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Knighly Greetings!

MacArthur Memorial, Wreath Ceremony

At 10:00am on Saturday, October 2nd, 20 Sir Knights from Chivalric District No.2, in Class-A uniforms, marched around the General Douglas MacArthur Memorial in downtown Norfolk to lead Most Worshipful Douglas Vernon Jones to the main entrance. The same Sir Knights then formed an arch of steel as I escorted the MW Grand Master through the arch into the Memorial.

A welcome speech was given by Col. William Davis, followed by the Presentation of the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance. Remarks were given by Sir Knight Robert McBride, myself and the Most Worshipful Grand Master. The Wreath Laying Ceremony followed. The event was concluded by Piper, Rob Lockwood, playing Amazing Grace.

This is an annual event, honoring one of our most notable Freemasons - General Douglas MacArthur. The 5-Star General became a Freemason while serving as Field Marshal in the capacity of military advisor to the Commonwealth Government of the Philippines in 1936.



District No.3 Christmas Observance

Wednesday, 8th December saw the Commanderies of Chivalric District No.3 hold their Christmas Observance at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria. This was a spectacular event, with approximately 100 attendees! This was the first time, in memory, that a Knight Templar Christmas Observance had been held there. The outside of the U.S. representation of the original lighthouse in Alexandria, Egypt, was lit in green and red to mark the occasion.

The other notable occurrence was the presence of all three Virginia Grand Officers:

- Sir Knight Peter R. Spring - Grand Commander Knights Templar of Virginia

- Sir Knight and Most Excellent Mark Pennypacker - Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons in Virginia
- Sir Knight and Most Worshipful James Winfield Golladay, Jr - Grand Master of Masons in Virginia

All the usual Toasts were given at the table laid as a cross. Responses were given to all toasts in the Christmas Spirit. Special thanks are to be given to Sir Knight Michael Huff, for his excellent event planning. Musical interludes, and Carols, were given by The Singers of Clear Harmonies and Sir Knight Jeff Hedges at his keyboard.



With all Knightly Courtesies,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter R. Spring". The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal line at the end.

S.K. Peter R. Spring, KCT

Grand Commander