

**THE UNITED GRAND COMMANDERY
MASONIC KNIGHTS TEMPLAR – P.H.A.
JURISDICTION OF PENNSYLVANIA**

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OFFICE OF

**Most Eminent Sir Larry O. Grant No. 1
Most Eminent Grand Commander**

May 1, 2024

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER TWO

**TO BE READ ALOUD IN ALL
SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES**

Right Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Eminent Grand Captain General, Eminent Grand Prelate, Eminent Grand Senior and Junior Wardens, Eminent Elected, and Appointed Grand Commandery Officers, Past Most Eminent Grand Commanders, Past Eminent Grand Commanders Eminent Commanders, Generalissimos, Captain Generals, Past Eminent Commanders and Sir Knights of all Subordinate Commanderies owing allegiance to the United Grand Commandery, Masonic Knights Templar – Prince Hall Affiliated, Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania,

Greetings:

“I can do all things through Christ, which strengthened me.”
Philippians 4:13

Know ye by these present that I, Most Eminent Sir Larry O. Grant No.1, Most Eminent Grand Commander, pursuant to Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution of the United Grand Commandery, Masonic Knights Templar – Prince Hall Affiliated,

Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania and by authority in me vested, do hereby summons all Elected and Appointed Grand Commandery Officers, Committee Chairman and Delegates and herewith officially notify all Sir Knights to register in advance and be present for the convening of the 194th. Annual Grand Conclave, 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, August 3, 2024 thru Sunday, August 4,2024 at the Crowne Plaza, 260 Mall Boulevard, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406 for the purpose of reviewing the state of Masonic Knights Templars in the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania and transacting all business that may constitutionally and legally come before us.

REGISTRATION

Pre-registration fee for the Grand Conclave is \$70.00 which will include lunch on Saturday, August 3, 2024. All Sir Knights are required to register through their respective Commanderies. Pre-registration forms will be available June 2024 and are to be completed and delivered, along with fees, to the United Grand Commandery Office Attention: Eminent Grand Recorder 4301 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140. Said forms and fees are to be submitted no later than Monday, July 15, 2024.

All United Grand Commandery Officers – Elected and Appointed, Chairpersons and Committee Members must pre-register through their respective Commanderies. Past Grand Commanders and Past Most Eminent Grand Commanders are to be registered, without fee, by their respective Commanderies.

Lunch Tickets shall be given to each pre-registered Sir Knight and are to be presented or surrendered at the time of lunch.

On-Site registration will be \$80.00. On-Site registrants may not receive lunch accommodations.

OPENING OF AN OCCASIONAL COMMANDERY

Union Commandery No.1 will open an Occasional Commandery on Saturday, August 3, 2024 at 8:30 A.M. under the supervision of the State Grand Lecturer, Sir Lee Robinson No. 1, for the purpose of receiving the Most Eminent Grand Commander and his core of Officers at 9:00 A.M. Past Most Eminent Grand Commanders will be received at 9:30 A.M.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE

A Devotional Service will be held on Sunday, August 4, 2024, 8:00 A.M., at the Crowne Plaza Hotel 260 Mall Boulevard King of Prussia, PA A continental breakfast will be provided during the Devotional Service.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Annual Memorial Service for our deceased Sir Knights, during the year 2023-2024, will be held on Sunday, August 4, 2024, 6:00 P.M. at the Crowne Plaza, King of Prussia, PA. Representatives from every Commandery within the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania should attend this service to pay due respect to those steadfast Sir Knights who have gone on before us. Family members of our deceased Sir Knights are also invited and urged to attend. **Please be advised that family members are invited by the subordinate Commandery. Assembly Time is 5:30 P.M. Dress for Sir Knights is Full Dress Uniform or Fatigue Uniform, White Gloves, No Sidearm.**

ROOM RESERVATIONS

Room reservations at the Crowne Plaza Hotel 260 Mall Boulevard King of Prussia PA 19406 can be made by calling (610) 265-7500. Room rates are \$139.00 plus applicable tax per night. Deadline for room reservations is Friday, July 19, 2024.

UNIFORM OF THE DAY

Grand Commandery Officers, Eminent Commanders, Generalissimos and Captain Generals of Subordinate Commanderies will be identified and properly attired, during the Annual Grand Conclave, in Full Dress Uniform. Past Eminent Commanders, elected and appointed subordinate Commandery officers not previously indicated and Sir Knights not in possession of a Full Dress Uniform may attire themselves in Fatigue Uniform or as Master Masons, but must have, their Fatigue Caps and Templar Jewels.

