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Grand Commander's Message for December 2017

"Work for the Cause, not the Applause"

As we enter the Christmas season, many thoughts are turned to giving gifts to our families and friends. The warmth we feel as we see the excited faces of children unwrapping presents by the tree, the sparkle we see in a young couple's eyes as they tell their family that they've gotten engaged or the pleasure we feel as we celebrate our own marriage by giving our spouse that special gift we have been saving for all year.

One of the greatest gifts that has ever been given to mankind was the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Throughout his life, he often taught his followers that by giving of themselves to their fellow man, that they would receive their eternal reward in the kingdom of Heaven.

Knights, freely giving of one's own time is the greatest gift we can share with another person, especially a Brother Mason or fellow Sir Knight. We often speak about those Brethren that reside in our memories now...the men who early in each of our Masonic careers, gave freely of themselves, shared their time and inspired us to go forth and achieve great things. To be good men and true and help others when needed is something they instilled in us.

Now, we are the men who must take up that mantle and inspire the next generation of our Fraternity.

Time is our most precious commodity. It seems to be the one thing that no one ever has enough of. I charge each Sir Knight of this Grand Commandery to invest some of their time in their churches, communities and York Rite bodies. Let us renew that spirit of pride and fraternalism that is the common thread of our great teachings.

And may we each strive to become a lasting memory and example to those who must carry on when we pass to our eternal reward.

Active Templars Make a Difference! Invest your time wisely and make a difference to someone today!

In fraternal love and grateful appreciation, to all the Sir Knights and your ladies, Lady Pam and I wish you the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ - at Christmas and for a New Year of happiness – always.

Courteously,
 Tom

Grand Commander's Calendar

December 2017

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| 12 | <i>San Diego #25 Installation of Officers</i> | <i>San Diego</i> |
| 25 | <i>Christmas</i> | |
| 31 | <i>New Year's Eve</i> | |

January 2017

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| 13 | <i>Riverside/San Bernardino & Los Angeles Installations</i> | <i>Misc.</i> |
| 15 | <i>Martin Luther King Day Parade with Prince Hall</i> | <i>Los Angeles</i> |
| 20 | <i>Orange County Commandery #36 Installation</i> | <i>Anaheim</i> |