

The United Grand Commandry of Pennsylvania, PHA
4301 North Broad Street; Philadelphia, PA 19014

195th Grand Conclave

Saturday August 2, 2025/ Sunday August 3, 2025

P.E.C. Arthur H. Rothwell, III #12– Pro Temp
Assistant Recorder

P.E.C Kelly R. Meyers #12
Eminent Grand Assistant Recorder

P.E.G.C. Thomas P. Williams #1
Eminent Grand Recorder

Most Eminent Sir Larry O. Grant #1
Most Eminent Grand Commander

Honorable Sir Timothy J. Cager #9
107th Most Worshipful Grandmaster
Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge

United Grand Commandery of Pa. PHA

195th Grand Conclave Saturday Morning Minutes August 2, 2025

8:00 AM – An occasional Commandery was opened by Gilbert L. Brannon #15 Eminent Commander David J. Thomas; Generalissimo Charles Headen Jr.; Captain General Steven Williams; Treasurer Wayne V. Lamb Sr.; Recorder Ronald Morris Sr.; Prelate Waverly Martin Sr.; Senior Warden Daryl Andrews III; Junior Warden Patrick Sandlin; Warder Joseph Barcky; Standard Bearer Alfred McClinton #1; Sword Bearer Gary Hopkins Sr.; Marshall Kareem Lee #1; Sentinel James Wilbough. All under the watchful eye of Grand Lecturer PEC Lee Robinson.

8:45 AM - The Right Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Michael C. Stewart #1 was received into the 195th Annual Grand Conclave

8:50 AM – The Most Eminent Grand Commander, Most Eminent Sir Larry O. Grant and the officers of the United Grand Commandery were received into the 195th Annual Grand Conclave by the REDGC Michael C. Stewart #1. He reported that the Occasional Commandery Team did an A Plus Job in ritualistic opening. The MEGC was escorted to the east where he received Grand Honors led by PEGC Toby A. Bryant #1 Drill Master.

8:54 AM - The officers for the United Grand Commandery were ordered to take their stations by the MEGC, Most Eminent Sir Larry O. Grant. He thanked the Occasional Commandery Team for a job well done.

9:00 AM – Roll Call of Subordinate Commandries with 100% attendance.

9:04 AM – Roll Call of UGC officers all were present except for Trustee PEC Sir Andrew K. Alexander, Sr # 12.

9:07 AM – PEC Sir Arthur H. Rothwell, III moved to suspend reading of General Order because it was read in all the subordinate commanderies. Properly Seconded by REDGC Sir Michael C. Stewart #1.

9:09 AM – Reading of minutes of the 194th Grand Conclave by Eminent Grand Recorder PEGC Thomas Pierre Williams #1. The minutes were approved as read with the necessary corrections.

9:40 AM – 13 combined PMEGC and PEGC were received into the Grand Conclave by MEGC and introduced by REDGC Michael C. Stewart and received Grand Honors.

9:50 AM – Orders of the day were read by REDGC.

9:55 AM – EGR PEGC Thomas Pierre Williams #1 gave his Grand Recorders report. It was moved by Generalissimo Sir Dr. Gregory Tillery #1 to accept with any necessary corrections and placed in the archives Sir Johnathon Perry PEC #1 seconded. Motion passed.

10:10 AM – EGT PEGC Hubert Braxton Union #1 rendered their annual report. PEC Isreal Ray III #12 moved to accept the report and seconded by EC Shawn Baylor #14; John Singleton and was approved by body.

10:24 AM – EGG Kevin Smalls #1 rendered his verbal annual report and was accepted by REDGC Michael C. Stewart #1 and a written report to be furnished at a later date.

10:26 AM – EGCG Demetrius R. Hellams Sr. #15 rendered his annual report. PEC David Thomas #15; PEC Steven Williams #15; EC James Triplett #12 moved and seconded. It was approved by body.

10:35 AM – Audit Report Read by PGEC William Lockwood Jr #14. Moved to accept by REDGC Michael C. Stewart #1 seconded by PEC Jacob Howard #2. Questions – PEC Wayne Lamp Sr on Exhibit #3 transfer \$2,100 into charity account separate from charity. PEGC Williams explained money was given to students from General fund 2) Charity fund transferred \$3,000 and no explanation on it. PEGC Williams deferred to treasurer for explanation. MEGC Larry O. Grant intervened and explained that all funds were accounted for; the Auditor is not available to explain at this time. PEGC Lockwood offered explanation and was accepted by PEC Lamp. MEGC followed up stating moving of money was to deal with creating separate accounts. Approved by body.

