

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Iowa

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Reopening

To: *All Past Grand Commanders, current Grand Officers, Committee Members, Officers and Sir Knights of all Constituent Commanderies within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa*

Most Eminent Grand Master, Jeffery N. Nelson, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States has issued effective November 1, 2020 General Order No. 14 pursuant to the reopening of Commanderies under this jurisdiction. In this General Order, it gives authorization for the Grand Commanders of constituent Grand Commanderies to authorize reopening of Commanderies in their respective jurisdictions according to the Phases outlined in the accompanying document.

On December 16, 2020 Governor Kim Reynolds has eased some of the earlier restrictions for businesses and organizations in Iowa. Upon reflection of these statewide discussions, I make the following proclamation, which rescinds the limitations outlined in General Order No. 4 from November 11, 2020:

By the power and authority vested in me as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Iowa, I hereby declare the Grand Commandery of Iowa and all subordinate Commanderies to operate according to the guidelines prescribed in PHASE TWO. Constituent Commanderies may operate as follows:

- In-person Conclaves are PERMITTED, observing the Common Guidelines, however accommodations for teleconference must also be provided for those members not wishing to attend in person.
- Ritual work associated with the conferral of any of the Commandery Orders on candidates is PERMITTED. Sir Knights with "vulnerabilities" should continue to observe PPE protocols.
- Meals and refreshments before or after Conclaves may resume. Ladies programs are permitted to resume.
- All other requirements pursuant to Phase Two of Grand Master Nelson's General Order No. 14 must be observed.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Iowa at Altoona, Iowa on the sixteenth day of December 2020, A.O. 902.

Chivalric Regards,

Christian M. Beard

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