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Spiritual Message

The Rt. Rev. Archimandrite, Msgr. George Appleyard, VG, GCLJ, KMLJ, GCrLJ, BD

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For as often as we may fail to “re-member,” to bring separate parts back together to get a clearer or fuller understanding of something, we suffer a loss. We “forget” to pay a bill and we are charged a late fee. The Scriptures are full of admonitions to “remember.” What most of us count as the third of the ten commandments (Exodus 20:8) first directs us to “remember the Sabbath,” i.e. call it to mind. A slightly different expression for this is found in Deuteronomy 5:12, “Keep the Sabbath (i.e., safeguard it, as in the keep of a castle), and make it holy.” And just as most of us jot down things we need to remember, shopping lists, appointments, etc., the community of the Church provides re-mind-ers in its liturgy, not just the facts of events and anniversaries, but also as a wedge to pry open the fuller meaning or consequences of the reality being re-membered.

Consider the aftermath of the paschal season, whose mainspring is the rising of Jesus from death, but whose ultimate accomplishment will be the salvation of the world.

The Scriptures seem to take pains to describe the death of Jesus as a sacrifice; more specifically, a Passover sacrifice, since the Bible explicitly calls the first Passover seder “a Passover sacrifice to the Lord,” (Exodus 12:27) And at what we call the Last Supper (more properly, the first of countless repetitions), Jesus directed his disciples to repeat the ritual, repeating it “for re-membering me.” (Luke 22:19)

But the Jewish Passover liturgy was not a conclusion, but rather the opening of a broad vista. On the second day of Passover the barley harvest began, and with that the countdown through seven weeks to the Jewish festival called Shavuoth in Hebrew and Pentecost in Greek (cf. Exodus 34:22), which began the wheat harvest. By the time of Jesus this festival had become a celebration of God’s gift of the Torah.

On the ascension of Jesus, close to – if not on – Pentecost day (cf. Acts 1:3 – the infant Christian Church, about 150 people, returned to an upstairs room in Jerusalem where the sound of a rushing breeze (Greek pneuma – a puff of wind or breath, a breeze, etc.) would fill the house and licks of flame like tongues would be seen over each one of them and they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. From this manifestation the work of the Church was given new energy and momentum. The community was truly baptized with the Holy Spirit.

John’s Gospel contains a little flourish we should cherish and contemplate. Jesus had attracted a crowd of at least five thousand and wants to feed them. He poses the issue to Philip (cf. John 6:5), who seems to be stunned by it. Andrew speaks up and says, “There is a boy here who has five loaves of barley bread and two fish, but what’s that for so many?” Jesus instructs them to have the people recline on the lush grass in the area and then takes the food in hand, offers the grace, and has it passed out to the crowd. When everyone had eaten his fill (John 6:13) Jesus orders the remnants picked up, and the apostles collect twelve baskets full of pieces. In short, the “leftovers of God are more abundant than the provisions of people!” For those of us who are members of the Order of Lazarus, who have pledged to “re-member” each Pentecost by giving at least our equivalent of a few loaves of barley bread and some fish for the work of the Spirit from our own resources and endowments, no matter how meager, the Spirit will fan them into flame to make them light and warmth for the world.

Enjoy devotionals from Prelate Msgr. Appleyard at www.st-lazarus.us/daily-devotion/

A Message from the Grand Prior

HE RADM the Chevalier Kenneth Moritsugu, GClrLJ, GCLJ-J, GCMLJ

Since my last message a few months ago, I am pleased to report that the Order, and the Grand Priory of America, continue to grow and thrive!

In October, reported in the last issue, we held an exceptional Grand Prioral Council meeting in Houston, TX. We were graced by the attendance of our Grand Master, HE Don Francisco de Borbon Graf von Hardenberg, who was both present and fully engaged at every plenary event, as well as accessible to our membership.

It was a great success from both a spiritual as well as a secular perspective. Thanks to the leadership and spiritual direction provided by our Prelate, Msgr. George Appleyard, and our Deputy Prelate, Fr. Herbert Gough, we conducted a deeply meaningful and reflective spiritual program, including a special vigil activity for our 26 new postulants. With their investiture, the Grand Priory of America now numbers more than 400. Our social events went off beautifully, and our business meetings of the Order and of the American Association of St. Lazarus were examples of effectiveness and efficiency. Once again, this year the AASL provided over a quarter of a million dollars in support of a number of projects, outlined in the last issue of *The Order*, thanks to the generosity of you, our members.

In particular, thanks to the leadership and members of the Grand Commandery of the Southwest, who assured the trains were well stocked, and ran on time.

At the GPC, there were a number of changes in the leadership of the Grand Priory, including the advancement of our former Chancellor, Hugh Straub, to the position of Grand Justiciar and Member of the Grand Magistral Council.

