

GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA  
From the Apartment of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Drew W. Hendry, Sr.

GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 1  
for the Templar Year of 2017-2018  
**\*REVISED JULY 21, 2017\***

THIS ORDER SHALL BE READ AT THE HEAD OF THE COMMANDERY LINES IN EACH COMMANDERY AT THE NEXT STATED CONCLAVE AND SHALL BE MADE A PART OF THE MINUTES THEREOF.

TO: Constituent Commanderies, Grand Commandery Officers, and Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders

GREETINGS:

**BE IT HEREBY ORDERED:** That during the 2017-2018 Grand Commandery Year, the Grand Commandery of Georgia shall be organized into two Corps. The two Corps shall be grouped into three Divisions each with the First Corps containing Divisions One, Two, and Three and the Second Corps containing Divisions Four, Five, and Six.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:** That the First Corps shall be assigned to the Eminent Grand Generalissimo and the Second Corps shall be assigned to the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:** That each Division will have a Grand Commandery Officer assigned as Division Commander. The assignments are as follows:  
Division One: The Grand Warder  
Division Two: The Grand Sword Bearer – Sir Knight Tommy T. Marshall  
Division Three: The Grand Standard Bearer – Sir Knight Robert L. Head, Jr.  
Division Four: The Grand Junior Warden – Sir Knight Carl J. Gamel  
Division Five: The Grand Senior Warden – Sir Knight Mark S. Johnson  
Division Six: The Grand Captain General – Sir Knight Brandon S. Yarbrough

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:** That all Commanderies will be assigned to Divisions as follows:

**FIRST CORPS Steve A. Kirk (41) 770-893-7227 sandskirk@ellijay.com**

**First Division Ditmar W. Chavez (3) 706-644-3397 ditmarc47@aol.com**  
Division Officers: Bruce D. Mann (17) 229-246-3046 bmanncpa@yahoo.com  
Timothy E. Crimmins (5) 229-881-2495 tiedcrm@gmail.com  
St. Paul No. 5 (Albany) Bethlehem No. 30 (Thomasville)  
Crusader No. 17 (Bainbridge) Mt. Calvary No. 28 (Moultrie)

**Second Division Tommy T. Marshall (36) 912-282-4493 tmarshall@btconline.net**  
Division Officers: James D Reese (7) 912-659-4265 No Email Address  
James R. Bennett 912-337-0601 rustybenett038@gmail.com  
Palestine No. 7 (Savannah) Malta No. 16 (Valdosta) St. Elmo No. 26 (Brunswick) Waycross No. 36 (Waycross) Coastal Plain No. 42 (Tifton)

**Third Division Robert L. Head, Jr. (11) 706-905-7730 sonnyxone@gmail.com**  
Division Officers: Jerry H. Purvis (43) 770-468-1073 jhp1861@gmail.com  
Richard D. Brogdon (3) 706-587-1601 fortbenninglodge@bellsouth.net  
St. Omer No. 2 (Macon) Plantagenet No. 12 (Milledgeville) Ivanhoe No. 10 (Ft. Valley)  
St. Aldemar No. 3 (Columbus) St. Peter No. 45 (Warner Robins)

**SECOND CORPS Steve A. Kirk (41) 770-893-7227 sandskirk@ellijay.com**

**Fourth Division Carl J. Gamel (40) 404-435-6754 carlgamel@gmail.com**  
Division Officers: Jan M. Giddens (26) 678-232-4115 giddensj@comcast.net  
Jan Masskant, Jr. (9) 404-579-1235 jan.maaskant@gmail.com  
Gary A. Palmer (4) 404-326-9675 garyapalmer40@gmail.com  
Coeur de Lion No. 4 (College Park) Constantine No. 26 (Marietta)  
Atlanta No. 9 (Atlanta) Griffin No. 35 (Griffin) Douglasville No. 40 (Douglasville)  
DeKalb No. 38 (Decatur) Alexius No. 22 (Lovejoy) Tancred No. 11 (Newnan)

**Fifth Division Mark S. Johnson (22) 770-306-8708 mjfayetteville@aol.com**  
Division Officers: William T. White (37) 478-997-1011 whiteyinga@gmail.com  
Brittney T. Massey (41) 706-253-2694 btmassey@forythco.com  
Rome No. 8 (Rome) St. Johns No. 19 (Dalton) Amicalola No. 41 (Jasper)  
Charles Martel No. 29 (Chickamauga) Blue Ridge Mt. No. 37 (McCaysville)

**Sixth Division Brandon S. Yarbrough (35) 404-473-1872 byarbrough26@gmail.com**  
Division Officers: Joseph R. Bush (31) 628-308-0344 joebush1207@gmail.com  
Dale B. Cliett (G01) 706-831-9273 cliettp@knology.net

