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Greetings Sir Knights:

Happy December!

The Christmas message will be arriving soon. Your Commandery is being sent a copy in the mail and the Christmas message will be posted with the general orders on the Grand Commandery website.

I encourage every Commandery to have a Christmas Observance and open it up to friends and family and even the public. This would also be a good opportunity to show off a part of what being a Knight Templar is about.

I trust that each Commandery is working on being successful by participating in the Grand Commander's Program. Being active in the program will earn your Commandery money that could be used to buy equipment for a new Sir Knight. Please review and follow the program requirement guidelines as set forth. As a reminder, KTEF fundraiser donations MUST be submitted through the Iowa KTEF chairman to be eligible for matching funds and Iowa Awards.

As 2018 is fast approaching save these dates: The 154th Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Iowa will be in Ames, Iowa at the Quality Inn on May 30 through June 2, 2018.

Please keep those in sickness and distress in your thoughts and prayers. For when the strength and wisdom of man fails, there is an inexhaustible supply from above, yielded through the power of prayer.

Courteously,

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The One Reason for the Season

As we near the time of Christmas, we see the decorations going up. People are scurrying around shopping for gifts creating the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season.

Now is the time to pause to reflect on why we really celebrate this time.

As Christians, we know the true meaning of Christmas and why it is a time of celebration and what that celebration means to all who will believe. However sometimes we get caught up fervor of life and temporarily lose sight of the real meaning behind the season.

If there were no Jesus, there would be no Christmas.

As you see the many slogans of Christmas time around you, take time every day to reflect on the real meaning of what is being said, "Peace on earth, good will to men", "Joy to the world", "Hark, the herald Angels sing", "round yon virgin, mother and Child". Think about what each of these things means to you as a Christ believer, then share them with others - especially with others who don't know Jesus or understand his incredible, eternal, unconditional love for us all.

As you make up your gift list, remember to give everyone on your list the gift of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, let it be at least by word, deed or act.

As you think about *the One who is the Reason for the Season*, please be sure that you know who He is and that He is our salvation.

John 14:1-6 KJV

- 1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.
- 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
- 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.
- 4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.
- 5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?
- 6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Merry Christmas, and may God Bless you.

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