

****Grand Commandery of New Mexico – March 2026****



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Sir Knights,

March stands at the edge of two worlds. Winter has not fully released its grip, yet the first signs of renewal are already breaking through. In our nation and in our own lives, we often find ourselves in this same in-between place — aware of the challenges around us, yet sensing that God is preparing something greater.

The season of lent reminds us that transformation begins with the heart. It is a season of honest reflection, of laying down what burdens us so that Christ may raise up what strengthens us. This is not passive waiting; it is the deliberate shaping of our character and our witness.

As Templars, our charge in March is simple and profound: to ready ourselves for the work God will do through us. In our Commanderies, our churches, and our communities, every act of charity, every word of peace, and every moment of brotherhood becomes a seed of renewal planted in faith.

Scripture strengthens this call:

“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” —Galatians 6:9

And as we look toward the promise of Easter, we hold fast to the assurance that:

“The light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.” —
John 1:5

May this month deepen our devotion, renew our resolve, and prepare us to carry the light of Christ into a world that needs it more than ever.

In His service,

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