

The Asylum

From the Editor

Sir Knight Daniel A. Rivers, PC

The current issue of the Asylum shows that there is a tremendous amount of activity occurring in the York Rite. My Commandery has read five (5) new petitions in the last two (2) months. I know of two (2) other York Rite bodies that have been busy reading multiple petitions. Some credit clearly goes to the R.E. Grand Commanders fee reimbursement program, and some to the increased degree of communications he implemented. I find many Masons lack a clear understanding of what the York Rite is, and what they gain by joining the York Rite. **I also find that; the best leaders are inherently great communicators! We all need to take on the mantle of leadership and communication if our Commanderies are to flourish!**

I attended one Official Visit by the Grand Commandery, and many of the programs listed in the various issues of the Asylum were briefed by the Grand Officers. A comment was made that “somebody should be relaying this information!” I found that rather humorous, and a little troubling, because clearly “somebody” was relaying the information, AND everyone sitting in that room was “somebody”. Any York Rite member can share the information and events occurring in our organization, and should be proudly doing so loudly, and frequently, not waiting for someone else to do so! There are many great Masons in our Blue Lodges, and other organizations, that would be great additions to the York Rite. All it takes is for “someone” to step forward and get the word out. As Sir Knight’s I assume that we all step forward, bravely and without hesitation, to take that leadership role on at every turn. Communicate clearly, and frequently, the volume and extent of the activities occurring in the York Rite and we will generate tremendous interest in what we are doing.

The Asylum helps us do that. Print copies to leave out prior to your Blue Lodge meetings. Take it to your annual picnic, Christmas party, and prospect night events. Have your Secretary read a few of the announcement and scheduled events that are coming up. Have good speakers come in and talk about the Masonic lessons and history of the York Rite, or the Knights Templar in particular. Clearly, these methods are working, and several Commanderies are benefiting with increased membership. This is a reason to celebrate, but the work is far from complete.

**May the Irish hills caress you,
May her lakes and rivers bless you,
May the luck of the Irish enfold you,
May the blessings of Saint Patrick behold you.**





GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF COLORADO

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Journey to the Cross

The Story told in the book by Mark, the disciple is curious in some sense, but at the same time, the conflict we see in Peter, may well be the same conflict we all feel at times.

Jesus tells his disciples that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priest and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.

Can you imagine what must have been going through Peter's mind when he heard all of that? Scripture tells us that Peter was beside himself with disbelief. So much so, that he rebuked Jesus for even thinking such things. Peter had traveled with Jesus for many months. He had been witness to any number of healings, exorcisms, and miracles performed by this man, whom he had come to believe, in his heart of hearts, as the Christ, the Messiah, his Savior. He knew that this man called Jesus was their spiritual Savior, but more importantly their political Savior. This Messiah, this new King, was going to remove the Roman Government. Jerusalem would once again be restored to the Jewish people.

But wait, rejected, beaten, killed? Raised from the dead in three days? How could this be possible? Jesus Christ, the Messiah, surely would not suffer such fate. And what does this mean to rise from the dead in three days?

While Peter's questions coursed through every part of his being, over 2000 years ago, are they not the same questions that must, at least, in the private moments of our own mind, come forward? Have you never

wondered why such a cruel death for our Savior? Have you not thought to yourself, why three days? Or what does resurrection mean?

Jesus reminds Peter, as he reminds all of us, that those questions are things of this world, of man's own desire to know the unknowable. Jesus says to Peter "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of man," Mark 8:33.

As we journey together to the cross during this blessed season of Easter take time every day to have the things of God cross the vast expanses of your mind. My wish for you is that you feel the peace of Christ every day. But that peace can only be found in the things of God.

Courteously,

Ron Birely

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R.E. Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Colorado



Denver Assembly No. 1

March 2023

On February 24, 2023, Denver Assembly No. 1 celebrated its 133rd birthday! A lovely lunch was provided by SK Mark and Worthy President Lauren Ralston. A good time was had by all!

March will be a busy month, as we prepare for the visit of our Supreme Worthy President, (Mrs. Jon) Melissa Spann, and her escort SK Jon Spann, on March 24, 2023. We will have a luncheon, honoring our Supreme Assembly guests, before our meeting. RSVP to our Recorder, Sue Summers, 303-204-8573, by March 20. (Time and cost TBD). We are excited to share our very special Assembly with our guests!

March

This is a lucky month
The leprechaun is here
He sings, dances and paints
And is sure to bring us cheer.

Look for four leaf clovers
And rainbows in the sky
And always keep your eyes peeled
For that green little guy!



Submitted by
Elaine Birely
Past Worthy President



Grand Commander's Traveling Sword

In an effort to encourage and promote inter-Commandery communication, cooperation, and fellowship, the Knights Templar Association of Colorado is a proud sponsor of the Grand Commander's *Traveling Sword Program*. The Sword is held by a Commandery, until another Commandery visits, and captures, the Traveling Sword. They hold it until it is captured, in turn, from them and taken to the new Commandery.

The Traveling Sword is an exact reproduction of the swords carried by the Knights Templar in the 12th Century made in Toledo Spain. Its blade is of tempered steel embossed with 24-karat gold. The medallions inset and topped with a Templar's Cross.

The Guidelines for claiming this Sword can be found on the link shown below.

The Commandery claiming the Sword *must notify the Grand Commandery's Recorder within 24 hours of the change in location.* The last known location of the Sword can be found on the link button on this page.

More information on the Travelling Sword, including its current location, can be found at <https://www.coloradokta.org/traveling-sword>.



