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EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND PRELATE

Greeting Sir Knights,

April 17, 2022 we celebrate the culmination of everything that Templary stands for, “The death, burial and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ”. The week leading up to the crucifixion was a hard one for our savior. It was in the Garden of Gethsemane, that he alone, took upon himself the sins of the world that caused him to bleed from every pore. He knew what was happening and he still volunteered for all he suffered and went through. The one small reprieve he got from the Roman soldiers was to have Simon of Cyrene compelled to carry his cross after he had been scourged and tortured to the point that most every other man alive would have succumbed. He was nailed to the cross and on that cross, he was mocked and ridiculed. He died and was buried.

In John Chapter 10 we read in his words;

10: 16 and other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

10: 17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

10: 18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

What does it all mean? First, Jesus paid the price of our sins in the garden and on the cross, and tomb, he gave us all the gift of eternal life. All we have to do to receive that gift is claim him as our savior. Something we have all professed and done as Knights Templar. As we enter this Easter period, let us be mindful of those sacrifices. Contemplate how we are living our lives and try harder to emulate our savior's life and actions. We may not have miraculous powers to raise the dead, or heal the sick, or make the lame walk again, but, through the power of prayer, and a strong faith in our resurrected savior, we can strive to be more like him and know that our prayers are heard and answered.

SK John R Cooper Jr., EGP



These are the members of the Grand Commandery that attended the called Concave of the Grand Encampment at Fort Wayne Indiana. Left to right, SK Robert R. Rolseth, REGC, SK James R. Taylor, VEGDC, SK Mark K. McFadden, EGJW, SK John E. King, EGG and SK Matthew McGee, PREGC.

- These Knights of the Grand Encampment took charge of their responsibilities to The Order of Knights Templar, to right the wrongs and put Templary back on course. Glory Be to the Christ Jesus our Savior.
Editor