

**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OHIO**  
**OFFICE OF THE GRAND COMMANDER**  
**OFFICIAL CIRCULAR**  
**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE**

JULY 23, 2017

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND AND CONSTITUENT  
COMMANDERIES OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OHIO

GREETINGS:

The One Hundred Seventy-Fifth Annual Conclave of the GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OHIO will be held in the City of Columbus on Friday and Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The Conclave Committee of the Eighth Division, Council for Templar Advancement, are making complete arrangements for extending a courteous welcome and Knightly Greetings to the visiting Sir Knights of Ohio and their Ladies, who will honor them by attending the One Hundred Seventy-Fifth Annual Conclave. Columbus and its surroundings have ample facilities and many points of interest. An interesting Conclave for both the Sir Knights and their Ladies has been arranged.

Sir Knight Larry H. Haines, is the General Chairman for The One Hundred Seventy-Fifth Annual Conclave. The Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knight David M. Snyder, Sr. Past Grand Commander are the honorary Chairmen.

A large representation of the Officers and Sir Knights of each of our Constituent Commanderies will be greatly appreciated by the Grand Commander and the Officers of the Grand Commandery.

Permission is hereby granted to the Constituent Commanderies of Ohio to appear in full Templar Uniform for the purpose of attending the One Hundred Seventy-Fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery in the City of Columbus, Ohio on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2017.

**HEADQUARTERS**

The Headquarters hotel will be the Crowne Plaza – Columbus North, 6500 Doubletree Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43229.

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

Commanders, Officers and Past Commanders of the Constituent Commanderies as well as individual Sir Knights who desire hotel accommodations should make their reservations **directly** with the Crowne Plaza by calling **614-885-1885 Option 2**. A block of rooms is available at a nightly rate of \$110.00 plus tax (single or double occupancy) under the name of **“Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Ohio.”** code **TMP**. Lodging reservations must be made with the hotel by **September 12, 2017** to secure the special room rate.

**PARKING**

Ample free parking is readily available at the hotel.

**REGISTRATION**

All Sir Knights and Ladies MUST register in order to secure programs and tickets.

Registration will be located in the foyer area outside the Grand Ballroom. Sir Knights and Ladies may register on **Thursday** from Noon to 5:30 p.m. On **Friday** the Sir Knights may register from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and the Ladies may register from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. On **Saturday** the Sir Knights and Ladies may register from 7:30 a.m. to Noon. There is no registration fee.

### **GRAND RECORDERS OFFICE**

The Grand Recorders Officer will be located in the Capital Room.

### **MEALS**

A Grand Commandery Officers Ladies' Tea will be held in the Buckeye Room on Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 3:00 p.m., **by invitation only**.

The Breakfast for the Sir Knights will be held in the Buckeye Room on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., by ticket only.

A Ladies' Luncheon will be held in the Pavilion on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 12:00 Noon, by ticket only, with entertainment to follow.

The Luncheon for the Sir Knights will be held in the Buckeye Room on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 12:00 Noon, by ticket only.

The Grand Commander's Banquet will be held in the Grand Ballroom at 7:00 p.m., on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017, by ticket only.

The Awards Banquet will be held in the Grand Ballroom on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., by ticket only.

A social hour will be available from 6:00 p.m. prior to the banquets.

**\*\*\*\* A meal reservation form with menu choices and prices will be posted at the Grand Commandery website at <http://ohioknightstemplar.com>. \*\*\*\***

### **GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS' MEETING**

The Grand Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Division Commanders, and Deputy Division Commanders will meet in the Pavilion at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for the Annual Grand Officers' Meeting preceding the opening of the 175<sup>th</sup> Grand Conclave.

### **FINANCE AND JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEES**

The Finance and Jurisprudence Committees will meet at a time and place to be decided at the time of the Grand Officers' Meeting at the call of those respective Chairmen. The Chairmen of all other committees are requested to meet with their members at the same time so that reports can be prepared and ready when called for in the business sessions if they have not been preprinted for distribution.

### **DIVINE SERVICE**

Divine Services will be held in the Pavilion on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

### **CONVENING OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY**

The Grand Commandery will convene in the Grand Ballroom on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Wooster Commandery #48 will open the Grand session at 8:30 a.m. for the first business session. A recess of the Grand session will be called at 11:45 a.m. for lunch. The business session will reconvene at 1:00 p.m. Nomination of Officers will be made prior to noon with the election of

Officers taking place in the afternoon session.

