



Grand Commandery of Michigan

"Together, for a Better Tomorrow"

Gary L. Paquet, Right Eminent Grand Commander

Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies:

This month we celebrate one of, if not the most sacred of events of the Christian faith, the resurrection of Jesus. One may argue the birth of Jesus was the most sacred and I would not argue against that line of thinking as his teachings and resurrection could or would not have happened without his birth. However, his birth was of one, but his resurrection was for all. Through his resurrection, our sins were forgiven, our mortality became immortality, and our souls can and will now reside in the house of the Lord forever.

As Easter morning breaks, I ask, if you are able, to join with Sir Knights from across the nation, for an Easter Sunrise Service. My plan was to join with the officers of the Grand Encampment and Grand Commanderies at the George Washington National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, but events intervened and I'm unable to make the trip. Instead, I plan, like many, to celebrate locally. I will be with the Eastern Michigan Battalion at the chapel at Lakeside Cemetery in Port Huron. There will also be services at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, and Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Michigan.



Grand Captain General's Workshop

5/14 Pontiac Commandery No. 2
6/11 Battle Creek Commandery No. 33
6/25 Lansing Commandery No. 25

- 8:00 a.m. Doughnuts and Coffee
- 9:00 – Noon Workshop: Focus on the opening, reception of Grand Officers, sword timing, forming triangle, and general tactics.
- Noon Luncheon

For Easter as a whole, may you be surrounded by loved ones, extended family, and friends. As you break bread with each other, give thanks to our Lord for his precious gift of his only son and all that our faith provides for our sustenance. Give an extra prayer for those who are suffering in our world that they may find peace, prosperity, and good health.

Until our paths cross again, safe travels to wherever the journey take you.

Gary L. Paquet, Grand Commander



Membership Day:

Traverse City

will be hosting a Membership Day on Saturday, May 7, 2022.

All candidates are welcome.



The Chapter Degree's will start at 8:00 a.m. and the Orders will begin at 1:00 p.m.

The Order of the Red Cross and Malta will be in short form.

Contact E.C. Mark Drake for details-mandrake@aol.com or 231-633-9200 for registration and luncheon.



I'm a reader. The backs of cereal boxes were invented for me. So too road-side signs; I miss Burma-Shave signs, don't you? I read the amusing things that businesses and churches post out in front of their buildings, and I even read the messages in fortune cookies. I read bumper stickers; the funny, cynical, rude, political, and even the Christian.

A few weeks ago, while on the expressway, a car cut across in front of me and the back of the car was covered with "Christian" bumper stickers. But just one caught my eye, it read "He prayed for YOU." I was immediately struck by this motto. *He prayed for ME!*

It was a few days later when the subject of one of my daily meditations was the same "He prayed for you." Yet the article referenced several other scriptures that I hadn't thought of.

At this time of the church calendar when our hearts are turned to Christ's passion, our focus is easily rushed from the moment of the crucifixion and on to the empty tomb and indeed to the resurrection. Yet amid all that, is that moment when on the cross he said, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." Surely that prayer encompassed us all.

Easter has become an event, dressed, and decorated. In many ways our pleasures have obscured the observance of the reality. So, as we come to Easter, take the time to reflect with me on that bumper sticker; "He Prayed for You."

Sir Knight David Dossette, PC, KYGCH
Eminent Grand Prelate

April Birthdays of Grand Officers and Ladies: The happiest of birthdays to each of you!

- 4/2 Lady Becky Rutherford
- 4/3 Lady Mary Louise Livermore
- 4/7 Lady Donna Crumit
- 4/8 Lady Marlene Leeper
- 4/8 Lady Naomi Seyferth
- 4/26 Lady Rachel Sutherland
- 4/27 Sir Knight Roy Ickes, PGC