

April 6, 2012

## Dear Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre,

## CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!!

These words of traditional Easter greeting reflect the very heart of our Faith and our lives as Catholics. Jesus, the Son of God born of Mary, has been crucified for our salvation. He has truly died and He is truly risen. He appeared to His disciples, who touched Him and saw the places of the nails and the lance. He has done this to show them – and us – that all that He has said and done is Truth. He has appeared in His human flesh to show us that the body, created by God, is good and is destined to share in the life of Heaven. This truth conditions, forms, and gives order to our human life in the body. We learn from the Risen Christ how to live in goodness, purity, strength, compassion, and peace in the midst of our world. We do not accept the beliefs of those who demand we "change with the times." Instead, we commit ourselves to changing the times, as once our spiritual ancestors, the Apostles, did. We want to lift up this world to God and raise the faces of those who are crushed and bowed down so that they might know the radiant joy of the Risen Saviour! In Him is Life and He has come that we might have Life to the full.

This is the joy of all who believe in Him, but it is the particular joy and responsibility of each of us who are "special witnesses" to the Risen Lord as members of our Order. The empty tomb, the Holy Sepulchre, is the sign and testimony of our Faith in His victory over sin and death.

May your Easter be filled with this light and your celebrations with family and friends be rich with His many gifts!

With all blessings,

Father John Horgan

May Lady Lollie and I also wish you a Happy and Blessed Easter.

Georg J. E. Adam Lieutenant