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SK Roderic L. Wagoner, Jr.
Right Eminent Grand Commander
Grand Commandery, KT, of Arizona

Right Eminent Sir:

On behalf of the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Arizona, the Christian Knights of the Desert, I wish you and yours all the Peace, Joy, and Blessings of the season of the Nativity of the Christ Child.

Times are not uniformly pleasant for Christians in our world. Even in nations such as ours, where the institution of religious liberty is deeply rooted, there is discrimination and persecution for matters of opinion and belief. "Peaceful demonstrators" show their tolerance for Christian churches and their adherents by looting, burning, and even the occasional murder, but the authorities, terrified or venal, turn their backs on Christians.

This discrimination, whether active or passive, is an opportunity for us, a recognized association of Christian Americans, to maintain our professed beliefs before the world. I suggest that this activism need not reach the point of martyrdom, but only that we be aware of the power of simple acts. We can display the Cross without apology. We can practice the life enjoined on us by the Square, Level, and Plumb, for by doing so, we display all of the Christian views so necessary for a civilized world.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, we look to your continued example of Knightly conduct before the entire world for inspiration in our important mission.

We join together in wishing for you and yours all the joys of the Christmas Season as we raise our glasses, in our hands and in our hearts, to our Order and to you.

Most courteously,

David G. Stankow, HPGC, KCT
Grand Prelate

**Grand Commander's Message
Christmas 2022**

SK David G. Stankow
Very Eminent Grand Prelate
Grand Commandery, KT, of Arizona

Very Eminent Sir:

Thank you for your kind and generous sentiments. My wife, Annette, and I would like to extend the same to you and yours and our entire Templar family in this joyous season of our Savior's birth.

While the season evokes many emotions, it should always be one of Charity towards all God's creatures.

Whether this means a family member, a recognized group, or a feral animal, it is within our power to show kindness and provide whatever comfort and aid that we might. No gesture is too small if it is sincere.

My wish for all is that we rejoice in the simplicity of this season; the year is closing, our Savior is born.

Nothing else is necessary and anything else is what you choose to make of it.

With kind regards,

Roderic L. Wagoner, Jr., KTCH, KCT

