



# The Grand Commandery of the State of Ohio

## Office of the Right Eminent Grand Commander

To the Sir Knights, Officers and Members of all Constituent Commanderies and to all present Grand Commandery Officers and past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Ohio:

Greetings:

It is my order that **General Order No. 17** be read in its entirety and be made a part of the minutes of each Constituent Commandery at the first stated conclave following its receipt.

### General Order No. 17

**Effective May 1, 2021**, Grand and Constituent Commanderies in this jurisdiction may open in **Phase Two\***, as defined by the Grand Encampment of **Knights Templar Reopening Templary 2021 Phased Opening Criteria**. A copy of Phase Two of the Phased Opening Criteria shall be provided to Eminent Commanders and Recorders via e-mail as an attachment by the Grand Recorder.

**\*Note: Phase Two with these applications for Ohio Commanderies:**

- In-person conclaves shall observe the Ohio Department of Health's Director's Order dated April 8, 2021, pertaining to facial coverings (masks), congregating, social distance requirements, sanitation, fixed seating, and service of food and beverage. This Order shall be provided to all Commanderies via e-mail as an attachment from the Grand Recorder and shall be observed until such time as it may be superseded.
- In-person meetings are not permitted in counties designated purple on the Ohio coronavirus map.
- Virtual conclaves by means of conference call and/or video conferencing (Zoom, etc.) may continue at the discretion of the Eminent Commander.
- Hybrid conclaves, with audio and video emanating from a tiled Asylum while others view virtually, are also permitted. All virtual conclave policies apply. **No ritual may be displayed during a Hybrid conclave. The Eminent Commander may elect to declare the Commandery open and closed during a Hybrid conclave at his discretion.**
- Specific conditions regarding the conferral of the Orders shall be provided via e-mail as an attachment from the Grand Recorder must be observed.

This Order remains in effect until 12:00 AM, October 10, 2021, or until superseded by further Order. Any element of Ohio General Order 16 in conflict with this Order is hereby superseded.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Ohio, on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021, Anno Ordinis 903.

R. Thomas Starr, KCT  
Right Eminent Grand Commander

Attest: Alfred T. Johnson, KCT, HPGC  
Eminent Grand Recorder

