

# ALABAMA SUPPLEMENT



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## GRAND PRELATE'S APARTMENT

*Christ hath risen! Hallelujah! Blessed morn of life and light! Lo, the grave is rent asunder, Death is conquered through His might.*

*Refrain: Christ is risen! Hallelujah! Gladness fills the world today; From the tomb that could not hold Him, See, the stone is rolled away!*

*Christ hath risen! Hallelujah! Friends of Jesus, dry your tears; Through the veil of gloom and darkness, Lo, the Son of God appears! (Refrain)*

*Christ hath risen! Hallelujah! He hath risen, as He said; He is now the King of glory, And our great exalted Head. (Refrain)*

(The above are lyrics written by Brian Wren (b. 1936) for an old Polish carol in celebration of Easter.)

The thought that Jesus, as the Son of God should be able to rise from the dead, is not something that should surprise us. We would expect that He, as God in man, should be able to overcome whatever pains mortal man can inflict upon Him, even to the cruel death on the cross.

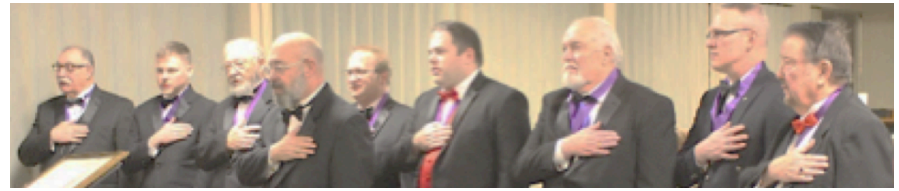
What should surprise us, and the reason we celebrate Easter Day, is the fact that He made us heirs to eternal life, not through our merits or deserving, but through His willingness to intercede for us with His Father, and to suffer in order that we might have our sins washed away by His precious blood and thus freely partake of the gift of everlasting life. As He said to Martha before raising Lazarus from the dead, "I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"

And so, beloved Sir Knights, as we celebrate Easter, we are brought face to face once more with the risen Christ as He stands beside the empty tomb with nail-pierced hands and feet, and looking into the Savior's eyes, we are compelled to answer His question: "Believest thou this?"

And may we joyfully exclaim, as did Martha. "Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world."

In His Name,  
George Marshall, Jr., PGC, KCT, KGT  
Grand Prelate

## HOLY SEPULCHRE CONCLAVE INSTALLS 2020 OFFICERS



On January 25, 2020, Holy Sepulchre Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, held its annual installation of officers and dinner at the Elks Lodge in Huntsville, AL. Installed as Puissant Sovereign for the year was William J. "Doug" Burfitt, Jr. Installed to serve with Knight Companion Burfitt as officers were Larry Fouse as Viceroy, Jared Cassidy as Sr. General, Lee Gibson as Jr. General, Paul Lamont as Treasurer, Dr. R. Kim Harrison as Recorder, Johnny Strickland as Prelate, Jason Crowe as Orator, William J. "Jerry" Burfitt as Prefect, George Marshall, Jr., as Herald and Phillip Sherman as Sentinel. Absent was Ray Dunn as Standard Bearer. Installing officers were William J. "Jerry" Burfitt as Sovereign, Dr. R. Kim Harrison as Marshal, and George Marshall, Jr., as Prelate.

## EUREKA COUNCIL CONFERS SUPER EEXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE



On Saturday, February 08, 2020, the Companions of Eureka Council No. 5, R&SM, conferred the degree of Super Excellent Master Degree on a class of 7 Companions at Helion Lodge No. 1 in Huntsville. At present, Eureka Council is the only Council in Alabama that confers this degree and that only once a year, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in February. Grand Council officers assisting with the degree were Lee Gibson, Grand Steward, and George Marshall, Jr., Past Grand Master.

## OUR LIVES

As we look back over our lives, it is not too difficult to see that what we went through was for a purpose and helped to prepare us for some valuable work in life. Everything in our lives can help make us of some use in the world. Each person's life is like the pattern of a mosaic. Each thing that happens to us is like one tiny stone in the mosaic, and each tiny stone fits into the perfected pattern of the mosaic of our life, which has been designed by God.

-- Author Unknown

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