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Fratres,

PREGC John D. Barnes wrote a paper entitled “You are the Example”; and he begins “as a member of our Fraternity, no matter what your rank or title, to the rest of the world, you are Freemasonry”

We need to never forget that; the world will not allow us to forget that. We all know that first impressions only come once. It behooves us to be at our best at all times; for it will be some ones first experience with us every time. How we look and how we act, is representative of us as Masons and most importantly as Knights. Let us start with our uniforms, i.e. they need to be uniform. The regulations are clear as to what goes where and how it is to be displayed on the uniform. It takes a minimum of self-respect to take the time and effort to look well put together. Your uniform should not look like things were just thrown at it, like a bad Halloween costume. Take pride in yourself and in being a Knights Templar.

Secondly, the public will notice how we act, remember that at all times; we are under the microscope, and we are a Christian organization. How we conduct ourselves while interacting with the public will convince them of our sincerity to the oaths we have taken to man and God.

Mahatma Ghandi said “Be the change you wish to see in the world” be that change. As it applies to us today, it is simple “Lead by Example”. This is as plain as it can get. I expect no less of you than I do of myself.

Put on the Full Armor of God

The shoes of readiness and Peace
and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from
the gospel of peace. Ephesians 6:15

The shoes of the troops of those times were sandals; heavy soled and usually studded for better grip and stability. A firm foundation for hand to hand combat is a must. They are a required base for the fight which lies ahead.

We must use Jesus as our foundation in all we do. Just as the soldiers could not enter combat unprepared; we must remind each other and ourselves to be prepared with the wisdom of the Gospel.

As the life of Jesus, and his death and resurrection, brought the Peace of God to the earth; we must fight on with boldness, confidence and perseverance to bring God’s Peace to those who touch our lives every day.

ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS !!

Your in Christ,
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