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### CHRISTMAS MESSAGE - 2009

Every Brother Knight in Canada wears, on his uniform jacket a STAR, and history tells us that it was a star that guided the Wise Men to the birth place of the Christ child. If you let your thoughts wander back to that time in History, more than 2000 years ago, on a quiet night, the sky full of stars, sheep lying down for the night, everything still, and a brilliant star appears, and moves in the direction of Bethlehem, the Wise Men followed this star, bearing gifts for the Baby.

The celebration of the Birth of Christ is evident in all our Preceptories. Some hold Christmas Observance service in a church, others invite the public into the Preceptory. For several years, my Preceptory, Crossroads No. 80, Gander NL has invited one of the Churches, on a rotation basis to the Preceptory, the choir is also invited, and the Minister from the Church addresses the assembly. One hundred or more in attendance gives a very positive message that the celebration of the Birth of the Christ Child is an important event in 2009, as it was 2000 years ago.

Once again I ask you to keep our Military families in your thoughts and prayers, especially at this time of the year.

As you follow the Christmas Star, may His love shine on you and your families.

Yours in the Bonds of the Order

W. Job Parsons, CD, G.C.T.  
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