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Grand Master's Message

Christmas is a joyous time of year. We get together with our loved ones, go to church, and re-create in our minds the scene of the birth of our Lord and Savior so many centuries ago. While we reflect upon that scene, let us not forget the tenets of our order; to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted. In our Blue Lodge connection, let us not forget the cry of the widows and orphans. As Sir Knights, we should strive to achieve these wonderful tenets, especially during Christmas.

Sir Knights, by your generous contributions over the years to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, you have created a multimillion-dollar institution where sight has been restored to thousands and thousands of children. We should be proud of what has been accomplished, all through the spirit of giving. Can you imagine when sight is restored to children, the first time they get to see a Christmas tree or the colorful Christmas dinner that is placed before them, or for that matter, the faces of their moms and dads?

Our educational foundation has given thousands of dollars to scholarships for young adults who may not have had a chance for a higher education if it were not for your giving. Giving is what Templars do, so that the lives of our fellow men can be a little bit better.

The Knights Templar (the poor soldiers of Christ) are needed more now than at probably any other time of our nation's history to defend Jesus Christ and all of his teachings.

Many of our Commanderies will hold Christmas observances, and I sincerely hope that you will join one of them for that special celebration.

The officers and ladies of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America join with my lady, Judy, and me in wishing you a blessed merry Christmas.

Michael Burke Johnson, GCT
grand master



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Prelate's Chapel

by

Reverend Terry L. Plemons
right eminent grand prelate of the Grand Encampment

Matthew 1:23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel, which is translated, God with us."

Immanuel, God with us; think about that for a moment. Scripture says that The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. As Christian Knights, how can we ever dare to ignore Him? We should be drawn to adore Him, desiring to know who He is and what He wants of us. During Christmas, contemplate the precious gift of the Christ Child; how He is reflected in our lives, in our attitudes, and in our language. Does His love radiate within our hearts?



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God had a message of love that was poured out in Christ Jesus. The baby of Bethlehem became the Lamb of Calvary. Immanuel, God with us – He walked among us, and people were able to see the depth of God's love. Through His incarnation, men witnessed the nature of God, beholding His faithfulness to those who were sick, the lame, the blind, and the deaf. We are each called to be the hands and the feet of Christ, to show forth the mercy and the love of God to a hurting world.

As we prepare our hearts to celebrate Christmas, spend time contemplating the incredible truth that God became a man. When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son to be born of a woman. During Advent, I reflect on 1 Timothy 3:16 "And without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into Glory."

The angel told Mary, his mother, "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God;" an angel spoke to the shepherds, and a star led wise men from the East. Over 2,000 years later, the Child of Bethlehem still bids men come to Him.

May Christ fill and bless each of your homes in wonderful and unexpected ways this Christmas.

Meet Our Department Commanders

John D. Barnes

Right Eminent Department Commander Northeastern Department

John is a native of New Jersey, as is his wife, Lady Cynthia. They have been married for more than thirty-five years. He has served as president and treasurer of his church, and he and Lady Cyndi enjoy travel and photography. He spent over thirty-five years in the pension industry, retiring in 2008.

He was raised in 1972 and served three terms as worshipful master. He served his Grand Lodge as district ritual instructor for five terms. He was exalted in 1978 and served as high priest for five terms. He served as grand marshal in 1998, grand high priest in 2004, grand lecturer in 2014 and 2015, and grand treasurer for 2016-2019. He earned the General Grand Chapter Ritual Jewel in 2011, the Ephraim Kirby Award in 2015, and the Distinguished Service Medal in Silver in 2020.

Companion Barnes was greeted in 1984 and served as thrice illustrious master in 2008. He served as grand chaplain in 2008. He assumed the duties of grand master in 2011 upon the death of the sitting most illustrious grand master, serving as grand master in 2012. He has been serving as grand treasurer since 2013. He was awarded the Order of the Secret Vault and the Columbian Medal in 2017 and was appointed dean of the Order of the Secret Vault College for New Jersey in 2018.

