

# CALIFORNIA KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

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Spread the light and truth  
of our Savior's Grace  
*by Sir Knight Roger S. Ross*

*Happy New Year Fellow Knights,*

I trust all of you had as enjoyable a Christmas as Lynn and I did. I love both the festiveness and the spiritualness of the season as the old year fades out and the new year, with all of its hope and opportunities, rushes upon the scene.

I had the pleasure of appearing in three Knight Templar Christmas Observances, including sharing the Dias with the Grand Master of Masons of California, the Most Worshipful Sean Metroka, in Yuba City in mid-December. Every visit to a Commandery is both an entertaining event and an educational one. Our Knights Templar are a dedicated lot, and I'm proud to lead and serve such a distinguished group of individuals. Masonry is represented by high caliber people, and Templars, I believe, are the "Creme de la creme" of Masons. We do so much for so many, oftentimes without recognition or credit for our acts.

The Knight Templar Eye Foundation and the Christian Ministries Tours are just two examples of our philanthropic endeavors. Our assistance to Blue Lodges during education programs, our charitable meals and gifts to the less fortunate during the Christmas season, are two more glowing reasons why we should all be justifiably proud of our fraternity.

I look forward to officiating in five or so Installations at local Commanderies in January as I welcome the opportunity to meet many more of our fellow Knights and their families. I am very pleased to see young men joining the York Rite, especially our Chivalric Brethern. My Lady, Lynn, and I are hoping to bring more ladies into the Beauceant, our ladies auxiliary, and hopefully open a few more assemblies in the next couple of years.

Masonry seems to be having a rebirth in California and it appears that the York Rite bodies are growing as well. I encourage all Sir Knights to study their ritual — our opening is a beautiful sight when done correctly with all knights wielding their swords, instead of ritual books. Our Full Form opening, while very few Commanderys are able to perform one, is as impressive a ceremony as most of us will ever see. Even our California Nine Man

opening, while very few Commanderys are able to perform one, is as impressive a ceremony as most of us will ever see. Even our California Nine Man Opening is worthy of praise when completed with precision and memory, without the aid of books (or cheat sheets!) Please work on your Rituals, Sir Knights, it is truly awe inspiring when properly performed...I request that we all continue to spread the light and truth of our Savior's Grace whenever and wherever you can. ✝



Fraternally,

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*Fiat Lux  
et Veritas*

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