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Greeting Sir Knights,

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, our savior Jesus Christ, the King of Kings has been born this day. Following the star in the east to Bethlehem, there they found him, and worshiped him. This moment in time would eventually give birth to our forebearers, the first Christian Knights. We proudly continue to bear his cross not with the sword but by being upright Christian Knights, spreading the word of Christ through our work and deeds. While we celebrate this CHRISTmas season, with decorations, presents and gathering around the dinner table. Let us first reflect on what we have done since our last celebration. What have we achieved in furthering the words of Jesus? Have we been kind, generous and caring to our fellow man? Have we performed acts of kindness without wanting any recognition or benefit? Have you wanted to help at the local bread line, but didn't have time? Did you walk past the red kettle without taking time to donate, because we're in a hurry? Was it easier to throw away our used clothes instead of taking them to the local charity? Acts of charity and kindness are some of the prime tenets of Jesus' teachings. This single birth has done more to change the world than any other. Let us renew our faith in Jesus and his message of faith, hope and charity, let us always remember the words of our Lord "Whatever you do for the least of these you do for me." Let us reflect on what we have done to uphold this teaching.

From Connie and I to you and your family, may the blessings of Heaven be with you this holiday season and always.

Hail be thou - be healthy,

Wayne R. Clark, Sr
Grand Commander

Save the Dates

January 7th	Inspection Galesburg	Galesburg
January 7th	Inspection Beaumanoir/Palestine	Paris
January 14th	Inspection Ottawa	Ottawa
January 14th	Inspection St. Elmo	Riverside
January 14th	Inspection G. B. Bernard	Sullivan
January 21st	Inspection Macomb	Macomb
January 28th	Inspection Bethel	Palatine
January 28th	Inspection Quincy	Quincy