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To the Eminent Commanders, Generalissimos, Captain Generals, Officers and Sir Knights of the Knights Templar Commanderies owing allegiance to the Prince Hall Grand Commandery of Ohio and Jurisdiction.

Greetings,

I would like to thank those Sir Knights and Commanderies that participated in the Statewide District meeting that was held this month. Those Sir Knights that helped in the ritualistic opening are to be commended for giving of yourself to assist in this undertaking. To those of you, **I give a Right Hand Salute**. Although our numbers were down from normal, I am still grateful for your presence at that meeting.

I also want to thank those Commanderies that participated in the raffle. A total of \$1187.66 in prizes and rebates will be distributed. The Grand Commandery received a \$900.00 profit to be placed in our coffers. Generally the raffle was a success. I give a **Right Hand Salute** to those Commanderies that participated and to PEC Sir Knight Michael Henry who chaired this committee.

With this year quickly coming to a close, our Commanderies still have a bit of work remaining. One of our duties is to prepare for the upcoming elections. All Commanderies are to have an audit of their fiscal accounts prior to elections and a report of this audit read in open Commandery. Please send a copy of this audit report to the Grand Lecturer of your district and a copy to me. **If I do not receive a copy of your audit, any election you may hold will be considered null and void. A copy of your election results showing the new officers along with their addresses and phone numbers and email address should be sent immediately to our Grand Recorder Sir Knight Raymond Blair.** Second, the first half taxes are due and should be paid in full before the end of December 2015. Third, the Sir Knights of your Commandery should be ready to celebrate St. John the Evangelist day with the Brothers which is done every December. The Knights should be dressed in Class A or Class

B uniforms. Remember that there are no side arms in a church. Lastly your Commandery will have a Christmas Day Observance and toast. Our Toastees this year are PMEGM of the Grand Encampment Sir Knight Earl Hazel Jr. and we will also honor my Toastee PREGC James W. Moss. Their Bios will be forthcoming. A copy of the program from your Christmas Observance should be sent to the Grand Lecturer of your District and to me. The Knights should be dressed in Class C uniforms with no side arms.

If I have not visited your Commandery, then I look forward to visiting your Commandery before the next Grand Conclave. May God continue to Bless this Grand Commandery and may all of you Sir Knights and your families have a Christ filled Holiday season and a prosperous year in 2016 . Given under my hand and seal of the Right Eminent Grand Commander at Cleveland Heights, Ohio this twenty ninth day of October, 2015 A.D. A.O. 897.

Yours in Knightly Courtesy



Melvin L. Russell
Right Eminent Grand Commander 2015-2017

