

The Florida Knight

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2021 Christmas Message

*From the Apartment of the Grand Prelate
Reverend Brian R. Poole*

Merry Christmas Sir Knights,

My prayer is that you and your families have a wonderful Christmas Season.

While I was pondering this message I came up with the following question. What is Christmas and what has it become? While thinking about this let us look at where it started. Joseph with his wife Mary, who was expecting, traveled to Bethlehem. They arrive at Joseph's parent's house where there is no room for them. No room? Yes, no room. Think about this for a minute. Here is their son who married a woman who was expecting (not Joseph's child). They found no room at Joseph's parents' home, so Mary and Joseph stayed in a cave that was used by the family as a stable for their animals. When Jesus was born, he was laid in a manger, not wooden but carved stone so the animals could not knock it over. Through these humble origins we now have our modern Christmas.

We run around trying to out gift, or make sure we give gifts that cost the same amount or are as big. Running to the store to prepare a meal fit for a king, then frantically running back to the store because you forgot something. This is what Christmas has become. We have forgotten the reason for the season, the birth of Christ. We are taught in the scriptures, John 3:15-17 15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

This Sir Knights is the reason for the season. The gift of eternal life through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. So as we gather around the table this Christmas remember the humble origins of our Savior and reflect what the first Christmas must have been like.

May Peace, Love and Joy follow through the coming year.

Reverend Brian R. Poole
Grand Prelate
Grand Commandery of Florida 2021/22

Unannounced Grand Commander Visitation November 11, 2021 - Longevity Awards

On Wednesday, November 17, 2021, our Right Eminent Grand Commander Adam Bryan surprised us with an unannounced visitation in order to present longevity certificates.

There were 25 Sir Knights in attendance at this amazing gathering with Clearwater York Rite Bodies Springtime Commandery No. 40. We had five (5) Past Grand Commanders and the sitting Grand Commander in attendance. Making it the largest gathering of Grand Commanders in one place outside of the Grand Conclave.

The GRANDS in-house:

Right Eminent Grand Commander Adam Bryan REGC of Florida

Sir Knight Marvin Gerhard REPGC of Florida

Sir Knight Carl E. Gilmore REPGC of Florida

Sir Knight Chic Cicero REPGC of Florida

Sir Knight James T. Mason REPGC of Florida

Sir Knight Steven Q. Steele REPGC of Alaska

Congratulations Sir Knights on your continued involvement and commitment to the Knights Templar of Florida!

Courtesy and unknowing submitted by Sir Knight Brian Campbell

Current Events in Florida



Sir Knight James T. Mason
REPGC of Florida
25 Years



Sir Knight Steven Q. Steele
REPGC of Alaska
40 Years



Sir Knight Carl E. Gilmore
REPGC of Florida
47 Years



Sir Knight Marvin Gerhard
REPGC of Florida
47 Years

State Editor, behind the scenes as usual

