



Easter Sunrise Committee

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Dear Sir Knight,

The 82nd Easter Sunrise Service of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America will be held at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial on Sunday April 8, 2012. The worship service will be uplifting. The view of the sun on the Potomac and the capitol beyond will be spectacular. The fraternity with knights and ladies from many states will be sensational. S.K. and Rev William Hartman, our REPGC and REGP of Grand Encampment will bring the message.

Your Pennsylvania committee is prepared to make the weekend of April 6-8 enjoyable for every Pennsylvania Knight and his guests.

We will all be staying at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA. Grand Encampment has negotiated a room rate of \$ 110.00 per night at this Hilton hotel. This is a wonderful bargain that can not be matched or replaced and should not be missed.

Reservations should be made directly with the hotel by calling (703) 845-1010 or (1-800) HILTONS. Be sure to mention our pass word, "Knights Templar."

Our Pennsylvania delegation will be taking two meals with all of the Knights and Ladies of the Grand Encampment. Imagine a Banquet, Saturday night and a Breakfast Easter Sunday morning with more than 300 Knights and their Ladies in the Hilton Ballroom. Tables will be reserved for us and printed programs will be provided. Once again the Grand Encampment has negotiated favorable rates with the Hilton so that Banquet tickets are only \$ 35.00 (a Hilton Banquet for \$ 35.00 !) and Breakfast Buffet tickets are \$ 20.00. Both tickets can be reserved for the reduced price of only \$ 50.00. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

In addition our Committee will host a Hospitality Room at the Hilton that will be open on Friday Night, April 6th from 5:00 to 11:00 PM and all day on Saturday, April 7th from 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM with time out for the Banquet. During those hours we should all receive a lot of hospitality. It will be a place for meeting, greeting, conversation, eating, and enjoying our favorite beverages.

In order to fund the Hospitality Room we are asking each participant (both Knights and Ladies) to pay a Registration fee of \$ 10.00. This payment will also provide for written confirmation of your attendance, maps, tickets, printed program and the Hospitality Room.

Best of All - your committee has planned a tour of the George Washington Masonic Memorial on Saturday, April 7. The tour will include a wonderful luncheon provided at the Memorial and we have arranged for nationally known author, Mark Tabbert to be our luncheon speaker. Reservations for both the tour and the luncheon are only \$25.00.

In addition the Memorial has a well stocked gift shop of Masonic gifts supplies and books with the best prices we have encountered. We will leave the hotel at 9:30 AM and return by 3:00 PM in time to change for the Banquet.

We hope you will attend.

While Appointed Officers, Division Commanders, all Grand Commandery Committee Members are expected to attend and every Knight is invited to attend, special invitation is extended to Eminent Commanders, Generalissimos and Captains General who have not had this experience. Every Commandery should have a contingent in the march up the hill. Our Grand Commander as well as the Grand Master of Grand Encampment will review the troops as they pass.

If for any reason you are absolutely unable to attend this year; be sure to pass this invitation on to a worthy Knight of your acquaintance and invite him to attend in your place.

Courteously,

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