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Fraternal Greetings Sir Knights,

TO: All Grand Commandery Officers, Past Most Eminent Grand Commanders, District Deputy Grand Eminent Commanders, Eminent Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights of ALL Commanderies holding allegiance to John H. DeVeaux Grand Commandery, Magnanimous Order of Knights Templar Masons Jurisdiction of Georgia, Prince Hall Affiliation.

“A charge to keep I have. A God to glorify. A never dying soul to save and fit it for the sky. To serve this present age my calling to fulfill, oh, may it all may it all my power to engage to do thy Master’s will.”

Now that 2022 is behind us and we've celebrated the reason for the season and we've toasted to "Knighthood", and to a prosperous 2023, let our work begin. 2022 was somewhat of a challenging year for us all to include the flows of COVID-19 which is still existing among us. Nevertheless, The Great Captain of our Salvation has guided us safely to port.

Let me begin this proclamation by congratulating and thanking St. Phillips Commandery #9 for a job well done coordinating and hosting our JHD annual Church Visitation. What an eventful weekend we all shared along with the joint annual Clarence C Buck Toy Drive of The Illustrious HRB Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters hosted by Warren Jones Council #5, which made the entire weekend fulfilling and purposeful, both in the spirit of Honoring and Serving in one weekend. Everyone who attended shared the same sentiment.

As your Most Eminent Grand Commander of JHD Grand Commandery Magnanimous Order of Knights Templar, I "Salute" and say "Thank You" to all those Sir Knights who journeyed to Savannah and were committed to their obligation to answer the call in participating in that weekend of events.

For this year's (2023) JHD Church Visitation, Hosting and Location TBA, I'm calling for maximum participation from every Commandery. All Knights Templar work outside of this Church Visitation shall be AT REST during this scheduled weekend. Every Commandery and their representatives, Principle Support Officers, District Deputies are expected to be in attendance. I do understand what December entails and that this is a busy month HOWEVER, we will maximize our presence for this Honor during our 2023's visitation. So plan your calendars accordingly. "A Templar Knight is a committed Knight." Let me say that again. "A Templar Knight is a committed Knight." Also, Every Commandery owing allegiance to JHD Grand Commandery shall participate in one of our Knightly Observances, "The Christmas Observance." Toasting the end of a successful year, work not yet completed but paused, and the charting of a new and purposeful ensuing year.

My vision for this year (2023) is simple, that is to grow JHD Grand Commandery. This sounds easy but hard work lies before us. This will require a dedicated commitment from every Sir Knight on roll by recommitting to the principles and mission of our existence, by studying our Rituals, and by participating out of our Asylums what we've learned and obligated to do within our Asylums. Growing JHD through Exposure and Education.

I would like to add 100 Sir Knights to our rolls by our annual Conclave in September. Question, can we achieve this? Answer, Sir Knights "YES WE CAN." So let's go to work by encouraging Master Masons and Royal and Select Masters to continue their journey to the APEX of Freemasonry to become a SOLDIER amongst the Steel and Armor.

Ritualistic Opening/Closing

Every Commandery is expected to Open and Close Ritualistically. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!! The only way to get better is to practice and perform. We are possibly looking to award the Commandery with the best Opening and best Closing with a Grand Prize.

Honorary/Constitution

Sir Knights who have received an Honorary such as HPEC or HPMEGC are Constitutionally not eligible to hold any elected seat in the Commandery Local or Grand. This was clearly made known during our 2022 annual Conclave. Any deviations from this law must be justified and have the approval from the MEGC.

Communications/Submitting Reports/Requests

All submitted reports, requests, order forms, payment receipts, and all communications to and from the Grand Commandery will use the JHDPHA@GMAIL.com Grand Email address, you may also **continue to cc the Grand Recorder** on your emails and report submissions. This will create an online file repository and one stop shop for all records previous and current. The Grand email is monitored by the Records and Treasurers.

Templar Uniforms

Every Sir Knight is expected to have The Official and Constitutional Uniform of a Templar Knight. All Grand Commandery Officers, All DDGECs, and All Principle Support Officers of a Local Commandery are also setting the example for this expectation. Along with having JHD Grand Commandery Constitution and ByLaws, The Official Ritual, (The Asylum), The Official Uniform SOP Manual and The "Namesake Medallion."

Sir Knights, you must be equipped to be a Soldier and you must be equipped to answer the call to duty. Again, A Templar Knight is a committed Knight. " A NEW DAY, A NEW DIRECTION" as we move forward to the next level.

Leadership Conference 2023

The Grand Commandery Officers recently held a TEAM (Zoom) Conference to discuss this year's Leadership Conference Workshop. It was agreed upon that this year's Leadership Conference Workshop will be held in Hinesville, Georgia, jointly hosted by E. C. Williams Commandery #28 and St. Phillips Commandery #9. This year's Leadership Conference Workshop is bound to be an eventful one filled with Templar education, Fellowship and Good eating.

Therefore, by the authority entrusted and invested in me as your MEGC of JHD Grand Commandery Magnanimous Order of Knights Templar, I hereby command ALL Commanderies owing allegiance to this Grand Commandery to be fully represented, barring any emergencies, to be in attendance. All Grand Commandery Officers, All DDGECs, and All Principle Support Officers are expected to be in attendance. Much effort is being prepared and extended for your arrival.

It was also agreed upon on this (Zoom) Conference that the dress for this Leadership Conference Workshop will be casual but must reflect Knight Templar in color or apparel. And ALL Sir Knights are asked to bring their tools for learning (ie.. pen, paper, ritual, sop uniform manual, and constitution and bylaws).

Again, a Templar Knight is a committed Knight always ready to be called to duty. Please see attachments to this Proclamation regarding the details to 2023 Leadership Conference Workshop.

ATTENTION!!!!!! Sir Knights, All Sir Knights' Grand taxes and Commandery Reports are due into the office of the Grand Recorder (JHDPHA@GMAIL.COM) by June 30,2023. After this date, the Commandery will incur a LATE FEE of \$150. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!! And please continue to send in those \$40/40 mile assessments for those who have not paid yet and for every new Sir Knight added to the roll. Electronic Payments can also be made via paypal to jhdevkt@gmail.com. If making an electronic payment, be sure to state that in your email.

In closing, Sir Knights let us take up our Cross and begin our labor in "Truth and Love" for we know not the day, nor the hour, nor the minute, nor the second that our name will be called to answer to that Heavenly roll. So cast aside any ill will, hatred, jealousy, or evil dwellings of the Spirit toward a Fellow Sir Knight. A Templar Knight is a Christian Knight. We are all members in His Asylum and protectors of His Worthiness and Glory.

Our mouths can say a lot but our actions speak for the Spirit. Our Heavenly Crown awaits us. Will there be one for you?

LET'S GO TO WORK

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Under The Steel Dome,



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