

November 2018

My Fellow Soldiers in Christ,

Every fall in Sunday School class growing up, we (my class) had to recite one of the Psalms of Thanksgiving and Praise, Psalm 100.

Psalm 100

(A Psalm of praise and thanksgiving.)

1 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

3 Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him and bless his name.

5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Maybe this was the beginning of my ritual training. I don't know for sure. But I do know that it continually reminded us (the class) to be grateful and thankful for what we had. We'd also find other verses, but this was the big one for us to remember. The "Middle Chamber lecture" for our Sunday School class.

A few weeks later we would have a Thanksgiving Family Dinner with assigned times because there were hundreds of people. I miss those days very much. After Dad died, and Mom's stroke, we didn't go back, and family passed on or faded away. I look around now and see my big family and am extremely thankful for them in my life. I am grateful for the food, albeit some less vegan dishes around my plate would be appreciated.

I am also grateful for you Sir Knights, my brothers in our magnanimous Order. For your service to our world through your involvement in the fraternity. For your friendship and fraternal love displayed in our handshakes. And that look in your eyes, when we glance at each other knowing that we are becoming better men through service to our community and each other.

May God bless each and every one of you.

Yours in Christ,
Mark E. Megee
Grand Commander
2018-2019

Non nobis, Domine, non nobis, sednominatio da gloriam!

Calendar Of Events

"Commit Your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established"

Proverbs 16:3

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| November 06 | ELECTION DAY | USA |
| November 06 | Crusade Annual/Installation by REGC | Haddonfield |
| November 11 | VETERAN'S DAY | USA |
| November 15 | Helena Annual/Installation by REGC | Mt. Holly |
| November 22 | THANKSGIVING | USA |

The Beatitudes: Matthew 5:10¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they which are persecuted - To persecute means literally to pursue; follow after, as one does a flying enemy. Here it means to vex, or oppress one, on account of his religion. They persecute others who injure their names, reputation, property, or who endanger or take their life, on account of their religious opinions.

For righteousness' sake - Because they are righteous or are the friends of God. We are not to seek persecution. We are not to provoke it by strange sentiments or conduct; by violating the laws of civil society, or by modes of speech that are unnecessarily offensive to others. But if, in the honest effort to be Christians, and to live the life of Christians, others persecute and revile us, we are to consider this as a blessing. It is an evidence that we are the children of God, and that he will defend us. "All that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution," 2 Timothy 3:12.

Theirs is the kingdom of heaven - They have evidence that they are Christians, and that they will be brought to heaven.

Five Spiritual Disciplines that will help in your journey with Christ

1. Prayer
2. Fasting
3. Scripture Reading
4. Worship
5. Service

The Three Theological Virtues (letters from St. Paul)

1. Faith
2. Hope
3. Charity (Love)