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From the Desk of the Grand Commander

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 NINE**

**PASSING OF SIR KNIGHT ROBERT M. POLANDER, JR., EGCG**

Sir Knights:

Be it known that Sir Knight Robert M. Polander, Jr., Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, laid down his sword and entered the Supreme Asylum on October 7, 2021. S.K. Polander was born on November 11, 1954 and Knighted on March 9, 2002.

In remembrance of S.K. Polander, I hereby direct all Commandery Charters within the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, be draped in black at your next stated conclave.

I further order, S.K. Polander be remembered with an appropriate moment of silence and the reciting of following simple prayer at your next stated conclave, and all official Templar functions occurring in the month of October 2021.

**“Sir Knight, farewell! God speed thee on thy heavenly way. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be and abide with us all evermore. Amen.”**

This General Order is to be read in full at the next stated conclave of each Commandery and entered in full or attached to the records.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania this day, October 8, in the year of our Lord 2021, A.O. 903.

Yours in Templary,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark G. Mattern". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M".

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Attest:  
Douglas M. Rowe  
Grand Recorder