

## June 2021 Grand Prelates Reflection

Sir Knights;

As this reflection is being written, the sounds outside are deafening. The cicadas are in the process of holding their 17 year mating ritual. Scientists have pondered how the cicadas know that it is 17 years. Some have suggested that it might have something to do with the sap in the tree roots. In the end, scientists have to admit that they really don't understand why.

For many Christian denominations, they recognize the time after the Ascension as Pentecost. It is the time when the Spirit of God descended upon the disciples and sent them on the tasks that God had given them to do. It is an interesting time because it suggests that there is one definite time when God works in one way or another.

There are many folk that don't want to discuss Christmas until after Thanksgiving. Once December 25<sup>th</sup> has passed, Christmas is packed away with the garland and lights. The same thing happens with Easter and with all of the major events in the life of Jesus. There is a tendency to only think about them at certain times of the year. As we go to church each week, this can also be observed. Some act differently when they enter the church. They will tell you that it is the Lord's house and we need to act differently there.

In our Masonic journeys, perhaps we have experienced the same thing. Once we enter the Lodge, Chapter or Commandery, we might act a little differently than on the other side of the door. Once we leave the confines of the room, we change our actions.

The Spirit of God is in each one of us. It is there at all times and in all places. There is not a specific time that it will appear and then go away. That is not, in my belief, how God works in our lives. He is not a part time God. He is Omni-present. He is always present.

As Knights Templar, we are called to follow the example set forth by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Wherever he went in his ministry, he was fully present. He would give 100%. That was never clearer than his actions on the cross. The early Knights Templar knew that. In their communities, people knew who they were by their dress and actions. They did not live part time lives.

In living our lives, perhaps we should endeavor to live a bit more like the early Templars. Rather than being a Templar by putting on the uniform, let the actions in our daily lives show the world who we are. In the Christian hymn, "They will know we are Christians by our Love", we might extend that to stating, "They will know we are Templars by our Love". Remembering that, in all we do, the Spirit of God is there to guide us and lift us up.

As we listen to deafening sounds of the cicadas, let us be reminded to be always ready to fulfill the obligations we took at that altar. We may never know when we will be called upon to act.

Until next month, may God's Love be with each one of you. Peace!

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