

**The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the District of Columbia  
Templar Year 2026 (A.O. 908)  
General Order No. 2026-2027-03**

Be it now known, in an effort to fully undertake the work of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the District of Columbia, this General Order No. 2026-2027-03, provides descriptions of and articulates the duties and responsibilities of the Grand Officers of this Grand Commandery for the 2026-2027 Chivalric year, serving at the pleasure of the Grand Commander.

The Officers for the year and their duties are:

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>
Right Eminent Grand Commander (REGC)	Raymon W. Bacchus, KTCH
Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander (VEGC)	Nicholas J. Sampogna, KTCH, KCT
Eminent Grand Generalissimo (EGG)	Thomas W. Morrison
Eminent Grand Captain General (EGCG)	Uzo E. Chukwu
Eminent Grand Senior Warden (EGSW)	Kevin L. Coy
Eminent Grand Junior Warden (EGJW)	Philip J. A. Palmer Jr.
Eminent Grand Treasurer (EGT)	Craig R. Lasher, KCT, REPGC
Eminent Grand Recorder (EGR)	Gerald W. Peeters, KCT, REPGC
Eminent Deputy Grand Recorder (EDGR)	Michael J. Kastle, KTCH, KCT, REPGC
Eminent Grand Prelate (EGP)	Mark A. Wright
Eminent Grand Standard Bearer (EGStB)	Michael J. Erickson
Eminent Grand Sword Bearer (EGSwB)	Nicholas Mastron
Eminent Grand Warder (EGW)	Jean-Claude Eugene
Eminent Grand Sentinel (EGS)	Sylvanus J. A. Newstead, KCT
Eminent Grand Instructor General (EGIsG)	Robb C. Mitchell, KCT, REPGC
Eminent Grand Assistant Instructor General (EGAIsg)	Charles W. Wagner, KCT, REPGC
Eminent Grand Inspector General (EGIpG)	Gerald W. Peeters, KCT, REPGC
Eminent Grand Assistant Inspector General (EGAIpG)	Elijah C. Mills, KTCH, REPGC
Eminent Grand Musician (EGM)	Egerton M. Peters-John
Eminent Grand Quartermaster (EGQ)	Chen-Lun Jason Chang
Eminent Grand Marshal (EGMar)	Solomon S. Jackson
Eminent Deputy Grand Marshal (EDGMar)	Douglas C. Rose, Jr., KTCH
Eminent Grand Physician (EGPhy)	Darren A. King
Eminent Grand Historian (EGH)	B. Chris Ruli, OC
Eminent Grand Aide-de-Camp (EGAdC)	Carter L. Diggs, REPGC

Eminent Grand Aide-de-Camp (EGAdC)	Basil N. Mossaidis
Eminent Grand Aide-de-Camp (EGAdC)	Victor E. Sack
Grand Treasurer Emeritus (EGTE)	James W. Golladay, Jr., KCT, REPDC
Grand Recorder Emeritus (EGRE)	Teko A. Foly, KCT, REPGC
Grand Commandery Representative to the Knight Templar Education Foundation (EGRep)	Gerald W. Peeters, KCT, REPGC
Grand Commandery Representative to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation (EGRep)	Thomas W. Morrison

**Trustees**

Trustee expiring end of 2026-27 (EGTru)	James W. Golladay, Jr., KCT, REPDC
Trustee expiring end of 2027-28 (EGTru)	George S. Nicol, KCT, REPGC
Trustee expiring end of 2028-29 (EGTru)	Roger E. Cundiff, KCT

**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OFFICER DUTIES**

**RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER:** In the East, or at the head of the Grand Commandery. To distribute alms to poor and weary Pilgrims traveling from afar; feed the hungry; clothe the naked; and bind up the wounds of the afflicted; to inculcate the duties of charity and hospitality and govern the Commandery with justice and moderation.

SK (please see above), REGC. Provide the vision, strategy, and direction of the Grand Commandery and support the Constituent Commanderies. Support the D.C. York Rite, the Mid-Atlantic Department and Grand Encampment, U.S.A.

**VERY EMINENT DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER:** On the right of the Grand Commander. To assist the Grand Commander in the duties of his office, and in his absence, to preside.

