



Masonic Happenings in The Magnolia State

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is about “giving thanks.” According to historians, the Pilgrims celebrated their first successful harvest in the fall of 1621 at Plymouth, Massachusetts. On October 3, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed “Thanksgiving” a national holiday, believing it might help unite the war-stricken country.



We Christians know that “Thanksgiving” actually began in the Bible. Beginning in the book of Genesis and ending in the book of the Revelation, countless instances of the people of God offering sacrifices and giving thanks for His bountiful blessings

upon them are recorded. The Apostle Paul said, “Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.” Philippians 4:6 (KJV) Notice two things he said, (1) “in every thing” and (2) “with thanksgiving.” Unfortunately, I believe we have become paralyzed to the process. What do I mean? Each day when we bring our devotions to God, when we make our requests known to God, it is vitally important that we remember, “in every

thing by prayer.” We should be praying about everything. No matter how great or small, we should pray; and, “with thanksgiving.” When we pray, it should always include “thanksgiving.”

A refreshing way to start each new day is with thanksgiving. When we wake up in the morning, sit up in the bed and put our feet on the floor, we should immediately give thanks. Thanks for what you might ask? (1) For being able to wake up; many did not wake up this morning. (2) For being able to sit up; many are confined to a hospital bed and are not able to sit up. (3) For having a bed to sleep in; many do not have a bed to sleep in. (4) For having a floor to put your feet on; many are homeless and slept in a cardboard box last night. (5) For having feet to put on the floor; many are maim and have no feet. (6) For the fact that there is not enough room in this supplement to list all the blessings our God gives us!

May we as Knight Templars, always remember that every day should be Thanksgiving Day for us and that even though we may find ourselves in the middle of civil unrest or even a worldwide pandemic, we have many things to be truly thankful for. Happy Thanksgiving, Templars!!!

May God continue to bless us and our great fraternity.

Humbly submitted,
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