



VERMONT SUPPLEMENT

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SirGreetings Sir Knights,

September brings the reopening of many of our Lodges, Chapters and Commanderies, and this year we should be back to normal! We have relearned how to properly interface with our Brothers to safely exchange that familiar handshake and repeat those words held sacred to all Masons. Unfortunately, as I write this column, many of our unvaccinated fellow citizens are experiencing the surge of the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus and illnesses and hospitalizations surge. Don't forget the valuable lessons taught during our long exile from public meetings and exercise cautious behavior, including washing hands and not touching the T zone of the face (eyes, nose and mouth).

The Grand Encampment Triennial will have occurred, and when the new officers are announced, I will print in the proceedings and distribute. Best wishes for them during their terms of office.

The Northeast Department meeting will be held in Albany on the 11th of September. This meeting is open to all Sir Knights and you are encouraged to attend. Registration is \$25.00 and the Grand Commandery session begins at 8:00 AM at the Desmond Hotel. Please contact the Grand Recorder if you are interested in attending. This is also the 20th Anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on our country, so I am sure there will be a special remembrance of this horrible day in our history.

Please enjoy your fall, and please attend and participate in your Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery activities this year. We are at a critical tipping point and your participation is not only greatly appreciated, but crucial for the survival of our organizations.

Pictures:



Sir Knight Eric C. Steele (left) receives recognition of his completion of a year of service to the Grand Commandery of Vermont by the Northeast Department Deputy Grand Master Stuart Drost at the Annual Conclave held in Barre on the 12th of June



Sir Knight Kirk White (left) and Eric Steele (right) caught in the middle of a very important conversation at the St. Aldemar social hour!

As the old song goes "see you in September!"

Courteously,

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