

## Pennsylvania Crusader

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Greetings Sir Knights:

We live and die; Christ died and lived! ~ John Stott (Theologian)

The quote above may be one way of summarizing Easter – however with deeper insight we might simply attribute LOVE as the true meaning for Easter.

"Jesus said, 'It is finished' ". That phrase has been called the "The Word of Triumph"

What does it mean? Jesus came to die - for us. That is an act of LOVE.

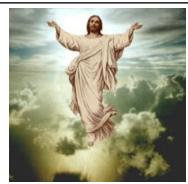
Numerous bible verses, attributed to St. Paul, describe the LOVE that Christ has for us in his death:

- **Romans 5:8** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our LORD.
- Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

But his death was only part of his plan – not the final step. That would be His Resurrection.

In 1 Corinthians 15:57-58 Paul writes:

"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."



It is through Christ's Resurrection that we have we have life. His LOVE triumphed over all things for us.

Hallelujah, He has Risen!

Also, in April, it is the time to install our officers to lead our commanderies for the coming Templar year, I congratulate our officers and wish them success in their duties. If a commandery needs assistance in the installation of their officers, please contact your Division Commander and/or your Section Officer.

I continue with prayers for you, your families and loved ones to be safe and happy not only during these times, but for all times.

Yours in Templary, Sean M. Tomasic REGC

## **A Letter from the Grand Prelate:**

Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. Psalm 1119:97 (NIV)

"Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey." Recognize those lyrics? It's the refrain from the hymn of the same name, *Trust and Obey*. The author of those lyrics wants you to know that when you are in tune with God, you begin to understand and follow his guidance. You come to the knowledge, that "aha" moment, where you recognize his instructions are based upon his reasoning not your own. You obey and trust him.

Heavenly Father, I am wise and blessed when I listen to your commands.

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