

PATAPSCO COUNCIL #1960
MEETS SECOND AND
FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF
THE MONTH

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DECEMBER

Dec 5 ~ Officers
Meeting

Dec 12—Lecturer’s
Night—Heart of Md
Chorus

Dec 13 ~ Beaumont
Holding Co. Meet-
ing

Dec 19~ Council
Business Meeting

Patapsco Knight



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Grand Knight Report

Brothers all,
Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year to all! For me, this
past year has moved so quickly
that it honestly seems like we
just HAD Christmas! We are
rapidly moving into our Centen-
nial Year and I am so excited to
see the efforts that so many
brothers who are contributing
their time and energy to make
the year a success. And if you
cannot participate directly in
organizing activities, you can
contribute immensely simply by
attending our Centennial Events
and enjoying the fellowship of
your fellow Knights.

Before we get to 2019, we will
hold our annual Christmas Cele-
bration, with the magnificent
Heart of Maryland Chorus, for an
evening of Christmas Music to
get you in the mood for the
Christmas season. Please attend
with whomever you wish to
share the evening with, and all
we ask is a Good Will Donation
of any amount you feel comforta-

ble in donating. 2019 starts out
with our Centennial Mass will be
held on January 13th at St. Joseph
Monastery with a breakfast at
our Council Home following the
service. I sincerely hope to see
each one of you, along with your
family and friends. There is more
information on these, and other
events, but I just want to high-
light the upcoming events in the
next two months.

On a more serious note, we held
our Memorial Mass on Novem-
ber 28th at the St. Mark Chapel.
The good news is that we only
had four brothers who passed
away this passed year. The prob-
lem is that most of us had no
idea they died until it was too
late to render honors, such as
praying a Rosary over a departed
Brother by several of his fellow
Knights. We have a problem in
staying in touch with older mem-
bers who for health or other
reasons is unable to stay as active
within the Council as they once
were. We want to stay in touch

and we need your help. Please
keep the Council informed of
email and phone number chang-
es, and please let your families
know your intentions as to hav-
ing a Rosary prayed over you or
having Color Corp Guard. If you
do not communicate your inten-
tions to your families, they won't
know to ask for those honors,
and gentlemen, you, AND YOUR
FAMILIES, deserve them. Make
sure your families know how to
reach our Council to notify us.
Out of the four Brothers we
honored this week, not one fam-
ily was aware that the Knights
could offer anything for the de-
ceased. One family did show up
for the Mass, and believe me, it
was a great comfort to them to
be welcomed by the Knights into
our home in honoring their fa-
ther.

Again, Merry Christmas, and
please be safe as you travel this
Holiday Season.

Vivat Jesus,
John Journell—Grand Knight

December Lecturer's Night

December 12, 2018 ~ 7:00 PM

Heart of Maryland Chorus Christmas Musical Presentation

**Please Note the Council Business Meeting
will be on Wednesday December 19, 2018**



Knights Out Inn December Menu



December 7 ~
Fried Chicken

December 12 ~
Shrimp Creole

December 21 ~
Lasagna

December 28 ~
Closed



Culture of Life



On October 24 Bill Wingard made an excellent presentation about The Shroud of Turin. This was, for me, the most professional examination of Christ's gift since the docu-

mentary, A DOCTOR AT CALVARY, published 60 years ago.

If you could not be present you can still see the talk on the internet by googling The

Shroud of Turin, San Francisco, with Bill Wingard.

Tim McCarthy

Deputy Grand Knight Report

Brothers,

It is my sincere hope that all of you and your family had a very Happy Thanksgiving and that you have a very blessed Christmas holiday season. Please keep Christ in Christmas! This time of year is also a time to reflect on all the blessings we have been so fortunate enough to have and experience. More

importantly, it is also a time to reflect on how our worthy service to others is a blessing not solely reserved for us, but is also a blessing for those less fortunate than us. We take so much for granted- from our large holiday meals and blessed times with family that we sometime forgot that this is a particularly challenging time of

the year for many. I urge you to please take time over this holiday season to pray for those in need, including our military and first responders- especially those far from home, and make some form of offering to at least one person less fortunate than you!

