

OHIO SUPPLEMENT



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Right Eminent Grand Commander
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Dear Sir Knights,

By now, I am sure you have already heard that our Grand Conclave, which was scheduled to take place at Great Wolf Lodge in Mason has been cancelled. The 178th Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Ohio will be virtual, held on Zoom on Saturday, October 10 at 10:00 a.m. The Installation of Officers will follow immediately after the business session concludes.

I have had the opportunity to attend a number of other Grand Conclaves this year via Zoom, and I have seen that a successful Conclave can be done this way, although it will be nothing like we are used to.

One of the casualties of this big change was the cancellation of Drill Competition this year. The first Drill Competition in Ohio was held in 1960. Several Commanderies competed at the YMCA in Toledo, with Holyrood #32 taking first place, Forest City #40 taking second and Hanselmann #16 taking third. Seven teams competed the following year; the same three teams placed in the same order. Palestine #33 finished fourth and Bethany #72 finished fifth. This will be the first time in 60 years that we do not have Drill Competition at Grand Commandery.

All of the other Grand Commanderies in the East Central Department (Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Michigan) are holding virtual Conclaves this year.

Participants will be required to register prior to the session, and information should be available soon. We will be using an electronic registration system, which will provide you with a link to the preprinted reports for the session. We will not be proposing any new legislation this year. The registration system will also send out reminders and the information to access the session. All Commanderies are required to be represented at Grand Conclave.

I would like to take this opportunity to announce a new fundraiser for the Eye Foundation, which I hope we can have some fun with. During the shutdown, I have neglected to visit my local barbershop for several months, so my hair is starting to get a little long. I am offering to shave my head prior to Grand Conclave, if the Sir Knights of Ohio can raise \$5,000 for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation by October 1, 2020. If the Sir Knights can raise \$7,500 in donations, I will allow the individual high donor to do the first pass on my head with the shears. Please send your donations to our state chairman, R. Thomas Starr, 57 Buhl-Morton Road #402, Gallipolis, Ohio, 45631. Make your check payable to "Knights Templar Eye Foundation," and put a note in the memo section of the check, "REGC haircut." I hope we can have some fun with this and raise some money for the cause to put an end to pediatric blindness.

And, speaking of Sir Knight Starr....

Pending his election by the Sir Knights of this jurisdiction, a Reception in honor of SK R. Thomas Starr, KCT, is scheduled for Saturday, November 21, 2020, at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North in Worthington, Ohio. This Reception is subject to the conditions of General Order No. 12 issued by the MEGM of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the USA. We will, of course, continue to monitor the situation. Updates will be announced through our Grand Recorder, social media and the Grand Commandery of Ohio website.

Courteously and fraternally,

Robert C. Hager

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Grand Commander

Let's give the Grand Commander a clean shave for the Eye Foundation!

