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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 FIVE

RITUAL – ORDER OF THE TEMPLE, 5TH LIBATION

Sir Knights:

As established by REPGC Mark G Mattern, 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 Officer – usually the Division Commander or an approved substitute.

If need be, the Eminent Commander may choose to select a time other than the Commandery's stated Inspection Date, however he must notify and get approval from the Division Commander before the 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 bottom of the page 141 thru 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 cypher. If you choose to use the Ritual issued in 1979, part of the 5th Libation is in cypher and you will have to ask your Division Commander for assistance in getting the non-cypher text.

The Division Commander will return a report to the Grand Commander showing the results for each Eminent Commander in his Division. This report is due by February 1, 2023. The report is attached to the General Order below.

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

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania this day, May 23, in the year of our Lord 2022, A.O. 904.

Courteously,

Harry J. Smith

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Grand Commander

Attest:
Mark G. Mattern, PGC
Grand Recorder



Proficiency of Eminent Commander – 5th Libation

Date Submitted: _____

Division: _____ Division Commander: _____

Circle One in Each Box Below

Eminent Commander	Commandery	Date Tested	Recited from Memory –	Recited from Memory – Issues	Did Not Recite from Memory	Not Tested (X)	Reason for No Test
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