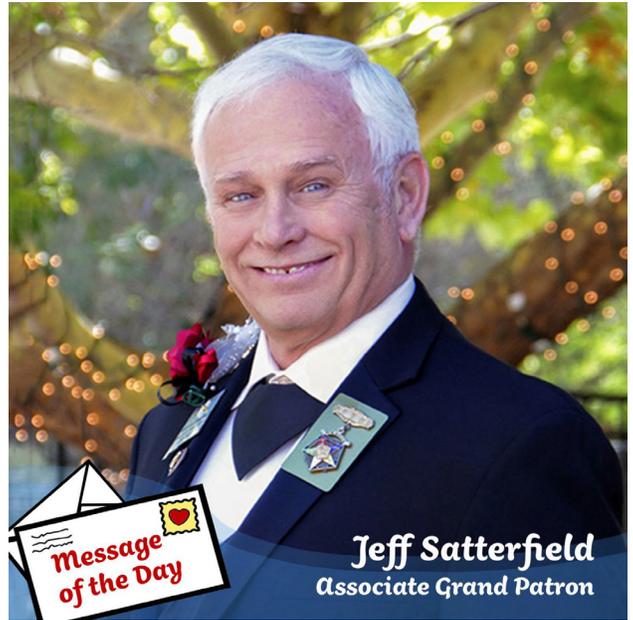


Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Hello from Albuquerque. I am so happy that we have all made it to today and hope this finds you in good health.

Sisters and Brothers, in light of this wonderful season, I would like to take this chance to thank you for many things. First and foremost, I want to thank you for the courtesies you show to all the members and guest to your individual chapters. The friendship each of you display whenever we see each other. Thank you for kindness and generosity you show to the to the impoverished and needy, the good you do in your communities never cease to amaze me, which make me so proud to be a member of this order. I have been on several Zoom meetings during this time, from Ohio to Arizona, and the charity abounds throughout the order. Finally thank you for the love each of you give to whomever you encounter, it is heart warming to see and feel the love of our members.



I was looking some items I have from my mother and found this, it the spelling of the meaning of CHRISTMAS, I hope you enjoy it.

C - stands for Christ. If we leave Him out of Christmas it is like celebrating a wedding without a groom.

H -stands for the Hope He gives us - hope of a life without end.

R - stands for the Revolution He began turning hate in to love, war in to peace, and everyone into everyone's neighbor.

I - stands for Israel, the land where He was born. But it also stands for me, for Christ could be born a thousand times in Bethlehem, but it would all be in vain unless He is born in me.

S - stands for the Salvation He brought those who lived in darkness saw a great light.

T - stands for Thanks - thanks to the Father for the gift of His Son. The best way to say thanks is to make room for Him in our hearts.

M -stands for Mary who brought Him to birth. She will help to bring Him to birth in us also.

A -stands for Angels who at His birth sang: "Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth!" - the sweetest music ever heard on earth!

S -stands for the Star that led the wise men to Bethlehem. Now Christ is the star we follow. His is the light that will guide us through the night until the sun of eternal day dawns upon us!



Here are some points regarding the Story of Christmas I would like for you to consider as we celebrate this day.

By the time the wise men visited Jesus, the child was likely two years old. The Magi began following the Star of Bethlehem when Jesus was born their travels took them to King Herod who wanted to know the whereabouts of the Christ Child to worship him. The Magi were warned in a dream of the king's plot to destroy the child, and never returned. This traveling would have delayed their reaching the Christ child.

Jesus was called Immanuel (which means "God with us"), as foretold by the prophet Isaiah. God in the flesh came to live with mankind. Just as the Holy Spirit made this possible in the Christmas story, the same Spirit makes Jesus Christ present today in the life of every believer. It is likely that not even Isaiah understood the full and far-reaching meaning of this name.

The Christmas angel, Gabriel, appeared not only to Zachariah and Mary but also to Daniel the prophet more than 500 years before the Christmas story.

Mary was an unlikely candidate to be honored with the role of mother to the Savior. She was a young, poor female. In her day and in the eyes of her people, these traits would have disqualified her as someone God would want to use for any important purpose. Like Mary, you may feel less than qualified to serve God. But Mary trusted God and humbly obeyed him. Do not set limits on God and what he may want to do with your life. He will use you, too, if you trust in him.

Sisters and Brothers, I hope you enjoyed these bits of information and I hope you stay safe and have a wonderful Christmas.

I leave you with this, may the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent one from another.

In Star Love,

Jeff Satterfield  
Grand Patron