



Greetings Sir Knights!

As I start this column for the February Knight Templar Magazine Supplement, it is the last week in December. Our country and state are being inundated with COVID-19 cases, deaths of our citizens mount, and we are all anxiously awaiting the administration of the vaccine developed to combat this horrible virus as soon as we can obtain it. We anxiously await January 6<sup>th</sup>, when the results of the Electoral College are due to be ratified by Congress and put the 2020 presidential election behind us once and for all. Now more than ever the United States and the world need the tenets of our venerable institution. Imagine a country where all our elected officials effectively practiced Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

As I stated above, we are still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and all in-person meetings are still suspended. I have attended several Commandery Zoom meetings, but as much as I enjoy “seeing” our members, there is nothing like the warm grasp and handshake of a Brother/Companion. I miss the floor work and familiar opening of a Commandery. I miss hearing the ritual I have heard so many times before. Hopefully we will be back in our Asylums soon, and that old familiar ritual will be once again recited for all to hear.

Don't forget to nominate a deserving Sir Knight for the Knight Templar Cross of Honor. Your Recorder has the details.

The Annual Conclave is scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Our Grand Commander asks you to be fluid with your plans as the pandemic may or may not allow for an in-person meeting on that date. More to follow!!!

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

Pictures:



Sir Knight Russell Slora and Donald Murray, PGC's enjoying a moment at the Annual Conclave



Sir Knight Russell J. Slora receives the official “Caboose Award” from Sir Knight David Bartlett upon the successful completion of his term in office.



A white carnation laid upon the open bible represents the loss of a member of Killington Commandery.

Courteously,

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