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Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies

As you prepare for your Thanksgiving Feast with family and friends, please take a few minutes to reflect on all of the multitudes of items you have to be thankful for. Be thankful for the food you are about to partake, the roof over your head, being free in our country, thanks to the military and our founding fathers for having the foresight to set up the government we have, Our first responders, your Masonic Brothers and Sisters and especially, family. I could go on and on but most of all be thankful for "Jesus Christ" who shed his blood for our sins. Please don't forget to thank him every day.

Lady Judy's and my reception went well, attendance was a little light, but all who attended had excellent food and my favorite frozen custard for dessert. Thank you to the Southeastern Division for making this happen for us. Thank you.

For the Sir Knights that were not able to attend my installation. I am going to describe what I did to make every Sir Knight feel that they had a part in my installation and let them know that this is their Grand Commandery. As all Sir Knights are aware, a wooden cross is placed on the bible, and we place our hands on the cross when we take our obligation in the Order of The Temple. At my installation, I placed a small olive wood cross on the Bible I took my obligation as Grand Commander on.

At the altar, I knelt on a box containing several olive wood crosses like the one I had on the bible. I did this so every Sir Knight can feel they took part in my obligation. Every Sir Knight at my installation received one of the crosses. I plan to carry the crosses with me this year on my travels. If I do not offer one, please ask me for one.

Sir Knights and ladies, enjoy your time with family and friends at this special time of the year and have a Happy Thanksgiving.

2 Thessalonians 3

We ought always to thank God for your, Brothers and Sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing.

Remember Always **"Christ Gives us Direction."**

Courteously,

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Right Eminent Grand Commander

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