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Sir Knight Peter R. Spring, KCT
Right Eminent Grand Commander

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Knightly Greetings,

Christmas Observances:

The month of December saw many Christmas Observances across the State. While attendance to same is a requirement for all Knights Templar; this is not the true reason for our attendance. It is the opportunity to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and to do so with our Fraters and Family alike. As such, it has been, and always will be, a most joyous event for all.

As your Grand Commander, I had the pleasure of attending two Christmas Observances: The one for District No.3 held at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, in Alexandria - reported on in last month's State News, and a later one in the month for District No.2, held in Poquoson. Both were happy and heartfelt occasions. A photograph of the Sir Knights at the crossed tables, for District No.2 can be seen below:



Wreath Laying:

On Sunday December 12th, I had the profound honor to lay a wreath, on behalf of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Virginia, at the tomb of President and Illustrious Brother George Washington. This was on the occasion of the 222nd anniversary of his death. Brother George's tomb is located within the grounds of his old family estate in Mount Vernon. Today, the grounds and estate are managed by a trust to ensure his memory is preserved with care and all due dignity.

Some of the other wreaths laid, that very frigid winter morning, were by Sir Knight and Most Worshipful James Winfield Golladay, Jr - Grand Master of Masons in Virginia and our very own Sir Knight and Worshipful Brother Michael Thomas Huff, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer, on behalf of Alexandria Washington Lodge No.22. Sir Knight Michael was also gracious and kind enough to post the first picture below on social media. This "post" was also picked up by the Grand Encampment and "reposted" on their social media site!



As I write this, the pandemic is still causing havoc within our communities. Please take extra care of yourselves, and loved ones, in these uncertain times.

With all Knightly Courtesy,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P.R. Spring". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "P" and "R" at the beginning, followed by "Spring" in a cursive script. A horizontal line is drawn under the signature, extending to the right.

S.K. Peter R. Spring, KCT
Grand Commander