



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we welcome the Holidays, we recognize that it is a time of family, remembrance, and celebrating traditions. It is also a time of thankfulness for the many gifts and blessings we have received throughout the year. We sincerely hope that this wonderful season brings joy and peace to each of you.

We are also thankful for our wonderful family of Eastern Star. Your support, friendship and enthusiasm for this coming year are truly heartwarming. As you enter into the festivities of the season and anticipate the New Year, please take time to include the following recipe in your plans:

Take a heap of child-like wonder
That opens up our eyes
To the unexpected gifts in life
Each day a sweet surprise.

Mix in fond appreciation
For the people whom we know;
Like festive Holiday candles,
Each one has a special glow.

Add some giggles and some laughter,
A dash of Holiday food,

(it's amazing how a piece of pie improves our attitude!)

Stir it all with human kindness;
Wrap it up in love and peace,
Decorate with optimism, and
Our joy will never cease.

If we use this healthy recipe,
We know we will remember
To be in the Christmas spirit,
Even when it's not December.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Healthy and Happy New Year!

Beverly Wade

Worthy Grand Matron

Larry Coffin

Worthy Grand Patron