He is succeeded as Chancellor by John Byrnes, our former Hospitaller, whose role was in turn filled by RADM Michael Milner. Mary Ann Straub moved from her position of Vice Chancellor of Administration, to the role of the Grand Prioral Almoner, succeeding Richard Flahavan. John Halloran succeeded Mary Ann as the new Vice Chancellor of Administration. Scott Thompson retired as Vice Chancellor for AASL, to be succeeded by Simon McCloud. Simon's former role as Grand Prioral Receiver is now the responsibility of Bea Hensleit. The position of Grand Prioral Secretary is filled by Sheila Duncan-Peters; and Richard Payatt assumes the role of Custodian of the Insignia. In turn, I appointed Fr. Marcos Gonzalez the new Commander of the Commandery of the West. I thank everyone for their commitment to our Order, and to service!

On the International front, Ted White, our good friend from Canada, was promoted into the position of Grand Commander, with our own Marny Gilluly assuming the role of Grand Chancellor. And, as mentioned above, Hugh Straub became the Grand Justiciar of the Order.

Our Grand Prioral Prelate, Msgr. George Appleyard, has requested retirement from his position after over eight years of service; I am pleased to grant his request, and to announce the appointment of Fr. Razz Waff, ECLJ, to succeed him, effective the end of our upcoming Grand Prioral Council in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Fr. Razz is a priest of the Episcopal Church in the USA; a retired Major General in the U.S. Army commanding the 99th Division at Fort Dix, NJ, and Deputy G-1 of the Army at the Pentagon; and currently the Executive Director of the Military

Chaplains Association. He has been involved in health care chaplaincy and medical ethics for over 30 years, and has been a clergy member of our Order since 1999. We look forward to Fr. Razz's spiritual leadership of the GPA.

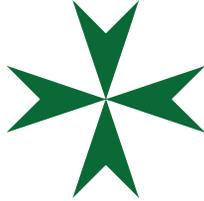
As we look forward in 2019 and beyond, I have commissioned teams to develop an updated Strategic Plan for the Grand Priory of America, together with Strategic Plans at the national and subjurisdictional levels for our Hospitaller Activities, our Almoner Activities, and our Clergy. I have asked Msgr. Appleyard and Fr. Waff to begin work on a Clergy Handbook for the Grand Priory.

Internationally, the Order is on firm footing with our new Grand Master. He has articulated two priorities: to grow the Order, with younger members, and to communicate more, and more effectively. To accomplish the latter, he has appointed one of our members as the Grand Information Officer, Chev. Sergio Fernandez de Cordova, who holds dual memberships with us and the Grand Priory of Spain. Sergio is working closely with the GPA, to develop and test prototype programs for the Order as a whole.

It is hard to be brief, once I begin to enumerate the activities, opportunities, and challenges facing our Order. However, remember that the Order is as strong as its membership, and its members are as strong as our commitment to service. It is an exciting time, with many opportunities to serve! *Atavis et Armis!*

I look forward to seeing many of you this October in Cabo San Lucas for our Grand Prioral Council meeting.

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2019 Grand Prioral Council

Dear Confreres and Consoeurs,

The Grand Priory of America's Delegation of Mexico would be delighted for you to attend the 2019 Grand Prioral Council in Los Cabos, Mexico, October 17 to 20. The area is spectacular and we will be staying at the Dreams Los Cabos Suites, Golf Resort and Spa, which is a high quality all-inclusive resort right on the Sea of Cortez, boasting four a la carte restaurants, a buffet, a Snack Bar and a café, while top-shelf spirits are served without limit at five bars and lounges. (For reservations please go to https://www.dreamsresorts.com/en_us/resorts/mexico/los-cabos.html, after entering your travel dates at Unlimited Luxury Experience please enter the group code LAZARO19).

All the meals and events of the GPC will be conveniently held at the hotel, except for the Vigil and Investiture services on Friday and Saturday afternoons, which will be held at the Catholic Parish Church of San José del Cabo, a very typical and authentic Baja Californian town that has existed since the XVIIIth century. I am sure that you will find it most attractive, and it is not far from the Dreams Resort.

As usual, we will have the Grand Prior's Reception on Thursday evening, following which the commanderies and delegations may select among the four restaurants specializing in Seafood ("Oceana"), French cuisine ("Bordeaux"), Italian cuisine ("Portofino"), or grilled specialties ("Oceana"), all within walking distance from your room. On Friday there will be the Official Grand Prioral Luncheon which will include a brief presentation by Becky Douglas, founder of Rising Star Outreach, and the Vigil Dinner upon returning from the Vigil Ceremony. And on Saturday night we have planned a Reception and Gala Dinner. All the events are included in the price of registering for the GPC, and all the meals and beverages that you consume during your stay are already included in the price of your room.

The Dreams Resort will maintain the same prices that they are offering our group – in single and double occupancy – during the period between **Monday, October 14th and Tuesday, October 22nds**, so that if you arrive early or leave late, you may take advantage of special plans such as sight-seeing (which includes a boat ride to the famous stone arch of Cabo San Lucas), golfing, sailing, etc. If interested, please check www.dmc-mexico-travel.com and you will find detailed information, but do get in touch with me if you decide to register for any of their activities as I may be able to get a discount.

And of course, most of the members of the Mexican Delegation will be around during the GPC, to help make your visit memorable.

We are looking forward to being your hosts in Cabo in October!

Yours in service,

Guillermo Salas
Delegate
Delegation of Mexico.
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