

Masonic Happenings in The Magnolia State



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(Belated Easter Message)

A Risen Christ

Christian proclamation knows only one Lord – Jesus, the crucified and resurrected Lord. All that the Christian church knows, believes, and preaches depends on faith in the resurrection. As Paul, the first to tell of the resurrection, writes, “**And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins**” (1st Corinthians 15:17 KJV).

The disciples had confessed Jesus as the Messiah before the resurrection, but the catastrophe of the crucifixion shattered their confessions, and we see them betraying, deserting, and denying Jesus. Without Easter there is no message from or for the Christian church. It was the risen Lord who rescued the disciples from their aimless wanderings, who restored their crushed faith, and who rejuvenated their hopeless spirits.

The resurrection of Christ means that we have a faith that is not futile, but rather a faith with a future. Remember Friday; it seemed then that all was lost. Consider the specifics of that day. We hear crowds crying out, “Crucify!” and soldiers mocking, “He saved others but he can’t save himself.” We hear a prisoner jeering, “Save yourself – and us!” and an innocent, loving man saying that he is thirsty. He questions why God has forsaken him at a time like this, and then he finally declares that his work is finished. A couple of friends bury the lifeless body of one who had taught about life, love, truth, and goodness. It did, in fact, seem finished. Life had no meaning or justice. Death had overcome life, darkness had overwhelmed the light, the lie had eclipsed the truth, hate had overthrown love, evil had vanquished goodness. There was no hope in that kind of world.

But all that changed when they viewed the empty tomb. The truth of Christ’s resurrection was made known to all the world then and now.

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SCHEDULE FOR JOINT SESSIONS OF GRAND CHAPTER RAM, GRAND COUNCIL R&SM, & GRAND COMMANDERY K.T. OF MISSISSIPPI

Thursday May 7	10:00 A.M. – Registration – all bodies 11:30 AM – Lunch – Hotel Restaurant by Ladies Committee 12:30 P.M.– Grand Council opens Annual Assembly Grand Chapter Opens for reception of guests Grand Chapter closes 2:30 P.M. – Grand Council – election of officers – Council closes – Pictures 3:00 P.M. – Grand Chapter Opens Annual Conclave 4:00 P.M. – Grand Chapter – Labor to Refreshment 4:15 P.M. – Confer Thrice Illustrious Master’s Degree 5:15 P.M. – Confer Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest 6:30 P.M. – Dinner – on your own at local restaurants 8:00 P.M. – KYCH Mississippi Priory #36 – install candidates
Friday May 8	7:00 A.M. – Red Cross meeting – (following free breakfast for registered Hotel Guests) 7:30 A.M. – Registration – all bodies 8:00 A.M – Grand Chapter – Refreshment to Labor Reception of Guests – (not previously received) 10:30 AM – Grand Chapter – election of officers – Chapter closes – Pictures 11:00 AM – Confer Order of High Priesthood 11:30 AM – Lunch – Hotel Restaurant by Ladies Committee 12:30 PM – Commandery Religious Service 1:30 PM – Grand Commandery convenes 3:00 PM – Grand Commandery adjourns 3:15 PM – Confer Knight Preceptor 7:00 PM – Banquet
Saturday May 9	7:00 AM – KYCH meeting – (following free breakfast for registered Hotel Guests) 8:30 AM – Commandery reconvenes – Election of Officers. 9:30 AM – Grand Commandery adjourns 9:45 AM – Joint Installation of all Grand Officers – Pictures 11:30 AM – Grand Commandery Reconvenes 12:00 AM – Adjourn Commandery

Hotel breakfast – free for all registered guests, \$8.00 for non-registered guests.
Dinner (Thursday night only) – on your own at local restaurants (Logan’s, Applebee’s, Cracker Barrel, etc.)
Committee reports – (except Financial & Necrology) – preprinted in handouts for review prior to sessions & vote to accept in one single motion.....do not read each one.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 2 - Congressional School at J. A. Mayfield Lodge #165, Amory, at 8:30 A. M.
May 7-9 - Grand Chapter, RAM, Council, R & SM, and Commandery KT of Mississippi Joint Annual Meetings at the Drury Inn & Suites, Meridian, MS.
May 16 - Congressional School at Clarksdale Lodge #286 at 8:30 A. M.
May 28 - Mark, Past and Most Excellent Master degrees, Meridian. 6:30 P. M.
May 30 - St. Jude, Red Cross of Constantine Conclave, Meridian, 3:30 P. M.