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Fraters,

This April begins with some of the holiest days of the Christian Calendar, April 1<sup>st</sup> is Maundy Thursday, the night of the last supper. The 2<sup>nd</sup> is Good Friday; the day of the trial and crucifixion of Jesus. Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> is Easter, a day for all Christians to celebrate.

I would ask that we all participate in an Easter Service this year, especially this year. We all need a renewal of our faith and hope for a brighter future. You can attend your personal services, or you might consider participation in the Grand Encampment online service at 11 AM EST.

However, Celebrate! JESUS is RISEN !!.

Ephesians 6-14 “having on the Breastplate of righteousness”.

The Breastplate was to protect a soldier’s body in combat. We as Christians need to set our minds on the Cross and trust in the righteousness we get from our relationship with Jesus Christ. We must gird our loins in the knowledge of Christ’s love and be strong.

So Fraters, I leave you with this thought, we should stand tall in the faith of the Lord and make sure we live our lives as we are told in the first and Greatest Commandment, “love your neighbor as yourself”. This is not an easy task I know, but we must endeavor to set a better example for all mankind and meditate on the words of St. Bernard.

Yours in Christ  
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