

The United Grand Commandery
Masonic Knights Templar – Prince Hall Affiliation
Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania



ACCEPTANCE SPEECH
OF



SIR CARLEE LONDON
MOST EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2021

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master Donald C. Jones, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Right Eminent Grand Captain General, Eminent Grand Prelate, Eminent Grand Senior Warden, Eminent Grand Junior Warden, Past Most Eminent Grand Commanders, Past Eminent Grand Commanders, Grand Commandery Officers, Sir Knights.

Greetings:

Again, the Supreme Architect of the Universe has delivered unto us mercy. For we continue to do things that we should not do and leave undone things that we should be doing. We are eternally grateful to God for the many blessings he has given us; it is because of him, His Grace and his Mercy that we are here today; and I am grateful.

Let us Pray.

AMEN

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My Sir Knights I say to you; let us be faithful, trusting and obedient to God in all our undertakings. Communicate with one another in a way that people will look at us as men of integrity. They will not see us but see the God in us. The best things in the world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart. It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters in the end.

Sir Knights, on January 14, 1987 I knocked on the door of masonry and it was open unto me. On May 16, 1987 myself and eight others were raised to the sublime degree of a master mason, without the support and leadership of Senior Deacon George Gravley, Junior Deacon William Gay, Senior Steward Samuel Graham and many others, this would not have been possible, May they Rest in Peace. On that day it was the realization of a dream.

Sir Knights I humbly accept the prestigious position of Most Eminent Grand Commander of this United Grand Commandery Masonic Knights Templar-Prince Hall Affiliated Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. I thank you for the trust and the confidence that you have placed in me. With sincere dignity, I will strive to do my best to be worthy of this honor.

MY MOTTO

IT'S A NEW DAY

MY SONG

I'M COMING UP ON THE ROUGH SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN

MY SCRIPTURE

WHERE THERE IS NO VISION THE PEOPLE PERISH:
BUT HE THAT KEEPETH THE LAW, HAPPY IS HE.

PROVERBS 26:18

Sir Knights, I look to the craft for help and support. Remember, without you I'm just another Most Eminent Grand Commander standing alone. Many great men have stood here before me and I trust there will be many great men after me.

But it is the great men like yourselves that this United Grand Commandery was Built on and what makes the diffidence. Sir Knights my heart is filled with joy, but my heart is also filled with sadness. When I look at the commanderys and see how many Sir Knights are not attending their meeting before COVID-19 and the commandery cannot open because they do not have enough members on meeting night. Sir Knights we will be back meeting in September let do all we can do to get our Sir Knights back out. But we want them to feel safe and be safe.

There was a time when I would say that masonry is failing, but a good friend said to me, masonry is not failing, we are failing masonry, and it is so true. Sir Knights if you accept a position in this Grand Commandery do the best that you can do. If you cannot carry out your duties, please communicate with the Most Eminent Grand Commander, it would make a difference.

To the Grand Commandery officers that serve this United Grand Commandery the last two years, but will be moving on to other things, I would like to take this time to thank you for all the help and support that was given to me, whatever I ask of you, it was never a problem.

To the Grand Commandery officers who are planning on working in this administration, there is a lot of work to be done, I have no doubt that you cannot do the work. This Grand Commandery have put a team together that will help aid and assist the commanderys in order to make this the best Grand Commandery that we can be. It will take the hard work of each and every one to accomplish this goal. If you feel that you are not up for the job, please do not accept the position.

I ask all the Sir Knights to continue to support all the programs of this United Grand Commandery, and this new administration in a positive manner whenever the opportunity should arise.

As we move forward in building the future of this United Grand Commandery, ask yourself what part can I play, and what can I do to make a diffidence. Are you going to be on the sideline, or are you planning on getting into the game. We have a winning team, do not be left out, we need every one of you to be part of this team.

If we Sir Knights continue to teach and practice fundamentals of Knights Templar we will continue to flourish. It is time for us to practice what we preach. Remember, you cannot teach what you do not know.

I would like to take this time and thank Past Most Eminent Grand Commander Nicholas Bagley III and the late Sir Knight Rodney Montgomery for encouraging me to get on the commandery line, thank you Sir Knights and God bless you.

I leave you with the words of that Great writer, Mark Twain, who said; that it is better to deserve honor and not have them, then to have them and not deserve them!"

God Bless You, God keep You.

God Loves You, and so do I, and there is nothing you can do about it.

Yours in Knightly Courtesy,

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Most Eminent Grand Commander