11:05 AM – Acceptance of Foreign Jurisdictions and received Grand Honors after they were introduced as following:

- Jurisdiction of Massachusetts represented by PREGC William Walker.
- Jurisdiction of New Jersey Mount Calvary Grand Commandery MEGC Anthony L. Pollih Sr
REGG Johathan Lumpkin; REGCG Daniel Allen; PMEGC Lemual Dunnigan; PEC John White; DL Willie Faulks
- Jurisdiction of New York Most Eminent Prince Hall Grand Commandery
PMEGC Marques Jones; PMEGM Jimmie Chaple

11:18 AM - Grand Encampment of Knight Templar MEGM Fred R.S. Nelson Jr.
Marques Jones GEKT 2 yr Trustee; Jimmie Chaple; Toby A. Bryant; Joseph Prudie III

11:25 AM – Reception of invited guests and Prince Hall family received as follows:
-ASSR of Freemasonry Illustrious Deputy for the Orient S.G.I.G. Donald C. Jones, 33
Represented by S.G.I.G. Elmer M. Evans Assistant to the Deputy for the Orient
-DGC, OES GWM - Sister Kelly J. Shepherd and GWP Brother Wayne Morris

- MAGC Heroines of Jericho – MAGM Heroine Valerie T. Hand and WGJ Companion Allan Domain
- MEGC, HRAM MEHP Companion Warren Montague
- EGC Ladies of the Circle of Perfection RGPM Hazel Thompson and RGCA Kevin M Small Sr
- Convent General of the United States – KYCH represented by Jurisdiction Deputy of Pennsylvania Knight Calvin E. Ligons

11:35 AM – Reception of Most Royal Grand Court of Cyrene’s MRGC Cyrene Sharon McIntosh Mason and MRGCE Knight Quinton O. Mason

11:40 AM – Reception of MWGM Timothy Cager represented by RWGSW Robert Gabriel Bonds Sr. and RWDGM Eric Williams

11:50 AM – Remarks from Jurisdictions and MRGC/ MRGCE

12:07 PM – Remarks for Prince hall family given by Keven Smalls RGCA

12:08 PM – Remarks given from RWSGW Bonds

12:10 PM - MEGC Larry O. Grant informed body we will resume labor at 1:30 PM.

1:32 PM - MEGC Larry O. Grant called the Grand Commandry back to labor from lunch

1:33 PM - Morning Minutes read by Arthur H. Rothwell, III PEC #12 and accepted by MEGC.

1:45 PM - MWGM of DE Everett Lewis was received by MEGC Larry O. Grant

1:47 PM - REDGC Michael C. Stewart introduced the MEGC for his annual address and ordered the GEP to deliver a prayer.

1:51 PM – MEGC began his annual address

2:00 PM – REDGC called for motion and moved by GG Kevin Smalls to accept the report coming from the MEGC. It was seconded by GCG Demitrius Hellams; EC Mobley #18; PEC Wilkins #14; CG Tillery #1 and many others. It was turned over to committee for address for MEGC along with recommendations turned over to Jurisprudence. Accepted by body and MEGC received a standing ovation.

2:05 PM – MEGC spoke on tax exempt status and how it affects the commandry.

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2:10 PM – MEGC received the MWGM Timothy Cager #9 who is represented by RWSGW Robert Gabriel Bonds and Grand Honors were given by GSW Calvin Boyce.

2:12 PM – Necrology report was given by EGP Marc Spearman after prayer by EGAP Jimmy Hare

2:15 PM – EGAP Hare offered a sermonette for all fallen Knights since last Grand Conclave

2:30 PM – EGJW Agoi Obima rendered a song for the Grand Commandry

2:35 PM – MEGC informed warder to have all outside of Conclave to enter inside now.

