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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,

"Stated Conclave of the Grand Commandery", aka-changing of the guards-is set for May 15, 2021. It has been finalized. For everyone's information this year's Stated Conclave of the Grand Commandery will be virtual. But although virtual, the plan was to set it up as if we are doing it in the old fashioned way, that we were used to, face-to-face. With the sessions being virtual, we will be missing all the fun part like, meeting and connecting with old friends, meeting new ones, the grand banquet, the family dinners. Unfortunately, we are still in the COVID pandemic bubble so virtual meeting is the best we can do to be in compliance with all the restrictions and more importantly to protect our family and our Brethren. Sir Knights and Companions the vaccine has been made available in many locations, don't hesitate anymore, get it as soon as it is available to you.

The Grand Council session will be held on May 8th and the Grand Chapter on May 22nd, 2021. Information for registration is available at the Grand York Rite Website. Advance registration is required to attend the sessions. Register as early as possible.

Zoom virtual session training is available at the website, if needed. Upon submitting your registration you will receive the link to the zoom meeting. Please remember to save the meeting link, meeting ID and Passcode just in case you need it. The meeting link that you will receive is unique to you to attend the meeting. This link will not work if shared with others.

This month of April is also the month when we observe the most glorious day of being a Christian Knight. Easter is defined as the most important and oldest festival of the Christian Church celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This festival is held between March 21 and April 25, on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the northern spring equinox.

Easter Observance is one of the mandatory observances where all Christian Knights must attend and celebrate. I am very proud to announce that this was the first time Easter Observance was celebrated statewide, although virtual, it was very well attended. I would like to Congratulate the Ritual and Tactics Committee for the hard work in setting it up. Well done!! I hope that future Easter Observances will continue to be a statewide celebration both virtually and in-person.

Sir Knights, this maybe my final message for my year so before closing, I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to every Sir Knights in California for the friendship, support and words of advice and wisdom that helped me to get through this very challenging year. 2020 was really not the year what I expected but I hope I did the best I can do, given the restrictions and limitations of this unprecedented situation. May God continue to bless us all and always keep us safe and healthy.

In Unity,
Cirilo Marquez
 Grand Commander

"Stay home, Save lives"