



**NEWS for SEPTEMBER 2022**  
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Aloha Sir Knights:

I hope and pray this communication finds you well. As we have all had to shift gears over the past couple of years due of the COVID pandemic – some more than others - I am pleased to see that we are now approaching near-normal conditions. Perhaps a “new normal”. Many of us have returned to life as usual, but some have been forever impacted by career changes, illness, or death – either themselves or loved ones. We must reach out to our brother Knights in need to let them know that we care, and see if there is anything we can do to help relieve their distresses or soothe their afflictions. It is our duty and our happiness.

One of the beautiful things about Masonry is a philanthropic spirit which permeates the craft, and as Knights Templar, we are encouraged to contribute to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, which is sponsored by The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA. Their mission: *To improve vision through research, education, and supporting access to care.* Many of us have generously supported the KTEF over the years, but recently a Knight from Kalakaua Commandery No. 2 made a sizeable contribution, which has been recognized by The Grand Encampment. Sir Knight Tom Rossman was awarded the Grand Master's Sword of Merit for his \$35,000+ contribution to the foundation, which was presented by Sir Knight Dustin T. Verity, Right Eminent Department Commander, Asia-Pacific. We thank him for his considerable gift, and all Sir Knights for their generous support.

The Grand Encampment's Southwestern Regional Department Conference is rapidly approaching. This year it will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah on October 29<sup>th</sup> (full SW York Rite Conference October 27-29). It is open to all Sir Knights, but elected Grand officers are required to attend\*. Please click this link for more information: <https://www.knightstemplar.org/wp/conferences/> .

In His service,

**SK Seth A. Connell**  
**Right Eminent Grand Commander**  
**Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Hawai'i**