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## GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

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Sir Knights,

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.  
(John 3:16 NIV)*

This month, Christians all over the world observe the most important day in the Christian religion, Easter Sunday. This is the day we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

*He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. (Mark 8:30 NIV)*

*"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. (Mark 16:6 NIV)*

It has been the custom of the Sir Knights of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America to assemble at a time and place on or near the Easter Observance. Each Sir Knight is encouraged to attend a service of his choice. Additionally, the Prelate of each Commandery shall report a count of those Sir Knights who were able to attend a service to the Grand Prelate for his report.

Items of Interest:

- ❖ In February and March, I was privileged to attend the Official Visits of E.C. Peterson Commandery No. 8, in Carson City; Lahontan Commandery No. 7, in Fallon; and DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 1 in Reno. All three Commanderies were welcoming, provided an outstanding meal and fellowship, and demonstrated their ritual work. I fully enjoyed the conversation and was happy to see Sir Knights that I don't often have an opportunity to visit. I thank them sincerely for their hospitality.
- ❖ My last Official Visit will take place on May 28 at Melita Commandery No. 9 in Henderson.
- ❖ I will be attending the Grand Sessions of New Mexico in April, Utah in May, and Nevada in June.

During this Easter season, I hope you will remember the lessons learned in our Order and practice them in your daily life. Continue to support your Commandery by attending and participating in all meetings to show that you are invested in its success and growth. Please remember our commitment to support the Knights Templar Eye Foundation so that the great good that comes from our support continues. *And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. (Hebrews 13:16 NIV).*

Fraternally,

Richard Willson

Grand Commander of Nevada