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Thanksgiving Day Message 2025

From the Desk of the Sovereign Grand Commander, Corey D. Hawkins Sr., Esq.

My Beloved fraters and loyal ladies,

As we approach the solemn and joyful observance of Thanksgiving Day, I extend the warmest fraternal greetings from the APEX. This holiday, steeped in tradition and gratitude, offers us a necessary pause to reflect not only on the blessings we possess but also on the profound duties that accompany the privilege of being a Scottish Rite Mason.

The Cornerstone of Gratitude

Thanksgiving calls us to acknowledge the Supreme Architect of the Universe and the countless gifts bestowed upon us. As we gather with family and friends, let us be truly mindful and express our deep thanks for:

- **Our Families:** They are the foundation of our lives, the source of our strength, and the recipients of the unconditional love that fuels our work in the Craft.
- **The Ties of Brotherhood:** Our Rite thrives on the unwavering commitment of our Brethren. Thank you for your diligence, your charity, and your pursuit of the Light, which illuminates our Valleys across the Southern Jurisdiction.
- **The Blessings of Liberty:** As Masons and citizens of this great nation, we must never take for granted the freedoms that allow us to meet, to speak, and to serve without fear. Our fidelity to the principles of truth, justice, and religious tolerance must remain absolute.

A Call to Moral Leadership

My Brethren, as we share in the bounty of the harvest, let us remember the lessons learned in our degrees. It is not enough to be grateful; we must be active agents of charity and moral leadership. The principles we profess—Integrity, Service, and Dedication to the betterment of humanity—are never more critical than in times of ease. Use this opportunity to look beyond your own table and extend a hand to those who struggle, to the sick, the lonely, and the afflicted. Your actions speak louder than any ritualistic recitation. Let your light shine brightly, not just within our tiled bodies, but in every corner of your community.

May Your Hearts Be Full

May the Great Architect bless your Thanksgiving with health, joy, and peace. May your family table be filled with laughter, meaningful conversation, and a deep appreciation for all that is good and true. Let us look forward to the coming year with renewed energy and a steadfast resolve to make the world a better, brighter place through our actions.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all.

 
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