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PROCLAMATION 19 - 1

TO: All Grand Commandery Officers, Past Most Eminent Grand Commanders, District Deputy Grand Eminent Commanders, Eminent Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights of local Commanderies

Greetings,

Once again, thank you all for re-electing all your Grand Commandery Officers to there positions. As Most Eminent Grand Commander, I ensure you that I take my post very seriously & look out for OUR Order as best as I can. It is not an easy task, and would like to acknowledge all the hard work that DGEC Edward P. Russell and the rest of the Grand Commandery Officers have been doing and will continue to do so moving forward. Teamwork, all Great & Successful Organizations/Orders have this in common. No one human man can do it by himself.

40 MILE/\$40 ASSESSMENT:

Was optional to have paid by last year, not optional anymore. **MUST BE PAID BY DATE OF TAXES BEING DUE.** Once again, it is a 1 (one) time payment, not annual. If you have paid you are good. All payments made at the last 2 Workshops & 2 Sessions have been recorded by name. **ALL COMMANDERIES MUST TURN IN THE NAMES OF THE INDIVIDUALS THAT PAID THROUGH YOUR COMMANDERY.** If not on either of those lists, individuals will be dropped. Remember Assessments & Taxes come before dues.

There are 2 ways to look at this; as a Cost, or an INVESTMENT. We are Sir Knights, and I pray that Knights Templar is worth \$40 to you. Remember that this IS NOT an edit, it was presented to membership prior to me becoming MEGC. It was voted , approved and accepted by the entire membership without one person voting against it. Do let us act accordingly, no one who hasn't paid it WILL NOT be allowed into the Session & not be on our membership roll as active. Eminent Commanders, this is your job to have completed. Coordinate with the Recorder of your Commandery. DDGECs insure that this is done & submitted to the Grand Recorder & MEGC via email.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR WORKSHOP:

This is a SUMMONS called meeting. Per our last Session we will have business to finish as well. Don't need to reiterate what a Summons is, or how they work. Govern yourselves accordingly.

Saturday March 23, 2019
New Era Lodge #107/Oscar C. McCombs Commandery #21
2004 Maryland Ave
Augusta, GA 30904

We will be establishing a New Commandery & dubbing new members for said Commandery at 9am sharp. ALL Sir Knights are invited to being part of this as the Grand Commandery does this.

PAST EMINENT COMMANDER'S DEGREE:

It was approved in last year's Session that a local Commandery can perform the PEC Degree as long as they had a minimum of 5 PECs present, to include the DDGEC or a approved Grand Commandery Officer, and appropriate PEC degree paperwork sent to the office of the Grand Recorder. You still need to email to the Grand Recorder, MEGC, and President of PEC Degree GG C. E. Alexander time, date & location of degreework, & who all was there at the ceremony. Utilize the approving PEC Degree ritual. If this has taken place by February 28th, all remaining individuals in need of the degree will receive it at the Workshop at 10am. If you do not submit the appropriate paperwork to the Grand Recorder by March 1st we cannot insure you receiving your certificate that day. You can bring your money the day of.

MILITARY AWARDS:

In my Stewardship Address I addressed the manner in wearing Military Awards, Pins, Medals on your Frock/Official KT Short Coat Suit because it was never address in our By-Laws. ALL received while you were in the U. S. Armed Forces and are on your DD 214 as burden of proof. This is to NOT INCLUDE Rank, Company, or Combat Patches, Time in Service, or Combat Stripes. Once again, all have to be that YOU received. Can't be wearing something to honor a loved one that you didn't receive. We are based on a Military Order, so I only feel that it is right we allow our fellow Veterans wear them. They earned them, and we should be glad to see them. Active Duty members, I don't want you to get in possible trouble for being out of uniform, not in code with UCMJ in regard to uniforms, so use your own judgement on that. This is NOT a mandate to wear, just if you desire. As a Disabled American Veteran for over 21 years, " I thank all my fellow Brothers & Sisters in Arms for the sacrifices they made to give us all the opportunity to the American Dream." Yes, Sisters as well, the Order of Cyrene Crusaders & Guilds help the KT about 800 years ago, and many of our female counterparts have proudly defend Freedom abroad the world as well. Let's just not let the Dream turn into a nightmare. We all need to get more involved in church and our communities. If WE don't, WHO do you think will?

