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From the Apartments of the Grand Prelate - Easter 2020

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It had been three long days and three interminable nights. The Sanhedrin hoped against hope that the tomb would hold its prey. Pilate felt the shadow of doom on his soul. The soldiers who had done the dreadful deed doubtless discussed and debated in their barrack rooms the details of the past few days.

There was now a leprous spot in the universe where God's only-begotten and well-beloved Son had been tortured and entombed.

The universe held its breath for twenty four hours a day, for three stretched-out days, seventy-two never ending hours, minute after minute for some 4,320 minutes, second after second for 259,200 seconds. Still, that lifeless form lay cold and unmoving. Round and round the world spun on its ordained path.

The disciples drifted back to the Upper Room, scuttling down back alleys, terrified they might be recognized, arrested, and crucified themselves. All the time the body of the Son of God lay lifeless in the tomb, awaiting the appointed hour.

Then suddenly, untouched by human hands, the door of the cave rolled back. The tomb itself was ablaze with light from another world. Then a shining angel appeared and deliberately sat upon the stone.



With one wild shout of terror, the soldiers guarding the tomb took to their heels and fled. Silence settled on the scene.

It was Easter morning. You can almost smell the freshness of that cool Middle Eastern sunrise. The message given to those women who came to anoint His body, "go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead" (Matthew 28:7) is now our message as Sir Knights. Let us proclaim:

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!



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Greetings, Sir Knights:



Response to the Grand Prelate however he has allowed your Grand Commander to hold and Easter Message: Easter Service if so desired.

The Grand Prelate uses the time scale of hours and minutes on the Crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ. The time it took Jesus to die and then rise again to walk upon the earth again and speak to his Disciples, and ordering the Great Commission, to them saying go out into the world and preach the gospel Baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

What a story! The best story that has ever been told. Our Grand Prelate has used time for us to be able to distinguish how long it took for Christ to die and rise again, what a great example. This is the time for all to Worship our Lord and Savior.

The Grand Master of the Encampment has issued a General Order stating all Conclaves within the Jurisdictions cease all works,

However, M. W. David Bradley the Grand Master of Masonry in AR has issued an Edit stating all Masonic work will be cancelled until April the 20th. Therefore, no Masonic work will take place until then or until the Grand Master orders it. This is done in order to protect our Brethren during this time of the COVID-19 virus.

So, let's all take all precautions, remembering that the Church is in our hearts, not a brick and mortar building.

Celebrate Easter in your homes and in your hearts.

Yours in Christ,

Ronald Tucker
R.E.G.C.

Editor's note: As you know, there was no Grand Conclave in March, so obviously RESK Tucker is still our Grand Commander.