



GRAND MASTER'S RESPONSE

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

My thanks to the Right Eminent Grand Prelate and Committee on Religious Activities for a most humbling toast.

The toast just given by our Grand Prelate touches on a thought provoking concept. Consider the trust those Wise Men demonstrated in following the new star with the hopes of beholding their new born savior. Think of their surprise to find him in a simple stable laying there in a manger. Their faith was strong and imagine what that moment must have been for them. The experience of having been in the presence of Jesus the Christ would have been with them for the rest of their lives.

During this Christmas Season, it is appropriate we demonstrate our belief in Jesus Christ. Chivalry, Christianity, Templary – A Way of Life should be paramount in our minds during this Season. Let us emulate the faith of those wise men as they sought their Savior. May we too, be as dedicated to find an ever abiding faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The officers and membership of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America join me and Lady Elizabeth in expressing our best wishes to you and your family this Christmas Season.

In His Service,

 *William H. Koon II.*

William H. Koon, II, 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 2011..