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Fraternal Greetings!

Super excited that we are on the second month of Spring, April. Don't be fooled by the month of April as its first day is April Fool's Day.

April Fools' Day or All Fools' Day is an annual custom consisting of [practical harmless jokes](#) and [hoaxes](#).

The positive view is that April Fools' can be good for one's health because it encourages "jokes, hoaxes ... pranks, [and] belly laughs", and brings all the benefits of laughter including stress relief and reducing strain on the heart. Laughter is the best medicine as many would say.

This month is also solemn and sorrowful as it also anticipates the joy of Easter through the recognition of God's goodness in sending His only Son to die for salvation.

Easter is one of the Knights Templar Holiday Observance. It is a principal [festival](#) of the [Christian church](#), which celebrates the [Resurrection](#) of [Jesus Christ](#) on the third day after his [Crucifixion](#).

It is preceded by the Holy Week when Christians commemorate the Passion of Christ, who died on Good Friday in reparation for the sins of mankind and rose on Easter Sunday to give new life to all who believe.

I hope that you will find time and attend with Sir Knights, families and friends from all over the country, the 93rd Annual Easter Sunrise Service sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar on April 9th. It will be held on the steps of George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. It is always great and exciting to see a congregation of Knights Templar together, united, worship and celebrate the sacrifice of God's one and only Son, Jesus Christ. I expect that the Knights Templar of Virginia will support this most important event in full force. Let us continue to showcase Virginia to the Knights Templar all over the United States of America with our impressive attendance and support to the Grand Encampment.

Another celebration that is coming up is the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Virginia 201st Grand Conclave and the Bicentennial Year Celebration. It is just around the corner. The culmination of the whole year preparation and working tirelessly is scheduled on May 4-6, 2023, at Double Tree Hotel in Williamsburg, VA.

Be a part of this momentous celebration by attending this once in a lifetime experience, the Bicentennial Grand Conclave.

As a reminder, it is expected that each Commandery's dais officers attend the Stated Grand Conclave (refer to Constitution & Statutes, Section 24- F3) or have their proxies attend in their stead.

My Lady Grace has planned an exciting Ladies Luncheon, in honor of all the smart, hardworking, kind, hilarious, compassionate women in your life (AKA Ladies of Knights Templar). Have your ladies come out and enjoy, don't leave them in the dark!

The Call for the Conclave and registration has been sent out, including hotel reservations and meal selections. Deadline to register is April 4th for the conclave, hotel and meals. Hotel reservations should be made directly through the Doubletree Hotel either by phone or registering online. For your convenience, essential contact and relevant information is listed.

DoubleTree by Hilton, Williamsburg, Virginia, 50 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185

Phone: 1-800-222-8733

Use Code "CDTTVA"

You may log onto the Hilton Hotel web site to make your reservation

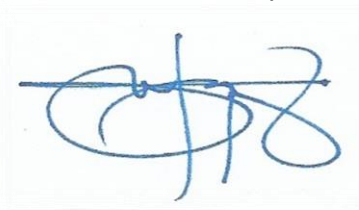
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I hope that you had elected your new Commandery officers for the year 2023-24, the District Deputies, the Grand and local Committee Chairmen should have submitted their year-end reports, nominations for awards ready for the Grand Conclave. All Dais Officers, should have prepared their term goals, planned programs and established committees for the proper leadership and operation of your Commanderies.

I appreciate the diligence, untiring work and unconditional support of all Grand Line Officers, District Deputies, Grand Aide de Camps and Committee Chairs. You are inspiring. This is a TEAM that works at its best. Together Everyone Achieve More!

Until then, I remain your humble servant.

In His Service and Yours,



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May this pin remind you of the "Shield of Faith" and to put on the "Armor of God" everyday