2:37 PM – PMEGC Antoine Small #1 took control of the conclave for the purpose of nominations of officers for the 2025-2026 Templar Year

- 1) MEGC nominated Micheal C. Stewart for MEGC elect
- 2) REDGC nominated Kevin M. Small for REDGC elect
- 3) EGG nominated Demetrius Hellams for EGG elect
- 4) EGCG nominated Marc Spearman for EGCG elect
- 5) GEP nominated Calvin R. Boyce Jr. for EGP elect
- 6) REDGC nominated Thomas P Williams to succeed himself as EGR
- 7) PMEGC R. Wilson nominated Hubert Braxton to succeed himself as EG Treasurer
- 8) EGAR retains position as no nominations were presented
- 9) PMEGC H. Braxton nominated Isreal Ray III PEC #12 to succeed himself as GAT
- 10) EC John Singleton nominated George Winston II PEC #12 as GAT
- 11) EGSW nominated Agoi Obima as EGSW elect
- 12) EGG nominated Mark Wilson#1 as EGJW
- 13) PEC Earl Johnson nominated PEC Calvin Johnson #17 as EGJW
- 14) PEC John Alston nominated Allan Doman as EGJW
- 15) EGG nominated Arthur Morton as Trustee
- 16) PMEGC nominated John Austin as Trustee

3:00 PM – nominations closed by PMEGC Antoine Small

3:03 PM – EGSW gave report as Ticket Chairman for banquet

3:05 PM – EGJW gave report on AD book, and PMEGC R. Wilson gave overview of banquet

3:07 PM – MEGC Closed Grand Conclave and stated devotional service will be 8:00AM and the Grand Conclave will reopen at 9:00AM

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9:17AM – MEGC Larry O. Grant called the Grand Conclave back to labor. Opening prayer by EGPRE Mark B. Spearman.

9:25AM – Minutes from the 195th Grand Conclave Afternoon August 2, 2026 were rendered by Eminent Assistant Grand Recorder (Pro Temp) PEC Arthur H. Rothwell, III #12. The minutes were accepted as read with the necessary corrections.

9:30AM – State Divisional Calvin Johnson #17 gave report of Divisionals work during this past year. State Divisional Johnson gave ratings for the commandries and had the Divisionals tell what Commandries they oversaw.

9:35AM – PEC Mark Wilson Union #1 moved to accept report and 2nd by PEC Chris Wilkins Mathias #16 along with PEC Collins and approved by body.

9:40AM – State Grand Lecturer Lee Robinson Union #1 gave his report on lecturer's duties of this year. Introduce all lecturers on team. Lecturers stated what commandries they over saw. PEC Frank O. Martin, SR Imperial #12 not in attendance. Divisional Chris Wilkins there was a problem with his registration and he was not allowed to enter the Grand Conclave. MEGC Larry O. Grant stated to have him called and enter into the Grand Conclave. MEGC told State Grand Lecturer to please take time to take care of himself. MEGC gave standing ovation to Divisionals and Lecturers.

9:50AM – MRGCE Quinton O. Mason rendered his report coming from his office. PMRGCE Patience moved to accept report. It was seconded by PMRGCE's Earl Johnson; Allan Doman; Shaw. The report was accepted by the body and the MRGCE Quinton O. Mason was given a standing ovation.

9:55AM – Report from Thornton/Sheppard Achievement Awards Committee by EGG Kevin Smalls. He stated that 2 awards of \$500 were given out last night. EGG Smalls stated PEC Otis Guinyard has passed the leadership over to him so he can take his rest. EGG Smalls stated he will have an event to assist in funding the committee soon. PEC Guinyard spoke and agreed with the EGG and asked about where are the future young men at to receive the scholarship. EGG reminded everyone to fill out the applications properly. MEGC Grant spoke highly on PEC Otis Guinyard commitment and dedication. MEGC Grant gave committee right hand salute.

10:05AM – EGCG Hellams gave statement on helping committee and reminded all officers that General Orders state all officers are required to donate \$50. If we did would be no issue having funds.

10:09AM – EGPRE Spearman gave his report for the year; MEGC Grant thanked EGPRE for his tireless work. EC John Singleton moved to accept his report and was seconded by PEC's Fred

Jackson Union #1 and Frank O. Martin, Sr Imperial #12 with EG Greg Tillery #1 and accepted by body.

10:15AM – MEDGC Michael Stewart Union #1 gave his annual report. It was moved to accept by SK Greg Tillery Union #1. It was seconded by EC Maurice Mobley Hannibel #18; EC Sean Baylor Mathias #14; SK Kareem Lee Union #1; and accepted by body.

10:19 AM – EGSW Boyce gave his report for this year and was motioned to accept by EC Sean Baylor Mathias #14. It was seconded by EC Mobley Hannibal #18; PEC Allan Doman Mathias #14; PEC Chris Wilkins Mathias #14 and accepted by body.

