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Proclamation

TO: Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master Sir Fredrick Joyner (DC), Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo Sir Ronald D. Gerac (TX), Right Eminent Grand Captain General Sir Joaquin M. Diaz (HI), Right Eminent Grand Treasurer Sir Kenneth Ferguson (FL), Right Eminent Grand Recorder Sir Kenneth E. Brown (TN), Right Eminent Grand Prelate Sir Eddie V. Tucker (AK), Right Eminent Grand Senior Warden Sir Mark Maxwell (KY), Right Eminent Grand Junior Warden Sir Frank Fields (OK), Right Eminent Grand Trustee(s) Sir Eugene Anderson (IN), Sir James Reed (NC), and Sir Marques A. Jones (NY), all Appointed Grand Encampment Officers, Most Eminent Past Grand Masters, Honorary Past Grand Masters, Most/Right Eminent Grand Commanders, Right/Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commanders, Very Eminent Grand Generalissimos, Very Eminent Grand Captain Generals, Very Eminent Grand Prelates, International Grand Princess Commandress Martha Meyers, International Grand Royal Advisor Sir Frederick L. Walker (TX), International Grand Princess Commandresses and Grand Royal Advisors

GREETINGS

Pursuant to the powers and authority in me vested by the Constitution, By-Laws, General Regulations and Statues, as the 38th Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America and Its Jurisdictions, Prince Hall Affiliation Incorporated, I, Most Eminent Sir Fred R.S. Nelson Jr., do hereby summon all Grand Encampment Officers, Elected and Appointed, and all Sir Knights who owe allegiance to this Magnanimous Order, to convene with me for our "Centennial," the 100th Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Encampment, June 30th - July 4th, 2026 at the Embassy Suites Golf & Conference Center, Greenville, South Carolina located at 670 Verdae Blvd, Greenville, SC 29606.

The Jurisdiction of South Carolina will open an occasional Grand Conclave on Thursday, July 2nd, 2026 for the purpose of receiving the Grand Encampment Officers.

REGISTRATION

Advanced Registration for Sir Knights is \$200.00 and for Princesses is \$200.00. Registration must be received no later than May 25th, 2026 and includes a ticket for the Annual Black & White Banquet. On Site and late registration (kit not guaranteed) is \$300.00 for Sir Knights and \$300.00 for Princesses. Registration and additional form(s) are available on our website: https://gektpha.org/forms-documents/ and https://gektpha.org/forms-documents/ and https://gektpha.org/forms-documents/ and

JURISDICTIONAL RETURNS AND FEES

All Jurisdictions owing allegiance to this Grand Encampment are to fill out their returns and submit with applicable fees no later than May 30th, 2026 before jurisdictions are allowed to be seated. Make checks / money order payable to Grand Encampment K.T. USA-PHA and send to: Sir Kenneth E. Brown, Right Eminent Grand Recorder at 2871 Fulham Place, Memphis, TN 38128-5420. Any questions please contact the Right Eminent Grand Recorder via phone at (901) 292-7985 or via email at kbrown1139@comcast.net. The forms are on the website at https://gektpha.org/forms-documents/

JURISDICTIONAL DEPUTIES

Please submit your Jurisdictional Deputy's Report and Fee of \$150.00 which is due annually to the Grand Recorder no later than May 30th, 2026.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Hotel reservations can be made by calling Toll Free: 1-864-767-9090, Hotel Direct: (864) 210-9751, **Group Reservation Link:** Embassy Suites Group Booking, https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/gspeses-94p-19c52a66-c051-43cb-b28e-b14f7993929f/

Please refer to the **Group Code Grand Encampment of Knights Templar** when making hotel reservations. You may be charged for one (1) night's lodging when you make your hotel reservations. You must have a valid credit card or debit card. **Debit cards funds are held for 7 to 10 business days by most banking institutions. Parking at the hotel is free.**

Hotel Reservations must be received on or before **Monday**, **May 25th**, **2026**, to meet the Grand Encampment and International Grand Court room block deadline. The room rate is \$164.00 plus 13.18 % tax for a total of **\$185.62** per night single or double occupancy. Check-In time is 4:00 p.m. and Check-Out time is 12:00 noon unless special arrangements are made in advance.

NOTE: Please contact Grand Encampment Convention Coordinator Willie J. Tate at 618-581-8082 prior to canceling Hotel reservations.

