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## California Supplement Grand Commander's Message June, 2019

Greetings Sir Knights,

Allow me to introduce myself for those whom I have yet to meet. I live on the North Coast 80 miles south of the Oregon boarder a half-mile from the ocean in a small town called McKinleyville. I live with my better half Lady Leslie, my son Travis who is a junior in High School and my mother in-law Marti. We have two grown Daughters who I could not be more proud of. I was initiated, passed and raised in Humboldt#79 and shortly there after joined the Eureka York Rite bodies, and I have been honored to serve this Grand Commandery for the past 10 years.

This year I would like to covey a message of gratitude and unity. Gratitude for all the work and the difference we have made in the world around us. It is through the many Masonic philanthropies time and talents of Masons and their families that we have made the world around us a better place. Try to imagine a world where Masons were not there to assist Public Schools or open Hospitals, assist the elderly, help young children and provide the means to advance medicine through research. I am truly grateful to be a part of something that has helped the world in so many ways.

My motto for the year is "Together we **ARE** making a difference". The bible verse I have chosen is one every Mason heard on his first entrance to the Lodge, Psalm 133:1 "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity".

It is through unity that we are able to work and enjoy each other's company while we help to make the communities in which we live a better place. By working together we accomplish much more than we could ever hope to achieve alone. How many friends would you not have met if it were not for Free Masonry? I can only speak for myself when I say how blessed I have become when I first asked, "How do I become a Mason".

Finally my Fraters as Knights Templar we have the opportunity to express our beliefs as Christian Masons. The Education Foundation supporting Ministers with grants as they leave Theological schools to take up pulpit ministries and the Holy Land Pilgrimage are a few of the ways we make a difference. Easter and Christmas observance along with our vows as Knights of the Temple set us apart and distinguish us as the crown jewel of the York Rite. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation holds a special place in my family, but that is a discussion for a later date.

In Unity,

William "Bill" McBroome Grand Commander

## **June 2019**

June 1<sup>st</sup> Templar Orders – Sacramento 8<sup>th</sup> 3-Way Reception – Red Bluff 12<sup>th</sup> Eureka York Rite – Eureka 15<sup>th</sup> 3-Way Reception – Oxnard

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