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“ What’s in it for me”



SKs, Lady Rachel and I hope that you have a wonderful and joyous Christmas season. I would encourage you to read the Gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 1, versus 18 - 25. What a great gift God gave us. No other gift during this season can be so meaningful and great. I know we will probably not be able to do Christmas Observance but I encourage all of you to go to your place of worship and do your observance there. Perhaps we could have it done on zoom. That will be up to each of the Commanderies to decide.

This is being a very difficult year and we need to do all we can to keep in touch. Be sure to contact your members to let them know you are thinking of them. We need to contact our widows especially. In the mean time may God Bless all of you and keep you in good health.

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Christmas what a magical time, bringing happy memories of family gatherings and charming traditions passed down through the generations. Christmas carols, gift exchanges and family feasts are just some of the enduring traditions that make the season one of the world’s favorite holidays. Christmas means something different to every person, still everyone appreciates a little reminder that someone cares. Sending messages or emails wishing a *Merry Christmas* can make others feel special. For your extended families sending a card through the mail can be a refreshing change it can increase their happiness and add just a little more spark of the things you share. ***Fraters, The Grand Family KT of Michigan wishes you all Gods love this season.***



During late December we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus. Take time to reflect how the world was at that time. The Gospel according to St. Matthew tells of three wise men who rejoiced with exceeding great joy when they saw the Star in the East. What a wonderful sight it must have been. Then seeing the young child Jesus with Mary his Mother they fell down and worshiped Him presenting Him with gifts. I believe this was the beginning of gift giving at Christmas. So when you give your gifts to family, friends, your Church or favorite Charity, do so with exceeding joy as the wise men. Then praise God for giving us the most wonderful gift; Jesus.



If they don’t know they can’t go!

Have you posted your event it on the Grand Commandery web site, sent a post card, put out a letter or made a phone call? These seemingly little things make sure the Knights know what is happening. No matter how well planned an event is, if the Knights don’t know they won’t be there.



Plan, Prepare and perform

Commanders look to the future and make plan (as best we can) for the events or Observances special to our craft. Look for special ways to assist lodges during installations, help out our youth groups, celebrations for holidays and of course Templar observances of Christmas, Easter and Hospitaler events. As we are dealing with plans and actions, stay in touch with your Grand Officers to ensure that we comply with current orders of the Grand Encampment and Grand Commandery. **Proper Prior Planning Provides Productive Pleasing Participation**