SK (please see above), VEDGC. Lead the Sir Knights of the Membership and Leadership Committee as well as the Strategic Planning and Implementation Committee and ensure fulfilment of their duties. While you may not be specifically listed, it should be noted that Elected Grand Line Officers are Ex-Officio members of each committee.

- Provide an article this Chivalric year for the Knight Templar Magazine Jurisdictional Insert.
- Serve as the principal liaison Officer to Washington Commandery No. 1.
- Mentor subordinate Grand Line Officers as needed in the performance of their respective duties and Templar Protocol.
- Support the Priority Project Initiatives for the year which are:
  - 1) Sharing the responsibility of contacting each member of our Grand

- Commandery individually, once a quarter.
- 2) Visit each Commandery at least once a quarter.
- 3) Identify and recommend at least two Sir Knights for the York Rite Leadership Program this Chivalric year.
- 4) Support achieving 200% KTEF Life Sponsorship in the Jurisdiction.
- 5) Communication Initiative - All Elected Grand Officers and the Commander of each Constituent Commandery meet virtually every two months.
- Attend, participate and support all activities highlighted in red on the Grand Commandery Plan Calendar.
- Complete other duties as they may be assigned.

**EMINENT GRAND GENERALISSIMO:** On the far right of the Grand Commander. To assist the Grand Commander in the duties of his office, and in his absence, and that of the Deputy Grand Commander, to preside.

SK (please see above), EGG. As the Grand Commandery Representative to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, support, promote and communicate all things KTEF with the goal of this Grand Commandery attaining 200% Life Sponsorship. While you may not be specifically listed, it should be noted that Elected Grand Line Officers are Ex-Officio members of each committee.

- Provide an article this Chivalric year for the Knight Templar Magazine Jurisdictional Insert.
- Serve as the principal liaison Officer to Potomac Commandery No. 3.
- Mentor subordinate Grand Line Officers as needed in the performance of their respective duties and Templar Protocol.
- Support the Priority Project Initiatives for the year which are:
  - 1) Sharing the responsibility of contacting each member of our Grand Commandery individually, once a quarter
  - 2) Visit each Commandery at least once a quarter
  - 3) Identify and recommend at least two Sir Knights for the York Rite Leadership Program this Chivalric year.
  - 4) Support achieving 200% KTEF Life Sponsorship in the Jurisdiction.
  - 5) Communication Initiative - All Elected Grand Officers and the Commander of each Constituent Commandery meet virtually every two months.
- Attend, participate and support all activities highlighted in red on the Grand Commandery Plan Calendar.
- Complete other duties as they may be assigned.

**EMINENT GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL:** On the left of the Grand Commander. To see that due preparation is made for the conclaves of the Commandery; that the Asylum is in suitable array for the introduction of candidates and the dispatch of business; to execute the orders of the Grand Commander, and in his absence and that of the Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Generalissimo to preside.

SK (please see above), EGCG. Support and lead the Templar Jurisprudence, Bylaws,

Grievances, Charters and Dispensations and Awards Committees and ensure fulfilment of their duties. While you may not be specifically listed, it should be noted that Elected Grand Line Officers are Ex-Officio members of each committee.

- Provide an article this Chivalric year for the Knight Templar Magazine Jurisdictional Insert.
- Serve as the principal liaison Officer to Columbia Commandery No. 2.
- Mentor subordinate Grand Line Officers as needed in the performance of their respective duties and Templar Protocol.
- Support the Grand Recorder as an Aide to coordinate Grand Commandery awards and regalia requirements.
- Support the Priority Project Initiatives for the year which are:
  - 1) Sharing the responsibility of contacting each member of our Grand Commandery individually once a quarter
  - 2) Visit each Commandery at least once a quarter
  - 3) Identify and recommend at least two Sir Knights for the York Rite Leadership Program this Chivalric year.
  - 4) Support achieving 200% KTEF Life Sponsorship in the Jurisdiction.
  - 5) Communication Initiative - All Elected Grand Officers and the Commander of each Constituent Commandery meet virtually every two months.
- Attend, participate and support all activities highlighted in red on the Grand Commandery Plan Calendar.
- Complete other duties as they may be assigned.