Georgia No.1 (Augusta) Philemon No.33 (Toccoa)  
St. Bernard No. 25 (Covington) Godfrey de Bouillon No.14 (Athens)  
Arnold de Troye No.31 (Buford) Pilgrim No.15 (Gainesville)

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:** That the Corps Commanders will Command, Assist, and supervise their respective Divisions.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:** That the Division Commanders shall (1) Maintain direct communication with the Right Eminent Grand Commander, the Corps Commander and the Eminent Grand Recorder's Office with respect to each Commandery in his Division, as to ritual, opening, tactics, armory, regalia, programs, and/or any special need or assistance; (2) Visit each Commandery in his respective Division as often as needed, but at least once during the Commandery year; and (3) Represent the Grand Commander when requested to do so.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:** That the Division Commanders will assist all Grand Inspecting Officers assigned by the Right Eminent Grand Commander in their respective Divisions.

#### **GRAND LIAISON OFFICERS**

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:** That one or more Grand Liaison Officers will be appointed by the Right Eminent Grand Commander, from recommendations by the Division and Corps Commanders, to assist the Division Commanders with their assigned duties. The Grand Liaison Officers will report to and represent the Division Commander while on official business and will be afforded the respect and honors due a Grand Commandery Officer. The Grand Liaison Officers shall wear a shoulder cord as recognition of their office.

#### **INSPECTIONS**

All Commanderies shall be inspected by March 1, 2018. It is the duty and obligation of each Grand Inspecting Officer to be fair, objective, and impartial in inspecting a Commandery.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:** That the Eminent Commander shall assemble the Sir Knights of his Commandery, on the assigned Inspection Date, for the purpose of holding their Annual Inspection. The Inspection shall be held in accordance with the Tactics and Customs of this Grand Jurisdiction. The Eminent Commander shall see that each Sir Knight in the line is in full uniform. The full uniform consists of a chapeau, white shirt, black tie, black coat, black trousers, black shoes, black socks, sword and belt. The wearing of this uniform symbolizes us as the Christian Soldiers within the Masonic Fraternity and we should each take personal pride in wearing it as a statement of who we are and what we represent.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:** That the Recorder will furnish the Grand Inspecting Officer such information that will enable him to answer all questions on the Inspection Form. The completed Inspection Form will be forwarded to the Office of the Grand Recorder within ten (10) days after the Inspection.

#### **BONDS**

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:** That the Grand Commandery Constitution, Statutes, and Regulations require that the Treasurer and Recorder of each Constituent Commandery be bonded, unless the Commandery By-laws require more than one signature on a voucher or check before any monies are disbursed. The Grand Inspecting Officer will verify if either method is in order.

#### **AUDIT**

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:** That written proof of the last audit, showing date audited, will be provided to the Grand Inspecting Officer.

#### **CHARITIES**

It is my hope and prayer that each Sir Knight, within this Grand Jurisdiction, shall continue to contribute to our charities as liberally as his ability permits. Let us continue our efforts to support the Grand Encampment's Knight Templar Eye Foundation Inc., and the Molly S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust of Georgia, Inc. This year it is my goal to have every Commandery in Georgia send a minister to the Holy Land. I know it is difficult for some Commanderies to accomplish this feat alone. I therefore encourage each Commandery that can't individually sponsor a Minister to join with another Commandery(s) and jointly send a minister to the Holy Land. I firmly believe that if we can provide each community with a minister who has experienced a trip to the Holy Land that each community will return the favor many times by positively supporting our fundraisers and potential new Sir Knights. So PLEASE implement or revive the program whereby funds are annually set aside to sponsor a minister and then use those funds at the appropriate time to sponsor your selected minister.

#### **FUND RAISERS**

Please support as many fundraisers as you can, either monetarily or by spending time participating in these worthwhile projects. Any ideas for future fundraisers will be well received by your Grand York Rite Officers.

#### **FESTIVALS**

All Commanderies participating in York Rite Festivals, where all the York Rite Degrees/Orders are conferred, are encouraged to confer the Templar Orders on a separate date when possible. When the Templar Orders are conferred, all candidates should be appropriately dressed in coat and tie.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

The Masonic Fraternity as a whole is suffering from a decline in membership. Our beloved Christian Order unfortunately is not exempt from this decline. As a Christian Knight, we should always keep a watchful eye for a worthy candidate to become a member of our Christian Order. As Christian Knights, we have the best selling point in all of Masonry, the belief in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In our daily walk through life we should each act as a disciple of our Lord and Savior. Each day we should each act in a manner that demonstrates the true value of our Christian Order, so others will want to be a part of our Magnanimous Order. This year our participation in these following activities will appear on the inspection tally sheet and will be added to or subtracted from your inspection score: 1) Attend church as a group in Templar uniform; 2) Hold a Christmas Observance within your own Commandery; 3) Hold an Easter Observance within your own Commandery; 4) Holy Land Pilgrimage (sent or saving monies to send a minister). Each activity has a ten point value.

