



168th ANNUAL CONCLAVE

May 22-23, 2021

Pittsburgh, PA - Virtual

S.K Sean M. Tomasic, Grand Commander

March 17, 2021

CALL FOR THE
ONE HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF
THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF PENNSYLVANIA

GREETINGS

CONVENING OF GRAND COMMANDERY, ELECTION, AND INSTALLATION OF
GRAND OFFICERS

The One Hundred Sixty-Eighth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania will convene **virtually, on Saturday, May 22, 2021, and Sunday, May 23, 2021 via webcast on the Go-To-Meeting system, using computer software and/or telephone**, for the purpose of conducting required business, installation of Grand Officers for 2021-2022. This unusual change in venue and conduct is necessitated by the Corona-19 pandemic, in accordance with the regulations and recommendations of Federal, State and Local agencies and in an abundance of caution for the welfare of our membership and their families, and under the authority of the Grand Encampment General Order No. 14.

ATTENDANCE

Section 233 of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, requiring the Commander, the Generalissimo, and the Captain General of the Constituent Commanderies to attend the Conclaves of Grand Commandery.

All Sir Knights planning on attending the meeting prior to 168th the Annual Conclave and/or the 168th Annual Conclave sessions on Saturday May 22 and Sunday May 23rd, 2021 **MUST register no later than Monday, May 10th, 2021. Sir Knights can choose which meetings**

and sessions they want to attend and the link to the meeting will be sent via email to the registered Sir Knight prior to the event. The information regarding the event IS NOT TO BE forwarded.

ANNUAL RETURNS

Annual Returns, with a check payable to the order of **Grand Commandery** for the full amount due the Grand Commandery, **MUST BE IN THE HANDS** of the **Grand Recorder** as soon as possible after the APRIL CONCLAVE and, under **NO** circumstances, later than the **FIFTH day of May 2021**. Otherwise, the Commandery will lose its representation at the Annual Conclave as provided by Section 273(a) of the Constitution.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

A copy of the report of the Auditing Committee of each Commandery, on forms furnished for the purpose, **must** be in the hands of the Grand Recorder on or before **June 30, 2021**. This **MUST NOT** be delayed. (Section 245 of the Constitution, as amended in 2019).

REHEARSAL FOR THE CONVENING OF GRAND COMMANDERY

Rehearsal for the convening of Grand Commandery is limited to only those Officers who will be notified separately, due to the use of webcast.

CREDENTIALS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Due to the special nature of the 168th Annual Conclave, the information below will describe the modified process that will be followed for the Election of Officers and the Credentialing process.

The Officers of the Grand Commandery to be elected at the 168th Annual Conclave are the following:

Offices of Grand Officers to be Balloted Upon

Right Eminent Grand Commander
Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
Eminent Grand Generalissimo
Eminent Grand Captain General
Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Eminent Grant Junior Warden
Eminent Grand Treasurer
Eminent Grand Recorder
Trustee of the Endowment Fund

Trustee of the Permanent Fund

Any Sir Knight that wishes to run for an office listed above **must notify the Right Eminent Grand Commander in writing/email no later than April 30, 2021**, with the intention to have their name placed upon the ballot for **one** of the offices, (A Sir Knight must be qualified to hold the office of the position that they seek).

After May 1, 2021, an electronic ballot will be created for the names of the Sir Knights per the office that they intend to seek.

A ballot will be sent electronically – via email - to the Sir Knights, who are 1. registered to attend the Saturday May 22, 2021 business session of the 168th Annual Conclave and 2. who have been vetted by the Credentials Committee that they are permitted to vote.

The process for voting will be open from 6pm Monday, May 17, 2021 till 6pm on Friday, May 21, 2021. At that time, the voting will close, and the counting/tabulation of the ballots and certification will take place.

The results of the Election of the Officers will be announced at the Business Session of 168th Annual Conclave on Saturday, May 22, 2021.

In Summary – In order for a Sir Knight to vote, they must be registered to attend the 168th Annual Conclave, identified on the registration that they wish to have a ballot and then be certified that they are permitted to vote.

This process was created in order to keep integrity in the voting process-given that there may be multiple candidates for one or more offices. Current voting techniques in-grained into today's webcast/videoconference software allows ALL attendees to vote, thus it cannot discern those that are not permitted to do so.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

Due to the nature of meeting via webcast, no Mileage or Per Diem will be paid.

DIVISION COMMANDER'S ASSOCIATION

The Annual Meeting of the Division Commander's Association has been postponed until further notice.

GRAND TOURNOI

The Grand Tournoi for 2021 has been cancelled.

MEETING OF THE VERY EMINENT DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER

The Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander's meeting will be **virtually, on Thursday, May 20, 2021, via webcast on the Go-To-Meeting system, using computer software and/or telephone.**

RECORDERS MEETING

The Annual Recorders Luncheon has been cancelled.

PROXIES

Due to the virtual nature of the Conclave, no proxies will be accepted for this Conclave.

ORDER OF KNIGHTS PRECEPTOR

The Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor meeting will be **virtual, on Friday, May 21, 2021, via webcast on the Go-To-Meeting system, using computer software and/or telephone.**

This will be a business meeting and the conferral of candidates has been cancelled.

