

# The Florida Knight

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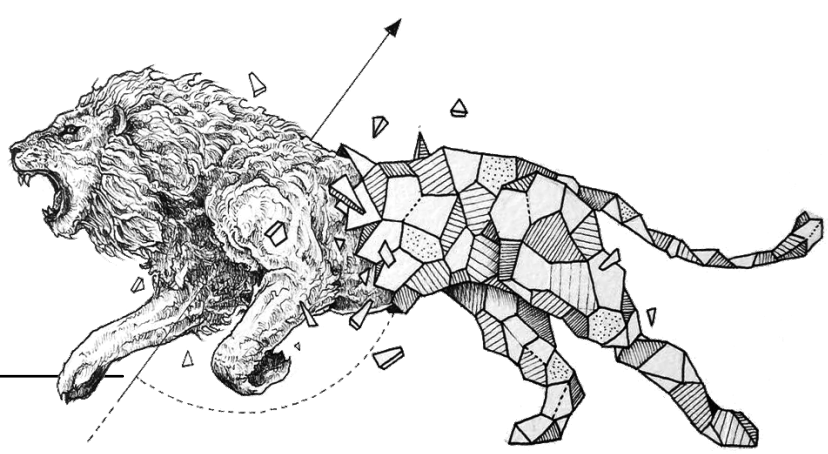
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Greetings, Sir Knights of the great state of Florida!

It is hard to believe we are just a few days from May. As we enter this month, there are some significant events that we as Knights Templar and Americans should respect and observe.

First

The Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, who forty days after His resurrection on Easter, ascended into Heaven before His disciples at the village of Bethany. If possible, Sir Knights, attend your church or a Commandery Ascension Service for this holy observance.

Secondly

Memorial Day which is Monday, May 29th, let us remember to honor and mourn the members of the armed forces of the United States that have died while serving this great nation.

Thirdly

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14th, Certainly a day a Knight Templar should not forget. Celebrate them for all that they do and have done for us.

April was a busy and special month for the Grand Commandery of Florida. On April 8th, we had the honor and privilege of laying a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. Words can not explain the deeply moving feelings of respect, gratitude and American pride we felt while presenting the wreath. If you have not attended this ceremony, please put it on your bucket list. On that Saturday evening, we attended the Grand Encampment banquet. It was very gratifying to see old friends and meet new ones!

Easter Sunday morning, we attended the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar 93rd Annual Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic National Monument. HE HAS RISEN! What a great experience and event! A wonderful service was hosted by the members of the Grand Encampment. Sir Knights, let this be known that our presence at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the banquet and the Easter sunrise service was a representation of all Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Florida.

Sir Knights, keep wielding your swords in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Fraternally and All the Best,

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