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## Grand Commander's Christmas Message - Christmas 2024

Christmas at one time in the world was the celebration of hope as we moved from the darkest day of the year and the days began to get brighter. We now celebrate Christmas and the birth of Christ who taught very specific lessons when dealing with your fellow man. These lessons are taught in other religions as well.

The lessons Christ taught were of tolerance, justice, hope and kindness, to only name a few. These lessons are taught throughout Freemasonry. It is because of this that I believe Freemasonry truly embodies the idea of the Christmas season year-round.

In our lodges and other Masonic organizations, we daily, not just at this time of year, plan and perform acts to help the communities in which we live. We teach our members, our brothers, to deal honestly and fairly with all whom we encounter. We stand on the level with our brothers whether we have known them for years or we are first meeting them on that day. We don't care what their religious or political affiliation is, we know that if they are standing in that room with us, they believe that we have the right to our beliefs just as we believe they have the right to theirs.

We learn the lessons of tolerance, justice and hope so well in our meetings and Masonic activities that we instinctively act in the same way when out in the world.

We have been accused of running the world, which is most certainly not the case. I do believe we have the opportunity to change it every day though, when we walk out into the world and display that Masonic Spirit, that Christmas Spirit and we make the world just that much better by being in it and sharing with the world the ideals upon which Freemasonry is founded.

I say this in the most secular way possible: Merry Christmas to all regardless of faith, may this season bring you joy, happiness and a better tomorrow!

**Happy holiday season Sir Knights and a very Merry Christmas to all. In this season of hope I wish you all the best life has to offer, with warmth and family and the love of the Lord. We have all faced many challenges this year and it seems we will have even more challenges in the coming year. But, have faith my brethren and right will prevail in all we do. I would ask you to look out for your neighbors and your family and the veterans in your area. There are many holidays celebrated this month and though they may not all be Christian in nature; they follow the beliefs of our community and our country and are therefore a part of our larger family. If someone wishes you a Merry Christmas, accept this kindness and let it set a glow in your heart and your faith.**

**On behalf of Lady Frances and our family, Bless you and your families this wonderful season! Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year**