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Easter Message from the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar for the State of Wisconsin As we stand at the threshold of the holy season of Easter, I extend my heartfelt greetings to the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar for the State of Wisconsin. This is a time when we reflect upon the profound significance of the Resurrection, the triumph of life over death, and the promise of salvation through the grace and sacrifice of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Easter is not only a time for personal reflection, but also a moment to renew our commitment to the values and principles that we, as Knights Templar, hold dear. Our ancient order, founded upon the tenets of faith, hope, and charity, calls us to embody these virtues in our daily lives. As we commemorate the resurrection of Christ, we are reminded of his eternal victory over darkness and sin, and of our sacred duty to follow in his footsteps with courage, honor, and devotion. In this sacred season, let us draw strength from the resurrection and the boundless love it represents. Just as Easter morning brought forth new light into a world darkened by despair, so too should we, as Knights, be beacons of light and hope in a world that often struggles with adversity. We are called to serve, to protect, and to uplift those in need, just as Christ served humanity through his ultimate sacrifice. Let this Easter be a time of renewal for each of us. Let it strengthen our bonds as brothers in Christ and as Knights of the Temple. In this season of renewal, may our faith be deepened, our charity abounds, and our hearts be filled with the peace that only Christ can bring. May we continue to walk in the light of His example and strive to bring his love and teachings to all we encounter. As your Grand Commander, I encourage each of you to take this opportunity to reflect upon the deep and enduring meaning of this season. Reach out in kindness to your fellow Knights, your Families, and your communities offering a hand of fellowship, understanding, and charity. Remember that the Resurrection is not just an event in history but a living truth, ever-present and transformative in our lives. May the joy and peace of the risen Christ fill your hearts, your homes, and your lives this Easter season and beyond. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I offer my prayers for each of you, your families, and all whom you hold dear.

Courteously yours,

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## Easter Message from the Grand Prelate

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To All Sir Knights, wherever dispersed,

Rejoice, for our Savior has risen! May the joyous spirit of Easter reach you and yours in a special way. In His perfect love, Jesus sacrificed Himself for us. Easter gives us the hope of His resurrection and of our eternal life.

The story of Easter teaches us that sometimes; in order to find your purpose, you must travel through darkness. A difficult lesson to learn, BUT remember, it's the journey that shapes us and not just the destination. Our journeys are filled with moments of doubt and uncertainty. Let Easter be a reminder that there's always a dawning of a new day, a chance for renewal and rebirth. This optimism can be heard in the lyrics of such songs as "Memories" from Cats, or "The sun will come up tomorrow" from Annie. These musical celebrations are simplistic reminders of what the Bible tells us will be.

Let us celebrate the promise of new beginnings, the joy of togetherness, and the miracle of life. Easter Sunday is a testament to all that is good in the world. Please attend church and celebrate with other Christians this joyous news.

And now, for all of you linguists and old-world peoples..."Frohe Ostern! Moge der Segen der Auferstehung eure Herzen erfullen." And for those not taking German in High School I say..." Happy Easter! May the blessing of the resurrection fill your hearts."

Peace Be with You Always,

Kennet A. Bales, KTCH, KCT, Grand Prelate

