

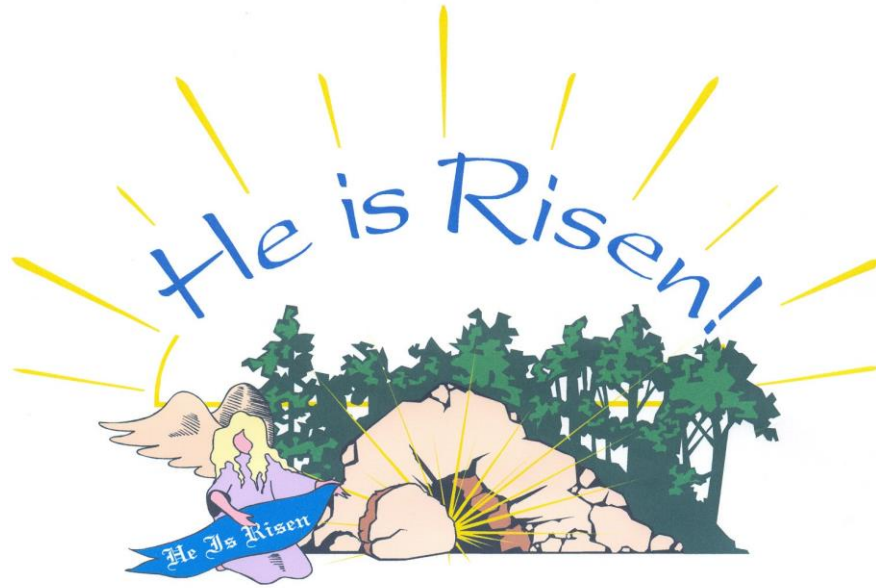
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To the Valiant and Magnanimous Sir Knights,

Let your heart be glad, shout with joy and celebrate this great day. Easter is about here, and so is new life and hope. Let us express the humblest gratitude to God for His supreme sacrifice, giving of his son on the cross to pay for our sins. James Packer wrote, "I am justified. Pardon, acceptance, and sonship become mine. Christ's death for me is my sole ground of hope before God. My faith in Christ is God's own gift to me, given in virtue of Christ's own death for me: i.e., the cross procured it. Christ's death for me guarantees my preservation to glory.

Christ's death for me is the measure and pledge of the Father and Son's love for me. Christ's death for me calls and constrains me to trust, worship, love and serve." The resurrection of Christ has given me an unwavering faith that at the end of my journey I shall dwell in that house not made by hands. I believe, as we reflect within our own hearts, that the power of the risen Christ has miraculously touched all of our lives in one way or another.

Benjamin Franklin penned his own epitaph. He didn't profess to be a born-again Christian, but it seems he must have been influenced by Paul's teaching of the resurrection of the body. Here's what he wrote:

The Body of B. Franklin, Printer, like the cover of an old Book, its contents torn out, and stript of its lettering and gilding, lies here, food for worms. But the work shall not be wholly lost: For it will, as he believ'd, appear once more In a new & more perfect edition, corrected and amended by the Author.

May you find the renewal of hope, health, love and the spirit of God. Happy Easter to you and your loving families.

Yours in Christ,

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