



Merry Christmas Sir Knights!

It is my very unpleasant task to inform all Sir Knights in Vermont that Past Grand Commander, Sir Knight Roger Mason Pike passed away this past October 7th, 2 days short of his 80th birthday. Sir Knight Roger was instrumental in putting me into the Grand Commandery line as Treasurer and encouraged me to enter the progressive line a few years later. His daughter Debbie requested and received an escort of Grand Commandery Officers which included Past Grand Commanders and Sir Knights Willis "Bill" Morse, Palmer E. Martin, Donald C. Murray, Russell J. Slora, Robert S. Bryant and Grand Generalissimo, Matthew Hathaway.

As I write this supplement it is still October and the COVID-19 Pandemic is raging throughout the United States. The Grand Encampment is working on a reopening plan and will be distributed as soon as this office receives it. The election is a week away, and hopefully, the vibrato will have subsided and a vaccine near delivery.

This supplement will appear in December and I close with lines of one of my favorite hymns, In the Bleak Midwinter:

Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When he comes to reign;
In the bleak midwinter
A stable place sufficed
The Lord God incarnate,
Jesus Christ.

What can I give him,
Poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man
I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him —
Give my heart.

Pictures:



A blast from the past, EC Jim Dolan, Past Grand Commander David E. Cumming and then REGC Larry Douglas at the inspection in Barre!



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL SIR KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Stay safe, wash your hands, wear a mask and social distance!

Courteously,
Bruce R. Howard, KCT, PGC, E. Grand Recorder