

# JOHN H. DEVEAUX GRAND COMMANDERY

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## PROCLAMATION FY19-03

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

Greetings,

First giving honor and respect to our Lord Jesus the Christ! Thank you for electing me as your Most Eminent Grand Commander of the John H. DeVeaux Grand Commandery Magnanimous Order Knights Templar Masons of the Jurisdiction of Georgia, Prince Hall Affiliated. I am truly honored by the trust you; the Sir Knights of this awesome jurisdiction have instilled in me and I am very excited to get to work. I am thrilled to be working with such a great group of elected and appointed Grand Commandery Officers from different Commanderies and cities around Georgia. I would like to thank my predecessors, Past Most Eminent Grand Commanders Jerome L. Turner, George B. King, Emmitt L. Johnson, the Late Rev. Dannie L. Surry, Joseph L. Collins, Harold Williams, Isaac Brown and John Robinson for their mentorship, guidance, blessings and continued support as I embark on this journey to continue and improve the works shown by the members of this jurisdiction. I know that I have big shoes to fill and promise that I will give it my all by providing Leadership, Motivation and Direction, even when it may be unpopular to some, but a decision will be made good, bad or indifferent.

Now, Sir Knights down to the business at hand. I have already had my first conference call with all Grand Commandery Officers, Deputies and appointed committee chairs. As the Grand Commandery Officers, we will lead the way and set the example for this jurisdiction by first chairing a committee, having the proper Knights Templar uniforms and assisting in the education and growth of this jurisdiction. **We will the example s of Be, Know and Do as your leaders.**

I would like to give a big congratulations to Past Most Eminent Grand Commander Jerome L. Turner for his vision, dedication and hard work with the brilliant input and support of Sir Knight Brian Rogers for the completion of our new Knights Templar Ritual for this Jurisdiction. This was a long and much needed ritual that we have been waiting on. Attached is the order sheet for the ritual. Deputies and Eminent Commanders it is your responsibility to ensure that all our Commanderies purchase this ritual. Please try to have them before your first meeting of 2020.

Let me highlight a few events that **EVERY** Sir Knight that holds allegiance to the John H. DeVeaux Grand Commandery Magnanimous, Order of Knights Templar Masons are expected to attend and participate in barring any and all emergencies that may arise. They are as follows:

1. Deputies are responsible for conducting and ensuring all reports are submitted to the Grand Recorder on time.
  - A. 2020 Elections Report (Conducted by 31 Dec 2019 and Emailed to the Grand Recorder 5 Days later.)
  - B. Perform the Past Eminent Commanders Degree for Actual and Honorary (Ensure applications and funds are submitted to the Grand Recorder by 31 January 2020. Patents will be issued at the KT Workshop 21 March 2020. No Degrees will be given during our workshop!)
2. St. George Commandery UD will be chartered on 30 Nov 2019 at 9 AM 330 Auburn Avenue; Atlanta, GA.
3. John H. DeVeaux Annual Church Visitation: 15 December 2019 10 AM at Beulah Missionary Baptist Church (Rev Louis Cobb) 802 S. Jefferson Street; Albany, GA 31701.
  - A. **Attention Sir Knights, this is an official summons for all Sir Knights in this jurisdiction to attend our annual church visitation. The uniform is full KT Uniforms, Chapeau with Frock Coat ONLY. Chapeau and Crowns can be worn with short jackets.**
  - B. **All Commanderies are asked to provide at least 30 toys for boys & girls. John H. DeVeaux will be represented by Thronateeska Commandery #8 (POC Kenneth Parker 229-395-9213) in conjunction with H.R. Butler Grand Council on December 14, 2019.**
  - C. **I'm asking all Sir Knights to bring \$5 to contribute to our church donations.**
  - D. **There will be a small hospitality for the Sir Knights before we depart Albany.**
4. The John H. DeVeaux Grand Commandery Annual Workshop will be held on 21 March 2020 starting at 9 AM at the Milledgeville High School Alumni Association 997 Highway 338 Dudley, GA 31022 (POC EC Vernon Hall 478-278-2654). The host lodge will provide lunch as a fundraiser.)
  - A. **St. George Commandery: Memorial Service Demonstration**
  - B. **PEC Zack Mitchell & his committee: Knights Templar Uniform SOP**
  - C. **HPGEC John McCrae & SK Chris Harper: Knights Templar Furniture's**
  - D. **PEC Brian Rogers & Sherman Lofton: KT Rituals & Protocol**

In closing, Sir Knights, we will continue to work closely with the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Georgia, Corey D. Shackelford Sr. and the MWPHGL of Georgia. Peace, Harmony and Respect must continue; more especially in the York Rite Bodies. Keeping in mind Knights, our ladies (sisters) auxiliaries are very important to our organization too. Please do not try to undermine their place in Masonry. We will not tolerate any type of Bullying whether it be verbal, physical, intimidation, threats thru email, phone, texts or social media. **Bottom line-up-front**, do well unto all and treat each other like you would want to be treated. Please understand that majority of the brothers in this jurisdiction are or has some form of military, law enforcement, emergency responders or teaching experience. I am saying this to say that we must use our chain of command when issues arise, and I am simply asking you to try to resolve problems at the lowest level so that they be resolved. Once you escalate an issue, it then draws more attention and some decisions will be made that might not be pleasing to some. Nevertheless, Sir Knights, again, I am approachable, and I love to laugh but please understand when it is time to take care of our business play time is over.

May God continue to bless each one of you through the holidays and heading into a New Year. Like the old saying goes, "I love you and ain't nothing you can do about it." I beg to differ, "You can love me back."

"If they stand behind you: Give them Protection"  
"If they stand beside you: Give them Respect"  
"If they stand against you: Show No Mercy"

IN HOC SIGNO VINCE  
Under The Steel Cross

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward P. Russell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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