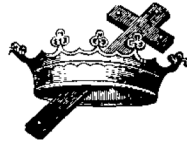


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FROM THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER

Sir Knights, I extend my personal thanks to our Grand Prelate for his truly heartfelt and meaningful Easter message. His discussion of darkness and light illustrates for us that so long as we continue to strive in service to the light, we must certainly prevail over the darkness.

Due to the pandemic gripping our nation, we are unable to have our usual Grand Encampment Easter Celebrations. Anyone fortunate enough to have attended one of these events can attest to what a loss this is. However, as is usually the case, when a door is closed, God opens a window. The Grand Encampment has arranged for our Sir Knights to attend a virtual Easter Celebration beginning at 1100 EDT on Easter Sunday. A ZOOM link will be posted on the Grand Encampment web site the Thursday and Friday prior to Easter Sunday. If your schedule permits, I encourage any and all Sir Knights to participate in this celebration.

In closing, I wish God's blessing on each Templar family now and throughout this Templar year.

Winston Each - R.E. Grand Commander
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THE TWO WOLVES

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that was going on inside himself.

He said, "My son, it is between 2 wolves. One is evil: Anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego... The other is good: Joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith..."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one I feed."

-- Author Unknown

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FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

—Rev. Richard R. Losch, KCT, Grand Prelate

On April 4th this year we celebrate the glorious Resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. I have often contemplated the first moments of that magnificent event. In my mind's eye I see, in the dim light of the first glow of dawn, a brilliant ray of light bursting through the first crack as the stone begins to roll away. And then our Resurrected Lord steps out with the blinding glory of God Himself.

Darkness is not a thing of itself, but is simply the absence of light. Light, even the dimmest rays of it, can dispel darkness, but darkness cannot dispel light. The only way darkness can prevail is for us to allow the light to be extinguished. At our very first entrance into the Lodge we were presented as desiring to go from darkness to light. From that time on our journey has been one of seeking more and more light in Masonry. While we may pause from time to time, if we cease in that journey then we cease to grow—and that which ceases to grow begins to die. As Knights Templar we have accepted the responsibility of bringing the light of Christ into the world, and thus to do our part in dispelling the darkness of evil, ignorance, hatefulness and selfishness that continually works to swallow up the world. As we contemplate the glory of the Resurrection, let us reaffirm our dedication not only to our own journey to more light, but also to our duty to shine the Light of Truth before all mankind.

GRAND CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful. Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds rejoice before him—his name is the Lord. (Psalm 68:3-4, NIV)

Isn't the Spring of the year a joyful time? The flowers in bloom, the trees putting on their greenery after being dormant for months, the birds lifting their gay orisons of song, the earth being reborn after its long winter of chilling cold. Joy should abound in all of us as well. Breathing in the fresh air, the sun warming us, the azure sky above, the freshness of the April showers...we just immerse ourselves in the glory of God's creation and cannot help but feel the joys of sight, sensations, and sound which accompany the youthful year.

In our relationship to others, we should be living examples of joy in expressing our cheerful nature. The more joy we share with the people around us, the more joy we receive in return. Our spirits are uplifted as we give of ourselves joyfully and unstintingly in service to God and mankind.

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