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**Fraternal Greetings!**

Goodbye 2022 and Hello 2023! I hope that you had a Prosperous and Happy beginning to the Year 2023! Let us celebrate and give thanks for all the blessings we received in 2022 and look forward to 2023 with a positive attitude.

2022 was very busy most specially towards the end because of many Masonic Events such as Installations and Christmas Observances. The Grand Lodge of Virginia of Free and Accepted Masons and the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Virginia have installed their new Leadership. A heartfelt congratulations to Most Worshipful Donald Ellis Strehle and Most Excellent Hafford Lee Arritt, Jr. in taking over the leadership. We hope to continue the collaboration and pledge support from the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Virginia.

During the month of December, Lady Grace and I attended several Commandery Christmas Observances. It was a pleasure to attend some of this Christmas Observances in the presence of the Most Worshipful Donald Ellis Strehle, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. I truly appreciate the Grand Master taking time from his busy schedule to support Templar Masonry. His support strengthens our fraternal bonds and benefits Masonry.

I would like to remind the District Deputies, the Grand and local Committee Chairmen to start preparing their year-end reports for the Grand Conclave. I ask that all Commanderies make nominations for the Knights Templar Cross of Honor, Meritorious Award from the Grand Encampment, and the Grice Award. All Dais Officers, you should be preparing for your term by setting goals, planning programs, and establishing committees for the proper leadership and operation of your Commanderies. You should coordinate with your District Instructor to obtain a certificate of ritual proficiency before the March elections.

The Grand Commandery continues its preparation for the Annual Grand Conclave in May 2023 and working tirelessly to make this a historic and memorable occasion because, we are also celebrating our Bi-Centennial Year. So, Please Save the Date!

We are creating a Souvenir Program to be included in the time capsule. We request that you be part of the celebration and history by buying an ad or ads for the Souvenir Program. For more information, please e-mail: [ktvabc2023@gmail.com](mailto:ktvabc2023@gmail.com) or send ad information at: <https://forms.gle/vwgt64hF2tNppJS6>.

I appreciate the diligence, untiring work and unconditional support of all Grand Line Officers, District Deputies, Grand Aide de Camps and Committee Chairs. You are inspiring. This is a **TEAM** that works at its best. **T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieve **M**ore!

Until then, I remain your humble servant.

**In His Service and Yours,**



Romulo M. "Romi" Capuno, KCT  
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May this pin  
remind you of the  
"Shield of Faith"  
and to put on the  
"Armor of God"  
everyday