DGK Rob Carter

Food-For-The-Needy-Program

Patapsco Council has been running a very special program for over three decades now the "Food-For-The-Needy-Program." It has taken on many forms, most notable the giving baskets at Christmas time. Though we were excluded from the Maryland Food Bank Program a few years back which was the mainstay of this program, we are still working to help and feed those in need.

As part of our effort to continue to help those in need this past year the Council prepared 144 Chicken and Rice casseroles which were delivered to St. Mark Church for distribution at Our Daily Bread. On many occasion when you see those leftovers at the Council events, well those went to our neighbors at Our Brothers Keeper in Irvington. We have also been purchasing Peanut Butter and Preserves for the Little Sisters of the Poor on Maiden Choice Lane for making sandwiches for those in need. This program involves the residents making over hundreds of sandwiches monthly for the hungry. An important program with a twofold mission.

In the coming year we hope to expand this important Patapsco Council program, all with your help.



FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS

Community: The 7th annual “Catonsville Couples Night Out” was a success back on Saturday, November 24. Thanks in part to the teaming up with the Christian Athletic Association in Catonsville and as well for the great performance of the Jeremy Gilless trio band playing 80’s, 90’s and current music. But it was really a success thanks to the efforts of so many volunteer Brother Knights and the Knights who bought tickets. Thank you Matt Wrisk, PGK Michael Doetzer, Bob Frazier, Ed Fuller, GK John Journell, John Hart, Henry Dulaney, Andrew Greene, Joe Hays, Steve Schwing, PGK Scott Luco, Eric Bauer and Pat Cusick. Huge thanks goes to our Worthy Financial Benefits Advisor Mike Duffy for stepping up to help assist the Chairman PGK Bernie Wrisk and lead the food purchase and preparation. There was plenty of it and all enjoyed it. Come to our December Business meeting to hear the financial results of it and allocation of the funds raised. You will be happy to know the next year’s event is already on the Beaumont books and agreed to by the CAA and Jeremy Gilless band. We will be offering tickets to it multiple months in advance.

Community: The 2nd annual St Patrick’s Day Dance will take place at our hall on March 16. The Hooligans will perform again and this time sell out the house. Tickets can be purchased in advance through our Pay Pal site. See the flyer on our council web site and find the link to the tickets or else contact the chairman Brother Joseph Melchor.

Church: Keep Christ in Christmas Card Program continues thanks to the first time Chairmanship of Brother Joe Hays. Thanks to the volunteers that helped Joe sell the cards during the two weekends of masses at St Mark in November. If you still have an interest in getting any cards or the puzzles or beautiful ornaments which make great Christmas gifts please contact Joe at 443-527-9430 or send an email to Henry at henrydulaney@gmail.com. The order form is also available to view on our web site kofc1960.org. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the St Mark Confirmation class expenses.

Patapsco Council Milestones

Brother Alan E. Small became an Honorary Member on October 9, 2018. Alan has 43 years of membership with the Knights of Columbus.

With regret we announce the death of Honorary Life Member James P.Manning on November 3, 2018.

Patapsco Council Degree Team

The Patapsco Degree Team hosts a number of Degrees throughout the year. We are in need of a few Brothers to help by taking a speaking role in the Degrees. This is a significant role within our Order and your participation is important in welcoming Catholic Gentlemen to the Knights of Columbus. Consider becoming active in our Degree Team. Contact ~ Brother Knight Tony Viscardi 410-719-0099 or afviscardi@verizon.net

"Should I take some chips off the table?"

No one knows this answer...it's an individual preference. But we can tell you that it is prudent to manage your risk as you get older and that guarantees play a large part in our financial and emotion peace of mind. This is what the Knights of Columbus do so well...we provide guarantees that allow you to not worry what the world around you is doing. You don't have to be glued to CNBC or worry about what "the guys at the diner" are saying.

