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Sir Knights,

To our Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. His amazing elected and appointed Officers, our Grand line and to all Sir Knights and their wherever disbursed. As we head into the final months of this year, we should take a moment to be thankful. We have seen many atrocities brought on by those who do not believe and they appear to be multiplying. However, if we look into our history, we find there were many times of peril and distress. What kept us together, then as in today, is our faith. We believe, we care, we try and we love our Lord with all our hearts. Remember Peter 2:23, “when he was reviled, he reviled not”.

Instead of focusing on that car that cut you off, focus on the family or friends you are going to see. Instead of focusing on the burnt rolls, look at the other items you made and how wonderful it will be to eat. This is our time to be thankful. This is our time to reflect on what our Savior did for us and to remember our acts of charity and beneficence towards each other. Love, compassion and respect are our hallmarks. Let us remember His teachings, that we may continue to improve our selves and our interactions with others. Preparing for that day when we are welcomed into His mansion.

Cindy and I raise a toast to everyone we have had the pleasure to meet and to those we hope to meet. Let us continue to show the world we care and will continue to make a difference.

Sir Knight Ronald A. Naumowicz

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Our Savior's history is something we Knights should reflect on daily for inspiration and insight. Just as the banners of our Order of Malta. These sections can be read by selected members, or reflected upon internally. Based on timeframes and locations.

B – Birth.

Luke 2:7-14

7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

L – Life.

John 3:16-17

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

D – Death.

John 11:25

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,

Romans 6:4

04 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Colossians 2:12

12 having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

R – Resurrection.

Peter 1:3

03 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Luke 24:1-9

24 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” ⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest

A – Ascension.

Acts 1:6-11

6 So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?”

⁷ He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹ After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. ¹⁰ As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”