



# IDAHO KNIGHTLY NEWS

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## Editor's Note

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## Upcoming Events:

Oregon Grand York Rite..... Apr 9-11  
Idaho Grand York Rite..... Apr 16-18  
Washington Grand York Rite ..... May 7-9  
Montana Grand York Rite ..... Jun 4-6  
Colorado Grand York Rite..... Sep 10-12  
Wyoming Grand York Rite..... Sep 17-19

## An Easter Message

By Barry E. Newell

As we approach sacred days of Holy Week , we are invited once more to walk a path both ancient and eternal - a journey that leads from shadow into light. For those who

look to the traditions of our Christian knighthood, this week is not merely a remembrance of past events. It is a living call to embody the virtues of the Order in a world that is often in need of them.

The Templar ideal is about devotion (to God, to brotherhood, and to a higher moral calling). The medieval Templar was not simply a warrior, but a guardian of the light: one who stood firm amid darkness, who upheld truth when it was challenged, and who lived as a visible testament to faith in action. In this, the spirit of Templary finds its fullest expression during Holy Week.

We begin in solemn reflection. The events commemorated during this sacred time remind us that darkness is not an abstract concept, but a reality that has always confronted humanity. Yet, just as the ancient knights stood vigilant at the thresholds of the holy places, so too are we called to stand watch in our own time: to be present where there is doubt, to be steadfast where there is fear, and to be a source of light where shadows gather.

In an age often marked by division, confusion, and the erosion of shared values, the call to unity becomes ever more urgent.

Holy Week reminds us that even in the face of betrayal and abandonment, His Holy Mission did not falter. The light was not extinguished, and so, we are challenged to rise above the fractures of our own time: to reject cynicism, to resist the temptation toward bitterness, and instead to cultivate a spirit of brotherhood and reconciliation.

Unity, however, is not passive. It requires intention. It demands that we see beyond superficial differences and recognize the deeper bonds that connect us - bonds of shared humanity, shared purpose, and, for those of faith, a shared divine origin. The Templar tradition speaks to this in its emphasis on fraternity: a brotherhood not defined by convenience, but by commitment. To stand united is not merely to agree, but to stand together even when agreement is difficult, to uphold one another in times of trial, and to remain anchored in a common pursuit of the good.

Yet Holy Week does not end in darkness. It leads us, inevitably and gloriously, to the dawn of Easter.

The Resurrection stands at the center of the Christian mystery as the ultimate triumph of light over darkness, life over death, hope over despair. It is not only a historical or theological event, but a continuous reality: a reminder that no matter how deep the night, it does not have the final word. Dawn comes. Light returns. Life is renewed.

For those who would carry forward the Templar spirit, Easter is both a celebration and a charge. It calls us not only to rejoice, but to rise and become living reflections of the light we proclaim. Just as the empty tomb signifies transformation, so too must we be transformed: renewed in

purpose, strengthened in faith, and recommitted to the ideals we profess.

To be a light in the darkness is no small task. It requires courage: the courage to stand apart when necessary, to speak truth with clarity and charity, and to act with integrity even when it is difficult. It requires humility, recognizing that the light we bear is not our own, but something entrusted to us. It requires perseverance, for the work of bringing light into the world is not accomplished in a single moment, but through a lifetime of quiet, consistent action.

In this sense, the journey to Easter is also our own journey. We all encounter moments of darkness, times of uncertainty, loss, or trial. Yet we are not left without guidance. The path has been marked before us. The example has been given. And the promise remains that light is not overcome by darkness, but overcomes it.

As we reflect on these sacred days, let us ask ourselves what it truly means to live as bearers of that light. It is not found in grand gestures alone, but in the everyday acts of kindness, justice, and faith that shape our lives and the lives of those around us. It is found in choosing unity over division and in standing firm in our convictions while remaining open in our hearts.

The world does not need more noise, more conflict, or more division. It needs light. It needs men willing to embody that light, to carry it into dark places, and to share it freely without expectation of reward.

This is the enduring call of Holy Week and the triumph of Easter. This is the legacy of those who came before us. And this is the charge laid upon us now.

Let us rise to meet it, Sir Knights!