



## The Grand Commandery

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### GENERAL ORDER No. 2

March 15, 2020

WHEREAS, things continue to move rapidly in the United States and the number of persons infected with the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, are posing a danger to vulnerable populations, especially the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions (heart and lung disease, diabetes, hypertension, cancer. etc.), many of whom are our Fratres; and

WHEREAS, the United States Centers of Disease Control and Prevention urge us to avoid all nonessential travel, gatherings, meetings and other appropriate measures to prevent community transmission of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, guidance from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Virginia and the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. is to suspend or postpone activities to limit human contact.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Benjamin F. Hill, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Virginia, do hereby and Order:

1. With regards to the Constituent Commanderies, the Most Eminent Grand Master has waived the requirement of Section 65 (a) of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment to postpone or cancel a quarterly Stated Conclaves.
2. With regards to Section 24 (b) (3) of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Commandery of Virginia the Constituent Commanderies Annual Conclaves are to be as simple as possible. Specifically, no meals, guests, open installations; just open, minimize the business session, conduct the election and installation of officers, close the conclave, and leave the building.
3. The following activities are suspended until April 30, 2020: Conferring the Orders of Knighthood; Knights Templar Area Schools, District Instructor Schools, Knights Templar Drill Corps School, and any group practice meetings.

4. The situation is being closely monitored, and this General Order may be revised as more information becomes available.

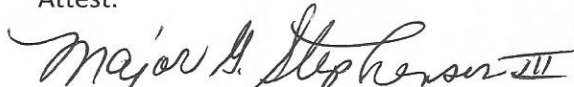
Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Virginia at Portsmouth, Virginia, on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020, A.O. 902. All true and courteous Knights will take due notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly.

Courteously,

  
Benjamin F. Hill, KTCH  
Grand Commander



Attest:

  
Major G. Stephenson, III  
Grand Recorder