Sir Knight Barnes was knighted in 1986 and served as commander for three terms. He served as grand warder in 1995. He was designated a knight commander of the temple in 2011. He served as grand commander in 2014, as advisor to the right eminent grand commander in 2015, and as secretary to the right eminent grand commander in 2016 and 2018. He was appointed to the Grand Encampment's Publicity Committee in 2015 and as state coordinator in 2018.

John has written or co-authored grand officers manuals for three grand bodies, restated two grand constitutions, written numerous observations and presentations, been published in several Masonic magazines, and recently completed a dais officers' manual.

He is a past presiding officer or treasurer of several appendant bodies in New Jersey.



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Because of these requests, the jewel now includes five tiers with five levels within each tier. Each tier has a different colored center but still has quadrants representing the different levels. Remember that this jewel is a thank you for the donation to the Grand Master's Club (GMC). Each GMC represents a contribution of \$1,000.

The tiers represented with the quadrants can best be seen by the full picture on the facing page, showing all GMC's.

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Christmas Greetings to all Sir Knights of the Grand Encampment,

John 3:16-17 says, “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through Him.” The true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of this incredible act of love.

Christmas has become the most commercialized holiday, and many tend to focus on the wrong things. We are consumed by thoughts of how many gifts we need to provide or receive. During this time of year, it is easy to get caught up in all the hustle and bustle and to miss the true meaning (love) and what really matters at Christmas (Jesus).

Out of gratitude for what God did for us, we should all make an effort to be more Christ-like. Jesus was a true giver, and His giving had no limit. What better way is there to celebrate Jesus’ birth than to honor Him by being generous in support of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation?

Consider a gift to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation (KTEF) to honor another Sir Knight or friend. What Sir Knight would not be thrilled to receive a Crusader’s Cross for a Christmas gift? The Crusader Cross is a program to recognize Knights who have made donations to the Grand Master’s club in increments of \$1000.00. This cross can be worn on the uniform, and those who have attained this jewel wear it proudly. I saw many during the last Triennial Conclave. I find that it is a great reminder to continue my contributions to the foundation.

December is also a great time for tax planning, and a charitable donation to the KTEF could impact your tax liability for 2021. Contact your tax professional to see what it can do for you.

Remember the words of our Lord and Savior. He said: “It is more blessed to give than receive.”

Onward Christian Soldiers.

Merry Christmas to all,
Lon W. Kvasager, KCT
chairman, 54th Annual Voluntary Campaign



Manly Palmer Hall Christmas 1903

by

Sir Knight Peter H. Johnson, Jr., PGC

Manly Palmer Hall was arguably one of the most enigmatic figures of the twentieth century. Although nearly completely self-educated, he somehow became the leading authority on esoteric subjects of his time. During his seventy year professional career, he is said to have written about 150 books and given 8,000 lectures. For the last thirty-six years of his life, he was also a prominent Freemason, attaining the 33rd degree in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

Brother Hall was born in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada, on March 18, 1901. Hall biographer, Louis Sahagun, maintains that Manly Palmer Hall was delivered by a Dr. William Dixon Scott. This does not coincide with Brother Hall's recollection which was undoubtedly told to him by family members. In old age, Hall told inquirers that he was delivered by the beloved family physician, Dr. Lapp. We shall meet Dr. Lapp again in our tale of the season.

Manly Hall was born in a very interesting period of time. He just missed being born in the Victorian Era by a matter of days. Queen Victoria had become a member of the "choir invisible" on January 22, 1901, just fifty-five days before Hall was born. This was truly the end of an era. It was still the age of the horse and buggy. Ladies still wore corsets, and prominent

men still sported top hats. Life in small-town Canada was still substantially the same as it had been decades earlier.

The infant, Manly Palmer Hall, was born into an extremely dysfunctional family. His father, William S. Hall, a dentist, had already separated from his mother, Louise Palmer Hall, when Manly was born. Mrs. Hall, a chiropractor by trade, ran off to find adventure in the great Alaskan Gold Rush when Manly was only two years of age. This left the young man to be raised by his maternal widowed grandmother, Mrs. Arthur Whitney Palmer, usually referred to by Manly P. Hall in later years as "my Esteemed Grandmother." She will also be a key player in our story.

