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## From the apartment of the Eminent Grand Prelate William Hewett

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers, and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

*"But the angel said unto them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."*

(Luke 2:10-11)

These words of scripture telling us of the birth of Christ and of a Savior for His people is a reflection of our past and present hope in this season of Advent.

This past year, 2022, has been a time of challenge concerning our faith and our continued stance in deciphering between what is right, according to Scripture, and what is evil according to Scripture. This year and the very presence of evil in all areas of our lives has been a time of reflection concerning how we live and interact with our families and our fellowman. And at times one might even think that God's sovereign rule over His creation has ceased and Satan has gained control.

However, Brethren, Sir Knights, and Friends according to the teachings of God's Word this can never come to pass even if peace and good will seem to be a past blessing for mankind.

May each of you and your families enjoy a blessed Christmas and have a prosperous New Year.

Rev. William Hewett,

Grand Prelate, Grand Commandery of Alabama

## From the apartment of the Right Eminent Grand Commander Ronald G. Andress

To Eminent Grand Prelate:

Greetings to you and all the Sir Knights!

I thank you Sir Knight Hewett on your thoughts for this Christmas Season.

Let us all remember the last two verses of American Poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem "Christmas Bells"

And in despair I bowed my head  
"There is no peace on earth," I said;  
"For hate is strong,  
And mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:

"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;  
The Wrong shall fail,  
The Right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good-will to men."

Sir Knights, it is my wish that each and everyone of you, along with your family and friends to have a loving and joyful Christmas Observance. Let the light of our Lord shine through you to light the pathways for others to follow.

Ronald G. Andress, KCT

Right Eminent Grand Commander

## **QUIET MY HEART, LORD**

Quiet my heart, Lord,  
and show me a Christmas  
as peaceful and calm as  
an old cattle shed...

Slow down my pace, Lord,  
and help me seek Jesus,  
the Son of Your Love,  
in a humble straw bed...

Steady my spirit, Lord,  
call me from chaos  
in simple surrender  
to pray and rejoice...

Breakthrough the busy,  
too-bright celebration,  
and whisper your message,  
"Be still...hear my voice..."

Be still, and know that I am God..."

Psalm 46:10

-- Author Unknown

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