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Grand Prelate's Easter Message

Templary's Purpose

By SK David Miller
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Greetings and Special Wishes to Our Fraters Wheresoever Dispersed
On this **CELEBRATION** of The **RESURRECTION**
Of Our Lord and Savior, **JESUS CHRIST**

The following is an excerpt from a talk by Sir Knight Burt Pearson P.G.C.

Templary's declared purpose, that the United States shall have a rebirth of patriotism, religion, morality and fiscal integrity, will remain as only a pious objective, unless it is translated into affirmative action by Sir Knights and by their households wherever in this nation dispersed. This challenge is presented to all of us to stand up and be counted on the right side of every question.

We have an America to protect and defend. It is that America in which the dream and vision of its founders was to give special privilege to none, but an equal opportunity to all. It is an axiom of life and law that every privilege gained by an individual or group carries with it grave responsibility, and *DUTY*.

Knights Templar must give more than lip service to the task of stemming the stampede away from lack of responsibility currently prevailing in our country today. This must apply to the year 2020 and beyond.

May we so accept our covenants to GOD, the United States and Templary, that this country of ours, this land of exceeding beauty which was divinely born to glory, shall continue to be a brilliant beacon of encouragement and faith to the tired and troubled souls everywhere. This responsibility was given to us when GOD gave his only Son, Jesus Christ, to save each of us. We celebrate Easter as our way of showing our continuing faith in GOD and his covenants.

Let us work and pray to keep this nation, Our America, strong and free. It is God's mandate.

Thanks for making a year wonderful

By SK Michael Robbins KCT
Grand Commander

As I write my last Indiana Supplement, I have had a couple of weeks to sit back and reflect on the year. Truth be told, I never had becoming Grand Commander on my radar. But, when approached by a Grand Commandery officer in 2012, I decided I needed a new challenge, and the timing seemed right. The trip to this point in time far exceeded all my expectations.

I always put my faith in the members. My outlook is: if it's not good for the members, then it's not good for me or the Grand Commandery. And the members have never disappointed me. This year has been no exception. Lady Patty and I have been to places that we never would have visited, and met many wonderful Sir Knights and their Ladies, had I not been in the Grand Commandery line. We felt welcome at every visitation. Grand Communication, Rainbow Girls, Eastern Star, Amaranth, Receptions, and many others. The list goes on and on.

The Receptions this year were unbelievably well attended. The meals and the floor work by the Sir Knights were all exceptional. A highlight for me was the number of ladies that attended the Receptions. As I stated in a prior supplement, the Sir Knights of Indiana do much better work than they give themselves credit for.

It was an honor to present Dr. Raji Shyam a Starter Research Grant from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the first received in Indiana in the past 6 years. Dr. Shyam was also the guest speaker at the Newby-Avery-Vaught banquet. Opening up the Newby-Avery-Vaught banquet to all interested Sir Knights and Ladies increased the attendance greatly and made for a wonderful evening.

The number of people I would like to thank this year is far too extensive to put in a newsletter, plus I wouldn't want to risk forgetting anyone who deserves credit.

By the time you receive this, the Grand Conclave will be on the horizon for the first time at Muncie. Drills will be back with the Conclave, where I feel they belong. We are also holding the first ritual competition which at this time, is drawing a lot of interest. I hope to see all of you at the Grand Conclave, and at one or both of the competitions.

I want to wish the incoming officers of the Grand Commandery success in the coming years. Make the Grand Commandery work for the membership. Continue to set the bar high because the Knights of Indiana have shown that they can exceed the standard and then some.

Finally, Lady Patty and I thank each and every one of you for the fellowship and warm friendship extended to us during our travels and visitations throughout the state. It has been my honor to serve each of you this year as your Grand Commander. Thank you.