



William J. Jackson, Grand Commander

Greetings Sir Knights,

Well summer has finally arrived. We now have warmer weather, grass, and leaves on the trees. We have made it through another cold and desolate winter. Just as we have seen this change in our climate, we have seen some progress in the fight against COVID-19.

With the current state of COVID in Kentucky, I was able to issue General Order #2. This allows us to have full form openings, albeit with a few changes.

We need to use a military Dress Right Dress instead of the shoulder-to-shoulder thing we've been doing. This will allow us to maintain 36 inches between all Sir Knights in line. Using military dress and cover, we can maintain that distance at all times. (If 36 inches between students in school is safe, then we should be safe here.). The number of Knights used to form the lines should be limited to 8. When forming to pass in review, we should use those 8 knights plus the color guard.

We are blessed with many veterans in our lodges. These people have studied drill and ceremony. We need to tap this resource so that they might teach the others how to do things the proper way. Maybe while they are doing this, they can teach the proper way to give commands as well as do away with the current half step jailhouse shuffle we do and replace it with a slow cadence 30 inch step like that that was used by the Continental Army.

General Order #2 also allows us to perform the Order of the Temple, but here again with a few changes. There should be no more than 6 Sir Knights plus the commander at the triangle. When the Junior and Senior Warden come in with the candidates, the candidates should be space out at the base of the triangle and the Wardens station themselves 7 feet from the triangle. For the first 4 libations each candidate should have a

disposable plastic wine glass. For the 5th libation, each candidate should have his own sanitized cup. No more drinking from the same one.

During all meetings and Orders, all present should wear a mask and gloves. If we do this, we can help keep our brothers and families safe. Things are improving but the battle is not over! Get those COVID vaccines both you and your family. Let's keep doing our part to keep things moving forward. We don't want to have to suspend meetings for a second time.

May the good Lord protect and keep each and very Sir Knight and their families.

Courteously,
William J. Jackson,
Grand Commander



Sir Knight Billy Joe Carroll

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