



## STATE NEWS – February 2023

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Dear Sir Knights;

I found a request from my now 20 year old granddaughter, who is now a senior at Northern Ky University. This question came up when she was 10 years old and in the 5th grade. Her name is Sophie, and, at the time, she had a school assignment about someone of importance in her family. She could have very easily picked her mother, father, aunt, uncle, or anyone else, but, for some unknown reason, she chose me. Her reason being was that I was once the Mayor of our city and that I am a Mason. Being very flattered and a bit surprised that she would pick me, she proceeded to ask me a series of questions, such as, "what does a Mayor do?" This question was fairly easy to answer. Sophie didn't seem too thrilled with my answer since she was studying civics in school and she already knew what a Mayor does. Then came the next question and one of which I should have been able to talk about for several hours. "Papaw, what is a Mason?" Wow!!

For 53 years, I've been a Mason and have seen and heard the several different effects and good deeds this great organization has done over the years. But, when it comes to putting Masonry into words, it can take on several different meanings, depending on who you ask. So, in the last month, I've taken it on myself to ask several of my Masonic Brethern what a Mason is? I never realize that there were so many different meanings. But, it always has the same meaning, Friendship and Brotherly Love. Maybe we all, as Masons and Knights Templar, should reevaluate our lives as Masons. Did we do something to help someone? Did we call a loved one to tell them we love them? In the terrible aftermaths of so many events taking place in today's world, I think that we all as parents and adults suddenly realize that in a split second, our lives can change. So, why not make the best of it while we can. Why not live by the Golden Rule, treating everyone the way we want to be treated? We, as Knights and Masons, should live by that rule.

My officers and I continue to travel throughout the State, and, have been treated with the upmost respect. I'm pleased to see so many brothers going through the York Rite. I have witnessed not only good work in the Orders, but also in Chapter and Council.

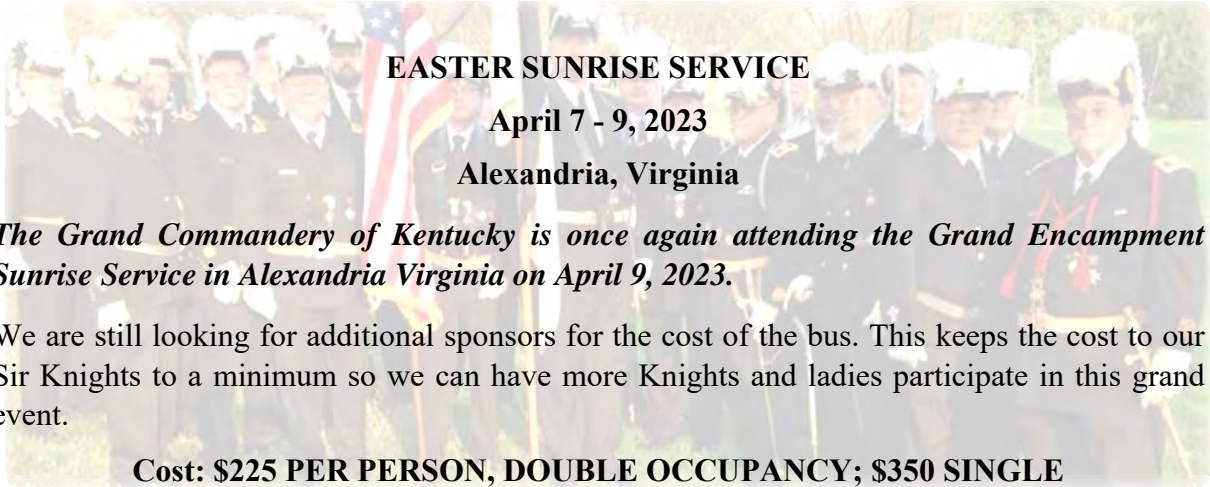
Sir Knights, February is the month of Valentine's Day. Please remember your loved ones. Those three little words, "I Love You" go a long ways. It is also the month we celebrate our Presidents. There have been many Masonic Presidents throughout history. Whether they have been Masons or not, they've all had a rough job, one that certainly requires much patience and compassion. So, I for one, will take a few minutes to mentally thank not just the Brothers, but, ALL of the great leaders of our great Nation.

Sir Knights, if I have not gotten to your Commanderies, I will as soon as my schedule allows. And, please, if you're conferring any Orders, please let either me or my officers know.

Oh, and by the way, my Granddaughter got an A+ on her story.

Looking forward to Spring, I remain,  
Fraternally Thine,  
Bobby E. Crittendon,

Grand Commander



**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**

**April 7 - 9, 2023**

**Alexandria, Virginia**

*The Grand Commandery of Kentucky is once again attending the Grand Encampment Sunrise Service in Alexandria Virginia on April 9, 2023.*

We are still looking for additional sponsors for the cost of the bus. This keeps the cost to our Sir Knights to a minimum so we can have more Knights and ladies participate in this grand event.

**Cost: \$225 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY; \$350 SINGLE**

**Planned Itinerary**

**Friday, April 7**

7:00 AM Leave Louisville DeMolay Commandery

8:00 AM Stop at Embassy Suites Lexington

Stop in Ashland if needed

Lunch stop along the way and

7:00 PM Arrive at Hilton Crystal City

Dinner on your own at local restaurants

**Saturday, April 8**

Saturday Morning – tour of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial

Saturday Afternoon – tour the war memorials and Arlington National Cemetery / Tomb of the Unknowns

Saturday evening - group dinner at a historic restaurant in Old Town Alexandria

**Sunday, April 9**

Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial

Following the Service, we will return to the Hotel and load up for the trip home with appropriate food and fuel stops

**We are looking forward to having a large contingent from Kentucky attend this Wonderful Weekend**

*If you are currently serving as Commander of your Commandery, and your Commandery elects to pay half of your way, then The Grand Commandery of Kentucky will cover the other half. That way you only need to pay for your lady's cost.*