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DRILL COMPETITION INFORMATIONAL MEETING SET

February 5, 2024

Greetings Sir Knights

RE Grand Commander Michael Yount has long expressed his desire for the subordinate Commandery's to engage in friendly competition on the formal opening of a Commandery. This would include the opening according to the RITUAL OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. To this end I have asked for and received permission to use the Bowling Green lodge on April 20, 2024 from noon till 3pm. Now don't panic I am not asking for Commanderies be ready to compete at this time. This would be just a meeting to lay the process such as date and times and location for these competitions to take place.

Our Grand Commander sees value in these competitions such as learning the rituals, enticing more members as the competitions become more widespread, they show that there is more to meetings than eating meeting and going home. The drills can be practiced at regular meeting in explaining how to use and handle the sword, how many time have you almost lost an ear during some of the drills, lets show our young members there is value in the Commandery.

As this venture progresses, I would like to have our dedicated Sir Knights made available to assist our fellow commandry's with help in putting on degrees.

Grand Commander Mike would like to see this progress from just local competition to regional competition.

I also intend to take this meeting to the Eastern part of the state I am waiting to hear back from Newport and then we will take this show on the road.

I do not have a budget for this program no snacks or drinks on April 20. Since I have no budget means no postage so forgive me for using email for this communication.

Please read this letter at meeting before April.

Rick Sears, Grand Generalissimo

2024 EASTER OBSERVANCE

SPACE IS
AVAILABLE



NOW ACCEPTING
RESERVATIONS
DUE BY FEB 29

\$250 DOUBLE
\$400 SINGLE

2024 Easter Observance

March 29-31, 2024

Tentative Itinerary

Friday, March 29

- 7:00 AM Leave Louisville DeMolay Commandery
- 8:00 AM Stop at Embassy Suites Lexington
- Stop in Ashland if needed
- Lunch stop along the way and
- 7:00 PM (Approximately) Arrive at Hilton Crystal City
- Dinner on your own at local restaurants

Saturday, March 30

The highlight of the day will be the Grand Commander and assistants laying a wreath at

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

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

Sunday, March 31

- Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial
- Following the Service, return to the Hotel and load up for the trip home with appropriate food and fuel stops

We are looking forward to having a large contingent from Kentucky participate this year.

Cost

\$250 per person for double occupancy

(Husband and wife—\$500)

(2 Sir Knights \$250 + \$250 = \$500)

Single occupancy (private room) \$400

This price covers transportation and hotel. Meals are not included.

If you are currently serving as Commander of your Commandery, and your Commandery elects to pay half of the cost (\$125), then The Grand Commandery of Kentucky will cover the other half. That way you only need to pay for your lady's cost.

To reserve your place on the bus

Send check or money order—sorry, we aren't set up to take cards—to:

Grand Commandery of Kentucky

PO Box 481

Williamsburg, KY 40769

Make check payable to Grand Commandery of Kentucky

Write Easter Pilgrimage on the memo line.

For more information about the trip (transportation, itinerary, lodging, etc.,) contact Bill Ryan

(502) 836-1123 or Mike Yount (502) 655-0702

For questions about reserving a spot or paying, contact Randall Partin (606) 524-9523

Grand Commandery of Kentucky Golf Scramble

Benefitting the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Attn All Sir Knights!

**This year's scramble will take place on June 8
at Wild Turkey Trace Golf Course in Lawrenceburg KY.**

All Commanderies are asked to please send a hole sponsor of
\$100 as they are able.

Teams are also needed. Cost is \$60/person \$240/team.
Start time is 8:30, lunch and prizes will be provided.



**Please contact Mark Elliott with any questions
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