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Sir Knights,

We are approaching the Holy Week, and 39 days later, the ascension of our savior.

As I write this, the governor is removing some of the mask mandates for indoor meetings, schools, etc and we are grateful.

The European continent is being shaken by the aggression of Russia, and the Ukrainians are fighting for their lives, their homeland, their faith, and their freedom.

The Ukrainians have been blessed with a leader that has unified his country and the world that opposes this invasion. His words that shall be ever remembered when asked if he needed assistance to leave the capitol, he answered, "I don't need a ride, I need more ammunition". He might be a knight. Pray to God for peace and give thanks for the patriotic leaders in Ukraine seeking to defend their families and their way of life.

As Christian Knights, we too must take a stand on the invasion of our way of life. We must become active in the protection of our faith; we must adhere to the lessons and teachings of our redeemer.



In April, we will elect new Staff of Dais officers. We will be aware of the results of the conflict in the Grand Encampment, hopefully resolved with harmony. As knights we will accept and honor those chosen to lead us. We will assist, and support their will and their work. With God's help we will bring other men and Masons to participate in this noble and magnanimous Order.

Soon is the celebration of the greatest miracle in the history of the world. Memorializing the death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of our savior and redeemer will occur. A nation stood by at his execution, unable and unwilling to protect the Son of God from the Mighty Roman Empire. Incapable of acting to defend Christ at his trial, and unthinkably demanding his crucifixion, the nation, the leaders, and even the professed apostles that Jesus came to save, all denied him. But God so loved us, that He allowed this unthinkable crime to occur, so that each of us, like the criminal next to Christ on the Cross, may express our faith and have salvation.

Many of you in the Order may not have a religious affiliation, but yet have expressed a positive faith in Jesus as your Redeemer. I ask that every Knight, on April 17th seek a place of worship. Be it a sunrise service, a communion with others, a gathering of Knights, or some gathering in faith to reaffirm your commitment to Christ and this Order. Easter is not a time of sorrow, but a joyous celebration of God's love. Likewise on May 26th, assemble with others to rejoice in the ascension of our Redeemer..

Be seen, be active, and be proud. Our nation and this world are in need of men such as those we represent, who also drank from the cup. Do not stand by, but stand for, defend, and protect the truths we have been given.

I hope to see you all at our Grand Conclave and York Rite Session April 7-9th in North Bend.

Your Humble Servant;

S.K. Grant Sharp, Grand Commander

Of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oregon.

