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To the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, SK Michael I. Bess, to all Elected and appointed Grand Commandery officers, To all Past Grand Eminent Commanders, All Elected and appointed officers and Sir Knights of the Local Knights Templar Commanderies owing allegiance to the P.H. Grand Commandery of Knights Templar State of Ohio and Jurisdiction,

Greetings,

There will be a statewide Conferring of the Degrees (Dubbing) on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at the Lodge Hall at St. Marks Lodge, 988 Long Street in Columbus, Ohio. This is an opportunity for all Commanderies to have their candidates initiated into the realm of Templarism. There will be registration and a light breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and Taylor Commandery No. 6 and the Grand Commandery Officers will open in Short Form at 9:00 a.m. The Registration fee is \$15.00 per person which covers the cost of hall rental and lunch.

The Dubbing fee is \$165.00 per candidate and this fee should be handled by the individual Commanderies. These fees will be needed to purchase the regalia. The fee will cover the costs of the lunch, Work Hat, Maltese Cross, Tactics Manual, Ritual, and Patent. You dues for your Commandery is a based on your Commandery and payable to your local Commandery. Payments are to be made by Commandery Check. Petitions need to be filled out by the local Recorder and brought to the dubbing sight. The candidates need to give their hat size to their Recorders. All regalia and materials need to be ordered through S.K. Richard Johnson Sr. 216-570-9041 and every very candidate should be able to present an up to date dues card from their local Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter before the Dubbing.

The Dubbing will cover all four Degrees: Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, Mediterranean Pass, Order of Malta, and Order of the Temple. Simon Commandery No. 1, Wilson Commandery No. 2, and Boone Commandery No. 27 will be responsible for performing the first two degrees. Emanuel Commandery No. 32, Golgotha Commandery No. 36 and Gethsamane Commandery No. 37 will perform the two remaining degrees. Grand Commandery officers will fill in where necessary. There will be a more definitive list of duties sent at a later date in the near future. Those who have a knowledge of some of the Dubbing assignments are asked to contact this office.

This Dubbing is important for the survival of many of our local Commanderies, so let's make this a successful event. Given under my hand and seal of the Right Eminent Grand Commander at Cleveland Heights, Ohio this thirty-first day of May, 2016 A.D. A.O. 898

Yours in Knightly Courtesy



Melvin L. Russell

Right Eminent Grand Commander 2015-2017

