



New Hampshire State Council Knights of Columbus

District Master's Annual Report

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My Brother Knights,

Henry Ward Beecher once said, "The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won't"

Year after year, as always, we are seen providing outreach to the masses of New Hampshire citizens, even while we struggle through some of the many challenges that have held many men back. True to that, Brother Knights throughout our Order adjusted ... some quickly and some at a slower pace, in how we would stand and deliver ... live up to the expectations and levels of greatness that we have risen to year after year. Since the birth of our Order in 1882, and our New Hampshire State Council in 1899, our Brother Knights have adjusted to the needs of those who depend on us.

Over the last year, we have made admirable adjustments in our avenues of communication. By continuing with the publication of the "Patriotic Review" newsletter, to our multi-media outreach on Facebook, we have created raving fans not only throughout the District of New Hampshire, but throughout the Bishop Healy Province and Supreme, as a whole.

As District Master, while this year has been met with challenges in membership growth, I am proud to say that the District of New Hampshire has adjusted well over obstacles, and shows positive signs of growth in programming initiatives, which in turn are showing greater areas of interest on our upcoming Degree in June in the Seacoast. With that in mind, we have taken the initiative to expand the number of Exemplifications on a quarterly basis, visiting four points from one end of the state to the other.

As of right now, 9 Assemblies have yet to expand their membership this fraternal year, a decrease from 17 during the 2021-2022 fraternal year. However, I want to congratulate those of our leaders who have stepped up to the plate and taken advantage of our multiple avenues available for Brother Knights to experience an Exemplification.

Manchester Assembly #626

Concord Assembly #627

Laconia Assembly #628

Keene Assembly #629

Dover Assembly #633

Claremont Assembly #635

Rochester Assembly #637

Franklin Assembly #638

Salem Assembly #641

Portsmouth Assembly #1445

Nashua Assembly #1506

Milford Assembly #1507

Jaffrey Assembly #2129

Epping Assembly #2644

Derry Assembly #3594

All of the above Assemblies are not only proposing men to the Patriotic Degree, but in doing so, proposers are being entered for the chance in being awarded a NEW 4th Degree Uniform. And, our District is still raffling off a NEW Uniform at \$10 per entry.

GREAT things are happening within the District of New Hampshire, and our Brother Sir Knights push forward, when there "seems no hope at all."

Tomorrow is a new day!

And so, great things are on the horizon ... not only in the next fraternal year, but in the month ahead.

- Over the last year, your District Staff has been communicating with multiple Priests from throughout the State, who have shown an interest in having Church based Assemblies, who will be at their service for patriotic programming geared toward their Parish communities. Sir Knights who will readily and frequently serve at Mass and services scheduled for that particular Church community. Our Parish Priests and Faithful Friars are calling on us to be more than we have been in the past, and it shows their willingness to create or enhance that stronger connection with the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree. Newport Assembly is a fine example of that success, as the latest addition to the District.

And so while we would never weaken the strength and unity within Assemblies within various communities, we continue to strengthen the bond with our clergy in an effort to grow our Order. All in an effort to be Parish centered.

- Our District VAVS Chairman, David DeWorken has been creating stronger bonds with our existing connections throughout the State. In addition to that, he and his wife Maureen have been reaching out to multiple military related agencies, creating new relationships and opportunities for the District of New Hampshire to further our outreach. Networks such as *"Honor Flight"* and *"Military Greeters"* ... and furthering our research and communication with the *"Gary Sinise Foundation"*, on how our Assemblies can work to form a relationship beneficial for the Foundation as well as for our Assemblies and the District.
- Our Protocol Color Corps and Regalia Chairman, Lionel Coulon has been heading up ongoing Color Corps training, this year alone in Manchester and Laconia. In the next fraternal year, he will again work on finalizing the next two events with District Marshall, Chip Lukitsch and members of the Master's Staff. In addition, I would like to congratulate Sir Knight, Chip Lukitsch, who has accepted the position of District Marshall for the District of New Hampshire in the new fraternal year, building upon the growth and expansion of our Assembly Color Corps. Our heartfelt appreciation to Bill Richards and Ron Metevier, who have been of great support in the position, over the last two (plus) years. A date in the Manchester area will again be sought out for a Saturday in August, and a possible date during the December timeframe will be set up in the Seacoast area. All of this in an effort to create a unified presence throughout the District of New Hampshire.
- During the July timeframe, the District will be holding a District wide meeting on the same schedule as a State Quarterly Meeting, although, we won't be bogged down with multiple financial reports. This will be about you and your Assemblies and helping you move forward in creating membership growth and expanding your Assembly programming. We will convey membership goals, recruitment techniques, as well as information on programming initiatives to enhance the District's outreach, etc.

Brother Knights ... solid ideas and a solid plan to develop concrete results geared toward your success.

In closing, it has been the pleasure of both Jolene and I in serving you as District Master and wife for the District of New Hampshire. While together we have been humble enough to struggle, together we will also be strong enough to celebrate.

God has a Plan!

Vivat Jesus,

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