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A MESSAGE FROM OUR GRAND PRELATE, SIR KNIGHT JOHN FRAZER

In the Gospel of Luke we read, “While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.” (Luke 2: 6 and 7)

Even though Mary was not near the top of the socio-economic strata of her community in her day, I can only imagine the heart ache she must have felt when she had to make use of an animal feed tray, a manger, to lay her new born baby in. Sometimes life sucks.

Today as we are trying to survive the last of 2020 many of us are suffering heart ache because of the devastation of COVID-19. More than just the effects of the virus itself, there are the related effects of massive unemployment, the closings of many services like schools, restaurants, museums and parks and sports, and even churches. These are hard times. Our Lord Jesus was also born in hard times.

The Hebrew people were occupied and oppressed by the Roman Empire. They were under a jealous puppet king Herod who would soon give orders to kill all infant boys two years old and younger.

But this was, and still is, God’s plan for our salvation. Jesus was born at the time that roads were built and the trade language of Latin was spoken by most nations because of the Roman Empire. And it was also a time when coin currency made its way on stage. This was a pivotal time in human history. God saw this as the opportune time to be among us – Emanuel, God with us.

Today we should learn from this history of God working in our midst. This Christmas is perhaps the turning point in all human life. No one should be more aware of this than us Knights who are sworn to defend the Christian faith. Our Lord Jesus, born of Mary, taught us, healed us, and saves us by dying for us. This pandemic cannot, and will not, deny us what Christ has given us by being born among us. God wins, every time.

This Christmas, every Knight Templar should renew his commitment to his Christian faith by being with family in prayer knowing that God is, right now, doing something new. Our brother Knights also span the socioeconomic strata. But it is not roads, nor cable tow, nor language, or money that separates us from one another, for we are all one in Christ Jesus.

I most sincerely wish each and every Knight Templar and his family the most blessed Christmas and pray that your light shines as a beacon to all who don’t know about the Good News that God is still doing in our midst through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas Sir Knights,

Reverend and Sir Knight John Thomas Frazier

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Reach out to me or your District Lecturer with any questions.

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Please let us know when/if you are doing Christmas Observances. I would like to participate in as many as I can.

With all Fraternal fondness and respect,
-Michael Daniels, Grand Commander