



# **THE SOVEREIGN MILITARY ORDER OF THE TEMPLE OF JERUSALEM PRIORY OF SAINT VINCENT**

February 23, 2009

**Dear Knights, Dames and Guests:**

You are cordially invited to attend the **Spring Convent** of the **Priory of Saint Vincent** on Saturday, **April 25, 2009**, in what should be a Fully Blooming Columbia, South Carolina. Family and friends are welcome!

Room reservations can be made at **Embassy Suites (Hilton) in Columbia**, 200 Stoneridge Dr. (@ Greystone & I-126), Columbia, South Carolina 29210. Phone: **803-252-8700 or toll free 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-2779)**. See Page 3 for details of the superb hotel amenities.

Website for reservation online.

<http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/CAEGSES-STV-20090424/index.jhtml>. Tell them that you are with Knights Templar. The special room rate is **\$124** per night plus tax.

**Our block of rooms is reserved until April 3, 2009.** After that date, the Hotel cannot guarantee that accommodations will be available and the room rate reverts to the then current rate plus tax. Other area hotels are on next page. All are relatively close to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church where the C&I will be held Saturday, April 25.

## **Friday, April 24**

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Guest Reception, with light Hors d' Oeuvres, in the Atrium @ the Waterfall.  
The Priory Reception will be adjacent to the Hotels Managers Reception. Room reservations include reception bar service for 2 hours: Soft drinks, beer, wine, spirits..

TBA

Postulant Vigil at St. Timothy's

## **Saturday, April 25**

7:00 -10:30 am

Breakfast at ES, Cooked to order, included in room fees

9:00 -11:30 am

Priory Council Meeting in Salon G, Embassy Suites.

3:00 pm

Convent Preparation and Practice at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 900 Calhoun St., Columbia.

4:00 pm

Convent at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church.

6:00 pm

Reception w/ Cash bar (6:00 pm) & Banquet (7:00 pm) at the Embassy Suites,Salon AB. Dress: Military, Scottish, or Black Tie with decorations.

## **Sunday, April 26**

7:00 -10:30 am

Breakfast at ES, Cooked to order, included in room fees  
Communion Services at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church and other area churches.

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*Chev. Ed Farley, KCTJ 803-315-8863 Cell*

**RESERVATION FORM - Please return this form before March 28, 2009**

**Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** \_\_\_\_# of persons @ **\$17.00** each \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Light Hors d' Oeuvres);

**Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** \_\_\_\_# of persons @ **\$62.50** each \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Banquet)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **PRIORY OF SAINT VINCENT**, and return to:

**Chvse. Lisa Johnson, DCTJ**  
**12516 King Palm Drive, Savannah, GA 31419-2642. Tel: (912) 927 9712**

**Meal choice**

Herb/Garlic Encrusted **Prime Rib**; Maple Lacquered **Salmon**; **Chicken** Asiago;

Name of Templar .....Rank(SMOTJ)..... Meal Preference.....

Guests.....

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**Your selection card will be in your Welcoming Packet.**

**WE ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND BUT WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PRIORY \$\_\_\_\_\_**

**Directions to Columbia, SC:**

Greenville-Columbia 101 miles Aiken-Columbia 54 miles Charleston-Columbia 117 miles

Charleston-Columbia I-26/I-126 Exit at Greystone/Zoo Exit

From Charlotte: Take I-77 to I-20W, exit @ I-26/Charleston, Continue onto I-126, Exit at Greystone/Zoo Exit

From Atlanta: Take I-20 to I-26/I-126, Exit at Greystone/Zoo Exit

**Hotels:** Several alternate nearby hotels are listed below:

The Clarion, 1615 Gervais St. 803-771-8711.

Hampton Inn, 822 Gervais St., 803-231-2000

Marriott, 1200 Hampton St., 800-880-1885

Sheraton Columbia Downtown Hotel, 1400 Main St., 800-325-3535

**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church:** Map to church will be included in Welcoming Packet. This church is The Governor's Church.

**Activities and Attractions:**

Columbia River Banks Zoo & Botanical Gardens (0.5 mi.)

Vista – Shopping (3 mi.)

University Of South Carolina, Columbia Campus (4 mi.)

Lake Murray (11 mi.)

Confederate Relic Room & Museum (5 mi.)

Congaree National Park (23 mi.)

Riverfront Park & Canal (3 mi.)

Koger Center for the Arts (4 mi.)

Frankie's Fun Park (5 mi.)

Columbia Museum of Art (4 mi.)

**Restaurants:** Listings and locations w/ maps will be in Welcoming Packet.

**Churches:** Presbyterian, Methodist, Catholic, Baptist, Lutheran, Episcopal and others nearby.

### **Hotel Amenities**

- Conveniently located between Columbia's major interstates, I-20, I-26 and I-77
- Columbia's only full service, all suite hotel
- On premise dining at The Terrace Restaurant and Lounge serving lunch, dinner and suite service daily
- Indoor pool, Whirlpool and Sauna
- Atrium style hotel; adding that extra feeling of security (no long dark hallways)
- Free onsite parking at Embassy Suites Hotel

### **Guest Amenities**

- Complimentary, full cooked-to-order breakfast served in the atrium daily from 7:00am-10:30am. \* Featuring Omelet's made to order

### **Sleeping Suites**

- Honest-to-Goodness Two Room Suites™
- Private bedroom with vanity area
- Separate Living area with activity/work table
- Kitchenette in every suite that includes coffeemaker, refrigerator and microwave
- **Two** 32" Flat Screen LCD/HD Televisions with cable, OnCommand movie system and internet games.
- **Two** telephones with voice mail, Data port in suite