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January 10, 2017

To the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Michael Bess, all Past R.E. Grand Commanders, all elected and appointed Eminent Grand Officers, all Past Eminent Commanders, all Eminent Commanders, Generalissimos, Captain Generals, Officers and Sir Knights of the subordinate Knights Templar Commanderies owing allegiance to the Prince Hall Grand Commandery of Knights Templar State of Ohio and Jurisdiction.

PROCLAMATION MLR 2017-001

Pursuant to the Statutes and Regulations of the Prince Hall Grand Commandery Of Knights Templar State of Ohio and Jurisdiction and by the power and authority in me vested as the Right Eminent Grand Commander of said Order, I do hereby **Proclaim the convening** of the 145th Annual Conclave of the Prince Hall Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and the 33rd annual Conclave of the David V. Moore Grand Guild of Heroines of Templar Crusades State of Ohio and Jurisdiction PHA for all Knights Templar Commanderies and Heroines of Templar Crusades Guilds owing allegiance to the afore mentioned bodies on July 14 through 16, 2017.

This year's Grand Conclave will be convened at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 33 East Fifth Street in Dayton, Ohio 45402. Housing may be secured by calling the hotel directly at 800-689-5586 and asking for reservations under the Prince Hall Grand Commandery of Knights Templar State of Ohio name. Special room rates are \$115.00 plus tax per night. Please use a major credit card to guarantee your room and rate. Deadline for room reservations under the special pricing is June 14, 2017. Check in time is 3:00 PM. Please register early.

I do further hereby **SUMMON ALL** Grand Commandery officers elected and appointed, all Past R.E. Grand Commanders, all Past Eminent Commanders, all Eminent Commanders, all Generalissimos, all Captain Generals and all other officers and Sir Knights owing allegiance to this Magnanimous Order to convene with me to transact and dispatch all business that may regularly come before our Order.

I do further hereby **DIRECT** that all Commanderies are to be present and that the 8 (eight) principle elected officers of every Commandery be present and pre- registered, ie Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, Captain

General, Excellent Prelate, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Recorder and Treasurer. No proxies will be allowed unless the registration for the absent officer is paid in full. Commanderies that are delinquent with their taxes will also forfeit their voting rights. Please adhere to this Directive and govern yourselves accordingly.

Advanced registration is **\$50.00** per Sir Knight and on-site registration is **\$65.00** per Sir Knight. Please note that on site registrants are not guaranteed a registration packet or lunch reservation. Our food count and our packet count must be determined in advance of the Conclave date, so it is essential and economical to pre-register. **Deadline for advanced registration is midnight of July 2, 2017.** Make checks or money orders payable to PHGCKTOH and mail to the **Eminent Grand Recorder SK William Boyd Jr., 9801 Nelson Ave. Cleveland, Ohio 44105.** His phone number is 216-370-8099 and email venechor73@hotmail.com. All pre-registrants are guaranteed a lunch and a packet. A registration form is attached to this Proclamation. Take due and timely notice and govern yourselves accordingly. There will be a free hospitality scheduled for early Friday evening July 14, 2017 for those who have registered and arrived early. This hospitality will start at 7:30 PM and go until midnight.

I do further **DIRECT** that all present and past Elected and Appointed Grand Commandery Officers, Past Eminent Commanders, Eminent Commanders, Generalissimos, and Captain Generals proceed to the Committee on Credentials desk immediately after registering.

I do further **DIRECT** that all Elected Grand Commandery Officers and Trustees attend the Executive Meeting on Friday July 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Host hotel. The room will be determined later. Dress code for this meeting is casual with a Knights Templar shirt of your choice.

