



## Grand Prelate's Monthly Message

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Sir Knights

We are now in the middle of the Christmas season. This is such a wonderful time of the year as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, which provided us with the greatest gift we could ever imagine: Forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life with God.

Speaking of gifts; I would like to speak on three words that so often strike fear in the hearts and minds of parents at this time of year: “Some Assembly Required.”

How many of you have faced this scenario: You go out and buy, or more likely these days, order a Christmas gift for your child, and when you get it home you find that unexpected ‘Some Assembly Required’ message on the box, and you realize that the manufacturer provided parts and instructions just don’t completely match up as they should. Well, perhaps we just didn’t follow those instructions the way we should have.

Just like those items that we buy that need to be put together, we too require some assembly in our lives. God has given us instructions, in the form of His Word, but, just like many of us do with the instructions that come in the bottom of the box of what we bought, we often do not follow God’s instructions clearly. We make mistakes, or we stray from the correct path. That just makes us human.

Who among us does not need a little reassembling in our lives? Fortunately, God has provided the means for us to be assembled, correctly, into what He wants us to be. And that is what we are celebrating at this time of year. Jesus Christ came to earth to provide everything that we need to put us back together the way that we are supposed to be. Through this, the Holy Spirit can guide us as we “Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 3:18)

At this time of year, we need to step back from the hustle and bustle of all that is going on around the holidays and take a fresh look at what this season is all about. See the Christ child in the manger, who was sent as the most special gift of all. Look at that small, perfect, yet unassuming child, and see Him for who He really is. The baby that we are celebrating is also the man who hung on a cross to pay the price for us, so that we can have salvation.

Jesus Christ came to rearrange our lives, to right that which we have made wrong, to assemble us into the men—the Sir Knights—that he wants to use to reach the world as we serve as the hands and feet of Christ.

The Christmas Story does not end on Christmas morning. For us, the Christmas Story has just begun. God has—and still is—assembling us to be his servants. As we begin to transition beyond the holidays and into a new year, let God’s most precious gift fill your spirit with that joy as we travel through life with Him each and every day.

Merry Christmas  
Rick Saunders  
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