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**Dear John.**

**The Christmas season has snuck around again, John.**

**It is time to gather the family. We want you to be here for that celebration. As you know John, our children will be here with you for Christmas Brunch at 11:00 am on the 25th. Then we open presents.**

**We will pick you up, as usual, a bit after 10:00 that morning. We will call the Apartment desk there to remind them you will be spending Christmas dinner with the Zirkelbach family.**

**This has been a year of trials. I trust you were excluded. I know the children will recount their successes and tribulations with you as they have in recent years.**

**And we eagerly await your recounting of the musicians you have met, kept time with.**

**We have the drum you enjoy playing, and the piano is tuned. Song sheets from your 1940 era are here, and you will lead us in songs of your choice. As you recall, our children like your performing of all the Dorsey brother's tunes and a recounting of your talks with them. Those tunes, and you playing go well with our voice range.**

**Recently we met Tom Krill. He too is no longer young. He played with a series of bands, remembers you from the few days you sat in with Stan Kemp, just before Stan retired. Tim was lead tenor sax those months, backed up Skinny Ennis in songs requiring a trio, and mentioned you had joined the group in the rendition for "Dinner for One Please James". Do you still remember the retrain John? We hope so.**

**The family loves to be entertained by you in song and your tales of the days in the Adirondack and Catskill Mountains of New York, when Great Band musicians played there, day and night throughout the summer, rerunning on weekends to dress up and entertain in that city's hot spots. And if you are not too tired John, tells us more of moments, between songs, when they shared with you, raucous stories, perhaps a drink, knee-slapping laughter. John they were your friends, buddies.; you were musicians all.**

**Bring them to your Christmas holiday with us.**

**Meanwhile John, we hope to see you playing with band you select to accompany in Denver's 2009 Christmas parade in a few days. We foresee. weather is mild, snow falling gently, the large crowd enthused. And plenty of Channel 9 cameras. So John, when you are in any camera range, wave to us, smile large, as you always have.**

**We have the usual gifts. Call me if you have other wants. Somehow, Santa is always generous and asks us to share, especially with you.**

**The children join Barbara and me in this early Christmas Greeting, look forward to sharing that day, and perhaps a toddy of your choice.  
An early Merry Christmas, John.**

**With Love,**

**Harry, for all the Zirkelbach.**

***Deceased, please return.***  
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