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To: All Subordinate Commanderies within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the Philippines.
From: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the Philippines
Date: March 7, 2024
Subject: Easter Observance

SK Eminent Commanders,

For the 1st quarter of the year, all subordinate Commanderies in this jurisdiction will be leading the monthly meetings of their York Rite Bodies. Coincidentally, the month of March will culminate the Lenten season of the Christian faith.

In line with this, I am encouraging all Knights Templar to attend your Conclave this month and participate in the Easter Observance. The ritual will be posted in our Grand York Rite Website together with this circular and my Easter message.

The Easter Observance can be performed during your March meeting or virtually as recommended in the ritual. Kindly document this event for submission to our Grand Editor in Chief.

I have instructed our Committee on Hospitaler to superintend the Easter Observance for a wider execution.

I am also taking this opportunity to thank SK Giovanni Villegas, SK Elmer Astudillo and SK Orlino Pacioles Jr. who have been supporting us to update the Rituals for the Christmas, Easter and soon the Ascension Observances.

Happy Easter Sir Knights!

Courteously,


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RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE EASTERTIDE 2024

My Fraternal Greetings to All the Sir Knights in this Grand Jurisdiction and Other Grand Jurisdictions throughout the World.

In commemorating the Eastertide, it is but fitting to assess ourselves and likewise take into heart the Christian ideals and traditions. Primarily, it is the passionate celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the very foundation of the Christian faith itself.

Easter is still the most important holiday for Christians of whatever religious sect or denomination. We Masonic Knights Templar also consider it the same way, which is why our traditional observance of Easter somehow resembles those of the Churches.

Today, we are joined together in the spirit of victory through the Resurrection of Christ. The glory of Easter gives us all a profound message of hope in the midst of suffering and an assurance of triumph over adversity. We hope that Easter would guide Filipinos in pursuit of "shared aspirations" for a better and safer future for all.

I trust that the promise of salvation will inspire us to look ahead for new beginnings and move forward with stronger faith and compassion for others.

In behalf of the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar of the Philippines, I wish you all Sir Knights and your families a happy Easter...


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Right Eminent Grand Commander
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