**EMINENT GRAND SENIOR WARDEN:** Stationed at the Southwest angle of the Triangle; on the right or in front of the First Division when separately formed; and on the right of the Commandery when in line. To attend Pilgrim Warriors; comfort and support Pilgrim Penitents, and after due trial introduce them to the Asylum.

**SK** (please see above), **EGSW.** Lead and support the Finance, Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Holy Land Pilgrimage, and Knight Templar Education Foundation Committees and ensure fulfilment of their duties. While you may not be specifically listed, it should be noted that Elected Grand Line Officers are Ex-Officio members of each committee.

- Provide an article this Chivalric year for the Knight Templar Magazine Jurisdictional Insert.
- Mentor subordinate Grand Line Officers as needed in the performance of their respective duties and Templar Protocol.
- Support the Priority Project Initiatives for the year which are:
  - 1) Sharing the responsibility of contacting each member of our Grand Commandery individually once a quarter
  - 2) Visit each Commandery at least once a quarter
  - 3) Identify and recommend at least two Sir Knights for the York Rite Leadership Program this Chivalric year.
  - 4) Support achieving 200% KTEF Life Sponsorship in the Jurisdiction.
  - 5) Communication Initiative - All Elected Grand Officers and the Commander of each Constituent Commandery meet virtually every two months.

- Attend, participate and support all activities highlighted in red on the Grand Commandery Plan Calendar.
- Complete other duties as they may be assigned.

**EMINENT GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN:** Stationed at the Northwest angle of the Triangle; on the right or in front of the Third Division when separately formed; and on the left of the Commandery when in line. To attend poor and weary Pilgrims traveling from afar, accompany them on their journey, and in due time recommend them to the Grand Commander.

SK (please see above), EGJW. Support and lead Membership and Leadership, Ritualistic Work, Asylum Tactics, Religious Services, Uniforms and Patriotic Activities Committees and ensure fulfilment of their duties. While you may not be specifically listed, it should be noted that Elected Grand Line Officers are Ex-Officio members of each committee.

- Provide an article this Chivalric year for the Knight Templar Magazine Jurisdictional Insert.
- Support the Priority Project Initiatives for the year which are:
  - 1) Sharing the responsibility of contacting each member of our Grand Commandery individually once a quarter.
  - 2) Visit each Commandery at least once a quarter.
  - 3) Identify and recommend at least two Sir Knights for the York Rite Leadership Program this Chivalric year.
  - 4) Support achieving 200% KTEF Life Sponsorship in the Jurisdiction.
  - 5) Communication Initiative - All Elected Grand Officers and the Commander of each Constituent Commandery meet virtually every two months.
- Attend, participate and support all activities highlighted in red on the Grand Commandery Plan Calendar.
- Complete other duties as they may be assigned.

**EMINENT GRAND PRELATE:** Stationed on the right of the Grand Generalissimo. To minister at the Altar and offer up prayers to Deity.

SK (please see above), EGP. Minister to the Grand Commandery in our times of need.

- Assist the Commanderies where necessary and develop and/or deliver programs to ensure our mandatory religious observances are timely and conform to revered Templar standards.
- Provide an article(s) this Chivalric year for the Knight Templar Magazine Jurisdictional Insert.
- Promote the Grand Encampment, U.S.A. Templar Chaplain Program.
- Lead the Ritualistic, Tactics, and Uniform and Patriotic Activities Committee.
- Provide special guidance and assistance to Columbia Commandery No. 2.
- Support the Priority Project Initiatives for the year which are:
  - 1) Sharing the responsibility of contacting each member of our Grand Commandery individually once a quarter.
  - 2) Visit each Commandery at least once a quarter.

- 3) Identify and recommend at least two Sir Knights for the York Rite Leadership Program this Chivalric year.
- 4) Support achieving 200% KTEF Life Sponsorship in the Jurisdiction.
- 5) Communication Initiative - All Elected Grand Officers and the Commander of each Constituent Commandery meet virtually every two months.
- Attend, participate and support all activities highlighted in red on the Grand Commandery Plan Calendar.
- Complete other duties as they may be assigned.

