



# Grand Commandery Knights Templar South Dakota



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**Roger Hansen**  
Grand Commander

The Apartment of the Grand Prelate,  
Grand Commandery Knights Templar of South Dakota

To: Right Eminent Grand Commander Roger Hansen, and his lady Lonnie;  
Three hundred twenty-five years ago, a wise man who was a Mason was asked about Christmas and he responded "Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching over your flocks by night, God with man is now residing, Forever shines the Heavenly light"

This was 1,800 years after the Birth of Christ and still holds true today. As foretold by Isaiah. "Therefore, the Lord himself shall give a sign. Behold a Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son and he shall be called Immanuel."

Knights Templar, as Christians especially charged by a solemn and irrevocable obligation to follow Christ, dare not and will not minimize the importance and the meaning of the Immanuel's Birth. We are pledged to carry his banner fearlessly into the mainstream of life throughout the World. The Knights Templar are truly the successors of the Apostles that were appointed by Christ himself.

Christmas is more significant in 2021 (if that is possible) than any time before because of the way the world is turning. The confirmation of the voices of Angels in Bethlehem so many years ago still ring out...

"GLORY TO GOD ON THE HIGHEST AND PEACE ON EARTH  
TO MEN OF GOOD WILL AND TO ALL MANKIND"

Now, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Roger Hanson, the responsible leadership which has marshaled in the order of Knights Templar, the membership which gives full allegiance to you, would share with you the eloquence of voice and logic to make purposeful the dedication of Templar's Soul to God and Country through Jesus Christ. Sir Knight, Roger. The Knights of South Dakota lift their glass to your Happiness, Good Health and well being.

With this we are so honored to salute you this Blessed Christmas Season.  
Matt Schatz, PGC, KCT Grand Prelate

Right Eminent Grand Commander's Response  
Christmas 2021

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

This is the most Joyful season of the year, all because of the birth of Jesus over 2000 years ago, as told to all who were within sight and hearing by the Prophets, and by the Angels, Shepherds and Wise Men, relating the joyful event.

Let us remember each other and our families with love and a caring attitude during this joyful season. Please remember our vows to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and bind-up the wounds of the afflicted. Let us renew our commitment to Chivalry, Christianity, Templary - as a way of life.

I pray that each of our Commanderies and all our Templar families find Peace, Love and Joy during this Christmas Season as we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

The officers of the Grand Commandery of South Dakota and their ladies join with my lady, Lonnie, and me in wishing you Eminent Grand Prelate and all Sir Knights and their families a most Blessed Merry Christmas.

Roger H. Hansen  
Right Eminent Grand Commander