

The United Grand Commandery of PA

Masonic Knights Templar – Prince Hall Affiliated

Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania

General Order Number One



Most Eminent Sir Nicholas Bagley III
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
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19140



Pursuant to the powers in me vested by the Constitution, Bylaws and General Regulations, I, Most Eminent Sir Nicholas Bagley III, Most Eminent Grand Commander, issue this:

GENERAL ORDER NUMBER ONE

PLEASE READ ALOUD IN ITS ENTIRETY IN ALL SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES!

RIGHT EMINENT DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER, EMINENT GRAND GENERALISSIMO, EMINENT GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL, EMINENT GRAND PRELATE, EMINENT GRAND SENIOR WARDEN, EMINENT GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN, ALL ELECTED AND APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS, PAST AND PRESENT, PAST EMINENT GRAND COMMANDERS, EMINENT COMMANDERS, GENERALISSIMOS, CAPTAIN GENERALS AND SIR KNIGHTS;

GREETINGS:

First and foremost, always to give reverence, show humility expressing our honor and appreciation to Almighty God, Our Father and Creator :

ATTENTION SIR KNIGHTS!

“Sir Knights, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth, unto those which are before me. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Jesus Christ.”
Philippians 3:13-14

THE THEME OR MOTTO OF THIS ADMINISTRATION: UNITED AS ONE. WE STAND TOGETHER HUMBLE AND COMMITTED TO THIS VICTORIOUS, EXCEPTIONAL AND MAGNANIMOUS UNITED GRAND COMMANDERY PROMOTING EXEMPLIFIED TEMPLARISM FROM OUR HEARTS TO THE COMMUNITIES AND STATE.

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Post Sir Knights!

MANDATE NO. 1

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. THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER IS SUBJECT TO INSPECTION BY THE STATE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER WHEN DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE MOST EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER.

ANNUAL TAXATION PER CAPITA

<i>A. General Fund</i>	<i>\$ 3.00 per Quarter</i>
<i>B. Charity</i>	<i>\$ 2.00 per Quarter</i>
<i>C. Activity</i>	<i>\$.75 per Quarter</i>
<i>D. Education/Training</i>	<i>\$.75 per Quarter</i>
<i>E. Office/Equipment</i>	<i>\$.75 per Quarter</i>

Total \$7.25/per Quarter

COMMANDERY CHECK /MONEY ORDER IS DUE AS INDICATED BELOW

FIRST QUARTER (AUGUST THROUGH OCTOBER)..... NOVEMBER 5, 2019
 SECOND QUARTER (NOVEMBER THROUGH JANUARY).....FEBRUARY 5, 2020
 THIRD QUARTER (FEBRUARY THROUGH APRIL)..... MAY 5, 2020
 FOURTH QUARTER (MAY THROUGH JULY)..... AUGUST 1, 2020

**A COMMANDERY MUST BE FINANCIAL TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL GRAND CONCLAVE
AND/OR ANY SPECIAL UNITED GRAND COMMANDERY CALL MEETING**

PLEASE NOTE:

IF FOUND FINANCIALLY DELINQUENT IN THE REPORTING OF THEIR QUARTERLY RETURNS, A COMMANDERY AND ANY OF IT'S MEMBERS, REGARDLESS OF THE UNITED GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICE(S) HELD, SHALL BE DENIED SEATING AT ANY OFFICIAL UNITED GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE OR ANY CALL MEETING!

SIR KNIGHTS TAKE HEED AND GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY!

MANDATE NO. 2

WE ARE STRIVING TO REVITALIZE TEMPLARISM IN THE JURISDICTION OF PENNSYLVANIA AND REQUIRE THE SUPPORT AND COOPERATION OF EVERY SIR KNIGHT. THEREFORE, EMINENT COMMANDERS, GENERALISSIMOS, CAPTAIN GENERALS, SENIOR WARDENS AND JUNIOR WARDENS ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND EASTERN DIVISIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS; APPOINTED COMMANDERY OFFICERS, PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS AND SIR KNIGHTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE. **EASTERN DIVISIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS**, UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, WILL CONVENE AT 12:00 NOON ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT ROSE OF SHARON LODGE, 2ND FLOOR, 319 N. 9TH STREET - DARBY, PENNSYLVANIA, 19023. THE EASTERN DIVISIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OUR FORUM FOR SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION AND REMAINS AN INTEGRAL AND VALUED ADJUNCT OF/FOR OUR GRAND COMMANDERY.

