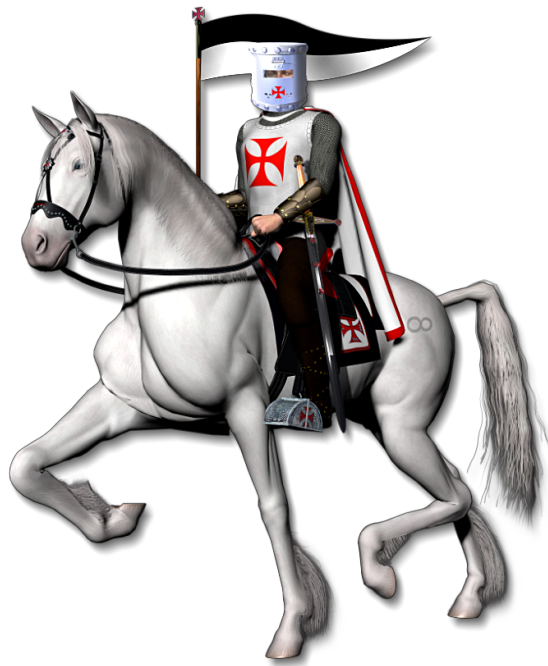


**GRAND COMMANDERY
OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE STATE OF OHIO**

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR



“STRENGTH IN UNITY”

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Right Eminent Grand Commander
2017-2018

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OHIO

THE OFFICE OF THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE OFFICIAL CIRCULAR

MAY 31, 2018

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

The One Hundred Seventy-Sixth Annual Conclave of the GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OHIO will be held in the City of Columbus on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 18th, 19th and 20th, 2018.

The Conclave Committee of the Fifth Division, Council for Templar Advancement, is 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-Sixth 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 Ronald E. Pool, is the General Chairman for The One Hundred Seventy-Sixth Annual Conclave, with our Right Eminent Grand Commander serving as 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-Sixth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery in the City of Columbus, Ohio on October 18th, 19th and 20th, 2018.

HEADQUARTERS

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

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Eminent 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 \$109.00 plus tax (single or double occupancy) under the name of “**Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Ohio**.” code **CKT**. Lodging reservations must be made with the hotel by **October 1, 2018** 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 & Ladies may register:

Thursday from Noon to 4:30 p.m.

Friday the Sir Knights may register from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and the Ladies may register from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

There is NO registration on Saturday and there is NO FEE TO REGISTER on Thursday or Friday.

GRAND RECORDER'S OFFICE

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

MEALS

** The Knight Commander of the Temple (KCT) Dinner will be held in the Pavilion on Thursday, October 18th at 7:00 p.m. by invitation only.

** The Breakfast for the Sir Knights and guests will be held in the Buckeye Room on Friday, October 19th, 2018 from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., by ticket only.

** The Ladies' Luncheon will be held in the Pavilion on Friday, October 19th, 2018 at 11:30 a.m., with entertainment to follow, by ticket only.

** The Luncheon for the Sir Knights will be held in the Buckeye Room on Friday, October 19th, 2018 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 19th, 2018, by ticket only. Introductions will start at 6:45 p.m.

** The Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet will be held in the Grand Ballroom on Saturday, October 20th, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., by ticket only.

** *A social hour will be available at 6:00 p.m. Friday & 5:00 p.m. Saturday prior to the banquets.*

****** A Meal Reservation Form with menu choices and prices will be posted on 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 Grand Ballroom on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. This is for the Annual Grand Officers' Meeting preceding the opening of the 176th 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 Grand Ballroom on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

CONVENING OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY

The Grand Commandery will convene in the Grand Ballroom on Friday, October 19, 2018. Mt. Vernon Commandery No. 1 will open the Grand session at 8:00 a.m. for the first business session. A recess of the Grand session will be called at 11:45 a.m. for lunch. The second business session will convene 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 2018 – 2019 Grand Commandery Officers will be held in the Grand Ballroom on Saturday October 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Awards Banquet.

PICTURES

Pictures of all Grand Officers, Division Commanders, Deputy Division Commanders and Past Grand Commanders and their Ladies will be taken beginning at 4:00 p.m., in the Buckeye Room on Saturday, October, 20th.

COMPETITIVE DRILLS / DRILL CAPTAINS' & JUDGES' 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, S.K. Dennis L. Wilhelm, KCT. The Drill Team Captains will meet with the Drill Competition Chairman and his Committee in the Pavilion following the Business Session on Friday afternoon, Oct. 19, 2018.

All Drills will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2018 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 in the Pavilion.

Prizes and Awards for Drill & Ritual Competition will be awarded following the meal at the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, October 20, 2018.

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 recognize their talents. This year's categories will be:

- The Junior Warden's Address
- The Prelate's Address

Competition will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ohio Room.
Rules and scoring will be announced this Summer.

OFFICER'S 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 Eminent Commander cannot attend the Grand Conclave, then the highest-ranking member

of that Commandery, will be entitled to the mileage and Per Diem as the representative of that 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 19, 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 176th Annual Grand Conclave to be held in Columbus, Ohio on October 18th, 19th and 20th, 2018.

Given under my hand and Seal of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Ohio, this 31st day of May, 2018.



S.K. Terry L. Wymer

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Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTEST: S.K. Alfred T. Johnson, KCT, HPGC
Eminent Grand Recorder