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GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

March is a special month for knights Templars. March 18, 1314 The Grand Master of the Knights Templars was burned at the stake. He had been a prisoner and tortured for 7 years.

For time immemorial men, women and children have been eliminated because they were in the way. Although we had advanced in knowledge and technology the genocide has not slowed down. People just seem to be in the way of someone or group that want Power. The teachings of Jesus have but gone by the wayside. He walked into the temple and challenged the power the priests had acquired. They were living in luxury against of the teaching that God had put forth.

People throughout our "modern" world are being persecuted, tortured and killed by those who gained power and like the most addictive drug cannot give it up. The Christian religion is being scorned and bullied into submission. Our education system is indoctrinating, not educating our youth. We are looking for Christian men, but they are increasingly harder to find. The first question asked of a man petitioning Masonry is his belief in God. It is asked again. We as Knight Templars go a step further and ask him to profess his belief and commitment to the Christ Jesus of Nazareth as did the Knights Templars formed by a Pope and betrayed by a Pope. Absolute Power you see has no bounds.

Yours in the Christ Jesus

Sir Knight John E. King
R.:E.: Grand Commander



GRAND PRELATE'S MESSAGE

John 9:1-7

In our passage today, the Lord was on His way somewhere but stopped to heal a blind man. He could easily have passed by—Jesus was a busy man, after all. But He allowed Himself to be interrupted, and one person's life was forever changed.

“I am the Light of the world,” Jesus said before applying mud to the man's sightless eyes (v. 5). The thought of putting mud in a blind man's eyes to clear his vision might seem strange to us today. However, Jewish onlookers may have recognized this as a medical practice of the day. It's even possible they interpreted it as a new act of creation, since mud could have reminded them of God forming Adam from the dust of the earth. If such scriptural imagery was, in fact, Jesus' intention, it would convey that He truly was the Word who was with God in the beginning—one with God Himself.

Whatever the reason for this unusual-sounding treatment, we know that dirt and saliva became holy instruments in Jesus' healing hands. So let's consider what God might be doing in our midst and pray for His direction as we seek to love others through our time and attention. It's exciting to realize that if we're willing to alter our plans, we may become vessels of His healing work.

Respectfully
Sir Knight Steven Cox
Excellent Grand Prelate