MANDATE NO.3

STATE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER AND DIVISIONAL COMMANDERS DIVISIONAL COMMANDERS AND THE DIVISIONAL LECTURERS WILL RATE THE COMMANDERIES ASSIGNED TO THEM TO SEE HOW EACH COMMANDERY IS PROGRESSING. THESE RATINGS WILL DETERMINE THE COMMANDERY OF THE YEAR, EMINENT COMMANDER OF THE YEAR AND SIR KNIGHT OF THE YEAR AWARDS, WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL BANQUET MILITARY BALL. THE DIVISIONAL COMMANDERS WILL REPORT TO THE STATE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, WHETHER THE COMMANDERIES HAD SUBMITTED THEIR QUARTERLY FINANCIAL RETURNS IN A TIMELY MANNER AND HAD RETURNED THEIR ANNUAL ELECTION FORMS AND DATA SHEETS AS ORDERED. IN ADDITION TO THEIR REPORTS, THE STATE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER WILL WORK, IN CONJUNCTION, WITH THE EMINENT GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL, SIR MICHEAL STEWART #1

IN ORGANIZING SUBJECTS TO BE PRESENTED, DISCUSSED AND ILLUSTRATED AT THE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION AND SEMINAR (DATES, TIMES AND PLACES TO BE ANNOUNCED)

MANDATE NO. 4

QUARTERLY STAFF MEETINGS - ALL ELECTED LINE OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND QUARTERLY STAFF MEETINGS WITH THE MOST EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER AT 4301 NORTH BROAD STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19140 (DATES, TIMES AND PLACES TO BE ANNOUNCED.) ALSO, ALL ELECTED LINE OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A MONTHLY REPORT OF THEIR ACTIVITIES BY THE FIFTH DAY OF EACH MONTH - NO EXCEPTIONS! THE STATE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER AND STATE GRAND LECTURER ARE TO RECEIVE - SAID MONTHLY REPORTS.

MANDATE NO. 5

THE STATE GRAND LECTURER, SIR LEE ROBINSON NO. 1, WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL INSTRUCTIONS PERTAINING TO THE AUTHORIZED RITUAL OF THE UNITED GRAND COMMANDERY. HE WILL SUPERVISE ALL DIVISIONAL LECTURERS AND WILL ASCERTAIN THAT NONE OTHER THAN THE AUTHORIZED RITUAL OF MASONIC KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, JURISDICTION OF PENNSYLVANIA IS UTILIZED. HE WILL ALSO PUT TOGETHER A COMPETENT TEAM, THROUGH TRYOUTS OF MASONIC KNIGHT TEMPLARS TO PERFORM THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE, CHRISTMAS TOAST AND PASSION NIGHT PLAY. HE WILL WORK, IN CONJUNCTION, WITH THE EMINENT GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL, SIR MICHEAL STEWART NO. 1 IN ORGANIZING SUBJECTS TO BE PRESENTED, DISCUSSED AND ILLUSTRATED AT THE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.

MANDATE NO. 6

THE MOST ROYAL GRAND CHIEF ENGINEER AND THE DEPUTY GRAND CHIEF ENGINEER ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR FULL DRESS UNIFORM WHEN REPRESENTING THE UNITED GRAND COMMANDERY OR THE MOST ROYAL GRAND COURT OF CYRENE:

- (1.) CYRENE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION MEETINGS.
- (2.) EASTERN DIVISIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS.
- (3.) SUBORDINATE ROYAL COURT MEETINGS.
- (4.) SUBORDINATE COMMANDERY MEETINGS.
- (5.) MOST ROYAL GRAND COURT OF CYRENE LUNCHEONS & BANQUETS.
- (6.) CELEBRATION OF TEMPLARISM'S "CHRISTMAS TOAST"
- (7.) AT OTHER EVENTS, FUNCTIONS AND OCCASIONS, WHERE THE FULL-DRESS UNIFORM IS CONSIDERED UNNECESSARY BY THE MOST EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER.

