



Grand Commanders Message

For unto you are born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. Have a Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year. I hope each of you have a wonderful NOEL with family and friends. Each Commandery should have a get together in celebration of the birth of the Blessed Immanuel.

Gentlemen each Grand Commandery can give away ö1ö Grand Cross of Honor. This is the highest award the Grand Commandery can give. Notice I said Grand Commandery not Grand Commander. I have a committee that screens the nominees and select the recipient. I will then approve that selection. The award will be presented at the Grand Sessions Banquet. I have the honor of signing the form and presenting the jewel.

YOU have the most important part you have to nominate deserving Sir Knights. Each Commandery has that Knight that works in the background or maybe out in front, but for whatever reason never received the honors he so richly deserved and earned. Maybe you did not know how to nominate them, maybe you thought there were arcane rules to receive the award, such as being a past Commander, or maybe he offended you years ago unbeknownst to him. If so contact your OIC. The only rule is they cannot be Grand Officers or Past Grand Commanders. Gentlemen and Sir Knights it is a grave offence to you

and your brothers not to recognize them for their work whatever the reason.

I have instructed my OICs to collect a nomination from each commandery that they work with. Nominations shall be in their hands Dec 31, otherwise they are to contact the Commander and find out where the form is. Then they are to call me and inform me of the issue. I have recommended that the calls go out at midnight Jan 1. Please do not make my OICs stay up late. Some of them get grouchy without their sleep. Please be your brother's keepers and make the nominations.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your all.

Donnie



Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the King, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.

Saying where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

And when they come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him, they presented unto him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Merry Christmas. Editor