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Greetings Sir Knights:

Halloween is done, Thanksgiving is over, now is the time that we, as Christian Knights, must stop and reflect on the miracle that occurred over 2000 years ago. In the rush to find the perfect Christmas present for those that we care about it is all too easy to forget the true meaning of the season. I have been invited to the Christmas observance of several of our commanderies and look forward to joining the Sir Knights as they celebrate this, the true meaning of the season.

The music of the season carries a special message to me. Through Christmas music we celebrate the birth of our savior. We celebrate the Christmas season. The stories behind some of our favorite carols inspire us. The story behind one of our favorites, Silent Night, tells us so much. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen tells us more. Yes, even Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer is a story of how someone different was able to save the season. These are just a few of our favorites. Remember when as youth we would join in a group and go around and carol in our neighborhood. How I enjoyed as I grew older hearing my neighbors sing their way through our neighborhood.

Christ left us a blueprint on how we should conduct our lives in the gospels. A blueprint that if we attempt to follow his commandments, we will ultimately join him in that land not made with hands but eternal in the heavens. I assisted a Blue Lodge installation and one of the lines I find that sticks in my mind is we are exhorted to live respected and die regretted. We know not how what we do now will affect those around us. How will be remembered. Will that little act of kindness change someone's live for the better? I recently had one of the youths that I hired many years ago as a staff member at a Boy Scout camp I managed tell me how what I said to him back then really changed the way he looked at his life. I don't remember what I said and to be honest it didn't register with me at the time that I was saying anything profound. It served to remind me we may never know the effect that we have on others so must always act in such a way that reflects positively on what we do.

Finally, my Sir Knights I wish all of you a joyous season.

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