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The Grand Prior's Christmas Message 2015

Once again another year is fast drawing to a close, and what an eventful 2015 it has been. As we enter the Festive Season let us take some timeout to reflect on all that we have accomplished throughout the last twelve months; that without your continued generosity, hard work, dedication, commitment, loyalty and friendship we could not have hoped to achieve.

As always, many of our Members have rendered outstanding, exemplary and special meritorious service in supporting, promoting and furthering the worldwide charitable initiatives, endeavours, activities, and projects of the Royal Confraternity of Saint Teotónio [RCST].

We continue to support our principal charitable cause in the HOLY LAND that assists the Franciscan Friars Minor of Saint Francis in Bethlehem to actively continue their good works in furthering the education of Christian children through various sponsored commercial initiatives.

And together with the Prince Ermias Sahle-Selassie Water Initiative for Africa, we co-sponsored a musical project that aims to unite all peoples around-the-world through music - that which transcends all geographical, physical and language barriers.

Through its Belgium Delegation, our RCST supports the Home of Equal Opportunity (H.E.O.) program that was established in September 1993 to support the Barundi peoples of East Africa.

Our RCST is blessed (and undeniably privileged) to have among its number many Heads of Royal and Noble Houses, Princes, Spiritual Protectors, Ecclesiastics, Dignitaries, and indeed countless high-calibre Members whom - with drive, initiative and sincere intentions - have selflessly demonstrated a sustained and on-going commitment to the Principles and Aims of the RCST.

We could not hope to further our worldwide charitable initiatives, endeavours, activities, and projects without the continued effort and sustained dedication of our Royal Patron, Royal, and Spiritual Protectors, Chaplains, RCST Officers, Members, friends, supporters and volunteers.

It has been a real pleasure to personally meet with those of you who have attended at, and supported many of our Investitures, gala events and charitable occasions that were held in Canada, Estonia, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, the United Kingdom and in the United States of America.

My sincerest thanks and appreciation goes to our Regional Delegates, Commanders, Priors, General Priors, and to my personal Assistants to the Grand Prior whose selfless enthusiasm, generosity, support and hard work throughout the year has not gone unnoticed; chivalric precepts are often talked of, but seldom practised these days.

That we can render help to others in need is a truly magical experience; to be able to alleviate suffering when all hope seems lost; to be able to put a smile on a despondent person's face - these are truly humbling experiences.

And let us not forget that the essence of the Festive Season is not something that should be forgotten, discarded and lost at the dawn of the New Year; the spirit of selflessly giving to, and helping those less fortunate than ourselves should resonate throughout the whole year.

I am confident and sincere in the belief that our creator is utilizing us as we assist those less fortunate among us and those whom we endeavour to help.

May this Christmas be filled with Peace and Blessings, and the New Year full of joy and encouragement.

I wish you all:

Feliz Natal e Próspero Ano Novo
[Portuguese / Português]

Häid Jõule ja Head Uut Aastat
[Estonian / Eesti Keel]

გლოცავთ შობა-ახალ წელს
[Georgian / ქართული]

Καλά Χριστούγεννα και Ευτυχισμένο το Νέο Έτος
[Greek / Ελληνικά]

Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo
[Italian / Italiano]

¡Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo!
[Spanish / Español]

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
[English]

Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année
[French / Français]

Frohe Weihnachten und ein Glückliches Neues Jahr
[German / Deutsch]

Kellemes Karácsonyt és Boldog új Évet
[Hungarian / Magyar]

Wesołych Świąt i Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku
[Polish / Polski]

Веселого Різдва і з Новим Роком
[Ukrainian / українська]

'Surge Rex Meus Erige Regnum Tuum'



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