



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 Commandery's of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania:

GENERAL ORDER NUMBER FIVE

RITUAL – ORDER OF THE TEMPLE, 5TH LIBATION

Sir Knights:

I am directing that as part of the Constituent Commandery Inspection Process this Templar Year, the Eminent Commander recite the 5th Libation from the Order of the Temple from memory. The Eminent Commander must recite the 5th Libation in person to the Inspecting Division Commander or his Adjutant.

The Eminent Commander may select an agreed time with the respective Division Commander other than during the Commandery's Inspection Date. This time and date must be approved by the Division Commander and must happen before the scheduled Inspection Date.

The Eminent Commander must recite the following from memory: From the Ritual of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America book, issued 2019 Spiral Bound or Purple Cover, or issued 1979 Black Cover.:

The Commanders part starting at the bottom of page 141 through the last sentence of the Commanders part ending on the bottom of page 142 which starts with "Let us attend to ...".

The Rituals issued in 2019 do not contain cyphers. If you are using the 1979 Ritual, part of the 5th Libation is in cypher, and you will need to consult with your Division Commander to obtain the translation.

The Division Commander will report to the Grand Commander showing the results for each Eminent Commander in his Division. This report is due by February 1, 2024.

This General Order is to be made available at the next Stated Conclave and all Stated Conclaves prior to the deadline and entered in full in the records.

Given over my hand and seal of the Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania on May 22, 2023, in the year of our Lord, A.O. 905.

Yours in Templary,
Thomas C. Helm
Grand Commander

Attest:
Mark G. Mattern
Grand Recorder