## GRAND OFFICERS INSTALLATION

Installation of the 2017 – 2018 Grand Commandery Officers will be held in the Grand Ballroom on Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Awards Banquet.

## PICTURES

Pictures of all Grand Officers, their Ladies, Division Commanders, their Ladies and Deputy Division Commanders and their Ladies will be taken beginning at 4:00 p.m., in the Cardinal Room on Saturday.

## COMPETITIVE DRILLS / DRILL CAPTAINS' MEETING

Competitive Drills, at the state level, will be held for any and all Commanderies wishing to enter the competition. Drill Schedules have been designed by, and may be secured from, the Chairman of Competitive Drills, SK Dennis L. Wilhelm, KCT. The Drill Team Captains will meet with the Drill Competition Chairman and his Committee in the Grand Ballroom following the Business Session on Friday afternoon, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**All Drills will be held on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the hotel's Pavilion and Grand Ballroom areas. Drill, personal inspection, and team photo locations will be announced at the Drill Captains' Meeting on Friday afternoon.**

Prizes and Awards for Drill Competition will be awarded following the meal at the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

## RITUAL COMPETITION

Ritual Competition, at the state level, will be held for any and all Sir Knights wishing to enter the competition. Ohio has been blessed with many excellent ritualists and we feel it's time to expose their talents. This year's categories will be:

The Junior Warden's Address

The Prelate's Address

Competition will be held on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the hotel's Ohio Room.

Rules and scoring will be announced this summer

## OFFICERS DUTY TO ATTEND GRAND CONCLAVE

It is the duty of the Commander, the Generalissimo and the Captain General of Constituent Commanderies to attend the conclaves of their Grand Commandery. (Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A., Section 67.) This is for the benefit and interest of their respective Commanderies as well as the Grand Commandery.

The Commander, who is entitled to mileage and Per Diem as the representative of his Commandery, **MUST** attend both Friday business sessions of the Grand Commandery to receive his check. In the event the Commander cannot attend the Conclave, he should give his proxy to either the Generalissimo or the Captain General of his Commandery, who will be entitled to the mileage and Per Diem as the representative of the Commandery. With mileage and Per Diem allowances being paid, EVERY Constituent Commandery should be represented during the business sessions!

## PROXIES

The Officers of the Grand Commandery, and the Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General of each Constituent Commandery, who are unable to attend the Conclave, are entitled to be represented and to vote by proxy. Proxies must be filed with the Grand Recorder, or the Credentials Committee, on or before the day of the Conclave, Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, as provided in Sections 1010

and 1011, Statutes of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Ohio. Section 1010. PROXIES: Any Officer of the Grand Commandery and each Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General of any Commandery, (but no other member), may be represented and vote by proxy, being at the time of service a member of the same Commandery as his principal and authorized by a proper certificate filed with the Grand Recorder.

(a) Said proxy shall be void and of no effect after adjournment of the Conclave for which it is to be used.

Section 1011. WHEN FILED: No certificate of proxy shall be filed after the first session of any Conclave except upon permission voted by the Grand Commandery.

NOTE: Proxy forms will be e-mailed to each Recorder **AFTER AUGUST 1st**. They should be properly filled out, signed and delivered to the Sir Knight representing and voting the proxy of the Officer at the Conclave. Members holding proxies should not fail to file them with the Grand Recorder or the Credentials Committee when registering. **NO PROXY FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE GRAND CONCLAVE!**

By Grand Encampment Statute – **NO PERSON CAN HAVE MORE THAN ONE VOTE** (carrying a proxy does NOT give a Sir Knight an extra vote.)

### BALLOTS

BALLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IF NEEDED.

### CIRCULAR

This Circular **MUST** be read at the first Conclave of each Commandery after its receipt and at the September Conclave in order that the Officers and Sir Knights may be fully informed of the details contained herein with reference to the 175<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Conclave to be held in Columbus, Ohio on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Given under my hand and Seal of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Ohio, this 22nd day of July, 2017.



*Ronald L. Vicars*

**Ronald L. Vicars, KCT**

**Right Eminent Grand Commander**

**ATTEST: Alfred T. Johnson, KCT**

Eminent Grand Recorder