

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

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR



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Right Eminent Grand Commander

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GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OHIO
THE OFFICE OF THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE
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JULY 1, 2021

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

GREETINGS:

The One Hundred Seventy-Ninth Annual Conclave of the GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OHIO will be held in the Columbus suburb of Worthington, Ohio, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 7th, 8th and 9th, 2021.

The Conclave Committee of the Southeastern Division, Council for Templar Advancement, will extend 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-Ninth Annual Conclave. The city of Worthington was selected as a central location to easily accommodate all travelers. Central Ohio boasts ample facilities and many points of interest. Join us as we gather in Christian fellowship for our largest in-person Templar event since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Sir Knight Dale A. Exline, Eminent Grand Senior Warden, is the General Chairman for The One Hundred Seventy-Ninth Annual Conclave, with the Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders of the Southeastern Division serving as 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-Ninth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Ohio in Worthington on October 7th, 8th and 9th, 2021.

HEADQUARTERS

The Headquarters hotel will be the Crowne Plaza – Columbus North, 6500 Doubletree Ave., Worthington, 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, mention booking code AC6**. A block of rooms will be available beginning July 15, 2021, at a nightly rate of \$119.00 plus tax (single or double occupancy) under the name of **“Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Ohio.”** Lodging reservations must be made with the hotel by **September 30, 2021**, or until the room block is sold out, to secure the special room rate.

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PARKING

Ample free parking is readily available at the hotel.

REGISTRATION

All Sir Knights and Ladies MUST register to secure programs and tickets. Registration tables will be located in the foyer area outside the Grand Ballroom. Sir Knights & Ladies may register:

Thursday October 7 from Noon to 4:30 p.m.

Friday October 8 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 Recorder's 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 7th 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 8th, from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., by ticket only.

** A Luncheon for Ladies and Sir Knights will be held in the Pavilion on Friday, October 8th at 11:45 a.m., by ticket only.

** The Grand Commander's Banquet will be held in the Grand Ballroom at 7:00 p.m., on Friday, October 8th, 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 9th 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 e-mailed to all Recorders and Commanders and posted on the Grand Commandery website at 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 7th at 2:00 p.m.

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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 the 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

The Divine Service, under the direction of Sir Knight Donald L. Losasso, Eminent Grand Prelate, will be held in the Pavilion on Friday, October 8th at 4:30 p.m.

CONVENING OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY

The Grand Commandery will convene in the Grand Ballroom on Friday, October 8th 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. Election of Officers will take place in the afternoon session.

GRAND OFFICERS' INSTALLATION

Installation of the 2021 – 2022 Grand Commandery Officers will be held in the Grand Ballroom on Saturday October 9th 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 9th.

COMPETITIVE DRILLS / DRILL CAPTAIN'S & JUDGE'S MEETING

Competitive Drills, at the state level, will be held for all Ohio Commanderies wishing to enter the competition. Drill Schedules may be secured from the Chairmen of the Competitive Drills Committee, Sir Knight Dennis L. Wilhelm, KCT or Sir Knight Gerald G. Pugh, KCT, PGC. The Drill Team Captains will meet with the Drill Competition Chairmen following the Business Session on Friday afternoon, Oct. 8th. Time and location to be announced. **All Drills will be held on Saturday, October 9th in the hotel's Pavilion and Grand Ballroom areas. Drill, personal inspection, and team photo locations will be announced at the Drill Captain's and Judge's Meeting on Friday afternoon.** Awards for Drill & Ritual Competition will be presented following the meal at the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening October 9th.

RITUAL COMPETITION

Ritual Competition, at the state level, will be held for all Sir Knights wishing to enter the competition. Ritual Competition categories will be posted on the Grand Commandery website. Competition will be held on Saturday October 9th in the Ohio Room.

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 U.S.A., Section 67). This requirement 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. 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 beginning of Conclave business on Friday October 8th, 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 1, 2021**. 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 IS ENTITLED TO MORE THAN ONE VOTE** (carrying a proxy does NOT give a Sir Knight an additional vote or votes.)

BALLOTS - BALLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IF NEEDED.

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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 179th Annual Grand Conclave to be held in Worthington, Ohio, on October 7th, 8th, and 9th, 2021.

Given under my hand and Seal of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Ohio, this 1st day of July, Anno Domini 2021, Anno Ordinis 903.



S.K. R. Thomas Starr, KCT
Right Eminent Grand Commander

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