



GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR FOR THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Sir Knights,

Spring, a time of rebirth, is on the horizon. Trees are beginning to bud and start to turn green as the temperatures gradually warm. Birds are returning on their migration northward and some flowers are beginning to sprout and bloom.

Holy Week began on March 29th. Holy Week is the final week of Lent. It commemorates the events of our Lord's last week before His death. The chief festivals of Holy Week Are Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil (Holy Saturday).

Easter is the sacred celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is the oldest and holiest Christian festival, the climax and center of the liturgical year, and the holy day to which all other holy days' point. The foundation of the Christian faith is the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. On Easter, we, as Christians, celebrate the victory of light over darkness, life over death, and the triumph of God's love for humanity. The resurrection confirms Jesus is the Son of God, that He has overcome death and that eternal life is granted to all who believe in Him.

Your Grand Commandery officers are busy with their duties. Visitations to Commanderies of the Mid-Atlantic Conference have commenced. Subordinate Commanderies are working on ritual in anticipation of the upcoming Grand Commandery Official visits. Commanderies are reminded the Deputy Instructors General, and the Preceptors can be called on to assist you with rehearsals. They are a valuable resource and have a great depth of knowledge. Use them.

Top three meetings are held about four times per year. As the name suggests, they comprise the Grand Commandery officers and the dais officers of the Commanderies. They are open to ALL Sir Knights, and all are encouraged to attend.

Yours in Christ

SK George R. Saunders

Right Eminent Grand Commander

