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Easter and Passover

Two of the most monumental events in the history of mankind.

Starting March 27th, we observed the beginning of Passover and this weekend we celebrate the Easter holiday. These two observations comprise two of the most consequential events in Human History. A refresher for you all, Passover is a 7-day event observed by both Jewish (and Christians on an increasing basis). Passover celebrates the Exodus from Egypt of the Jewish people after the Plagues brought down by Moses. The final plague was the death of the First born of all the population of Egypt. Moses by revelation from God had brought about several Plagues, Flies, boils, frogs, Water into Blood, and finally after the Pharaoh had resolved to not free the Jewish people the final Plague was announced. The death of the firstborn of every household in Egypt. Exodus chapters 11 and 12 document the event and establish the

observances required of God. In verse 13 of chapter 12 God says that the people were to take the blood of the lamb and paint the doorposts and lintel and that God would pass over the household withholding the death of the firstborn.

This is a very important time for our Jewish Brothers and sisters for it shows that God has always looked out for His Chosen People, it shows us that when we observe the Words of God that great salvation can occur.

And now for this weekend we as Christians celebrate Easter. For us, Our defining moment in Biblical History is the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. By His death we were reconciled to God negating the sin of Adam and Eve. Man by his actions brought about sin and separation from God and Christ by his Actions removed that allowing us to accept our Passover sacrifice and be reconciled back to God.

The enormity of these events when given a bit of thought staggers the imagination of the Love that God has for us and His desire to have us back as His Children. I ask for each one of us to take some time this holiday season and reflect of what God has done for us in our Lives and to consider the many things that have been done that we have no idea of.

Finally, by now I am sure you have heard that our Past National Chaplain Bill Dixon departed

on eternal Patrol. I first met Bill in person at the Convention in Pittsburgh. Prior to that I had talked a number of times with him on the phone and by email. Upon meeting Bill in person, I found him to be fully Committed to Christ and steadfast in his convictions and beliefs. Bill had an unwavering faith and had no issues about sharing that faith. I am absolutely certain that upon Bill's departure on eternal Patrol he appeared before his Savior and was told "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

And so for our Brother of the Phin and My brother in Christ.... Hand Salute, Sailor rest your Oar. I know that I will be spending eternity with Bill and with all my Brothers and sisters in Christ. Please know that I pray for each of you everyday and for all of our brothers and sisters serving in Harm's way.

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