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**A MESSAGE FROM THE
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER**

As Knights Templar we are men of faith. In the days in which we are living we need great faith. God builds our faith through pivotal situations and providential relationships. We are now faced with a pivotal situation. Our relationships are being tested and we are realizing which ones are providential. Our faith is built more in the hard times in our lives than at any other time. While we are down in this valley of life we should remember that God is the lily of the valley and that he wastes nothing. He is using this situation for his purpose and we should continue to grow in our faith.

There have been many changes since the beginning of this pandemic. However some things do not change. Our fraternity is not a digital fraternity. We must have faith to meet again in our Asylums. We did not join to meet over a video or telephone conference. We joined to be welcomed into bosom of an Order who's Grand Characteristics are Unsullied Honor, Unwearied Zeal in Brother's cause and Universal Benevolence. We joined to enjoy the fellowship of our Brothers. We joined because we are men of faith.

We have been closely monitoring the evolving situation and will continue to make the best decisions for our Grand Commandery during this pandemic. I have faith that we will begin to meet in our Asylums again and it will be sooner rather than later. I look forward to meeting with you soon.

May the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon thee, give thee peace, and ever keep thee from falling.

Yours in all Knightly Courtesy,
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Right Eminent Grand Commander

“Ancient and Modern Armour”

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‘Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.’ Ephesians 6:11-13

The Knights Templar of the 12th century were the elite soldiers of their day and were equipped with the best technology and highly trained. Their arms and armour were designed to protect the body, to give them the best chance of success in battle and to confound and dismay and defeat their enemies. This technology was highly prized, often passed down to their sons and heirs, and came at a great cost to the knights benefactor. The battles in which they fought were against enemies as well trained and equipped, often in greater numbers and the outcome of these battles carried great consequences for the future.

We, as modern Christian Knights, have a highly specialized suit of armour that protects us from head to toe. In Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, he gives a great description of that suit of armour, what part of the body it protects and what it protects us from. This too, came at a great cost from our benefactor. For it was bought with His blood and His sacrifice to give us the best chance of survival in battle; “to put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.” Our fore bearers fought men of flesh and blood with great carnage on both sides, “for we wrestle not with flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”

While our armour may be symbolic, the enemy is real and the battle is real. The consequences are just as dire and the eternal outcome for many is at stake. We must wave our swords as we have been taught, go forth in faith and fear not. “Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”