



**MASSACHUSETTS &  
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SUPPLEMENT**

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**JANUARY MESSAGE**

January, the first month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars, is named after the Roman god Janus. With two faces, one facing backwards and one facing forwards, January is the month where we can reflect on the year past (thank God 2020 is over) and look forward to the year to come. It also contains the Christian Holiday of Epiphany, when the Wise Men from the East came to the birthplace of our Lord Jesus. It reminds us of how God came down to Earth to dwell with us, and how those who were the wisest among us, welcomed Him with gifts and their love.

In that spirit, we can look forward to a New Year with appreciation for God's gift to us and the joy of a new beginning.

There is a great deal about to happen in this new Templar year. Promising Covid-19 vaccines, larger social gatherings, new programs and more. We have a season of Inspections, Knighting, and social events that you will want to be a part of.

For now, we stay safe at home. I encourage every Sir Knight to attend your Commandery's monthly zoom meeting. Now is a great time to get involved.

From Lady Barbara and I, we wish you a very Happy and much improved New Year.

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**JANUARY MESSAGE  
from the Grand Prelate**

A New Year, a new hope?

We traditionally make resolutions to 'improve' ourselves and of course if you are like me they work for a short period and then we find a reason not to continue the effort.

Last month we celebrated the birth of our Savior, with the hope of him becoming the Redeemer of the World, the Messiah to create God's kingdom here on earth.

What will you do this year to further that Hope into fulfillment?

As Christian Knights we have obligated ourselves to fight for God's kingdom, within ourselves and within the world.

Let the New Year renew in you the resolution to do your part in changing hope to results.

Let this be a resolution we all keep.

May God bless you and yours;

Glen Cunningham