



**The Great Priory of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders  
of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta  
of England, Wales and its Provinces Overseas**

To all Knights of the Order

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, Paul Raymond Clement, G.C.T., has asked that the following note from the Great Prelate be circulated to you, along with his own blessings and best wishes.



In the book of Ecclesiastes Chapter 3 we read that there are many challenges in life and that there are times for mourning or celebrating, there are times to fight or to rejoice, there are times to question or trust, but very importantly there is one thing we must always hold onto and quite simply that is hope .

We all know only too well so much about this pandemic and the devastation it has caused to so many families and friends and continues to do so. We are all so thankful for all the magnificent work carried out by our medical profession and its ancillary staff. We know all about the new restrictions that so many of us face on a daily basis that to discuss it further would not be appropriate here but instead, we as Knights Templar must continue to do all we can to reassure everyone around us, just as did those Templars did of old in their faith look to the protection of the weak and the vulnerable pilgrims, so we must continue to look to support family, friends and others as Christian Knights in the knowledge that our hope to end this crisis lies in the hands of the Lord working through the hands of others.

As Christians, it is our knightly obligation to help people to see, that hope in the knowledge that there is light at the end of the dark tunnel

of this terrible worldwide pandemic and as Trinitarian Knights Templar we all know that prayer to our Lord and Saviour is fundamental in our lives and so very much a part of the answer in protecting not only us but our families, friends and neighbours to end this terrible illness.

As our Lord said “This is my commandment: Love one another as I have Loved you (John 15 V 12)

In other words Faith, Love and hope are the essential parts of the equation for all of us for if you lose faith and hope, more often or not this will lead to frustration which may lead to a negative feeling that there is no meaning to life at all. When there is hope and belief in God, you can through faith overcome so many things and so many challenges which face us in life.

So as Knights Templar my message of hope and prayer through the Holy Spirit and love of the Lord is very instrumental in shaping our very lives as human beings which in turn will not only uplift us but will inspire us to reach those greater heights.

So, Brother Knights, hope for the future will always give us that inspiration which we so desperately need in any difficult times and especially in these times of Pandemic. No one ever said that life would be easy because there are always fresh challenges which face each and every one of us: but remember that day by day , just like those Templars of old, we must never give up hope in the middle of any challenge and so I ask you that with faith hope and especially with prayer that we will see this difficulty though supporting each other

Remember this Bro Knights that without Christ in your life there is no hope of Salvation.

R.E.Kt. Reverend Fr Malcolm C G Lane, *JP*, K.C.T., Gt.Prel.