



Grand Commandery
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Merry Christmas to all sir knights, their ladies and families.

I am sure by the time this is read in each of the commanderies, the trees will be up, the lights hung on the houses, and presents wrapped in bright paper and bows. Let each of us take several moments to quietly reflect on the real reason for this holiday--the birth of our Lord and Savior.

As I write this Christmas message, I am reminded of the gospel of St. Luke, chapter 2, verses 8 through 11. Can you imagine the joy of the shepherds, when the angel appeared and told them "For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior which is Christ the Lord"? What a night that must have been!

This is the season of giving. Each of us should take time to give to the less fortunate and each other. Remember our widows and widowers. A simple phone call to say hello and Merry Christmas just might be the words they need to hear. Also, we need to remember our service personnel who can't be at home with family at this time.

It is my sincere wish for each of you that you be blessed with family and friends, peace and joy, and good health.

From the Krafft family to our extended family across this great state, "Merry Christmas to each of you and may you each be blessed in the coming new year"

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Right Eminent Grand Commander

Merry Christmas!