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**GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

Sir Knights:

Today is the anniversary of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is an important day to Christians everywhere, for it is Christianity's climactic day. No other day is so important to Christianity as this day. Without the resurrection of Christ our worship would be senseless and meaningless. We would be worshipping a dead Christ. The last day of the week was celebrated as

the Jewish Sabbath. This was kept by Jesus and His disciples until Christ rose from the dead on the first day of the week, which fact brought about the celebration of the first day of the week as the Christian Sabbath. Every Sunday should be an Easter Sunday to remind us that Christ is risen, that He is alive. Christianity centers in the living Christ.

I have often asked myself the question, why do more people attend church on Easter Sunday than on any other two Sundays in the Christian year? Perhaps it is because they yearn for light on what lies beyond these days upon the earth. Judging from their experience in attending public worship at other times, they know there is usually little or nothing about life everlasting. But they feel that on Easter Sunday only an artful dodger could fail to voice the Easter Hope: *The Resurrection of the Dead, The Immortality of the soul, and The Life Everlasting.* That is what Easter is all about.

The resurrection is the difference between Christianity and all other religions. Christianity would be no more than any other religion if there had been no resurrection. The founders of all pagan religions went to their graves, and their bodies disintegrated into dust. Only Christ broke asunder the bands of death, because as the eternal Son of God He could not be held by such chains as death and the grave. The fact of the resurrection is that life-giving quality which gives the Christian faith dynamic, and sets it in a class of its own.

We believe in the resurrection of Christ, not as an eye witness, but because we believe in the Scriptures. More than that, many of us have experienced it our lives and can say:

"He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives; He lives within my heart."  
May each of you, this Easter Sunday, experience that inner resurrection which is essential to that life beyond the grave in glory as you come to know the Christ of the resurrection, "Whom to know is to have life everlasting." Happy Easter!  
Best wishes to each of you.

Courteously and Fraternaly thine, Raleigh C. Foster Grand Commander

**MESSAGE FROM ARIUS HOLBROOK DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER**

Sir Knights,

I would like to request a concerted and unified effort at a Commonwealth wide fundraiser for our Eye Foundation. In Whitesburg, we have been quite successful with roadblocks. Several knights in uniform select a well-traveled intersection and hold a bucket in one hand, and brochures explaining our philanthropy in the other. As drivers stop for a traffic signal, we pass out the literature and explain the need. By meeting with our local Wal-Mart prior to the event, we are able to obtain matching funds for whatever is collected. Our best success has occurred on Saturday mornings between 9 A.M. and noon.

Bill Lile will supply the literature to be passed out. I would like to suggest that everyone who can possibly participate dedicate a few hours on Saturday, May 2, for this endeavor. Kentucky is near the top of the list of Commanderies providing benefits for indigents who need help, let's make an effort to gain the top of the list in our contributions.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Louisville DeMolay Commandery # 12 will hold its annual memorial service in conjunction with its Past Commanders night on Tuesday, May 19. All members, wives, widows, and friends are cordially invited to a catered dinner at 6:30 P. M. in their asylum on Gardiner Lane. Past Grand Commander G. Michael Miller, Sr. will present the memorial service and Recorder William F. Lile will present longevity certificates to all who have earned them. The service will begin promptly at 7:30 P.M. All are welcome.

**UNITY CLASS**

Petitions are coming in for the state-wide York Rite Shrine class to be held at the Louisville Scottish Rite Temple on Saturday, July 18, and a very large class is anticipated. If additional blank petitions are required, send me a note at [jbhitt@att.net](mailto:jbhitt@att.net) and I'll send a form out immediately. We'll begin at 8 A.M. with the Mark Master Degree, conclude the Order of the Temple by 4 P.M., host a cold sands ceremonial beginning at 4:30 and conclude with a banquet at 7 P.M. at Kosair Shrine Temple. Lunch and dinner is free for candidates, cast, and wives. Total cost for the entire York Rite is \$100 including dues til December 31. Total cost for the Shrine is \$100 including dues til December 31 and an embroidered fez. Plan to join us.