



## **Dear Templar Knights and Dames,**

God bless each and every one of you this Christmas Season as we worship the gift of our Savior and God's eternal promise in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall have life everlasting."

Many of you have made a difference for others this year by participation in the SILENT KNIGHT Program. Mo and I wish you all the joy this season can bring you and your loved ones. Our Silent Knights and our partners have continued to grow in numbers and charity. Your kindness toward those in need is a demonstration of God's pure love flowing from Templar hearts. It is a clear message that Psalm 115 remains our Templar calling for SILENT KNIGHT. Today, hundreds of thousands of dollars in charitable giving has been generated by men and women of good heart.

You have blessed our lives by your actions. We pray God's protection over each of you and wish you a very Merry Christmas.

Below, are a couple of SILENT KNIGHT stories that have been approved and sanitized (to remove names) for your reading pleasure:

### **Katrina Relief**

A Silent Knight organized a group from the northeastern United States to help provide hurricane relief in the southern United States. The group traveled to the area and assisted with rebuilding projects. During the course of these efforts, the Silent Knight visited a pharmacy and discovered a young mother and her two sick children attempting to purchase medicine. The young mother did not have the funds to pay for the medication for herself and her children. The mother asked the pharmacy clerk the cost of the medication for just the children but could still not afford it. Our Silent Knight witnessed this event and gave the clerk a SILENT KNIGHT card with more than enough money to pay for the medication for all three. The Silent Knight informed the clerk of the anonymous way to handle this transaction. While explaining the process to the clerk, the clerk cried happy tears. As our Silent Knight departed the parking lot, one of the other volunteers in the vehicle, pointed to the window of the pharmacy where the children and their mother were lined up against the glass waving, with tears of joy rolling down their faces, mouthing the words "Thank You." The volunteer recommended that they stop their truck and go back. The Silent Knight said, "No, we must continue." He proceeded to tell the volunteer how the program works. Over the course of the next few days, the story circulated among the volunteers and they became active participants in the SILENT KNIGHT program generating three thousand dollars in SILENT KNIGHT Aid

over the course of their relief effort. New postulants have been identified from this amazing group of men and women.

### **A Story of Hope and Fulfillment**

A young man attending college in the northwest United States has become a SILENT KNIGHT Squire. After surfing upon the SILENT KNIGHT website, he obtained a book, read it, and later requested to become a Squire in the program. He has been provided cards and is already engaged in SILENT KNIGHT random acts of charity. He has reported that his life has been changed dramatically by the SILENT KNIGHT story. This change includes being “touched” by the Holy Spirit. In a very beautiful conversation with a Silent Knight, he stated he is “whole” again. We pray this young Squire will become an inspiration for many.

We hope you are warmed by these two stories this holiday season. Please continue making a difference in your community, Nation, and world.

### **Upcoming Events and Opportunities to Socialize**

*For those Templars and Silent Knights in the Washington DC area, we hope to see you if you are available for the Priory of St. King Charles the Martyr Winter Social in Washington, DC at the Army Navy Club from 5PM to 7PM on January 21, 2006. Cost is \$45/person. Dress is coat and tie.*

*For Templars and Silent Knights worldwide, we also look forward to a huge turnout for the **Grand Priory of the United States Convent and Investiture held in Washington, DC, 15 – 17 June 2006**. HE David Appleby, GPUSA, will be changing command during this event. Here is the website <http://crystalcity.hyatt.com/groupbooking/wasrcknih2006> to reserve your room in the HYATT near Reagan National Airport. The hotel is located within a few minutes of downtown Washington DC and will be the location for all events except the investiture. If you ever wanted to see the National Capitol, this is the time to do it. It will be an event to remember! More information will be provided on the OSMTH and SMOTJ websites before the end of the year. We hope to see you there.*

**“Not unto us, Oh Lord, not unto us, but to Thy Name give glory.”**



**Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays**



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