

**The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas**  
**Office of the Grand Commander**  
**Amarillo, Texas**  
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**GENERAL ORDER NO. 8, SERIES 2020-2021**

Subject: Easter Day Message (Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021)

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

Greetings, Sir Knights:

“HAVE FAITH EVERY DAY”

Sir Knights, Easter is upon us again, and I hope and pray that it will be a day filled with family and friends, old and new. Easter is important, for it marks Christ’s resurrection.

Our faith has been tested over and over again in 2020, and now 2021. It is our faith that has guided us and kept us intact during these difficult times, unprecedented in recent history. This was made possible through Christ’s sacrifice.

1 Peter 3:18

*“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.”*

Easter Sunday marks the day when Jesus rose from the dead, symbolizing the renewal of faith and providing hope for eternal life. It shows us that He conquered sin and death. He is the only Son of God, who, through his resurrection, brings us closer to our God. Easter also gives us peace, restores our souls, mends our brokenness and helps us to conquer our struggles, especially when we are overwhelmed.

Our faith, Sir Knights, should be about setting aside our doubts, and knowing that we are not broken in His eyes, through His love for us, and through the light of the world that is Jesus.

Luke 24:50-53

*“And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.”*

This Easter let us remember Christ’s sacrifice, strengthen our faith in Him, and treat everyone with kindness and love. We can face uncertain days with the conviction that, greater is He that is in us, than he that is in the world. We can repeat with Paul that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that will be revealed in us, surely goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our life. We can be confident that our God shall supply all our needs according to His riches in glory.

Sir Knights, let us celebrate Easter while we are ever mindful of His sacrifice and resurrection. So, enjoy your time with family and friends, and say a prayer for our fraternity, our nation, our military, frontline workers, and everyone. God bless you all.

As Jesus taught us, The Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever, amen.

This message was prepared by Sir Knight Alberto Urbina, Excellent Grand Prelate.

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 and in His name,

*Gary H. Freedman*

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Grand Commander

Attest:

*Jerry N. Kirby*

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Grand Recorder

