



GRAND COMMANDERY of KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF THE STATE OF
WEST VIRGINIA

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2

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To the Officers and Members of The Grand Commandery, and to all Knights Templar and their Ladies within the Jurisdiction of the State of West Virginia.

Greetings:

And the angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear.

And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people;

For to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." *Luke 2: 9 - 11*

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!" *Luke 2: 13 - 14*

The ageless and yet ever new Christmas story – God's gift to us – "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." *Matthew 17:5*

May the blessings of peace be ours. The peace to build and grow, to live in harmony with others, and to plan for the future with confidence.

God has a special task for each of us. Each one of us is special to Him. May we all, in humble obedience, seek to fulfill his will for our lives.

All Commanderies are urged to have a special observance during this Season of the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and permission is granted to all Commanderies to participate in uniform in any Christian or charitable activity consistent with our calling as Christian Knights.

Your Grand Commander and his Lady extend to you and your family, our love and best wishes for the joys of the Christmas season and the blessings that the New Year will be one of health, happiness and prosperity, and may God's blessings rest upon each of you throughout the coming year.

It is therefore ordered that this Christmas message be read at the first stated conclave after it is received, and at the Christmas observance to be held by all Commanderies.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of West Virginia, the 10th day of November A. D. 2009, A. O. 891.

By Order of:



Gene Ray Baker, Grand Commander

Attest: *G Butler Adkins, Jr.*

G. Butler Adkins, Jr, PGC, Grand Recorder

"EVERY CHRISTIAN MASON SHOULD BE A KNIGHTS TEMPLAR"