

## SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM THE GRAND MASTER AND HEAD OF THE STATE TO ALL KNIGHTS AND DAMES OF KMFAP

Time has, like the space, its own frontiers and the frontiers of History are much more dramatic than the frontiers of Geography

During the month of December the different religions celebrate their festivities: *Muharram* in the Islamic calendar; *Hanukkah*, called the festival of LIGHT for the Jewish religion; *Sun Feast*, also known as the Winter Solstice for many traditional religions in the Northern Hemisphere; *Rohatsu*, or Bodhi Day for Buddhists is the day on which Gautama Buddha attained enlightenment; and, of course, *Christmas* for the Christians, celebrating the birth of the Saviour, Jesus Christ; not to mention the *New Year*, which is celebrated in most countries around the world.

This is a Season of Peace for everybody (during Muharram warfare is forbidden), a Season of Light in our spirits and of Love in our hearts, and the New Year always brings the Hope for a better future, however we continue witnessing War, Darkness, Hatred and Despair all over the world, but we also see that our Sovereign Order and State (KMFAP) continues to be a beacon of Tolerance among the intolerants, of principles of Honesty among the corrupt, of Humanity and Care among cruelty and mercilessness, of respect for Freedom among dictatorships, and of Love among hatred.

As Marty Ruben said: "The deep roots never doubt that Spring will come"

Dear Knights and Dames,

we wholeheartedly wish you all a Season full of Peace in your hearts, good Health, Happiness and Love together with your beloved ones, and we sincerely hope and expect that you will continue helping our Sovereign Order and State (KMFAP) to be **an Island of Peace and Sanity in an Ocean of War and Madness.** 

BEST WISHES,

His Most Eminent Highness José, Prince Grand Master and Head of the State