



95th ANNUAL GRAND ENCAMPMENT EASTER OBSERVANCE – 2025

January 27th, 2025

Easter Sunrise Service Committee, 2025

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Sir Knights,

We cordially invite you, your Family and 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 94 years. For many of those years we met at Arlington Cemetery but for the last 30 plus 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 so we hope to see you there!

On Saturday April 19th at 09:15am, Sir Knight Larry D. Horath 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 so please join him in paying our respects.

On Easter Sunday April 20th, Knights Templar from all 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 7:40am and the Service will begin at 8:00am. Sir Knight Larry D. Horath REGC will lead our Pennsylvania line to the top of the hill in which he will salute the Grand Master of Grand Encampment. Buses return to the hotel after the service at approximately 9:30a.m.

This year the Hilton Arlington National Landing, 2399 Richmond Highway, Arlington, Virginia, 22202 is our headquarters hotel. The special Knights Templar rate will be \$149.00 per room, based on double occupancy. Parking rate is \$20.00, per night. Please make your reservations directly with the hotel by calling 703-418-6800 (mention Grand Encampment of Knights Templar). A hotel reservation link is available on the Grand Encampment website at: usagekt.org

The Grand Encampment will sponsor a Gala Banquet on Saturday, April 19th at 6:00pm. Sir Knights and Ladies will be able to meet our Grand Master. On Sunday morning, Grand Encampment will sponsor a Breakfast at 5:15am, a meal package is available for \$75.00 per person and includes Saturday evening dinner and Sunday morning breakfast buffet. **So that we all can sit together as one Grand Commandery please order your meal tickets on the attached form and not through the Grand Encampment.**

Note: The hotel and meal ticket cutoff date are March 30th 2025. No tickets will be sold at the door.

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Your Easter Sunrise Committee will sponsor a Hospitality Suite at the Hilton Arlington National Landing 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.

Lastly, it is important that your Commandery be represented. Come to Virginia. Wear your full uniform. Bring your family and friends and have an outstanding time!

Courteously,

SK David E. Barlieb, Jr.
Grand Senior Warden
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar Pennsylvania