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Fraternal Greetings!

Ah, March... the first month of Spring, that confusing month when it feels like spring and sunshine should be bursting every day, yet the threat of one last winter storm constantly hangs over us.

There’s something about the power of March that has always fascinated me. It’s the wildness of approaching spring grappling with a winter that doesn’t want to give up its dominance.

March brings warm sunshine and spring flowers. It is also a month full of colors, vibrancy, which are reasons to celebrate.

The 201th Grand Conclave and the Bicentennial Year Celebration is almost here. The culmination of the whole year preparation and working tirelessly is scheduled on May 4-6, 2023 at Double Tree Hotel in Williamsburg, VA.

The Call for the Conclave and registration is out, including hotel reservations and meal selections. **Deadline to register is April 4th** for the conclave, hotel and meals.

Be a part of this momentous celebration, attend this once in a lifetime experience, the **Bicentennial Grand Conclave**.

As a reminder, it is expected that each Commandery’s dais officers attend the Stated Grand Conclave (refer to Constitution & Statutes, Section 24- F3) or have their proxies attend in their stead.

My Lady Grace has planned an exciting Ladies Luncheon, in honor of all the smart, hardworking, kind, hilarious, compassionate women in your life (AKA Ladies of Knights Templar). Have your ladies come out, don’t leave them in the dark, have them attend!

Hotel reservations should be made directly through the Doubletree Hotel either by phone or registering online. For your convenience, essential contact and relevant information is listed.

DoubleTree by Hilton, Williamsburg, Virginia, 50 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185

Phone: 1-800-222-8733

Use Code “CDTTVA”

You may log onto the Hilton Hotel web site to make your reservation.

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=WBGKRD&groupCode=CDTTVA&arrivaldate=2023-05-02&departuredate=2023-05-08&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

March is election month, I hope that you coordinated with your District Instructors to obtain a certificate of ritual proficiency. The District Deputies, the Grand and local Committee Chairmen should have their year-end reports, nominations for awards submitted and ready for the Grand Conclave. All Dais Officers, should have prepared their term goals, planned programs and established committees for the proper leadership and operation of your Commanderies.

The second month of Spring is April. Don't be fooled by the month of April as its first day is April Fool's Day. This month is solemn and sorrowful, however, it also anticipates the joy of Easter through the recognition of God's goodness in sending His only Son to die for salvation.

Easter is one of the Knights Templar Holiday Observance. It is a principal [festival](#) of the [Christian church](#), which celebrates the [Resurrection](#) of [Jesus Christ](#) on the third day after his [Crucifixion](#).

It is preceded by the Holy Week when Christians commemorate the Passion of Christ, who died on Good Friday in reparation for the sins of mankind, and rose on Easter Sunday to give new life to all who believe.

Easter celebrates Jesus' supernatural resurrection from the dead, which is one of the chief tenets of the Christian faith. The resurrection established Jesus as the [Son of God](#) and is cited as proof that God will righteously judge the world. Paul writes that, for those who trust in Jesus' death and resurrection, "death is swallowed up in victory." The [First Epistle of Peter](#) declares that God has given believers "a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead". Christian theology holds that, through faith in the working of God, those who follow Jesus are spiritually resurrected with Him so that they may walk in a new way of life and receive eternal [salvation](#), and can hope to be physically resurrected to dwell with Him in the [Kingdom of Heaven](#).

On April 9th, the 93rd **Annual Easter Sunrise Service** sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, will be held on the steps of George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. Grand Commanders are requested to appoint a delegation chairman and notify SK Lawrence Tucker, RE Grand Recorder at john@gektusa.org or call 713-349-8700. The hotel and meal ticket cutoff date is March 1, 2023. Headquarters hotel is the Hilton Crystal City at Washington Reagan national Airport. Please make your reservation directly to the hotel by calling, 703-418-6800 (mention Knights Templar). Registration and hotel reservation link is available at www.knightstemplar.org.

I appreciate the diligence, untiring work and unconditional support of all Grand Line Officers, District Deputies, Grand Aide de Camps and Committee Chairs. You are inspiring. This is a **TEAM** that works at its best. **T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieve **M**ore!

Until then, I remain your humble servant.

In His Service and Yours,



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May this pin remind you of the "Shield of Faith" and to put on the "Armor of God" every day.