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**GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE FOR JUNE 2010**  
*"Serving God By Serving Others"*

Greetings, Sir Knights. **"Fostering Templar Traditions"** is one of the themes promoted by your Grand Commandery for this Templar Year. In keeping with this theme it has been the custom during the month of June for the Grand Commander to introduce his appointee to serve as Grand Warder for this Grand Commandery.

I was my privilege to serve as Department Commander for Department II during my tenure in the Grand Commandery line. For several years I had the good fortune to work with Sir Knight Thomas Nolan Thomas of Whittier St. Johns Commandery No. 51. Sir Knight Tom and I were Inspectors together in the Ritual Committee and became good friends, partially because we both had fathers who were dedicated to watching their sons succeed in Templary. Maybe this was our beginnings with **"Fostering Templar Traditions."**

Tom was blessed to be born into a very Masonic family on April 13, 1960. His parents had him attending Masonic events at a young age. He vividly remembers attending his first Commandery installation in 1969, when his Dad, George, was installed as Commander.

On May 21, 1983, he married his high school sweetheart, Pam, who also came from a Masonic family and was a Majority Member of the Rainbow for girls. After Tom and Pam were married, they continued with their families' Masonic traditions and Tom received his Entered Apprentice degree on February 8, 1984. At the same time Pam joined Eastern Star. Tom was quickly drawn to the Commandery and was knighted on November 9, 1985.

They have two beautiful daughters, who have both been active in Job's Daughters. Their oldest daughter, Mary Ann (25), is married to Andrew Prutsman, and they are expecting their first child. Tom and Pam are extremely excited about becoming Grandparents in November. Their youngest daughter, Alison (18), will be graduating from high school in June and is excited about attending college in the fall.

Tom owns his own business, Hoyt Automotive, Whittier, CA. The business will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> year in business in May, and Tom has participated in the business throughout the entire 30 years.

In Tom's free time, he enjoys all forms of auto racing. You can find him at every

NHRA and Nascar race that he can get to. He is proud to be a member of the Bonneville 200 mph club, a club where the only way to gain membership is to qualify and set a two way record in excess of 200 miles per hour. Tom has exceeded this speed many times, with his fastest time tracked at 252 miles per hour.

Tom's Masonic accomplishments include: 25 years as a Master Mason, Active member of Al Malaikah Shrine, Member of Red Cross of Constantine, Member of Holy Royal Arch Knight Priesthood, and Officer in progressive line of Southern California York Rite College. He has served as Commander, in Whittier St. Johns #51 Commandery, on 3 different occasions, has served as Inspector of Department II, Assistant Director of Ritual for Department II, and he served as the Associate Bethel Guardian for his daughter's Job's Daughter's Bethel.

I encourage each and every Sir Knight to pause each day and pray for the wisdom and guidance necessary to continue effectively serving this Grand Commandery and our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. May our Lord continue to bless the Sir Knights and Ladies of this Grand Commandery, and may we rise to the level of service expected of us as Christian Knights.

In His Service,  
 David J. Kussman  
 Grand Commander

**GRAND COMMANDER'S ITINERARY --- 2010**

Jun	5	St. Croix Conclave RCC	Long Beach
	7	SASR Unity Night	Anaheim
	8	Grand York Rite Reception	San Diego
	10	Grand York Rite Reception	Bellflower
	12	Grand York Rite Reception	Ventura
	13	HRAKTP	Rosemead
	14-18	RPEA Conference	Los Angeles
	18	Grand York Rite Reception	San Bernardino
	19	REGC Reception	Anaheim
	24-25	Grand Bethel Job's Daughters	Visalia
	26	SRICF	Long Beach
	30	4-Way Reception	San Jose
Jul	3	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade	Santa Clarita
	9-10	S/W Regional RCC	Albuquerque, NM
	19-24	YRSC of North America	Pittsburg, PA
Aug	1-20	VACATION	TBA
	21-22	Arizona Grand York Rite	Scottsdale, AZ