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The Scottish Rite Valley of Columbia invites you to its 22nd annual Massing of the Colors at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 12, 2015, at the Scottish Rite Temple at 7230 Garners Ferry Road (a/k/a Sumter Highway), close to I-77 in the Columbia area. This annual patriotic and religious ceremony acknowledges our heritage of freedom and its symbolic representation, the Flag of the United States of America. It continues to be a stirring civic event. Please plan to be with us in this ceremony and to invite your organization's members, families, and friends to attend also!

We anticipate participation by thirty or more organizations that will provide color guards, including ROTC and JROTC units from many parts of South Carolina, active and reserve Armed Forces units, Army and Air National Guard and State Guard units, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, Rainbow Girls, DeMolay boys, various military veterans groups, and the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. We will hear a brief patriotic address and enjoy lively music by a brass ensemble of the Fort Jackson 282nd Army "Victory" Band, an outstanding vocalist, and an excellent bagpiper. We expect over 250 attendees, including some state and local dignitaries. The ceremony will last about two hours.

Please contact me by April 1st if you plan to attend so you can be properly recognized.

Sincerely,


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