

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK



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GENERAL ORDER NO. 1

To: The Grand Line Officers, Paste Grand Commanders, Commandery Officers and all Sir Knights of the Constituent Commanderies of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York
Christian Greetings, Sir Knights,

The Theme for the Year 2019-2020 is:

PROCLAMATION – INSPIRATION – CELEBRATION
“PIC”

“Behold, O kind and gentle Jesus. I kneel before you and pray that you would impress upon my heart the virtues of faith, hope, and charity, with true repentance for my sins and a firm purpose of amendment. At the same time, with sorrow I meditate on your five precious wounds, having in mind the words which David spoke in prophecy: “They have pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones.”” (Psalm 22)

Many Christians observe Good Friday to remind them the death of Jesus Christ. It is the day when Christians commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. It is also a day of mourning, quiet prayer, fasting, while others may use it as a partial fast involving the exclusion of meat. The crosses, monuments, and paintings usually be draped in black, purple or gray cloth. Candles are often extinguished.

I can very well remember when I attended church and I observed all the above. And my parents taught me all the above. I was always interested about the cross that Jesus Christ carried and died for us to take away our sins. I now have a better idea about this event.

Today, I understand how the Christian pilgrims felt concerning visiting the Holy Land prior to the year 1118. They were a group of Christian Pilgrims who would fight and gave their lives to attain their goal. Because they believed in Jesus Christ, most of them survived the martyr.

In order to proclaim their victory, they placed their faith in Jesus Christ, the savior. Later in the year, they had hope that one day they were going to create their own Christian Order. They were inspired by the work of Jesus Christ. Therefore, in the year 1119, the Order was established by nine Knights from France namely: Huges de Payens, the first Grand Master, along with Godfrey de Saint-Omer, Payens de Montdidier, Archambaud de Saint Armand, Andre de Montband, Huges de Champagne, Fulk V, Gundemar and Rossal/Roral. They lived together in a closed community. In the year 1120, King Balwin II gave the Knights his place, a portion of the Temple of Solomon, a place for use as their headquarters. The knights named the Order: The Poor Fellow-Soldier of Christ and the Temple of Solomon. Later, the Order was called Knights Templar.

Today, the Grand Commandery of the State of New York plans to celebrate the 900th Anniversary of the Knights Templar. Charity was and still is a high priority of the Order. As Knights Templar, we should continue the tradition of our predecessors.

GRAND COMMANDER'S RECEPTION

Columbian Commandery No. 1 and Coeur de Lion Commandery No 23 invite you and your friends to attend the Grand Commander's Reception on Saturday, October 26, 2019, at the Courtyard Marriott Lyndhurst, 1 Polito Avenue, Lyndhurst, New Jersey, 07071. Social hour is from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm, followed by a dinner and tournament at the Medieval Times. Plan to bring your casual attire, if you are wearing your Templar Uniform. The cost for the dinner is \$55.00 per adult or \$45.00 per child (12 and under). Please, make your reservations as soon as possible, so that you can come and kick off the 900th Anniversary of Knights Templar with us.

If you have not received your reservation form yet, it can be found on the Grand Commandery's Web Page? A Journal Advertisement Order Form is also available.

Should you require overnight accommodations for Saturday night, October 26, 2019, King Room at \$139.00, reservations are to be made directly with the hotel – call toll free (800) 321-2211, mention group code “Knights Templar?” Last day to book your room is October 17, 2019. Hospitality room will be available prior to and follow the dinner.

THE GRAND COMMANDER'S PIN

A suggested price of \$5.00 will be available for the Grand Commander's pin. You can get them this weekend. They will also be available at the Reception, the Symposium in January, and all Inspecting Officers will have them during inspections of the Commanderies. This year, all money received from the sales will be distributed equally to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the Holy Land Pilgrimage, the Education Foundation, the St. Bernard's Fund, and the renovation of the most recent found Cross and Crown Sign.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is the vital part of the future of our Order. We must find a way to promote Knights Templar in our state. We should act up on the 3R's: Recruiting, Retention, and Restore. You will be presented with a shoulder cord at Grand Conclave, when you are the first line signer for three or more qualified petitioners. The Grand Encampment awards membership jewel to the first line signers of ten petitioners or restorations, or a combination. If you think you are qualified, please contact your Recorder.

