

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK



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GENERAL ORDER NO. 1

The Commander or Recorder of each Commandery is order to distribute this Order upon receipt

To: The Grand Line Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Commandery Officers and all Sir Knights of the Constituent Commanderies of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York

Christian Greetings, Sir Knigts,

The Theme for the Year 2020-2021 is:

PROCLAMATION – INSPIRATION – CELEBRATION
“PIC”
PROTECT – INNOCENT – CHRISTIAN

“Only the Lord gives wisdom; he gives knowledge and understanding. He stores up wisdom for those who are honest. Like a shield he protects the innocent. He makes sure that justice is done, and protects those who are loyal to him.” Proverbs 2:6-8 NCV

“Lord, I need Your wisdom and understanding. I have tried for so long to operate with my own wisdom, and it just isn’t good enough. Help me to live a faithful, innocent life, free from fear and sin and worry, trusting in Your provision and protection. You are able, Lord, and I am not. Forgive me for trying to run my life and make my plans without consulting You for wisdom, understanding, guidance, and direction. Lead me, and I will follow. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.”

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Sir Knight Jeffrey N. Nelson, Most Eminent Grand Master’s General Order No. 12: It is ordered that all in-person Conclaves of Grand Constituent, or Subordinate Commanderies be prohibited until further notice. Any such Conclave currently scheduled is hereby cancelled. This prohibition has no exception. Rituals and Orders are prohibited virtually.

Unfortunately, the 207th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New York was cancelled. Therefore, the Grand Commandery of New York held a Restricted Virtual Business Conclave on Saturday, September 19, 2020, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. During the Virtual Business Conclave, it was decided that all Grand Line Officers, and Local-Subordinate Commanderies Officers will remain in their current offices for the year 2020-2021. And all Business Conclaves will be held virtually and follow the Grand Master’s General Order No. 12, until further notice.

Please, I ask you all, Sir Knights, to be patient and follow all local, region, and national scientists and authorities’ COVID-19 Pandemic guidelines.

GRAND COMMANDER'S RECEPTION

Virtual Reception will be announced.

THE GRAND COMMANDER'S PIN

A suggested price of \$5.00 will be available for the Grand Commander's pin. You can get them this weekend. They will also be available at the Reception, the Symposium in January, and all Inspecting Officers will have them during inspections of the Commanderies. This year, all money received from the sales will be distributed equally to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the Holy Land Pilgrimage, the Education Foundation, the St. Bernard's Fund, and the renovation of the most recent found Cross and Crown Sign.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is the vital part of the future of our Order. We must find a way to promote Knights Templar in our state. We should act up on the 3R's: Recruiting, Retention, and Restore. You will be presented with a shoulder cord at Grand Conclave, when you are the first line signer for three or more qualified petitioners. The Grand Encampment awards membership jewel to the first line signers of ten petitioners or restorations, or a combination. If you think you are qualified, please contact your Recorder.

SYMPOSIUM

This year the Grand Commandery Symposium, now known as Frederick A. Beitter Symposium, will be held Virtually on Saturday, January 16, 2021, at 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Further details information will be announced. All Grand Line Officers, Zone Commanders, Deputy Zone Commanders, and Recorders are expected to attend this very important and informative event. Any other Sir Knights are urged to attend, particularly to those who wish to join the Grand Line in the future. A general meeting will take place, followed by Grand Line Officers' breakout sessions, for the Zone and Deputy Zone Commanders, and the Recorders. We will present a session on the responsibilities and duties of Officers.

INSPECTIONS

As it has been in the past during inspection of each Commandery, the opening, the closing, and the sword manual should be the focal point of the inspection. By reviewing the work of the Recorder and the Treasurer is critical to the Commandery's future. The Grand Commander's Message, observing the correct tactics, and promote our charities will be the Inspecting Officers' presentation.

It is mandatory to recite from memory the ritual requirements by any of the Commandery members, not to be read.

The ritual work for this year 2020-2021 is:

ORDER OF THE RED CROSS – p. 6-7 – Prayer: Starting with “Almighty”... ending with “His eternal household. Amen.” And p. 39-40 – SM: Starting with “This sword,”... ending with “of this Illustrious Order.”

ORDER OF MALTA – p. 64 – Prior: Starting with “The Sacred Word “ and ending with “King of Jews.” And p. 84-85 Starting with “There are eight Knights at” and ending with “pierce His side.”

OTHER OF THE TEMPLE – p. 147-148 – Starting with “You will now be invested” and ending with “God with us.” And p. 148-149 – Starting with “Face about and behold” and ending with “self-sacrifice and devotion.” And p. 149-150 – Starting with “Sir Knight, In concluding” and ending with “Return Swords. Be seated”

CHARITIES

We should do our very best to contribute and promote our various charities, such as: The Grand Encampment Eye Foundation, the Holy Land Pilgrimage, the St. Bernard's Priory Endowment Program, and the Educational Foundation. The Inspecting Officers will explain these charities in details during their inspection visits. Please contact Sir Knight John W. Scott, Grand Senior Warden, Chairman of the Eye Foundation.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

The 2021 Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service will be held on ONE NATIONAL VIRTUAL SERVICE Format on Sunday, April 4, 2021, at 11:00 AM Eastern Time. Further information will be provided via the Grand Encampment website.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, USA 68th TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA, 68th Triennial Conclave will be held on August 14 – 18, 2021, Marriott Minneapolis City Center, MN. Please, visit the Grand Encampment website for further information.

Courteously and fraternally,

Sir Knight Yves Etienne, KCT
Grand Commander
Grand Commandery State of New York

ZOOM SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION AND PRESENTATION - VIRTUAL – 2020-2021

No	Topic	Presenter	Date	VIA	Time
1	Illustrious Order of the Red Cross	SK Piers Vaughn	September 15, 2020	Zoom	8:00 pm
2	The Crusades and the Founding and function of the Order of Temple (The Knights Templar)	SK & Rev Dr. Mark Isaacs	October 20, 2020	Zoom	8:00 pm
3	Holy Grail	SK Bruce Renner	November 17, 2020	Zoom	8:00 pm
3	Eye Foundation - Charity	SK John W. Scott	November 17, 2020	Zoom	8:00 pm
4	Virtual Christmas Toast	SK & Rev Charles Roberts	December 15, 2020	Zoom	8:00 pm
5	History of New York Commanderies	SK Ronald Brown	January 19, 2021	Zoom	8:00 pm
6	Procol	SK David Goodwin, PEGM	February 16, 2021	Zoom	8:00 pm
7	Holy Land Tour	Central City	March 16, 2021	Zoom	8:00 pm
8	TBA	SK Jeffrey Williamson, PGM	April 20, 2021	Zoom	8:00 pm
9	TBA		May 18, 2021	Zoom	8:00 pm
10	TBA		June 15, 2021	Zoom	8:00 pm

RESOURCES MATERIALS

Rituals.....	\$ 8.00
Tactics.....	\$ 15.00
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Installations Books.....	\$ 7.00
50 Year or more Certificate.....	\$ 5.00
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50 Year Lapel Button (Red for Past Commander)...	\$ 12.00
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25 Year Lapel Button (Green for Sir Knight).....	\$ 12.00
25 Year Lapel Button (Red for Past Commander)...	\$ 12.00
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