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OSMTH Silent Knight Programs

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have much to be thankful for this past year as many of you, as Silent Knights, have made the lives of others better, provided encouragement, and extended God's love to the needy. From the hearts and pockets of our Silent Knights, Squires, and Maidens, we have made a difference for many. You bless our lives as we hear your stories and share in the joy of helping others anonymously in the spirit of our Knights Templar motto, "Not unto us, oh Lord, not unto us, but to Thy Name give glory."

For your information, our largest single Silent Knight contribution that we are aware of was made in the United States this month by a Squire and postulant to our Order. The total was over \$8,000 dollars to assist in a Christian missionary cause. Our greatest new advance in our Silent Knight effort is partnering with churches that agree to take a once a month love offering from their congregation to use for Silent Knight (anonymous) random acts of charity for people in their local community. They use the Silent Knight cards and can stamp their church logo on the back with a note of encouragement on the inside. This seems to be a positive and growing area for our Silent Knight efforts to attract like-minded people into our Order and make a difference in our local area. We are making progress.

Mo and I cannot express adequately the joy we experience because of the efforts and heart of the Knights and Dames we encounter in this noble quest to serve God. You have become part of our extended family and your friendship and contact has been meaningful beyond measure.

We extend our prayers and best wishes to each of you this holiday season. We pray for your health, wealth, safety, and joy as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and we thank you for being the chivalrous and generous men and women we have come to know.

God bless each and every one of you.

Merry Christmas, NNDNN,

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