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Sir Knights:

As a uniformed Christian order, it is that that sets us apart from all the other Masonic bodies. Easter is that time of year of remembrance of the suffering, that conquest of death and resurrection of our Lord. The resurrection of Christ is the cornerstone of our Christian faith. "He is risen" We have been given a gift, an inheritance, not that it something we earned or even deserved but that what was given to us through our Lord's sacrifice and that is what we celebrate this Easter day. As the world seems to be in turmoil with unrest, the world desperately seeks peace, the celebration of the resurrection, should give us peace through the miracle of Easter.

Matthew 28:5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6: He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

1 John 4:9 "This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him."

Jesus' love is the light that gives us God's Holy power to be a light in this world. Jesus paid the ultimate price to see that we are empowered to fight darkness and spread light wherever we go. May faith, love, peace and joy surround you this Easter season.

My Lady Jane and I wishing you a very Happy Easter.

Keith A. Myhre, REGC



Easter Message from the Grand Prelate

2025

S.K. Theodore M. Boomgarden

As winter slowly releases its hold and allows life to break forth from the once-frozen dirt, we are reminded of the promise that the night is never so long that we should never see the dawn. The weight of the tomb is never so heavy that the stone cannot be rolled away. In this sacred season, we are called to journey from the cross to the tomb, as it is in that emptiness that true hope is found.

As Knights of His Order, we stand in wait at the foot of Calvary, where justice and mercy met upon the cross, as it is there that, amid the cruelty of men and the very trembling of the earth, that the Creator of all things submitted himself to the hands of His creation. The very Word that spoke light into existence uttered, "It is finished," and the breath that animated Adam was surrendered to the hands of the Almighty. However, what may have seemed to be the triumph of death was its undoing, for three days later, that same breath returned, and the voice that stilled the raging storm shattered the relentless silence of the grave.

The wisdom of the world, which scorns the humility of the divine, could never comprehend the majesty of a King crowned with thorns rather than gold. The paradox of eternity is revealed in him as victory was won through his surrender, strength revealed in weakness, and life is born through death. Such is the reality of our banner, not one of conquest but of sacrifice.

As the stone was rolled away, so too must the hardness of our hearts be removed, that we may stand as true Knights of the Cross, bearing witness to the Risen Lord not just in word, but in deed. Let us not merely commemorate the Resurrection as an event of the past but as a living reality in the present. Let our hands be the hands that lift the fallen. Let our voices be the voices that proclaim hope. Let our lives be a testament that He is risen and lives not only in the heavens but within the temple of the human heart.

If you find yourself broken by the weight of sorrow in this season of rebirth, remember that He who wept at the tomb of Lazarus also called him forth into life. If the burden of sin or regret presses upon your soul, know that the One who carried the cross has carried all of your burdens. Most of all, if you should hear the voice of one in need, know that you serve the Risen King in serving them.

Almighty Father, we thank You for this great gift of life, made new through the victory of Your Son. I ask that as Knights of Your Order, we will be ever faithful in our duty, steadfast in our love, and vigilant in our watch. Let the light of the empty tomb illuminate our path forward so that we may walk boldly in the footsteps of the One who conquered death. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Sir Knight Theodore M. Boomgarden, Grand Prelate

From the Grand Commander.

I do hope that your Commandery's are planning an Easter program observance.

Suggestions: Opening Prayer

Read the Grand Prelates Message.

Read Matthew 28:1-10

Song (Group singing, or a recording etc.)

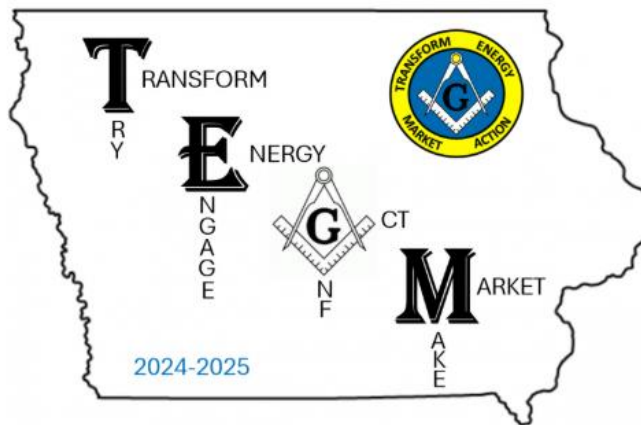
Closing Prayer (Lord's Prayer)

What have we been up to:

3/1/2025 Statewide Commandery School of Instruction (Des Moines) Thanks to S.K. Rusty Hill, REPGC, Chairman of the Board of Instruction led the school which was well attended and well received. A total of 18 Sir Knights were in attendance for the day. Prior to school, we all enjoyed lunch.