10:24AM – EGJW Agoi Obima gave his annual report and was moved to accept by PEC James Willoby #15. It was seconded by PEC Frank O. Martin, Sr #12; EC John Nobles #2; SK Sean D. Ford #2; PEC Jacob F. Howard, III #2; SK James Tidwell #2

10:33AM – Report on 195th Grand Conclave by PMEGC Robert Wilson. Received by MEGC Grant by declaration.

10:49AM – EGAPRE Jimmy Hair gave thanks to GOD for his support and continued protection.

10:55AM – PMEGC gave statement of commitment of taking positions in this order.

10:58AM – Grand Trustee's called before altar by MEGC Grant. Trustee's gave report on status of Grand Commandry Jewels and Implements. Given Right Hand salute by MEGC Grant. REDGC Stewart stated all Grand Commandry officers should see a trustee

11:06AM – Report from Committee on Registration and Credentials by PEC Elmer Evans and moved to accept by PEC Sean Snead #16. Seconded by Wayne Lamb #16; Cross #16 and approved by body

11:12AM – Report from Jurisprudence & Grand Commanders Address by PMEGC Robert Wilson #16. Moved to accept address by PMEGC Carlee London and seconded by PMEGC Calvin Ligons #14 and approved by body.

- Recommendation #1 moved by PMEGC Ron Barber #14 to adopt with stipulation of getting uniform and paying \$500 by next Grand Conclave. It was seconded by PMEGC Calvin Ligons #14. Question by PEC Quinton Mason #16 on what is the uniform? It was explained that the proper shoulder bars and it was approved by body.
- Recommendation #2 moved to accept by PMEGC Antoine Small #1 and seconded by PMEGC James Swinton Jr #15 and approved by body
- Recommendation #3 moved to accept by PMEGC Robert Wilson #16 and seconded by all PMEGC; s until completion. Approved by body.

11:35AM – PEGC William Lockwood #14 moved and seconded by PMEGC Carlee London #15 to accept from both committees be approved in its entirety. Approved body.

11:37AM – Sword of authority turned over to perform election to PMEGC A. Smalls #1. He directed the 2 candidates for EGAT stand to be recognized and took count which was 65. PMEGC A. Smalls gave directions for election procedures

11:55AM - Elections commenced for EGAT which was won by PEC George Winston #12 by vote of 34 to 31 for PEC Israel Ray III.

12:10PM - PMEGC A. Smalls #1 gave craft a 5-minute break.

12:18PM – Recount of voting member after return from break count is now 63.

12:22PM – Election for EGJW commenced. PEC Mark Wilson #1 (26); PEC Calvin Johnson #9 (19); PEC Allen Doman #14 (18); 1 Void. Run off between PEC Mark Wilson #1 and PEC Calvin Johnson #9 will be on yellow sheet and you will write Wilson or Johnson.

12:41PM – Run off Election commenced PEC Mark Wilson #1 (35) and PEC Calvin Johnson #9 (28).

12:55PM – PMEGC A. Smalls #1 had the 3 counters introduced and gave them a round of applause for their assistance.

12:56PM – PEGC P. Williams #1 cast 1 unanimous vote on altar for all elected officers.

12:57PM - PMEGC A. Smalls #1 unsealed the door and announced the elected officers to the United Grand Commandry.

1:00PM – PMEGC A. Smalls #1 turned Grand Conclave over to the MEGC Grant. MEGC was informed PMEGC Robert Wilson #14 will complete installations. He had all elected officers stand west of the altar for installations.

1:09PM – Installations completed by PMEGC Robert Wilson #14 with assistance from all PMEGC's.

1:26PM – MEGC Micheal C. Stewart received remarks from his elected officers

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1:30PM – MEGC Stewart asked PMEGC Grant to go west of the altar to be dressed properly as a PMEGC. EG Pre Calvin Boyce #14 rendered a prayer.

1:35PM – MEGC Stewart gave remarks and says we have to “Tighten Up”. He stated official acceptance speech will be in his General Orders.

1:39PM – RWSGW Robert Bonds introduced by EG Prelate Calvin Boyce #14 and he gave his remarks.

1:43PM – EG Prelate Calvin Boyce #14 offered a closing Prayer.

1:44PM - MEGC Michael C. Stewart closed the 195th Grand Conclave

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