

MASONIC KNIGHTS TEMPLAR Prince Hall  
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**Sir Michael C. Stewart #1**  
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Right Eminent Deputy Grand Commander

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**Sir Marc Spearmon #1**  
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**Sir Agoi Ombima #2**  
Eminent Grand Senior Warden

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Eminent Grand Junior Warden

## The United Grand Commandery



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JURISDICTION OF  
PENNSYLVANIA  
Organized December 12, 1830

**Sir Thomas P. Williams #1**  
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**Sir Calvin Boyce #14**  
Eminent Grand Prelate

**Sir Andrew Alexander #12**  
**Sir Arthur Morton #2**  
**Sir John Austin #14**

### Closing

**A. All closings should be completed Ritualistically, with the full core of officers without books. Main participants**

**Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Eminent Prelate, Recorder, Treasurer, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Warder, Standard Bearer, Sword Bearer and Sentinel**

**B. It is customary to formally close a Commandery meeting as a Knight Temple Masonic body for several reasons, deeply intertwined with the nature of Masonic principals and the ritual.**

**Why do we close a Commander?** It formally concludes the Masonic work: A comradery meeting, like other Masonic gatherings is a structured event with a specific purpose. The closing ceremony formally signifies the end of that work and the transition from the sacred space of the conclave to the secular world outside.

**To reinforce Masonic Principals:** Closing rituals often involve reiterating the duties of the officers and moral lessons learned during the meeting. This serves as a final reminder to carry those lessons into daily life and your interactions with others.

**To maintain order and precision:** Masonic Commandery meetings emphasize order and precision in all their proceedings. Closing ceremonies contribute to this by ensuring a structured and dignified conclusion to the meeting.

**To invoke blessings and express gratitude:** Closing prayers or benedictions are common in masonic rituals and ceremonies the commandery is no exception. This an opportunity to express gratitude for the time spent together in brotherhood and to ask for divine favor and guidance in the days ahead.

**To ensure the integrity of the meeting:** The closing ritual ensures that all presents are duly qualified member and reinforces the privacy and sacred nature of the Masonic space.

**In essence closing a Commandery meeting is not just about ending a session, but about thoughtfully concluding the masonic experience, reinforcing the principals, and preparing Sir Knights to carry those same values back into their lives**

