

Office of the Supreme Chancellor
Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias
of
North America, South America, Europe,
Asia, Africa and Australia

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PROCLAMATION

GREETINGS:

THE SUPREME CONSTITUTION OF THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS OF NORTH AMERICA, SOUTH AMERICA, EUROPE, ASIA, AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA ESTABLISHED THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF MARCH AS THE ANNIVERSARY OF OUR ORDER AND SET THIS DATE OR THE SUNDAY NEAREST THERETO, AS OUR THANKSGIVING DAY. THEREFORE, I DONALD W. AUSTIN, SUPREME CHANCELLOR COMMANDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS OF NORTH AMERICA, SOUTH AMERICA, EUROPE, ASIA, AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH, 2011, FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING DAY. ALL PYTHIANS, CALANTHEANS, ALL BRANCHES OF THE ORDER ARE DIRECTED TO ASSEMBLE JOINTLY IN A CHURCH FOR THE THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

THE APOSTLE PAUL SAYS, "IN ALL THINGS GIVE THANKS." THIS RESPONSE CAN ONLY COME FROM THOSE WHO ARE MATURE CHRISTIANS WHO UNDERSTAND THAT IN JOY AND SORROW, IN DOWN SIT-INS AND UPRISINGS, IN THE MIDST OF WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS, IN TIMES OF EARTHQUAKES, MUDSLIDES, TORNADOES, FLOODING AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS, IN TIMES OF FAMINE, IN TIMES OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMICAL SHAKE-UPS, IN TIMES OF GANG WARS AND DRUG ADDICTIONS, WE STILL HAVE CAUSE TO GIVE THANKS.

COUNT YOUR MANY BLESSINGS, NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
COUNT YOUR MANY BLESSINGS, SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE,
COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS, NAME THEM ONE BY ONE,
AND IT WILL SURPRISE YOU TO SEE WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE.

THIS SONG IS STILL APPROPRIATE TODAY. YES, THERE ARE MANY THINGS WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND, MANY THINGS HAPPEN THAT WE DO NOT COMPREHEND, YET, THROUGH IT ALL, WE THANK GOD THAT THINGS ARE AS WELL WITH US AS THEY ARE. WE STILL HAVE CAUSE TO GIVE THANKS.

THEREFORE, IN THIS SPIRIT, LET US THANK GOD FOR BLESSINGS PAST AND PRESENT, AND FOR FUTURE BLESSINGS TO COME. LET US REDEDICATE OURSELVES TO UNFINISHED TASKS REMAINING BEFORE US THIS NEW YEAR. LET US ON THIS PYTHIAN-CALANTHEAN THANKSGIVING DAY, SUNDAY MARCH 27TH 2011, ASSEMBLE AND RAISE OUR VOICES IN PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION TO ALMIGHTY GOD. LET US GIVE THANKS.

DONE IN MY OFFICE, IN DAVENPORT, IOWA THIS TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2011, P.P. MMV

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