In *Growing Up With Grandmother*, a delightful, small book published in 1985, the elder Hall describes the Christmas seasons of his early childhood in rural Canada. It sounds like a Currier and Ives print come to life. It was a time of snow and sleigh bells. The venerable Manly Palmer Hall tells us that the horses appeared to be breathing out smoke in the cold air and that a "kindly merchant" made "special headgear" for the family horse for added warmth. He also recalls: "On Christmas Eve there were real candles burning in the windows to welcome the Christ Child and his carol singers..."

Christmas trees were also adorned with real candles, and Hall recalls idyllically that the worst thing that ever happened was “tallow dripping on the carpet.”

In his *Contributors' Bulletin*: December 1966, Manly P. Hall tells us: “The first Christmas I clearly remember was in 1903.” At this time Manly Hall would have been three months shy of his third birthday. One could certainly cast dispersions that anyone could remember anything at two years of age, however, Manly Palmer Hall was clearly not a normal person. As a mature man, he was thought by many to possess a photographic memory. His many lectures were delivered without notes; the Maestro sat in a chair and appeared to be reading off an invisible teleprompter. At the wee age of six, the youthful Hall was thoroughly bored with first grade. He later recalled: “At home at that particular time, Grandmother and I were deep into Victor Hugo.” In the preface to *Growing Up with Grandmother*, a primary source for our story, the octogenarian Hall apologizes for an occasional “*lapsus memoriae*,” but assures us that the account is “substantially” factual. Your author has no doubt that this is true.

As background information, it should be recalled that the winter season of over a century ago, including the blessed season of Christmas, was often a period of great dread, as various seasonal diseases took their toll. Brother Hall remembers that there was frequently an epidemic of “*la grippe*.” Preventive measures included a gauze bag worn around the neck filled with asafetida powder (or asafoetida – of Southwestern Asian origin, the dried gum resin of the giant fennel plant). The concoction’s smell was unpleasant enough that “no respecting

germ could tolerate.”

Our Christmas story begins two weeks after Thanksgiving of 1903. As the yuletide approached, toddler Manly Hall was stricken with what was referred to as the “black pneumonia.” Family physician, Dr. Lapp, was on the case.

Hall provides a wonderful description of Dr. Lapp, a character that one could conceivably encounter in a novel by Charles Dickens:

“He was a giant of a man and wore a long Prince Albert coat with velvet lapels. He had a beard like Edward VII and smoked a strong cigar which was regarded as protection against contagious diseases. He favored a tall silk hat, somewhat dented by numerous collisions with the tops of door frames. His practice of medicine was frequently inconvenienced by starched cuffs that were always falling down over his hands at the wrong moment.”

We further learn that Dr. Lapp carried a well worn satchel with the usual “powders and syrups” of his day. He also believed that hot compresses, the hotter the better, were the “sovereign remedy for pneumonia.”

As the Christmas holiday neared, young Manly’s condition worsened. His fever continued, he was very weak, and his breathing was increasingly labored. On December 23rd, Dr. Lapp spoke to Mrs. Hall: “The crisis will be tomorrow, and I must warn you to expect the worst.”

The situation was indeed grave. Dr. Lapp made plans to spend the night on the living room sofa and keep watch over his critically ill young patient. Meanwhile,

a good-hearted neighbor took care of the doctor's horse and carriage.

As Christmas Eve morning unfolded, two year old Manly's condition seemed to be worsening. He was racked with fever and later recalled that he lost all memory of that day. Dr. Lapp steadfastly stood vigil by his diminutive patients' bedside. As evening approached, the burly physician touched Manly's cheek. He rose quietly, adjusted his problematic shirt cuffs, and spoke these welcome words: "He will live."

Dr. Lapp next gave Manly's mother and grandmother instructions for the young boy's continuing care. Mrs. Hall helped the good doctor with his great overcoat as Grandmother Palmer handed him his dented silk hat so he could return to his own Christmas festivities.