GRAND COMMANDER'S BANQUET/ AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

The Grand Commander's Banquet has been cancelled. There are no Membership Awards for the KT Year 2020-2021.

REHEARSAL FOR THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Rehearsal for the public installation of Officers of the Grand Commandery will be held virtually, for select officers only. Time and log-on instruction will be provided by emailed invitation as needed.

DIVINE SERVICES

Divine Services may be held in abbreviated form prior to the Officer Installation. Further information will be provided in the webcast notice.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Installation of Grand Officers will **virtual, on Sunday, May 23, 2021 via webcast on the Go-To-Meeting system, using computer software and/or telephone.**

RECORDING OF THE PROCEEDINGS

The proceedings of the 168th Annual Conclave will be recorded for transcription by the webcast system. **Sir Knights wishing to speak in open Conclave must, prior to addressing the Grand Commander, in clear voice, state, his Name, Rank, and Commandery by name and number.** Thereafter, the Sir Knight may address the Grand Commander by announcing only his name. A Sir Knight who fails to follow this protocol will be called to order and asked to comply. Failure to comply will cause the Sir Knight to be ruled out of order and he will not be permitted to speak. The webcast operator/moderator may mute the audio input of any or all if circumstances so warrant.

The recording system will record exactly what is said. Accordingly, Sir Knights should use discretion while speaking “from the floor” **and mute their own microphone when not addressing the Grand Commander and the Conclave.** The transcription as included in the Proceedings of the Conclave will be the authoritative record of the Conclave.

The Conclave will operate under the rules of conduct provided in the (i) Constitution of the Grand Encampment, (ii) the Constitution of the Grand Commandery, (iii) such Decisions as shall be applicable and (iv) under such rules as the Grand Commander shall publish at the time of the Conclave, modifying the above as required by the current situation.

REPORTS

All Committee Reports must be submitted electronically **on the Committee Report Template as a Microsoft WORD Document attachment** identifying the Chairman and Sir Knights offering the same and be in the hands of the Grand Recorder **NO LATER THAN MAY 10, 2021.** **Committee reports will be included in the Proceedings exactly as received by the Grand Recorder.** Written reports will be made available in digital form via the Grand Recorder and/or on the Grand Commandery website at pagrandcommandery.org.

Chairs of Committees are requested to make their reports brief and consistent with the nature of the business concerned, in order to expedite the business of the Grand Commandery. Committee Reports should include the names of the Committee members compiling the report. Only those reports specifically concerned with the Finances, or requiring action, will be presented during the Conclave for approval.

RESOLUTIONS-AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Only emergency Resolutions and/or proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Commandery will be acted upon during this virtual conclave, and they are to be received not less than two weeks before the Annual Conclave, and then only with the Grand Commander’s approval.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

All prior published proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Commandery are hereby postponed for action at the next Annual Conclave.



PRELIMINARY ORDER OF BUSINESS

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021

Website and telephone lines open at 12:30pm
Convening of Grand Commandery, in modified Short Form at 1:00pm
Opening Statement
Roll Call of Officers
Reading of the Records of the 167th Annual Conclave
Report of the Grand Recorder
Report of the Grand Treasurer
Report of the Finance Committee
Report of the By-Laws Committee
Action on Proposed Amendments to the Constitution
Roll Call of Representatives
Necrology Report
Reports of Standing and Special Committees, if necessary
Action on Resolutions
Remarks of Guests
Report of the Grand Commander
Report of the Election of Grand Officers
Remarks from the Grand Commander
Adjournment of the 167th Annual Conclave

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PLEASE NOTE: The business of the Commandery may be changed to assure that we complete everything in a timely manner. Regular stipulations of the Constitution may be suspended based on the nature if a virtual Conclave, due to the National emergency.

Given under our hand and seal of the Grand Commandery, this 17th of March 2021.

Sean M. Tomasic

Grand Commander

Attest

Douglas M. Rowe,

Grand Recorder

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Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania
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Registration Form

Registration Deadline is May 10, 2021

Registration to be sent to:

George F. Morrow
110 Applewood Drive
Gibsonia, Pennsylvania 15044-9223
(Phone 412-855-0798)
Email: gmorrow@consolidated.net

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Commandery: _____ No.: _____

Templar Title: _____

If not attending as a Sir Knight - Masonic Title:

To receive the link to log-on the virtual webcast on the Go-To-Meeting system, using computer software and/or telephone you **MUST**:

1. Supply an email address (above)
2. Identify which events that you plan to attend so a link can be sent to you

Event	Date	Attending (Y/N)
VEDGC meeting (Sir Knights only)	Thursday May 20, 2021 7pm	_____
Knight Preceptors Business Meeting (Members only)	Friday May 21, 2021 7pm	_____
168th Annual Conclave (Sir Knights only)	Saturday May 22, 2021 1pm	_____
168th Annual Conclave Installation of Officers (Open to Public)	Sunday May 23, 2021 1pm	_____

Reminder – In order to attend an event – you **MUST be registered.**