



VERMONT NEWSLETTER
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Greetings Sir Knights,

I can't believe it is November already and there is a flurry of activity in at least one of our Commanderies. St. Aldemar in Barre is practicing every Tuesday evening in November beginning at 7:00 PM for any Sir Knight who wishes to familiarize themselves with a full form opening as well as the three (3) Orders of Commandery. The Order of the Temple is scheduled for Saturday, December 10, 2022 beginning at 10:00 AM. Immediately after the full form opening, we will break for a light lunch and return for the second section of the Order of the Temple. We anticipate knighting five (5) candidates. Mark your calendars and plan on attending.

As many of you know, November is a special holiday in the Howard household. I trace my ancestry back to the Mayflower on multiple lines. I have documentation to show that I am related to John Alden, Francis Cook, John Howland, John Tilley, William Mullins, George Soule and Richard Warren. I also know that at the time of my late mothers death, she was working on an additional line. I know history has ignored much of the mistreatment of our native americans by the Pilgrims and those that followed, something I am not proud of, but the fact that they came to this mostly undiscovered country to worship God according to the dictates of their own consensus, makes me thankful they did take that leap of faith. We are all free from a national religion and able to worship as we choose.

I am aware that another Order of the Temple will be held in Morrisville in early 2023. More details will follow, and if our Right Eminent Grand Commander taps you on the sholder to be a part of this work great and important work, please give him a hearty YES!

Pictures:



Past Grand Commander, Sir Knight Thomas Grace, seems enthralled by our then Right Eminent Grand Commanders address. Borrowing a line from the Chapter MMM Degree spoken by the Sr. Deacon "Let this be a warning to you never impose upon the craft" or perhaps the admonition to the speaker should be "Take notice and govern yourself accordingly!"

Any important dates you would like published in this newsletter are welcome. Please forward electronically to howard47@myfairpoint.net.

Courteously,

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