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EASTER MESSAGE

This month marks the greatest of all Christian Holidays – Easter! Beginning with Palm Sunday, what a week that was in Jerusalem some two thousand years ago. Oh, but it was one of THOSE weeks!!

It started off so well, with crowds of people cheering and waving palm fronds of welcome and celebration for the arrival of Jesus. But it went down-hill quickly, so quickly after that. By mid-week, Jesus had offended the political powers-that-be to the point that they wanted to eliminate Jesus and his teachings permanently. Then came the Last Supper and the great commandment of Jesus to His disciples – and to us: “Love one another as I have loved you”. Then the mockery of a trial, the agony of the cross, and death. One of THOSE weeks...

The apostles were in a terrible state of terror and hiding. They contemplated going back to their old lines of work. Things had gone completely awry and they were feeling as though they, too, would be facing a crucifixion. Certainly a time of severe testing# and worry for them when something that started off so well turned out so badly. Have you ever had one of THOSE weeks?

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Certainly, if you have ever felt like those apostles – abandoned, rejected, forgotten – know that God has not brought you to this point without a hope of a much brighter future and a time of love. One place to find it is in your Commandery, in your church, in your family and friends – and in prayer.

Wishing you not to forget God’s love and his plan for you, I remain yours in Knightly Service,

Sir Knight James S Stone, Sr

PRELATE’s EASTER MESSAGE

Good news Sir Knights! Easter, the celebration of Christ’s sacrifice for YOU! Is celebrated this month. Strange to celebrate sacrifice and death you say? Well not if you know the rest of the story as Paul Harvey would have said. We celebrate the entirety of Christ’s life, death, teaching, preaching, sacrifice, and most importantly resurrection and ascension. You are loved, you are forgiven by his act and intercession. What will you do to emulate his example?

As Christian Knights we lead the way and set the example. Let the light of Christ’s Love shine through you that others may see and believe.

Peace to you

God bless you all

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Glen Cunningham , Grand Prelate