

September 2021 Grand Prelates Reflection

Sir Knights;

Our world is changing so quickly. As this is being written, the United States Military is leaving a country they have been operating in for over twenty years. Positions on folk entering our country are changing and it appears that more and more folk are coming in. Our government's position on funding is changing on a daily basis. We continue to struggle with a pandemic that causes schools and business to change the way they are doing things.

Change can be a difficult thing. Many folk do not like the idea of change. It can lead to stress and, for many of us, continued gray hairs. There are those who relish in the idea of change. As we get older, most enjoy a life that does not see a whole lot of change. Some enjoy the same diets. Some enjoy watching the same programs on television. It is that "sameness" which keeps us going.

There is much to be said for "sameness". We know what to expect. Few of life's curve balls reach us and that is just fine. For many, we enjoy attending our masonic meetings because we know what to expect. That is great. We have many traditions, in the Knights Templar, which we hold on to. There is nothing wrong with that at all.

Does it mean that we should not change? No. Does it mean that we should change just because something new comes around? No. Does it mean that we should not pause and examine whether or not a change is necessary? That might be the case.

Two thousand years ago, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ came onto the scene. As he taught, he encouraged people to think in new ways. For many in the mainstream, that was problematic. It caused some problems and we know that it ultimately resulted in the death of Jesus. It needs to be pointed out that, without his death, there would have been no resurrection and ascension. There would have been no opportunity for salvation. In the case of our faith, change was absolutely necessary.

Jesus asked us to think in new and different ways. He taught us to face the world in ways that we might not ever have thought about. It can be challenging. It can be nerve wracking. At times, it can be downright scary. Does that mean that we should stand our ground and refuse to make any changes? As far as our faith goes, we know that is not the case. If that is not the case in our faith and we are challenged to live our lives through our faith, does that raise a question about how we ought to live our lives?

As we go about our daily lives, may we ask God for His guidance in all that we do? If changes in our lives are called for, may He give us the strength to face those challenges? After, all, His Son did that for us. Until next month, may God's Peace and Love be with you.

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