



**UNITED GRAND COMMANDERY  
MASONIC KNIGHTS TEMPLAR – PRINCE HALL AFFILIATION  
JURISDICTION OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**Acceptance Speech  
of**



**MOST EMINENT SIR LARRY O. GRANT,  
MOST EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023**

**To the most Worshipful Grand Master Paul A. Hibner, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Eminent Grand Captain General, Eminent Grand Prelate, Eminent Grand Senior Warden, Eminent Grand Junior Warden, Past Most Eminent Grand Commanders, Grand Commandery Officers and Sir Knights all.**

**Greetings:**

**I stand here before you as your Most Eminent Grand Commander with the blessing of God, first he woke up, and by his grace and mercy I got up. Before I begin this journey, I must seek the Blessing and aid of the Supreme Architect of the Universe. With out the blessing of all mighty God nothing we do on earth matters.**

**Let us Pray.**

**AMEN**

**Sir Knight as we begin this journey together let us live in Christ and trust in his Blessings.**

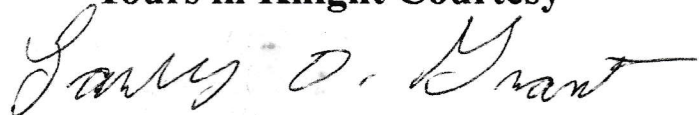
**It is indeed an honor and pleasure to serve this Grand Commandery with such a diverse group of men. You, my Sir. Knights have elected me to serv in this capacity to you I say thank you. I look at the men that I follow and take it as an honor and challenge to be a part of such esteem group of men. Past Most Eminent Grand Commander Odell Pruitt started me in this direction when he asked me to start working in the school of instruction. Past Grand Commander Stark R. Gilliam Affectionately known as my pappy. May he rest in peace, he had confidence in me and encouraged me to pursue my dreams. To Most Eminent Grand Commander Most Eminent Sir. Carlee London, you have entrusted me with certain projects I hope that I have served this Grand Commandery and you well.**

**Sir Knights, without you this Grand Commandery will not exist it is, my hope and desire that we will work together and keep up the standers that we have become accustomed to.**

**In this administration I will be looking to the membership of this Grand Commandery to collaborate with me and as we take our Commandery's to the next level. I will not ask anyone to do anything that I am not willing to do myself. My heart is heavy some of our membership has not been coming out to their meetings I am asking the Eminent Commanders of every Commandery to contact your membership and check on your members and try to address whatever their concerns may be. This year we will be going back to basics, it is my desire to see every Commandery excel in our work.**

**One of my goals this year will be to increase our membership with the Commandery's doing their own work. To accomplish this, we must attend the schools of instruction and bring your questions. As I cannot predict the future nor do I know what is going to happen I can say this, it is NOT my intention to have a mass. In closing I take this opportunity to thank all of you for the confidence you have in my ability to serve this office, as the Most Eminent Grand Commander of the United Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.**

**Yours in Knight Courtesy**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James O. Grant".

**Most Eminent Grand Commander**