



NEWS for April 2026
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HE IS RISEN!

Nearly 2000 years ago, those words were spoken when they found the stone door to the burial mausoleum or crypt of Joseph of Arimathea rolled away and the crypt empty after the crucifixion of our lord and savior Jesus Christ. What they expected to see was the body of Jesus of Nazareth, but what they found was an empty crypt with no body.

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Mary, mother of James and Mary of Magdalene with other women expected to find the body in the crypt and came to prepare it or anoint it for a more permanent burial. But there was no body. They then saw two men in shining garments who explained that Jesus was not there but had risen from the dead.

The women hurried and told the disciples what they had seen and the hurried back to the crypt and again found it empty. It is then they realized that the prophecies of old had been fulfilled and they had been looking for someone in the wrong place.

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We celebrate that event every year at Easter. Join us in celebrating the life,

death and resurrection of our lord. We are Knights Templar, the Knights of the Temple and as such we need to remember our past and explore our future.

Consider gathering as Sir Knights or as a Commandery to celebrate the events of that day 2000 years ago. Celebrate the events of that day to remember that ... He is risen!

By the time you read the April Focus, I will most likely have been at my final official visits for my year as Grand Commander. Unfortunately, I will not be able to make it to Juan de Fuca Commandery No. 17. We have tried three times and have not been able to meet and I cannot make it to their meetings in April or May. For this, I am sorry.

I hope that you are planning to join us for the Grand York Rite Session in May. They are being held on the 14th, 15th and 16th with the Commandery Session being on the 16th. As you know, they are being held at the Ruby River Hotel in Spokane. We have moved it to this week so it does not interfere with Mother's Day as it had previously.

In March, I had the honor of representing our Grand Commandery at the Grand Amaranth Court at their annual meeting in Vancouver.

In April, I will be attending the Grand York Rite Sessions in both Oregon and Idaho. It is good to be able to visit your neighbors Grand Conclaves. I will also be attending the Washington DeMolay annual conclave. It is my opinion that we, the Knights Templar, are the closest Masonic organization to DeMolay. We are both based on the Knights Templar of old. We both use swords in our ceremony, as well as follow tactics in our ritual and ceremonies.

I still have raffle tickets for the drawing to support the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund. Your District Instructors also have tickets. They will also be for sale up until the drawing at the banquet at Grand Sessions. Your help with this fundraiser is appreciated.

In His Name

SK Richard Roblee, Right Eminent Grand Commander
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