**EMINENT GRAND TREASURER:** Stationed on the right and in front of the Grand Generalissimo. To receive in charge all the funds and property of the Commandery, pay all orders drawn on the Treasury, and render a true account when required.

SK (please see above), EGT. Pay our bills and coordinate with the Finance Committee to ensure our budget and long-term financial goals are realistic and achievable. While you may not be specifically listed, it should be noted that Elected Grand Line Officers are Ex-Officio members of each committee.

- Provide mentorship, advice, special guidance and support to the Grand Line Officers.
- Support the Priority Project Initiatives for the year which are:
  - 1) Sharing the responsibility of contacting each member of our Grand Commandery individually once a quarter.
  - 2) Visit each Commandery at least once a quarter.
  - 3) Identify and recommend at least two Sir Knights for the York Rite Leadership Program this Chivalric year.
  - 4) Support achieving 200% KTEF Life Sponsorship in the Jurisdiction.
  - 5) Communication Initiative - All Elected Grand Officers and the Commander of each Constituent Commandery meet virtually every two months.
- Attend, participate and support all activities highlighted in red on the Grand Commandery Plan Calendar.
- Complete other duties as they may be assigned.

**EMINENT GRAND RECORDER:** Stationed on the left and in front of the Grand Captain General. To faithfully record the transactions of the Commandery, collect the revenue and pay it over to the Treasurer.

SK (please see above), EGR. Provide liaison and communication with the Grand Encampment, Mid-Atlantic Department, and the Commandery Recorders. Support and lead the Correspondence, Knight Templar Magazine Committee and serve as Secretary/Treasurer of the Education Foundation Committee. While you may not be specifically listed, it should be noted that Elected Grand Line Officers are Ex-Officio members of each committee.

- Support the Priority Project Initiatives for the year which are:
  - 1) Sharing the responsibility of contacting each member of our Grand Commandery individually once a quarter.
  - 2) Visit each Commandery at least once a quarter.

- 3) Identify and recommend at least two Sir Knights for the York Rite Leadership Program this Chivalric year.
- 4) Support achieving 200% KTEF Life Sponsorship in the Jurisdiction.
- 5) Communication Initiative - All Elected Grand Officers and the Commander of each Constituent Commandery meet virtually every two months.
- Attend, participate and support all activities highlighted in red on the Grand Commandery Plan Calendar.
- Complete other duties as they may be assigned.

**EMINENT DEPUTY GRAND RECORDER:** Stationed on the left and in front of the Grand Captain General. To faithfully record the transactions of the Commandery, collect the revenue and pay it over to the Treasurer.

SK (please see above), EDGR. Assists the Grand Recorder in providing communication with the Grand Encampment, Mid-Atlantic Department, and the Commandery Recorders. While you may not be specifically listed, it should be noted that Elected/Assistant Grand Line Officers are Ex-Officio members of each committee.

- Support the Priority Project Initiatives for the year which are:
  - 1) Sharing the responsibility of contacting each member of our Grand Commandery individually once a quarter.
  - 2) Visit each Commandery at least once a quarter.
  - 3) Identify and recommend at least two Sir Knights for the York Rite Leadership Program this Chivalric year.
  - 4) Support achieving 200% KTEF Life Sponsorship in the Jurisdiction.
  - 5) Communication Initiative - All Elected Grand Officers and the Commander of each Constituent Commandery meet virtually every two months.
- Attend, participate and support all activities highlighted in red on the Grand Commandery Plan Calendar.
- Complete other duties as they may be assigned.

**EMINENT GRAND STANDARD BEARER:** Stationed in the West at the center of the Second Division. To display, support, and protect the Banner of our Order. Stationed in the West that the rays of the rising Sun shedding luster upon the Banner of our Order may animate and encourage all valiant and magnanimous Knights, and dismay and confound their enemies.

SK (please see above), EGStB.

- Support the Priority Project Initiatives for the year which are:
  - 1) Sharing the responsibility of contacting each member of our Grand Commandery individually once a quarter.
  - 2) Visit each Commandery at least once a quarter.
  - 3) Identify and recommend at least two Sir Knights for the York Rite Leadership Program this chivalric year.
  - 4) Support achieving 200% KTEF Life Sponsorship in the Jurisdiction.
- Attend, participate and support all activities highlighted in red on the Grand

Commandery Plan Calendar.

