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From the Apartments of the Grand Prelate
Rev. Steven G Tiner
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I came across a historical article recently which told of engineers faced with a huge crevasse, extremely deep and over five hundred yards across. They rolled a huge cannon to one edge of the ravine, attached a thin cable to a cannonball, and fired it across the chasm to the other side.

It worked! Beginning with one thin cable stretched across that yawning fissure, a great bridge would eventually be constructed and then traversed by countless people through the years.

On Good Friday, Christ's darkest moment, He cried out, "My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?" In that very instant He was being hurled across a chasm – vast, infinitely wide, and impossibly deep. Because of the guilt and shame of our sin, He was thrust out and away from the presence of our holy God.

But on that resurrection morning our Jesus came out of the grave. With one "line" secured on earth, He ascended to His Father in the highest heaven. Where once there was only black distance and endless space, a majestic bridge now arches over the terrible depths: from hell to heaven, from despair to hope, from death to life, from eternal darkness to God's everlasting kingdom of light.

The bridge is complete. It may be narrow – eternal life comes through Jesus alone – but it is secure.

Christ has risen! He's risen on high! Hallelujahs fill all the skies. All creation joins in the cry. Christ is king, ever sing, of life overflowing!

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With the Approval of: S.K. Jeffrey N. Nelson
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Subject: 2021 Grand Encampment Easter Service
Sir Knights:

The 2021 Grand Encampment Easter Service will be held VIRTUALLY on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021, beginning at 11:00AM EDT. A ZOOM link for the 2021 Easter Service will be posted on the Grand Encampment website on Thursday, April 1, 2021 and Friday, April 2, 2021.
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Greetings, Sir Knights:



I hope this finds you well and safe. The last several months have been very difficult for all of us. And, I want to thank you for the trust and confidence you have placed in me as your Grand Commander. I also want to congratulate PGC Ron Tucker for his leadership during a very trying year. I know it created a lot of anxiety and stress and he handled it very well.

As I write this, the sun is shining, it's minus four and six inches of snow on the ground here in north central Arkansas and waiting on more snow tonight and tomorrow. It seems that Spring and Easter are so far away. I know they will be here and can not arrive too soon. This will be our second Easter under the cloud of the pandemic and hopefully our last. Keep warm thoughts of our family, friends, neighbors and loved ones that are no longer with us. It reminds us just how fragile life really is.

I pray that this will be a good year and soon we all can have face to face fellowship and try to get back to as normal as possible, but don't let your guard down just yet.

Celebrate Easter safely in small groups. Remember, safety first, safety always.

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

Paul Craig, REGC

