



RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Grand Commandery Of Knights Templar Of The State Of California

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SK Joseph Dongo, Grand Commander

****From Vision to Movement: Living Our Strategic Plan****

Sir Knights,

This year, as unveiled at the installation, we introduced our 3–5-year strategic plan since posted online. Now we take the blueprint off the shelf and put it into motion. Our Strategic Plan—crafted with care, shaped by shared values, and inspired by our vision to be **Faithful Stewards of Chivalry and Community**—is not merely a set of aspirations. It is a call to action.

We will peel different parts of the plan all year long and decorticate them in our conversation whether at our receptions or right here.

We're not dreamers. We're doers.

One of our first calls is the “Restoration Program”; an effort not just to reclaim names, but to rekindle relationships. This is also our first General Order. It provides you a letter template for your accommodation. We will be providing you the list for each Commandery of the brethren who have drifted away. Reach out to them, call them. One was of in early June, Sacramento Commandery began reaching out to lapsed Sir Knights. What started with a few phone calls turned into heartfelt conversations, and now, three members have renewed their vows of service. **“I forgot how much I missed the fellowship,”** said one returning Knight. That is restoration—not just of records, but of brotherhood. It's far easier to keep an already knighted member that to bring in a new one.

We are also moving with determination toward our goal of “100% Lifetime Sponsorship of the Eye Foundation” by the next Triennial. This is a tangible way to show the world what Christian Masons stand for: compassion, sacrifice, and healing. We are a Masonic body with philanthropy in our vows, let us wear that with honor.

And here's the truth, Sir Knights: every one of us has a role in this movement. Whether you're inspiring from the East, mentoring from the sidelines, or simply lifting up a fellow Knight, you are the plan in motion. This isn't about titles or position; it's about purpose.

Through your Department Commander, we will also share with you how far your commandery is from reaching that pinnacle goal of 100% Lifetime Sponsorship of the Eye Foundation.

To help in your effort, we have a beautiful challenge coin to help you raise funds. Please ask your Department Commander as the proceeds for all the donations you help raised will go towards your commandery lifetime sponsor goals.



We passed a resolution for all new member to automatically become a lifetime sponsor of the eye foundation. So once, you achieve your goal with your actual members, your commandery will remain at perpetuity a 100% lifetime.

Let us be known not for wishful thinking but for faithful labor. Let us show the world that California Knights Templar are not a memory of the past—but a movement of light, service, and unity.

The vision is clear. The path is set.

Now, we move.

“Non Nobis, Domine”

In faith and fellowship,

**Joseph Dongo, KYGCH, KTCH, KCT
Grand Commander**

