

# The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of South Carolina

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Christmas Greetings from the Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina

To all Sir Knights, Companions, Brethren and their families and friends I bring you Fraternal Greetings and warm wishes during this Christmas season.

Most of us are familiar with the Christmas Story as recorded in Luke chapter 2 where the angels proclaim the birth of our Savior to the shepherds and their visit to the stable to see the Christ Child. This is an account of the wonderful gift God gave us on that first Christmas.

The Gospel of John goes further and you can read in Chapter 1 verses 10-11 "He was in the world, and the world was made by Him and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own and His own received Him not."

Today much of the world has taken the position that John describes. For the most part the secular world leaves Christ out of Christmas. Sir Knights let this not be said about us. In our ritual we proclaim the Birth, Life, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of our Savior.

If you think for a moment; the Christmas Story would not be complete if we were not to consider all these factors. His BIRTH, the miracle of Christmas. His LIFE, a perfect life that pleased His Father. His DEATH, that made it possible for all who accept Him to have salvation through Him. His RESURRECTION, The Easter Story. His ASCENSION, that He is at the right hand of His Father interceding for us today and the promise that He will return one day.

Sir Knights as you celebrate Christmas this year look at the BIRTH of Christ as just the beginning of the wonderful gifts our God gives us through our Savior Jesus Christ; the gift of Eternal Life. As you share gifts this year don't forget to share the greatest gift of all. This Gift is given freely to All who will accept it.

Freida and I hope each of you and your family have a joyous Christmas season and a very Prosperous and Happy New Year!



Fraternally,  
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Right Eminent Grand Commander