



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

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From the Apartment of the Right Eminent Grand Commander

**Ryan C. Nealey**

GENERAL ORDER NO. 1

This Order shall be read at the head of the Commandery lines in each Commandery at the next Stated Conclave and shall be made a part of the minutes thereof.

TO: Grand Commandery Officers, Past Grand Commanders and Constituent Commanderies. Greetings:

**BE IT HEREBY ORDERED:** That during the 2026-2027 Grand Commandery Year, the Grand Commandery of Georgia shall be organized into two Corps. The First Corps shall contain Divisions One, Two, and Three and the Second Corps shall contain Divisions Four, Five, and Six.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:** That the First Corps shall be assigned to the Eminent Grand Generalissimo and the Second Corps shall be assigned to the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:** That each Division will have a Grand Commandery Officer assigned as Division Commander. The Division Commander assignments are as follows:

- Division One: Judd J. Wolfe
- Division Two: Mark A. Bradley
- Division Three: Christopher D. Gabor
- Division Four: Eric S. Tress
- Division Five: John T. Flener, Jr.
- Division Six: William T. White

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:** That all Commanderies will be assigned to Divisions as follows:

**FIRST CORPS:**

- **First Division:** Judd J. Wolfe 770-315-7008 jjwolfe98@yahoo.com
- Bethlehem No. 30 (Thomasville)
- Coastal Plain 42 (Tifton)
  - with the following serving as Division Grand Liaison Officers:  
Joe Futch (30) 229-403-4503 joefutch@windstream.net  
Howard L. Maddox (42) 229-325-3720 howardmaddox52@gmail.com
- **Second Division:** Mark A. Bradley 706-983-9216 markbradley@yorkriteofga.org
- Palestine No. 7 (Savannah)
- St. Elmo No. 21 (Brunswick)
- Waycross No. 36 (Waycross)
  - with the following serving as Division Grand Liaison Officers:  
Robert Brooks (7) 912-312-9543 robert.b.brooksi@gmail.com  
James R. Bennett (36) 912-337-0601 rustybennett038@gmail.com
- **Third Division:** Christopher D. Gabor 202-567-1230 gabor.chris@gmail.com
- St. Omer No. 2 (Macon)
- St. Aldemar No. 3 (Columbus)
- Ivanhoe No. 10 (Ft. Valley)

- Plantagenet No. 12 (Milledgeville)
  - Ft. Benning No. 73 (Columbus)
    - with the following serving as Division Grand Liaison Officers:
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| Jerry H. Purvis (2) | 770-468-1073 | jhp1861@gmail.com |
| Baron Conklin (3)   | 706-573-7448 | lgtkd@knology.net |

## SECOND CORPS

- **Fourth Division:** Eric S. Tress 770-314-2752 estress1960@gmail.com
- Coeur de Lion No. 4 (College Park)
- Atlanta No. 9 (Atlanta)
- Tancred No. 11 (Newnan)
- Alexius No. 22 (Lovejoy)
- Constantine No. 26 (Marietta)
- Douglasville No. 40 (Douglasville)
  - with the following serving as Division Grand Liaison Officers:

Jackson Fussell (4)	678-333-1002	jacksonfussell95@gmail.com
Keith Bryant (26)	678-697-9859	gkbryant_1@yahoo.com
- **Fifth Division:** John T. Flener, Jr. 229-425-8770 jtflener1@gmail.com
- Rome No. 8 (Rome)
- St. John's No. 19 (Dalton)
- Charles Martel No. 29 (Chickamauga)
- Blue Ridge Mtn. No. 37 (McCaysville)
- Amicalola No. 41 (Jasper)
  - with the following serving as Division Grand Liaison Officers:

Nathan Wade (41)	678-234-9996	lanierwade@yahoo.com
John Mull (8)	706-266-0187	bigjohn.mull@gmail.com
- **Sixth Division:** William T. White 478-997-1011 whiteyinga@av8rstuff.com
- Georgia No. 1 (Augusta)
- Godfrey de Bouillon No. 14 (Elberton)
- Pilgrim No. 15 (Gainesville)
- St. Bernard No. 25 (Covington)
- Arnold de Troye No. 31 (Buford)
- Philemon No. 33 (Toccoa)
- Dekalb No. 38 (Snellville)
  - with the following serving as Division Grand Liaison Officers:

Dale B. Cliett (1)	706-831-9273	cliettp@knology.net
Bill Garrison (31)	404-775-7764	suwaneegarrisons@gmail.com
Brad Johnson (25)	404-216-1534	bradleytammy56@comcast.net

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:** That the Corps Commanders will command, assist, and supervise their respective Divisions.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:** That the Division Commanders shall:

- Maintain direct communication with the Right Eminent Grand Commander, the Corps Commander and the Eminent Grand Recorder's Office with respect to each Commandery in his Division, as to ritual, opening, tactics, armory, regalia, programs, and/or any special needs or assistance
- Visit each Commandery in his respective Division as often as needed, but at least once during the Commandery year;
- Represent the Grand Commander when requested to do so.
- Promote programs of involvement that will enhance Templary.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:** That all Grand Commandery Officers, exclusive of the Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Adjutant, and Grand Sentinel will submit to the Grand Recorder's office an annual report of all visitations made and activities engaged upon for the Grand Commandery no later than April 15, 2027.

