



## GRAND MASTER'S RESPONSE

Christmas 2017

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

Knightly Greetings!

The most sincere thanks from Lady Georgia and me to the Right Eminent Grand Prelate and Committee on Religious Activities for their meaningful and humbling Toast this Christmas Season.

The toast offered thanks me for my efforts on behalf of our order. I can only offer my best efforts, and that is what is required from anyone so blessed as to be able to occupy this office. Everywhere I travel I am met by brother Sir Knights who are dedicated to our Christian principles and to our more earthly ventures in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and Holy Land Pilgrimage. These efforts bring the light of God's wonders to the blind and the light of understanding to his clergy.

As we celebrate the birth of the Christ, let us each try our best to practice the virtues of faith and to spread goodwill and support to all. Christ told us to love others and in this season, more than any, we should make a greater effort and a deeper commitment to carry the practice into the new year and into our daily lives.

We pray that each of our Templar families and the world at large may find peace, happiness, joy, hope, and love during this Christmas season as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The officers of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar and their ladies join with my Lady Georgia and me in wishing each of you and your families a most blessed and merry Christmas!

Courteously,

⚔ *Duane Lee Vaught*

Duane Lee Vaught, 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 2017.*