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 Grand Commander's Message  
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**Psalm 133:1 "Behold how good and how pleasant it is  
 For brethren to dwell together in unity"**

Greetings Sir Knights,

I would like to share story from a sermon I heard recently. It has stuck with me in a good way and I hope it may have the same effect on you.

Captain Charles Plumb was a U.S. Navy jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions his plane was destroyed by a surface to air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent six years in a North Vietnamese prison.

After returning home Charles and his wife were at a restaurant when a gentleman from a nearby table approached and said "You're Plumb! You flew Jet fighters in Vietnam from the carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down". Charles responded "Yes, how in the world could you know that". The gentleman replied "I packed your parachute. I guess it worked".

Charles rose shook his hand and assured him "It most certainly did work". Charles didn't know the gentleman, yet this man had packed his parachute and in doing so, saved his life.

Captain Plumb now tells his story to inspire people to think. How many times a day, a week, a month, do we pass up the chance to thank the people who pack our parachute? Not only our physical parachute, but our mental, emotional and spiritual parachute. Who do you lean on, and have you told them? Now for the bigger question. "Whose parachute are you packing?" Better yet who else could you be packing for? As for me, I know I can do better. Like I said at the beginning, this one stuck with me. Food for thought.

As we approach Easter, I hope each of you have made your plans on where you will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. The Grand Encampment 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Western states Easter observance will be held in Denver, Colorado on April 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Details for registration can be found on the Grand Encampment website. Make your reservations today.

In Unity,

William "Bill" McBroome  
 Grand Commander

"Together we **ARE** making a difference"

**March 2020**

March 5	Stated Meeting Hum. #79	Eureka
March 8	remember daylight savings, set your clocks forward	
March 11	Stated Conclave	Eureka