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A Toast to Our Grand Commander Christmas 2023

Right Eminent Grand Commander and Washington Sir Knights,

As we gather in the spirit of Christmas, we are reminded of the profound significance of this season—a time to rejoice in the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

It is with immense joy and gratitude that we raise a special holiday toast to our Grand Commander, a leader whose guidance reflects the enduring chivalric principles of faith, hope, and love. As we celebrate the miracle of Christ's birth, we reflect upon the true meaning of the season the love and sacrifice that came to earth, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger. May the spirit of Christmas continue to inspire you in the coming year.

To the Grand Commander, a beacon of faith and a shepherd to our hearts—Merry Christmas and may the peace of Christ be with you always.

In His Service
Religious Activities Committee:
SK ++E. Jeffrey Craig, REPGC, Chair
Sir Knight Geoffrey Joosten, Grand Prelate
SK Jay White
SK John Hannaman

Response from the Grand Commander

To the Grand Prelate, the members of the committee on Religious Activities, and to all Sir Knights in the jurisdiction of Washington:

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

From Lady Kathleen and myself, a heartfelt thank you for the toast this Christmas season. As we continue to see turmoil throughout the world, we have much to be thankful for. We have the ability to share our beliefs with those around us, and come together and celebrate all that is the season.

Sir Knights, as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, let us all share in the spirit that shines down upon us. May each of you be blessed this Christmas to be with your families, near and far, and to be thankful for all that we have, and be able to share with those who may not be as fortunate.

The officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Washington and their families join with Lady Kathleen and me in wishing each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**SK Bryan D. Bechler, REGC
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Washington**

Sincerely and fraternally,

**SK Bryan D. Bechler, REGC
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Washington**