



Grand Prelate's Monthly Message

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When most people think of March, they probably begin thinking about winter coming to an end and warmer weather on the horizon. That is true for me too, although I am also thinking about it as “riding weather.” As many of you know, I love motorcycling. And for several years, March meant Daytona Beach Bike Week; that time of year when around 500,000 bikers descend upon Florida to enjoy the second largest bike rally in the U.S.

As part of a Christian motorcyclist's group, I would usually participate in areas of service at Bike Week. I still got to join in the fun of many of the events, but we would also volunteer to serve in various areas, and I would often take part in counseling and other ministries during that time.

Quite often this would include either late nights at our storefront just off Main Street, or very early mornings. Either way, we were out in the dark. One morning, a friend and I were walking along the mostly deserted Main Street, and we ran into someone who was just getting back from a long night of partying. He said something that made an impact on me that morning. He said, “Whenever we need help after being out all night we can find you guys. Your place is the only one still lit up.” When I looked to where he was pointing; down the darkened side street off the main drag, I could see that, despite the darkness, our little shop stood out as a beacon with the only light still on. Anyone out at that time could easily see our light and come find us.

Sir Knights, that is the way it should be for us. As Christians, the light of Christ should be visible in our lives. We should be a light in the darkness for others to see, pointing the way towards Christ through our words and actions. In Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus says, “You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

Light cannot be anything other than what it is. It is bright and it dispels darkness; it enables people to see what they are doing. God is light, and since He sent His Holy Spirit to live inside believers, so are we. As His ambassadors on earth, we shine even when we don't know it.

Jesus told His followers to “let your light shine before others.” He called us to live an active faith, not a passive one. As we move into spring, and the days get brighter and longer, we too need to let our light shine. Put your light on its stand and live so that your circumstances are an opportunity to shine brightly for the Lord and to share God's overcoming truth with those around you. In doing so, the world will know what we believe by how we live.

Always and All Ways in Christ
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