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Greetings Sir Knights,

I hope that you all survived the recent cold weather and are looking forward to spring. My wife has been getting a lot of seed and garden catalogues, so I know that spring is just around the corner.

Easter is coming up fast and I look forward to it. It is a joyous occasion to celebrate our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. I sometimes struggle with all the commercialism of our religious holidays. Ducks and rabbits and Easter eggs and chocolate candy bunnies all are fun to enjoy but I have a hard time making the Easter connection with all of that. Our Bible tells us that Christ was sentenced to death and was hung on a cross. This method of execution was unusually cruel and painful. He had large spikes driven into his hands and feet and was raised up in the air on a wooden cross. Death was slow and painful.

Sir Knights he died for us! Our sins are forgiven if we believe in Him. We shall have the marvelous gift of everlasting life. We shall dwell in the House of the Lord forever in his presence. I urge you to get out your Bibles and read the story of the resurrection. Join in Easter observances where you can.

Registration for the annual York Rite Sessions in September will soon be going out. Sir Knight Cal Van Zee has worked hard to secure the best rates for rooms and the best prices for meals this year. Prices are higher than last year. If you have not been to the grocery store lately, you are in for a shock when you do go.

Please bring something to the hospitality room and bring a quality item for the silent auction. The proceeds go to our three York Rite charities: RARA, CMMRF and the KTEF. All are worthy of our support.

I invite you to take a look at what your KTEF dollars are doing. Great strides are being made all the time. Please donate to support your charity. The gift of sight is precious.

God Bless our troops and our first responders who keep us safe. Pray for one another and pray for the leaders of this country.

I hope to see you in lodge somewhere soon. If you cannot get out, then study your ritual and call a Sir Knight for a visit. York Rite Masons are some of the best men on earth. Be proud of your membership in this fine organization.

Richard