Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma



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John E. King Right Eminent Grand Commander Jon B. Greene Grand Recorder

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GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 6, SERIES 2023-2024

To: The Officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma,

The Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, and all Officers and Sir Knights of the Constituent Commanderies of Knights Templar of Oklahoma and to Whomever it May Concern.

Sir Knights,

In the General Laws of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, ARTICLE XIX, Section 14 (g) states:

Virtual – In the event of extraordinary circumstances, a Commandery may conduct a Stated or Special Conclave virtually. Such virtual Conclaves may be for the transaction of business only. A virtual Conclave shall be held by means of video teleconference or webcast, provided that the necessary facilities are widely available to the members of the Commandery, and the Conclave shall be conducted in full compliance with the requirements of Sections 65 and 66 of the Constitution. No ritual shall be performed, and no Orders shall be conferred during any such virtual Conclave.

In the absence of a General Order authorizing the holding of a virtual Conclave, it shall be necessary to obtain a dispensation from the Grand Master for Subordinate Commanderies, and the Grand Commander for Constituent Commanderies, upon such additional conditions as he may determine."

-Mandate that one of the following officers: OIC, VEDGC, G.C., or a Specified Designated Representative assigned by the Grand Commander be present at said virtual meeting. (Added 4/23/2022)

Therefore, I order that a virtual Conclave may be held in events of extraordinary circumstances only. Those circumstances may include inclement weather where it is too dangerous for the Sir Knights to be driving to an in-person Stated or Special Conclave.

I also order that no ritual be performed and that actual business be discussed. These will not be general "chat" sessions.

I also order that the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, and the Officer In Charge will receive the meeting invitation and that one, if not all three, will attend.

This General Order is to be read IN FULL at the first Stated Conclave following receipt, and a record of its reading will be made in the minutes of the Stated Conclave.

John E. King

Right Eminent Grand Commander

Attest:

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