

82nd ANNUAL EAST COAST EASTER OBSERVANCE – 2012

The 82nd Annual Easter Sunrise Service, sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, will again be held on the steps of the George Washington Masonic Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia, on Sunday, April 8, 2012, and will begin at 8:00 a.m. This service will complete a memorable weekend of events in our Nation's Capital, including delegation dinners, tours, and Masonic fellowship. The Right Eminent Grand Prelate, Sir Knight William D. Hartman, will conduct the Service.

HILTON ALEXANDRIA MARK CENTER

The headquarters hotel will again be the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia, located approximately four miles from the memorial. Our special Knights Templar rate will be \$110.00 per room, based on double occupancy. Please make your reservations directly with the hotel by calling 703-845-1010 or 800-HILTONS, (mention Knights Templar). A hotel reservation link is available at www.knightstemplar.org

MEALS

A meal package is available for \$50.00 per person, which includes Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast buffet. Order your meal tickets from the Grand Encampment office.

Registration forms are available online at www.knightstemplar.org for credit card processing or you may mail your check, payable to the Grand Encampment, to 5909 West Loop South, Suite 495, Bellaire, TX 77401-2497.

Additional tickets may be ordered separately: Saturday dinner, \$35.00; Sunday breakfast buffet, \$20.00. Reserved seating at the Saturday night dinner will be assigned on a first come first served basis. If you would like to be seated together please send in your payment as a group.

Note: The hotel and meal ticket cutoff date is March 10, 2012. No tickets will be sold at the door.

GRAND COMMANDERS AND THEIR LADIES

Grand Commanders and their ladies are invited to attend the Saturday evening dinner, courtesy of the Grand Encampment. **Prior reservations are required with the Grand Encampment office.**

TOMB OF THE UNKNOWNNS

On Saturday, April 7, 2012, several delegations will travel to Arlington National Cemetery to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, honoring their members who have fallen in combat as members of the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

Grand Commandery Delegations
As follows:

Georgia - 9:15 a.m.
North Carolina - 9:15 a.m.
Indiana - 10:15 a.m.
Ohio - 11:15 a.m.

Please contact these delegations for further details.

EASTER MORNING PROGRAM

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A breakfast buffet will be served beginning at 6:00 a.m. at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center on Easter morning. Buses will be available to leave at 6:30 a.m., to take the Sir Knights and their ladies to the George Washington Masonic Memorial for the Sunrise Service. The buses will return to the hotel after the service at approximately 9:30 a.m.

OUR GRAND MASTER

The Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, Sir Knight William H. Koon, II, and other officers will greet everyone at the Sunday breakfast.

PARADE INFORMATION

The parade will form on the lane leading up the hill. Delegations will form according to their entry into the Grand Encampment, senior to junior, and markers for each will be in place. As in past years, the Maryland delegation in their black plumes will appear before the formal parade with drummers and form a passion cross in the stands. The Grand Commandery of Maryland would also like to invite any Sir Knights who wear the black plume to join them in the formation of the Cross.

The parade will step off at 7:40 a.m., proceed up the hill, render "Eyes Right" on passing the Grand Master and his staff, and then proceed into seats as directed. Colors will Right Flank at the podium and Column Left and Column Right and post the colors as directed.

Parking for cars and buses is available at the top of the hill next to the Memorial. No vehicles will be permitted up the roadway after 7:30 a.m.

OTHER DETAILS

Delegations desiring to make any special group arrangements should call the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. Delegations staying at other locations must provide their own transportation.

Recognition is made to the Grand Commandery having the most Sir Knights in uniform in the parade and to the Grand Commandery having the highest percentage of its members in uniform in the parade.

Reservations must be made for rooms, meals and any other activities by March 10, 2012.

GRAND COMMANDERS ARE REQUESTED TO APPOINT A DELEGATION CHAIRMAN AND NOTIFY SIR KNIGHT LAWRENCE E. TUCKER, RIGHT EMINENT GRAND RECORDER, 5909 WEST LOOP SOUTH, SUITE 495, BELLAIRE, TX 77401-2497; TELEPHONE: 713-349-8700; FAX: 713-349-8710, E-MAIL: john@gektusa.org in order to receive information concerning this event and to facilitate adequate planning!

Your Grand Encampment Officers are looking forward to greeting you in Alexandria!