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HAPPY NEW YEAR Sir Knights!

The most difficult part of being editor of this supplement is writing and submitting it more than a month before the print edition arrives at our Sir Knights homes.

As I write this month's supplement, we have just finished celebrating Thanksgiving, which due to the COVID-19 pandemic was extremely different this year. For the first time in my life it was celebrated without extended family at our table. We were able to face time with my children and their families, but the familiar gathering around a table with lots of conversation was truly missed.

Our election season should be over, but the theatrics continue as I sit down to write this column. America is the greatest country in the world and hopefully we will be returning to some semblance of order in January. Our politicians could learn a great deal from our fraternity, working together for a common cause, helping and aiding those less fortunate than ourselves, and dispensing good counsel to name a few attributes sorely needed.

Hopefully everyone enjoyed their Christmas and are celebrating the turn of the calendar to the year 2021. We should all be on the verge of receiving our COVID vaccine and I trust we will be returning to "normal" in-person meetings by this time next year.

The Knight Templar Cross of Honor is awarded each year by our Grand Commandery. Nomination forms have been mailed to each Commandery and the name of a qualified Sir Knight should be forwarded to our Grand Commander for his review and forwarding to the Grand Encampment for award. This is a great honor and each Commandery should be proud to put forward the name of a deserving candidate.

Pictures:



Enjoying a meal together at the Burlington Commandery Inspection.



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

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