A New Year
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January - the first month of the New Year, the second month of winter. That period of time when, quite likely, we depart to work in the dark and return again at night in the dark. The time whenever so perceptibly we begin to notice the lengthening of the days and the knowledge that more Light lies before us.

January, a month that takes its name from the God of Janus - the Roman two headed God. The Temple of Janus stood at the entrance to the City of Rome with one face looking inward to the City and the other outward.

I have modified slightly a piece from my favorite author, Anon, I share the following with you.

Recipe For A Happy New Year

'Take twelve fine full grown months, see that these are thoroughly free from all old bad memories of bitterness, rancor, hate and jealousy; cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the burdens of the past - start them as fresh and clean as when they first came from the storehouse of Time.

Take each month and split it up into four of five parts. Divide each, as needed, into one of caring for all those about you, one of sharing with all those in need, one of daring to live the Golden Rule all the time to all people, one of uniting together as Brethren of one tie and lastly, but always first – letting Brotherly Love prevail

Cut these months into thirty and thirty-one parts and one of twenty-eight. This batch will keep for just one year. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time for you may well spoil the whole batch in this manner, but prepare one day as a time as follows:

Into each day put twelve parts of faith, eleven of patience, ten of courage, nine of work, eight of hope, seven of fidelity, six of liberality, five of kindness, four of rest, three of prayer, two of meditation, and one of a well selected resolution. For some further delights, put in a teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.

Pour into each batch the whole love of ***ad libitum*** and mix with vim. Cook thoroughly in a fervent heat; garnish with a few smiles and a sprig of joy; then serve with quietness, unselfishness and cheerfulness and a Happy New Year throughout the entire New Year is guaranteed.'

Enjoy this New Year and Let Your Light So Shine.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

January 6 – Grand Master's Visit to Jefferson Lodge Number 15. Lewes
January 12 – Grand Master's Visit to Delaware Lodge Number 37, Dagsboro
January 13 – Grand Master's Visit to Temple Lodge Number 11. Wilmington
January 14 – St. John's Commandery Stated, Wilmington
January 14 – Grand Master's Visit to Eureka-DuPont Lodge Number 23-29
January 15 – St. Andrew's Commandery Stated - Dover
January 21 – Grand Master's Visit to Armstrong Lodge Number 26, Newport
January 23 – Grand Master's Visit to High Noon Lodge Number 38, Newport
January 28 – Grand Master's Visit to Temple Lodge Number 9, Milford
March 12 – Templar Feast, St. John's Commandery Number 1, Wilmington
March 13 – Grand Commandery of Delaware Annual Conclave, Wilmington
March 13 – Grand York Rite Banquet, Wilmington
March 14 – Grand Council (9:00AM) and Grand Chapter Annual Sessions (1:00 PM) Wilmington