



SILENT KNIGHT CHRISTMAS 2008 MESSAGE

Blessings to all ***Silent Knights***,

We pray you and all those you love are blessed this Christmas and in the new year. Your care for, and kindness to, others inspires many and provides hope. Our actions are speaking louder and louder as our ranks continue to grow and your random acts of charity resonate around the globe.

It has been another great year for the Silent Knight Program due to the growing number of active and imaginative participants in this anonymous cause. Silent Knights have touched people from coast to coast in the United States and many other nations around the world this year. We are very pleased to announce that Cameroon, Australia, and Singapore have been added to our list of places Silent Knights are making a difference. So far, Silent Knights by my latest count, have touched needy persons in 26 nations and provided hundreds of thousands of dollars in direct aid. The numbers continue to grow as good men and women seek to serve God as Silent Knights.

Amazing random acts of charity have been performed this year by many long serving and new Silent Knights. Activities have ranged from paying for surgery for a disfigured person in Africa, to paying for underprivileged children to attend an event in Atlanta, to thousands of dollars in small random acts of charity for individuals, soldiers, and strangers. God Bless you all for making these beautiful things happen and for the encouragement each one of you provides me as you share your stories.

We are now entering a new phase of the Silent Knight Program. We will continue to do all that we are currently doing, partnering with churches, service organizations, and individuals; however, now we are going to be able to respond to larger causes. For the first time, you can make tax deductible donations to the Silent Knight Program through a partnered charity, named Good Samaritans of the Knights Templar (GSKT). The leadership of this fine organization recognized the good that Silent Knights are doing and has empowered us to do bigger projects through your generosity. If you wish to give, you can send your check made out to GSKT with Silent Knight written in the Memo line to:

GSKT
6022 Knights Ridge Way,
Alexandria, VA 22310-1635
E-Mail: Chairman@GoodSamaritansOfTheKnightsTemplar.com

Since the Silent Knight Program began in 2000, the costs of all administration, cards, pins and mail have been largely carried personally. As the program continues to grow this cost has risen and we intend to continue to provide free Silent Knight cards and lapel pins to participants; however, we will need to raise funds for this purpose as the success of this anonymous cause is rapidly exceeding our ability to individually cover the requirements. It is our goal to see that not less than 80% of all donated proceeds arrive at the point of need. Our targets for giving will be medical, education, peace initiatives, and crisis response to areas hit by natural and manmade disasters. No individual will be identified as a donor in keeping with the practices of the Silent Knight Program. These donations to Silent Knight will not go to individuals, they will go to the hospital, university, or organization that delivers the aid Silent Knight is paying for. This is to ensure your donations are not wasted or improperly diverted. Your donation is important to us and our reputation and credibility with each of you is paramount. To find out more about GSKT or make a PayPal donation, please go to their web site: <http://www.goodsamaritansoftheknightstemplar.com/>

Feel free to contact me at SilentKnightOne@aol.com if you have questions.

God Bless you all this Christmas and into the New Year.

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

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