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Greetings Sir Knights,

Unfortunately, there is not much Commandery news to report this month. I don't have to tell you the COVID pandemic, more specifically the Omicron variant, is running rampant throughout our fair state and the nation, and many of us are limiting our personal contact. This variant has affected almost everyone in the state either by directly by becoming infected or family members and acquaintances who have contracted this horrible virus. Because it is so easily transmissible, it is now more important than ever to wear a mask, wash your hands, maintain social distancing and exercise caution when in groups of people.

On a positive note, there are degrees in the Chapter being performed this month. Granite Chapter in Barre will present the Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees in their Chapter room on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February. Any Sir Knight who knows of a member who needs these degrees is welcome to invite them. Please coordinate with Joshua Retchless, Recorder or Jon Hosford, High Priest so they are not overwhelmed or surprised by a large number of candidates. The degrees will begin at 7:00 P.M.

As you read this month's news, plans are well underway for our Annual Convocation, Assembly and Conclave. Current plans call for the meetings to be held in the Killington Mountain Lodge on the Access Road in Killington on June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Every Sir Knight in our fair state is welcome to attend and your participation in our annual meetings are heartily encouraged. More details will appear in this format as they are received as well as in official communication with your local Secretaries and Recorders.



With apologies to the Christmas Story movie, "You'll pole your ear out!". Past Grand Commander David Bartlett stands at the ready in the escort at an inspection in Barre a few years ago.

Courteously, Bruce