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Hope Springs Eternal!

GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Sir Knights,

We go into this Easter Holiday time with joy in our hearts. Our Glorious Savior, Jesus Christ, gave his earthly life for the sins of all of us and because of that ultimate sacrifice we will live forever with Him in the mansions of Heaven.

Please treat each other with moderation and decorum. If we all work to get along, then the world will be a better place for all of us.

Please enjoy the Easter Message below from our Hospitaler Committee.

Sir Knights, may God bless each and every one of you. May you be safe and have a Happy Easter.

Walking with Christ in a Return to Normalcy!

Sir Knight Harry L. Tripp, Jr., Grand Commander

AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE HOSPITALER COMMITTEE

Sir Knights, let us enjoy a walk through the decades of Easter's past as contained in the Knight Templar magazine.

I sit here today reflecting on Easter and how this momentous event will touch the lives of people who profess the Christian faith around the world. How will it affect those going about the ordinary vices and superfluities of life? What about others who may be faced with the horrors of war and its terrible consequences? My reflections trigger a transient feeling about the innate unfairness of life, but that is quickly replaced with warmth and light as the book of Matthew comes to mind. My concern for those who are suffering is replaced with the hope and understanding that it is not too late to find the cornerstone. It is not too late if you are in your comfortable home and it is not too late if you are huddled in a bomb shelter in the midst of a war zone.

In the words of past Sir Knights, "... Easter ... [is] a symbol of hope ..." (1), "... [it] was the greatest explosion in the history of mankind ..." (2), "... I kneel before God and earnestly pray ..." (3), "[so we can attain the promise of] the cornerstone of the Christian faith ..." (4), "[and should conduct ourselves] in a manner that reflects ... devotion to God ..." (5), "[so that we can experience] the greatest story ever told" (6), through his promise!

Below are excerpts from the Knight Templar Magazine (KTM) Easter editions.

- (1) "Once more, the world pauses before the dawn of **Easter** – for those who profess the Christian faith, a meaningful and climactic phenomenon, and for all of mankind a **symbol of hope**. ...," from Easter's Challenge by SK Pearson, page 3, KTM, April 1962.
- (2) "The Resurrection **was the greatest explosion in the history of mankind**. It started things which haven't stopped two thousand years later. ...," from Easter and Your Life by SK Peale, pages 7-9, KTM, April 1972.
- (3) "... If I walked not with sorrow and lived without loss/Would my soul seek sweet solace at the foot of the cross?/If all I desired was mine day by day/Would **I kneel before God and earnestly pray**?/If God sent no Winter to freeze me with fear/Would I yearn for the warmth of Spring every year? ...," from the Grand Master's message by SK Johnson, page 2, KTM, April 1982.
- (4) "... Christ is Risen! Those three words are **the cornerstone of the Christian faith** and the basis of Templary. ...," from Radiant Life From Our Risen Redeemer by SK Towne, pages 9-10, KTM, April 1992.
- (5) "... Our order is not a sacred society; it is a secular society with sacred purposes to prepare men to carry out their responsibilities of life **in a manner that reflects** their commitment and their caring and their **devotion to God**. ...," from Easter Message 2002 - I Go Before You, Follow Me by SK Jones, pages 5-7, KTM, May 2002.
- (6) "Easter is a time of reflection and contemplation about the sacrifices of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. While the end of Jesus' life concludes **the greatest story ever told**, one must wonder what his thoughts were during the last days of his life. ...," from the Grand Master's message by SK Koon, II, page 4, KTM, April 2012.

Have a safe and Happy Easter wherever you are. Remember that Christ is King and it is never too late to receive His glory!

Sir Knight Michael C. Rohman, Chairman, Hospitaler Committee

GOD'S LOVE WILL SPRING FORTH

The spring of the year brings the rebirth of nature and a new beginning. The flowers break through the ground with colorful blooms to come forth after the drabness of winter. Our spiritual life is renewed and what God can do in our life shall spring forth, too. Once God begins to answer our prayers, the results can happen very quickly.

We need to open our hearts to God's work in our lives. We need to thank Him in advance for doing new things in our life and watch for new miracles to spring forth and burst out in this season.