

# CALIFORNIA KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

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 to gain this freedom we enjoy.

*by Sir Knight Roger S. Ross*

*Fellow Sir Knights,*

As you are all aware, in June we celebrated the first day and therefore the Birth of Summer. Now in July we have the great honor and privilege of celebrating the Birth of our great Country.

As Knights Templar, we look back to our legendary heritage of defending Christianity, as Masons we took a vow to follow the Constitution and Laws of our particular country. That means that as Americans, we respect our history and the patriotism exhibited by our ancestors and fellow members of our Order. We support God, Jesus Christ and the love of this Land of the Free and Home of the Brave.



On our uniforms we wear numerous medals and badges that we have earned, but only two “bars” are authorized. One indicates the leadership skills of those who have earned the title of Knight York Cross of Honor, and the other signifies Veterans of our Military Service and their dedication to risking life and limb to defend our country. Please remember, as we enjoy the beautiful fireworks displays around our neighborhoods, that many men and women laid down their lives to gain this freedom that we enjoy.

My calendar is extremely busy as June comes to an end and July rushes to greet us. I'll be in Ontario, California celebrating with the Grand Bethel of Jobs Daughters on June 29th. A few days later, I'll be enjoying an Ice Cream Social in San Luis Obispo then heading down to Van Nuys for a Three Way Reception. The next day I will be riding in the Newhall Parade before watching at least one, if not two, colorful displays of fireworks to cap off our Independence Day feast. A few days later I'll be at El Bekal Temple for a Shrine Event and by the next weekend I'll be at a Red Cross of Constantine Meeting. On Sunday I'll be back at the Los Angeles Airport Hilton for the Masonic Service Bureau Breakfast. The main up side of all of this is there will be no time for idle hands for the Devil to play with.

I look forward to the upcoming months and the opportunity to meet with all of you personally so I hope you'll be able to come to an event or two in your locality when I get there. Please be aware that I know that I represent all of you individually, as well as collectively as a Grand Body, and I do care about whatever difficulties you may have in your Commanderies, if any exist. Let me know if I can help in any way.

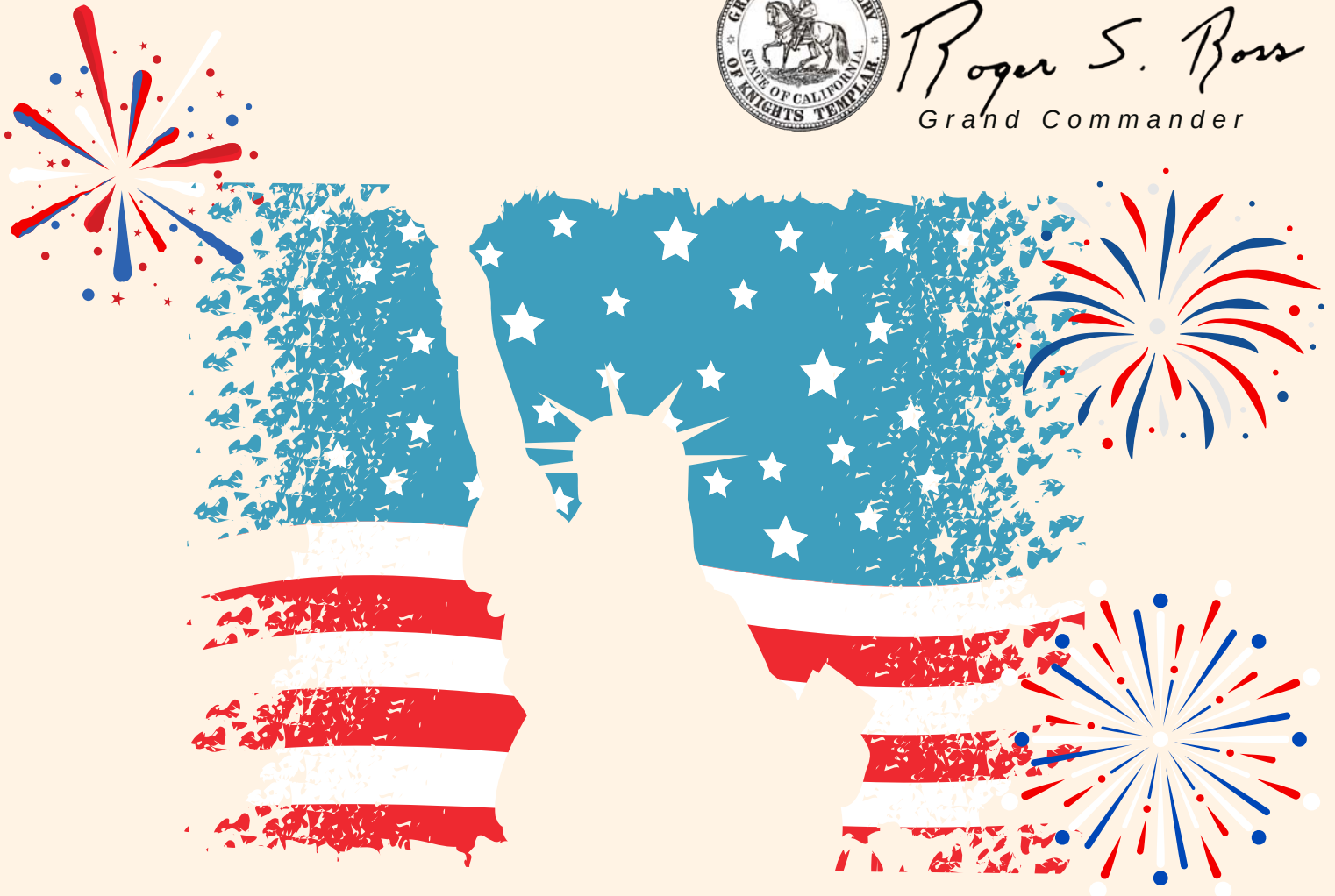
Until next month, fellows and your ladies, my God smile upon you and remember,

**"FIAT LUX ET SCIENTIA"**



Fraternally,

*Roger S. Boss*  
Grand Commander



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