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Greetings Sir Knights,

First my apologies for not creating and posting a monthly newsletter for some time. As many of you know, my daughter had her second child and has suffered from postpartum depressions, so my wife and I have taken a great deal of time away from Vermont and my masonic duties to support my daughter and her family. I am happy to report she is feeling much better and between family, faith and an excellent counsellor, is well on her way to her old self.

On a very sad note, in the past six (6) weeks we lost two (2) Past Grand Commanders. Sir Knight Philip Dean Goss from Saint Johnsbury who served as Grand Commander in 1994 passed away on September 21<sup>st</sup> at the age of 91. Sir Knight E. Lawrence Douglass, Jr. from Rutland who served as Grand Commander in 2014 passed away on October 25, 2023 at the age of 82. Both Past Grand Commanders were escorted out of their respective church services by a guard of Sir Knights from the Grand Commandery of Vermont. Well done good and faithful servants you will be missed by each of your respective York Rite Bodies.

Our Grand Commandery proceedings from June have been at the printers for some time and I expect them to be delivered within the next few weeks. To keep expenses down, I ordered a relatively small number of hard copies, but am able to send multiple copies of these proceedings electronically. Should you wish an electronic copy, give me a shout.

St. Aldemar will be holding an inspection on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December (Saturday). The Commandery will open at 10:00 AM, break for a social hour, followed by lunch, then the second section of the Order of the Temple at 1:00 PM. As with all Vermont Commanderies, we could use a few bodies in our Escort. Practices are every Tuesday in November and the first two (2) weeks in January.

Burlington Commandery #2 will be holding their inspection in March, and likewise could use some help. Sir Knight Daniel Nye is coordinating the inspection and more information will be following.

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays, having traced my ancestry on multiple lines to the Mayflower. I remember fondly gathering with my mother's extended family as a child and visiting the Plymouth Massachusetts and having our family history relayed to me.

I wish every Sir Knight reading this newsletter a most Happy Thanksgiving

Courteously,

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