- Complete other duties as they may be assigned.

**EMINENT GRAND SWORD BEARER:** Stationed at the right of the Grand Standard Bearer, and on the right of the Second Division when separately formed. To assist with protecting the Banner of our Order.

SK (please see above), EGSwB.

- Support the Priority Project Initiatives for the year which are:
  - 1) Sharing the responsibility of contacting each member of our Grand Commandery individually once a quarter.
  - 2) Visit each Commandery at least once a quarter.
  - 3) Identify and recommend at least two Sir Knights for the York Rite Leadership Program this Chivalric year.
  - 4) Support achieving 200% KTEF Life Sponsorship in the Jurisdiction.
- Attend, participate and support all activities highlighted in red on the Grand Commandery Plan Calendar.
- Complete other duties as they may be assigned.

**EMINENT GRAND WARDER:** Stationed on the left of the Grand Standard Bearer, and on the left of the Second Division when separately formed. To sound the Assembly, post the Sentinel, announce the approach and departure of the Grand Commander, and see that the Asylum is duly guarded.

SK (please see above), EGW.

- Support the Priority Project Initiatives for the year which are:
  - 1) Sharing the responsibility of contacting each member of our Grand Commandery individually once a quarter.
  - 2) Visit each Commandery at least once a quarter.
  - 3) Identify and recommend at least two Sir Knights for the York Rite Leadership Program this Chivalric year.
  - 4) Support achieving 200% KTEF Life Sponsorship in the Jurisdiction.
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- Complete other duties as they may be assigned.

**EMINENT GRAND SENTINEL:** Stationed at the Gate of the Asylum and guards the Asylum.

SK (please see above), EGS.

- Support the Priority Project Initiatives for the year which are:
  - 1) Sharing the responsibility of contacting each member of our Grand Commandery individually once a quarter.
  - 2) Visit each Commandery at least once a quarter.

- 3) Identify and recommend at least two Sir Knights for the York Rite Leadership Program this Chivalric year.
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- Complete other duties as they may be assigned.

**EMINENT GRAND INSTRUCTOR GENERAL OF THE WORK:**

SK (please see above), EGIsG. Conduct at least one Grand Commandery School of Instruction during the Chivalric year. Ensure the Officers of the various Commanderies more especially the presumptive Commanders-elect, Generalissimos-elect, and the Captain Generals-elect are proficient in the ritualistic and floor work of the several Orders including the Full Form Opening and the ritualistic and floor work for conducting the business of a Commandery. Conduct a rehearsal for the Grand Officers prior to the Grand Conclave.

- Conduct at least one Grand Commandery wide school of instruction during the Chivalric year.
- Support the Priority Project Initiatives for the year which are:
  - 1) Sharing the responsibility of contacting each member of our Grand Commandery individually once a quarter.
  - 2) Visit each Commandery at least once a quarter.
  - 3) Identify and recommend at least two Sir Knights for the York Rite Leadership Program this Chivalric year.
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- Complete other duties as they may be assigned.

**EMINENT ASSISTANT GRAND INSTRUCTOR GENERAL OF THE WORK:**

SK (please see above), EAGIsG. Assist the Grand Instructor General in the performance of his duties.

- Support the Priority Project Initiatives for the year which are:
  - 1) Sharing the responsibility of contacting each member of our Grand Commandery individually once a quarter.
  - 2) Visit each Commandery at least once a quarter.
  - 3) Identify and recommend at least two Sir Knights for the York Rite Leadership Program this Chivalric year.
  - 4) Support achieving 200% KTEF Life Sponsorship in the Jurisdiction.
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### **EMINENT GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL:**

SK (please see above), EGIpG. Attend the inspections of the Constituent Commanderies, examine uniforms and see that they conform to the regulations of the Grand Commandery, note the military proficiency and bearing of the several Commanderies, make a record of the number present at each inspection, and the number present on all occasions. When found proficient after examination, issue certificates of proficiency in the sword manual and tactics to the Commanders-elect, Generalissimo-elect and Captain General-elect. Submit a report of official acts and observations to the Grand Commandery at least thirty (30) days prior to the Semi-Annual Grand and the Annual Grand Conclaves. Formally inspect each constituent Commandery once per quarter and report the results to the Grand Commander.

