

Knighly News Easter Message April

Dear brothers Knights:

What a happy, beautiful time of the year we're in. Springtime is a wonderful time for renewal: tree blossoms bud, flowers bloom, baby animals are born, and the days are longer and brighter. Yes, we have had some dark days this year with the continuing Covid virus and the Russian attack on Ukraine. But nothing can take away the love, joy and hope we have in Christ through his life, death, and resurrection.

How suitable Our Lord's resurrection happened in the springtime. Jesus, after his most horrible suffering and death, rose from the dead like a seed planted in the earth flowering, like a butterfly emerging from a caterpillar cocoon. He did it all for us so we could have a loving relationship with God, so we could have new life. Easter is a source of renewal: the most important day of the year for all people.

How important is the resurrection? If there was no resurrection, we would only have Christ's death which becomes meaningless. If Christ hasn't been raised from the dead, then our Christian faith is useless, we're liars, like false witnesses at court; we're still dead in our sins. If Jesus hasn't risen from the dead, then we're of all people most to be pitied without joy, without hope. The first Christians were Jews who believed the resurrection was so important they changed their day of worship (Sabbath) they had kept from the time of Moses from Saturday to Sunday. Every Sunday we now celebrate as a little Easter.

The renewal in nature is like the new life we have in our hearts from Christ's Resurrection. Some people say the Church never changes, is trapped in the past, is dead. The Church is always being renewed by the Holy Spirit inwardly and outwardly. We're especially renewed, recreated at Sunday Masses through the year, at Christmas and during this Easter season ending in Pentecost. At Mass, we receive the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord who is truly present. The Holy Spirit is working in our hearts to make us like Christ, new creations.

Our job is to co-operate with the graces offered us to live a new life, to renew the world as we share Christ by evangelizing through our love, words and actions, working for peace and justice for all. But our renewal doesn't stop with this life. We have the hope of following Christ in his resurrection after our death to be with him forever in heaven together with loved ones who have gone before us.

Happy Easter! I pray for all of you and for your families, wishing you a joyful, peaceful Easter in our risen Lord. God bless you all. He has risen indeed!
Alleluia!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Edwin Kulling

