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Greetings Sir Knights!

Here are a few photos from the month of April. The first one is from Tuesday, April 5th at the Inspection of University Lodge No. 631 in Columbus. This is the home Lodge of Sir Knight Timothy S. Wheeland, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand lodge of ohio. There were many pictures with lots of Brethren in attendance. The image on the right are some of the traveling companions wearing their red, purple or green coats to the meeting. This was a great night in Freemasonry and I am very proud to say the York Rite of Ohio was very well represented.



The image on the left is from the Inspection of Allenby Commandery No. 73 in Twinsburg on Saturday, April 9th which shows some of the Sir Knights that were in attendance. The inspecting officer that day was SK Alfred T. Johnson, Eminent Grand Recorder and Honorary Past Grand Commander.

The next image below is at Salem Commandery No. 42 on Tuesday, April 12th when the Sir Knights of Warren



Commandery No. 39 claimed both the Richard H. Palm and Frank T. England Traveling Banners from Salem Commandery No. 42 at their stated conclave. Also in attendance were Sir Knights from St. John's No. 20, Canton No. 38, Columbian No. 52, and Medina No. 84. These banners have been claimed at every stated conclave where they have been since they were originally presented at the Grand Commander's Reception. They are named in honor of two very well respected, well

traveled Sir Knights of Ohio. Let the memory of these valiant and magnamously knights continue to encourage us to enjoy our time together as we travel together.

Easter in Alexandria, Virginia is probably one of my favorite trips each year. This particular year is one I will not soon forget. I want to thank the 52 Sir Knights and 38 Ladies from Ohio that attended. It was my great pleasure to select four Sir Knights from Ohio to have the honor of laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Sir Knights Perry E. Coxson III, Robert T. Davis, Richard J. Goddard, and Larry H. Haines shown on the right did a great job and the wreath laying ceremony was very impressive. After the wreath laying ceremony the Sir Knights and Ladies of Ohio were



invited into the Guard Quarters for a private briefing where we got to know them a little better. It was such an honor to get to do this and I sincerely appreciated them sharing this incredible time with us. I will truly treasure these memories for as long as I live. On Easter morning we attended the Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic Memorial. The service was held inside due to scaffolding still being in place on the outside due to renovations that are taking place. On the left are just a few images from the Easter Service.



I would like to especially thank Doug and Lisa Mcle for hosting the Grand Commandery of Ohio hospitality room. Sir Knight Mcle is the 1st Vice President of the Northeastern Division Council for Templar Advancement. Thanks to him and his lady great hospitality and fellowship was had by all. It was great to spend this time with them and we truly appreciate their dedication and support.

In May there will be several York Rite Festivals across Ohio. I have been invited and have agreed to personally preside in the Order of the Temple at several of the York Rite Festivals. I am also very pleased to share that our Grand Master F&AMs, Grand High Priest RAMs, Grand Master R&SMs will also be there and participating in a few of these. In addition there are two Knights Templar Military Balls to be held in Ohio during the month of May. These are always a great time and I cannot wait to attend.

Lady Pam and I wish you all safe travels and hope to see you in our travels!

Sincerely and fraternally,

George Edmiston III, KCT

Right Eminent Grand Commander

Grand Commandery of Ohio