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GRAND COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Greetings Sir Knights

I hope under these trying times your Commandery is doing well I am it is if you keep Jesus in your heart.

This is my last message as your Grand Commander. It has been a tough year with no Inspections, but there some people I would like to thank Sir Knight Gary Davis for staying on as Grand Recorder he sure makes a difference Sir Knights Robert Rolseth and James Taylor for are meetings and the help they gave to me, Sir Knight Glen Chaney for a GREAT Senior Wardens Retreat and our Grand Master Robert Davis for attending and his comments and Sir Knight Mark McFadden for keeping track of our membership and last but surely not least the GREAT job Sir Knight John King did keeping the posting of our Knight Templar magazine articles even after heart by-pass surgery, and to the rest of the Knights in line Thank you as good a group as you will find

I thank all of you!

SK Gary Odendahl Right Eminent Grand Commander



GRAND PRELATE EASTER MESSAGE

Geetings Sir Kights, this month we celebrate the glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This year, though the nature of our celebration has changed due to this pandemic, the message of the

Resurrection remains unchanged. I am saddened we cannot celebrate this greatest of miracles and the core of our faith as we are used to with Churches crowded with the faithful, joyfully greeting one another “Christ is risen from the dead. Blessed be the resurrection of Christ.” For most of us we are relegated to our homes, obliged to celebrate from afar. This is an unprecedented situation; however, life is unpredictable; it is constantly changing, evolving, and adapting. The one and only constant is Jesus Christ, Who “is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8). Therefore at all times, and in this time of crisis especially, let us seek and find our comfort, our strength, and our peace in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Who “by His voluntary death put death to death and by His incorrupt Resurrection renewed the world.”

So many are living in fear and constant worry about what the future holds. We must remember the power and promise of the Resurrection comes to abate our fears and the Lord Himself gives us all the comfort and strength we need in these trying times; “In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). When we are downhearted, confused, worried, and uncertain, let us remember that the risen Christ is by our side, that He is our ever-present living Lord who dwells in our hearts and grants us the strength we need to conquer any and all obstacles and challenges.

Jesus experienced unimaginable suffering in His last days on earth. He was betrayed, arrested, tried, and subjected to an agonizing death on the Cross. However, three days after his crucifixion, despair gave way to unbridled joy. On Sunday morning when Christ rose from the dead, he brought the promise of everlasting life. The Lord had Risen, Jesus had defeated sin, darkness, despair, hate, conflict, deception, injustice, evil, and death, and replaced it with salvation, light, hope, love, peace, truth, justice, goodness, and eternal life. He rose from the dead so that we, too, may rise from the dead. He overcame so that we, too, may overcome.

Dear Sir Knights,

The Easter message is a timeless and transformative message. While our lives and circumstances can be difficult. God does not give us more than we can handle. Through his grace, power, strength, courage, and hope, we can soar above the challenges of life and live a renewed and better one. I convey my heartfelt wishes for a happy and blessed Easter, praying for the Risen Christ to sustain us through this crisis and lead us to emerge victorious.

Prayerfully, SK Steven Cox Excellent Grand Prelate