### COMMITTEES

The successful completion of our many projects rests solely on the dedicated work of the members appointed to the various Committees. I have appointed those Sir Knights that I feel will excel in the tasks at hand. Some changes have been made, so please use due diligence in the Committees, to which you have been assigned.

### APPRECIATION

Please accept my heartfelt appreciation and thanks for showing me your trust and faith in electing me to the great honor of serving you as your Grand Commander for this upcoming year. I will do everything in my power, with the assistance of our Lord and Savior, to see that we make this Templar Year as good, if not better, than any Templar Year before. Together Sir Knights is the only way we can make this happen. Please do not hesitate in letting me know if there is anything that I can do for you this upcoming year. Life is not perfect, and as far as I know there has only been one perfect One. The One we all want to keep in our hearts and minds for not only this Templar Year but for the rest of our lives.

Sir Knights, never let me forget that I am your servant. The greatest servant gives his best to the one he serves. I want to express the gratitude and appreciation I have for each and every Fellow Sir Knight in this Grand Jurisdiction. This is indeed a great honor to be permitted to serve you as your Right Eminent Grand Commander. You have shown confidence in me by electing me to the highest Office of Christian Masonry in Georgia. I pledge my loyalty, devotion, and Christian Honor that I will, to the best of my ability, discharge the duties of the Office of Right Eminent Grand Commander of Georgia. I especially want to thank the members of Atlanta Commandery Number 9 for allowing me to join their ranks of Knighthood and for St. Bernard Commandery Number 25 for supporting me during the past several years. I solicit each of your prayers, council, guidance and recommendations throughout this Templar Year.

Matthew 23:11-12

11) **But he that is the greatest among you shall be your servant**

12) **And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted**

Finally, let us all remember that we are Christian Soldiers of Christ. Let us act as such before God and Man. My hope is that God may continue to richly bless each and every one of us.

All Sir Knights of Georgia shall take due notice and govern themselves according to the sublime principles of this Magnanimous Order.

Respectfully ordered on this the 1st day of May in 2017.

Attest:

Drewey W. Hendry, Sr.  
Right Eminent Grand Commander  
of the State of Georgia

Wade C. Smith  
Eminent Grand Recorder

Grand Commandery, of Knights Templar,  
of the State of Georgia  
Drewey W. Hendry, REGC

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 2**  
**\*REVISED JULY 22, 2017\***

Whereas; It is crucial that all Sir Knights who have faithfully served Templar Masonry for many years have their service acknowledged in a timely manner;

Whereas; The current practice of the Right Eminent Grand Commander being required to present the Fifty, Sixty, and Seventy-Five Year Awards has proven to be burdensome and untimely;

Whereas; The Division Commanders and the Liaison Officers have been carefully selected and cloaked with the authority to act on behalf of the REGC in his absence;

Whereas; The Division Commanders and the Liaison Officers have established a close personal, fraternal, working relationship with their assigned Commanderies and the members therein;

Whereas; The Division Commanders, the Liaison Officers, and the Commandery Leadership regularly attend to all Templar Business in a timely manner; and

Whereas; The Division Commanders, the Liaison Officers, and the Commandery Leadership will hereafter prepare all formal Programs, dispatch formal Invitations, and present Fifty, Sixty, and Seventy- Five Year Awards in the absence of the Grand Commandery Officers;

NOW THEREFORE: Let it be resolved that effective this twentieth day of July in the year of our Lord 2017 the Division Commanders are ordered to assume the primary responsibility for preparation and presentation of Fifty, Sixty, and Seventy-Five Year Awards.

Respectfully Ordered;

Drewey W. Hendry  
Right Eminent Grand Commander

Attest:

Wade Smith  
E.G. Recorder

Grand Commandery, of Knights Templar,  
of the State of Georgia  
Drewey W. Hendry, REGC

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 3**  
**\*REVISED JULY 27, 2017\***

Whereas; "Since his days are determined, the number of his months is with you; you have appointed his limits, so that he cannot pass" (Job 14:5);

Whereas; our beloved, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Charles Robert Beasley, was called to be with our Lord and Savior on June 15, 2017; and

Whereas; the Grand Commandery Grand Line must remain a cohesive entity;

NOW BE IT HEREBY ORDERED: That all progressive Grand Line Officers will be advanced one position until the 2018 Grand Commandery Conclave;

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That Sir Knight Lloyd John Leinbaugh, REPGC, will be appointed Eminent Grand Warder until the 2018 Grand Commandery Conclave;

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That Sir Knight Steve A. Kirk, REDGC, shall assume the positions of Corps Commander for the First and Second Corps;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE ORDERED: That effective this twenty-first day of July in the year of our Lord 2017, the Grand Line Officers will assume their several new stations.

Respectfully Ordered;

Attest:

Drewey W. Hendry  
Right Eminent Grand Commander

Wade C. Smith  
E. G. Recorder