



Grand Commandery Knights Templar South Dakota



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Ervin "Red" Alspaw
Grand Commander

Grand Prelate's 2022 Toast



to the Right Eminent Grand Commander

The Apartment of the Grand Prelate, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of South Dakota
To: Right Eminent Grand Commander Ervin "Red" Alspaw, and his lady Margo;

Modern Day Christmas Expressions are entitled "Deck the Halls", "Jingle Bells", "Happy Holidays", "Dance Around the Christmas Tree" and the list goes on in our modern world. But we as Christian Knights Templar, remain in the Christian world with music titles such as "Silent Night", "Joy to The World", "The First Noel", "O Holy Night" and "It Came

Upon the Midnight Clear” which are all the true and tested words relating to the birth of Christ so many years ago and are so true to this day.

Through the years we have learned the Baby Jesus was born in a barn, as there was no room in the Inn. He grew to be a wise man and as such was recognized by many as the King of all Nations. The Lord of Faith, Hope and Charity. The promoter of that which is good and the denouncer of that which is evil. But in today's society so many do not see the truth. Political leaders in today's world fail to see the value or quality in the Christian world but tend to lean toward the secular notions that are so prevalent in the modern media.

The hearts of the Knights Templar must remain true and pure so that all our actions, our deliberations, our decisions are pleasing to the King of Creation. Yes, this is a Knight's Templar Commitment to his world and the Christian Religion. May we always strive to support the baby Jesus as the King of the World and as he who became our Savior, the Savior for all mankind.

With that truth said, I lift my glass and offer a Toast to Ervin T. “Red” Alspaw, Our Right Eminent Grand Commander. May the Good Lord grant him Good Health, Wisdom and the Power to be the perfect leader as the baby Jesus as well as the Risen Christ would be pleased to bless and approve.

Yours in the Faith,

Matt Schatz, PGC, KCT

Grand Prelate

Right Eminent Grand Commander's Response



Christmas 2022

To the Right Eminent Grand Prelate, of the Grand Commandery of South Dakota and all Sir Knights, wherever you may live:

Thank you, Sir Knight Matt Schatz.

Indeed, "Happy Holidays" are for those with no faith.

We who have faith can deck the halls with faith, jingle the bells of our great Lord and Savior while we are dancing around the Christmas tree that He has furnished for us to enjoy.

We Christian knights can have a silent night as we give praise to the Holy One who gives us our joy around the world while we loudly sing "The First Noel" and "Oh Holy Night".

We can remain pure in all our actions while living thru the midnight clear and giving our blessings to the stars of heaven and to the most Blessed One who puts the shine in them for us to see and enjoy.

May the God above give us all the strength to survive this world around us so that we can behold all the beauty that He has given.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL SIR KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES THE WORLD OVER.

Right Eminent Ervin "Red" Alspaw

GRAND COMMANDER KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF SOUTH DAKOTA