



Marvyn S. Blaine, Grand Commander

EAST CENTRAL DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE and Leadership Development Training

March 14, 2020

Hilton Fort Wayne at the Grand Wayne Convention Center

Make reservations prior to February 15 for Conference rate of \$114

Conference registration deadline is February 15. Registration fee is \$20; Optional lunch and Banquet are \$25 and \$45. The Registration form is available at www.knightstemplar.org/conferences/2020ecdcmeals.pdf

The Conference is open to all Sir Knights.

The York Rite Leadership Training Program is free of charge to the participant. The York Rite provides all training materials and the Instructors. Transportation, lodging, meals, and **conference registration** are the responsibility of the participant. You do not have to be a member of the York Rite to participate.

To enroll, or if you have questions, send your full name, email, telephone number and jurisdiction to S. Lane Pierce, Program Administrator, at ysl@yorkriteleadership.org. An informational brochure is available at www.knightstemplar.org/downloads/YRLP.pdf. Members at all levels are welcome but newer members are especially encouraged to participate.

2020 Knights Templar Easter Pilgrimage

The 90th Annual East Coast 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 12, 2020. Our bus will leave Louisville on Friday around 7:00 am, stopping in Lexington around 8:00. A full day of activities has been planned for Saturday. Contact Bill Ryan or Marvyn Blaine for details and full information will be printed in the *Kentucky Keystone*. Cost last year was \$250 per person, double occupancy. The Grand Commandery will pay one half the cost for a sitting Commander if the Commandery picks up the remaining half.

Details will be provided in future editions, and in the *Kentucky Keystone*. Contact the editor at the email address below to subscribe to the *Keystone*.

You can find this and previous inserts, as well as previous editions of the Knight Templar Magazine at <http://www.knightstemplar.org/KTnews>.

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Greetings Sir Knights

Let me say Happy New Year to all the Sir Knights and brothers and their families. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas.

With the New Year we have inspections coming up in the next few months. I know some of the commanderies won't have a problem with this, but others will have new Knights doing parts that they are new at. They will make mistakes, but we all make mistakes. So be easy on them and help them learn the right way to do the tactics. It takes time to learn these things and it doesn't stop there because it is a continuing process. I'm still learning and will continue to learn long after when I'm out of office. Yes, I have made several mistakes since taking office, but I had Grands, past Grands, and Brothers pull me to the side and tell me what I did wrong. I ask that you be kind to them as the ones have been to me.

Myself and the Grand Officers are here to help. All you have to do is ask and we will be more than happy to help in any way that we can.

Please be safe and careful in the coming months with your travels. If there is anything I can do, please let me know. (No, I am not riding the motorcycle in this cold weather... it is on life support for the winter.)

May God and Jesus be with you in your travels..

Courteously,

Marvyn S. Blaine

Grand Commander