


**ILLINOIS SUPPLEMENT**

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Grand Commander

*Pro Deo et Patria*

Greetings Sir Knights,

This year's Easter observance begins with Ash Wednesday on February 26<sup>th</sup>. This marks the beginning of lent, a 40-day celebration of fasting. The meaning of lent is to be "encourage to find our own method of confronting our sinfulness, remembering our mortality, and giving thanks for the gift of salvation we receive through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ" from the United Methodist Church. Celebrating the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is what we as Christian Knights do. There are many different ways of fasting. Jesus went into the wilderness and fasted for 40 days and 40 nights. How we fast is a matter of choice, make every attempt. Celebrating the life and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the tenant of our order. Faith, Hope, Charity.

Hope to see you in Kansas City.  
Fraternally,

*William J. Farris, Grand Commander*

***Grand Prelate Easter Message***

Sir Knights, each year, Easter comes to remind us that the Lord came that we may have life, and that we may appreciate it more abundantly (John 10:10). There will always be evil in the world; there will be hate, envy, deception, persecution and more. There will be moments when our faith is tested and our hope is weakened, but we must not despair. "In the world you will have tribulations; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Yes, Jesus overcame all, and "everyone born of God overcomes the world" (I John 5:4)

We live in a challenging time with no shortage of negative influences that can threaten the integrity of our individual, family, community, and spiritual life. Thus, it is vital that we remain vigilant. We must plant and

cultivate seeds of love, peace, truth and justice first within our own hearts and then in the hearts of those around us, so that we may collectively choose the path of light and goodness in our spiritual lives, in our service, duties, and in our mission.

Come, before all else, let us invite the Resurrected Lord to dwell in our hearts and to breath the power of the Resurrection in us as He breathed the Holy Spirit on the apostles (John 20:20). Only then will be able to "put on the whole armor of God" and stand against the wiles of the devil" (Ephesians 6:11) to become intrepid witnesses to the truth and justice of our Lord.

*Dean G. White, PEC, KCT, Grand Prelate*

***March Inspections***

**Monday 02** Melita Commandery No. 37  
105½ North Main Street, Tuscola

**Saturday, 07** St. Elmo Commandery No. 64  
40 Forest Avenue, Riverside  
*(This is a new address)*

**Saturday, 21** Joliet Commandery No. 4  
350 N Midland Avenue, Joliet

Rock Island No. 18 / Peoria No. 3 / Blaney No. 5  
@ 3819 North Prospect Road, Peoria Heights

**Saturday 28** Tancred Commandery No. 50  
225 E "A" Street, Belleville *Dais of the VEDGC*

Sir Knights, these are the final Inspections for the 2019 - 2020 Templar Year. Your attendance and support would be greatly appreciated. Remember, if you support your sister commanderies, they will feel obligated to support your commandery.

***May you have a happy and joyous Resurrection Sunday***