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  - 3) Identify and recommend at least two Sir Knights for the York Rite Leadership Program this Chivalric year.
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- Complete other duties as they may be assigned.

### **EMINENT ASSISTANT GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL:**

SK (please see above), EAGIpG. Assist the Grand Inspector General in the performance of his duties.

- Support the Priority Project Initiatives for the year which are:
  - 1) Sharing the responsibility of contacting each member of our Grand Commandery individually once a quarter.
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  - 3) Identify and recommend at least two Sir Knights for the York Rite Leadership Program this Chivalric year.
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### **EMINENT GRAND MUSICIAN:**

SK (please see above), EGM. Provide musical leadership and support for the Grand Commandery's ceremonies, processions, and official gatherings. Enhance the solemnity and dignity of Templar ritual by selecting, coordinating, or performing appropriate music that complements each portion of the work. Guide or organize other musicians to ensure readiness of instruments or audio resources, and assist in setting the musical tone for both ritualistic and

public events throughout the Chivalric year.

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  - 3) Identify and recommend at least two Sir Knights for the York Rite Leadership Program this Chivalric year.
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#### **EMINENT GRAND QUARTERMASTER:**

SK (please see above), EGQ. Oversee the procurement, custody, and proper distribution of all regalia, equipment, and supplies belonging to the Grand Commandery. Ensure that uniforms, paraphernalia, and ceremonial items are maintained in good order, securely stored, and available for all Conclaves and official functions. Support the Grand Commander and Grand Recorder by tracking inventory, coordinating logistics for events, and managing replacements or repairs so that the Grand Commandery's operational and ceremonial needs are consistently met throughout the Chivalric year.

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  - 3) Identify and recommend at least two Sir Knights for the York Rite Leadership Program this Chivalric year.
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#### **EMINENT GRAND MARSHAL:**

SK (please see above), EGMar. Direct the ceremonial order, movement, and decorum of the Grand Commandery during all Conclaves, installations, and official events. Oversee processions, formations, and floor work to ensure they are executed with precision and in accordance with Templar ritual. Coordinates with subordinate marshals, verify that officers and Sir Knights are properly placed and prepared, and support the Grand Commander by maintaining smooth transitions, clear communication, and an orderly environment throughout all ceremonial proceedings.

- Support the Priority Project Initiatives for the year which are:
  - 1) Sharing the responsibility of contacting each member of our Grand Commandery individually once a quarter.

- 2) Visit each Commandery at least once a quarter.
- 3) Identify and recommend at least two Sir Knights for the York Rite Leadership Program this Chivalric year.
- 4) Support achieving 200% KTEF Life Sponsorship in the Jurisdiction.
- Attend, participate and support all activities highlighted in red on the Grand Commandery Plan Calendar.
- Complete other duties as they may be assigned.

**EMINENT DEPUTY GRAND MARSHAL:**

SK (please see above), EDGMar. Assist the Grand Marshal in the performance of his duties.

- Support the Priority Project Initiatives for the year which are:
  - 1) Sharing the responsibility of contacting each member of our Grand Commandery individually once a quarter.
  - 2) Visit each Commandery at least once a quarter.
  - 3) Identify and recommend at least two Sir Knights for the York Rite Leadership Program this Chivalric year.
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**EMINENT GRAND PHYSICIAN:**

SK (please see above), EGPhy. Serve as the Grand Commandery's medical advisor, offering guidance on matters of health, wellness, and safety for Sir Knights during gatherings, travels, and ceremonial activities. Be available to respond to health concerns, recommend appropriate precautions, and assist in emergency situations when needed. Support the Grand Commander by promoting the well-being of the membership and helping ensure that all events are conducted with proper consideration for the physical needs of participants.

