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R.E. Grand Commander, 2025-2026

Greetings Sir Knights in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, during this joyous holiday season,

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” – Isaiah 9:6 During this time of hope, peace, and joy may you celebrate the holidays and share this time with your families and friends. And after the food, gifts, and fellowship are over, let us remember to give thanks for what we have received and always keep in mind the reason we, as Christians, celebrate. The most important gift in history was given for our benefit and for no other reason than the love that our Father in Heaven has for all his children. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16) A gift so great that it caused the angels to rejoice. “And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.’” (Luke 2:13-14)

This season also reminds me of the importance of faith. Believing without seeing is a vital part of the fundamental foundation of all we believe as Christians. Look around at the faces of children during this Christmas season. Believing in the magic of the season fills them with joy and excitement the same way our faith in our Blessed Redeemer should fill us with those same emotions. Let Him give you fresh childlike faith this Christmas and enjoy this season with restored delight as you walk in His wonderful Light!

On behalf of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina, Lady Courtney and myself, we would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. “May God grant you the light of Christmas, which is faith; the warmth of Christmas, which is purity; the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice; the belief in Christmas, which is Christ.”

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas,
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Right Eminent Grand Commander, 2025-2026
Grand Commandery Knights Templar of SC
“Vincit Qui Se Vincit!”

Grand Commander’s Upcoming Travel Schedule

December 6 – Samuel HJ Womack Council No. 20 Knight Masons – Columbia, SC

December 6 – Palmetto York Rite College No. 70 – Columbia, SC

December 7 – Camden Christmas Observance

December 12 – Georgetown Christmas Observance

December 13 – York York Rite Bodies – All Commandery Orders

December 13 – Lancaster Christmas Observance

December 15 – York Christmas Observance

December 18 – Richburg Christmas Observance

December 21 - Columbia Christmas Observance

January 3 – Palmetto Priory No. 54 KYCH – Columbia, SC

January 3 - Samuel HJ Womack Council No. 20 Knight Masons – Columbia, SC

January 10 – Grand York Rite Instructional – Columbia, SC

January 12 – Greenwood Official Visit

February 10 – Orangeburg Official Visit

February 17 – Lancaster Official Visit

February 21 – Lancaster York Rite Bodies – All Commandery Orders

February 26-28 – Grand York Rite of Alabama

March 5-10 – Grand York Rite of South Carolina – Myrtle Beach, SC

Scheduled Work in the Orders

December 13 - York York Rite Bodies – All Commandery Orders

February 21 – Lancaster York Rite Bodies – All Commandery Orders



6th District Educational Visit



Union Commandery No. 16 - Official Visit and Order of the Temple



5th District Educational Visit



Hampton Commandery No. 23 - Order of the Temple



GYR of NC conferral of the Order of the Temple at Castle McCulloch