

April 2021 Grand Prelates Reflection

Sir Knights;

First and foremost, HAPPY EASTER! THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA! Far too often, we get consumed with the eggs, chocolate and fancy meals that we can be taken off track as to the real focus. There is nothing wrong with all of the amenities attached to this day. Often, it means that we are spending time with our families. That is a great thing. However, we should never lose sight of why it is that we are afforded these opportunities.

During the last year, our lives have been changed dramatically. Many would say that it is a difficult time. For many, it has allowed us to take a step back and catch a collective breath in a complex world. It can be a time to reflect on simple things. During Easter time, when celebrations are taking place, perhaps we can take time to think about what it was like on that first Easter morning.

Jesus had been placed in a tomb. The purpose of the tomb was to allow the body to decay. The flesh would decompose and the bones would remain. After about a year, the bones were removed and placed in stone box. The tomb was reused. In order to allow the bones to decompose without the recognizable odor of decay, a large stone was placed at the entrance. Great effort was required to put the stone in place. Great effort was required to take it away. Jesus' tomb was guarded by Roman soldiers. It was a safe and secured location.

The miracle of Easter is that God displayed His power to us. His never ending love for us was on full display when "Jesus burst the bands of death and triumphed over the grave". Our Father in Heaven rolled away a stone with no effort. The immovable stone was moved quickly and quietly. Nothing was going to stop God from completing the task at hand. As Romans 8:38-39 tells us, "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Being a Knights Templar has never been easy. It requires dedication and commitment. There are often obstacles in the path of accomplishing our goals. At times, the path seems too difficult to overcome. It is at these times that we need to reflect on that Easter morning. God's power was on display. He gave us the gift of eternal life. God's Love for us is so great and He stands with us in all our endeavors.

There are times when we might feel that the stones in our way are just too much for us to deal with. Don't back down from the tasks at hand. Don't make excuses for why things are not able to be accomplished. Trust in our Lord to guide us and lift us up to move those stones. It may not be easy. But, as the old saying goes, "If anything in life is worth doing, it is never easy".

Again, "HAPPY EASTER!" "Never forget that hallowed sacrifice on Calvary". Always remember that God loves you and may you always feel his tender embrace.

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