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  - 1) Sharing the responsibility of contacting each member of our Grand Commandery individually once a quarter.
  - 2) Visit each Commandery at least once a quarter.
  - 3) Identify and recommend at least two Sir Knights for the York Rite Leadership Program this Chivalric year.
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**EMINENT GRAND HISTORIAN:**

SK (please see above), EGH. You are responsible for preserving, documenting, and interpreting the historical record of the Grand Commandery. Maintain archives, capture significant events, and prepare written accounts that safeguard the traditions, milestones, and legacy of Templary within the jurisdiction. Provide historical insights during programs or publications, assist in research related to past officers and activities, and support the Grand Commander by ensuring that the heritage of the Order is accurately recorded and appropriately honored.

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  - 3) Identify and recommend at least two Sir Knights for the York Rite Leadership Program this Chivalric year.
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#### **EMINENT GRAND AIDE-DE-CAMP:**

SK (please see above), EGAdC. Serve as a personal assistant and logistical support officer to the Grand Commander, helping ensure smooth execution of all official duties and events. Coordinate communications, assist with scheduling, facilitate movement during ceremonies, and provide on-the-spot support during Conclaves and visitations. Act as a reliable liaison between the Grand Commander and other officers or Commanderies, help maintain order, readiness, and efficient operations throughout the Grand Commandery's activities.

- Support the Priority Project Initiatives for the year which are:
  - 1) Sharing the responsibility of contacting each member of our Grand Commandery individually once a quarter.
  - 2) Visit each Commandery at least once a quarter.
  - 3) Identify and recommend at least two Sir Knights for the York Rite Leadership Program this Chivalric year.
  - 4) Support achieving 200% KTEF Life Sponsorship in the Jurisdiction.
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- Complete other duties as they may be assigned.

#### **GRAND COMMANDERY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION:**

SK (please see above), EGRep. Be the primary liaison between the Grand Commandery and the Foundation, promoting its mission of supporting education and offering financial assistance to deserving students. Communicate available programs, encourage participation among constituent Commanderies, and ensure applications or inquiries are handled promptly and accurately. Reports on Foundation activities, foster charitable engagement, and support the Grand

Commander by advancing the educational and philanthropic goals of the Order within the jurisdiction.

- Support the Priority Project Initiatives for the year which are:
  - 1) Sharing the responsibility of contacting each member of our Grand Commandery individually once a quarter.
  - 2) Visit each Commandery at least once a quarter.
  - 3) Identify and recommend at least two Sir Knights for the York Rite Leadership Program this Chivalric year.
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- Complete other duties as they may be assigned.

### **GRAND COMMANDERY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION:**

SK (please see above), EGRep. Serves as the key link between the Foundation and the Grand Commandery, promoting its mission to support sight-saving research, pediatric ophthalmology, and vision-related charitable work. Educate constituent Commanderies about Foundation programs, encourage contributions and participation, and ensure that fundraising efforts are well organized and properly reported. Provide updates on Foundation initiatives, recognize local achievements, and support the Grand Commander by strengthening the jurisdiction's commitment to Templar philanthropy focused on preserving and restoring sight.

- Run a campaign from March to March to attain a 200% Life Sponsorship level for the jurisdiction.
- Support the Priority Project Initiatives for the year which are:
  - 1) Sharing the responsibility of contacting each member of our Grand Commandery individually once a quarter.
  - 2) Visit each Commandery at least once a quarter.
  - 3) Identify and recommend at least two Sir Knights for the York Rite Leadership Program this Chivalric year.
  - 4) Support achieving 200% KTEF Life Sponsorship in the Jurisdiction.
- Attend, participate and support all activities highlighted in red on the Grand Commandery Plan Calendar.
- Complete other duties as they may be assigned.

### **TRUSTEES:**

SK (please see above), EGTru. Establish and institute the necessary vehicles to invest the funds of the Grand Commandery striving to achieve the best return possible on our investment while managing risk and doing it all with transparency.

- Attend, participate and support all activities highlighted in red on the Grand Commandery Plan Calendar.
- Complete other duties as they may be assigned.

Given under my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026 (A.O. 908),

*Raymon W. Bacchus*

Raymon W. Bacchus, KTCH  
Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the District of Columbia

Attested to:

*Gerald W. Peeters*

Gerald W. Peeters, KCT, REPGC  
Grand Recorder  
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