



VERMONT NEWSLETTER

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Merry Christmas Sir Knights,

As I sit down to write this month's column, it is the first Sunday in Advent and at church this morning we lit the first candle of hope on the Advent wreath. As we prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we were reminded in her sermon, that his mother Mary, was an unwed, refugee who gave birth to the head of our church. With all the rhetoric swirling around today, let us humbly remember that written in the gospel of Matthew, **Jesus said "thou shall love the Lord, thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, this is the first and great commandment and the second is like unto it: Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the Prophets.** Please remember those less fortunate than us all year, but especially at this time of year open your hearts, minds and eyes to all those in any need in our communities.

St. Aldemar Commandery #11 will be presenting the Order of Red Cross and the Order of Malta in short form on Sunday, December 12th beginning at 2:00 PM. They will also present the Order of the Temple on Thursday, December 16th with a dinner and social hour preceding the Order. Reservations are required by either contacting the Recorder, Sir Knight Donald Murray, PGC, or myself and I will forward your reservation to him.

General Order #3, requesting nominations for the Knight Templar Cross of Honor will soon be in each Recorder's hand. Please consider submitting the name of a Sir Knight to the Grand Commander for his

consideration. This is a very prestigious award and one of our Grand Commander's greatest privileges to present.

Pictures:



Killington Commandery's Annual Christmas Observance with the Holy Bible opened to the old story (Luke 2:1-11) and a white carnation laid upon this sacred volume in remembrance for those who passed away this past calendar year.

View from the editor's kitchen window of deer foraging for apples after the recent snow storm.



On behalf of our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Eric C. Steele, and all the officers of the Grand Commandery of Vermont **Merry Christmas to all Sir Knights and your families.**

Courteously,

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