



# The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia

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From the Apartment of the Right Eminent Grand Commander

**Mark S. Johnson**

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 2**

**WHEREAS:** The ongoing pandemic and COVID-19 virus continue to be a health hazard; and

**WHEREAS:** Freemasonry teaches us to be good citizens and “obey the executives of our local, state and national government”; and

**WHEREAS:** The primary concern should always be the health and wellbeing of our Companions and Sir Knights, their families and the public; and

**WHEREAS:** The decisions made by the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Georgia and his officers regarding meeting guidelines will always consider the Rulings of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Georgia, all General Orders of The Grand Master of Grand Encampment, KT USA, the Executive Orders of the Governor of Georgia, and the protocols suggested by the CDC, as well as guidelines directed by the Federal Government.

**THEREFORE:** In order to comply with all of the above let it be resolved by Order of The Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Georgia that all Commanderies in the Jurisdiction of Georgia remain in Phase Zero of the re-opening guidelines listed in General Order No 14 of The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA. This limits all conclaves to be virtual or conference call only. In-person meetings at any location are PROHIBITED.

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED:** CONSTITUTION, STATUTES, DISCIPLINARY RULES, STANDING RESOLUTIONS, CEREMONIES, FORMS AND APPROVED DECISIONS OF THE Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America 2019 Edition Section 231 and 232 do not allow the Grand Commandery of Georgia to alter the Ritual or adopt an abbreviated form of opening therefore all Annual Inspections of Constituent Commanderies in the Jurisdiction of Georgia are hereby canceled for the Commandery year 2020-2021.

The constantly changing situation surrounding this pandemic will be followed closely by the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Georgia and changes will come as the circumstances will allow.

Respectfully ordered on this the 12th day of November in the year of our Lord 2020.

Attest:

Mark S. Johnson  
Right Eminent Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery of Georgia, KT

*Mark A. Bradley*

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Eminent Grand Recorder

Attached:

General Order No 14, Grand Encampment KT, USA  
Ruling No. 2021-1, Grand Lodge of Georgia F&AM