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Grand Prelate's Corner

Wow, days are shorter and more darkness than light; snow on the ground and a chill in the air. Yet, there is a warm and burning glow to penetrate the darkness and to bring warmth and wholeness to our living in these cold days.

Like every other baby, Jesus was birthed in groaning's, blood and cries. In a manger, his audience was mainly lambs—but heaven's light shone, and we heard the angels sing: "Hosanna! Blessed be the name of our King!" Centuries later, and the birth of Yeshua the Anointed is still a memory we can't do away with. What happened nine months after the word of the Lord came unto Mary in that day is of eternal relevance to the world and all of humanity.

No matter our reasons for celebrating Christ's birth, what should be the most important is that it is a remembrance of Christ's incarnation. We must always remember as Knights that the reason for the season is that Christ came as was prophesied.

People go about these days ignoring that the Lord will one day come to take the Saints with him to eternity; the argument goes around the fact that years have gone by and if there truly is a God in heaven, he is slow. Death is agreed to be the end, but man must remember that the coming Jesus as man amidst men is the fulfillment of thousands of years of promise—Christ the Lord!

The truth is Christ's incarnation has an eternal relevance to us, so our celebration of it should be eternal. In other words, the birth of baby Jesus should be celebrated by everyone who has enjoyed the salvation He brought every day. Not just every day, but every hour, minute and second.

This definitely cannot be a festival, but in our hearts, we should always sanctify our thoughts in reverence of what He has made available. The communication that proceeds out of our mouths should show that, indeed, the savior is perfect; his sacrifice is complete, and those who receive him shall never perish. Christmas is beyond a holiday— it is a way of life. Thank you for the gift—Father. Amen.

From The Editor

In all of the fever pitch of the holiday, we must really pay attention to our Grand Prelate's Christmas message. Christmas is the time for joy, festivities, family, presents and all else, but the true meaning of Christmas is to realize our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ was born of man and sent to us to save us. He promised to come back and He will. Remember the Trinity—God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit (the risen Christ).

Keep the true meaning of Christmas in your hearts and remember as Knights of the Temple, we are, "Warriors for Christ".

Lady Debi and I wish all of you and very Merry Christmas and a joyous holiday season.