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February 3, 2023

To: All Sir Knights, and Commanderies of Colorado

Subject: Easter Sunrise Service

Dear Sir Knights,

I hope that this note finds you in the warmth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I am excited to remind you that we will be having an Easter Sunrise Service, at the Denver Consistory, on Easter Morning, April 9th. You may have seen the flyer by now. As a reminder, the service will be at the Denver Consistory, 1370 Grant Street. We would remind all Sir Knights, that wish to be part of the processional, to wear their Class A Uniforms (Black A, or Cap and Mantle).

We would also like to see as many Commandery Banners on the stage, this year, as possible. The Consistory will be open on April 7th, between 9:00 am and noon, to set up for the service. Please bring your banner during this time of set up. You may also bring the banner on the Sunday morning before the service. The doors will open at 5:30 am, and the service will begin promptly at 6:30 am.

I would also remind you that tickets for the breakfast after the service are available on the KTA web site at www.coloradokta.org.

Courteously,

Ron Birely

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R.E. Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Colorado

**TICKETS FOR THE BREAKFAST FOLLOWING
THE SERVICE ARE STILL AVAILABLE!!
PURCHASE AT WWW.COLORADOKTA.ORG**



THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR ASSOCIATION OF COLORADO
PRESENTS

THE OLDEST CONSECUTIVE PRESENTATION OF
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE IN COLORADO

SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH, 2023

AT 6:30 A.M.

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 A.M.

DENVER CONSISTORY

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY

1370 GRANT STREET

DENVER, COLORADO

Free Parking available

The Consistory Garage

Credit Union lots

At 14th and Logan

Breakfast will be available for purchase online at www.coloradokta.org

Any questions may be directed to 303-748-4547 or ronbir@msn.com



The Grand Commandery of COLORADO

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February 23, 2023

To the Eminent Commanders and Recorders of constituent Commanderies of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado:

This is a reminder that, in accordance with Section 3 of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado, any amendments to the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado to be considered at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Commandery must be presented in writing to the Grand Recorder by a member of the Grand Commandery by April 1st.

A member of the Grand Commandery as defined in Section 3 of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado are the elected and appointed officers of the Grand Commandery, the dais officers of each Constituent Commandery, Past Grand Commanders, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Generalissimos, Past Grand Captains General, Past Commanders of each chartered Commandery, dual or plural affiliated Past Commanders of a chartered Commandery and each member of a Standing Committee of the Grand Commandery.

Fraternally,

Grover L. Sardeson

Grand Recorder

**GEORGETOWN COMMANDERY #4
AND
JEFFERSON HIGHLANDS COMMANDERY #30**

**INVITE ALL TO JOIN THE SIR KNIGHTS AND THEIR LADIES AT THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GEORGETOWN, COLORADO
ON SUNDAY, APRIL 9 AT 10:30 AM**

FOLLOWING THE EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AND BREAKFAST AT THE DENVER CONSISTORY

**WE ARE ANXIOUS TO REVIVE A LONG-STANDING TRADITION OF
OBSERVING EASTER SERVICES IN THE BEAUTIFUL STONE CHURCH IN
GEORGETOWN, COLORADO AND ARE ANXIOUS FOR SIR KNIGHTS AND
MASON'S AND THEIR LADIES TO JOIN US.**

**PLEASE CONTACT SIR KNIGHT DANNY TOMLINSON, EMINENT
COMMANDER, GEORGETOWN COMMANDERY #4, KT FOR FURTHER
DETAILS. EMAIL IS DTOMLINSON@MSN.COM**



2023 ANGEL OF THE FOREST

SAVE THE DATE

For 2023, in place of the historic *Angel of Shavano* and *Angel on the Rio* events, Pueblo Commandery #3 invites you to our Commandery Festival, Saturday July 8th, at the Masonic Park (Graham Memorial Park) in the heart of the forest of Rye, CO.

Graham Memorial Park
37°57'49.7"N 105°00'56.9"W
Or search this code in Google:
859PXX7M+GM

SATURDAY JULY 8th

7:30 AM	Event Check-In (Complementary Coffee, Light Breakfast Food, and Juice)
8:30 AM	Introductions
9:00 AM	Illustrious Order of the Red Cross <i>Short Break</i>
10:30 AM	Mediterranean Pass and Order of Malta <i>Lunch</i>
1:15 PM	Order of the Temple
4:30 PM	<i>(Approximately)</i> Ladies will rejoin the men at the park for the banquet

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME TO THE PARK ON FRI. JULY 7th
STARTING AT 9 AM TO HELP SET UP.

Registration information, event details including ladies program, to be sent closer to date.

We hope to see you and your candidates there!

Fraternally:
SK Joe Surek
Pueblo Commandery #3

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R. E. Grand Commander's Schedule

March 6, 2023 Officer's Meeting – Zoom. 7:00 PM

March 8, 2023 Official Visit – Coronal-Ascalon Commandery #31. Time: Dinner at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30

March 9, 2023 Official Visit – Jefferson-Highlands Commandery #30. Time: 6:30 PM

March 21, 2023 Official Visit – Pueblo Commandery #3. Time: TBD

March 28, 2023 Knight Templar Association Meeting. Time: 6:00 PM at Chopper's Sports Grill, 80 S. Madison St., Denver, CO. 80209



Jefferson Highlands 30 Captures Traveling Sword

On February 19, Jefferson Highlands Commandery 30 traveled to Denver Colorado 1 to capture the Traveling Sword. This is the 1st time this year the Traveling Sword changed hands. Attending were EC Miguel Estevez-Galvez, CG Peter Finnie PEC, SW J Randy Penn GSW, R Lee Miller PEC, P Joe Kier PEC, W John Davis PEC. Also pictured are EC Michael Scott & REGC Ron Birely.