

## Maryland Supplement

### Serving our Community and our Masonic Fraternity

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## My Fellow Sir Knights,

This month I have asked our Eminent Grand Prelate to deliver a message to celebrate a very important day in our Christian faith.

### Greetings and Blessings Sir Knights:

Before I begin my message, I want to thank REGC Warns for asking me to share my thoughts on Easter.

### **CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY, ALLELUIA!**

Just over four months ago, we celebrated the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have you ever wondered why we celebrated his birth? In my opinion, without the birth of Jesus, there could not be a RESURRECTION.

Was that God's plan all along? What do you think?

Each Easter worship service that I have attended, sometime during the service we would sing this hymn: "*Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia*". This hymn speaks of the triumph of Christ's victory over death. Let me ask you a question. Did Jesus, the Son of God, really need to die?

Let me share with you two verses of scripture from Mark: 14:35-36, "He went a little farther on, then threw himself on the ground, and prayed that, "if possible, he might not have to go through that time of suffering." "Father", He prayed, "My Father". All things are possible for you. Take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet, not what I want, but what you want."

It is my opinion, if Jesus really wanted to have this terrible suffering taken away; I believe God would have granted His request. However, Jesus then said: "Yet not what I want, but what you want." He was obedient to the end. And because he was obedient, you and I and all of humanity had and will have their sins forgiven.

So how do we as Knights Templar pay back this debt that Jesus took upon himself? Easy! Or is it?

In Mark: 12, Jesus was asked what is the greatest commandment; he replied in verse 30-31 "Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, with all of your soul, with all of your mind and with all of your strength. The second most important commandment is this: "Love your neighbor as you love yourself."

Sir Knights, I believe if we try to do this every day, Jesus will smile and know we are his eyes, ears and feet. We will continue His journey, teaching and serving, even until the end.

**May you have a Blessed Easter  
Blessings + Peace**

*Charles A. Beckhardt Jr., Grand Prelate*

Thank you Sir Knight Charles!

And Happy Easter to all our Sir Knights and their families.

**Yours in service to Christ,**

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