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**A MESSAGE FROM THE
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER**

To all the Sir Knights of Georgia

He is risen! Ms. Bobbie and I wish a very Happy Easter to all Sir Knights and their families wherever dispersed. May your Easter and all your days be filled with peace and happiness that only our Lord and Savior can bring.

On this special day we remember Jesus' sacrifice and give thanks for what he brought to our world. Easter celebrates the defeat of death and the hope of the resurrection. This is God's display of unconditional love for the people and the world He created.

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." (John 1:25) Rejoice in hope, joy, and renewal this Easter Season.

Ditmar W. Chavez
Right Eminent Grand Commander

GRAND COMMANDERY OF GEORGIA EASTER TRIP



Join us for the Annual Grand Commandery of Georgia Easter Trip. The daes for this year's trip are March 27th - March 31st, 2024

William "Whitey" White is coordinating the trip for this year. As usual, travel will be by Chater bus leaving on March 27th from the Atlanta Masonic Center. The Charter bus is equipped with a TV, DVD Player and a Restroom. Juices, soft drinks, water and light snacks will be provided while on the bus.

Pricing for this year will include transportation, lodging, all tour fees and the following meals: Wed night dinner, Thursday night dinner, Friday night dinner, Saturday lunch, Saturday night banquet and Sunday lunch.

Price for 2 persons per room will be \$2,600.00 (\$1,300.00 per person)

Price for 1 person per room will be \$1,800.00.

EASTER TRIP ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024

- 7:00am - Depart the Atlanta Masonic Center (AMC)
- Travel to Concord, NC for the Concord Mills Mall Tour (Lunch on your own)
- 2:00pm - Depart for Petersburg, VA Holiday Inn Express. Group Dinner (included) that evening

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024

- Breakfast at the Hotel, provide by the hotel.
- 8:00am - Depart for Williamsburg, VA for a Tour there. Lunch on your own. (Tour admission included)
- 3:00pm - Depart for Washington, DC.
- 7:00pm - Arrive at Hotel in Crystal City, VA (or as determined by Grand Encampment)
- 8:00pm - Depart Hotel for Dinner (included in package)

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024

- Breakfast on your own
- 8:00am - Depart Hotel to go to the US Capitol Building for a tour with either Rep. Marjorie Green or Rep. Andrew Clyde, both from Georgia
- 11:00am - Depart for the Scottish Rite Building tour (admission included; lunch on your own)
- 2:00pm - Depart for the Museum of the Bible (admission included)
- 5:00pm - Depart for the Hotel
- 6:00pm - Depart Hotel for Dinner (Meal/Restaurant TBD but is included in package price)

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024

- Breakfast on your own
- 8:00am - Depart Hotel for Arlington National Cemetery
- 9:00am - Arrive at ANC for tour of the Cemetery. Self tour, no cost. Guided tour, \$20 (not included in package)
- TBD - Wreath Laying Ceremony for Grand Commander and 3 Guests at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
- TBD - Depart for George Washington Masonic Memorial Building Tour (included in package price)
- TBD - Grand Encampment Reception and Banquet at the Host Hotel (included in package price)

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

- 6:30am - Depart for George Washington Masonic Memorial
- 7:30am - Sir Knights will march up Shooter's Hill for Easter Sunrise Ceremony
- After the service, we will return to the Hotel for a QUICK change into traveling clothes and then begin the travel back to the Atlanta Masonic Ctr

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND/OR QUESTIONS

Contact William "Whitey" White @
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2024 GEORGIA GRAND YORK RITE SESSIONS

MAY 3 & MAY 4, 2024

- Joint Session will begin @ 7:30am on Friday, May 3rd
- All 3 individual body sessions will be held on Friday, May 3rd
- Grand Chapter RAM will open @ 9:00am on Friday, May 3rd
- Grand Council RSM will open @ 10:30am on Friday, May 3rd
- Grand Commandery will open @ 1:30pm on Friday, May 3rd
- The York Rite Presiding Officer degrees such as the Order of the High Priesthood for Past High Priests, the Order of the Silver Trowel for Past Illustrious Masters and the Knight Crusader of the Cross for Past Eminent Commanders will be conferred @ 3:00pm on May 3, 2024 at the Grand Chapter building
- A Joint Banquet will be held @ 7:00pm on Friday, May 3rd at the Marriott City Center in Macon, GA
- Honors Breakfast will be held @ 7:00am on Saturday, May 4th at the Marriott City Center
- The Joint Memorial/Divine service will be held @ 10:00am on Saturday, May 4th at the Grand Chapter building
- Installation of the Grand Line Officers will begin at 10:30am at the Grand Chapter building with a Grand York Rite reception following on Saturday, MMay 4th
- The SOOB Meeting will be held @ 1:30pm on Saturday, May 4th at the Grand Chapter building
- Georgia Priory #39, KYCH Meeting will be held @ 2:00 pm on Saturday, May 4th at the Al Sihah Shrine Temple @ 222 Mecca Dr, Macon, GA

