

KANSAS TOPICS

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Salute to the Sir Knights of Kansas,

As we know, December is supposed to be “*The Most Wonderful Time of the Year;*” as the song goes. I sure hope the pandemic doesn’t dampen our Christmas spirit. I always enjoy going for a drive with a cup of hot chocolate and a few snacks to look at Christmas lights. It amazes me what ideas people come up with to be creative. We have some neighborhoods here in Lawrence where the whole block decorates in themes. Not only is it beautiful, it makes you feel all warm and fuzzy inside (maybe that’s the hot chocolate). Have you ever noticed how people change at Christmas? We become friendlier, more understanding, more tolerant of other people’s shortcomings, and, just all-around better people. We smile more and are more willing to help our fellow man. I would like to think that the fact we are celebrating the birth of Christ is the reason. Unfortunately, I think it has more to do with the giving and the receiving of gifts, and Santa Claus. Whether it is the birth of our Lord or Santa Claus, it is a joyous season. I have often wondered why all the goodness we have at Christmas time can’t be carried over to the next year. Why can’t the qualities we possess at Christmas continue to be our guiding light? Shortly after the holidays are over, we revert back to our old cranky ways. What would it take to keep that holiday feeling? I’d be a rich man if I knew the answer to that. What am I talking about? I **am** a rich man, for

riches are not measured by monetary value but by family, friends and good health. I have a terrific family and you Sir Knights are the best friends anyone could ever hope for. I think this year, we should put some extra effort in keeping the Christmas spirit throughout the next year. This pandemic has been terrifically trying and we definitely will need some additional Christmas spirit next year. Let’s absorb all the good we can handle this season and let it flourish next year. I see some houses every year where the Christmas lights burn well after the holiday. This year why not keep the lights burning to remind us of all the blessing we have in this world. This is a great country and even with all the problems we have a lot to be joyous about. Sir Knights you belong to a fantastic organization. Within our ranks we have the ability to love our families, help our fellowman, share in fellowship with each other and spread the joy to everyone. So, reach out to someone this Christmas season and brighten their lives. Let’s spread the Christmas cheer like never before and let this virus know we are still in charge. We can still be happy and spread the “happiness virus” to others.

Sir Knights, go forth this holiday season and enjoy the Christmas lights, a little hot chocolate, some friends and family. Have a very Merry Christmas and may God bless you all. And above all, Remember the reason for the season!

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