After Dr. Lapp's departure, Mrs. Hall shed some quiet tears. She next came to the realization that tomorrow was Christmas and that no presents had been purchased for little Manly. Years later Manly Hall recalled that at this point, his five foot one grandmother stood up and spoke in majestic tones, "I knew he was going to get well, so I slipped down to the store this afternoon and bought the only thing I could find. It is not much, but it will have to do under the conditions."

The health crisis now passed, Manly slept well into Christmas morning. The first thing he remembered seeing on awakening was a mesh Christmas stocking hung on the wall and filled with pre-packaged toys. His mother brought him his new gifts. He spread his "haul" out around him. The elder Manly Hall remembered the little toys in great detail: "There was a cardboard horn, a shiny top that played a tune, a large rubber ball, and a funny little clown that stuck out his

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tongue when you pressed his stomach."

After the gifts had been opened, the family great dane was brought in to guard the little boy. Hall later recalled that he could feel the dog's cold nose on his pillow. Grandmother Palmer now wiped a few tears on the corner of her apron as she seated herself at the piano and played *Silent Night* to the best of her ability.

Manly Palmer Hall would live almost another eighty-seven years. He would publish one of his first books *The Lost Keys of Freemasonry* at age twenty-one. This is curious, because it was many years before he would actually join the ancient and honorable fraternity. He would publish his magnum opus, *The Secret Teachings of All Ages* when he was only twenty-seven and then founded the Philosophical Research Society in Los Angeles at age thirty-four. Hall died a mysterious death on August 29, 1990.

Manly P. Hall never forgot the great kindness extended to him and his family by the selfless physician, Dr. Lapp. He left us this heartfelt message:

"I hope our children, and their children, can recall someone like Dr. Lapp, trying to rest his huge frame on a spindly Victorian sofa. May they have memories as warm and unforgettable as mine when I think of the night that Grandmother played Santa Claus, and carol singers, standing in the snow, sang of peace on earth and good will to all men."

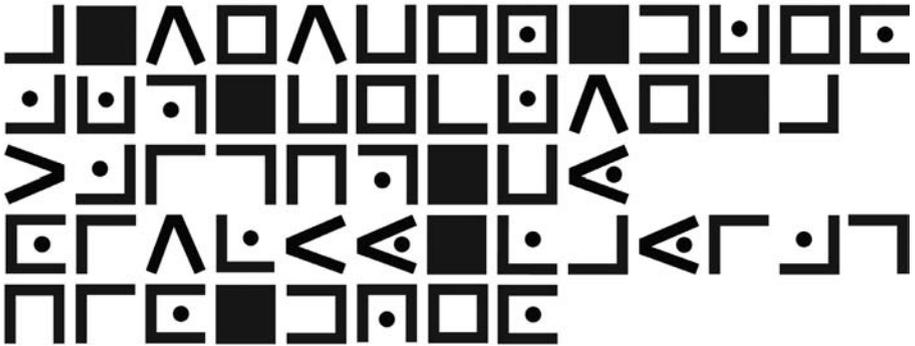
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Leadership Notes

Servant Leadership, II

At the beginning of this year, the York Rite leadership faculty engaged in a quest to provide a series of articles for the *Knight Templar* magazine focused on servant leadership. In each issue, the authors expounded upon the concepts of leadership through humble, devoted work within the contexts of Masonry, Knight Templary, and life itself. They underscored the basic tenets that the servant leader focuses on the needs and development of others and sees his role, not to promote himself but rather to sacrifice his time, talents, and energy that others may grow and thrive. He cares not for titles and attention, nor does he desire power for its own sake but rather seeks to increase his influence among others through service, respect, and loyalty. He sees his legacy in the continued success and growth of those he has taught, mentored, and inspired.

