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Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you"

Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies,

It's Christmas time again!!! It's the greatest story ever told, one filled with hope, joy, peace and love. Christmas reminds us of the incredible grace God offers through his son Jesus.

Luke 2:16 "And they came with haste, and found both Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger."

View Christmas season as time to give to others. By understanding the Father's generous heart in offering Jesus to us, we can celebrate the joy of the season by giving back to God and to those around us. In order to have the best Christmas ever is to make Jesus the center of our lives.

December!, the busiest and the happiest month of the year!! It is busiest month since it is the last month of the year where all the outstanding items in the checklist have to be checked-off cleared and approved. It is the happiest month because God allows us to receive the greatest gift ever, the birth of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, which is the fulfilment of God's promise to mankind.

In this season of gift giving, let us consider a gift to our Knight Templar Eye Foundation, your one-time \$30.00 donation will make you a Life Sponsor to the KTEF. Life sponsorship is available only to sir knights of a Commandery.

December, the month wherein goals and plans are laid out, reviewed and finalized at the Blue Lodges and the York Rite Bodies for the ensuing year. I hope everything went well but just in case there are questions or concerns, reach out to your senior officers for guidance and assistance. The Covid-19 virus, however, has put a damper on qualifications, elections and installations of the new Corp of Officers, which will somehow slow down the process. Utilize and take advantage of the availability of electronic meeting platforms to suppress these challenges. Change your plans as necessary but not your goals, we will come out on top of this virus.

This is also the month of the Christmas Observance, a mandatory celebration as Christian Knights to commemorate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Attendance to this important event is mandatory to all Sir Knights, for in this celebration we will renew our vows of Knighthood. Remember also that as Knights Templar we are bound to give alms to poor and weary pilgrims, feed the hungry, clothe the naked and bind up the wounds of the afflicted, the true spirit of the season.

In Unity,

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Grand Commander

"Together=Success, Small is Huge"

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED AND SAFE NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

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