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2022 GEORGIA GRAND YORK RITE SESSIONS MAY 2 & MAY 14, 2022

- Joint Session will begin @ 7:30am on Monday, May 2nd
- All 3 individual body sessions will be held on Monday May 2nd
- Grand Council RSM will open immediatly after initial joint session on Monday, May 2nd
- Grand Commandery will open @ 10:30am on Monday, May 2nd
- Grand Chapter RAM will open @ 1:00pm on Monday, May 2nd
- The York Rite Presiding Officer degrees such as the Order of the High Priesthood for Past High Priests, the Order of the Silver Trowel for Past Illustrious Masters and the Knight Crusader of the Cross for Past Eminent Commanders will be conferred @ 4:00pm on May 2, 2022 at the Grand Chapter building
- A Joint Luncheon (banquet) will be held @ 1:00pm on Saturday, May 14th at the Al Sihah Shrine Temple in Macon, GA
- The Joint Memorial/Divine service will be held @4:00 pm on Saturday, May 14th at the Grand Chapter building
- Installation of the Grand Line Officers will begin at 5:00pm at the Grand Chapter building with a Grand York Rite reception following on Saturday, May 14th

He is Risen! We are Redeemed!

“THE RESURRECTION”

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If there is any one thing which is the heart of the Christian faith, it is the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ – His self-raising, His rising again to life after the death on the Cross.

What we celebrate on Easter Day is an unbelievable, inexplicable triumph of life over death. Jesus, crucified on Friday and buried in the tomb the same day, rose again to life and showed Himself to the Apostles and others of His followers.

The story is told (with variations) in the final chapters of the Gospels of Saints Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, and is recurrently proclaimed as a fact at many places in the Epistles of Saints Paul, Peter and John. Was it a true and actual event?

Christians have always believed that it was. The story is very specific. Witnesses came forward. The authorities, frightened and confused, bribed the soldier guard to tell a false story about it.

Exactly what happened there in the Garden on that morning within the sealed tomb is, of course, wrapped in mystery, for no one was present. The witnesses only saw the result in the form of the strangely spiritual yet flesh-and-blood body of their living, walking, eating and talking Master.

We have only the written testimony of these witnesses to go by. That testimony is powerful enough in itself. We have to remember what the event did to their lives. The Apostles often demonstrated an inability to grasp the spiritual aims of our Lord’s mission and they abandoned Him when He died on Calvary.

Yet, when they accepted the evidence of the Resurrection, they were transformed. They became spiritual giants, absolutely tireless evangelists and courageous men willing to face and accept death, because they knew and believed.

We will probably never penetrate to the heart of this mystery of mysteries. But because it happened, we believe, and are Christians. It is the supreme fact of our faith, giving final meaning to all else.

Had the Cross ended the Lord’s life by eternal death, of what use or meaning would have been His “death for our sins,” His sacrifice of Himself for us? Thanks be to God, the story did not end at Golgotha, but went on to the everlasting life promised by the Risen Lord.

For all Christians, then, there is no joy equal to the joy of the Easter celebration of the Resurrection. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!