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GENERAL ORDER NO. 5

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

GREETINGS:

Included in this General Order are the Official Representatives of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar who will visit the Annual Conclaves of the Grand Commanderies during the calendar year of 2017.

Right Eminent Grand Commanders are notified that they have specific duties relating to the inviting and receiving of Grand Encampment Representatives.

1. Upon receipt of this General Order, the Grand Commander will write to the assigned Representative to convey full and complete information about the dates and times of Conclave sessions and events related to them; also, to arrange suitable accommodations for the Visitation.
2. The Grand Commander of each Grand Commandery is required to invite the Department Commander of his jurisdiction to attend the Annual Conclave, even if the Department Commander has not been specifically assigned by the Grand Master as his Representative.
3. EACH OF THE ABOVE IS TO BE THE GUEST OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY.
4. Any Official Representative unable to attend the Annual Conclave to which he is assigned will immediately notify the Most Eminent Grand Master, with a copy to the Right Eminent Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, of such inability in order that the Most Eminent Grand Master may make an alternate assignment. The Grand Commanders will be informed of any known deviation from the visitation schedule as listed.
5. The assigned Representative of the Grand Master of Knights Templar is to be received last – individually – immediately before the introduction of the Grand Master of Masons of the Grand Lodge. No presentations or introductions are to follow the Grand Master of Masons.

The Grand Commandery of Alabama, Birmingham, February 24-25, 2017
Sir Knight Bobby Blackman Simmons, Right Eminent Grand Treasurer

The Grand Commandery of Alaska, Anchorage, March 2-4, 2017
Sir Knight Jeffrey N. Nelson, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master

The Grand Commandery of Arizona, Mesa, August 12, 2017
Sir Knight William J. Jones, Most Eminent Past Grand Master

The Grand Commandery of Arkansas, Little Rock, March 11-12, 2017
Sir Knight Michael Burke Johnson, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo

The Grand Commandery of Austria, Vienna, April 22, 2017
Sir Knight Gabriel Gherasim, Right Eminent Department Commander

The Grand Commandery of Brasil, November, 2017 to be determined

The Grand Commandery of California, Bakersfield, May 22, 2017
Sir Knight Jeffrey N. Nelson, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master

The Grand Commandery of Colorado, Denver, September 7-9, 2017
Sir Knight David J. Kussman, Right Eminent Grand Captain General

The Grand Commandery of Connecticut, Meriden, April 8, 2017
Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin, Most Eminent Past Grand Master

The Grand Commandery of Croatia, Zagreb, March 2017
Sir Knight Gabriel Gherasim, Right Eminent Department Commander

The Grand Commandery of Delaware, Wilmington, March 10, 2017
Sir Knight William D. Hartman, Right Eminent Grand Prelate

The Grand Commandery District of Columbia, Washington, March 17-18, 2017
Sir Knight William D. Hartman, Right Eminent Grand Prelate

The Grand Commandery of Florida, Lake Mary, May 21-24, 2017
Sir Knight Henry A. Adams, Right Eminent Department Commander

The Grand Commandery of Georgia, Macon, April 30-May 2, 2017
Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker, Right Eminent Grand Recorder

The Grand Commandery of Hawaii, Honolulu, February 23-26, 2017
Sir Knight Duane Lee Vaught, Most Eminent Grand Master

The Grand Commandery of Idaho, Boise, April 20-22, 2017
Sir Knight Bobby Blackman Simmons, Right Eminent Grand Treasurer

The Grand Commandery of Illinois, Normal, July 12-15, 2017
Sir Knight Duane Lee Vaught, Most Eminent Grand Master

The Grand Commandery of Indiana, Columbus, April 28-29, 2017
Sir Knight Duane Lee Vaught, Most Eminent Grand Master

The Grand Commandery of Iowa, Ames, June 2-3, 2017
Sir Knight Jeffrey N. Nelson, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master

The Grand Commandery of Italy, Rimini, May 12, 2017
Sir Knight Jeffrey N. Nelson, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master

The Grand Commandery of Kansas, Topeka, March 30-31, 2017
Sir Knight Michael Burke Johnson, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo

The Grand Commandery of Kentucky, Lexington, September 18, 2017
Sir Knight David J. Kussman, Right Eminent Grand Captain General

The Grand Commandery of Louisiana, Alexandria, March 2-5, 2017
Sir Knight Bobby Blackman Simmons, Right Eminent Grand Treasurer

The Grand Commandery of Maine, Bar Harbor, April 23, 2017
 Sir Knight James R. MacConnell, Right Eminent Department Commander

The Grand Commandery of Maryland, Westminster, October 27-29, 2017
 Sir Knight Jeffrey N. Nelson, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master

The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts & Rhode Island, Mansfield, October
 13-14, 2017, Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker, Right Eminent Grand Recorder

The Grand Commandery of Mexico, to be determined

The Grand Commandery of Michigan, Grand Rapids, August 11-12, 2017
 Sir Knight Loren A. Winn, Right Eminent Department Commander

The Grand Commandery of Minnesota, St. Cloud, June 22-24, 2017
 Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker, Right Eminent Grand Recorder