TRANSPORTATION

The **Embassy Suites Golf & Conference Center** is located approximately nine (9) miles from Greenville International Airport (GSP). The Hotel will provide free shuttle service (call hotel for pick-up).

SOUVENIR JOURNAL

There will be a Joint Souvenir Journal. All Grand Encampment Grand Officers - Elected and Appointed and affiliated Jurisdictional Commanderies are asked to be represented in the Souvenir Journal. The ad prices are:

Inside Front \$120.00W/Picture
Outside Back \$120.00 W/Picture
Inside Back \$120.00 W/Picture
Full Page Ad \$75.00 W/Picture

Full Page Ad	\$65.00 W/O Picture
Half Page Ad	\$60.00 W/Picture
Half Page Ad	\$50.00 W/O Picture
Quarter Page	\$35.00 W/O Picture
Business Card	\$25.00

\$15.00

Make check or money order payable to: "Palmetto Grand Commandery"

Patron List

Mail to:

SK Brian Holman 215 Trim Rose Lane Summerville, SC 29486

Please submit Ads/Photos saved in high resolution (JPEG; PDF File or Microsoft Word Documents). Contacts and Advertisements to Sir Knight Brian Holman at: brianholman103@yahoo.com

NOTE: E-mailed Ads will be processed upon receipt of payment!!! Deadline for Ads is June 5, 2026.

REPORTS

All Elected Officers Annual Reports and Committee Reports (Committee Chairman) are to be completed and turned into the Right Eminent Grand Recorder by May 30th, 2026. The following Reports are to be completed and sent via email to Sir Kenneth E. Brown, Right Eminent Grand Recorder at kbrown1139@comcast.net:

A. Deputy Grand Master	L. Student Aid
B. Grand Generalissimo	M. Grievance and Appeals
C. Grand Captain General	N. Jurisprudence
D. Grand Treasurer	O. Resolutions
E. Grand Recorder	P. Way and Means
F. Grand Prelate	Q. Budget and Finance
G. Grand Senior Warden	R. Crown and Cross Foundation
H. Grand Junior Warden	S. Time and Place
I. International Grand Royal Advisor	T. Constitution and By-Laws
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J. Jurisdictional Deputies U. Webmaster

K. Grand CCFC

The following working Reports will be compounded and received at the Grand Encampment:

- A. Rules of the Day
- B. Audit
- C. Credentials
- D. Past Most Eminent Grand Master's Honors
- E. Knight Commander of the Temple
- F. Knight Grand Cross of the Temple
- G. Medical
- H. Most Eminent Grand Master's Address

Elected and Appointed Officers and Committees are on the website: 2025-2026 GEKT Officers, Grand Encampment Knights Templar (gektpha.org); Committee Chairs are listed first under the Committee Title.

RULES

MARQUES JONES(NY) FREDRICK JOYNER (DC) CHARLES MOTLEY (AL) ASHWARD FERGUSON (BA)

WAYS & MEANS

EDDIE TUCKER (AK) SHAWN G. WILLIS (OK) JEFFREY BEASLEY (LA) JAMES REED (NC)

BUDGET & FINANCES

FREDRICK JOYNER (DC) JOAQUIN M. DIAZ (HI) KENNETH A. FERGUSON (FL)

AUDIT

CLARENCE A. TRAYNHAM (LA) ARCHIE FOWLER (TN) BOBBY THOMPSON, JR.(OK)

KING CONTEST

FRANK FIELDS (OK) LEWIS NELSON (SC) CLARENCE GILLARD (LA) JAMES REED (NC) CARL GASTON (MS)

DRILL & TACTICS

TOBY BRYANT (PA)
WILLIE KELLER (TX)
CLARENCE GILLARD (LA)
PMEGM MELVIN CALLAHAN (TN)

FLAG CEREMONY

TOBY BRYANT (PA) TYRONE PETERSON (BA) VERNON JAMES (TX)

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

PMEGM ELMA L. KIBLER (DC)
PMEGM MELVIN CALLAHAN (TN)
PMEGM SAM DAVIS (SC)
EUGENE ANDERSON (IN)

ALLOCUTION

PMEGM RUSSELL E. DUCKETT (NY) PMEGM ROBERT W. GLENN (AL) PMEGM RUSSELL A. EARL, SR (FL) MWGM ABDULLAH MUSTAPHA (AK)

