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The weather is cooling off, Thanksgiving is complete, and Christmas is rapidly approaching. Often this time of year I replace the chapeau with a red hat with a furry ball on the end. There is joy in the season. We fill our hearts with love, family, and recommit to the love of Jesus Christ.

During this special time, not everyone is enjoying the season. Many people are down for one reason or another. Many suffer severe depression. What can we do? I have often told people to practice RAK – Random Acts of Kindness. This is something that we all can do. It might be nothing more than opening a door for someone, buying dinner at the drive-thru and giving it to someone homeless on the street. There are so many ways that we can make a difference. The funny thing about this is that if it becomes a daily practice for you, others start practicing this as well. It spreads and the world becomes a better place. You made a difference. We need this kind of change today.

This this time of the year, I want to charge each of you to make a difference. Be the bright and shining example to humanity. Jesus reached out to each and everyone of us to hold us up. He did not say just help people like you. We are to share our experience and wealth to help aid and assist not only our Masonic friends and family, but for the world at large. It all starts with you.

Installation season is upon us. This is a celebration of renewal and we all should participate in this annual happy occurrence. All of us need to get involved and bring Templary to the forefront of masonry. I see passion in some of our membership. I also see many who are just watching from the sidelines. Let's get our inactive Templars engaged. Ask them to do some small thing, and when it is done give them praise for a job well done. We need every templar to activate and engage. Make a difference to Templary and the world at large.

I want to wish each of you the very best for Christmas and the New Year to come. My hope for you is to live a happy, healthy, and successful life in the year to come. Remember, it all starts with you. Be the one to make a difference.

Sincerely,
SK Steven R. Barchus
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