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To the Sir Knights of Texas,

As I think back over the years, some of my most favorite – and happiest – memories are of Christmas.

From a very early age, I learned what Christmas meant, and the “true reason for the season.” I know that each of us sometimes can get caught up in the hustle and bustle that is the holidays, but during this busy time, I would like for us to stop, take a pause, and reflect back on the blessings you have received this year. Truly this has been a very traumatic year for some, a year in which there has been great loss, however, it has also been a time of triumph and happiness for others. I ask each of you, at this time, to think of your fellow Sir Knights and their families. Do they need a helping hand from you? Could they use a word of prayer from you? Could they use some kind words of comfort from you? I am asking each of you to remember that the Christmas season is really about giving, and not getting. Please ask yourself, what you could do to provide help or encouragement to another Sir Knight and/or their family. Remember that the ultimate gift was already given to each of us, the gift of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

On behalf of Julie, Jake, and myself, please accept our most heartfelt wishes to each of you and your families, for a happy and joyous Christmas, and a prosperous New Year for 2018.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Jack M. Harper II
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Christmas Message

December 25, 2017

Christmas Greetings!

Ah, 'tis the season of Christmas, and the joy that being with family brings to mind! We never get too old for this season of the year, and to count our joys as we mix and mingle with the Sir Knights and ladies. It is time to stand still and reflect on what this great day, “Christmas”, means to each of us. I believe it has a deeper meaning than just giving and receiving gifts of monetary value. As we were growing up, we could hardly wait for that grand old day. It is the sharing that excites us now, sharing the Christmas story, sharing our Lord and Savior with others, and giving thanks for another year.

We realize this is the time which God set aside to bring His Son into the world for the cleaning up of the world, and forgiveness of our sins that we have committed. It is a fresh start each year that begins with Christmas. The joys we receive are uncountable in our small mind, but God stands ready to give us a new beginning. It is the new that gives hope to each of us as well as a foundation to start a new way. Remember that all receive the same opportunity to make amends for the past and move on with God and your neighbor. Let us take that step this year, so that love may prevail and harmony go out from our hearts at this Christmas season.

Christ was born many years ago, but the joy of the season still is a part of our preparing for the sharing of good news that our Savior is still alive in our hearts in this Christmas season. Never forget that Christ reigns, and let us enjoy this time of celebration with everyone for we truly are God's Children.

This message was prepared by Sir Knight E. Dixon Toney, Grand Prelate 2017-2018.