



Advent Reflections for EOHSJ 2nd Sunday of Advent 2018

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Homing pigeons are fascinating birds that can find their way home even from thousands of miles away. How do they do it? Scientists agree that they do not know; however, it is probably a combination of faculties that enable them to find “home.”

During the Advent season, we are encouraged to reflect upon our “true home” and to learn how to swiftly be led. We are encouraged by John the Baptist to get our bearings straight and our paths smoothed out. To repent and to change our mind and heart for the Lord.

This Advent, we need to encourage one another in our change of attitude and heart toward a true repentance, preparing our hearts as today’s humble manger for the Lord. We begin the Year of Grace with Pope Francis looking toward a simpler approach to our faith and love for Jesus and respect for all human life. As Knights and Ladies, we are called to carry the mantle of justice through our spirituality acting to protect the Christians in the Holy Lands and praying for peace and justice to prevail in those sacred places.

May God’s abundant mercy approach our stony hearts and transform them into instruments of His presence. May the King of Peace reign in the hearts of all those living in the Holy Lands. May the members of our Order be like the Homing Pigeons who through their own living actions can point the way to our true home and to do our best to swiftly lead in our preparations.

Faith practice: Trust in the Lord in your giving back to God and your neighbor.

*THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US;
WE ARE FILLED WITH JOY*