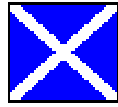
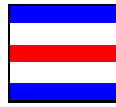


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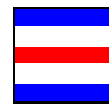
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Chaplain's Log

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Greetings Club Members, Family & Friends

~ The Meaning of Easter ~ It's more than Rabbits, Eggs and Candy

The traditional meaning of Easter concerns Jesus Christ's victory over death. His resurrection symbolizes the eternal life that is granted to all who believe in Him. The meaning of Easter also symbolizes the complete verification of all that Jesus preached and taught during His three-year ministry. If He had not risen from the dead, if He had merely died and not been resurrected, He would have been considered just another teacher or Rabbi. His resurrection changed all that and gave final and irrefutable proof that He was really the Son of God and that He had conquered death once and for all.

Easter, however, did not always symbolize Christ's resurrection from the dead and the meaning of Easter was quite different than what Christians celebrate today. The feast day of Easter was originally a pagan celebration of renewal and rebirth. Celebrated in the early spring, it honored the pagan Saxon goddess Eastre. When the early missionaries converted the Saxons to Christianity, the holiday, since it fell around the same time as the traditional memorial of Christ's resurrection from the dead, was merged with the pagan celebration and became known as Easter. The meaning of Easter was also changed to reflect its new Christian orientation.

Today, the meaning of Easter, for millions of Christians, is that of honoring and recognizing Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, and His glorious promises of eternal life for all who believe in Him.

Whatever your beliefs, remember...Easter is about sacrifice...one for another.
Take time this Easter season to sacrifice a little of yourself for someone in need.
Believe me...you'll be glad you did...and so will they.

If you want to know more about His promises, feel free to contact me.
I'm in the book...the MCYC membership book, that is.

Easter Blessings Everyone! Chaplain Randy