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Greetings Sir Knights:

We have the winter solstice behind us and the days are getting longer. As Christian Knights we have just celebrated the birth of our lord and savior Jesus Christ. This was a time for all Christians around the world to celebrate and reflect on our lives. I hope that each sir knight was able to celebrate with family and friends and reflect on how blessed we are in our own lives to have been able to cement our relationship with our savior.

Now as we look to the new year it is a custom for many to make new years' resolutions. While many make their resolutions only to forget them in the coming months, I ask that you look at your lives and resolve to be a better person in Christ. To work each day to live up to his teachings. We all fall short but that doesn't mean that just because He died for our shortcomings and sins it absolves us of the obligation to work each and every day to live to a standard that brings glory to his name. Be proud of your status as a Knight Templar but be not prideful. Remember that the world sees our actions and not just our words. Think back to when you first heard the words in the closing ritual of your blue lodge when we were reminded that "These generous principles extend further, for every human being has a claim upon your kind offices. Do good unto all."

As another year is born fresh, we are given the chance to also start out fresh so let us not waste this opportunity. Finally, Sir Knights be ye all of one mind; live in peace; and may the God of Love and Peace delight to dwell with you and bless you.

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