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Dear Sir Knights and Ladies of Ohio,

We just concluded our Reception; what a wonderful event it was. Lady Debbie and I truly appreciate all the support and assistance that has been given by the Sir Knights and Ladies.

As I am writing this, we are gathering supplies and shopping for all the goodies we will be preparing for Thanksgiving dinner. We will be celebrating with our extended family at our sons' house this year. First time he has hosted, so should be fun! (Somehow, even though we gave up hosting Thanksgiving dinner at our house some years ago, we still end up supplying the turkey and most of the fixins, and Debbie does most of the cooking.)

Approaching fast is Christmas. Christmas is the only holiday I never missed back in my active-duty days; came really close one year as I arrived home from a mission deployment about 3am Christmas morning. We may have broken a few aircrew rules regarding length of a duty day, but we made it!

For both of these holidays Lady Debbie and I wish you all a great time celebrating with family and friends. But let us not forget those that are less fortunate. As it is the season of giving, I would like to say something about one part of my program, which is a continuation of REGC Olson's – charitable giving.

As a Veteran, I am partial to charities that help homeless or disadvantaged veterans. Wounded Warrior Project is one of those: Many of the veterans who fought for us returned home with life-changing injuries. We can never repay them for their extraordinary sacrifices. But we can show our gratitude by helping to provide them with the free programs and services they urgently need. Please consider donating if you can.

Lady Debbie and I also sponsor, through our Church's Angel Tree, several disadvantaged children who have a parent in prison. The kids are often the ones that are most hurt by bad decisions of a parent.

Never forget – we are Knights Templar! The best of the best. We, as Templars, are the shining stars and the epitome of Christian York Rite Masonry.

In our planned travels this upcoming inspection season, we will be in each division twice. Lady Debbie and I are looking forward to seeing our friends throughout the state again. Safe travels to all!

Courteously,

Richard L Ganion, KCT, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Ohio