (Rochester) June 8, 2005 Derry (Pemi) Rainbow
 June 9, 2005 Table Chapter Portsmouth
 June 18, 2005 Super Excellent Master Degree (portsmouth)
 June 20, 2005 Dewitt Clinton Commandery
 June 22, 2005 Order of the Temple (Manchester)
 June 23, 2005 York Rite Council
 June 25, 2005 Rochester Inspection
 June 26, 2005 Cathedral of the Pines (Ringe)
 July 1, 2005 Rainbow Grand Assembly
 July 11, 2005 Nashua (Commandery of Instruction) Inspection
 July 16, 2005 Scenic Council
 July 31, 2005 Reception of Worthy Advisor (Rainbow)
 Aug. 12, 2005 Commandery Business Meeting
 Aug. 25, 2005 Easter Star Grand Session
 Sept. 17, 2005 Red Cross of Con. (Concord)
 Oct. 15, 2005 Rainbow Grand Officer's Day (Pennacook)
 Oct. 17, 2005 DeWitt Clinton Commandery
 Nov. 12, 2005 Community Builder's Award at Manchester

Sincerely and fraternally submitted,
 WILLIAM FRANK CURTIS
 R.E. GRAND COMMANDER

A standing round of applause received the Grand Commander's Report, and he thanked all. The
 VE Deputy Grand Commander return the rule of the Commandery back the RE Grand Commander.

The RE Grand Commander Called on the Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of
 NH who was please to bring the warm greeting of the Grand Chapter as well as his own and congratulated
 him on a job well done this past year and that it had been a pleasure working with him.

The MI Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of NH was called of for his
 remarks and he was pleased to bring the greeting for the Grand Council and his own, and noted that he too
 had a great deal of please working with the Grand Commander and traveling with him this past year and
 congratulating him on a job well done.

To the Grand Commander and Grand Commandery of NH in session:

Your Jurisprudence Committee is pleased to make the following report:
The Committee commends the Grand Commander on a successful year and for presenting his report in ample time for review by this Committee. All actions of the Grand Commander reasonably fall within the requirements of the Grand Constitution.

The Committee particularly commends the Grand Commander for granting dispensation for the continuation of the exchange of Conclaves between St. Arnand Commandery in Kennebunk, Maine and Dewitt Clinton Commandery in Portsmouth. Exchanges such as this on a Commandery Basis cement the brotherhood of Masonry and attract attendance. It might be well that a history of this exchange be made available for the Sir Knights. It might stir interest in the "border" Commanderies to emulate this type of exchange.

Your Committee thanks the Grand Commander for the opportunity to serve this Grand Commandery.

Respectfully submitted, Arnold M. Ashley
REPGC Wallace F. Emerson REPGC
Ronald E. Metcalf REPGC

The RE Grand Commander Call of the RE Grand Commander of Delaware to speak for the Red Cords, as he was the newest Grand Commander there. He was please to bring the greetings of the Red Cords and commented what a pleasure all the Grand Commanders had had this past year with Sir Knight Bill. He wished Bill and his wife Marcy a pleasant time on their planned trip to the islands, and know that we would be putting him to work when they returned.

As this was a one-day Conclave with all functions were to be held on Saturday it was announced that a Vesper Service would be held at 2 PM, followed by the installation of Officers and the Past Commanders Association Meeting.

The Grand Commander Elect announced the appointed officers to be installed as follows:

Grand Prelate	Dwight V Meader		
Grand Prelate	Richard A Gilbert Sr.		
John S. Geas	Grand Standard Bearer		
David R Walters	Grand Sword Bearer		
Glen R Gordon	Grand Warder		
Donald M Miller	Grand Sentinel		
Rodney A Robinson	John B Clark	Robert H Cook	Grand Organists
		Special Administrative Officers	
		Robert L Sutherland Jr. REPGC	
		Inspector General	
		Glen R. Gordon	
		Assistant Inspector General	

Rodney A Robinson
Historian – Editor

The Grand Commander called on the Department Commander for his comments as he had spoken prior to lunch his remarks we brief. He thanked Sir Knight Bill for his work in the Craft and all his travels, and that it had been a pleasure traveling with him this past year. He remarked how pleased he was that so many of the Grand Commanders were there and thanked them all for traveling. He

congregated Sir Knight Sawyer on being elected to the office of Grand Commander and he looked forward to seeing him on the road.

The Grand Commander then called on the WM Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of NH who spoke briefly and thanked the Grand Commander for all that he had done this past year as Grand Commander. He know that Sir Knight Bill had done a great job because every time I go to a meeting of our Rainbow Girls there you are working as hard as you can for them. If I go to York Rite function there you are and when ever I have a special function that I want a good turn out there you are with you Grand Officers tto support the Grand Lodge. Good Job my friend.

With that, the Grand Commander called the Commandery to ease until 2PM for the Vesper Service. A copy of the Vesper Service and the Grand Commanders Christmas message will be listed later in the Proceedings.

The Vesper, services were over at 2:50PM and the Collection of \$120.00 went to the Eye Foundation. The installation of Officers started at 3:00PM under the direction of the following team:

Installing GC	Ronald E Metcalf REPGC installed the REGC, VEGC, Warder and Sentinel
Installing Marshall	Robert L. Sutherland Jr. REPGC also installed Sword and Standard Bearers
Installing Recorder	Richard A Gilbert Sr. REPGC
Installing Organist	Rodney A Robinson PC
Installing Prelate	Robert M Argel REPGC Grand Prelate Em. also installed the Prelates

REPGC Pollard – installed the Generalissimo and Capt. General.

The New Grand Commander then gave a few remarks

Good After-noon;

It is with pleasure and humility that I accept this high honor of having been elected your Grand Commander.

I thank my installing suite Robert Sutherland, Robert Argel, Ron Metcalf and Dick Gilbert AKA Richard Asa Gilbert Sr.

I also wish to thank all of the Past Grand Commanders as I know I will seek your help and advice. thru my term of office.

To my elected and appointed Officers, I look forward to working with you as we have much to do to strengthen our beloved York Rite.

And to our "Krafty Companions" a special thank you for your tireless work in the support of our Charities.

And last but by no means least, to my wife Lady Marilyn and our family a big thank you for the support that has been given to me during the past 50 years of my Masonic travels.

Nathaniel H. Sawyer Grand Commander