GRIEVANCES & APPEALS

HARRISON GREGG (TX) PMEGM ROBERT GLENN (AL) WILLIE WINFIELD (CO) MICHAEL THOMAS (SC)

JURISPRUDENCE

JOAQUIN M. DIAZ (HI) HARRISON GREGG (TX) RODERICK JOHNSON (LA) EUGENE ANDERSON (IN)

STUDENT AIDE

MARK C. MAXWELL (KY) JOSIAH SAMPSON (MS) RAUL RANDLE (CA)

CREDENTIALS

KENNETH E. BROWN (TN) OTHO WILBUR SR (TX) JIMMIE CHAPLE (NY)

MEDICAL STAFF

ARLANDER RIDDICK (KY) AARON BEASON (AL) ROBERT CARGILL (BA) MARCUS THOMAS (TX) BYRON WILLIS (FL)

FOREIGN & FRATERNAL RELATIONS

HOMER BUCHANAN (OH) WALTER SIMS JR. (PA) MARQUES JONES (NY)

VISITORS

KENNETH E. BROWN (TN) RONALD D. GERAC (TX) KELVIN THOMPSON (MS)

RESOLUTIONS

JOAQUIN M. DIAZ (HI) MARK MAXWELL (KY) FRANK FIELDS (OK) ALEX LITTLE (MO)

MEMORIAL/UPPER ROOM & PRAYER LUNCH

EDDIE V. TUCKER (AK) ALL RE GRAND ASSISTANT PRELATES

TIME & PLACE

FREDRICK JOYNER (DC) VALENTINO MCBRIDE (FL) LAMAR SMITH (AR) WILLIE J. TATE (TX) LEWIS NELSON (SC)

WORKSHOPS

FREDRICK JOYNER (DC) RONALD D. GERAC (TX) JOAQUIN M. DIAZ (HI) EDDIE V. TUCKER (AK) MARK C. MAXWELL (KY) FRANK FIELDS (OK)

ANNUAL BANQUET

RONALD D. GERAC (TX) LEWIS NELSON (SC) RODERICK JOHNSON (LA) WILLIE J. TATE (TX) JOHN BLUME (SC)

CONVENTION

WILLIE J. TATE (TX) RAY-ANTHONY ALSTON (SC) JOHN BLUME (SC) OMAR BENJAMIN (SC) LEWIS NELSON (SC)

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE (KCT) DEGREE

Sir Knights the Honorary Degree of Knight Commander of the Temple will be conferred during our Grand Encampment. If you are desirous of becoming a Knight Commander of the Temple your petition, resume, and fee of \$350.00 are to be mailed to the Right Eminent Grand Recorder no later than May 30th, 2026. Please make checks / money orders payable to Grand Encampment K.T. USA-PHA and mail to Sir Kenneth E. Brown, Right Eminent Grand Recorder at 2871 Fulham Place, Memphis, TN 38128. The Right Eminent Grand Recorder will forward the petitions and resumes to the Right Eminent Grand Captain General to review for KCT honors. Note: All petitions shall be signed and affixed with their Grand Commander's Seal before submission to the Right Eminent Grand Recorder. * Application is on the Grand Encampment website www.gektpha.org

KNIGHT GRAND CROSS OF THE TEMPLE (KGC) DEGREE

Sir Knights the Honorary Degree of Knight Grand Cross of the Temple will be conferred during our Grand Encampment. You must have received the Knight Commander of the Temple Honors in order to be eligible for the KGC honor. If you are desirous of receiving the Knight Grand Cross of the Temple your petition, resume and fee of \$750.00 are to be mailed to the Right Eminent Grand Recorder no later than May 30th, 2026. Please make checks / money orders payable to Grand Encampment K.T. USA-PHA and mail to Sir Kenneth E. Brown, Right Eminent Grand Recorder at 2871 Fulham Place, Memphis, TN 38128. The Right Eminent Grand Recorder will forward the petitions and resumes to the Right Eminent Grand Captain General to review for KGC honors. Note: Recommendations are to be submitted and signed by the GEKT Jurisdictional Deputy. * Application is on the Grand Encampment website www.gektpha.org

KING'S CONTEST

The King's Contest will be held during the 100th Grand Encampment in Greenville, SC. Every jurisdiction is requested to participate in this event which is for a worthy cause. Proceeds from the King's Contest will be used to assist a deserving student to attend an institution of higher learning. Contestants for the King's Contest are to send the funds (Cashier's Check or Money Order, Please Do Not Mail Cash) no later than May 30th, 2026 to Sir Knight Frank Fields, Right Eminent Grand Junior Warden at 118 N. King Ave., Midwest City, OK 73130 or contact him via phone at (405) 487-9764 or via amail Fields 707@outlook com if you have questions or via email Fields 707@outlook.com if you have questions.