As Knights Templar of the Grand Encampment, we are admonished by the echoes of those Knights of the medieval order, chanting in battle the phrase inspired by Psalm 115:1 in the King James Version of the *Bible*: “*Non nobis, Domine, non nobis, sed nomini tuo da gloriam*” which translates from Latin as “Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to thy name give the glory.” In other words, we lead by serving others for the glory of God.

As our thoughts turn to God and we prepare for the Mass of Christ in this Yuletide Season, the concept of self-sacrifice must necessarily cause us to think of the example set by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We read in the *Gospel of Mark*, chapter 10, verses 45-46, the words of our blessed redeemer: “...and whosoever of you shall be chiefest, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many.” These words carry two directives. The first is that he who has the greatest rank has the strongest obligation to serve those he is to lead. As we rise in position and responsibility in Masonry and Templary, we should sacrifice more and satisfy our own wants less. The second injunction is that God the Son gave everything he had to give, that we would be saved – no greater sacrifice has ever been made. If we claim to love and follow Him, then we must, to the best of our ability, follow his divine example.

To further extend the concept of leadership through humble service, we find in the *Gospel of John*, chapter 13, verses 14-15, this exhortation from Christ: “If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done to you.” By washing the feet of his disciples, Jesus models the behavior that his followers should emulate in order to illustrate that those who lead must not seek to lord authority and dictatorship over others but to truly understand that there is no job beneath their dignity. Ego and selfishness must be set aside in order to lead in a Godly way.

In conclusion, I ask you this, my Brothers and Sir Knights, for prayer and meditation. As you hold your current offices or those yet to come as you rise within Masonry and Templary, will you metaphorically demand that those you serve stoop to wash your feet, or will you bend your knee in humility and gratitude to wash theirs?

Sir Knight Adam Hathaway,
York Rite leadership faculty
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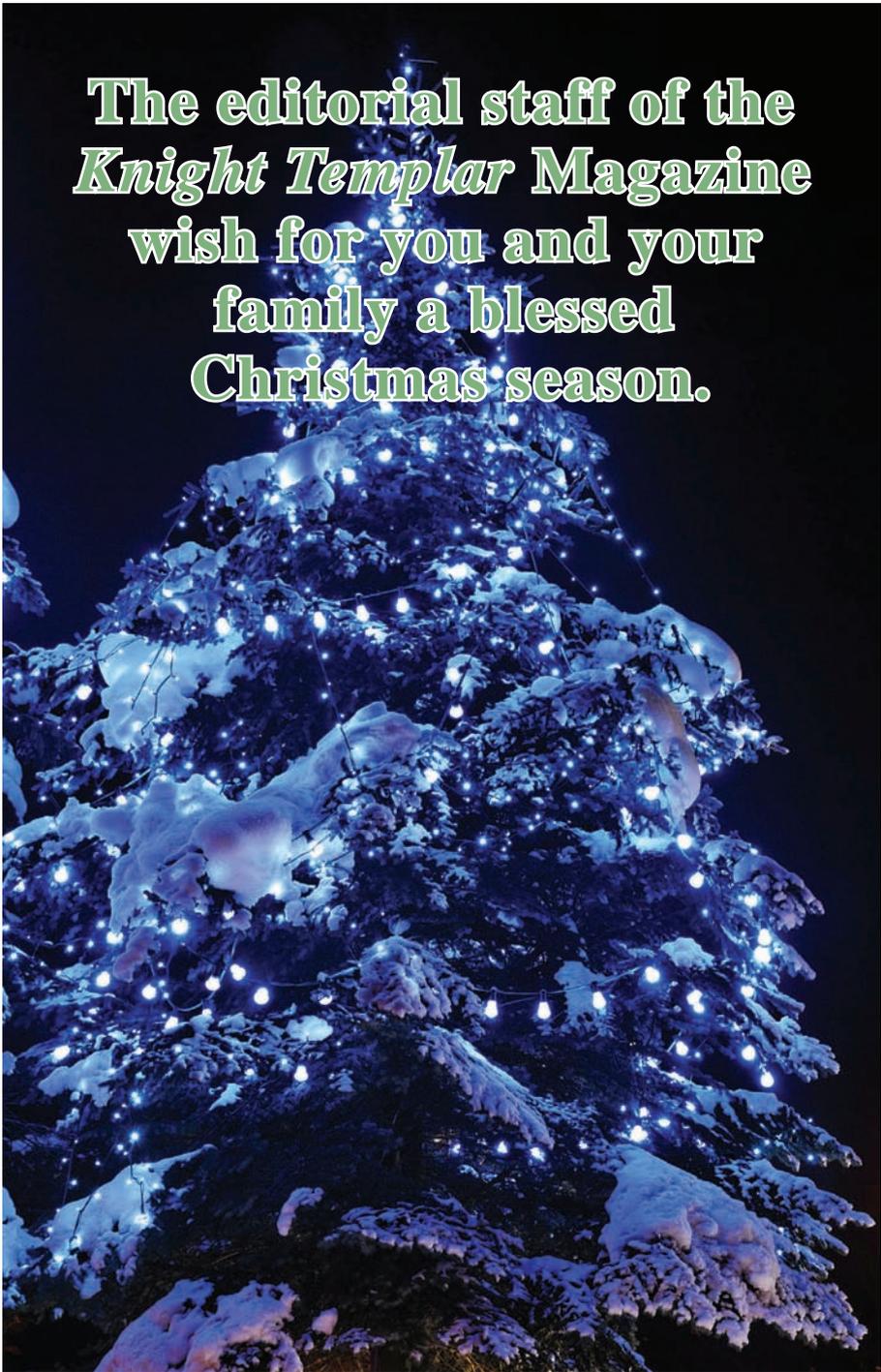
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the brightest, most
beautiful Christmas ever,
and may you find the
peace and joy you've been
looking for!**

