



The Grand Commandery of the State of Ohio

Office of the Right Eminent Grand Commander

November 24, 2020

To the Sir Knights, Officers and Members of all Constituent Commanderies and to all present Grand Commandery Officers and past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Ohio:

Greetings:

It is my order that **General Order No. 15** be read in its entirety and be made a part of the minutes of each Constituent Commandery at the first stated conclave following its receipt.

General Order No. 15

Due to the impact of the virus SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on communities and institutions in the State of Ohio:

It is hereby ordered that the document titled “**Addendum for Ohio to Grand Encampment of Knights Templar Reopening 2021 Safety Protocols**”, with an effective date of December 1, 2020, permitting Commanderies within the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Ohio to open for in-person Conclaves in “Phase 1” is hereby rescinded.

Grand and Constituent Commanderies in this jurisdiction will remain in **Phase Zero**, as defined by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar Reopening Templary 2021 Phased Opening Criteria. This document was provided to Eminent Commanders and Recorders of Constituent Commanderies on November 6, 2020, via electronic mail. This order remains in effect until further notice, with applications as follows:

Limited to virtual conclaves and conference calls only, virtual conclaves by means of teleconference call and/or video conferencing (Zoom, etc).

In-person conclaves at any location are PROHIBITED.

Any type of ritual work associated with the conferral of any of the Commandery orders on candidates is PROHIBITED.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Ohio, on the 24th day of November 2020, Anno Ordinis 902.

R. Thomas Starr, KCT
Right Eminent Grand Commander

Attest: Alfred T. Johnson, KCT, HPGC
Eminent Grand Recorder

