



150th Annual Assembly UNITED GRAND IMPERIAL COUNCIL RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE

Knights Companions and Ladies:

We cordially invite you to attend the 150th Annual Assembly of the United Grand Imperial Council Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine to be held June 2 – 4, 2022 in Greensboro, North Carolina at the Embassy Suites Hotel.

The hotel is ten minutes from the Piedmont Triad International Airport (GSO) when using the complimentary hotel shuttle. GSO is serviced by Allegiant, American, Delta, Spirit and United airlines. Nonstops to GSO are currently available from Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, New York, Philadelphia, Tampa and Washington, D.C. The hotel is a ninety-minute drive from Charlotte Douglas International Airport in Charlotte, North Carolina (CLT).

Two leisure walking tours have been planned for your enjoyment. Old Salem is a historic district of Winston-Salem, North Carolina that was originally settled by the Moravian community in 1766. The district showcases the culture of the Moravian settlement in North Carolina during the 18th and 19th centuries, communal buildings, churches, houses, and shops. Highlights of the town include the Salem Tavern, where George Washington spent two nights (May 31 and June 1, 1791), while passing through North Carolina during his “Southern Tour”; the Single Brothers’ House; Boys’ School; Winkler Bakery; and a host of restored homes and shops, and several stores including T. Bagge Merchant and the Moravian Book and Gift Shop.

In addition to the historic shops, there are two museums on the grounds, the Old Salem Museums & Gardens and the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts. The collection of Old Salem Museums & Gardens is the most comprehensive assemblage of objects made and used in the Moravian town of Salem and surrounding Wachovia area of North Carolina. The collection of the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts at Old Salem is the most comprehensive collection of objects made and used in the early American South. The collection represents seven states and four centuries.

Following the tour, we will go to the Winston Salem Masonic Center for a leisurely lunch and refreshment. Those who choose not to go on the tour will be transported from the hotel to the Masonic Center for lunch. After lunch, all attendees will have the option of going on the second tour of the Reynolda House and Gardens or returning to the hotel for a restful afternoon.

The Reynolda House and Gardens was constructed for Richard Joshua Reynolds and his wife Katharine and is one of a few surviving examples of what was then a part of a national trend known as the American Country House movement through which affluent Americans created estates for healthy living outside of cities. Katharine’s ideas were influenced by and contributed to this phenomenon, which embraced large houses in park-like settings with dairies, model farms and extensive recreational facilities.

R. J. Reynolds was a key player in the industrialization of the New South. He established his own plug tobacco factory in Winston, North Carolina in 1875. Katharine proved equal to her husband in drive and initiative, playing the dominant role in the creation of a self-sufficient country estate.

Reynolda House Museum of American Art was originally the home of Katharine Smith and R.J. Reynolds, founder of the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. Promising a healthier lifestyle, the 64-room with more than 34,000-square-foot historic home was the centerpiece of a 1,067-acre estate and model farm.

Inside, you'll find not only more than 6,000 historic objects, but also a collection of world-renowned American art on view in the historic house and special exhibitions in the Babcock Gallery. Spanning 250 years, the collection is a chronology of American art and features artists such as Georgia O'Keeffe, Frederic Edwin Church, Alexander Calder, Romare Bearden, Lee Krasner, Stuart Davis, Martin Johnson Heade, Jacob Lawrence, John Singer Sargent, Andy Warhol, and Grant Wood.

Every effort is being made to ensure that you will have an enjoyable experience. Looking forward to seeing you in June.