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To the Companions and Sir Knights of NH and beyond:

A New Year is upon us, and we are moving forward with building our York Rite Bodies. There are several meetings I plan to touch base on, so you may be aware of them.

Next Saturday, January 9th, is the Semi-annual meeting of Scenic Council #37. We will open at 3:00 p.m. for business and rehearsal for the summer meeting. We hope to receive invitations to invite new members into the Order. Our Excellent Chief, Sir Knight and Cousin Charles J. Lewis, Jr. will be in the East for the first time as head of the Body. A dinner will be served following, and I hope that you have remembered to send me a reservation for such. Most people have not.

We have one Chapter Visitation on Monday January 11, 2010. It will be a Joint Visitation held in Pembroke for Hiram and Trinity Chapters. A 6:30 p.m. dinner will precede the meeting. To guarantee your reservation, contact the Grand Lecturer, Ray Robb, as soon as possible.

On Wednesday January 13th, Manchester is conferring the Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees on new candidates. They could use some help with minor parts and filling the sidelines. The Chapter will open at 7:00 p.m.

The Annual Meeting of NH Priory No. 58, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, will meet the following Saturday on January 16th in Portsmouth, NH. I have decided to go along with the new time frame of an early lunch prior to the meeting rather than a late supper. At 12:00 p.m. lunch will be served. I hope to gather the Officers together for a run thru at 12:45-1:00 pm. We will open officially at 1:30 p.m. Following the dinner, there will be a short social period and desert for the ride home. This will aid our Knights from Colebrook in getting home earlier than midnight. Yours truly will be in the East as Prior for the occasion. I hope all members will join us.

Mount Horeb Chapter will be exemplifying the Royal Arch Degree on Richard Gilbert's and my birthday on Friday January 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in Manchester. Brad Alderfer is giving me a birthday present of conferring the Degree AS High Priest and letting me enjoy the ceremony as a bystander. I hope Dick and I can get together and enjoy that Heineken we were talking about somewhere along the trail. However, Brad is looking for assistance so contact him if you are willing to come participate in some way.



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The Semi-Annual meeting of Granite State Conclave Red Cross of Constantine will be held on Saturday January 23, 2010 in Concord. Allen Ilsley is the Puissant Sovereign and informs me we will follow the noon lunch schedule set by the KYCH. The rehearsal for opening will be held approximately 12:45 p.m. and open the Body at 1:30 p.m.

A Joint Council Visitation will be held in Nashua on Monday January 25th. A Table Council will be performed after a 6:30 p.m. Opening and reception of Grand Officers. Contact Steve Bahsler for reservations or further information. Manchester will join Nashua for the evening.

January 27th will be the Royal and Select Master degrees in Manchester. This is for the new class of candidates that just started in December. They are happy to have any candidates in need to join the class. The start time is 7:30 p.m.

I am assuming that the Order of Red Cross and Malta will be conferred in Manchester prior to the two March Inspections. I will offer the dates when known.

Although not specifically a York Rite Order, since I am the Celebrant of NH College SRICF, I will include it's meetings in my Report. This Body meets quarterly in Manchester and is our newest Body in New Hampshire. We will open the College in Manchester on January 30th at 1:00 p.m. for two new candidates. The Zelator degree will be performed. This is a rehearsal for the Officers who will be performing that degree nationally at the Annual Meeting of the High Council of Rosicrucian's in Alexandria, VA on Thursday February 11th. Wish us luck!

In February, our second newest Body, John Harris Council #458 Allied Masonic Degrees, will hold its first meeting of 2010 in Tilton on Friday February 26th at 7:00 p.m. This organization confers degrees that are not part of the traditional masonry we are all familiar with. We will be doing the Order of the Secret Monitor for our members to witness.

Finally, on Saturday February 27th, Profile York Rite College No. 100 will hold its quarterly meeting, presumably in Portsmouth. We expect one candidate for the Order of York at this time. I will relay further details when I become informed of them. Happy New Year!

Fraternally,

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