



William J. Jackson, Grand Commander

Greetings Sir Knights,

All my memories of Christmas as a child were of simple things. We had a fresh cut tree (artificial ones had not become a thing then), some of which Dad and I would cut off of a friend’s farm. This we would proudly carry home strapped to the top of Dad’s car. The tree was then set up and decorated with one or two stands of lights, homemade chains made from old Christmas cards cut into strips, homemade balls (like the one I still place on my tree today, made by me in Ms Haygood’s 1st grade from old foil milk bottle tops.), and plenty of tinsel (it was dirt cheap and added glitter). Everyone got a present or two, but there wasn’t the big present frenzy that happens today. We were happy just to be out of school, being with family and friends, and plenty to eat. Usually there was always plenty of fresh fruits, nuts, and candies. Goodies that we couldn’t have every day.

America in those days knew it was not a hedonistic day for ourselves. It was the birthday of our Lord and Savior. The birthday of Jesus Christ! “For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.” (Luke 2:11)

Let us keep thing simple and like Simeon and look for Him. Let us rejoice in the day for what it is. “Then he took him up into his arms and blessed God and said, Lord now let thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people. A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of thy people Israel.” (Luke 2:28-32)

I only ask, Oh Lord, You would forgive America and open our eyes that she may again see Thy miracles as when we were young. Pray that

it not be too late for our children and grandchildren to see Thy Goodness. Amen

Courteously,  
*William J. Jackson,*  
 Grand Commander

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KENTUCKY  
 VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE  
 DECEMBER 11, 2020  
 8:00 PM, EST**

Live streamed on Facebook  
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**GOD’S RICHEST BLESSING TO YOU AND YOURS**

**Merry Christmas!**

*Isaiah 9<sup>6</sup> For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

*<sup>7</sup>Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.*

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