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California Supplement
Grand Commander's Message for August 2018

**This is the day the Lord has made,
 let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24**

I am writing this message at the Statewide Scottish Rite Reunion, being held in Oakland. 17 Valleys from across the state brought Degree teams and candidates to participate. Over 300 brothers coming together to put all the 29 degrees of the Scottish Rite that we confer in California. Before the start the leaders of various York Rite Bodies and Grand Lodge were recognized for their support of Masonry in California. This was a great event and it was a pleasure to see so many working together for a common cause.

The other thing that was great to watch was the interaction of the brothers when not engaged in the degrees. Brothers sitting around talking about Masonry in particular and their lives in general.

These are the type of events that I most enjoy as a Mason. We come together to bring new members into our various groups, but then we get to spend some quality time with both those new members as well as our existing members, some of whom you don't regularly see because they belong to a different local body than you.

I would like to see more of this happening in the York Rite. Don't think of your degree dates or festivals a chore that you have to do, but rather as an opportunity to get to do what you enjoy. Don't show up at the last minute to do the work, get there early and stay late, build the brotherhood. Try it, I bet you will enjoy your experience a lot more.

We have some exciting events coming up with Grand Encampment, the PHA Grand Sessions and the Celebration of the 900th Anniversary of the Knights Templar happening. I have even been informed that the soon to be newly installed Grand Master is planning on attending the 900th Celebration. Chris and I are looking forward to meeting many more of you in our travels.

Finally, please be on the lookout for the Quarterly Education Piece prepared by our Grand Orator. It was sent to all the Commanders and Recorders. If you haven't heard or seen it yet, be sure to ask.

Grand Commander

August 2018

4	3-Way Reception	Alameda
5	3-Way BBQ Reception	South San Francisco
12	Hiram's Hackers Golf Tournament	Sunnyvale
18-21	Grand Encampment	Indianapolis
25	150th Anniversary of South Valley #187	Morgan Hill
26	900 year Celebration of the Knights Templar	San Bernardino

September 2018

15	PHA Grand Commandery	Ontario
16	4-Way Reception	Auburn