Another factor to consider gentlemen, our wives and our families. As Catholic men, fathers and in many cases breadwinners – we have a responsibility to take care of our loved ones. Part of that responsibility is to proper risk management.

What items fall into risk management?

1. Adequate life insurance 2. Long term care insurance 3. Safety of principal for your 401K, IRA, TSP, etc. 4. Adequate homeowners and car coverage 5. Umbrella liability coverage (it's a litigious world out there) 6. Making sure your legal work is up to date 7. Disability Income insurance if your employer doesn't provide it or if it isn't adequate 8. Annually reviewing all of the above

I am happy to assist you with the above. "Brother Knight caring for Brother Knight" – they aren't just nice words to me.

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Chaplain Report

Brother Knights and Lovely Ladies:

Lucy van Pelt may have famously said, "This is the gift getting season," but she could be missing the point. In this time of "shopping insanity," please take the time to reflect on the One who came to us as the littlest, poorest child, who came into the world with nothing and who left this world with nothing.

Yet, He gave us the greatest, most perfect gift of all, Himself, and showed us why He is Love.

Yes, we all need to get some gifts for the ones we love. But, at the same time, getting the material things of this world should not become our "King." Let us never forget who is the one and only King of the Universe, and be sure to put Him first, last, and always in our lives, above everything else.

All these other things will come to us if it is His will, but only if we put Him first, and the needs of others second, before our own wishes.

It is only the "gift getting season" if we realize that we are receiving God's greatest gift, and then take the time to share that tremendous gift with everyone we meet.

May all of you have a safe, happy, and joyful Christmas and a blessed start to the new year!

Vivat Jesus!

Deacon Dave



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on March 5, 2019 6-8 PM. Pancakes, Potato pancakes, sausage and fruit are on the menu. Please plan to attend. More details to follow in the January Patapsco Knight.



Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Assembly normally meets the fourth Thursday of the month at Stafford Hall (St Agnes Council home) 2021 Frederick Rd Catonsville. the evening will start with a Mass by Fr Lacey at 6:30 pm, followed by dinner, which will then be followed by the regular meeting at 8 pm.

*Deadline for the January Patapsco Knight is
December 20th!*

PatapscoKnight1960@gmail.com



**Annual Patapsco Council
Christmas Party & Music**

Featuring

The Heart of Maryland Chorus



December 12, 2018

7:00 PM

Refreshments following the music.

PATAPSCO COUNCIL

1919 ~ 2019

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF
FAITH AND FRATERNALISM

JANUARY 13, 2019

KICK OFF OF CENTENNIAL YEAR
MASS AT ST. JOSEPH MONASTERY

8:30 AM

BREAKFAST AT COUNCIL HOME TO
FOLLOW MASS.

To kick off our centennial year, there will be an opening celebration of Mass on January 13, 2019 at St Joseph Monastery Parish, 3801 Old Frederick Road, Baltimore MD 21229. Please note that there is handicapped parking at the main entrance on Old Frederick Road. Otherwise, park in the parking lot off of Monastery Ave and enter through the side door. A breakfast will follow at the Council Home. Please plan to attend as we start our year long celebration of our 100th Anniversary.

THE PATAPSCO COUNCIL #1960 OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Calendar

