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2020-2021 TEXAS SUPPLEMENT

Greetings Sir Knights,

Greetings, Sir Knights! I hope and pray that everyone is safe and healthy in our current COVID reality. As we reflect upon a month of May that celebrated not just the great ladies who bore us into this world, our Armed Forces, and the great women and men of our military who have passed on to their great reward, but also look forward to the ascension of our Lord and Savior into Heaven, it would seem that now is an appropriate time to renew our faith in Jesus Christ, as well as to those to whom, in one way or another, we owe our very lives and way of living.

As Christ completed his assigned tasks here on earth before he ascended, so must we strive to accomplish our goals according to the tenets of Christianity, Templary and Masonry alike for the good of our fellow man. For many of us, this will be quite challenging for the foreseeable future as we acclimate to the current state of the world. Take heart and trust in Him, as well as in our fellow man, as we strive to do the right things in the face of extreme adversity.

As our Grand Conclave has been necessarily postponed, your Grand Commandery officers have been working diligently on the best solution to reschedule and execute our annual meeting, while at the same time observing health and safety requirements, and disenfranchising the fewest Sir Knights possible. Due to the necessary restrictions placed on us in the face of this pandemic, based on recommendations from our grand officers and the Grand Commander's planning team, and following the examples of other successfully executed grand conclaves in the U.S., we have developed a viable method of meeting and completing our required tasks in the safest and most efficient manner possible.

Please refer to the Grand Commandery website and social media for orders from the Grand Commander and details on our coming grand conclave. If all goes as planned, we should accomplish this task prior to the end of June with our new slate of officers for the 2020-2021 Templar year. We have a rough and rugged road ahead, but with your help and prayers, Sir Knights, we will overcome any obstacles in our path.

In His Service,

Gary H. Freedman, Deputy Grand Commander

The Ascension of Christ

Jesus said, "I am with you for only a short time, and then I am going to the one who sent me." John 7:33

Having completed all of the necessary tasks set before him by his father, Jesus's time on earth was growing short. From his birth to his death, resurrection and appearances, Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies.

1 Timothy 3:16, "Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great:

He appeared in the flesh, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory." His ascension was the beginning of the time, when Jesus was making ready a place for his followers, as John 14:2-3 reveals to us, "In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?"

His ascension was necessary for Christ's second coming as the angels in Acts 1 told his disciples. Jesus will return just as he left, as illustrated in Daniel 7:13-14. Jesus is in heaven with his Father, waiting for us. His ascension marks the beginning of the time for us to spread the message of Jesus' love and salvation for all.

Sir Knights, the ascension of Christ is one of the most important events of mankind. Our time here on this world is also short, so we have to complete the tasks before us. Christ's greatest gift to us was, and is, love. In John 15:9, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love."

Our salvation is simple: In Acts 2:21, "And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved," and in 2 Timothy 1:9, "He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done, but because of his own purpose and grace." This grace was given us in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time.

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