The Grand Commandery of Mississippi, Jackson, May 18-20, 2017
 Sir Knight Bobby Blackman Simmons, Right Eminent Grand Treasurer

The Grand Commandery of Missouri, Jefferson City, June 7-11, 2017
 Sir Knight Frank N. duTreil, Jr., Right Eminent Department Commander

The Grand Commandery of Montana, Lewistown, June 1-3, 2017
 Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin, Most Eminent Past Grand Master

The Grand Commandery of Nebraska, Kearney, April 7-8, 2017
 Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker, Right Eminent Grand Recorder

The Grand Commandery of Nevada, Reno, June 13, 2017
 Sir Knight Jeffrey N. Nelson, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master

The Grand Commandery of New Hampshire, Concord, May 13, 2017
 Sir Knight Michael Burke Johnson, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo

The Grand Commandery of New Jersey, Somerset, March 3-4, 2017
 Sir Knight Michael Burke Johnson, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo

The Grand Commandery of New Mexico, Albuquerque, April 7, 2017
 Sir Knight David J. Kussman, Right Eminent Grand Captain General

The Grand Commandery of New York, Albany, September 15-17, 2017
 Sir Knight William D. Hartman, Right Eminent Grand Prelate

The Grand Commandery of North Carolina, Greensboro, March 19-21, 2017
 Sir Knight James W. Golladay, Jr., Right Eminent Department Commander

The Grand Commandery of North Dakota, Grand Forks, April 22, 2017
 Sir Knight Lon W. Kvasager, Right Eminent Department Commander

The Grand Commandery of Ohio, Columbus, October 5-7, 2017
 Sir Knight Duane Lee Vaught, Most Eminent Grand Master

The Grand Commandery of Oklahoma, Norman, April 27-29, 2017
 Sir Knight Michael Burke Johnson, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo

The Grand Commandery of Oregon, North Bend, April 7-8, 2017
 Sir Knight Jeffrey N. Nelson, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master

The Grand Commandery of Panama, Panama City, January 10, 2017
 Sir Knight Duane Lee Vaught, Most Eminent Grand Master

The Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, Wyomissing, May 18-21, 2017
 Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker, Right Eminent Grand Recorder

The Grand Commandery of Philippines, Manila, October 21, 2017
 Sir Knight Duane Lee Vaught, Most Eminent Grand Master

- The Grand Commandery of Portugal, Lisbon, March 11, 2017
Sir Knight Bobby Blackman Simmons, Right Eminent Grand Treasurer
- The Grand Commandery of Romania, Bucharest, November 3, 2017
Sir Knight Gabriel Gherasim, Right Eminent Department Commander
- The Grand Commandery of South Carolina, Myrtle Beach, March 12-14, 2017
Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin, Most Eminent Past Grand Master
- The Grand Commandery of South Dakota, Sioux Falls, September 22-23, 2017
Sir Knight William J. Jones, Most Eminent Past Grand Master
- The Grand Commandery of Tennessee, Nashville, March 19-21, 2017
Sir Knight Bobby Blackman Simmons, Right Eminent Grand Treasurer
- The Grand Commandery of Texas, League City, April 20-23, 2017
Sir Knight Duane Lee Vaught, Most Eminent Grand Master
- The Grand Commandery of Togo, Lomé, June 29-30, 2017
Sir Knight Gabriel L. Gherasim, Right Eminent Department Commander
- The Grand Commandery of Utah, Salt Lake City, May 10-13, 2017
Sir Knight William A. Garrard, Jr., Right Eminent Department Commander
- The Grand Commandery of Vermont, Killington, June 12, 2017
Sir Knight James R. MacConnell, Right Eminent Department Commander
- The Grand Commandery of Virginia, Charlottesville, May 5-7, 2017
Sir Knight Kenneth Bernard Fischer, Sr., Most Eminent Past Grand Master
- The Grand Commandery of Washington, Wenatchee, May 11-13, 2017
Sir Knight Jeffrey A. Bolstad, Right Eminent Department Commander
- The Grand Commandery of West Virginia, Wheeling, May 18-20, 2017
Sir Knight William D. Hartman, Right Eminent Grand Prelate
- The Grand Commandery of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, June 10, 2017
Sir Knight Lon W. Kvasager, Right Eminent Department Commander
- The Grand Commandery of Wyoming, Gillette, September 14-17, 2017
Sir Knight Michael Burke Johnson, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo.

The Grand Master's Representative or Department Commander, as specified, will provide a written report to the Most Eminent Grand Master, with a copy to the Right Eminent Grand Recorder, following the visitation.

The Grand Recorder of each Grand Commandery, immediately following the Annual Conclave, will utilize the forms provided to report to the Right Eminent Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment the date and place of the next Annual Conclave, the names and addresses of the officers for the year, the Past Grand Commanders on the roll, the Chairman of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation Committee and the Chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for the next year for the jurisdiction, and other prescribed information as requested.

(Note: The one named Sir Knight for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee will coordinate all KTEF activities, including the Voluntary Campaign, for their jurisdiction.)

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