

The United Grand Commandery of PA

Masonic Knights Templar – Prince Hall Affiliated

Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania

General Order Number Three



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 THREE

SEPTEMBER 1st, 2020

PLEASE READ ALOUD IN ITS ENTIRETY IN ALL SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES!

RIGHT EMINENT DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER, EMINENT GRAND GENERAL-LISIMO, 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 : Sir Knights, being fully aware of the current status of a worldwide pandemic and staying in compliance with the orders of Pennsylvania's Governor Tom Wolf, followed up by orders and instructions of our Grandmaster, the Honorable Melvin A. Alston Sr., our commandery's have been on hold since March 17th because of this dreaded covid-19 virus. This disease has impacted our communities, families, and friends. It has and continues to devastate our country with over 180,000 deaths. Sir Knights, please continue to wear your masks and practice social distancing but must of all pray!

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. 29

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

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

Total **\$7.25/per Quarter**

COMMANDERY CHECK /MONEY ORDER IS DUE AS INDICATED BELOW

FIRST QUARTER (AUGUST THROUGH OCTOBER)..... NOVEMBER 2, 2020
SECOND QUARTER (NOVEMBER THROUGH JANUARY).....FEBRUARY 1, 2021
THIRD QUARTER (FEBRUARY THROUGH APRIL)..... MAY 3, 2021
FOURTH QUARTER (MAY THROUGH JULY)..... AUGUST 1, 2021

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

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. 30

THE RIGHT EMINENT DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER SIR CARLEE LONDON, NO. 15 SHALL OVERSEE THE 4301 N. BROAD STREET OFFICES AND COMPUTER OPERATIONS OF THE UNITED GRAND COMMANDERY. HE SHALL ALSO OVERSEE THE REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE. ALSO, HE PRESIDES OVER THE ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE AND SERVES AS A MEMBER OF THE CHARITY COMMITTEE.

THE EMINENT GRAND GENERALISSIMO. SIR LARRY O. GRANT, NO 1 SHALL OVERSEE ALL APPOINTED GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE STATE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, DIVISIONAL COMMANDERS, STATE GRAND LECTURER AND DIVISIONAL LECTURERS. HE SERVES AS A MEMBER OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND AND CHANTY COMMITTEES.

THE EMINENT GRAND CANTAIN GENERAL. SIR MICHAEL STEWART NO. 1 SHALL OVERSEE THE EASTERN DIVISIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS, SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION AND SEMINARS ALONG WITH THE STATE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER AND STATE GRAND LECTURER. HE SERVES AS A MEMBER OF THE CHARITY COMMITTEE.

THE EMINENT GRAND PRELATE, SIR JOESPH L. SANDERS, NO. 14 SHALL OVERSEE AND CHAIR THE FESTIVE DAYS AND THE MEMORIAL SERVICE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE STATE GRAND LECTURER AND THE PRELATES OF THE SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES. HE SERVES AS A MEMBER OF THE CHARITY COMMITTEE

THE EMINENT GRAND SENIOR WARDEN. SIR KEVIN M. SMALLS, .NO. 1 SHALL OVERSEE THE JAMES M. THORNTON/JAMES SHEPPARD, JR. EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS COMMITTEE AND SERVES AS A MEMBER OF THE CHARITY COMMITTEE ALSO THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE PROGRAM.

THE EMINENT GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN, SIR DEMITUIS HELLUMS, SR, NO. 15 SHALL OVERSEE THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, DRILL AND TACTICS COMMITTEE AND ALONG WITH THE GRAND DRILL MASTER, SIR TOBY BRYANT NO.1, P.E.G.C, THE DRILL COMPETITION. HE SERVES AS A MEMBER OF THE CHARITY COMMITTEE.

MANDATE NO. 31

EACH COMMANDERY AND THE EASTERN DIVISIONAL COUNCIL IS ORDERED TO SUBMIT COPIES OF THEIR BY-LAWS TO THE UNITED GRAND COMMANDERY. COMMANDERIES ARE TO SUBMIT COPIES VIA THEIR RESPECTIVE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER. THE EASTERN DIVISIONAL COUNCIL IS TO SUBMIT THEIR COPIES TO THE STATE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER. IN THE EVENT THAT A COMMANDERY OR THE EASTERN DIVISIONAL COUNCIL CANNOT FIND THEIR BY-LAWS, THEY ARE DIRECTED TO RECONSTRUCT ANOTHER SET OF BY-LAWS AND SUBMIT THEM THROUGH THE AFOREMENTIONED INDIVIDUAL TO THE EMINENT GRAND RECORDER, SIR THOMAS PIERRE WILLIAM, NO. 1, SIXTY (60) DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL GRAND CONCLAVE FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE.

MANDATE NO. 32

EMINENT COMMANDERS, GENERALISSIMOS, CAPTAIN GENERALS, PRELATES, SENIOR WARDENS AND JUNIOR WARDENS ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND EASTERN DIVISIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS BY **ZOOM OR TELE-CONFERENCE** CALL UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE; APPOINTED COMMANDERY OFFICERS, PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS AND SIR KNIGHTS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO BE IN

ATTENDANCE BY **ZOOM OR TELE-CONFERENCE** UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AT THE **EASTERN DIVISIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS**. THE MEETING WILL CONVENE AT 12:00 NOON ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. ZOOM AND TELE-CONFERENCE NUMBERS WILL BE PROVIDED UNTIL WE CAN ASSEMBLE AGAIN.

