

## **\*\*Grand Commandery of New Mexico – April 2026\*\***



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### **April 2026 Grand Commandery Insert**

#### ***Final Message of the Right Eminent Grand Commander***

**Sir Knights,**

**April brings us to the holiest moment of our Christian faith — the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In this radiant season, we are reminded that every ending in God’s providence is also a beginning, every closing chapter a doorway to renewed purpose.**

**As I prepare to lay down the responsibilities of the Grand Commander, I cannot help but see the parallel. This office, entrusted to me for a season, now passes on — not as a conclusion, but as part of the living, ongoing work of Templary in New Mexico. Leadership changes, but the mission remains. Officers rotate, but the Light we serve does not dim.**

**The Apostle Paul proclaims:**

***“But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.”***  
**— 1 Corinthians 15:20**

**This is the foundation of our hope — the triumphant assurance that Christ has conquered death, and in doing so, has called each of us to rise as well: rise in faith, rise in service, rise in steadfast commitment to the vows we have taken as Christian Knights.**

**Throughout this year, I have witnessed that rising spirit among you. In your charity, your conferrals, your unity, and your devotion to the Eye Foundation, you have shown that New Mexico Templary is alive, strong, and moving forward with purpose. You have proven that our Order is not merely preserved — it is growing, deepening, and preparing for the future.**

**As I conclude my term, I do so with profound gratitude. You have supported me, challenged me, encouraged me, and walked beside me as brothers in Christ. The honor of serving as your Right Eminent Grand Commander will remain one of the defining privileges of my Masonic journey.**

**Let us step into this Easter season with renewed hearts. Let us continue the work with courage and unity. And let us remember the promise given to us all:**

***“He is not here: for He is risen, as He said.” — Matthew 28:6***

**May the risen Christ guide your steps, strengthen your hands, and bless the future of Templary in this great state.**

**In Faith, Unity, and Service,**

**E. Hans Schmidt**

**Right Eminent Grand Commander**

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