

# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida



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## GRAND PRELATE'S EASTER MESSAGE

For Christians, the reality of a risen Savior is nonnegotiable. We may, for intellectual stimulation, discuss and agree to disagree on the location of the Red Sea, opened up for Moses and the children of Israel, for example.

All other facts can, by rights, be the subject of amicable disagreement. However, Christians may NOT question the reality that Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World, died on a cross that day, died, and on the third day, walked out of his tomb under his own power. That cornerstone is the foundation of our faith, and to question it is to question the legitimacy of Christianity. Paul wrote that "If Christ be not risen, then my faith is in vain" (I Corinthians 15:14). The primary message of Easter is not the renewal of spring. It is not the annual belief that Easter signals the arrival of plants or the Easter Bunny. The most important message of Easter is to be able to identify and put to use the magnificent power it took to bring Jesus back to life. Yes, it is crucial to accept the results of that resurrection, for that is where our salvation comes from. Romans 10:9 says that if we shall confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus Christ, and believe in our heart that God has raised him from the dead, we shall be saved.

But, what of this power? What use does it have, other than saving souls? All you have to do to understand that, especially here in Florida, is to think back just a few years ago, to the last time your local power company lost its power. There really are only three reasons that power goes off at my home.

The most obvious reason for me losing my power is not paying the debt that is required to maintain my service. In my worldly perspective, this means that if I don't pay the electric bill, they will eventually remove my right to use power until the bill is paid. God's electric bill is simple. As I just stated in Romans 10:9, all that need be done in order to have an eternal supply of God's power is to confess Jesus as Lord, and then to believe in our heart (not our head) that God raised him from the dead.

Secondly, power can be disrupted because the panel box or other distribution device is not capable of handling the amount of power coming into the house, OR not supplying enough power to the house. We have one circuit breaker that constantly goes off whenever the microwave oven is going, if other appliances try to run at the same time. When that happens, it is not making effective use of power in our home, because areas of our home have to go without power for short periods of time. What areas of your life have to be put in standby in those times when circumstances demand that spiritual power be "rerouted"? Wouldn't you better be able to distribute power if there were a larger supply of spiritual power? An eternal supply is available through God and his son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Finally, as we in Florida know, power sometimes is lost because it is incapable of withstanding the storms of life. The difference between those who restored power quickly, and those who waited weeks for the restoration of power during the hurricanes of a few years ago, is largely seen in the extent to which their utility providers were prepared in advance, and the degree to which each homeowner took precautions before hurricane season.

As a Pastor, I witness church members and visitors trying hard to gain more knowledge about the Holy Spirit, and I often wonder if they are ready for the storms that are quite capable of coming into their lives. Do they REALLY understand the true message of Easter? Fraters, I encourage you to seek the power of a risen Lord this Easter season. As the spiritual leaders of your home, you should maintain a spiritual life that is disciplined enough to get you and your family through the storms that will surely come. Take this Easter to celebrate that power that it took to bring Jesus back to life, and use that same power to energize your spiritual batteries, and maintain your family's spiritual health as well.

In HIS Service,

Rev. Daniel L. Williams, Grand Prelate  
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