



The Good of the Order

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What Are We Waiting For?

On December 21, the winter solstice, Jupiter and Saturn will form the first double-planet conjunction in the last 800 years.

Saturn and Jupiter will be less than one-tenth of a degree apart and appear so close to one another that they look joined together.

The last time this happened was in the year 1226, and the next predicted sighting will be sixty years from now, in the year 2080.

The alignment will be visible to the naked eye in North America. No telescope is needed, just a clear sky. Look up at the southwest horizon around sunset on December 21.

Some astronomers are calling the event the "Christmas Star."

I can hardly wait to see this event, which will be a once-in-a-lifetime appearance. It's somewhat of a "God's work" sighting in that we can see this event in 2020, where 20-20 eyesight means excellent vision.

Right now, though, we are waiting.

We are awaiting Christmas through our practice of Advent.

We are waiting for the COVID-19 vaccine to be distributed, the pandemic eased and eliminated.

We are waiting for the love, joy, and peace of God's Reign to appear in its fullness.

Advent is here, and Christmas is coming, much like the alignment of Jupiter and Saturn.

While we wait, we pray. We love God, ourselves, and those around us in the circumstances of our daily lives.

The fact remains, and our faith sustains, that God is coming to be with us, and God is already here. That's well worth the wait.

And so are you ... my friends and Brother Knights, ...for **you** are the Good of the Order.

[You can read more about the event at this CBS News article:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/jupiter-saturn-christmas-star-great-conjunction-double-planet-winter-solstice/>

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