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2014-2015 Texas Supplement**To the Sir Knights of Texas, Seasons Greetings.**

The Christmas season brings back many memories of years past. My personal memories are of family gatherings, large meals of good food, and the gifts. Our Family tradition was, and still is, to gather for chili and tamales before going to the Christmas Eve service. While this tradition has evolved over the years it remains the one constant tradition we observe. Even the year Symantha and I spent a snowy Christmas in Richmond, Virginia. We imported the tamales from Texas.

The giving of gifts plays a central role in all of our celebrations. One year, I received nothing but new clothes. That was a bad year that my mother and I still recall. Looking back, I realize why I received the clothes as gifts but at the time it was hard to accept. The gift tradition originates with the three wise men and the gifts presented to the Christ child. Christmas is also the time we celebrate God's gift to the world as we honor the birth of Jesus Christ.

This year take time from your family's Christmas celebrations to remember the real reason for Christmas. Use the season as a reason to help others not as fortunate.

On behalf of Symantha, Anna and Anthony, we wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

As always we look forward to visiting and hearing from you as we travel across the state.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Robert Loflin

Grand Commander 2014-2015

Christmas 2014- A Time for Families

My earliest memories of the Christmas Season were looking forward to seeing my family gathering together from all over the country to celebrate Christmas, and of course enjoying my Grandmother's cooking, especially the great items she had baked for all the grandchildren. One of our other traditions was to get to open at least one gift from under the Christmas tree before going to Christmas Eve services at our local Church, where my fondest memories was the Gospel according to Luke and his account of the Shepherds in the fields.

Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, whom is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" Luke: [7-14] NSRV

As Christian Knights, we should always remember to honor this birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ knowing that without his birth the new covenant with God could not have been fulfilled. This also reminds us that our Lord came into this world born in a manger and into what would not be considered the best of circumstances, but into a loving family that would cherish and nurture him. What better example do we have as Christian Knights and brothers but to keep this faith not only in our Lord and Savior? Remembering the examples he gave us throughout his life to be united with our family and our extended family in Christ and practice Love toward one another.

What more can we ask for that to have a loving and supportive family during this Christmas Season, while practicing the faith our Lord so unselfishly came into this world to give us and ultimately to sacrifice himself for our eternal salvation. *For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority shall rest upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.* Isaiah [9:4] NSRV

On Behalf of our Eminent Grand Commander Robert M. Loflin and the Grand Officers, and committees that serve the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Texas, I wish you and your families a joyous Christmas season and a prosperous New Year!

May our Lord and Savior Bless and Keep you all the days of your lives. Amen

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