



William J. Jackson, Grand Commander

Greetings Sir Knights,

As November approaches we have several events that happen. The days grow even shorter, the trees are dropping their final leaves, and the clocks are turned back an hour for those of us in the Eastern time zone and I would like to shoot the guy who thought that one up; no wait Ben Franklin is already dead. We also have elections and Veterans Day.

But a much-overlooked American holiday occurs on the 4th Thursday of November, Thanksgiving Day. The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in October 1621 by the pilgrims who used it as a feast day and to give thanks to God for the bountiful harvest that year. In 1863, in the midst of the civil war, it was proclaimed a national holiday to be celebrated yearly by President Abe Lincoln. While it was meant to be a day of giving thanks to God for all our wonderful blessings, it seems to have been made into a commercial nightmare. It seems to have been made into "Turkey Day". A day in which we simply stuff ourselves beyond capacity, rush through the meal to watch ball games; while waiting for the stores to open for the start of the Black Friday sales. In essence just something to get through before the Christmas sales begin in earnest.

Let us this year use it for the intended purpose. Let us give thanks to God for seeing us through this COVID-19 pandemic, the elections of 2020 and all the violence and hate that seems to occur daily in our nation. Let us pray for a cure for the virus and for peace and brotherhood in our nation. And no matter who wins the election, let us remember that we are brothers and sisters in Christ.

May everyone have a very Happy Thanksgiving and may the Lord bless and keep each of you in the coming year.

Courteously,
William J. Jackson,
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Sir Knight
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GRAND COMMANDERY OF KENTUCKY
Virtual Christmas Observance
December 11, 2020, 8:00 pm Eastern
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