



THE INSTITUTION OF CHRISTMAS

Official Christmas Press Release

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Christmas Day

The Second Christmas Tribunal

Deliberations by the Jolly Triad:

Santa Craubs

Saint Nick

The Mischievous Elves

CASE STATEMENT

On December 25th, 2024, at 12:25 AM, the Grinch (recognised Enemy of Christmas and international terrorist) began perpetrating the greatest recorded attack on Christmas values since her opening monologue on December 4th. Incited by an alarming rise to 19.5 Grinch Points in total - only 0.5 away from the critical number - she began a brief but intense campaign perverting the sacred values of Generosity and Charitability (a breach of the Samaritan Principle) with a 'gift' of coal to all members of the server.

The subsequent stoning from jolly nice list members arrived with a brief delay, and could scarcely match the sheer anti-Christmas intensity of the Grinch's attack. Under normal circumstances, this would immediately increase her Grinch Points, bringing her to 20, causing an instant Stolen Christmas State. The Grinch would be free to proclaim victory in her crusade against Christmas, and the Christmas Institution would be permanently and irrevocably changed.

For complex reasons, this scenario did not play out, and Christmas proceeded without complications as the Tribunal deliberated on the details of the case. The crux of the issue, and the main argument of the Opposition (to granting the last required Grinch Points) was the

timing: the attack begun 20 minutes after the beginning of Christmas Day, supposedly meaning that Christmas had already been achieved, and could not be stolen. The opinions of each Tribunal member, following a day of intense deliberation, are included in their entirety in the following section.

TRIBUNAL OPINIONS

THE MISCHIEVOUS ELVES (Proposition)

I do not deny the fundamental structure of the Grinch System. The Grinch had 20 long days from her appearance until Christmas Day to attempt to steal Christmas. Once Christmas Proper had begun with the Grinch at 20 points, that would signal a Stolen Christmas and a Grinch Victory. If the Grinch failed to gain the required points by that day, she would have failed, and Christmas would be safe and secure.

What this case boils down to is the Tribunal's interpretation of the Subjective Day Doctrine - which I believe cements the Grinch's victory.

Since Advent's beginning, the Subjective Day Doctrine was clear, and articulated several times by Santa Craubs himself. In his own words:

"[...] We're operating on Christmas Days. The day starts when I wake up, and it ends when I go to sleep. I go to sleep after midnight. Therefore, it is still the 21st after midnight of that day."

- Santa Craubs, December 22nd, 11:53 AM (#general)

It is an open and shut case. As is evident by his response to the Grinch's attack, Santa Craubs had not yet fallen asleep when her attack begun - indeed, he fell asleep after it had already ended. The 25th, Christmas Day, had therefore not yet begun, and it was still Christmas Eve. Therefore the Grinch was well within her right to claim the winning Grinch Points, and by right Christmas has been stolen, and the Grinch has succeeded. The Tribunal has a sacred duty

to grant the Grinch her Stolen Christmas State - with interest, due to the delay caused by these deliberations.

I speak in my capacity as member of the Christmas Tribunal (by virtue of my having crawled into the server's wires) and operate under strict judicial neutrality relating to the question of the ethics of a potential Stolen Christmas.

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SANTA CRAUBS (Opposition)

The proposition's Grinch-apologetic dictum fails to prove their baseless assertion of a Stolen Christmas and relies solely on a gross misinterpretation of the Subjective Day Doctrine in order to further their chaotic aims. The Grinch's final attack occurred after the commencement of Christmas, and is therefore null and void. Christmas occurred peacefully and rightfully, with the Proposition's claim being utterly unfounded.

The Subjective Day Doctrine had always applied solely to Advent Calendar gifts. It has never affected the borders of internationally recognised Christmas Events such as Christmas Day. It was a principle enshrined in the Christmas Institution since its founding solely for this purpose and none else. This is clear from a proper analysis of the framers' intent: the Doctrine was created and upheld due to the clear risk that a giftless day in Advent would cause. By changing the Advent Day's borders to those experienced by Santa Craubs, the Framers allowed Advent to continue unimpeded, and with a gift every day. This was its sole purpose, and has no relation to the beginning of Christmas Day.

It is self-evident that Christmas Proper began at 12:00am of December 25th. I quote Santa Craubs:

"Happy Holidays."

- Santa Craubs, December 25th, 12:03 AM (*#announcements*)

This statement marked (although three minutes off) the official beginning of Christmas Proper. This statement would be meaningless and inexplicable if Christmas Proper had not

begun at midnight of that day. This official start of Christmas Day has always been recognised by the Christmas Institution, as proven by this statement.

Furthermore, a thorough analysis of the Subjective Day Doctrine disproves the Proposition's assertions in their face. Under the Proposition's framework, if Santa Craubs had not fallen asleep on the night of Christmas Eve, Christmas would never have begun, and throughout the 25th it would still be deemed to be Christmas Eve, even after the sun has already risen. Even without the Grinch's interference, this interpretation of the Doctrine would create an unnecessary risk of an Invalidated Christmas that the Framers clearly never intended when forming the Christmas Institution.

Christmas is not lost. The Institution and its values have triumphed. VIVAT CHRISTMAS

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SAINT NICK (Tiebreaker)

My childhood suffered greatly from the absence of Christmas. During my upbringing, the sun failed to rise on the 25th of December, and my entire village was forced to bar the doors and shut the blinds for the duration of that accursed day, lest we be taken by the forces of darkness that laid siege upon our civilisation. For decades we lived in this state, deprived of Christmas's blessings, living in the darkness, unaware even of the promise of the light.

When I signed the Christmas Charter all those years ago, officially establishing the Christmas Institution and all the values, events, and blessings that it enshrined into law, the sun rose on the 25th for the first time in my memory. For two thousand years we have protected this hallowed day from the forces that seek to deprive us of its blessings.

Christmas Day is eternal. It is untouched by human hands, not malleable by the sleep schedule of a single man, no matter his title in the Christmas Institution. It begins on midnight of the 24th, and ends on midnight of the 25th - although it lives on in our hearts for every day until the Christmas of the next year. This year, like all others so far, Christmas prevailed, and the Grinch was defeated.

The war between Christmas and the forces that oppose it will continue until the end of time. But on this day we can rest assured with the knowledge that this year, we won.

FINAL TRIBUNAL VERDICT

A Stolen Christmas State has been averted, and Christmas Day in the year 2024 commenced successfully. The Grinch's last-ditch attempt at an attack on Christmas came too late, after the beginning of Christmas Proper.

The Christmas Institution still has much to do before the New Year and the election, but it has succeeded in its primary goal of maintaining Christmas.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

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