



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA



General Order No. 1 Fodrea

August 9, 2020

Annual Inspection of Constituent Commanderies

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 851 and 852 of the Laws of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana, it is hereby ordered that the Constituent Commanderies of the Jurisdiction be inspected.

1. The Battalion Commander shall inspect each Commandery within his Battalion with the following exceptions:
2. Each Inspecting Officer will send a “Notice of Inspection” courtesy letter to the Eminent Commander and Recorder at least 30 days prior to the Inspection. The letter will confirm the date, time, and Inspecting Officer’s time of the teleconference and request the completion of specified reports. The Recorder shall provide the completed reports to the Inspecting Officer via email.
3. The records Inspection shall consist of:
 - A report on the membership efforts.
 - Examination of the books, records, and accounts.
 - Records shall be emailed to the Inspecting Officer
 - Examination of the Activity sheet.
 - The records to be inspected shall be from the date of last inspection up and including date of current inspection.
 - More detailed instruction to follow
4. Each Inspection will start promptly on the date(s) and time(s) mutually agreed upon with the respective Inspecting Officer.
5. The two Commanderies scoring highest in each Battalion on the “**Activity Score Sheet**” will also be recognized by a ribbon that may be attached to the Commandery Beauceant. The Commandery with the highest activity score in the state will receive the Grand Commandery Guidon for the coming year.
6. This order will remain in affect until the expiration of General Order 12

This Order shall be read in all Constituent Commanderies at the first Stated Conclave following its receipt and be made a part of the minutes.

Given under my hand and seal this 9th day of August, A.D. 2020, A.O. 902.

Edward E. Fodrea

Edward E Fodrea, Grand Commander



ATTESTED:

Lawrence J. Williams, KCT, PGC, Grand Recorder

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

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GENERAL ORDER NO. 12

PROHIBITION OF IN-PERSON CONCLAVES OF GRAND, SUBORDINATE, AND CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

May 4, 2020

To all Grand Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies within the Jurisdiction of, and holding Allegiance to, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

GREETINGS:

The number of persons infected with the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, continues to increase in the United States and throughout the world, and the danger to vulnerable populations is unabated, especially among the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions, many of whom are our Fratres. In the face of the crisis, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention urged persons to “avoid all nonessential travel” and take other appropriate measures to prevent community transmission of the virus, including avoiding large public gatherings, the wearing of facemasks in public, and working from home. While rates of infection appear to be leveling or declining in places and tentative steps have been taken by some governmental authorities to relax or rescind business and school closures and stay-at-home orders, the numbers of COVID-19 infections are expected to experience a resurgence in the fall and winter months

Accordingly, I, the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, by the authority in me vested by Section 23 of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment, do hereby waive the requirement of Section

36 (a) of the Constitution. **It is ordered that all in-person Conclaves of Grand, Constituent, or Subordinate Commanderies be prohibited until further notice. Any such Conclave currently scheduled is hereby cancelled. This prohibition has no exceptions.**

I authorize the Grand Commander or his designee to convene the Stated Conclave of his Grand Commandery by means of teleconference or webcast, provided that the necessary facilities are widely available to the members of the Grand Commandery and the Stated Conclave be conducted in full compliance with the requirements of Sections 37 through 39 of the Constitution.

In addition, I do hereby waive the requirement of Section 65 (a) of the Constitution, and authorize the Commander of a Constituent Commandery within each Grand Commandery to convene a Stated Conclave by means of teleconference or webcast, provided that the necessary facilities are widely available to the members of the Constituent Commandery and the Stated Conclave be conducted in full compliance with the requirements of Sections 65 and 66 of the Constitution. Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies enjoy the same discretion.

No ritual shall be performed and no Orders be conferred during any such telephonic or webcast Conclave.

The safety and well-being of our Sir Knights and their families being paramount, the provisions of Sections 48 (d), 59, 176, and 195 of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment shall be inoperative while this General Order is in force.

This supersedes General Order No 11 of the tenth day of March, last, in its entirety.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America at Bismarck, North Dakota, this fourth day of May 2020, A.O. 902.



Courteously,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey N. Nelson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Grand Master

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura E. Jackson". The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

Grand Recorder