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Supreme Grand Master's Easter Message 2022

Sir Knights,

Let us open our hearts, as Easter is upon us.

As your Supreme Grand Master, I ask that all Sir Knights, as Christian Masons, join with me and rejoice in the unique knowledge and understanding we share within our fraternity and brotherhood. For it is the time to reconnect in-person with loved ones and fellow Masons.

Unfortunately, with the last two years of social distancing and the resultant closing of all social venues, including our preceptories and churches, many of us have become isolated and distant. In many more cases, we have lost loved ones and Masonic Brothers who were an integral part of our lives.

However, after two years of demoralizing fear and physical separation due to the pandemic threats and restrictions, I definitely feel that in the air there is a hope and desire for renewal, for rebirth.

There certainly appears to be a light at the end of the tunnel. Not only is there a rising of the spirit all around us but a renewal of the heart.

In this manner, let us continue with a show of the faith that there exists a spiritual bond amongst all of us, a spiritual bond which has sustained us through our darkest moments.

We must also continue to have faith in the words spoken around the world at Easter: "Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!"

During this time of annual rebirth and renewal, we must never forget that Christ's ultimate sacrifice signaled to the world that a shining light will come forward. The fact that Easter coincides with the coming of spring and all that is good and fertile across our land is not by pure coincidence. Christ's sacrifice is in its simplest terms an eternal sign of hope and future expectations.

This ultimate feat of human sacrifice was made willingly and without reservation. Jesus, as a man, possessed the wisdom to realize what had to be done to save the world.

The underlying message of Easter has always been the same: Only through a selfless love and humane commitment to our fellow man will we overcome the despair and grief experienced around the world.

Sir Knights, I pray that the spiritual knowledge and understanding, which we possess within our minds and souls, will help us all to muster the necessary strength to renew in a meaningful way.

I also pray that you will gain strength in this hidden wisdom and ascend to that higher level, which is within our grasp. It is a true spiritual level that will sustain one and all as we move beyond the remaining crisis.

I also hope and pray that those knights who are capable of reaching out to their fellow knights will continue to do so. Let us continue to demonstrate to all mankind that our Brotherhood is strong and good. Let us encourage those who have perhaps lost their way to come back to our assemblies and rituals.

Let us also continue to demonstrate a Christian Masonic kindness and goodness to our fellow man. Let us rejoice in our fraternity and be an example to the world. Let us share our collective wisdom and demonstrate publicly the bonds that bind us together.

Let us also use this time to reflect upon what Christian Masonry means and to strategize how, as a Christian Masonic Order, we may move forward with renewed vigor and vitality. Just how can we attract further good men towards our spirituality and brotherhood? Just how can we show relevance to a rapidly-changing world and to counter the dividedness, which currently exists in every corner of the world.

Finally, in lasting memory of all Sir Knights who have gone before us, I hope and pray that all remain safe and healthy as we move to open up and once again return to in-person assemblies. Together, I am certain that the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada and all of Christian Masonry will overcome this current crisis and thrive through our belief of the Holy Trinity and the spiritual bond which unites us.

Yours in the Bonds of the Order.

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