

# Grand Master William O. Ware's Christmas Address

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**T**o the Masters, Wardens and Brethren of All Subordinate Lodges, Greetings:

Each of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky wishes for each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Though the salutation may sound trite, we, as Masons, are reminded that it is appropriate in expressing our sentiments at this Season of the Year. Although, through custom and usage, we celebrate the Christmas Season at this time of the year, we realize that it is, in fact, symbolizing the revelation of God's Light and Wisdom to us. As the Great Object of Masonic Search is ultimate Truth to be found only in the Knowledge and Wisdom of God, Masons, therefore, in this Christmas Season, are happy in the thought that God has, through the ages, made known His Light and Wisdom to men in divers and sundry ways. Thus, the salutation – MERRY CHRISTMAS.

May we also be reminded as we celebrate the Christmas Season by the exchange of gifts, to not fail to symbolically tender, like the Wise Men of old, our gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Great Architect of the Universe in grateful thanks for all the blessings of this life. In giving Him gold, we are signifying His Kingship over our lives and our absolute dependence upon Him; in giving Him frankincense we are thus symbolically offering the incense of a pure heart to Him upon His Holy Altar, recognizing that only through purity of our hearts will all of our acts be acceptable in His sight; in giving Him myrrh, we are symbolically attesting His incorruptibility and His purity of purpose in our lives causing us to realize that we, ourselves, shall one day put on His incorruptibility.

So, we, the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, mindful of the significance of the Christmas Season to Masons, again wish for each of you a Merry Christmas.

It is also our sincere wish that the New Year shall bring to you as Masons the true revelation of God's Light and Wisdom and that your lives shall show forth this fact in your daily intercourse with your fellowmen and add to your happiness throughout the coming year.

Fraternally Thine,

William O. Ware  
Grand Master