

2016 SGL Final Benediction

Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

Please bow your heads in prayer and reflection.

Lord, as we look towards the future, we seek your divine guidance and inspiration. Help us continue to find more effective ways and means to sustain and grow our beloved Order, for all of our members and communities. Assist us in coming together to work in harmony and unison in the furtherance of our Grand organization, for the healthy life values and solid moral ethics and practices it promotes, and in manners which YOU see fit.

May we always live by the "Golden Rule", doing to others as we would have them do unto us. And try to see matters from others' perspectives, by walking in their shoes. A governing precept in directing our behavior should involve "All our actions serving to Love one another, and not cause harm". Give others the benefit of the doubt as you can.

Instill in us the critical importance of practicing forgiveness and in seeking reconciliation. For those in distress or who even may be troubled by angry feelings, we should pray for them as well, as they are hurting deep down, at their core, and too need compassion, understanding, and an outstretched hand. Let each of us be a source of the positive example and change agent we wish to see.

We ask for insight and clarity of purpose, to ensure we remain on the proper path in lifting up those in need, and in accomplishing dreams by making them a constructive reality. Bless our leaders, may they have the pure hearts, necessary dedication and steadfast purpose to accomplish what you have set before us.

We ask for all of this in your precious holy name.
Amen.

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