

New Hampshire Supplement

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To keep you better informed of the happenings in the jurisdiction, I will dedicate a portion of this column to upcoming events. Below are our events for December and beyond:

- Monthly Grand York Rite bodies educational series, at 7:00pm online (details provided in advanced)
- Annual Grand Commandery Christmas Observance, at 2pm, location is TBD (notice will be provided)

The Old Story

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.). And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

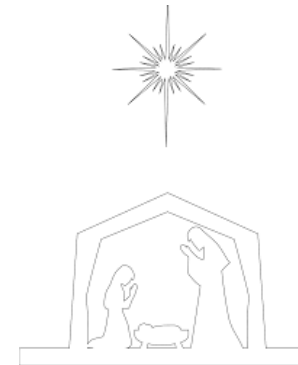
And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

SKs, the following passage from Luke 2 should be familiar to us all. For those of you who have attended the Grand Commandery Christmas Observance, you will have heard that passage of scripture read. Or you may have heard Linus tell the story in *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. While the whole story is of the utmost important to our faith, it is the last line that should give us all pause, particularly in our less than hospitable world of today. It was a foreshadowing to the golden rule to “love thy neighbor...” As we reflect on this challenging year, as it draws to a close, take the time to reflect on the Old Story and the sacrifice that was to come from the start of this birth in that manger for our forgiveness.

On behalf of all the Grand Commandery Officers, we wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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