



96th ANNUAL GRAND ENCAMPMENT

EASTER OBSERVANCE – 2026

The 96th Annual Easter Sunrise Service, sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, will be held on the steps of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, on Sunday, April 5, 2026.

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

The Hilton Arlington National Landing, 2399 Richmond Highway, Arlington, Virginia, 22202, is our headquarters hotel. The special Knights Templar rate will be \$149.00 per room, based on double occupancy. Parking rate is \$15.00, per night. Please make your reservations directly with the hotel by calling 703-418-6800 (mention Grand Encampment of Knights Templar). A hotel reservation link is available on our website at: usagekt.org.

MEALS

A meal package is available for \$85.00 per person and includes Saturday evening dinner and Sunday morning breakfast buffet. Order your meal tickets from the Grand Encampment office. Registration forms are available online at www.knightstemplar.org for credit card processing, or mail your check, payable to the Grand Encampment, to 3 Sugar Creek Center Blvd, Suite 410, Sugar Land, TX 77478. Additional tickets may be ordered separately; Saturday dinner, \$70.00; Sunday breakfast buffet, \$25.00. Reserved seating at the Saturday night dinner will be assigned on a first come first served basis. If you would like to be seated together, please send in your payment as a group.

The hotel and meal ticket cutoff date is March 1, 2026. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Grand Commanders and their ladies are invited to attend the Saturday evening dinner, courtesy of the Grand Encampment. Prior reservations are required with the Grand Encampment office.

EASTER MORNING SCHEDULE

Breakfast buffet – 5:15 a.m. to 6:15 a.m.

Buses begin to leave hotel – 6:30 a.m.

Parade will step off at 7:40 a.m.

Easter Memorial Service – 8:00 a.m.

Buses return to the hotel after the service at approximately 9:30 a.m.

OTHER DETAILS

Grand Commanders are requested to appoint a delegation chairman and notify Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker, R:E: Grand Recorder, 3 Sugar Creek Center Blvd, Suite 410, Sugar Land, TX 77478, Phone: 713-349-8700, E-mail: john@gektusa.org.