

The United Grand Commandery of PA

Masonic Knights Templar – Prince Hall Affiliated

Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania

General Order Number Four



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

*The Honorable Sir Timothy J. Cager
107th Most Worshipful Grand Master
Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge
Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania*

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

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

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GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER FOUR

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

By the authority vested in me as the Most Eminent Grand Commander, I Most Eminent Sir Larry O. Grant do hereby direct that this General Order Number Four be read aloud in its entirety in all Subordinate Commanderies and that the Mandates contained herein are strictly adhered to and further, that this General Order shall be brought to Commandery meeting and used as a reference.

Know ye by these present that I, Most Eminent Sir Larry O. Grant 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 195th. Annual Grand Conclave, 8:00 A.M. on Saturday, August 2, 2025 thru Sunday, August 3, 2025 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 \$150.00, which will include lunch on Saturday, August 2, 2025 and Banquet ticket. Extra tickets may be purchased for \$75.00 each. All Sir Knights are required to register through their respective Commanderies. Pre-registration forms will be available June 2025 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 13, 2025. On-Site registration will be \$160.00. On-Site registrants may not receive lunch accommodations.

All United Grand Commandery Officers – Elected and Appointed, Chairpersons and Committee Members must pre-register through their respective Commanderies. 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.

OPENING OF AN OCCASIONAL COMMANDERY

Hannibal Commandery No. 18 will open an Occasional Commandery on Saturday, Augusts 2, 2025 at 8:00 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 8:30 A.M. Past Most Eminent Grand Commanders will be received at 9:00 A.M.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE

A Devotional Service will be held on Sunday, August 3, 2025, 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 2024-2025, will be held on Sunday, August 3, 2025, 7:00 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 6:30 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 Monday, July 7, 2025.

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.

SOCIAL EVENT

There will be a Social Event on Friday, August 1, 2025, 7 PM for your entertainment at the Crowne Plaza Hotel 260 Mall Boulevard, King of Prussia PA 19406 Casual Dress.

ANNUAL BALL AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Our Annual Ball and Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday, August 2, 2025, 7:00 P.M., at the Crowne Plaza Hotel 260 Mall Boulevard, King of Prussia, PA. Tickets are \$75.00. We will be honoring our Most Eminent Grand Commander Most Eminent Sir. Larry O. Grant when ordering tickets, please specify your choice of meals: **Chicken** or **Fish**. Deadline for all tickets is Wednesday, July 23, 2025.

To commemorate our Annual Ball and Awards Ceremony, we will have a Souvenir Journal. Full Page Ads is \$50.00 and Half Page Ads is \$30.00. Deadline for all ads is Wednesday July 16, 2025. All Elected and Appointed Grand Commandery Officers are expected to purchase at least one (1) ticket and a full-page ad. Please make all Ads camera ready.

During the Annual Ball and Awards Ceremony, we shall endeavor to present the Commandery of the Year Award, Eminent Commander of the Year Award, and the Sir Knight of the Year Award 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 Calvin Boyce, Ticket Chairman Phone No. (215) 833-1556 and Sir. Agoi Ombima Souvenir Journal Chairman**, United Grand Commandery, 4301 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19140. Phone No. (215) 669-4764 Email Visendi@temple.edu The Ticket and Souvenir Chairman will be available every Monday and Wednesday at the Grand Commandery Office.

MANDATES

Mandate No. 45– Executive Meeting:

An Executive Meeting will be held on Friday, August 1, 2025, 3:00 P.M., at the Crowne Plaza Hotel 260 Mall Boulevard King of Prussia, PA 19406 All Elected and Appointed Grand Commandery Officers, Committee Chairmen and Committee Members are required to attend. All Past Most Eminent Grand Commanders are invited to attend.

Mandate No. 46 – 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, 2025 and Fourth Quarter Taxes is due August 1, 2025. **Sir Knights, take heed and govern yourselves accordingly!**

Mandate No. 47 – 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 5, 2025**) prior to the convening of the Annual Grand Conclave.

Mandate No. 48 – 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 2024-2025 to the Office of the Eminent Grand Recorder, Sir Thomas Williams No. 1 no later than Wednesday, July 23, 2025. The Divisional Commanders will submit a copy of their report to the State Divisional Commander, Sir Calvin Johnson No. 17 on/before Monday, July 21, 2025. The Divisional Lecturers will submit a copy of their report to the State Grand Lecturer, Sir Lee Robinson No. 1 on/before Monday, July 21, 2025. 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 2024-2025 to the Office of the Eminent Grand Recorder, Sir Thomas Williams No. 1 no later than Wednesday, July 23, 2025. 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 2024-2025 concerning the Most Royal Grand Court Of Cyrene of Pennsylvania.

Mandate No. 47 – Elections:

The Divisional Commanders shall receive an approved audit report and a completed Certificate of Election Form and Commandery Data Sheet from each of their respective Commanderies during the June 2025 conclave and relinquish the same to the State Divisional Commander. The completed Certificate of Election Form and Commandery Data Sheet 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 Williams No. 1 no later than Wednesday, July 23, 2025.

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 2025 Conclave. For anyone that cannot comply would need a Special Dispensation from the Most Eminent Grand Commander to comply with the Constitution of the United Grand Commandery and this Mandate.

Mandate No. 48 – 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 Annual 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 by Wednesday, July 16, 2025. Thanking you in advance for your support.

“Put on the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”
Ephesians 6:11

“If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.”
I John 4:12

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 Sixth Month of the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty –Five

Yours in Knightly Courtesy,

Larry O. Grant

Eminent Sir Larry O. Grant
Most Eminent Grand Commander

Thomas P. Williams

Attest: Sir Thomas P. Williams, No. 1
Grand Recorder