MILITARY BALL

Our Military Ball and evening of dance. Will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2024, 7:00 P.M., at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, King of Prussia, PA. Under the direction of Right Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Sir Michael C. Stewart No. 1: Banquet Chairman. Tickets are \$60.00. When ordering tickets, please specify your choice of meals: **Chicken** or **fish**. Deadline for all tickets is Wednesday, July 24, 2024. To commemorate our Military Ball we will have a Souvenir Journal. Full Page Ads are \$60.00 and Half Page Ads are \$40.00. Deadline for all ads will be Wednesday July 17, 2024. All Elected and Appointed Grand Commandery Officers are expected to purchase at least one (1) ticket and a full-page ad. For the Military Ball in addition to the James M. Thornton/James Sheppard, Jr. Educational Awards. The dress for Sir Knights are Short White Coat, White Shirt, Black Bow Tie, Black Trousers, Black Socks, Black Shoes, Shoulder Bars, Office Jewel, Veteran Pin (optional) and Name Plate (Optional). Sir Knights, who are not officers in their subordinate Commanderies can wear their Red and Malta Cross Jewels. Sir Knights who are not in possession of a Short White Coat may wear their Fatigue Uniform, or White Dinner Jacket or a Black Suit. Make checks payable to United Grand Commandery and forward to the attention of Sir Agoi V. Obima No.2, Ticket Chairman and Sir Calvin Boyce Jr. No. 14, Souvenir Journal Chairman, United Grand Commandery, 4301 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19140. The Ticket and Souvenir Chairman will be available every Monday and Wednesday at the Grand Commandery Office.

MANDATES

Mandate No. 19– Executive Meeting

An Executive Meeting will be held on Friday, August 2, 2024, 5:00 P.M., at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, King of Prussia, PA. All Elected and Appointed Grand Commandery Officers, Committee Chairmen and Committee Members are required to attend. All Past Most Eminent Grand Commanders and Past Grand Commanders are invited to attend.

Mandate No. 20 – Quarterly Financial Returns

Quarterly Financial Returns are required and shall be paid on or before their due dates. Commanderies are expected to prepare their financial reports in a timely manner and are to pay Quarterly Taxes for each non-exempt Sir Knight on their membership roll. A copy of your membership roster must be submitted with each Quarterly Financial Returns.

A Commandery must be financial to attend the Annual Grand Conclave. If found delinquent in the reporting of Quarterly Returns, a Commandery and any of its members, regardless of Grand Commandery Office(s) held, will be denied seating at the Annual Grand Conclave. Third Quarter Taxes is due May 5, 2024 and Fourth Quarter Taxes is due August 1, 2024. **Sir Knights, take heed and govern yourselves accordingly!**

Mandate No. 21 – Recommendations, Resolutions and By-Law Changes

All Recommendations, Resolutions and By-Law Changes shall be submitted and in the hands of the Jurisprudence Committee at least sixty (60) days (**June 3rd, 2024**) prior to the convening of the Annual Grand Conclave.

Mandate No. 22 – Annual Reports

All Elected and Appointed Grand Commandery Officers including all Committee Chairpersons will submit a report of their activities (110 copies) for fiscal year 2023-2024 to the Office of the Eminent Grand Recorder, Sir Thomas P. William No. 1 no later than Wednesday, July 10, 2024. The Divisional Commanders will submit a copy of their report to the State Divisional Commander, Sir Calvin Johnson No. 17 on/before Wednesday, July 17, 2024. The Divisional Lecturers will submit a copy of their report State Grand Lecturer, Sir Lee Robinson, No. 1 on/before Wednesday, July 17, 2024. The State Divisional Commander, the State Grand Lecturer, the Divisional Commanders and Divisional Lecturers will submit a report of their activities (110 copies) for fiscal year 2023-2024 to the Office of the Eminent Grand Recorder, Sir Thomas William No. 1 no later than Monday, July 22, 2024 The Most Royal Grand Chief Engineer Quinton O. Mason will render his report during the Annual Grand Conclave, with copies, summarizing the activities of his office for fiscal year 2023-2024 concerning the Most Royal Grand Court of Cyrene of Pennsylvania.

Mandate No. 23 – Elections

The Divisional Commanders shall receive an approved audit report and a completed Certificate of Election Forms and Commandery Data Sheets from each of their respective Commanderies during the June 2024 conclave and relinquish the same to the State Divisional Commander. The completed Certificate of Election Forms and Commandery Data Sheets are a must for this Grand Commandery; permitting current and accurate records. The State Divisional Commander shall be held accountable to insure that these forms are properly submitted and will turn the same over to the Eminent Grand Recorder, Sir Thomas P. William No. 1 no later than Wednesday, July 24, 2024.

Pursuant to Article XIII, a Full Dress Uniform is mandatory for Eminent Commanders, Generalissimos and Captain Generals. To be eligible for the office of Eminent Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General, a Sir Knight must wear his Full Dress Uniform at that June 2024 Conclave. There will be no excuses, such as a receipt for the same. Cyrene Commandery No. 9, Pittsburgh, PA will be given time, by my dispensation, to comply with the Constitution of the United Grand Commandery and this Mandate.

Mandate No. 24 – James M. Thornton/James Sheppard, Jr., Educational Awards

We are requesting a donation of \$50.00 from each Grand Commandery Officer and Sir Knight to fund the James M. Thornton/James Sheppard, Jr., Educational Awards so that we can give a deserving student or students an educational award at the Military Ball and Awards Ceremony. Please make all checks payable to United Grand Commandery and forward to Sir Otis Guinyard No. 16, Chairman – 401 Carver Lane Royersford, PA 19468 by Monday, July 15, 2024. Thanking you in advance for your support.

**“If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.”
I John 4:1**

Sir Knights, I will wield my Sword in defense of Innocent Maidens, Destitute Widows, Helpless Orphans and the Christian Religion.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the United Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, in the Fifth Month of the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty Four.

Yours in Knightly Courtesy,



Sir Larry O. Grant
Most Eminent Grand Commander

Attest: Sir Thomas P. Williams
Grand Recorder

