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THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF KENTUCKY



Christmas Message



To The Grand Commander Knights Templar
Commonwealth of Kentucky for 2022
S.K. Bobby Crittendon, Right Eminent Grand Commander

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Bobby Crittendon you have worked diligently in the past and now you are once again our Grand Commander. The questions are how did you do then, and how are you doing now? Both questions can be answered in one word, Excellent. You have set goals for all of us to achieve, but more especially for you and your officers. This is the time you shine for Kentucky and the world to see just how much we have improved. With your guidance and experience you started out your year with the direction which you have had in the past and now using it for the present course.

This year at Christmas time we look to you as a teacher and leader for our great Commandery of Knights Templar for you believe in just what our obligations demand of us and that we should work together for the good of the whole.

You have taught us that our belief is in God the father and Jesus Christ the Son who we know to be the Captain of our Salvation. We believe that Jesus was the King of Kings and now reigns over us from Heaven. With this in mind we can go forth and do His work under the banner of Love for our fellow man. Now at Christmas time we may give presents to our family and friends, but most of all we give tribute to the one who taught us to Love one another. This Christmas we wish for you, Happy returns of Christmas for you and your family. Now we turn to the bible for inspiration in this time of year. Let us take our lessons from the Holy Scriptures:

*"He is the image of the invisible God...For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form."
Colossians 1:15; NASB*

Jesus Christ wasn't just a great religious teacher who walked on earth some two thousand years ago. The Bible says He was far more than that: He was God in human flesh. This is what we celebrate every Christmas---and this is what we should celebrate every day of our lives. The Bible tells us that on that first Christmas, God did something you and I can barely imagine: He came down from Heaven and became a man.

Do you want to know what God is like? Look at Jesus. The proof of His resurrection from the dead confirmed not only His victory over sin and death and Satan and Hell but also the truth of His divine nature. His teachings aren't just the musings of a profound philosopher or religious teacher; they are God's

message to us. His deeds of mercy weren't just the actions of a particularly compassionate individual; they were a demonstration of God's love and concern for each one of us. Jesus gives us every reason to build our lives on Him.

We live by our Faith and with God's mercy we will endure even to the end.

Your Servant,

Sir Knight Archie R Smallwood, PGC, Grand Prelate

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TO ALL KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AND THEIR FAMILIES WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

THE GRAND COMMANDER'S RESPONSE

My thanks to the Eminent Grand Prelate for a most inspiring toast.

The Gospel of St. Matthew tells us that, on the very first Christmas over 2000 years ago, there was a bright star shining in the east, marking the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the beginning of his mission on Earth, where, eventually, he would die for our sins. But, during his time on this Earth, he would be a teacher, healer, servant, and savior. His teachings have brought hope and inspiration to generations of believers. His teachings and words of wisdom continue to strengthen and inspire each one of us today.

During Christmas, we gather with loved ones and family to celebrate the birth of our Savior. As God's only son, Jesus came to Earth and gave his life so that others may live. His words and actions remind us that being courteous to others is important in our lives and that sacrifice and love must guide us to lead lives of compassion, mercy, and justice.

This is a season of peace and rejoicing. It is also a time for renewing ties of brotherhood with all men of good will. Our thoughts and prayers are especially with the men and women in uniform. We ask that they be safe and out of harm's way. We grieve for those who have made the supreme sacrifice and for those who bear the wounds for freedom's sake and for their families.

We rededicate ourselves in this season of good will to the ultimate promise of peace made over 2000 years ago. To fulfill that hope is our ultimate goal. May the blessings of Christmas extend to you and your loved ones this Holiday Season and throughout the New Year.

In His Name

S. K. Bobby E. Crittendon

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