**From
The Grand Encampment Office Staff**



**The editorial staff of the
Knight Templar Magazine
wish for you and your
family a blessed
Christmas season.**





Beauceant News

November 1, 2021

Beloved Beauceant Sisters,

“It’s not all about the manger where the baby lay.
It’s not all about the shepherds who came to him that day.
It’s not all about the wise men and the gifts that they bring;
It’s all about the King who came that we may be saved.

Christmas is Jesus!!!”

As we celebrate this beautiful time of year, may the words from “Christmas is Jesus” by Mike Speck be a constant reminder of what this season truly means.

Let us share the love of our Savior generously in our actions and deeds. Let us pray to be more like Jesus with each passing day; not because we deserve Him, but because He came that we may have a joy filled heart. Let us love because He first loved us.

Sir Knight Charles and I wish for each of you a Christ filled Christmas and a prosperous New Year! In every moment of every day, may you see God’s glory in all that surrounds you.

In Beauceant love,

(Mrs. Charles M.) Susan Thames
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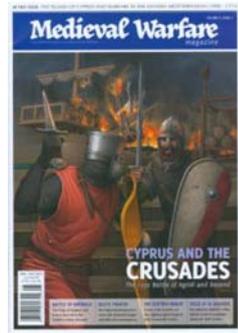


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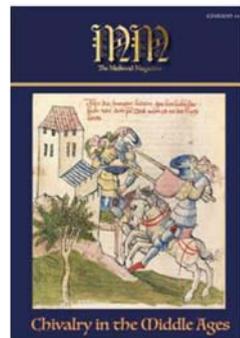
By
Sir Knight Michael J. Kastle, PGC

The Editorial Committee has allowed me to deviate from a usual book review. I would like to introduce the Sir Knights to a print magazine and two on-line magazines that specialize in medieval history. These magazines give us a better understanding of the world and the period in which our forebearers lived and worked.

There is a very good print magazine, *Medieval Warfare*, found at www.karwansaraypublishers.com. This magazine is published in the Netherlands and is an English language magazine. Each issue has a different theme. The image to the right is of a recent issue on the Crusades. Each issue will have at least eight to ten articles relating to the issue's theme. The contributors are authors who are studying or teaching medieval history. Also, there will be opinion pieces, medieval news, information on current films, and recent books reviews. This magazine is available from Barnes & Noble Bookstore's magazine section as well as by subscription. There are six issues a year, and an on-line edition is available.



