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### GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Sir Knights,

It is Easter Sunday as I sit here and compose this message in self imposed isolation with my Lady. We are in the middle of the Coronavirus pandemic. An enemy has invaded our country and disrupted or worse, destroyed so many lives. A dark time that so few of us, if any have witnessed and I pray to our Lord Almighty that we, our children and our grandchildren will never witness again. We as Sir Knights took a vow to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and bind the wounds of the inflicted. I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to all who have worked the frontlines battling this insidious enemy and also to thank all who have offered other forms of help and support. Remember, even your prayers will go a long way in vanquishing this threat.

As you have probably been informed, our Grand Conclave and the sessions as a whole have been postponed from this month until August. Your elected York Rite leadership came to a consensus to delay the sessions with the safety of our membership as the one and only consideration and with the hope that life will return to some semblance of normality. After these unsettling times, I would understand those who will hesitate due to caution, but I hope to see many, if not all of you at the Conclave. We must fear not, but have faith in our Lord.

I ask each you to keep searching your communities for a worthy Christian pastor who would be willing and eager to travel to the Holy Land and walk where our Lord and Savior walked. Nominations must be submitted through our Grand Recorders office and the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee no later than September to be considered for the February 2021 trip. Also, please consider donating to our Pilgrimage fund as the Grand Commandery does incur some upfront costs in assisting the pastor(s) on their journey.

I encourage you to begin or to continue making contributions to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. Consider joining the Grand Commanders/Grand Masters Club. This is a worthy charity. Give the gift of sight.

We must now step out of the past and into the future. With the Blessing of our Heavenly Father, some new ideas and good old-fashioned hard work on our parts, we can overcome the darkness we have faced and make our Asylums grow and flourish. Let us grab the bridle of Hope and guide our Grand Commandery into a glorious future and leave a grand legacy for the Sir Knights who will follow.

Thank you for your service to Templary.

In the name of our Blessed Emmanuel, may Peace be with You.

Courteously,  
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Grand Commander