



96th ANNUAL GRAND ENCAMPMENT EASTER OBSERVANCE – 2026



All Sir Knights, their Ladies, family and guests are invited to the 96th Annual Easter Sunrise Service, sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, will be held on the steps of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, on Sunday, April 5, 2026.

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

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 \$15.00, 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 our website at: usagekt.org.

MEALS

A meal package is available for \$85.00 per person and includes Saturday evening banquet and Sunday morning breakfast buffet. Additional tickets may be ordered separately; Saturday banquet, \$70.00; Sunday breakfast buffet, \$25.00. **Making your reservation through the PA Grand Commandery will ensure that we sit together and enjoy the fellowship together.** Reserved seating at the Saturday night dinner will be assigned on a first come first served basis. If you would like to be seated together, please send in your payment as a group.

The hotel and meal ticket cutoff date is February 21, 2026.

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.

Annual Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

On Saturday April 4th, 9:15 AM, Sir Knight Joshua J. Nay, 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. We recommend taking the tram from the Visitor's Center to the Tomb. Please note this is an additional cost. **For those with difficulties walking if you have a vehicle placard for parking, take a photo of it and present it to the Service Desk. You will get two free tickets to ride the tram.**

Courteously,
SK Jerome J. Phillips, GJW
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania

**For more information refer to the reservation form or contact the Grand Junior Warden at:
(cell) 484-809-5234 hikap9@gmail.com**