A very interesting on-line magazine is *The Medieval Magazine*, found at www.themedievalmagazine.com. There are up to twelve issues a year, each issue will have a specific theme. The image to the right is of a recent issue. Each issue is usually a monograph or could be a collection of essays by several authors. You can subscribe and receive a monthly download of your copy, or as I do, purchase individual issues that interest you. There is no hard copy available for sale.



The next on-line magazine is *The Medievalverse*, found at www.medievalists.net. This magazine is usually published once a week. It is free. It contains a series of articles dealing with diverse subjects relating to the medieval period. There is no hard copy available.

There are more magazines on medieval history available, and many of them can have a very academic bent. I find that the ones listed above are always very interesting and very readable.

I am an amateur medievalist, meaning that my primary interest is in history of the medieval period, with a particular interest in western Europe and the Levant. This interest started when I lived in Germany during the years 1983 to 1996 and spent a good deal of time in England. I can be contacted at kamjk@outlook.com.

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Year of Our Lord 2021 to all valiant and magnanimous Knights of the Temple,
wheresoever dispersed

throughout Christendom ~ Salutations and Knightly Greetings:

**A TOAST TO OUR MOST EMINENT GRAND MASTER
CHRISTMAS 2021**

Most eminent grand master, greetings in the name of the Risen Christ. On behalf of all Sir Knights across our Grand Encampment, we raise a toast in your honor in this your first Christmas as our grand master.

Across our great nation and at all places where our Grand Encampment reaches around the globe, our Sir Knights, along with their families, will be coming together to celebrate this most holy season for Christ's Church. Hallelujah, Christ is born; the fulfillment of the prophet, Isaiah, has become flesh and dwelt among us.

Angels proclaimed His birth, Shepherds bowed in humility at their glorious appearance in the heavens as they proclaimed "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill toward men." Wise men from the East came and brought priceless gifts to the new born King.

Our prayer is that all valiant Knights of our order experience the miraculous presence of the Christ Child in their homes, in their hearts, and in all their Knightly fellowship as we celebrate the fulfillment we read in the Gospel of John where "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

With you, grand master, we raise our voices in celebration of this wonderful season. We commend to your prayers all the Sir Knights of our great order, especially those who are homebound and unable to enjoy knightly fellowship due to health. Those who God has summoned home, we remember in our meditations.

We pray God's richest blessings upon our great order; our great charities; you, grand master; and all who labor for the cause of Christ.

A toast to you, grand master!

In Christ's Service,

The Reverend Sir Knight Terry L. Plemons, KGC, chairman,
The Committee on Religious Activities
The Reverend Sir Knight Robert J. F. Elsner
The Reverend Sir Knight Paul D. Erickson



GRAND MASTER'S RESPONSE
CHRISTMAS 2021

To the right eminent grand prelate, the members of the Committee on Religious Activities, and to all Knights wheresoever dispersed:

Knightly Greetings!

Many thanks to the right eminent grand prelates and the Committee on Religious Activities for a most humbling toast.

I can only imagine, through the teachings of the *Holy Bible* of what a wondrous and joyful event this was, the birth of Jesus Christ. Can you imagine the three wise men following a new star? When they found him, the Savior of the world was wrapped in a blanket and laying in a manger! This must have humbled them as it does us today.

This toast offers a number of challenges that we must all as humble Sir Knights accept. Let us renew the covenant that we as Sir Knights repeated over the *Holy Bible* when we were created a Knight, let us remember the cry of the widow and the orphan, let us remember our vow, as poor and weary pilgrims, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted. Let us renew our commitment to Chivalry, Christianity, and Templary - as a way of life!

I pray that each of our Grand Commanderies, our Constituent Commanderies, and all our Templar families find peace, love, joy, and happiness during this Christmas season as we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

The officers of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar and their ladies join with my lady, Judy, and me in wishing each of you and your families a most blessed Merry Christmas!



Courteously,
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