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To the Officers and Knights of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Tennessee, and to the Officers and Knights of the Constituent Commanderies thereof:

Sir Knights,

“For I would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him... For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.” (I Thess. 4:13-18)

As we approach Holy Week and remember the sacrifice of our Lord, we know that the story did not end at the grave. We know that after three days he burst the bands of death, and ascended with triumphant majesty to sit at the right hand of the Father. This truth gives us Hope. Hope for our own salvation, and hope for the Resurrection of the Dead. As Christians, we miss those we lose to death but we do not sorrow in the sense of hopelessness. We are taught that, as Christ rose, so will we rise. Death is not the end.

The ancient Christians greeted each other with the phrase, “the Lord is risen,” which was answered by, “He is risen indeed!” Let us gather together at some convenient time and engage in appropriate activities, to remember not only the sacrifice of our Saviour from sin and death, but the Truth of the Resurrection and Eternal Life. As we celebrate this most holy time of year, let us share that truth with a world living in sorrow and darkness, and longing for hope and light.

Courteously,

Robert B. Beam
RE Grand Commander