



GRAND MASTER'S RESPONSE

Christmas 2018

To the Right Eminent Grand Prelate, the Committee on Religious Activities, and to all Sir Knights wheresoever dispersed:

Knightly Greetings!

A most sincere thank you from Lady Lisa and me to the Right Eminent Grand Prelate and the members of the Committee on Religious Activities for their heartfelt Toast this Christmas season in the year of Our Lord 2018.

The Toast offered invokes the Almighty's blessings on my behalf, and I am honored and privileged to work with each of you in the service of Templary. The Toast alludes to the concept of the servant leader which is especially applicable to Templary. The characteristic of the servant leader that perhaps most applies to the office of Grand Master is that of stewardship. The individual privileged to occupy the office of Grand Master is a steward and as such, with the guidance of the Almighty, can assist each member of our beloved Grand Encampment to realize his full potential, whatever it may be in His divine plan.

We pray that as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, each of you will find Peace this Christmas season. Let us also remember those less fortunate than ourselves, not only during this Christmas season, but throughout the year.

The officers of the of the Grand Encampment and their ladies join with my Lady Lisa and me in wishing each of you and your families a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Courteously,

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Jeffrey Norman Nelson, GCT

Grand Master



The foregoing toast to the Most Eminent Grand Master and his response thereto are transmitted to you with the request that you extend an invitation through the proper offices to all Sir Knights within your jurisdiction to join in the sentiments thus conveyed at some convenient hour, on or near the birthday of Christ, commonly called Christmas Day, December twenty-fifth, in the Year of Grace 2018.