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Greetings Sir Knights all.

As we enter into June we have observed Memorial Day. Let us reflect on those who laid down their lives so as to give us the living a future and to our posterity.

This day was known as Decoration Day and was first observed nationally in 1868 to honor fallen Union soldiers. The idea came from a Mrs. Mary Williams to strew the graves of Civil War soldiers, Union and Confederate, with flowers well before a National Observance was declared.

We now still "decorate" the graves of our fallen in honor and remembrance.

Let us reflect on those blessings and honor all who have passed by the continuance of laying down a future to those who are coming behind us....

In Knightly Service, S.K. Richard J. Phillips, REGC of Maine