WORKSHOP FEE:

As I stated at our last Encampment. Everyone that was registered at last year's Session will not have to pay for the Workshop. If you find it in your heart to make a small donation that WE can present to a Charitable Organization that would be great, but once again no fee for those who registered. There will be a lunch provided as well.

If you didn't register, or attend, last year's Session then "make sure you give a good donation to same above mentioned cause".

PLASTIC DUES CARDS:

The Grand Commandery went in and paid to purchase a card making machine under PGEC G. B. King's tenure and we are ready to put it to use. So all will have plastic dues cards; however, we need everyone to submit their name & title through their Commandery Recorder the way they desire. Because the first card is free to membership, but card changes will include a fee. So middle initials, middle names, Sr., Jr., III, IV, Esquire, etc. need to be stated.

Past Titles, such as PEC, PGEC, or PDDGEC need to be stated as well. The cards WILL NOT have the titles of EC, any other local office, or DDGEC on them because those are temporary positions. Protocol shouldn't have to arise were 2, or more members have the same titles on their cards in the same Commandery. Before someone asks how are we to identify and recognize our Eminent Commanders, well your jewel of your office does that already. Certificates will be given to all EC who have gone through the PEC Degree, and DDGECs receive their's from the MEGC/Grand Commandery as well for their position appointment.

EMAIL ADDRESSES:

I've asked for the last 2 years for all members to submit your email addresses to the Grand Recorder. Some have stated they have. So resubmit all and CC me at jeromepower107@yahoo.com to insure that this takes place. You can get communications if you are not on the Grand Recorder's address list.

INSTUCTIONS ON WEBSITE SUBMISSIONS:

WE all voted to have ot yet we are not using it effectively. PEC Brian Hall is doing a wonderful job on it. Below are the instructions on submitting pictures on to the website.

The website, WWW.YORKRITEGAPHA.COM, is a great avenue to broadcast the outstanding events and achievements of the commanderies throughout this Jurisdiction. The process for submitting photos/documents should be as follows:

1. ALL entries should be approved by the Deputy of each respective Commandery.
2. Once the Deputy has approved said entry, it is expected for the DEPUTY to forward materials to the email address YORKRITEoFGAPHA@GMAIL.COM. This will cut down on repetitious email submissions, and not tie up the technology staff's time with sorting through items.
3. Deputies, when sending content to the technology staff, please include the commandery as well as the event and event date, so the album of photos can be labeled and easy to locate on the media platform.
4. Once an entry is received from a Deputy, content may be loaded to the website.

It is imperative that the deputies have a keen eye for what should and should not be broadcast to the world. No photos of asylum set-ups, ritualistic endeavors, or Sir Knights in any adverse situations, i.e. "Red Cups" or "belligerent behavior". We must remember and exemplify quality, so JHD Grand Commandery may gain more quality Sir Knights. Please understand, everything will not make it to the website, but may

still be submitted and posted to our FaceBook Group, John H. Deveaux Grand Commandery Georgia PHA (<https://www.facebook.com/John-H-Deveaux-Grand-Commandery-Georgia-PHA-1263172847038465/>)

YORK RITE SESSION:

2019 & 2020 York Rite Session Time & Place were to be lead by Knights Templar. The initial locations was slated to be in Valdosta this year, but an additional meeting still has to take place with the Heads of the other Houses to revisit the issue. As soon as this meeting takes place I will inform US what we will do.

In closing, I'd like to remind us on how Knights Templar was started. A few Christian men of wealth came together and gave all they had to the Order. In less than 200 years many forgot their oaths & obligations they took in becoming a True Sir Knight. Seeing what I have over the last couple of years I believe that some of us need to revisit the Chamber of Reflections on our ourselves. This goes for anyone on roll, no matter what your title maybe. Knights Templar is a life long commitment, and when you are not acting like a Sir Knight should, then you are no longer one. Whether someone sees what you are doing, or behind closed doors. I am not Jesus, but I do have Jesus in me, and if you don't have Jesus in you then Knights Templar IS NOT for you. Not asking you to give all that you have financial, but I do plead with you to commit yourself to the principles of our Order. That's not to me, but to HE.

IN HOC SIGNO VINCES,



MEGC Jerome Leon Turner, KYCH