



## President's Message

It's May, and we are all waiting for the first reports from this year's Grand Jury. Also, excitement is growing to see who will be on next year's Grand Jury. So much anticipation as to what agencies were investigated and what recommendations were made for improvement.

The pool of potential candidates has been narrowed down to 30, and the drawing for the new panel has been moved to May the 27<sup>th</sup>, one week earlier than previously advertised. I know that there are some "repeaters" in the pool of 30, so it will be interesting to hear the names that come out of the bingo ball machine on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

As we ever so slowly come away from the pandemic and try to discover a new normal, if there even is such a thing, I would like to direct the attention of all members of the Grand Jurors' Association of Orange County to some of our committees that have languished during the past two plus years. In reviewing our current structure, I noted that there are some opportunities for Association members who still want to be actively involved, but don't want to take on a full load to step into some of these Standing Committees and contribute to the Association's impact in a variety of areas.

The list includes:

- Editorial/Public Relations
- Membership
- Program
- Public Service
- Speaker Bureau

I am sure that those who are currently active in some of these committees would appreciate a little help, and for those committees that have been on hold, maybe it is time to review what their scope of work is and see if there are Association members willing to step in and step up and put these committees back into full service.

Please remember to RSVP for the upcoming Luncheon at the Elks Club on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30. Our guest speaker will be Judge Maria Hernandez, the Assistant Presiding Judge, who will be speaking about her past experiences in dealing with human trafficking. If you did not attend the last luncheon, and still have fond memories of the Phoenix Club, you will be pleasantly surprised at our new location. The Elks Club staff are very accommodating, the food is great, and the location is freeway close, just another freeway. With a membership roll of 90, it would be a real pleasure to see as many of you as possible on June the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

As a heads up, there will be no GJAOC Board meeting in July. However, if members of the Association would like to see what it is like to be inside of a 24 foot metal container with about 600 pounds of explosives, I would like to invite you to come and see what it is like to work inside of a Safe and Sane fireworks booth. Give me a call or e-mail and I will fill you in on the details. Consider this a new investigation on your own part.