MANDATE NO.33

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. 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 MICHAEL 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. 34

QUARTERLY STAFF MEETINGS VIA ZOOM /TELE-CONFERENCE - ALL ELECTED LINE OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND QUARTERLY STAFF MEETINGS WITH THE MOST EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER (DATES AND TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED.) 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. 35

THE STATE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER CALVIN L. JOHNSON NO. 17, WILL HAVE CHARGE OF ALL DIVISIONAL COMMANDERS, SCHOOLS AND ASSIST THE STATE GRAND LECTURER, SIR LEE ROBINSON NO. 1, WHO 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 SEE THAT A LECTURE IS PRESENTED AND/OR DISCUSSED AT THE VIRTUAL SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.

MANDATE NO. 36 DISPENSATIONS

ALL REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION ARE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO YOUR RESPECTIVE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER SIXTY (60) DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE ACTIVITY (DEGREE WORK, CHURCH SERVICE, OUT OF STATE VISITATION, CHANGE OF MEETING, BANQUET, SOCIAL ACTIVITY [SWORD CLUB], ETC.). ALL DATES FOR SOCIAL FUNCTIONS INCLUDING TICKETS, PROGRAMS, FLYERS AND SOUVENIR JOURNALS ARE TO BE APPROVED PRIOR TO AND AFTER PRINTING. WHEN INVITING THE MOST EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER AND/OR THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, PROPER PROTOCOL MUST BE ADHERED TO. ALL QUESTIONS ARE TO BE DIRECTED TO YOUR RESPECTIVE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER.

MANDATE 37

THE MOST ROYAL GRAND CHIEF ENGINEER AND DEPUTIES ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THEIR SUBORDINATE COMMANDERY'S VIRTUAL CONCLAVES DURING THIS PANDEMIC.

MANDATE 38A

THE MOST ROYAL GRAND CHIEF ENGINEER AND DEPUTIES ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT MONTHLY DURING THIS PANDEMIC. SAID MONTHLY REPORTS WILL BE E-MAILED TO THE MOST EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER – NO EXCEPTIONS

MANDATE 38B ENGINEERS' COUNCIL

THE PRESIDENT OF THE ENGINEERS' COUNCIL SHALL SCHEDULE THE ENTIRE ENGINEERS' COUNCIL ZOOM MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR FOLLOWING THE CONSULTATION WITH THE MOST ROYAL GRAND CHIEF ENGINEER, WHO WILL THEN INFORM THE MOST EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER. THE ENGINEERS DO NOT HAVE TO PAY DUES TO THE ENGINEERS' COUNCIL.

MANDATE NO.38C ENGINEERS

ALL ENGINEERS, WHO ARE IN GOOD FINANCIAL STANDING WITH THEIR SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES, ARE PERMITTED TO VOLUNTARILY PAY DUES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE SUBORDINATE ROYAL COURTS OF CYRENE, UNLESS THEY ARE EXEMPTED FROM DUES, SPECIFICALLY THOSE ROYAL COURTS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE MOST ROYAL GRAND COURT OF CYRENE (ACCEPTED AND ADOPTED BODY OF THE UNITED GRAND COMMANDERY, MASONIC KNIGHTS TEMPLAR - P.H.A., JURISDICTION OF PENNSYLVANIA). THE SAID ENGINEER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO VOTE AND HAVE VOICE IN THE ROYAL COURT COLLECTING HIS DUES. IF THE SAID ENGINEER SHALL BECOME UNFINANCIAL IN HIS COURT, HE SHALL FORFEIT THE PREVIOUSLY SPECIFIED RIGHT TO VOTE AND VOICE HIS OPINIONS.

MANDATE NO. 39

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.

MANDATE NO. 40

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. SIR KNIGHTS TAKE HEED AND GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY!

MANDATE NO. 41

ALL SCHEDULED DATES AND TIMES ARE WITH COVID-19 IN MIND – TO BE ANNOUNCED (TBA)

ALL EMINENT COMMANDERS, GENERALISSIMOS CAPTAIN GENERALS, 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 "2020 CHRISTMAS TOAST" WILL BE OBSERVED FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25TH, 2020, AT THE LIGHT OF ELMWOOD LODGE, 5026 SPRUCE STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA. ASSEMBLE TIME: 10.00 A.M.

THE **MASS INITIATION** WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE LAST SATURDAY IN FEBRUARY 2021, TBA

THE MOST ROYAL GRAND COURT OF CYRENE'S MEMORIAL SERVICE, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, 2019 TBA

THE ANNUAL PASSION NIGHT WILL BE HELD GOOD FRIDAY, AT THE MT HEBRON AME CHURCH, 1321 GREEN ST, LINWOOD, PA 19061, ASSEMBLE TIME 6:30PM TBA

THE MOST ROYAL GRAND COURT OF CYRENE'S THANKSGIVING SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, APRIL 2021 TBA.

THE ANNUAL ASCENSION DAY OF SERVICE WILL BE ON THURSDAY, MAY 2021, AT MT. HEBRON AME CHURCH, 1321 GREEN STREET, LINWOOD, PA 19061

ALL FESTIVE DAYS: THE DRESS CODES ARE FULL DRESS UNIFORMS OR FATIGUE DRESS; WHITE GLOVES AND NO SIDEARMS.

CHRISTMAS TOAST DRESS CODE: SUIT OR DRESS JACKET, SHIRT AND TIE
DRESS UNIFORM OR FATIGUE DRESS REQUIRES BLACK ONLY SOCKS (NO MULTI-COLOR SOCKS)
SPRING AND SUMMER DRESS CODE AT BANQUETS: SHORT WHITE JACKET, BOWTIE, BLACK TUX PANTS, BLACK SOCKS ONLY AND BLACK SHOES. WHITE DINNER JACKET IS ACCEPTABLE

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 Twelfth 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,



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



Attest: Sir Thomas Pierre Williams No. 1

***Sir Thomas Pierre Williams*
Eminent Grand Recorder**



UNITED AS ONE