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Grand Commander's Message for March 2018

"Work for the Cause, not the Applause"

March is here and it looks like it is going to be another busy month. Your Grand Officers will be meeting at the first part of the month to make all of the plans for our Grand Sessions in May. St. Patrick's Day is on the 17th, spring starts on the 20th and the West Coast Easter Observance starts on the 30th in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Many of you know that I enjoy listening to country music and I find myself called to certain songs. One that comes to mind is a Travis Tritt song titled "It's a Great Day to Be Alive". The song reminds me to think about the importance of attitude. The chorus of the song, which Tritt recorded more than a decade ago, goes like this:

And it's a great day to be alive
I know the sun's still shining when I close my eyes
There's some hard times in the neighborhood
But why can't every day be just this good?

The chorus struck me. There certainly are some hard times for many right now...Sure, things get difficult at times, but it's all about how you approach them. Someone once said, "Every day may not be good, but there's something good in every day." It's your job to find it! That's the wonderful thing — you can choose your attitude!

In January, I had the great honor of participating in the Martin Luther King "Kingdom Day Parade" with the amazing men of the

Prince Hall Commandery. These men definitely know the importance of attitude and they definitely portray their attitude of it being a great day to be alive. I want to give Sir Knight Steve Alderete, PGC, a special thank you for his work to start this great relationship with the Prince Hall Sir Knights and I hope that this relationship is just the start of the great things that we can do together.

At the end of the month, we will travel to Salt Lake City, Utah to participate in the West Coast Easter Observance. I hope that many of you are planning on joining us for this amazing event. All of the information can be found at www.wseo.us.

In all this activity it is often forgotten that we are blessed with this fellowship and fraternity. Our lives would be simpler without all this activity, but what sense of accomplishment would there be in just watching the clock as the days fly past us and not grasping the truth of it being a great day to be alive? We would not be the fraternal men that we are without the work we have to accomplish.

If we do not see you at the West Coast Easter Observance, Lady Pam and I wish you and those you love a joyous Easter.

He Is Risen,

Grand Commander's Calendar

March 2018

9-10	<i>Officer's Conference</i>	Visalia
30-4/1	<i>West Coast Easter Observance</i>	Salt Lake City, Utah
	<i>www.wseo.us</i>	
	<i>(3-9 Hotel Reservations Cutoff / 3-15 Registration Cutoff)</i>	

April 2018

1	<i>Easter</i>	Salt Lake City, Utah
8	<i>Grand Master's Breakfast</i>	Los Angeles