

# *Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in the State of California*

*From the Apartments of the Grand Prelate  
And The Religious Activities Committee*

## *A Toast To Our Grand Commander Christmas 2017*

By the Grace of our Heavenly Father, we are again blessed to reach another season of celebrating the receiving of His Gift of Grace; the earthly birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In the Second Chapter of the Gospel of Luke the good news of our Savior's arriving occurs: *"And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."* (Luke 2:10-11)

As Christian Knights, we believe this was the greatest event that has ever occurred. A gift of Peace, Dedication, and Sacrifice. And we believe we are enlisted to be enthusiastic displayers of the Glory of our Savior to the Honor of Our Creator. To accomplish this, we are admonished in the Epistle of Paul to the Colossians: *"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;"* (Colossians 3:23)

This is our duty-call in today's world. To heartily concern ourselves with the distribution of His Gospel, not for our own recognition, but for the broader awareness of that Gospel, to the Glory of our Creator. It is the news of the greatest gift that is bestowed on humankind: *"..and they shall call his name **Emmanuel**, which being interpreted is, God with us."* (Matthew 1:23)

Sir Knight Thomas, as you and your Lady Pam have labored in the large territory of this Grand Commandery, you have displayed the light of God's love that is within you. During this time of celebrating the birth of our Savior, the Religious Activities Committee is both honored and pleased, on behalf of all Sir Knights residing in California, to wish you, your family and extended family the very Merriest of Christmases, knowing that you always have always dedicated yourselves to work for the Cause, and not for the applause; and to glorify our Father in Heaven.

In His Service;  
Sir Knight and Reverend Raymond E Davies, Grand Prelate

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