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Easter Sunrise Committee

Sir Knights,

We are writing to the all the Eminent Commanders, Generalissimos, Captains General and Recorders of the subordinate Commanderies of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania. You Sir Knights are the elected officers of this Grand Commandery and represent all of the members of your Commandery.

We are cordially inviting you, your Family & Friends to attend the Easter Sunrise Service at Alexandria, VA this year. The Grand Encampment has been hosting an Annual Easter Observance in our Nation's Capital for the last 92 years. For many of those years we met at Arlington Cemetery but for the last 30 years we have been holding this Sunrise Service at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, VA.

Our Grand Commandery is only a few hours' drive from Alexandria. There on Sunday April 9, Knights Templar from all of the eastern Grand Commanderies will form a parade grouped by the Grand Commandery and join in a march up Shooter's Hill to our Masonic Memorial. The parade will step off at 7:40 AM and the Service will begin at 8:00 AM. SK Harry J. Smith, REGC will lead our Pennsylvania line. At the top of the hill we will salute SK David Joseph Kussman, Grand Master of Grand Encampment.

On Saturday April 8 at 3:15 PM, Sir Knight Harry J. Smith REGC will be placing a Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. This event is truly a solemn moment you will long remember.

The Grand Encampment has reserved rooms at the Hilton Hotel in nearby Crystal City at only \$113.00 per night. Parking rate is \$20 per night. Be sure to mention that you are a Knights Templar. The Grand Encampment will sponsor a Gala Banquet on Saturday, April 8 at 6:00 PM. Sir Knights and Ladies will be able to meet our Grand Master. On Sunday morning, Grand Encampment will sponsor a Breakfast at 5:15 AM before embarking on the buses provided to take us to the Memorial beginning at 6:30 AM.

Our Easter Sunrise Committee will again sponsor a Hospitality Suite in the Blue Ridge Room at the Hilton Hotel where you may greet Sir Knights from Pennsylvania and many who will visit from around the country. Snack food, cold drinks and adult beverages will be available.

It is important that your Commandery be represented. Please return the enclosed registration form before March 1st. **Come to Virginia. Wear your full uniform. Bring your family and friends.**

Courteously,

Easter Sunrise Service Committee, 2023

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