

March 2018

Sir Knight:

It is at this time of year that we begin to see renewal and rebirth in the physical world. We are also reminded of the blessing of Easter. Each one of us is blessed by that moment.

We so easily talk about blessing without fully understanding the “blessing of a blessing”. When somebody sneezes we quickly say “God bless you”; when somebody annoys us, the phrase “Bless his little heart” comes out.

In the book of Genesis, Chapter 27, when Isaac was ready to die, he pronounced a blessing on his son, Jacob: *Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine: Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed be everyone that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.*”

In order to receive the blessing of God, one must prepare themselves to receive a blessing. Prepare your heart and mind; prepare ye the way of the Lord; but perhaps a renewal of our faith that He will bless us for His name's sake, not for our own intrinsic worth or value, is the best preparation.

I ask that our upcoming year be blessed; that we may lighten the burden of others, and that others may come to a better understanding of the Living Christ. May we work together under his Divine Provincial Eye and may our time spent this year be pleasing to our Lord and Savior.

Going forward in this upcoming chivalric year, be reminded that we also celebrate 900 years of Templary, as well that we are Men, Christians and Templars. Your words and deeds represent to others how you define a Man, a Christian and a Masonic Knight Templar. Be ever mindful of these three.

Yours in Christ,
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Grand Commander

Non nobis, Domine, non nobis, sednominatio da gloriam!

Calendar Of Events

“Commit Your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established”

Proverbs 16:3

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| March 03 | Annual Conclave, Toms River, NJ |
| March 04 | Grand Commanders Church Service, Toms River, NJ |
| March 09 | Grand Commandery of Delaware, Wilmington, DE |
| March 15 | Helena Commandery Templar Feast, Mt. Holly, NJ |
| March 24 | NJ Council of Deliberation, Bordentown, NJ |
| March 25 | Palm Sunday, Global |
| March 29 | Maundy Thursday, Global |
| March 30 | Good Friday, Global |
| March 31 | Holy Saturday, Global |
| March 31 | Grand Encampment Banquet, Alexandria, VA |

Matthew 5: 1-12 The Beatitudes

Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to Him, ²and He began to teach them, saying:

³*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

⁴*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

⁵*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*

⁶*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they will be filled.*

⁷*Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown mercy.*

⁸*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*

⁹*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the sons of God.*

¹⁰*Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

¹¹*Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*