### **GRAND LIAISON OFFICERS**

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:** That Grand Liaison Officers are appointed by the Right Eminent Grand Commander. The Grand Liaison Officers will report to and represent the Grand Commander and or the Division Commander while on official business and will be afforded the respect and honors due a Grand Commandery Officer. Each Grand Liaison Officer will make one Official Visit to their Respective Commanderies in the Templar Year, assist the Division Commander in coordinating the Annual Inspections of their Respective Commanderies and attend the Grand Commandery Conclave. The Grand Liaison Officers shall wear a red and green shoulder cord as recognition of their office.

### **INSPECTIONS**

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:** That all Commanderies shall be inspected by March 1, 2027. Each Eminent Commander shall assemble the Sir Knights of his Commandery, on a date and time selected by the Eminent Commander, for the purpose of participating in their Annual Tactics Inspection. This Inspection shall be held in accordance with the Tactics and Customs of this Grand Jurisdiction and shall include a full uniform Tactics Inspection by their assigned Grand Liaison Officer, serving as the Grand Inspecting Officer. The Eminent Commander shall see that each Sir Knight, in the line, is in full uniform in accordance with the Grand Commandery Code and the Grand Encampment Constitution. The uniform symbolizes us as the Christian Soldiers within the Masonic Fraternity and we should each take personal pride in wearing it as a statement of who we are and what we represent. The assigned Grand Liaison Officer shall submit to the Grand Recorder a full report of the Tactics Inspection within ten (10) days of said inspection using the 2026-27 Commandery Tactics Inspection Report form. All outdated Inspection Report forms will be rejected.

The failure of a Commandery to not have the Tactical Inspection completed by March 1 of the calendar year, will receive an "Incomplete" Tactical Inspection Report. If a Commandery receives an "Incomplete" Tactical Inspection Report for two (2) consecutive years, that Commandery will be liable to the Grand Commandery of Georgia Code Article III, Section 13.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:** That each Eminent Commander shall assemble the Sir Knights of his Commandery, on the assigned Divisional Conclave Date and at the assigned time, for the purpose of participating in their respective Annual Divisional Conclave. The Divisional Conclave shall include a Tactics and Ritual School of Instruction facilitated by the appropriate Grand Commandery Custodians. Also at the Annual Divisional Conclave, each Recorder shall furnish their assigned Grand Inspecting Officer such information that will enable him to answer all questions on the Administrative Inspection Form. The completed Administrative Inspection Form shall then be forwarded to the Grand Recorder within ten (10) days after said Administrative Inspection. All assigned Grand Inspecting Officers MUST use the current Administrative Inspection Report form. All outdated Inspection Report forms will be rejected. The failure of a Commandery to not have the Administrative Inspection completed by March 1 of the calendar year, will receive an "Incomplete" Administrative Inspection Report. If a Commandery receives an "Incomplete" Administrative Inspection Report for two (2) consecutive years, that Commandery will be liable to the Grand Commandery of Georgia Code Article III, Section 13.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:** That as per the Grand Commandery Constitution, Statutes, and Regulations that the Treasurer and Recorder of each Constituent Commandery will be bonded, unless the Commandery By-laws require more than one signature on a voucher or check before any monies are disbursed. The Grand Inspecting Officer shall verify if either method is in order

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:** That written proof of the last audit, showing date audited and a current copy of tax form 990 shall be provided to the Grand Inspecting Officer at the Divisional Conclave.

### **CHARITIES**

It is my hope and prayer that each Sir Knight, within this Grand Jurisdiction, shall continue to contribute to our charities as liberally as his ability permits. Let us continue our efforts to support the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Inc., the Molly S. Moseley Eye Foundation Trust of Georgia, Inc., and the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage. I would like for every Commandery in Georgia to work toward the goal of sending a minister to the Holy Land. I know it is difficult for some Commanderies to accomplish this feat alone. I, therefore, encourage each Commandery that cannot individually sponsor a Minister to partner with another Commandery(s) and jointly send a minister to the Holy Land. Our goal is for our Grand Commandery to send a total of 10 ministers to the Holy Land in 2027.

I also would like for each Commandery to once again become 100% Life Sponsors of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. The Grand Commandery of Georgia was the first state to accomplish this task and need to get back to that level of participation. We have been challenged to achieve a 200% Life Sponsorship rate, and I hope you all will participate.

### **FESTIVALS**

All Commanderies participating in York Rite Festivals, where all the York Rite Degrees/Orders are conferred, are encouraged to confer the Templar Orders on a separate date when possible. I encourage the full conferral of the Templar Orders. We rob much from our candidates and ourselves when we exemplify the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta in short form. When the Templar Orders are conferred, all candidates should be appropriately dressed in coat and tie.

### **COMMITTEES**

The successful completion of our many projects rests solely on the dedicated work of the members appointed to the various Committees. I have appointed those Sir Knights that I feel will excel in the tasks at hand. Your knowledge, experience and dedication to the Order have afforded you this important trust. Please exercise due diligence in the Committees to which you have been assigned.

### **ASYLUM IMPROVEMENT**

Every Sir Knight should take pride in the appearance and condition of his Asylum. Therefore, I encourage each Commandery to plan and complete at least one improvement project during the coming year. This may include organizing a workday for cleaning and maintenance, restoring and organizing degree paraphernalia, or making a concerted effort to ensure members are properly uniformed. These are only suggestions, and each Commandery is encouraged to select a project best suited to its needs. I firmly believe that when members work together toward improving their Commandery, the entire organization benefits and prospers.

**Respectfully ordered on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord 2026.**



Ryan C. Nealey  
Right Eminent Grand Commander

Attest:



Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III  
Eminent Grand Recorder