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Sir Knights and Ladies

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

As I write this, it is almost Christmas, YES!! Christmas. My prayers for the new decade would be that each and every one of you will have a healthy future and look at the Knights Templar with a new vision, one of growth and togetherness.

The Annual Inspection's are complete, we have knighted several excellent new Sir Knights and I welcome them into our Fraternity and urge them to get active.

The Annual Easter Sunrise Service, will again be held on the steps of the George Washington Masonic Memorial, Alexandria, VA, on Sunday, April 4th and will begin at 8:00 AM.

I was hoping the committee for the 80th Annual Easter Sunrise Service would have a bus or maybe a van from various parts of our state, to take those wishing to attend this impressive event, but!

If you refer to page 8 of the Knights Templar Magazine from December 2009 they have all the information that is needed to attend and register (the cutoff date is March 1, 2010.)

Mark your calendars and start to make plans. I would like to invite each and every one of you to attend the 136th Annual Conclave to be held in Wheeling on May 21 and 22, 2010 (more on this later.)

Peggy and I extend to all Sir Knights and their Ladies a very special hope for a year full of happiness and good health.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3: 16

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 17th.

God bless each and every one of you.

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Grand Officers Meeting Schedule

March 27 - 10 AM, Weston, (S. Wilson, VEDGC, Chair)

May 20 – Grand Conclave, Wheeling, (R. Baker, REGC, Chair)

Mark Your Calendars

80th Easter Sunrise Service April 4, 2010 Alexandria VA

WV Grand Conclave in Wheeling, WV May 21 - 22, 2010

Easter Sunrise Service

On April 4, 2010 Sir Knights from across the Grand Encampment's jurisdiction will celebrate Easter on the steps of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial. Your Easter Sunrise Observance Committee asks all Commanderies to make plans to be represented at the Sunrise Service and participating in this great Templar event. Commanderies doing interesting things coupled with community publicity can spark interest in joining our ranks. If you have questions about this event contact me at the address / e-mail given below.

Message for Recorders – Annual Returns

It is time to start thinking about the Annual Return. All Recorders should have the forms soon. Our year runs from April 1 through March 31. The Annual Return of each Commandery is due in the Grand Recorder's office on or before April 30 (the earlier in April the better).

Grand Commandery Committee Reports

It is time to begin the process of pulling Grand Commandery Committee reports together in preparation for Grand Conclave. Page 3 of General Order No. 1 lists the Committee appointments of the 2009 - 2010 Templar Year. The chairman of a committee is the first person listed.

Grand Conclaves of Other Mid Atlantic Dept. Jurisdictions

Delaware – March 13, Wilmington

Washington DC – March 19 - 20

North Carolina – not found

Virginia – not found

Maryland – October 22 - 24, Westminster

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