December 5 ~ Council Officer's Meeting

December 12 ~ Heart of Maryland Chorus Christmas Program

December 13 ~ Beaumont Holding Co. Board Meeting

December 19 ~ Council Business Meeting

January 2 ~ Council Officer's Meeting

January 9 ~ Council Business Meeting

January 10 ~ Beaumont Holding Co. Board Meeting

January 13 ~ Opening Mass for Centennial Year

January 16 ~ Admissions Degree

January 23 ~ Lecturer's Night

February 6 ~ Officer's Meeting

February 13 ~ Council Business Meeting

February 14 ~ Beaumont Holding Co. Board Meeting

March 6—Officer's Meeting

March 7 ~ Beaumont Holding Co. Board Meeting

March 8 ~ Rigadoo Irish Nite

March 13 ~ Council Business Meeting

March 16 ~ St. Patrick's Irish Music and Dance at Council

March 27 ~ Lecturer's Night

April 3 ~ Officer's Meeting

April 10 ~ Council Business Meeting

April 11 ~ Beaumont Holding Co. Board Meeting

April 24 ~ Lecturer's Night

December Council Business Meeting will be held on December 19, 2018



Knights of Columbus

Patapsco Council #1960

Saint Patrick's Day Celebration!

Featuring **The Hooligans!**

An Irish band of Maryland Renaissance Festival fame playing traditional and original tunes. Also featuring...

Bagpipers! Dancers! Games of chance!



Saturday, March 16th, 2019

7 pm – 11 pm

1010 Frederick Rd.

Catonsville, MD

\$20 advance tickets

\$25 at the door

Ticket price includes all-you-can-eat heavy hors d'oeuvres!

Cash bar including Irish favorites with reasonable prices!

For more information...

Visit the Facebook pages of The Hooligans or Knights of Columbus Patapsco Council No. 1960

Contact the event organizer, Joseph Melchor, at teacherman68@hotmail.com

Patapsco Council website www.kofc1960.org

Proceeds benefit Council charities and activities



St. Mark Roamin' Catholics

- * **January 15, 2019** ~ Tuesday—**Delaware Park Casino**—Wilmington, DE. ~ Enjoy the day playing casino games—Receive \$30.00 in free play—Cost \$35.00—due with reservation—Please provide either your player's card number or birth date when making reservation.
- * **February 22, 2019** ~ Friday—**Harrington Casino**, Harrington, DE. ~ Another day to try your luck—Receive \$15.00 free play and \$15.00 credit toward the buffet lunch—Note this may change a little for 2019—Cost \$35.00 due with reservation— Please provide either your player's card number or your birth date when making reservation.
- * **March 19, 2019** ~ Tuesday—**Sight & Sound Theater**— Lancaster, Pa. ~ To see the show "Jesus" - "A timeless story of love—experience the action packed musical stage adventure that takes you on a miraculous journey alongside the most famous person ever to walk the earth and the everyday people whose lives he changed forever." - \$120.00 includes center isle seating and a buffet lunch at Hershey Farm Restaurant—\$25.00 deposit due with reservation.
- * **April 24, 2019** ~ Wednesday—**Tea, Luncheon at the Old Farmhouse Tea Room**, Thomasville—York County, Pa.—Enjoy the charm of this Victorian farmhouse tea room—menu includes, fresh fruit, salad, scones tea bread, soup and entrée—we will stop at Browns market if time permits—Cost \$75.00 with deposit of \$25.00 at time of reservation.

Contact ~ Carol Suarez—410-744-7092 or st.mark.roamin.catholics@live.com



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR ST. MARTIN'S HOME, BALTIMORE

The residents at St. Martin's home in Catonsville have been making and donating sandwiches to a homeless shelter for a while. Due to a request for more sandwiches, they are looking to increase their production by an additional 460 a month, but their mission depends on the generous donations of others. You can help feed the homeless by volunteering in any of the following ways:

- Donating peanut butter, jam, or marmalade. (Jam and marmalade are preferred, because jelly makes the bread too soggy.)
- Donating sandwich baggies
- Donating loaves of bread
- Transporting the sandwiches from St. Martin's to Our Lady of the Fields on either Thursday afternoons or Fridays before 2:00pm., or you can take them directly to St. Vincent de Paul in Baltimore on Fridays before 3:30. Drivers are desperately needed!
- Delivering the donations to St. Martin's
- Helping the residents make sandwiches at St. Martin's

If you would like to be part of this wonderful endeavor, please contact Cynthia Carpenter at 410-379-3039 or 912-339

Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights

Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights December 13th, 2018 Chapter Christmas Party,

St. Agnes Council # 4449, 2021 Frederick Rd., Catonsville, MD 21228, 7:00 PM

<https://baltimorechaptergks.org/>

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL

◇ 122nd Annual Convention May 3, 4, 5 2019 Ocean City Maryland



Beaumont Holding Company News

The December meeting of the Board of Directors will be on December 13th at 7:30 in the Clubroom.

