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Grace and peace profound to All of you on this memorable St. John's Day Celebration.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of Grand Council and all Mechanics worldwide, let me wish you a hearty welcome on this glorious St. John's Day and hope that you will be reflective as we celebrate, with a resolve as Mechanic Sir Knights on the works of our beloved Order.

Today I feel compelled to admonish and challenge all Sir Knights to *"in sync ourselves with our Patron Saint, St. John the Baptist who fight the battle of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."*

Reflecting on the life John the Baptist and the theme chosen for this year's St. John's Day Celebration – **"Serving with Humility"** I realize that both are synonymous and perfect examples of the Mechanic's life.

St. John the Baptist in his time, although he was called to preach repentance and became the fore-runner of our Lord and Savior, was very humbled by prophesy, as written in the Gospel of St. John 1:27 that, *"He who is coming after me, His shoes, I am not worthy to unloose."* He further demonstrated his humility when he was requested by our Lord and Savior to be baptized.

The word humility reminds us also of the story Christ told in the Gospel of Luke – 14:11 that *"whosoever exalted himself shall be abased; and he that humbled himself shall be exalted"*

As Christians on this special day, let us recommit ourselves, our souls and our bodies to the service of God and humanity, so that as bearers of His light, it may shine in and through us, and throughout the dark corners of the World.

Many thanks to the Reverends, Ministers and Pastors around the world, for accommodating us in their lovely houses of worship and my special salute to all newly elected and installed District Grand Masters and members of the various St. John's Day Planning Committees, for your dedication and commitment. I am therefore compelled to remind you in the words of Paul in his letter to the Galatians: "do not grow weary in doing good." So, my beloved Brethren, Family and Friends let us all try to do what is right.

Please have a spirit-filled and Blessed St. John's Day!

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