

Greetings Brethren:

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones in good health and staying safe.

On Thursday 25th of this month, throughout this wonderful country many households will be celebrating one of our National Holidays; THANKSGIVING. We will be sharing a bountiful meal with family and friends, watching Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and Football Games on television and eating and eating—etc., etc.

When did this Thanksgiving celebration begin? In the year 1621, the Plymouth colonists otherwise known as the Pilgrims and Wampanoag Native Americans shared an autumn harvest feast. At this celebration the Pilgrims gave thanks to GOD Almighty for the bounty of their harvest. This celebration is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. Historians have noted that Native Americans had a rich tradition commemorating the fall harvest with feasting and merrymaking long before Europeans set foot on their shores.

For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1836 that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held in November

The annual celebration of the harvest feast and its bounty, moreover, Thanksgiving falls under a category of festivals that spans cultures, continents and millennia. In ancient times the Egyptians, Greeks and Romans feasted and paid tribute to their gods after the fall harvest. Thanksgiving also bears a resemblance to the ancient Jewish harvest festival of Sukkot also known as the feast of Tabernacles or the Feast of Booths.

I hope you found this interesting. Diane and I wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving Celebration with your families and Friends

Stay safe, and may God bless you and your Families

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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