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GRAND COMMANDERS MESSAGE

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

The Knights Templar of old celebrated Christmas by fasting and praying on Christmas Day. It has been the custom of the individual Commanderies of Knights Templars of the Masonic bodies to celebrated Christmas by getting together on Christmas Day and participates in a program. It does not have to be anything extreme a simple service will do just fine, with the Prelate presiding. If they desire they may chose a local church service to attend together. Whatever your Commandery decides will be fine. Please report any thing you decide to do.

Remember our Lord the Christ Jesus birth is why we and the Knight Templars of old exist and existed. We have bound our lives to that moment and his life to follow. Please read the Grand Master, Sir Knight David J. Kussmans Christmas

message in the Knights Templar Magazine for December and take heed of the Excellent Grand Prelates Message.

Yours in the Christ Jesus
Sir Knight John E. King
Right Eminent Grand Commander of Oklahoma



GRAND PRELATES MESSAGE

Sir Knights, as the Christmas season graces our paths once again, let us not only celebrate the birth of light in the world but also reflect on our sacred vows of chivalry and service.

Reflecting on the spirit of Christmas involves:

1. **Generosity:** Christmas is a season of giving, where individuals share their blessings with others through gifts, acts of kindness, and charity. It encourages us to think beyond ourselves and extend a helping hand to those in need.
2. **Love and Unity:** It's a time to cherish our relationships and celebrate the love we have for family, friends, and our community. Christmas fosters unity and encourages us to come together despite our differences.
3. **Gratitude:** Reflecting on Christmas often involves counting our blessings and being grateful for what we have. It's an opportunity to appreciate the little things in life and express gratitude for the people around us.
4. **Hope and Renewal:** Christmas signifies hope and new beginnings. It's a time to leave behind the past and embrace the future with optimism and renewed aspirations. It inspires us to believe in the possibility of positive change.
5. **Faith and Spirituality:** For many, Christmas holds religious significance, marking the birth of Jesus Christ. It's a time to deepen one's faith, reflect on spiritual values, and find solace in traditions and beliefs.
6. **Kindness and Compassion:** Christmas encourages acts of kindness and compassion. It prompts us to be more empathetic, caring, and considerate towards others, spreading warmth and cheer.

Reflecting on the spirit of Christmas is not confined to a particular day; it's a season that inspires us to embody these virtues throughout the year, fostering a sense of goodwill and harmony in our lives and communities.

In the spirit of this joyous occasion, may our swords remain sharp, our shields unwavering, and our hearts filled with the unwavering resolve to defend the weak, uphold justice, and spread goodwill to all. Let the warmth of this festive time ignite within us a renewed commitment to honor, duty, and the preservation of noble virtues. May the guiding light of Christmas illuminate our path and grant us strength as we continue our quest for righteousness and peace. Merry Christmas, Sir Knights, united in purpose and valor.

Respectfully,
Sir Knight Steven Cox
Excellent Grand Prelate