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*S. K. W. Michael Yount
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Ladies and gentlemen of the Kentucky Knight Templars, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the central events in Christianity: the birth, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ.

The birth of Jesus, celebrated on Christmas, signifies the arrival of the promised Messiah, bringing hope and salvation to humanity. His life on Earth was a demonstration of love, compassion, and divine teachings.

The crucifixion, a solemn event commemorated on Good Friday, symbolizes the ultimate sacrifice. Jesus willingly endured suffering and death on the cross, bearing the sins of humanity, offering redemption to all who believe.

Easter, celebrating the resurrection, signifies victory over death and sin. It's a reminder that through faith, we too can experience new life, forgiveness, and the promise of eternal salvation.

Finally, the ascension of Jesus to heaven underscores his divine nature and the promise of his return. It instills hope and the expectation of a glorious future for those who follow his teachings.

To Christians, these events are at the core of our faith, providing a path to salvation and a guide for living a life of love, forgiveness, and service to others. They remind us of the enduring message of hope, redemption, and the promise of eternal life.

W. Michael Yount,

RE Grand Commander

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A TOAST TO THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER OF KENTUCKY CHRISTMAS 2023

Right Eminent Grand Commander, on behalf of the Knights Templar of Kentucky we raise a toast in the name of the Great Captain of our Salvation our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As the angels of the Heavenly Host sang aloud: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased! (Luke 2:14 ESV) so also do we sing praise at the coming of our Lord.

Nearly two thousand years ago while the world was lingering in darkness, and evil ruled over the earth a great light entered the world in a remote part of Judea among a defeated people subject to a cruel king who was subservient to the mightiest nation on earth at that time. Yet since then that evil king is no more and that mighty empire has ceased to exist, but the glory of God and the Church of Jesus Christ still remains shedding light to all who are in darkness and offering hope to those whom the world despises.

Right Eminent Grand Commander we raise our toast to you as you lead us in the coming year. May victory and success attend you in your undertakings always remembering that we are soldiers of Jesus Christ awaiting the day when we will cast our trophies before His feet and exclaim: Non Nobis Domine, Non Nobis, Sed Nomine Tuo Da Gloriam!

A Toast to our Right Eminent Grand Commander W Michael Yount.

In the Name of our Blessed Redeemer,

James C. Reichert
Grand Prelate
Grand Commandery of Kentucky KT



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GRAND COMMANDER'S RESPONSE CHRISTMAS 2023

Sir Knights, it is indeed my honor to give this, my response, to our Eminent Prelate Sir Knight Jim Reichert's heartfelt toast. First, I would like to wish every Sir Knight and your families a Merry Christmas. May the spirit of this season continue to shine as a guiding light, just as the birth of our Lord and Savior brought light to a world in darkness.

We read also in Luke 2:10 "*And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.*" To all people. God gave all people his only Son. If only more people understood what this meant, the world would be different. We can be the guiding light, just as the star in the east led the way for the Wise Men. Our actions as Christian Knights who act in the spirit of chivalry and unity, spreading the word of Jesus, can be a light for the world.

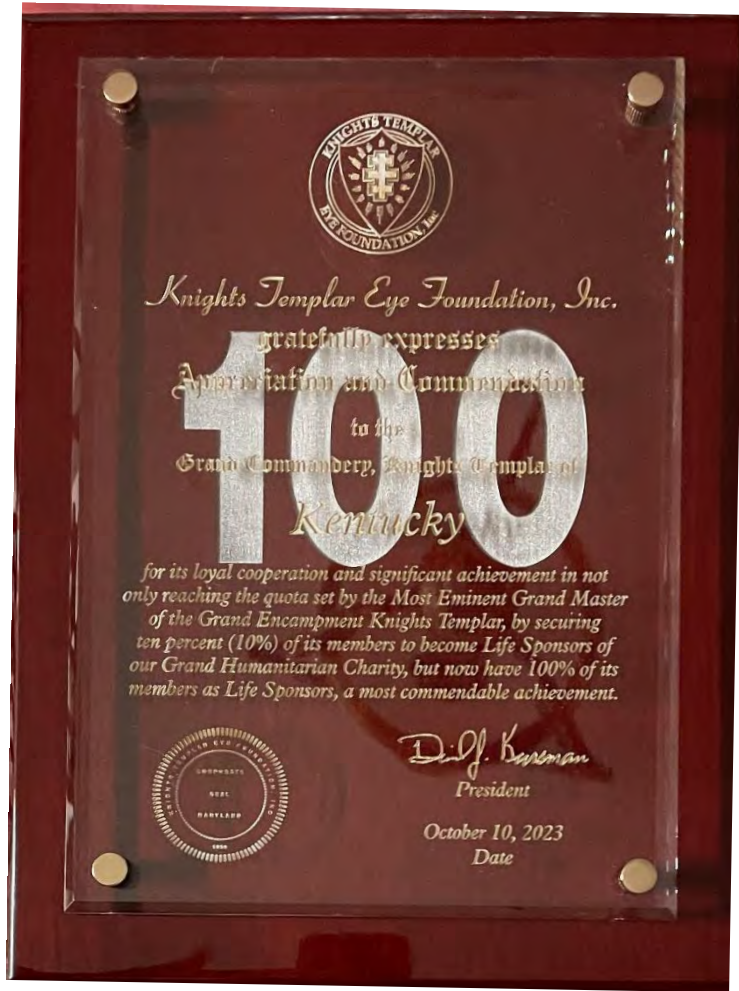
I again extend warm wishes to all my fellow Knights Templar and their families. May your hearts be filled with peace, joy, and the blessings of this holy season. Merry Christmas!" "May the light of the Christmas season shine upon us all. May the coming year be filled with victory and success in your noble undertakings, as we follow in the path of service to Jesus Christ.

"Non Nobis Domine, Non Nobis, Sed Nomine Tuo Da Gloriam!"

Courteously,

W. Michael Yount

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Grand Commander



Kentucky has now been officially awarded their plaque for having 100% of our members Life Sponsors in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Congratulations to us! And especially to all those who have worked diligently in raising the funds so that Kentucky Templary

This beautiful Christmas ornament is being sold by the Holy Land Pilgrimage committee as a fund raiser. It's dimensional and double sided. Cost is \$20 and a number of officers are selling them. They are going fast so get yours soon. You can contact Larry Carte at (606) 425-6989 to find out where to get one.