The new flooring was installed in the Clubroom during the week following Thanksgiving. On the Saturday after Thanksgiving many Brother Knights gathered to decorate the Council Home, inside and outside.

The rental of the facility is doing very well at this time.

The Board of Directors wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year.

HALL RENTAL

The Beaumont Hall is available for rentals, such as Birthday Parties, Anniversaries or Retirements. Members of the Council will receive a discount on any booking of their events. Contact us at 410-744-8754 to reserve your next party.

BUILD THE BUSINESS MEETING

Build the Business Meeting Raffle

Ya gotta attend to win! Come to our monthly business meetings and you can win the raffle. Since its inception in March the pot has grown to \$168 at the November meeting. At the end of each meeting a name is drawn from the list of all current members (dues paid) of our council. If that member is present at the meeting, he will get 80% of the pot and the other 20% will go to our charity fund. At the November meeting Brother Joseph Dreshler Jr's name was drawn. Since he was not in attendance the money stays in the pot for the next business meeting. You have to show up to win. See you at the December 19th (not the 2nd Wednesday, but the 3rd Wed this month only 8:00pm) business meeting.

CELEBRATING

100 YEARS OF FAITH AND FRATERNALISM

PATAPSCO COUNCIL NO. 1960

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ITEMS THROUGHOUT THE CENTENNIAL YEAR

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DUES NOTICES

Knights of Columbus #1960 Centennial commemorative T-shirts



Colors: Black, Royal, or Caribbean
Adult sizes : S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL

Shirts are only \$10

BASEBALL HATS

- ⇒ - *White in color with the Knights of Columbus emblem and blue lettering with Patapsco Council 1960–1919~2019*
- ⇒ - *There will be a \$5.00 upcharge per hat for individuals requesting additional lettering such as your name for each hat purchased.*

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# POLO SHIRTS

- ⇒ *These will be quality Navy Blue Polo Shirts featuring the Knights of Columbus Emblem with embroidered lettering “Patapsco Council No. 1960–1919–2019”*
- ⇒ *The cost for this shirts is \$21.50 Size Small~ Large – \$23.50 for XL – \$25.50/ for XXL – \$27.50 for XXXL*
- ⇒ *There is a \$7 upcharge per shirt for adding names, or any lettering beyond the standard lettering for each shirt*

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SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE COIN

NEXT MONTH WE WILL BE OFFERING A SPECIAL
COMMEMORATIVE COIN TO CELEBRATE THE
CENTENNIAL

PATAPSCO COUNCIL NO. 1960
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ORDER FORM

Merchandise	Quantity	Total
Baseball Hat	Quantity _____ x \$10.75	_____
Polo Shirt — Size:	S M L XL XXL XXXL	
	Quantity _____ X _____	_____
T-Shirt — Size:	S M L XL XXL XXXL	
Color: Black _____ — Royal Blue _____ — Caribbean _____		
	Quantity _____ x _____	
	Total Enclosed	_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PATAPSCO COUNCIL

Order may be left at the Council Home or mailed to Patapsco Council KofC, 1010 Frederick Road, Catonsville, Md. 21228 ~ Note on the envelope Attn: Grand Knight ~~ *Please note that no orders will be taken over the telephone at the Council Office.*



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Blood Drive **Knights of Columbus -** **Patapsco #1960**

Bloodmobile
1010 Frederick Road
Catonsville, MD 21228
Wednesday January 2, 2019

3:00 PM—7:30 PM

To schedule your lifesaving donation please
visit redcrossblood.org enter
Sponsor Code: koccatonsville
or Call 1-800--RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to give blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate. www.redcross.org | 0010AP0009