3/8/2025 Grand Masters Rally. "In the Trenches" (Des Moines). Sir Knights from around the state participated in posting the colors and attending the rally and breakout sessions.



Also at the rally was an information table setup with York Rite members there to answer questions and with informational material and our poker chips for advertising York Rite.



3/15/2025

Iowa Wild Hockey Pre-Game. Sir Knights participated in posting the colors on the ice. What a great public showing. Twelve (12) Sir Knights participated.



3/19/2025

Commandery School of Instruction with Antioch Commandery No. 43 (Mason City). Thanks to S.K. Rusty Hill, REPGC, Chairman of the Board of Instruction who led the school.

3/22/2025

Des Moines York Rite Festival. Chapter and Council degrees.

3/23/2025

Grand Commandery dais officers Zoom meeting, followed by Joint York Rite leadership meeting.

3/29/2025

Commandery Orders hosted by Baldwin Commandery No. 11 (Cedar Falls). Several new Sir Knights were created at this festival.

Some upcoming dates to keep in mind:

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| April 11-12, 2025 | Kearney, NE - Grand York Rite Sessions. (North Central Department) |
| April 17, 2025 | Maundy Thursday |
| April 18, 2025 | Good Friday |
| April 19, 2025 | Des Moines - Celebration of Life for Darrel Fremont, MW Past Grand Master of Iowa |
| April 19, 2025 | Des Moines. Grand Officers practice, convening Grand Conclave. |
| April 19, 2025 | Des Moines. The second Wild Hockey Pre-Game. Sir Knights posting the colors. |
| April 20, 2025 | Easter |

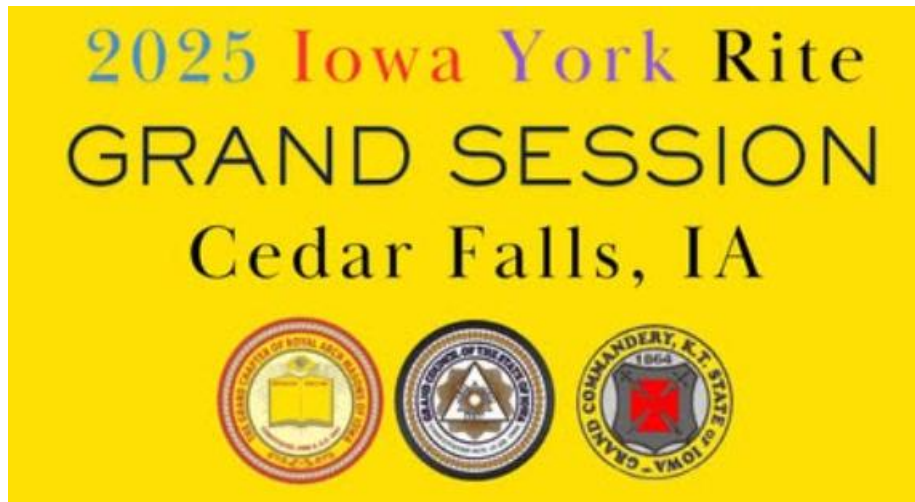
April 26, 2025
April 27, 20205
April 30, 2025

Des Moines - Grand Masters One Day Class (Sir Knights Color Guard)
Officers Zoom Meeting.
Urbandale - Executive Committee, ISB Bank Meeting.

Chivalric regards,
Keith A. Myhre, Grand Commander

<https://iayorkrite.org>

Schedule and registration are on line



June 4-7, 20205



2025 Sessions – Holiday Inn and Bien Venu – Cedar Falls, IA – June 4-7, 2025
7400 Hudson Road, Cedar Falls, IA, 50613 833-391-1467 (North of Highway 20 on Hudson Rd.)

