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Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies

I hope this Season finds you in good health and Blessed. This season is not only about the gifts and the big meals. This season is about the birth of the Baby Jesus so many years ago. What a gift God gave us. A legend in His own time. His birth brought joy to the world and still brings us joy if we allow him to be a part of our lives. He is the one strong pillar in our lives when all else seems to be falling apart around us.

As we celebrate this Christmas Season, enjoy all the gifts. Most especially, enjoy the time with your family and friends. Please lay aside your differences for a few days and enjoy each other. Surprise someone you have not seen in a while with a simple gift of homemade cookies or a special dish. Always remember, without Jesus, family and friends, our lives would be miserable.

This Christmas Season, please try to remember all those in the world that are less fortunate than we are. Try to find some time to donate your time to a homeless shelter or a soup kitchen, make a monetary donation to a needy cause, buy some toys for less fortunate children. Take a meal to a person that you know who is not as blessed as you. After all, this is the season we think most about giving. As Sir Knights, we are obligated to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and inculcate the duties of charity and hospitality in their needs. Let us show everyone this Christmas Season that we follow what we preach.

I want to thank everyone that took time from their busy schedule to attend Jackson #53 inspection. What a nice crowd. I am certainly blessed to have so many friends and brothers. **Thank you!**

As you sit down with family and friends this season, pick up your Bible and read the greatest story ever told in Matthew or Luke to the family and listen to the words carefully. Every time I hear it, I get something from it I had not realized before.

Lady Judy and I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Joyful New Year. Always remember the reason for the season. When you greet someone this season, do not say "Happy Holidays" tell them "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year." Tell them your Grand Commander prefers it that way.

Remember always: **"Christ Gives Us Direction."**

Courteously,

Dale A. Exline, KCT

Right Eminent Grand Commander

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