



Grand Commandery Knights Templar West Virginia



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Greetings Sir Knights,

I want to wish all of you Sir Knights and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Remember the reason that we celebrate Christmas and give thanks for the birth of Jesus that happened on that first Christmas Day.

I am passing on the Christmas message prepared by our Excellent Grand Prelate SK Ben Gurley as he sent it to me.

From the Apartment of the Grand Prelate Ben E. Gurley:

To: H. Lee Hadley, REGC of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia and his Lady Ruth and all Sir Knights and their Ladies of our Grand Commandery.

I want to wish you and yours a very Merry and Joyous Christmas! We have been living through two hard years that have completely changed our way of life. As we celebrate Christmas, let us remember the first coming of Jesus, the Babe of Bethlehem, a sign of God's love and light of hope to a troubled world. Let us look to Jesus and once more find help in the time of our need. Frederick Buechner wrote: "It is impossible to conceive how different things would have turned out if that birth had not happened whenever, wherever, however it did ... for millions of people who have lived since, the birth of Jesus made possible not just a new way of understanding life but a new way of living it. It is a truth that, for twenty centuries, there have been untold numbers of men and women who, in untold numbers of ways, have been so grasped by the child who was born, so caught up in the message he taught and the life he lived, that they have found themselves profoundly changed by their relationship with him." As Knights Templars and Christians, let us be changed by our relationship with our Lord and Savior to be the persons he would have us be. He is coming again! Let us be ready to greet him! God bless us one and all.

I would like to report that our inspections are almost all over. At this writing we still have two to go. I am happy to report that they were all well done and in a safe manner. Most of our Commanderies are now again meeting and getting going after over a year of not being able to meet due to Covid 19. I want to welcome all those new Sir Knights who have been knighted this year into our Commanderies and our Grand Commandery. We hope they will become an active member of their Commandery.

H. Lee Hadley KCT, REGC