DRILL AND TACTICS

Drill Teams are to fill out form and mail or email to the Right Eminent Grand Recorder **no later than May 30th, 2026.** Sir Kenneth E. Brown, Right Eminent Grand Recorder at 2871 Fulham Place, Memphis, TN 38128 or via email at kbrown1139@comcast.net. The Right Eminent Grand Recorder will forward forms to the Drill and Tactics Chairman.

COVID-19 ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America and Its Jurisdictions, Prince Hall Affiliation Incorporated is fully aware and takes seriously the dangers involving exposure to the COVID-19 virus and its several variants. The protection and safety of our members, attendees, leadership, and staff is our top priority. All attendees will adhere to the following health and safety protocols during the conclave in Greenville, SC.

- 1. The wearing of a facemask is **OPTONAL AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE** during the Annual Grand Conclave. Facemasks and hand sanitizer will be made available to all members if needed.
- 2. Prior to checking in at the advance/onsite registration desk, you must first visit the Medical / COVID-19 Check-In station. Please **DO NOT GO** to the advance / onsite registration desk before going to the Medical / COVID-19 Check-In station.
- 3. Daily screening will consist of a current COVID-19 Self-Assessment Questionnaire with a temperature check. Attendees with temperatures above 100.4° F / 38° C will be evaluated for COVID-19 and will not be allowed into the meeting.
- 4. All attendees will be required to complete a copy of the COVID-19 Liability Waiver and Statement of Understanding. If you answer "YES" to any of the "Symptoms", "Contact", or "Temperature" related questions on the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Questionnaire, you will not be permitted into the meeting and will need a negative COVID-19 test and normal temperature to be admitted the following day. A wristband will be issued to all attendees (daily) after successful completion of the medical screening process. NO WRISTBAND, NO ENTRY!!! A wristband is also required to register onsite or to pick up credentials at the advance / onsite registration desk.
- 5. Temperature checks will be required anytime you leave and return to any of the designated meeting areas. Temperature checks may also be rendered throughout the session or as directed by the presiding officer.
- 6. Please remain cognitive of your surroundings and environment as you enter the meeting rooms. We are grateful for your attendance and participation at this year's Annual Grand Conclave but, your safety is of our utmost concern.

This Proclamation is being issued and attested to by my hand and the Seal of this Grand Encampment of Knights Templar United States of America & It's Jurisdiction, PHA., Inc. on this 11th day of October 2025.

Yours In Knightly Courtesy,

ME Sir Fred R.S. Nelson Jr. (PA), GCT, KYGCH // 38th Most Eminent Grand Master

ATTESTED BY:

RE Sir Kenneth E. Brown (TN), GCT, KYGCH M.Div.

Grand Recorder

United States of America & Its Jurisdiction, P.H.A., Inc.

International Grand Court Cyrene Crusaders

Auxiliary to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America & Foreign Jurisdictions, P.H.A.

100th Annual Conclave & 57th Annual Grand Session

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2026 Advanced Registration Form 100th Annual Conclave & 57th Annual Grand Session Embassy Suites Golf & Conference Center, 670 Verdae Blvd., Greenville, SC 29606 (864) 767-9090

NAME:		
NAME OF JURISDICTION:		
POSITION:		
HOME ADDRESS:		
PHONE:	EMAIL:	
When Will YOU BE ARRIVING	AND DEPARTING	/
Please indicate any special accomm	nodations or dietary require	ments needed.
GRAND ENCAMPMENT ADVA	ANCED REGISTRATION:	
		GRATIS: \$0
GRAND COURT ADVANCED I	REGISTRATION: \$200.00	TOTAL \$
Extra Lunch ticket @ \$45.00	Extra Banquet ticket @ \$60 each \$	
Total Enclosed:		\$
Please complete the Advanced Reg	istration Form online at gek	tpha.org or return Form

Please complete the Advanced Registration Form online at gektpha.org or return Form postmarked by May 25, 2026 to the Right Eminent Grand Recorder.

