

Frankoma Christmas Memorial Plates



1965

"Good Will Towards Men"



1966

"Bethlehem Shepherds"



1967

"Gifts For The Christ Child"



1968

"Flight Into Egypt"



1969

"Laid in a Manger"



1970

"King of Kings"

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In 1965, John Frank, Artist and Founder of Frankoma Pottery, started the modeling of an annual Christmas Plate. They were inspired by the Christmas story and the fact that the life of Christ has been the inspiration of more "Art" in all of its mediums, than any one subject in the history of the world. This subject matter, compositions, and resources are unlimited. A self imposed demand was that every plate should have a scriptural background for each years renderings. No other pottery to our knowledge has attempted such an annual commemorative plate in the history of America.

They are done in low relief, with sharp enough detail, and sufficient good modeling as to make each plate a treasured piece of **sculpture**, as well as tell a story relative to Christmas time and the life of Christ. They are done only in a semi-translucent "Della Robbia" white glaze. The plate is 8½ inches in diameter; the master mold is signed by Mr. Frank and copyrighted. The production is limited to those that are

actually sold up till about the 10th of December. The master mold is destroyed on Christmas eve, and there are none made after that—neither are any made for stock or sale after Christmas. Naturally the edition is limited to that year.

These plates are introduced in early spring and only sold through Frankoma Pottery dealers, for it was created as a bonus for their participation and selling Frankoma Pottery. Over 4,000 accounts in all 50 states, as well as Grace Lee's Frankoma Pottery Shop at the plant, handle the plates. We have tried to keep the price very reasonable so that more people can afford to own them, collect and enjoy them.

We hope they will be a spiritual inspiration and reminder of the lasting values of the scriptures, and a blessing to all those who possess them.

John Frank, Ceramic Artist
Founder and Creator
Frankoma Pottery