

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OHIO

OFFICE OF THE GRAND COMMANDER OFFICIAL CIRCULAR ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY SECOND REGULAR CONCLAVE

July 10, 2024

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

GREETINGS:

The One Hundred Eighty Second Regular Conclave of the GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OHIO will be held at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North in the City of Columbus/Worthington on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 10 - 12, 2024.

The Conclave Committee of the West Central Division, Council for Templar Advancement, extends a courteous welcome and Knightly Greetings to all Sir Knights of Ohio and their Ladies. Columbus and its surrounding areas have numerous facilities and many points of interest. Hopefully, an interesting Conclave for both the Sir Knights and their Ladies has been arranged.

Sir Knight John P Pience, KCT, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer, is the General Chairman for the 182nd Regular Conclave, with Sir Knight Kyle J Binkley, Deputy Division Commander as Co-Chairman.

I look forward to a large representation of the Officers and Sir Knights from each of our Constituent Commanderies. Maximum participation will be 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 Eighty Second Regular Conclave of the Grand Commandery in the City of Columbus, Ohio on October 10 - 12, 2024.

OFFICERS' DUTY TO ATTEND GRAND CONCLAVE

It is the duty of the Commander, the Generalissimo, and the Captain General of each Constituent Commandery 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, the Generalissimo, or the Captain General of his Commandery, or the next highest-ranking officer 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 is required to be represented during the business sessions!**

PROXIES

The Officers of the Grand Commandery, as well as 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 11, 2024, as provided in Sections 1010 and 1011, Statutes of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Ohio. No Sir Knight can vote more than once so a proxy should not be given to any voting member of the Grand Commandery (Past Commanders or Dais Officers). 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 emailed to each Recorder in late August or early September. 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!**

VOTING CARDS

Voting members of the Grand Commandery, (Grand Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Commanders, Generalissimos, Captain Generals and Past Commanders of Constituent Commanderies), will receive a voting card when they register.

HEADQUARTERS

The Headquarters of the Grand Commandery, Grand Commander, Jurisprudence and Finance Committees will be in the "Crowne Plaza Columbus North", 6500 Doubletree Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43229, phone 614-885-1885.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Commanders, Officers and Past Commanders of the Constituent Commanders and individual Sir Knights who desire hotel accommodations should make their reservations **directly** with the Crowne Plaza Columbus North. A room block for the Grand Commandery of Ohio is available from Wednesday through Saturday nights, (\$115/night, breakfast included, for a King or Double standard room). Rooms can be reserved by using link: [Grand Commandery Knights Templar 2024](#) or calling (614) 885-1885 to make reservations under the name of "**Grand Commandery Knights TEMPLAR 2024**". Lodging reservations must be made with the Crowne Plaza by **Tuesday, September 17, 2024** to receive the discounted rate.

PARKING

Ample parking is readily available in the lots of the Crowne Plaza North at no charge.

MEALS

Meal Reservation Forms are available on the Grand Commandery website. Meal reservations must be submitted by Thursday, September 19, 2024.

A Sir Knights and Ladies Luncheon will be held in the Pavilion, on Friday, October 11, 2024, at 11:30 a.m., by ticket only.

The Grand Commandery Banquet will be held in Grand Ballroom on Friday, October 11, 2024, by ticket only (Social Hour starts at 6:00 p.m.).

The Awards Banquet will be held in the Grand Ballroom on Saturday, October 12, 2024, by ticket only (Social Hour starts at 6:00 p.m.).

REGISTRATION

All Sir Knights and Ladies **MUST** register with the Commandery Registration to secure programs and tickets. Registration for Sir Knights and Ladies on **Thursday** will be from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Sir Knights may register on **Friday** from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and the Ladies may register from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 pm. There is no registration fee. Ohio Grand Officers and Past Grand Commanders will register at the Grand Officer's Meeting. After 3:00 PM on Friday, registration will be in the Grand Recorders Office.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS' MEETING

The Grand Officers, Past Grand Commanders and Deputy Division Commanders will meet in Ballroom 1 at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 10, 2024, for the Annual Grand Officers' Meeting preceding the opening of the 182nd Grand Conclave. **Current and incoming** Grand Officers are expected to attend.

DIVINE SERVICE

Divine Services will be held in the Pavilion on Friday, October 11, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

CONVENING OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY

The Grand Commandery will convene in the Grand Ballroom on Friday, October 11, 2024. The Opening will be at 8:15 a.m. for the first business session. The 182nd Grand Conclave will convene at 8:30 am. The afternoon business session will reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

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 on the call of those respective Chairmen. The Chairmen of all other committees are requested to meet with their members so that reports can be prepared and ready when called for in the business sessions if they have not been preprinted for distribution.

DRILL CAPTAINS MEETING

The Drill Team Captains will meet with the Drill Competition Chairman and his Committee immediately following the Business Session on Friday afternoon, October 11, 2024.

DRILL COMPETITION

A Competitive Drill Competition will be held in the Pavilion and the Grand Ballroom. Schedules will be designed by, and may be secured from, the Chairman of Competitive Drills, SK Gerald G. Pugh, KCT, REPDC. Prizes and Awards for Drill Competition will be awarded following the Banquet on Saturday evening, October 12, 2024.

RITUAL COMPETITION

A Ritual Competition will be held in the Ohio room. Schedules will be designed by, and may be secured from, the Chairman of the Ritual Competition, SK John P Pience, KCT. Prizes and Awards for the Ritual Competition will be awarded following the Banquet on Saturday evening, October 12, 2024.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS

Installation of the 2024-2025 Grand Commandery Officers will be held Saturday October 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Awards Banquet.

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 our 182nd Regular Grand Conclave to be held in Columbus, Ohio on October 10-12, 2024.

Given under my hand and Seal of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Ohio, the day and year above written.

Richard L Ganion
Grand Commander



ATTEST: Alfred T. Johnson, KCT, Grand Recorder