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TO: Elected and Appointed Grand Officers; Past Grand Officers; Division Commanders; Officers and Members of the Constituent Commanderies of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania:

GENERAL ORDER NUMBER ONE

GREETINGS:

Sir Knights:

My motto for this Templar year is *Non nobis, Domine, non nobis, sed nomini tuo da gloriam*. It is not about any of us, but about Him under whose banner we serve, so let us do all that we do to the Glory of God. Let us show the world, starting in our Communities, who we are and whom we serve. We are Christian Knights who have sworn to “feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted.” See what you, and your Commandery, can do to help fulfill that obligation, such as collecting canned or dry goods for a food pantry, used clothing for a homeless shelter or other redistribution center, serving a night a month at a “soup kitchen,” raising funds for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, or whatever fits your interests and abilities. Then, take action. It need not be a major project, although that could be wonderful. The little acts of kindness also matter, and they all add up! Sir Knights, let us go out and show Christ’s love in action.

Workshops will continue in each Commandery this year so that every Commandery will have at least one, following the guidelines posted on the Grand Commandery web site. The Division Commander may lead the workshop or he may choose a qualified Sir Knight to assist him. Each workshop should focus on what would be the most beneficial that Commandery. Every Commandery is to perform the Rehearsal of Duties at least twice during the Templar year. This is an important part of our Ritual and reminds each officer what he is expected of him. Finally, we will also reinstitute the Inspection program, to show what the Commanderies have learned at these workshops. The inspections will occur later in the year, and at that time, the Division Commander will also examine the records of each of the Commanderies in his Division.

I am also directing each Commander to appoint an Assistant Recorder. This is both to aid with those duties and to serve as a back-up for the Recorder. This position is so vital to the functioning of our Commanderies, and the Grand Commandery, that we must ensure the work is accomplished in a timely manner and without interruption for any reason. To assist them further, a digital “Recorders Resource Guide,” on USB drive, will be developed. It will be distributed at the Line Officer’s Seminar in Elizabethtown this November. We hope that every Recorder, and/or his Assistant, will join us there for a special instructional session.

This year we plan to reinstate the Outstanding Commanders Award. The revised requirements will be posted on the Grand Commandery website in the near future. We are also working on an additional award for the Commanderies themselves. Stay tuned for more.

Sectional/Division Receptions will be held throughout the year. The purpose of these receptions is twofold: For the members in the Section to meet the Grand Officers, and for them to meet you. It is also an opportunity for you to meet with other Sir Knights, and their families, to socialize. We would like these receptions to be “family friendly” so that children can feel that they, too, are part of our Templar family. Sir Knights please make an effort to come meet with your Fraters at one, or more, of these events.

Some Dates to plan for include:

June 8	St John's No. 4 200 th Anniversary	Philadelphia
June 29	Lewisburg Veterans Parade	Lewisburg
July 4	4 th of July Parade	Pottstown, and elsewhere
July 27	MPGM & REGC Joint Testimonial	Brighton
Aug. 17	One Day Conferral	Harrisburg
Sept. 21	Division 11 Reception	Gettysburg
Sept. 22	Gettysburg Memorial Service	Gettysburg
Nov. 8-9	Line Officers Seminar	Elizabethtown
May 15-17	167 th Annual Conclave	Cranberry

All preceding parts of this General Order, to this point, are to be read in full at the next stated conclave of each Commandery, and the entire General Order entered in full or attached to the records.

Only those portions of the Jurisdictional Assignments which pertain to your respective Section, Division, and Commandery are required to be read.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania this day, May 20, in the year of our Lord 2019, A.O. 911.

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