A Christmas Message from our State President

I write this Christmas greeting to each and every member of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Sons and Daughters of Italy with the hope that this finds you all doing well. May we take this opportunity to “reflect” to earlier times in each of our lives!

Many times during our lives we are provided with the opportunity to “reflect” on times of our lives, and the Christmas season is probably the most reflected upon time of all! As we each and collectively remember struggles and successes, good times and not so good times, sorrow and sickness, we also remember loved ones, dear friends, and many family traditions that may have been put away in that attic storage space.

However, we need to never forget the greatest gift that we’ve ever received – the greatest gift given to us – OUR LORD and SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST! GOD giving us HIS only SON for salvation, freedom and forgiveness – could there be any greater gift? As we attempt to honor GOD and provide a gift this Christmas can we reflect to the greatness of those previously mentioned traditions? Can we not turn to the traditions of Saint Nicholas who secretly gave gifts to people in need?

At this time, and this place of history in the world and the evolution of humankind, is it possible for each and every one of us to shed the imagery of today’s consumerist culture and just reach out to a long lost friend, a forgotten family relationship, or just that stranger on the street in need!

It may not be possible to have world peace, but a peaceful world can start with each and every one of us this Christmas Season! Merry Christmas to each and every one of you, may all your dreams come true and may GOD bless you and your families with peace, love, joy and great health!

Fraternally,
Hon. Joseph L. Sanders and family

Happy Holidays! - Fratellanza Italiana Lodge #310 - Patton, PA

Dio ci Benedica Tutti! Augurando a Tutti un Felice e Sano 2016!
From, The Ladies Lodge of Connellsville #1686

Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo

The members of the Novella Palumbo Lodge #1578 would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year!

A joyful Christmas and many blessings in abundance fill the New Year!
Rosa Garibaldi Lodge #1818 Brownsville, PA

Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas!
Toni M. D’Agostino Gilhooley, District 7 Trustee
Christmas “Spirit”: At this time of year we hear about, and hopefully experience, what is called the Christmas Spirit. It is not purely emotional, but based on a reality. The reality is that, as we read in the Scriptures: “God so loved the world, that He sent His only-begotten Son,” so that we may be redeemed. How dramatically that love is manifested in the Nativity Scene! This spirit of love, shown by an all-perfect God, must be manifest as far as possible, by us who are His creatures, called to follow His example.

Generosity: Many people seem to realize instinctively that Christmas is a time for generous giving. Do we do this by the exchange of gifts and by acts of charity. The origin of this is the charity of God, as mentioned above, made manifest at Bethlehem, and the giving of gifts to the poor is a way of being generous. Many people who consciously exclude religious aspects from their stores and advertising. Why should they make money from the Birth of the Person they treat as an unencumbered intruder? It is also a time to reflect on setting aside a portion of the money we spend at Christmas for a true and worthwhile charity, especially one not receiving any other help from government or other agencies.

As I wish all of you a Blessed Christmas, I hope that these brief reflections may help you to “look around,” and lift up your minds and hearts, by reflecting on the significance of what you see and experience!
Happy Holidays from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Sons and Daughters of Italy

Hon. Joseph L. Sanders, III
State President
Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo
From the Officers & Members of the L.A.M. - Valley Forge Lodge #1776
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Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
to all of our Brothers and Sisters

Joseph V. Galati
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I membri della Bristol-Pasquale Deon Lodge augurano a tutti i membri di altri la Gran Loggia di Pennsylvania, figli e figlie d’Italia un Buon Natale e un nuovo anno sano.

BUON NATALE
From Daniel Rendine, Esq., President and the Greater Roxborough Lodge #2217

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From the Members & Officers of
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Happy Holidays!
from
State Third Vice President
Anthony Ricco, Jr. and Family

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Happy New Year!
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Merry Christmas!
from
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Sons and Daughters of Italy

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