

****Grand Commandery of New Mexico – December 2025****



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Grand Commander's Christmas Message - Christmas 2025

This holy season reminds us of the night when heaven and earth were joined in harmony, when the birth of our Savior brought light into a world of darkness. That light was not given to one people alone, but to all mankind—a gift of unity, peace, and love.

In our modern age, division seems to surround us. Families, communities, and nations struggle to find common ground. Yet as Knights Templar, we are called to be living witnesses of unity. The lessons of Christ—faith, hope, charity, and brotherly love—are not confined to December, nor to one tradition. They are the eternal principles that bind us together across differences.

Christmas also brings us the joy of fellowship. It is a time when families gather around tables, when friends reunite in laughter, and when communities come together in celebration. These moments remind us that the bonds of love and friendship are among the greatest gifts we can share. As Sir Knights, let us cherish these blessings, for they strengthen the ties that hold us together and inspire us to extend that same spirit of joy and kindness to all we meet.

Christmas teaches us that reconciliation is possible. Just as shepherds and kings gathered together at the manger, so too must we gather as brethren, standing on the level, united in purpose. Let us carry that spirit into the new year: to listen with patience, to serve with humility, and to extend the hand of fellowship to all. In doing so, we become instruments of peace in a world that longs for healing.

On behalf of Lady Melissa and our family, I extend to you and yours a joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year. May the light of Christ guide us toward unity, strengthen our bonds as Sir Knights, and inspire us to build a future marked by charity and hope.

This order is to be communicated to all Sir Knights and constituent commandries of this jurisdiction, to and through their respective Recorders. All Sir Knights take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Given under my hand, this 25th day of November 2025, A.O. 907.

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Attest: Hans C. "Sky" Olsen
Grand Recorder