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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,

Happy New Year!! And Welcome 2021!!

May this New Year Bless us with good health, wealth and happiness. At the time of writing this message I was anticipating and praying that the Covid-19 virus would be eradicated so that by the time you receive this message, restrictions on in-person meetings have been lifted. It would be the best news everyone would like to hear but instead the news came back the opposite way, Covid-19 is striking hard again in our state of California and is still on the rise. Although in the news, a vaccine might be available but no one knows when it can be distributed.

Sir Knights and Companions, Masonic meetings and events will continue to be done virtually, we will be stuck in this situation for a while. Electronic meeting platforms will still be the only alternative to face-to-face gatherings to manage Masonic meetings and events. Let's continue moving forward and not stop, let us not lose hope for this New Year is the beginning of a new chapter, new hope and new set of leaders in our Fraternity.

"For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord. "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you Hope and a Future " Jeremiah 29:11.

Commanderies up and down the State will be busy preparing for the installations of the new Corp of Officers. This month should have been the most exciting and the month full of fun for the incoming officers but due to the surge of the virus, fun will not be fun anytime soon. But the show must go on even in the midst of this pandemic. With the many alternative electronic tools available that we have utilized in the past, we have gained the experiences not to be intimidated by the challenges brought about by Covid-19.

Let us then continue to implement and roll out your plans for the new year. Get rid of the old and bring in new resolutions for a better year. One resolution you can make for this year that will really help and make you feel better is to help find the cure for childhood blindness. A one-time gift of \$30.00 to the Knights Templar Eye foundation will make you a Life Sponsor, the best resolution you can make as Christian Knight.

Always remember that as Knights Templar we are bound to give alms to poor and weary pilgrims, feed the hungry, clothe the naked and bind up the wounds of the afflicted, this is our resolution of a lifetime.

In Unity,

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 Grand Commander

"Together=Success, Small is Huge"

Happy New Year to all and May our Lord and Savior Bless us with Good Health and Happiness!!