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Christmas Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies

Lady Charlyn and I wish all of you a very joyous Christmas Season. Christmas Season means a lot to all Christian Knights. As Knight Templars we pledge to defend the Christian Faith. Let us not let down our guard in this insane world that we live in. Be steadfast in the Faith.

The book of Isaiah is one of my favorite books. Here is a passage from Isaiah 28:16-18: Therefore, thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, a costly cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes in it will not be disturbed. And I will make justice the measuring line, and righteousness the level; Then hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the

waters shall overflow the secret place. And your covenant with death shall be canceled, and your pact with Sheol shall not stand.”

Jesus came and laid the foundation for his church. I remember fondly as a young man when our church would decorate for the Christmas season. What impressed me was the simplest of things: pine bough wreaths with candles placed in the windows. The small amount of light displayed inside was pretty insignificant. But when seen from outside the shimmering candles reflecting off the glass windows were beautiful. Can the same be said of us? Does our light shine from within to the outside world? Do your friends and neighbors know that you are a Christian? A Christian Mason? A Sir Knight? Let us shine forth in our every day lives.

Christmas is time of giving. Please do not forget to give to the less fortunate. This is a good time to give to our charity, the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. Another gift is that of donating to the Holy Land Pilgrimage where a deserving minister gets to go and see where Jesus walked and lived. I have personally heard several of our ministers from Wyoming relate how moving it was to have been to the Holy Land.

Christmas is a time of giving. Be generous with your time. Treat a brother to a cup of coffee and spend some time with them. Look after your brothers and sisters in our lodges and chapters. Perhaps there is a need for some help with the dues. A small gift basket or gift card to the local grocery goes a long way to cheer some elderly widow up a little. A couple of years ago the Worshipful Master of my lodge and I personally bought and delivered poinsettias to our widows. It took the better part of two days but it was a good feeling to bring a little warmth to these ladies. The best gifts are not wrapped up in pretty boxes and bows but are wrapped in friendship, fellowship and fraternal feelings for one another.

This is the time of Christmas Observances and Lady Charlyn and I are delighted to attend as many of these as possible. Please extend an invitation to your lodges, chapters and youth groups to join you in your celebrations as Sir Knights.

God Bless you and may you all have a very Merry Christmas.

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