

Delaware Supplement

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Fraters,

I would first ask that you keep in your Prayers our Frater, Sir Knight Michael Pizzola, who had to resign his leadership positions throughout the Craft due to health reasons. I commend him for his courage and honor to formally resign his positions, not an easy but a necessary task, if you know this valiant Knight let him know we are there for him and his family, if you do not, keep him in your prayers as well as all those whom are sick and afflicted.

The second thing I must address is the challenge I set forth in April to you and myself. My report is really lackluster, my ability to sit in devotion has thus far eluded me, I have managed a few days, alas not 40 consecutive days have I met. However, I am still determined to meet this challenge and will continue to report my progress with you. I will say even though I have not yet met the challenge, I have found a closer desire to seek inspiration from our Lord, even referencing the scriptures more, and trying to live a better Christian life and enjoying it. I hope your endeavors prove the same or better.

May 10th is the feast of the Ascension of Our Lord. Let us take some time and reflect on the work Our Lord did while he walked this earth first as a man clothed in our own mortality, subject to every weakness we can be afflicted with, but yet transverses without the stain of sin. To his ministry wherein he showed the way to walk and act, then to the start of His Passion, where the sins of the world were placed upon his shoulders, the Agony in the garden of Gethsemane, where I believe Our Blessed Lord suffered for the mentally sick, those whose minds suffer from the effects of long repressed sin and doubt, to his arrest and scourging at the pillar and his crucifixion where the blood penalty of sin was paid.

This was Evil's Greatest hour, for in this hour on Good Friday, Good was killed, never again could Evil have such a triumph, Moses once raised a Brazen serpent in a crotch of a tree and caused Israel to look upon that serpent to be saved from the serpents poisoning the people. This was a Type of what was to come in Our Lord Jesus Christ, for although the brazen serpent was made to look like the serpents attacking Israel yet, there was no poison in it and with faith, all those who looked upon it were saved from the poison. Such is True of our Lord, he was made to look like the Evil sinner, but there was no sin in Him and in the span of three day his body rested entombed in a borrowed grave, then on the third day, He rose Triumphantly from the bounds of death, both body and soul forever united and came forth, living and Glorified. What began in ignominious defeat, became a Glorious Victory. Our Living Lord walked this earth for 40 days and taught until the earthly days were accomplished. Then to his Father's side he ascended, which he so pointedly told Mary Magdalene. My Father and your Father, My God and Your God, He laid the ground work that we continue to this day. All we have to do, is to exercise our Faith and look upon that tree and try everyday to live up to that example that was set so long ago and maybe we too can be saved from that poison.

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