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Maryland State Council License Tags



The Maryland Knights of Columbus License Tags which contain a five color emblem of the order are available for automobiles, multi-purpose vehicles or trucks. Here's how to apply:

1. Complete the attached application **beginning with** *Owner Information*. Do not fill in the **block above** *Owner Information*. I will fill in that block. Be sure the Knights of Columbus member signs the form. He must also be owner or co-owner of the vehicle.
2. Send the completed application with a \$35.00 check payable to Maryland State Council to:
Sherman M. Casey, PGK FDD
7205 Kennebunk Road
Windsor Mill, Maryland 21244-1755
3. Your license tags will be mailed directly to you. MVA will transfer any remaining time on you present registration and provide you new stickers. After receipt of the new tags, it is important that you return the old tags to a Maryland MVA office & obtain a receipt.
4. Any questions c/m jamsmc1@verizon.net or (410) 944-5247.
5. Please provide your council name and number: _____

Application/Certification for Organizational License Plates



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Brother Knight Helping Others

Brother Knight Andrew Greene comes from Sierra Leone, a country ripped apart by 10 years of civil war. This caused grave human tragedy and children were the hardest hit, and left orphaned or maimed whilst many were forced to fight as child soldiers. The Ebola outbreak added to the human tragedy caused by the war. Recently, the country also suffered its worst flooding with a mudslide that killed over 400 and leaving hundreds of children orphaned.

Brother Knight Andrew is reaching out to these children and carrying on his charity efforts and Christian ministry of 'loving his neighbors'. One of his yearly project 'Show some Love Teddy Bear Project' is bringing the power of love at the center of the community's life. He started this project in 2010 whilst visiting several amputee camps in his home country Sierra Leone where mass amputation of civilians were used as a weapon of war by rebel fighters. He is helping to heal the communities and the children who were amputated or their parents who suffered amputation during the 10 years war in Sierra Leone. Although the country now enjoy peace and stability the effects of the war and its social impact is widespread and people are trying to move pass the tragic Ebola outbreak. A few years ago Andrew also turned his attention to those who survived the Ebola or were orphaned by the Ebola Outbreak in Sierra Leone, as well orphaned and homeless children whose parents drowned in the mudslides and Flooding.

The project is giving kids hope, love and care by sponsoring the purchase of Teddy Bears, toys, school items and other essential kids items that can help these children cope from the tragedies. Andrew says, "And I was just like these kids. And knowing I can give back that smile and pass it on one kid at a time, I was filled with joy and happiness, and the simple fact that I can help to bring that radiance and a glow, a smile and hope was at once reassuring."

With a generation of young people who have known only challenges and hardship caused by a multiplicity of factors, of war, Ebola, and recent flooding and hardship, I think that these moments of smiles and happiness will help them shed off that heavy burden of grief that they endure. In turn these children will have the nurturing experience of passing on the simple acts of kindness, love and compassion that is also exemplified and got through the warm embrace of a doll".

By your donation the children of Sierra Leone will realize others care for them and they are not alone. Every Year in during Christmas and New Year, B-Gifted Foundation a non-profit in Sierra Leone led by Brother Knight Andrew Greene give a little bit of light in our world. Join us shed the light of hope, Love and peace. This year we are putting together up to 100 bag packs with books and toys. To find out more about the project or to donate here are links to last year's <https://preview.mailerlite.com/d9g0y6>

<https://www.facebook.com/bgiftedfdn> or to know more about the charity work of Brother Knight Andrew in Africa go to <http://b-gifted.org/gal3/>

2018 Join us: Email: andrewgreenejr@outlook.com





MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR



FROM
THE GRAND KNIGHT
COUNCIL OFFICERS
BEAUMONT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MAY WE ALL BE BLESSED IN THE JOYOUS SEASON