



Sovereign Great Priory of Canada Supreme Grand Master Thanksgiving Message 2025

Fall is upon us and the change of the season is apparent in many of the elements of nature around us. As is traditional at this time of year we turn our thoughts to the Thanksgiving Holiday and the many things we are and should be thankful for.

In our everyday lives we are bombarded by Media sources in all its various forms, and the vast majority of what we hear is of a negative nature. It's 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 stories would have us believe? And to put it into the context of the season, do we have very little to be thankful for?

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 are positives, beacons of light within the darkness that cancel out the negatives. It is these that we must focus on, it is these that we must be thankful for.

I believe that each one of us in different measure has much to be thankful for. If we apply a positive outlook, these things become apparent and we realize that along with the dark clouds, there are blue skies and it is these positives we need to be thankful for and take energy from them, to live our lives and be better people.

Yes, there are negatives out there, but to dwell on these does nothing but drag us down into the abyss of despair and unhappiness. We need to apply the positive outlook, be thankful for the small things, the big things, the things that apply to you, your family, your friends, colleagues and even society in general. If you look, you will find them. It is amazing how a positive outlook can change the scenery to one that is bright, and promises better things in the future. It is these things we need to be thankful for.

It can be a wonderful time of the year, and to share in the bounty of a seasonal feast with family and friends. We as Christian Knights can take

strength from the message of the season, and spread this message to the benefit of all God's Children.

There are many opportunities to spread the good word, to do the good deed, to offer a helping hand to our brothers and sisters, to our neighbors, to those down on their luck and to all who could benefit from receiving the warmth of the Thanksgiving season.

Deborah and I would like to extend our best wishes to you and your families on this Thanksgiving holiday. May the God of loving kindness look over you and your families during this season and in the days to come.

Yours in the Bonds of Our Order

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