



FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

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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:

COMMUNICATION NUMBER ONE

GREETINGS:

Sir Knights:

I pray you, your family and loved ones are safe and in good spirits at this time. I am taking this opportunity to update you on the status of our Grand Commandery regarding the effects of the pandemic.

I remind you that we need to follow the policy and guidelines that we receive from our Federal/State/Local government authorities, the RWGM of PA and the MEGM of Knights Templar of the USA.

At this point in early June, things are looking more positive in our Commonwealth, in fact no counties are currently in the Red status. All counties are either in Yellow or Green status. That is good news, however, we are not free to go about business as usual/before. We must follow the directions from our Government and Masonic leadership.

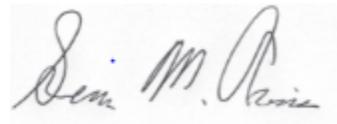
The RWGM of PA has stated his policy regarding the meetings of masonic bodies-please find his decision attached to this letter.

Additionally, we have direction from Grand Encampment. MEGM Jeffrey N. Nelson issued General Order (GO) No. 12 on May 4, 2020 and it is still in effect – please see the attachment. All Grand and Constituent commanderies are prohibited from meeting in person at conclaves. Current guidance is that this GO will be in effect until at least July 1. Please stay tuned for further updates regarding this GO.

Though we are prohibited from meeting in person, we have been given permission from MEGM Nelson to meeting online/virtually. In fact, our Grand Commandery met virtually on May 16th to hold the 167th Annual Conclave. Since then many commanderies have also held stated conclaves virtually.

I encourage each commandery to meet in this manner - even during the months of July and August – or until we are given permission to meet in person. Please contact your Section Offer/Division Commander if you would like to use the Grand Commandery’s “GoTo Meeting” Account to hold a virtual meeting. There is no cost for its’ use. There are a few ways in which to meet virtually and thus, I will be sending out a Second Communication regarding the procedures and etiquette involving virtual meetings.

Yours in Templary,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean M. Tomasic". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S' and 'T'.

Sean M. Tomasic
Grand Commander

Attest:

Douglas M. Rowe,
Grand Recorder