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**California Supplement
Grand Commander’s Message
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Matthew 7:7 “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you”

Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies,

First I would like to thank and congratulate the chairmen and members of the different Grand Commandery Committees for this Templar Year 2020-21 for accepting my proposal. Together, even in this unprecedented time, we will succeed in bringing this Grand Commandery to the next level and beyond.

September is the month that marks the transition between seasons. As the ninth month of the year it marks the beginning of autumn in the northern hemisphere and the start of spring in the southern part. There are national holidays and fun days that are celebrated this month but it is also the anniversary of the horrific 9-11 terrorist attacks, which is worthwhile commemorating. Labor Day and Constitution Day are big holidays we used to celebrate but because of COVID -19 pandemic, it is not worth taking the risk at this time. I strongly recommend to celebrate within your families.. at home. Let’s shelter in place because staying home is the safest for everyone.

To the Eminent Commanders of Constituent Commanderies in California, until this time, no assurance of when in-person meeting conclaves will come back so let us then continue to reach out to the Sir Knights

and their families particularly our senior members to see if they need any assistance. Inform them that we are here to assist them at any time. Let us continue to perform our duty as Knights Templar to “clothe the naked, feed the hungry and bind up the wounds of the afflicted”. Always remember that our priority is to keep our sir knights and ladies and the community safe and healthy. I encourage you to create a committee as necessary to perform this important task.

There are a few virtual meeting platforms available today that can be utilized to regularly keep in contact with the membership. I am sure, at this time, most of our local Commanderies (hopefully) have set up an account on a similar platform to set up a virtual Asylum and have been meeting virtually. I must call your attention, however, to coordinate with our Grand Secretary Eminent Sir Knight Phil Hardiman for what you can and can’t do or say in a virtual meeting.

I hope and pray that the long-awaited vaccine to completely eradicate this pandemic will be available soon. But until then, we must stay home and be safe until we hear that all the restrictions and social distancing are cleared and lifted. Patience will accomplish all things, it’s not worth taking the risk.

God Bless us and keep us safe.

In Unity,

Cirilo P Marquez
Grand Commander

“Together=Success, Small is Huge”