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Greetings Sir Knights,

St. Aldemar Commandery #11 will be holding an inspection and Order of the Temple on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022. There are seven (7) candidates for the Orders and it would be nice to see a packed Asylum to welcome these new members. In addition, we could use a few members in our Escort. Just need to be able to march and follow orders! The day starts with a full form opening at 10:00 AM followed by a social hour and lunch. Immediately following lunch, the Order of the Temple will be performed. Sir Knights, if it has been a while since you witnessed this impressive Order, mark your calendar and plan to attend to support these new members and the members of St. Aldemar Commandery.

St. Aldemar Commandery will also hold a Christmas Observance on December 18, 2022 beginning at 2:00 PM in their Asylum in Barre. We are a Christian Order and should take an hour out of our year to participate in this time-honored tradition. As a member of Killington Commandery, it was always nice to hear the old story from the Book of Luke, take a few minutes to remember those who have laid their swords to rest, honor the leaders of our great fraternity and celebrate with like minded people. Please feel free to stop by and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

As I sit down to write this column, there have been mass shootings in Colorado and Virginia, the newly elected Republican House of Representative Leadership is lining up "revenge" hearings and the war in Ukraine rages on. There is much hate and distrust of others in this country as well as the world, that we need to be overcome with acceptance and inclusion. Sir Knights, we as Americans and as Templars are well taught to change the world. Set an example of our teachings, meet on the level, whisper good counsel in the ear of another, gently reminded each other of our faults and endeavor to aid in their reformation, as well as followed the teachings of our Lord and Savior, what a better world this would be. The New Testament if full of hope, love and kindness. Let's follow the teachings in the New Testament and lead by example.



Keep in mind that this immigrant family from Galilee traveled afar to the city of Jerusalem and in a humble stable gave birth to our Lord and Savior. Would they be welcomed in your city, town or country?

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Courteously,

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