

The United Grand Commandery of PA

Masonic Knights Templar – Prince Hall Affiliated

Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania

General Order Number Four



Most Eminent Sir Ronald W. Barber

Most Eminent Grand Commander

The Honorable Sir Melvin A. Alston, Sr.

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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OFFICE OF

**Most Eminent Sir Ronald W. Barber No. 14
Most Eminent Grand Commander**

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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, Appointed and Emeritus Grand Commandery Officers, Past Most 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 will bless the Lord at all times his praise shall continually be in my mouth”
Psalms 34:1**

Know ye by these presents that I, **Most Eminent Sir Ronald W. Barber No. 14**, 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 summon all Elected and Appointed Grand Commandery Officers, Committee Chairmen’s and Delegates; herewith officially notifying all Sir Knights to register in advance and be present for the convening of the 189th Annual Grand Conclave at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday, August 3, 2019 thru Sunday, August 4, 2019 at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, 76 Industrial Highway, Essington, Pennsylvania 19029 for the purpose of reviewing the state of Masonic Knights Templarism in the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania and transacting all business that may constitutionally and legally come before us.

REGISTRATION

The Pre-registration fee for the Grand Conclave is \$55.00, which will include lunch on Saturday, August 3, 2019. All Sir Knights are required to register through their respective Commandery. Pre-registration forms will be available June 2019 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 Wednesday, July 17, 2019.

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

On-Site registration will be \$60.00. On-Site registrants may not receive lunch accommodations.

OPENING OF AN OCCASIONAL COMMANDERY

Mathias F. Emmanuel Commandery No. 14 will open an Occasional Commandery on Saturday, August 3, 2019 at 8:00 A.M. under the supervision of the State Grand Lecturer, Sir Lee Robinson No.1, for the purpose of receiving the Right Eminent Deputy Grand Commander at 8:30 A.M. The Most Eminent Grand Commander and his corps of Officers will be received at 8:45 A.M.; Past Eminent Grand Commanders will be received at 9:15 A.M.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE

A Devotional Service will be held on Sunday August 4, 2019, 8:00 A.M., Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, 76 Industrial Highway, Essington, Pennsylvania 19029 Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, 76 Industrial Highway, Essington, Pennsylvania 19029.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Annual Memorial Service for our deceased (Templar Year 2018/2019) Sir Knights, will be held at 7:00 P.M., Friday, August 2, 2019 Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, 76 Industrial Highway, Essington, Pennsylvania 19029. 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 to be invited and are urged to attend. **Please be advised: family members are to be 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 and No Sidearm.**

ROOM RESERVATIONS

Room reservations Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, 76 Industrial Highway, Essington, Pennsylvania 19029 can be made by calling (610) 521-9600. Room rates are \$109.00 plus applicable taxes per night. Deadline for room reservations is Friday, July 12, 2019.

UNIFORM OF THE DAY

Grand Commandery Officers, Eminent Commanders, Generalissimos and Captain Generals of the 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, use and wear their Fatigue Caps and Templar Jewels.

ANNUAL BANQUET AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Our Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2019, 7:30 P.M., at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, 76 Industrial Highway, Essington, Pennsylvania 19029. We will be honoring our Most Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Ronald W. Barber. Tickets are \$55.00. Deadline for all tickets is Friday, July 26, 2019. To commemorate our Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony, we will have a Souvenir Journal: cost for Full Page Ad - \$40.00, Half Page Ad - \$25.00. Deadline for all ads is Wednesday, July 17, 2019. All Elected and Appointed Grand Commandery Officers are expected to purchase at least one (1) tickets and a full-page ad. During the course of the Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony, we shall endeavor to present the Commandery of the Year Award, Eminent Commander of the Year Award, Sir Knight of the Year Award and the James M. Thornton/James Sheppard, Jr. Educational Awards. The dress for Sir Knights is: 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 Commandery, may wear their Red and Malta Cross Jewels. Sir Knights who are not in possession of a Short White Coat may wear their Fatigue Uniform, a White Dinner Jacket or a Black Suit. Make checks/money orders payable to United Grand Commandery and forward to the attention of Sir Kevin M. Small, Sr. No. 1, Ticket Chairman or Sir Joseph L. Sanders, Jr. #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 in the United Grand Commandery Office.

MANDATES

Mandate No. 23 – Executive Meeting

An Executive Meeting will be held on Friday, August 2, 2019, 3:00 P.M., at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, 76 Industrial Highway, Essington, Pennsylvania 19029 in the Most Eminent Grand Commander's Suite. All Elected and Appointed Grand

Commandery Officers, Committee Chairmen's and Committee Members are required to be in attendance. All Past Eminent Grand Commanders are invited to attend.

Mandate No. 24 – 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 are due May 5, 2019 and Fourth Quarter Taxes are due July 29, 2019. Eminent Commanders and Subordinant Commandery Treasurers take heed and govern yourselves accordingly!

Mandate No. 25 – 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 (**April 30, 2019**) prior to the convening of the Annual Grand Conclave.

Mandate No. 26 – Annual Reports

All Elected and Appointed Grand Commandery Officers including all Committee Chairpersons will submit a report of their activities (110 copies) for Templar Year 2018/2019 to the Office of the Eminent Grand Recorder, no later than Wednesday, July 10, 2019. The Divisional Commanders will submit a copy of their report to the State Divisional Commander, Sir Thomas Pierre Williams No.1 on or before Monday, July 10, 2019. The Divisional Lecturers will submit a copy of their report State Grand Lecturer, Sir Lee Robinson No.1 on or before Monday, July 10, 2019. The State Divisional Commander, the State Grand Lecturer, the Divisional Commanders and Divisional Lecturers will submit a report of their activities (110 copies) for Templar Year 2018-2019 to the Office of the Eminent Grand Recorder, no later than Wednesday, July 10, 2019. The Most Royal Grand Chief Engineer Sir Albertus Shaw No. 1 will render his report during the Annual Grand Conclave, with copies, summarizing the activities of his office for fiscal year 2018-2019 concerning the Most Royal Grand Court of Cyrene, Prince Hall Affiliated, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mandate No. 27 – 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 2019 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, no later than Wednesday, July 3, 2019.

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 2019 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. 28 – 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 189th Annual Banquet 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 8, 2019. Thanking you in advance for your support.

**“Don’t repay evil for evil wait for the Lord to handle the matter”
Proverbs 20:22 “In everything you do put God first and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success.” Proverbs 3:6**

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 Fourth Month of the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen – Anno Domini, the same being Templar Year Eight Hundred Ninety-Nine – Anno Ordinis.

Ronald W. Barber

**Most Eminent Sir Ronald W. Barber, No. 14
Most Eminent Grand Commander**



**Attest: Sir Thomas Pierre Williams, No 1
Eminent Grand Recorder**