

FLORIDA FREEMASONS ANNUAL WASHINGTON D. C. TRIP VII

Thursday December 5th -Sunday December 8, 2024



2024 Preliminary Itinerary 2

Please RSVP to FLDCTRIP@gmail.com Book your flights and hotel ASAP.

Thursday Dec 5th: Arrive Washington D.C. at your leisure. It's a Free Evening, however we have introductions and a name drawing to choose the wreath ceremony participants at 6:00 p.m. in the hotel lobby. Then we go eat somewhere in groups.

Friday Dec. 6th Morning: Friday Festivities include Breakfast at hotel, Motorcoach transportation for the day to Arlington National Cemetery, Cemetery Trolley Tour, House of the Temple Tour, and Dinner. SUIT AND TIE / BUSINESS ATTIRE is required for the entire day on Friday. This is a day trip for the Brothers, but ladies are welcome to join us at the Dinner Banquet at the House of the Temple. They will have to arrange transportation to and from hotel.

TOTAL COST FRIDAY \$175.00 per Brother

Breakfast 6:30 - 7:15 a.m. at Hotel, Motor Coach Leaves at 7:15 a.m. to Arlington National Cemetery 8:00 a.m. entry, Trolley Tour of Cemetery exit at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Public Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb by our Grand Master and three Brothers chosen by lottery begins at 9:30 a.m. sharp! After the Wreath Ceremony, the Trolley will take us on the balance of our cemetery tour then we meet up at the Motor Coach for departure. We will then transport to the White House Area for a Masonic Presentation at Blair House. Followed by a break for lunch. You will have the opportunity to pick a place to eat and visit many historical sites. We will meet back together at the White House Visitors Center for a tour at approximately 1:30 –2:00 p.m. (its possible we may stop somewhere else time permitting) then we will arrive at the House of the Temple for a short tour, a Tyled Called Communication of Brandon Lodge No.114 in one of the Lodge rooms with presentations. We will then have a catered banquet/buffet in the George Washington Dining Room. Following dinner, we will reboard Motorcoach to visit the Lincoln, Viet Nam, Korean and Iwo Jima Memorials. We have changed the late evening up in the past, therefore it is subject to change on the fly for weather and or additional monument visits.

Saturday Dec. 7 Morning Free Time: Breakfast at Hotel 7:30 a.m.

Saturday is an open day! Several Excursions are being planed by different Brothers and all are available: Museum of the Bible, The George Washington National Masonic Memorial, The Congressional Cemetery, Smithsonian and National Archives and others, you do what you want or nothing at all.

Saturday Afternoon: Leave hotel by Uber at 2:15ish to Potomac Lodge No.5 in Georgetown. Reception begins aprox. 3:00 p.m. DDGM's, PDDG-M's and GRAND LINE wear TUXEDO, All others Business Attire (SUIT & TIE). Installation of Lodge Officers Potomac Lodge No.5 Georgetown. 4:00 p.m. After the Installation a Ticketed Holiday Party is available. A link to purchase tickets will be sent on an updated email when available

Sunday or Monday: Return home at your will and pleasure.

You can mail a check made out to :

GM Account

11575 NW 167th Place Reddick FL 32686

or Zelle \$175.00 to 352-804-3981

2024 Committee R.: W.: Brothers Steven Silvers, Alan Cox, Randy Bolen, Greg Wynn, Ernest Catsulis, W.: Jeremy Barnes



Flight Info / Transportation to DC

Book Your Flights to arrive on Thursday Dec 5th as close to noon as possible returning Sunday Dec. 8th, some Brothers will come in a day early and leave a day later. Groups Leave from Tampa, Orlando, Jacksonville, West Palm, on nonstops to Washington Reagan (DCA)

Driving: If you have in interest in driving there are some Brothers who would gladly help with expenses rather than flying.

Hotel:

Holiday Inn Arlington at Ballston
4610 N. Fairfax Dr. Arlington VA
703-243-9800 www.hiarlington.com
Group Name: Florida Freemasons

Double Rooms \$129.00 King \$129 + Tax per night which includes full breakfast for two in room. Room Block is from Wednesday Dec 4th– Monday Dec 9th for those that want to come in early and stay later.