I do further **DIRECT** that all Elected Grand Officers and Committee Chairmen forward your annual reports to the office of the **Eminent Grand Recorder SK William Boyd Jr.** no later than **June 9, 2017.** All appeals for By-Law changes shall be submitted to the committee on Jurisprudence no later than **June 9, 2017 via the Eminent Grand Recorder SK William Boyd Jr.** whose address was shown above. Please adhere to this Directive and take due and timely notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

I do further **PROCLAIM** that the official Dress and proper attire for the Grand Conclave will be Class A, B or C uniform with side arm adopted by this PH Grand Commandery according to the Statutes and Regulations adopted July 7, 2002.

I do further hereby **PROCLAIM** that on Sunday, July 16, 2017, the Eminent Grand Prelate SK Melvyn Hugeley and his assistants shall host an Upper Room Devotional Service at 8:00 am. All Sir Knights, Princesses and guests are encouraged to attend. Please have a list of those Sir Knights and Princesses to whom we want to solicit prayers. Immediately following will be the full form opening of the Grand Conclave performed by the Officers and Sir Knights of Boone Commandery No. 27 and Wilson-Nolcox Commandery No. 2. After the opening the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander SK Michael Bess will be received at 9:00 am, the Elected and Appointed Grand Officers at 9:15 am and the Right Eminent Grand Commander SK Melvin L. Russell will be received at 9:30 am sharp.

All officers are encouraged to bring your wives or significant others to the Grand Conclave this year. There will be a special program exclusively for them on Sunday July 16, 2017 sponsored by First Lady Deborah Russell, wife of the R.E. Grand Commander Melvin L. Russell. Also, the wives and significant others are invited to join the Sir Knights and Princesses in the Upper Room Devotional Service on Sunday morning at 8:00 am. and at the luncheon that afternoon. They are also invited to the Friday evening Trustee meeting hospitality at 7 pm. with their spouses.

The Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards as well as the Sir Knight of the year and Commandery of the year Awards will be offered again this year. All Commanderies can submit the resumes of their deserving Sir Knights to PMEGM SK Homer Buchanan at 27 Greacian Ave. Trotwood, OH 45426 no later than June 17, 2017. His

email address is hbuchanan1@Frontier.com. He and his Committee will choose the winners of the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Sir Knight of the Year Awards. The Eminent Grand Lecturers of the North, South and Indiana will select the Commandery of the Year of their respective districts. I urge all Commanderies to participate in honoring those deserving Knights. The awards will be given during the Grand Conclave.

On Saturday July 15, 2017 at 9:00 AM the Past Eminent Commander's degree will be performed for the newly made Eminent Commanders. A registration form and information for this degree is attached to this Proclamation. Also on Saturday July 15, 2017 at 7:00 PM there will be a recognition banquet honoring the Grand Princess Captain, Princess Barbara Wilson. Information on this banquet will be forthcoming at a later date.

I do hereby **DIRECT** that this Proclamation be read in your February, March, April, May, and June local Conclave meetings. May God continue to Bless this Grand Commandery and may all of you Sir Knights and your families have safe travel to and from the Grand Conclave. Given under my hand and seal of the Right Eminent Grand Commander at Cleveland Heights, Ohio this tenth day of January, 2017 A.D. A.O. 899.

Yours in Knightly Courtesy



Melvin L. Russell
Right Eminent Grand Commander 2015-2017



Prince Hall Grand Commandery of Knights Templar
State of Ohio and Jurisdiction

*ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM FOR GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE
SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017*

COMMANDERY NAME _____ NO. _____

ADVANCED REGISTRATION \$50.00 ON-SITE REGISTRATION \$65.00

JULY 2, 2017 DEADLINE FOR ADVANCED REGISTRATION

NAME _____ TITLE _____

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PAST EMINENT COMMANDER'S DEGREE REGISTRATION \$40.00 (ADDITIONAL FEE)

NAME _____ NAME _____

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MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO: PHGCKTOH OR
PRINCE HALL GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OHIO

MAIL THIS FORM AND MONEY TO: WILLIAM BOYD JR.
9801 NELSON AVE.
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44105

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