

VERMONT NEWSLETTER

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Greetings Sir Knights,

First my apologies for not creating and posting a monthly newsletter so late in the month. I had the misfortune of catching a virus from my three (3) granddaughters at Thanksgiving, which laid me low for two (2) weeks. Every adult who had the same misfortune as myself complained of congestion, cough, headaches, general tiredness and irritability. For the first time in years, I missed a Commandery rehearsal as well as my duties at Trinity Episcopal Church. You know I was under the weather to miss those events!

St. Aldemar will be holding an inspection on the 16th of December (Saturday). The Commandery will open at 10:00 AM, break for a social hour, followed by lunch, then the second section of the Order of the Temple at 1:00 PM. As with all Vermont Commanderies, we could still use a few bodies in our Escort. They have been practicing diligently and the day will prove to be worth your time to attend.

Burlington Commandery #2 will be holding their inspection in March, and likewise could use some help. Sir Knight Daniel Nye is coordinating the inspection and can pencil you in for a spot should you wish.

Christmas should be a time of peace, but unfortunately with all the hatred in the world (and the United States is not exempt) we have lost sight of the tenets of our faith. Remember the first libation to our Most Excellent Grand Master, Soloman King of Israel in the Order of the Temple, "while we commemorate the virtues of this Illustrious Founder of Ancient Craft Masonry, let us remember the lessons of wisdom he has left upon the sacred page for our instruction, the sum of which is FEAR GOD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS!

I wish every Sir Knight reading this newsletter a Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy, Peaceful New Year

Courteously,

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