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**A MESSAGE FROM THE  
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER**

Greetings and a Merry Christmas to all Sir Knights in Georgia;

This is the season, where throughout our Country, parties, merriment, gifts are exchanged and fine meals are eaten. It seems that at times, people have forgotten "the reason for the season". How many of you have turned on your radios, while driving and heard on the channels songs about that are about the Christmas Season, such as "I'm dreaming of a White Christmas", "Grandmaw Got Ran over by a Reindeer" or "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, but never a real Christmas Carol, like "Hark the Harold Angels Sing" or "Away in a Manger"?

It seems that modern society is trying to ignore the real reason of Christmas. And while we may give each gifts, we should never forget that God gave us on that day, the greatest gift of all. The gift of his only Son for our salvation. So, my brother Sir Knights, while we celebrate Christmas with our families and enjoy the festivities if the season, teach your children the story of our Lord and Savior Jesus's birth and how it fulfilled the ancient prophecies, so that they now also know "The Reason for the Season"!

Yours in all Knightly Courtesy,  
Carl J. Gamel, KYCH  
Right Eminent Grand Commander

**"A GIFT FROM GOD"**  
**BY SIR KNIGHT JAN M. GIDDENS**  
**PRELATE, CONSTANTINE COMMANDERY NO. 26**

This time of the year is the season of being thankful for so many of the blessings of life. As Knights of the Cross and defenders of the faith the Holy Bible is as important to us as the sword and armour. In our modern world we have access to the scriptures that no other generation has ever had, from the beautiful leather bound book to an app on a smart phone. All of this is useless if we do not read and study the scriptures, "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." (2 Tim. 3:15) Timothy also tells us that scripture is given by God...for instruction in righteousness...that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Christians and Jews are called the people of the Book because, just as in Freemasonry, it is the rule and guide for our faith and practice. The Bible is the inestimable gift of God to man that we may learn the whole duty of man, and lead us to all truth. One of the most moving accounts in the Bible is found in the book of Nehemiah when the children of Israel were captive in Babylon, many could not even understand the Hebrew language anymore nor had they heard the word of God for generations. Ezra, a learned scribe brought forth the book of the law to read to the people, and when he opened the book the people stood up and as he read they wept. Sir Knights when was the last time you were moved to tears by the reading of the word.

How can we defend what we do not know? We are also called to share the good news with others. A quote that I heard many years ago and that has always stuck with me says, "how can you light a fire in the soul of another if it does not burn within your own." If being a Knight Templar is just another body of freemasonry then the bible is just the book on the alter, but if we are truly Knights of the Cross then the Holy Bible is our weapon against the evils of this world. You would not go into battle with a rusty sword or dirty gun, therefore arm yourselves with the word of God.

**UPCOMING COMMANDERY INSPECTION SCHEDULE**

COMMANDERY	LOCATION	DATE	DAY	TIME	INSPECTING OFFICER
TANCRED #11	NEWMAN	1/8/2022	SAT	11:00	BOBBY SIMMONS
ALEXIUS #22	LOVEJOY	1/8/2022	SAT	14:30	DANIEL RICKETTS
GRIFFIN #35	GRIFFIN	1/8/2022	SAT	17:00	DANIEL RICKETTS
ST. ALDEMAR #3	COLUMBUS	1/15/2022	SAT	11:00	BENJAMIN POLSTON
FORT BENNING #73	COLUMBUS	1/15/2022	SAT	14:00	BENJAMIN POLSTON
IVANHOE #10	FORT VALLEY	1/22/2022	SAT	11:00	WILLIAM GRIST
ST. PETER #45	WARNER ROBINS	1/22/2022	SAT	15:00	PAUL WELLS