SYMPOSIUM

This year the Grand Commandery Symposium, now known as Frederick A. Beitter Symposium, will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2020, at the Albany Masonic Temple, 67 Corning Place Albany, NY. All Grand Line Officers, Zone Commanders, Deputy Zone Commanders, and Recorders are expected to attend this very important and informative event. Any other Sir Knights are urged to attend, particularly to those who wish to join the Grand Line in the future. A general meeting will take place, followed by Grand Line Officers' breakout sessions, for the Zone and Deputy Zone Commanders, and the Recorders. We will present a session on the responsibilities and duties of Officers.

INSPECTIONS

As it has been in the past during inspection of each Commandery, the opening, the closing, and the sword manual should be the focal point of the inspection. By reviewing the work of the Recorder and the Treasurer is critical to the Commandery's future. The Grand Commander's Message, observing the correct tactics, and promote our charities will be the Inspecting Officers' presentation.

It is mandatory to recite from memory the ritual requirements by any of the Commandery members, not to be read.

The ritual work for this year 2019-2020 is:

ORDER OF THE RED CROSS – p. 6-7 – Prayer: Starting with “Almighty”... ending with “His eternal household. Amen.” And p. 39-40 – SM: Starting with “This sword,”... ending with “of this Illustrious Order.”

ORDER OF MALTA – p. 64 – Prior: Starting with “The Sacred Word “ and ending with “King of Jews.” And p. 84-85 Starting with “There are eight Knights at” and ending with “pierce His side.”

OTHER OF THE TEMPLE – p. 147-148 – Starting with “You will now be invested” and ending with “God with us.” And p. 148-149 – Starting with “Face about and behold” and ending with “self-sacrifice and devotion.” And p. 149-150 – Starting with “Sir Knight, In concluding” and ending with “Return Swords. Be seated”

CHARITIES

We should do our very best to contribute and promote our various charities, such as: The Grand Encampment Eye Foundation, the Holy Land Pilgrimage, the St. Bernard's Priory Endowment Program, and the Educational Foundation. The Inspecting Officers will explain these charities in details during their inspection visits.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

The 2020 Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service will be held at the George Washington National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia on Sunday, April 12, 2020. Further information will be provided by Sir Knight John J. Mullin, Grand Junior Warden. It is always a wonderful weekend to visit our Nation's Capital, Arlington Cemetery, and/or the George Washington National Memorial. We will also march up Shooter's Hill for the Easter Service on Sunday, April 12, 2020, early morning.

Courteously and fraternally,

Sir Knight Yves Etienne
Grand Commander
Grand Commandery State of New York

ZONE SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION AND SEMINARS – 2019-2020

Presented by: SK David Barkstedt, GG and SK Conrad Johnson, GCG

Zone	Host Commandery	By Officer	Date	Location	Time
1	Nassau #73	Conrad Johnson	October 19, 2019	Oyster Bay	9:00 AM
2	Coeur de Lion #23	Conrad Johnson	January 27, 2020	NYC	7:30 PM
3	Cyprus #67	David Barkstedt	January 9, 2020	Middletown	7:30 PM
4	St. George's #37	David Barkstedt	November 16, 2019	Scottia	9:00 AM
5&7	Malta #21	David Barkstedt	November 14, 2019	Endicott	7:30 PM
6	Central City #25	David Barkstedt	November 15, 2019	Liverpool	7:30 PM
8	DeMolay #22	Conrad Johnson	November 16, 2019	S. Dansville	9:00 AM
9	Batavia #34	Conrad Johnson	October, 10, 2019	Attica	7:30 PM

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