

*Grand Commandery*  
**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR**  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

June 20, 2008

This passed Monday June 16, 2008 a **Visitation Compact** was signed between our Grand Commandery and our Prince Hall counterparts. The evening was very well attended by Sir Knights, Blue Lodge members, Scottish Rite representatives, representatives of the United Grand Commandery of Masonic Knights Templar, PHA (the Pennsylvania Prince Hall Grand Commandery), by MW Homer O. Justice, GM, *Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of NJ*, and by RW William H. Berman, DGM and RW Joseph Rival, GSW. The Compact will allow for visitations between our respective Commanderies.

In fact, members of Cyrene Commandery have already made arrangements to visit Mt. Ararat Commandery No. 12, PHA, which is stationed in Lawnside.

All those present were enthusiastic about this historic event and vowed that the Compact would not become an artifact in some Grand Proceedings, but will open the door for visitation and mutual cooperation. I urge all Sir Knights to take advantage of this unique situation and visit the PH Commanderies.

I also encourage you to cooperate with them in community affairs. The show of solidarity in the community will, no doubt, be of benefit to the Craft and to Tempalry.

Yours in Christ,

Sir Knight Michael F. Lakat, REGC

**WHEREAS**, it has been recommended by the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of New Jersey's Committee on Fraternal Relations in April 2004 that "fraternal recognition [be granted] to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodges in all states within the United States that are recognized by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Jersey and have also been granted recognition by the Most Worshipful or Right worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in that jurisdiction that is recognized by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey" and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New Jersey granted fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the above motion was adopted by the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of New Jersey in April 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, a compact memorializing the above was approved and signed by the Grand Masters of both Grand Lodges; and

**WHEREAS**, Mt. Calvary Grand Commandery of Knights Templar (PHA) of New Jersey and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New Jersey wish to expand on and extend the aforementioned action to their respective Constituent Commanderies; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of both Grand Commanderies is to promote amity, brotherhood and fraternalism between the members of the Constituent Commanderies chartered by them, and to promote activities of mutual benefit; and

**WHEREAS**, at all times, the rules of each Grand Lodge, Grand Commandery, and Grand encampment will be respected by all;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** mutual visitations be granted to Sir Knights of both Grand Commanderies; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT** there shall be two types of visitations between Sir Knights from these Grand Commanderies – formal and informal. Formal visitations are those formally arranged by a Commandery or Grand Commandery, to visit a Constituent Commandery chartered by the other Grand Commandery. Formal visitations between Commanderies may be arranged by the respective Eminent Commanders. Whenever there are to be formal visitations involving the Grand Commander, normal Templar protocol should be followed, arranging the visit through their respective Grand Commandery Office; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT** informal visitations are those involving individual Sir Knights. Invitations to visit a Commandery or the other Grand Commandery shall not be required. The Sir Knight(s) who wish(es) to visit a Commandery of the other Grand Commandery should notify the Eminent Commander of the Commandery, either directly or through a member of that Commandery. This notification is informal, not required to be in writing and may be through prior contact with a member of the Commandery, or by arriving early for the meeting. The Eminent Commander of Commandery being visited should ensure a friendly welcome for all visitors; and

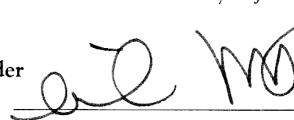
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT** Commandery visitations between Sir Knights of these two Grand Commanderies are definitely and strongly encouraged. It is further encouraged that the Commanderies participate together and support each other in activities outside the Asylum, such as community events, parades, and other appropriate activities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT** this Agreement is intended to ensure that these visitations are conducted in the most friendly, courteous, and appropriate manner; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT** the Grand Commanderies shall exchange and continue to exchange copies of their Grand Commandery directories and other publications and information.

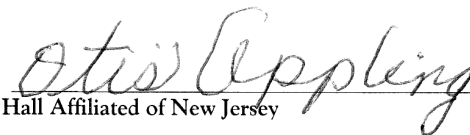
Approved by the Grand Commanders of these two Grand Commanderies on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2008 A.D., 890 A.O.

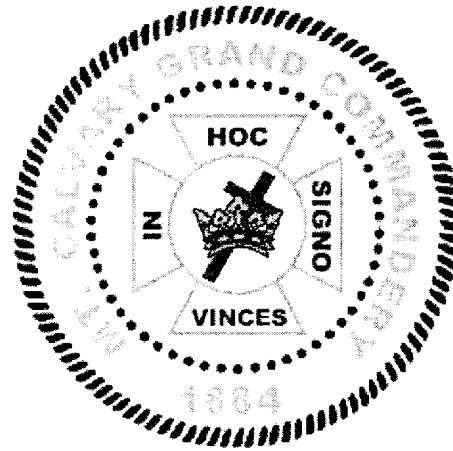
Sir Knight Michael F. Lakat, Right Eminent Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New Jersey



And

Sir Knight Otis Appling, Most Eminent Grand Commander  
Mt. Calvary Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Prince Hall Affiliated of New Jersey





Mount Calvary Grand Commandery  
Knights Templar  
State of New Jersey  
Organized March 19, 1884

Subordinate Commanderies

Ocean Spray Commandery No. 3  
*Meets 3rd Friday*  
Prince Hall Masonic Temple  
323 North New York Avenue  
Atlantic City, NJ 08401-2307

Mt. Ararat Commandery No. 12  
*Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Friday*  
Hiram Masonic Temple  
143 Warwick Road  
Lawnside, NJ 08045-1575

St. Paul Commandery No. 7  
*Meets 2nd Saturday*  
Stone Square Masonic Temple  
722 St. Mary's Avenue  
Plainfield, NJ 07062-1626

Palestine Commandery No. 13  
*Meets 1st Saturday*  
Shiloh Masonic Temple  
37 Bennett Road  
Englewood, NJ 07631-3305

Douglas Commandery No. 10  
*Meets 1st Tuesday*  
Progressive Masonic Temple  
186 Hale Street  
New Brunswick, NJ 08901-2674