



GRAND MASTER'S RESPONSE

CHRISTMAS 2020

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

Knightly Greetings!

A most heartfelt thank you from Lady Lisa and me to the Right Eminent Grand Prelate and the members of the Committee on Religious Activities for their most gracious toast this Christmas Season in the year of our Lord 2020.

The toast offered notes the challenges faced by the officers as well as the Sir Knights of the Grand Encampment this past year. This has indeed been a most unusual year, a year filled with "trials and tests." However, along with challenges come opportunities and time for reflection and meditation upon the designs which He has laid down upon each of our trestleboards.

None of us knows what the future may hold, but the toast exhorts each of us to "renew our vows to welcome the poor and weary pilgrim, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted." Let us take up our swords and redouble our efforts to redress each of these scourges to the benefit of mankind.

The officers 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 and healthy New Year.

Courteously,

⚔️ *Jeffrey N Nelson*

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 2020.