

Louisiana Supplement

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Louisiana York Rite Calendar

December 3, 2011	York Rite Festival, Lafayette, LA Hope Lodge No. 145, 101 Carl St.
January 21, 2012	York Rite Workshop, Alexandria
Feb 3 – 5, 2012	Louisiana Grand Lodge Marriott, Baton Rouge, LA
March 10 – 13, 2012	Grand Chapter, Council & Commandery Holiday Inn, Shreveport West, LA

TO: WILLIAM KEITH POWELL, RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
FROM: THOMAS P. BROWN, GRAND PRELATE
RE: CHRISTMAS MESSAGE, 2011

On a cold winter night, over 2000 years ago, the brightest light ever seen by men appeared over the humble manger in Bethlehem, and the most beautiful music ever heard by men filled the night as the shepherds were keeping their sheep on the Bethlehem hillside.

It was the voices of the Heavenly Angels singing to herald the birth of the Savior of the world, and the world has not been the same since that wonderful night so long ago.

Let all Knights Templar throughout the world join together and celebrate the real reason as we recall the miraculous birth of Jesus Christ during this Christmas season. Let us seek that light and listen for that glorious music even today in our hearts. "Peace on earth, goodwill to men" the angels sang.

God sent Jesus into the world to bring the light of God's love among men, and that light still shines today for all who believe.

From REGC Keith Powell

To the Grand Prelate and to all Commandery Sir Knights, wherever dispersed in Louisiana, Greetings:

My heartfelt thanks to the Eminent Grand Prelate for a most meaningful and humbling message. During this Christmas Season, it is most appropriate we demonstrate our belief in Jesus Christ. How wonderful and humbling is the story of our Lord's Birth with the music in the air from Heavenly Angelic voices singing to herald the Birth. Most importantly, we as Christians are free to celebrate Jesus Christ's birthday, without fear of retaliation. God is Good, God is Great. Celebrate this season with your family with the open arms of love. Remember our servicemen and women by calling them, sending cards and remembering these patriotic Americans in your prayers when kneeling before the Lord. As our Grand Prelate stated, find the glorious music in your heart; remembering the Angels sang "Peace on earth, goodwill to men."

The past and present Grand Commandery Officers, Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in Louisiana, Social Order of the Beauceant in Louisiana, join Lady Sharon and I in expressing to each of you a very Merry Christmas.

God's blessing on you all!

In Jesus Christ,

Keith Powell, REGC wpowel@lsuhsc.edu

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