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## 2021-2022 GRAND COMMANDERY OF TEXAS MONTHLY MESSAGE

**APRIL**

### Greetings Sir Knights

My journey through the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas line has come to an end. When I first started this endeavor, I believed 10 years would take forever. However, time goes by faster than most of us want it to do and I now find myself preparing for our Grand Conclave in Waco.

I cannot express enough my appreciation for the kindness and support the Sir Knights of Texas has given to me over these years. I have made life-long friendships with so many of our Masons. I have had the opportunity to go to places in our great state that I wouldn't have considered visiting before I joined this Grand Line. I have had fellowship with hundreds of Sir Knights whom I proudly consider my friends.

I have learned more about being a Knight Templar from the interactions and visitations with our Sir Knights at their asylums and functions across our state. I am very proud of our fraternity and the work that we do as Christian Masons. I thank each Sir Knight of Texas for helping to make me a better man and Knight Templar.

God Bless each and every one of you. I wish success and prosperity in all of your endeavors in keeping this fraternity alive and growing to ensure future generations have the honor of being bestowed a Knight of the Grand Commandery of Texas.



*Ronnie Wilson* Grand Commander 2021 – 2022





Happy Easter,

It's that wonderful time of the year when we Celebrate the Death of our Almighty, Glorious and Blessed JESUS.

My Message to the Sir Knights and their Families this this Easter, through the symbolism of the "Crown of Thorns".

May you always imitate the Virtues of the Immaculate JESUS, who died that you might LIVE!



## **What Is the Meaning Behind Jesus' Crown of Thorns?**

Most of the time when we hear the word crown, we think of luxury and nobility. The glamorous accessory that pops into our minds includes gold, silver, and precious gems. We can even find ourselves dreaming about what it would be like to wear one or to hold a position that would earn one. However, Jesus' crown of thorns was a different story. The most basic of materials wrapped around in the shape of a circle only to be pressed into His holy head.

A crown is a symbol of royalty and honor, but the crown of thorns was created with the opposite intent. The goal was to humiliate and dishonor Jesus, to cause Him pain, and make Him bleed. As horrible as His death on the cross must have been, I cannot even imagine getting through the excruciating pain of having thorns shoved into my skull.

## **What Does Jesus' Crown of Thorns Mean?**

This crown of thorns was a way for the Romans to make a mockery out of Jesus as King. This form of punishment was full of humiliation and hatred. Notice how Jesus took the hurt and the shame on our behalf. He could have stopped this and put them to shame, but He chose to endure for the sake of salvation to the world.

After Jesus' sham trials and subsequent flogging, and before He was crucified, the Roman soldiers "twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on His head. They put a staff in His right hand and knelt in front of Him and mocked Him.

### **Matthew 27:29**

***"and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said."***

This crown is important for [Easter](#) because Jesus is our King of Kings. In order for us to share in His salvation, He had to suffer through the contempt of soldiers and the community. Christ's time of wearing the crown of thorns led to Him becoming our Savior. The world laughed at who He claimed to be, and He welcomed every criticism on the way to Calvary. His crown of thorns was the consequence of our sins, the torment that we deserved, and the challenge that we should have each faced. Praise be to God who made a way through His Son Jesus.

Not only does this crown mean that Jesus is King, but when we accept His sacrifice on our behalf, we have the joy of becoming co-heirs with Christ in the kingdom of God.



## Easter Message 2022

### From The Prelates Address in The Order of the Temple

Our Blessed Savior, who, though he was the Eternal Son of GOD, humbled himself to be born of a woman, to endure the pains and sorrows incident to Human Life, and finally to suffer the cruel and ignominious death of the cross. May you always imitate the Virtues of the Immaculate JESUS, who died that you might LIVE!

P.S.

I would like to thank our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Ronnie Wilson and the Sir Knights of Texas for the Honor and Privilege of serving our “King of Kings and Lord of Lords” I have had a wonderful time and I assure you I will Never forget this High Honor.

This message was prepared by:



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**HAPPY EASTER  
TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!!!**

## YORK RITE CONFERENCES 2022

York Rite Conferences are also kicking off for 2022. This is the perfect time to get to know the Leaders of the Chapter, Council and Commandery. Additionally, the Super Excellent Master's degree is being offered at the conferences so sign-up quickly to ensure a spot to receive this honorary degree.

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## YORK RITE CONFERENCE



## Texas Masonic Retirement Center

As Knights Templar, we support our Masonic Charities.

The Texas Masonic Retirement Community is one of those entities.

It is operated by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and provides quality care to senior members of the Texas Fraternity. Please remember the TMRC in your charitable contributions.

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