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GRAND COMMANDERS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2022

Dear Right Eminent Grand Commander Charles E. Warren, Sr.

A Toast to our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Charles E. Warren, Sr., and his lady for the year of our LORD 2022.

Right Eminent Grand Commander Charles E. Warren, Sr., On behalf of the Sir Knights across the Great Jurisdiction of Utah we Toast you in your honor this Christmas

One of my favorite stories at Christmas is "The Gift of the Magi." "A young couple, Jim, and Della, poor but very loving. It is Christmas time and Della wants to buy a nice Christmas present for her husband – however, she has extraordinarily little money. One of Della's treasured assets is her beautiful, layered hair – but since she did not have enough savings to buy Jim's Christmas presents, she cut and sold her hair for \$ 20 and bought it. Perfect gift for Jim. Jim also sells his grandfather's precious gold pocket watch – something he holds firmly on his lap – to buy a present for her. When he returned home, Jim was dumbfounded when he found Della's new hairstyle. Della had bought a watch strap for Jim's favorite pocket watch, and he bought precious hair combs for her long hair. When they received the gifts, they realized they were no longer helpful to them. The two sold their precious possessions to make each other happy, showing their love for each other. This story is about the personal sacrifices people make to their loved ones."

May I suggest that we look for our own "Gift of the Magi" in our lives, with our co-workers, friends and family and see what truly is most important in life.

We can give that gift by taking time to try to become meeker and more merciful, peacemakers and pure in heart, forgiving and faithful. When we do this, we will be slow to judge and quick to pray and forgive. We will treat others as we wish to be treated. We will seek the "good fruit" that comes from that Great Light. We will "do the will" of our Father in Heaven (Matthew 5).

May these blessings come to you Sir Knights and your families.

We raise a toast to you Grand Commander!

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas.

Sincerely and Fraternally

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To the Eminent Grand Prelate, to the Knights of the Commanderies of Utah and to all Sir Knights: Holiday Greetings and Blessings to one and all in the Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

My Lady Merrill-Lee and I thank our Eminent Prelate as well as all Sir Knights for the informative and enlightening toast. The message contained therein, I believe, admonishes us to be thankful for the blessings we may sometimes overlook.

We approach this most wonderful holiday season of the year 2022 with much to be thankful for, despite the concerns and issues which face us all, most especially the leaders of our great Nation. We may sometimes permit ourselves to be lured into thinking how bad things appear to be, but we can all take pleasure and relief in comparing the blessings we enjoy to the trials and desperation of other nations of the world. Let us express our Thanks to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for choosing us to inhabit this great land of plenty.

As you celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ this Season, be comforted by the presence of your family and loved ones. Cherish them and take pleasure in celebrating Christmas with those you treasure.

Lady Merrill-Lee and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2023.

Yours in Christ,

Charles E. Warren, Sr., KCT Right Eminent Grand Commander Knights Templar of Utah