



## STATE NEWS – January 2023

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Dear Sir Knights;

Happy New Year! Here's hoping that each and every one of you had a joyous Holiday and hope health and happiness to you and yours throughout 2023. Your Grand Officers have been very busy since Grand Session. Each of us have visited numerous Commanderies and Masonic events. I was especially impressed with the various Christmas Observances I attended. I realize that much thought and preparation was put into all of these. We, as York Rite Masons, need more events such as these to involve our families and friends. What better way to spread the word of Masonry than to reach out to those less informed.

My officers and I have had the honor of witnessing the Conferral of all three Orders throughout the State. We, as Knights Templar, are very fortunate to have the ritualists we have. But, we can use more. We tend to rely on a few brothers to carry the load. Please, help your Commanderies out by learning your parts. I can assure you, you'll get a feeling of pride and accomplishment while doing so. There are several Commanderies that are planning festivals. These Commanderies will need help conferring their various Degrees and Orders. Most parts are small. Please help. Wouldn't it be great if we had a surplus of members this year? Do not take a part because you feel you have to. Do it because you want to.

Sir Knights, with the coming of the New Year, let us all try to attend at least one meeting this year. Don't be just a dues paying member. Get involved. All of our Commanderies, no matter how large or small, need you. Believe me, there's plenty of degree work to go around. Or, if nothing else, the food and fellowship is always great.

I could not close this message without saying how proud I am of our Servicemen and women serving our great Country. I had the honor of attending Morehead Commandery to honor Veteran's Day, under the direction of Sir Knight J.D. Reeder. The ceremony was very impressive and well attended.

Here's hoping that everyone stays healthy throughout the year and safe travels.

Until I see each of you in your Commanderies, I remain;

Sincerely and Fraternally Thine,  
Bobby E. Crittendon, Grand Commander



## **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**

**April 9, 2023**

**Alexandria, Virginia**

*The Grand Commandery of Kentucky is once again attending the Grand Encampment Sunrise Service in Alexandria Virginia on April 9, 2023.*

We are still looking for additional sponsors for the cost of the bus. This keeps the cost to our Sir Knights to a minimum so we can have more Knights and ladies participate in this grand event.

### ***Schedule, as of now***

#### **Friday, April 7**

Leave Louisville DeMolay Commandery at 7am

Stop at Embassy Suites Lexington to pick up Fratres and families from that area.

Stop in Ashland for even more Pilgrims

Lunch stop along the way and

Arrive at Hilton Crystal City approximately 7pm

Dinner on your own at several locations

#### **Saturday, April 8**

Saturday morning - we will tour in the Washington DC area. Specific plans will be announced later.

Saturday evening - group dinner at a historic restaurant in Old Town Alexandria

#### **Sunday, April 9**

Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial

After Service it's back to Hilton Hotel to load up for the trip home with appropriate food and fuel stops

We are looking forward to having a large contingent attend this Wonderful Weekend

*If you are currently serving as Commander of your Commandery, and your Commandery elects to pay half of your way, then The Grand Commandery of Kentucky will cover the other half. That way you only need to pay for your lady's cost.*

**More details to follow next month**