

Sir Knights,

Welcome to a brand new year. 2023 promises to be an exciting year for Knights Templar in Virginia, especially as we celebrate our bicentennial. There will be a lot to do, and, as is the case with every New Year, we will see some things change in all of our lives.

The Greek philosopher Heraclitus said, "The only thing constant is change." That statement captures what many others have recognized, namely, that there is precious little that is stable in the world around us. Even the majestic mountains and landscapes of the earth change gradually over time.

Our world is changing rapidly; our technology, medical care, how we shop, even how we watch TV is changing. To find true stability we must look beyond the created order to its Creator. In doing so, we find one simple truth: The Lord our God does not change. He is the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb. 13:8). In Malachi 3:6 God says, "For I am the LORD, I change not..."

Every promise that God has made is secure and will last forever. In a world that is constantly changing—both for good and bad—this promise is very reassuring. The same God who created the universe and walked with Adam and Eve is with us. What comfort that gives. If we did not have confidence that God never changes then it would be difficult to trust Him. But knowing that He never changes enables us to trust in His promises as we march into this New Year faithfully.

Sir Knights, this month marks the beginning of a new year for us to be able to experience the Lord's continued faithfulness in our lives. He will never leave us or let us down. He loves us with all His heart and each one of His promises that is true today will be true a million years from now.

Allow that truth to bring a deeper level of comfort and security to each one of our lives. May we look forward to all of the ways that our Father will show Himself faithful to us in this New Year as we serve together to be the hands and feet of Christ to the ever changing world around us.

Always and All Ways in Christ
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