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February Knights



The last full week of February saw 15 Masons Knighted as Knights Templar. Baldwin Commandery No. 4 welcomed two new members on February 20, and thirteen were Knighted at the state-wide festival on February 23, 2019. Several of those will be joining the Southwest AR bodies, some are members at Hot Springs, and three went to Hugh de Payens. Many Sir Knights were there to help, but a huge "Thank You" goes to the Companions and Sir Knights of Hot Springs for hosting another festival; especially SKs David Ponder and Jacob Davis. Well done!!



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Greetings, Sir Knights:



**From the Apartments of the Grand
Prelate, Steven G. Tiner:**

It is indeed the greatest day of the Christian year. The empty tomb on Easter morning and the proclamation *Alleluia! Christ is risen!* define the essence of the Christian faith. This is the moment when Jesus the great teacher, Jesus the prophet, Jesus the healer, Jesus the worker of miracles, becomes—Jesus the Savior. Jesus becomes our Savior who defeats death and heralds the truth that there is life after this life.

Easter is the day when we proclaim that death could not hold Jesus. Rather, God loved Him and all of us so much that even after we nailed him to the cross, God raised him from the dead; and, we are promised that God will do the same for us.

But Easter is not just about what happened to Jesus two thousand years ago or what happens to us after we die. On Easter, we also celebrate that the resurrected Christ lives among us now, opening the tombs that we create for ourselves—the tombs of anger, despair, hatred, envy, violence, selfishness, and addiction. As Easter people, we are invited to love him, listen to him, follow him, and, in so doing, discover new lives of love, hope, meaning, and purpose.

What happened on Easter morning is happening still in the

everyday lives of those who follow Jesus.

You are precious in God's sight, you are loved more than you will ever know, and God will never let you go. Christ is risen! The world has changed forever and that is good news worth sharing. Happy Easter!



From the Grand Commander:

What an honor to have been nominated and elected to fill the position of the Grand Commander for the Grand Commandery of Arkansas. When I was first introduced into the York Rite it was only a dream that I would become the Grand Commander but now it is a reality. Thank each one of you for electing me to this high office. I will do my best to fulfill this obligation that has been afforded to me. I want to thank God for watching over me and keeping me in his hand.

Easter is fast approaching and I would like to encourage each Commandery to put on an Easter program this year, using this message from our Grand Prelate.

Again, thank you for all of your support and I promise to do the best that I can with the help of God and each one of you.

Yours in Christ,
Ronald Tucker
Grand Commander