

2018 Christmas Message
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Sir Knights, we are ready to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The life of Jesus Christ eventually lead him to the cross. He was crucified, died and was buried. This gave us a more important Holy Day, to celebrate; the resurrection of Christ, which gives the promise of everlasting life to Christian believers everywhere. If Jesus Christ had not been born, he would not have died for our sins.

Try to imagine, if the birth of Christ never happened. That is a sobering thought.

We would not have our childhood memories of Christmas Trees, Lights and toys wrapped and unwrapped under the tree. There would not be those black Friday sales and workers having to work all night. But more importantly, there would not be the crusades to the Holy Land by Templar Knights to protect Christians from the persecution by the Muslim Hourds. Most importantly, the Christian order of Knights Templar would not exist. We would not be here at this time and place. Thank God that Jesus Christ was born, lived, and died for our sins on the cross.

Every Knight Templar has a duty to ensure that this order of Christian Masons endures for future generations. Our purposes are to defend the Christian faith, to spread the word of Jesus Christ, and to live by the teachings of God to the best of our ability. If you become a Knight Templar, the things you do, the decisions you make, and the example you set will determine the success or failure of this mission. If you let the good of the order be your guide and always put the needs of the order before your own, I have no doubt that you will succeed and bring glory to your commandery and to our creator.

So we are forever grateful to the Lord that Jesus Christ was born in this Christmas season. In celebrating this Holy Day, take some time to give thanks for the birth of Jesus Christ. Merry Christmas, Sir Knights!

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