



Greetings Sir Knights!

As I sit down to write the February Supplement, it's New Years Eve and it is sleeting outside my office window. My next task is to start the planning for the Annual Conclave to be held on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of June. This year will have a new schedule with Council meeting on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> afternoon, Commandery the 8<sup>th</sup> in the morning and Chapter the 8<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. This will allow for sufficient time to conduct the business of each body over 2 days, which will allow for more time between sessions. More details will follow in the March Supplement.

As the year ends, dues notices will be sent by your constituent Commanderies (Chapters and Councils). It is imperative that dues be paid in a timely matter as your Commandery (Chapter/Council) per capita is based on the timely reporting of all members. Nonpayment of dues not only affects your local Commandery (which much pay your per capita whether dues are received or not) but does affect every Sir Knight in the State of Vermont with the setting of the per capita dues and remittance to the Grand Encampment. If you are unable to pay your dues, it is your responsibility to notify your Recorder and either request remission or seek a demit. The Grand Commandery of Vermont has too many reductions in membership due to NPD (nonpayment of dues) which could be totally avoided by simply communication with your local Recorder or Secretary well in advance of the dues due date. Your assistance in providing accurate information about your status is greatly appreciated not only by your local Recorder but by the Grand Office.

Pictures!



St. Aldemar Captain General Sir Knight Jeremiah Laflamme enjoys a libation prior to their inspection this past December.



Left to right Sir Knights Willis "Bill" Morse, Belford A. Belles, James Dolan and Jonathan P. Park at the St. Aldemar inspection.



S.K. Glenn Dow and new Sir Knight Christopher Keast at the St. Aldemar inspection.

Courteously,  
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