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The following is the Grand Commanders Report for the Grand Quarterly held on July 22, 2023:

Good Sir Knights of the New Mexico Division!

I salute you and am proud to represent the Grand Jurisdiction of New Mexico. As anyone who has led a masonic organization knows, you think you have plans and know how to do it until you are in the driver's seat. Well, be assured that since the Grand Sessions in April all the Grand Commandry Committees have been filled and we are already working on the Grand Sessions for 2024. It is still my wish that the entire Grand Commandry communicates with each other. For whatever reasons, we may provide a united front. All the KT Magazine Supplements have been published to the editor up to June 2023. July will be out soon.

I have generated two General Orders and one Special Dispensation this quarter. General Order No.1 was for Ascension Day services; General Order No.2 was a formal letter of appointment to offices by the Grand Commander. The Special Dispensation was written for Las Cruces Commandry No.11 to hold a special election. Two more General Orders should be coming soon; one to formally establish the Grand Commanders visitation schedule and another for the Knight Templar Scholarship Fund.

As part of my other masonic duties, I frequently see the Grand Master, David Cussman and our esteemed Sir Knights from Arizona (Western New Mexico). They and I were in Panama City, Panama for the UGIC and recently in Denver at the Red Cross of Constantine Southwest Conference. Locally I have had the pleasure to represent you at the International Rainbow Grand Assembly at the Grand Banquet and as part of the Installation Honor Guard. I believe we all had a great time at the DeMolay State Conclave as well.

I hope all Sir Knights are well. A special prayer to Sir Knight David Lawson, Grand Sword Bearer and his family.

Effective September 1, 1991, any Sir Knight being the first line signer for a total of ten petitioners, who are either Knighted or restored to membership after the aforementioned date, is eligible to receive the Grand Encampment Membership Jewel. The form is originated by the Recorder of the recipient's Commandery, and properly certified by the Grand Commander, if a constituent Commandery, or by the Department Commander, if a Subordinate Commandery. The names of the recipients will be published in the Knight Templar Magazine. Those receiving the Gold Oak Leaf Cluster will have their picture published on the cover of the magazine.

Accept the challenge to be among the few who have qualified for this award!

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