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Supreme Grand Master's Christmas Message

In our everyday lives we are bombarded by Media in all its various forms, and the vast majority of what we hear is of a negative strain. It is almost as if this type of news “sells” more “copies” and induces more interest. Is the world we live in as bad as the Media would have us believe?

There is no doubt the world needs healing; there seems to be daily issues that make us shake our heads and worry about the future, both from a global and local perspective. But there has to be positives, beacons of light within the darkness that balance out the negatives.

One such source of strength is upon us, our celebration of the birth of Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Great Captain of Our Salvation. His birthday marks a time filled with renewed hope and we all hope that the true Spirit of Christmas will help heal all that is wrong in the world.

It can be a wonderful time of the year, especially for us as Knights of the Order of The Temple. We are a Christian Organization, “Christian Masons” and we can take strength from the message of the season and spread this message to the benefit of all God’s Children. However, we must convey the true meaning of Christmas, not the commercial and sometimes crass version we are bombarded with in the Media.

This is not just in what we say, but more importantly it is in what we do. We need to offer a helping hand in word and deed to our brothers and sisters, to our neighbors, to those down on their luck and to all who could benefit from receiving the true message and spirit of the season.

The true challenge is to mean and act on what we feel and believe; without this, they are nothing but empty words and meaningless gestures. Go forth, spread the good word, do the good deed and spread the message of the Christ Child.

Deborah and I would like to extend our best wishes to you and your families at this special time of the year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to You and Yours.

Yours in the Bonds of Our Order

Clive D. Stephenson

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