MANDATE 6A

THE MOST ROYAL GRAND CHIEF ENGINEER AND DEPUTIES ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND A MINIMUM OF SIX (6) OF THEIR SUBORDINATE COMMANDERY'S CONCLAVES EACH YEAR.

MANDATE 6B

THE MOST ROYAL GRAND CHIEF ENGINEER AND DEPUTIES ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT MONTHLY. SAID MONTHLY REPORTS WILL BE PRESENTED DIRECTLY TO THE MOST EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER – NO EXCEPTIONS/EXCUSES PERMITTED!

MANDATE NO. 7

COMMANDERIES SERVING THIS JURISDICTION OF PENNSYLVANIA ARE DIRECTED TO SUBMIT AN UP-TO-DATE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER AND RETURN THE RECENTLY DISTRIBUTED MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY FORMS TO THE **EMINENT GRAND RECORDER**. THIS INFORMATION SHALL BE USED TO CREATE, UPDATE AND HELP ASSIST A SIR KNIGHT DATA BASE AND MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY, SOME OF WHICH IS CURRENTLY IN PLACE .

MANDATE NO. 8

EMINENT COMMANDERS ARE RESPONSIBLE AND SHALL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR ORGANIZING THEIR COMMANDERY'S **FUNERAL TEAM**. THE DESIGNATED FUNERAL TEAM WILL DEMONSTRATE ITS PROFICIENCY TO THE STATE GRAND LECTURER. THE GRAND LECTURER HAS AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT, REJECT AND MODIFY THE FUNERAL TEAM'S PRESENTATION. REJECTION REQUIRES MORE INTENSE STUDY, PRACTICE AND REHEARSAL. FURTHER, THE FUNERAL TEAM IS RESTRICTED AND PROHIBITED FROM USING ANY WRITTEN MATERIALS DURING THE PRESENTATION!

MANDATE NO. 9

SIR KNIGHTS SERVING THIS JURSDICTION ARE **PROHIBITED** FROM IMBIBING OR EXHIBITING ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES WHILE ATTIIRED AS A MASONIC KNIGHT TEMPLAR. THIS IS INCLUSIVE OF OUR FULL DRESS OR FATIGUE UNIFORMS, JEWELS, BADGES, EMBLEMS, BANNERS, PINS, BUTTONS OR NAME PLATES THAT DISPLAY THE TEMPLAR SYMBOL OR LOGO. PROHIBITED BEVERAGES INCLUDE BEER, WINE, OR A LIQUID CONTAINING ANY PERCENTAGE OF ALCOHOL. THIS MANDATE IS APPLICABLE TO ALL SIR KNIGHTS OWING ALLEGIANCE TO THE JURISDICTION OF PENNSYLVANIA AND EXTENDS ITSELF INTO ANY JURISDICTION WE MAY BE VISITING OR FIND OURSELVES THEREIN ASSOCIATED. SIR KNIGHTS TAKE HEED AND GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY!

MANDATE NO. 10

ALL RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS SHALL BE SUBMITTED AND IN THE HANDS OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE CONVENING OF AN ANNOUNCED AND SCHEDULED GRAND CONCLAVE OF THIS UNITED GRAND COMMANDERY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

MANDATE NO. 11

ALL EMINENT COMMANDERS, GENERALISSIMOS CAPTAIN GENETRALS, SENIOR AND JUNIOR WARDENS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE CHRISTMAS TOAST. SIR KNIGHTS ARE EARNESTLY SOLICITED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE AND ENCOURAGED TO INVITE FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS TO PARTICIPATE WITH THEM. THE “2019 CHRISTMAS TOAST” WILL BE OBSERVED WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH, 2019, AT THE WILLIE MAY LEAKE CENTER, 701 YARNELL STREET, CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA. ASSEMBLE TIME: 10.00 A.M.

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

Yours in Knightly Courtesy,

Sir Nicholas Bagley III

**Most Eminent Sir Nicholas Bagley III, No. 12
Most Eminent Grand Commander**



Sir Thomas Pierre Williams

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

