

**The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas**  
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Subject: Ascension Day Message (Thursday, May 25, 2017)

To: The Grand Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Officers and Members of the Constituent Commanderies of Texas.

What a glorious account is recorded in the Bible about the ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ! We read about this in Luke 24:50-53.

After Jesus had opened the minds of his Disciples by having a meal with them and saying to them, "...here are my hands and my feet. Why are you troubled, are you still doubting I am the Christ? Touch me to remove your doubts." There are many times that our doubts crowd in upon us, and we lose sight of the objective. Christ asks us to focus upon the task at hand and we fail to grasp the true meaning of remaining faithful to our fellow Knights.

Can you imagine how startled the disciples were, when being locked in a room, and suddenly the Master appeared and asked, "...do you have anything to eat?" What would you have thought if it happened to you today? Would your reaction be the same as the Disciples? I can only imagine what mine would have been- amazed!

After this all happened in the locked room, Jesus led them out on the road to Bethany, and while on the road, He lifted up His hands and blessed them. While He was blessing them, Jesus departed from them by being taken up into Heaven. The Disciples then worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem praising God.

What a good time for us to stop and praise our risen Savior, who does all things well. All we have is His and all we are is because He made us well. Let us meditate upon those verses in the Word to accomplish the objectives which lie before us.

This message was prepared by Sir Knight E. Dixon Toney, Grand Prelate 2017-2018

This General Order is to be read aloud at the next Stated Conclave following its receipt and the action noted by the Recorder in the minutes with a copy attached thereto.

Fraternally,

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