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Fraternal Greetings!

As we celebrate this Bicentennial Year of the Knights Templar of Virginia, I would like first to congratulate all Knights, family, and guests.

We have come a long way, our heritage gave us a solid and durable foundation from the Period of Organization, Period of Revision, The Centennial Year, and at present, we are honoring the 200 years of Templary in Virginia. We now must start to build the Bridge and the Foundation to the Path to the Tricentennial Year.

The last 2 years have been difficult with Covid 19 turned our world upside down. However, as what the Templars do, we adjust and adapt to meetings virtually. We have reached out to more Knights all over the world at the comfort of our own zones. Knights that we do not normally see at the meetings, were able to attend meetings. This was not possible previously because of distance. Technology is now our new normal.

On behalf of the Knights Templar of Virginia, I would like to thank our Grand Commander, Sir Knight Peter Spring, KCT for what he has done for the Knights and the Grand Commandery this year. We have witnessed the commitment, the time and effort in keeping the Fraternity visible, promoting Charity, maintain Christianity and Fidelity. He remained steadfast, kept the Commanderies into proper perspective and continued to provide the groundwork for this Bicentennial Year Celebration.

He gave us a platform to reflect by providing the history and legacy of each of the Commanderies at every Grand Commander's Official Visit.

Membership will remain our top priority. Due to varied reasons, our membership declined during the Covid pandemic, but bounced back with a positive count. There were 96 knighted new Templars this year with a positive gain. We should work not only in recruiting members but also how to retain them.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Past Grand Commanders for their guidance and examples, to embrace the challenge, to remain alert and persevere.

As we celebrate this Bicentennial year, we should also remember and prepare to embark into the tricentennial year, let us put on the Full Armor of God, stand firm with the Belt of Truth, Breastplate of Righteousness, and the Sandals with the Gosper of Peace.

Let us take up the Shield of Faith, the Helmet of Salvation, and the Sword of Spirit. With the Full Armor of God, we will be effective to the service of God and Humanity.

In His Service and Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, enclosed within a thin rectangular border. The signature is stylized and appears to be the name 'Romulo M. Capuno'.

Romulo M. "Romi" Capuno, KCT
Deputy Grand Commander