You may pay online or make checks payable to "Grand Encampment K.T. USA PHA" and mail to: Willie Tate, P.O. Box 10788, Killeen, TX 76547

NOTE: ON-SITE or Late REGISTRATION - Sir Knights: \$300.00 / Princesses: \$300.00 All THOSE WHO REGISTER AT NO COST (GRATIS), PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THE REGISTRATION FORM SO THAT WE MAY PROPERLY PREPARE FOR YOUR ARRIVAL

IMPORTANT: Any Requests for registration <u>refunds</u> must be in this office no later than June 1, 2026 via letter ONLY (no phone requests will be accepted)

Any registration received after May 25, 2026 may not receive all the amenities of the Grand Encampment.

For Meal Purposes Only

THIS FORM MAY BE DUPLICATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION

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To: The Most Eminent Grand Master, Past Most Eminent Grand Masters, Grand Encampment Officers Elected and Appointed Past and Present, Most Eminent Grand Commanders, Deputy Grand Commanders, Grand Generalissimos, Grand Captain Generals of the various affiliated Grand Jurisdictions, Past Grand Commanders, Sir Knights, International Sister Cyrene's, Business, Patrons and Friends

From: Right Eminent Grand Commander Ray-Anthony Alston Sr.

Grand Princess Captain Karen Rivers

Palmetto Grand Commandery

Re: Souvenir Journal Ads Solicitation for the 2026 Grand Encampment of Knights
Templar & International Grand Court Cyrene Crusaders of the United States of America
& Foreign Jurisdictions, P.H.A. Joint Annual Session, Embassy Suites Golf &
Conference Center, Greenville, South Carolina.

Fraternal Greetings, the 100th and 57th Joint Session of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar & International Grand Court Cyrene Crusaders of the United States of America & Foreign Jurisdictions, P.H.A., will convene in Embassy Suites Golf & Conference Center, Greenville, South Carolina on Tuesday, June 30 through Saturday, July 4, 2026. We will be publishing a Souvenir Journal which will feature congratulatory messages from Grand Commanderies, Grand Guilds, Prince Hall Affiliated and Concordant Bodies, Businesses and Individuals.

We are requesting your support by placing an ad in the souvenir journal.

Color Photos in Digital Format

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE for the submission of journal ads is **June 5th**, 2026.

Late submission of ads will be returned to sender.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Fraternally,

Ray-Anthony Alston Sr. Karen Rivers

Right Eminent Grand Commander Ray-Anthony Alston Sr. Grand Princess Captain Karen Rivers Souvenir Journal Committee 2026

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2026 Souvenir Journal Ad/Contract Form

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE JUNE 5th, 2026

PRICES FOR ADS ARE AS FOLLOWED

INSIDE FRONT: \$120.00 W/ PICTURE	HALF PAGE: \$60.00 W/PICTURE
OUTSIDE BACK: \$120.00 W/ PICTURE	HALF PAGE: \$50.00 W/O PICTURE
INSIDE BACK: \$120.00 W/ PICTURE	QUARTER PAGE: \$35.00 W/O PICTURE
FULL PAGE: \$75.00 W/ PICTURE	BUSINESS CARD: \$25.00
FULL PAGE: \$65.00 W/O PICTURE	PATRON LIST: \$15

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS AND MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:

PALMETTO GRAND COMMANDERY

PLEASE SEND ALL AD CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS TO SOUVENIR BOOK CHAIRPERSON ONLY

SK BRIAN HOLMAN
215 TRIM ROSE LANE SUMMERVILLE, SC 29486
EMAIL: brianholman103@yahoo.com

PLEASE PRINT

NO ADS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 5, 2026. PLEASE GET YOUR ADS IN ON TIME.				
NAME:	AD	AD SIZE:		
ADDRESS:	AN	MOUNT ENCLOSED: \$		
CITY/STATE/ZIP:				
PICTURES MUST BE CI	C – USE BACK IF NECESSARY OR LEAR OR THEY WILL NOT BE PR ORM MAY BE REPRODUCED IF	INTED, NO EXCEPTIONS.		
EMAILED ADS WILL NOT BE ACTED UPON UNTIL MONEY IS RECEIVED NO EXCEPTIONS				
"WHEN EMAILING ADS IDENTIFY THEM AS GRAND ENCAMPMENT 2026 AD"				
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY				
RECEIVED BY :	DATE:	AMOUNT: \$		
CHECK #:	CASH RECEIPT #:			

In Hoc Signo Vinces!