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## 2015-2016 TEXAS SUPPLEMENT

### To the Sir Knights of Texas, Greetings:

Easter is truly a time most of us reflect upon the **Lamb of God** who was sacrificed on an old rugged cross on **Calvary's** hill for a sinful world. The blood that He spilled out was for all of us as a means of cleansing each of us for our many sins. The act of nailing Jesus to the cross and placing Him in a borrowed tomb was not the end, but the beginning of a **New Life** on the **third day as He was resurrected from the tomb and ascended into heaven after 40 days**. This was the beginning of what Christians call the New Life-Eternal Life that all of us can experience.

Easter's true meaning during this time is related to what most people called the Passover. The founding of the term Easter came much later and it related to vernal festivals. The English term Easter is of pagan origin, and can account for the renewal and rebirth. It was to honor the pagan Saxon goddess Eastre. The meaning is for also the beginning of Spring with lovely flowers, bunnies and various pagan celebrations.

So many of us have reflected on both the pagan festivals as well as the Christian interpretations. **Today, millions of Christians recognize Easter as a time of honoring Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, his glorious triumph from the tomb, promising to all of us of eternal life for all who believe.**

In conclusion, may I wish each of you a Happy Easter on **March 27, 2016**. Enjoy the day with your family and friends, and remember to always thank God for sending Jesus Christ into the world to save each and everyone of us from the sins of the world that each of us may walk in His way, be filled with His Love, and know that we have a place at His right hand when we drop our working tools of life .

**ATTENTION:** The registration forms for the 163<sup>rd</sup> Grand Conclave that were sent via mail did not have the registration fee of \$10.00 on them. **If you use a form that does not have the registration fee on it, please include the said amount of \$10.00 when you return your form.** The form on the web page does have the fee on it. Thanks. Hope to see you in April 22-25 in Abilene at the Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas.

*Sincerely and Fraternally,*

*Jerry Pingle                      Grand Commander 2015-2016*

## EASTER MESSAGE

**"And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said . Come, see the place where the Lord lay."**                      **Matthew 28:5-6 KJV**

The significance of the **Resurrection** is that it did not end with the empty tomb. We do not say "Christ was risen," as though it happened long ago and that's it. We say "**Christ is risen!**" The action continues for us today.

When we allow the saving action of **Jesus Christ** to enter into our lives, things change. We are able to live in view of Christ's promise that one day we will rise from the dead and that we will have eternal life. We believe and recognize that the continued action of the Risen Christ brings us a new energy, a new excitement, a new desire for what is good, and holy and right, and just, even when in our everyday lives we continue to experience difficulties or disappointments. As a result of having the Risen Christ in our hearts, our lives are no longer dull, ordinary, or even worse. Through faith in the saving power of Jesus Christ and his death and resurrection, our lives are filled with joy, and courage, and real hope. We realize that we are not alone in what we need to do every day. Jesus, the Risen Christ shows himself to us. Just to have a sight, a sound, or a taste of his living presence is all we need to keep us going.

As we celebrate this Easter, the joyful observance that continues to impact and change our lives, we as Christians search for the same truth. As it says in the Gospel, "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said." Jesus, Our Risen Savior, teaches us that he will raise us up and he urges us to raise up others through our prayers and our good works done in his name.

**"Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate  
Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen  
Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing  
Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty  
Christ is Risen: Indeed from the dead,  
The first of the sleepers,  
Glory and power are his forever and ever"      St. Hippolytus (AD 190-236)**  
*This message was prepared by Sir Knight Judge Risley-Grand Prelate*

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