



General Order No. 1

May 13, 2023

“The purpose and mission of Knights Templar are to emulate the teachings of Freemasonry by example and individual actions. These teachings are not sacramental so far as they appear to enter into the domains of thought and truth in which every man is entirely free to reject and dissent so long as he shall weigh what is taught and give it fair hearing and unprejudiced judgment, keeping always in mind the dogma of the Holy Testaments of Christianity in the true sense of “doctrine and teachings” and to emulate the historic moral doctrine of the knights of the of the historic crusades. Our mission is to serve our neighbors and community in every way possible.”

To all Grand Commandery Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Eminent Commanders,
Generalissimo's, Captain Generals & Sir Knights of Constituent Commanderies.

Greetings Sir Knights:

This General Order # 1 is to be read at the first Stated Conclave after receipt.

Distinguished Guests were introduced and received by SK Steven Dazey, REGC.

The 136th Grand Commandery reconvened on May 13th, 2023 at 08:00 A.M. The Grand Prelate opened with a prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The roll call of Constituted Commanderies were read and all were present.

The roll call of the Officers of the Grand Commandery was read and absences noted.

The roll call of Past Grand Commanders was read.

The pre-printed reports were approved except the Grand Commander's report, Jurisprudence Report, Budget, and Resolutions.

The Grand Commander gave his report. Jurisprudence gave their report on the Grand Commanders report.

Budget was approved as presented.

There one Emergent Resolution(2023-01E) regarding electronic signature approved.

SK Bryan Bechler was elected Right Eminent Grand Commander, SK Barron Jay White elected Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Richard L. Roblee was elected Eminent Grand Generalissimo, SK Joseph L McAlister was elected Eminent Grand Captain General, SK I. Merle Iversen, REPGC, was elected Eminent Grand Treasurer, and SK David A. Aponte, REPGC, was elected as Eminent Grand Recorder.

2023 – 2024 Grand Commandery Officers

Elected Officers:

Right Eminent Grand Commander – SK Bryan D. Bechler
Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander – SK Barron J. White
Eminent Grand Generalissimo – SK Richard Roblee
Eminent Grand Captain General – SK Joseph McAlister
Eminent Grand Treasurer – SK Merle Iversen, REPGC
Eminent Grand Recorder – SK David Aponte, REPGC FL

Appointed Officers:

Eminent Grand Senior Warden – SK Jeffrey Steik
Eminent Grand Junior Warden – SK John Yeager
Eminent Grand Prelate – SK Geoffrey Joosten
Eminent Grand Standard Bearer – SK Alexander Jordan
Eminent Grand Sword Bearer – SK James Paneck
Eminent Grand Warder – SK Jeffrey Harden
Eminent Grand Sentinel – SK Phillip Woodland
Eminent Grand Historian – SK Richard Kovak, REPGC
Eminent Grand Musician – SK Michael Holland
Aide de Camp – SK Karl Reith, REPGC
Aide de Camp – SK Theodore Shanks, REPGC

Deputy Instructors:

District #1	SK Robert Morrison
District #2	SK John Vivian
District #3	SK John Burrage
District #4	SK Michael Pursey, REPGC
District #5	SK Kyle Evenstad
District #6	SK Patrick Stanton
District #7	SK Fred Mark
District #8	SK David Sandretto

2023 – 2024 Grand Commandery Committees

- Annual Conclave:** SK Bryan Bechler, REGC
SK Michael Holland
- Jurisprudence:** SK E. Jeffrey Craig, REPGC, Chair
SK Anthony Schwab, REPGC
SK Alan Spreen, REPGC
SK Joseph McAlister, EGCG – Ex-Officio
- Finance & Investments:** SK Anthony Schwab, REPGC, Chair
SK David Aponte, REPGC FL
SK John Vivian
SK I. Merle Iverson, REPGC, Eminent Grand Treasurer
SK Joseph McAlister, Ex-Officio
- Credentials:** SK Ian Hyde, Chair
SK John Hannaman
SK Bobby Baxter
SK Jay White, DGC
- Membership:** SK John Vivian, Chair
SK Daniel Echo
SK James Nero
SK Geoffrey Joosten
SK Michael Palko-Dean
SK Joseph McAlister, Ex-Officio
- Grand Officer Reports:** SK Jay White V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, Chair
SK Richard Roblee, Eminent Grand Generalissimo
SK David Aponte, REPCG FL Eminent Grand Recorder
SK Phillip Woodland
- Patriotic & Civil Affairs:** SK Marion Windell, HREPGC, Chair
SK David Grindle, REPGC ID
SK John Zeller, REPGC ID
- Public Relations:** SK David Aponte, REPGC FL
SK Michael Holland
SK Patrick Stanton
SK Michael Palko-Dean
SK Joseph McAlister, Ex-Officio
- Religious Activities:** SK ++E. Jeffrey Craig, REPGC, Chair
SK John Hannaman
SK Geoffrey Joosten, Grand Prelate, Ex-Officio
SK Jay White, Ex-Officio

Necrology & Memorial: SK Geoffrey Joosten, Eminent Grand Prelate, Chair
SK John Burrage
SK Ian Hyde
SK Jay White, Deputy Grand Commander, Ex-Officio

Holy Land Pilgrimage: SK ++E. Jeffrey Craig, REPGC, Chair
SK Geoffrey Joosten, Eminent Grand Prelate
SK David Grindle, REPGC ID

Board of Control: Six Elected Grand Commandery Officers

York Rite Education Foundation: SK Rabi Peifer, Chair
SK Michael Pursey, REPGC
SK Patrick Stanton
SK Kyle Evenstad
SK Kirk "Al" Rose
SK Bryan Bechler, REGC

Knights Templar Eye Foundation: SK Richard Roblee, GG
SK Joseph McAlister, GCG
SK Michael Pursey, REPGC
SK John Vivian
SK John Yeager

Grievance & Appeals: SK Joseph MacIntyre, REPGC AK, Chair
SK Steven Dazey, REPGC
SK Michael Pursey, REPGC

Asylum Ritual & Tactics: SK Richard Roblee, Chair
SK David Aponte, REPGC FL
SK Michael Holland
SK Jay White, VEDGC

Audit: SK Anthony Schwab, REPGC, Chair
SK Mark Sanders
SK David Grindle, REPCG ID
SK Joseph MacIntyre, REPGC AK

Code & Regulations Review: SK Joseph MacIntyre, Chair
SK Jay White, VEDGC
SK David Sandretto
SK Jerry Whitney

Constitution/Bylaws/ Statutes: SK Steven Dazey, REPGC, Chair
SK David Sandretto
SK Rabi Peifer
SK Jay White, DGC, Ex-Officio

Distinguished Visitors: SK Jerry Whitney, Chair
SK Michael Smitson
SK Rabi Peifer

Election Tellers: Five (5) Deputy Instructors

Time & Place: SK Jay White, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
SK Richard Roblee, Eminent Grand Generalissimo
SK Joseph McAlister, Eminent Grand Captain General

Long Range Planning: SK Jay White, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
SK Richard Roblee, Eminent Grand Generalissimo
SK Joseph McAlister, Eminent Grand Captain General

Music: SK Michael Holland, Eminent Grand Musician, Chair

Technology Committee SK Michael Holland (Chair)
SK David Aponte, REPGC (FL)

MMS Facilitator SK Michael Holland (Chair)
SK David Aponte, REPGC (FL)

York Rite Life SK John Vivian - One year

Membership SK James Nero -Two year

Memorial Fund SK Michael Smitson – Three year

SK Bryan Bechler

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Right Eminent Grand Commander
2023-2024

