

# **GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OHIO**

OFFICE OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR

ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHTH REGULAR CONCLAVE

April 16, 2010

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND AND CONSTITUENT  
COMMANDERIES OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OHIO

## **GREETINGS:**

The One Hundred and Sixty-Eighth Regular Conclave of the GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR of OHIO will be held in the City of COLUMBUS, on THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7th thru 9th, 2010.

The Executive and Sub-Committees of the Fourth Divisions Councils for Templar Advancement are making complete arrangements for extending a courteous welcome and Knightly Greetings to the visiting Sir Knights of Ohio and their Ladies who will honor them by attending the One Hundred and Sixty-Eighth Regular Conclave. Columbus has ample facilities and many points of interest. An interesting Conclave for both the Sir Knights and their Ladies has been arranged.

Sir Knight Gerald G. Pugh, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer, is the General Chairman for the 168th Regular Conclave, with the Right Eminent Grand Commander S. Thomas Ramsay as Co-Chairman, and Richard L. Weaver, PGC and Eminent Grand Treasurer as Honorary Chairman

A good representation of the Officers and Sir Knights of each of our Constituent Commanderies will be greatly appreciated by the Grand Commander and the Officers of the Grand Commandery.

Permission is hereby granted to the Constituent Commanderies of Ohio to appear in full Templar Uniform for the purpose of attending the One Hundred and Sixty-Eighth Regular Conclave of the Grand Commandery in the City of Columbus on October 7th, 8th and 9th, 2010.

## **HEADQUARTERS**

Headquarters of the Grand Commandery, Grand Commander, Jurisprudence, and Finance Committees will be in "THE COLUMBUS" a Renaissance Hotel, 50 N. Third Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3510, phone 614-228-5050.

## **CONVENING OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY**

The Grand Commandery will convene in the Hayes Ballroom of "THE COLUMBUS" Hotel, on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8th, following the Opening at 8:45 A. M. for the first business session. The closing business session will convene on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8th, at 1:00 P. M.

## DIVINE SERVICE

Divine Services will be held in the Hayes "A" Ballroom of "THE COLUMBUS" Hotel on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7th, at 6:00 P. M.

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Commanders, Officers, and Past Commanders of the Constituent Commanderies and individual Sir Knights who desire hotel accommodations should use the enclosed reservation form. Reservations for the "THE COLUMBUS" a Renaissance Hotel must be made by September 13, 2010.

## REGISTRATION

ALL SIR KNIGHTS and LADIES MUST REGISTER in order to secure programs and tickets. Registration for SIR KNIGHTS and LADIES will be held on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7th at the "THE COLUMBUS" a Renaissance Hotel from 2:00 to 4:00 P. M. and Registration for the LADIES will be held at the "THE COLUMBUS" HOTEL on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8th, from 8:00 A. M. until 10:30 A.M. and 2 to 4 P.M. Registration for the SIR KNIGHTS will be held at the "THE COLUMBUS" HOTEL, on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8th, from 8:00 A. M. until 4:00 P.M. Registration for SIR KNIGHTS and LADIES will be held at the "THE COLUMBUS" HOTEL on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9th, from 8:00 A. M. until 11:00 A.M.

While there is no registration fee, there will be a charge for each Sir Knight and Lady attending the Grand Commandery Banquet on Thursday, Breakfast and Luncheons and Hawaiian Luau Party on Friday, and the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, to partially cover the cost of these meals.

## ENTERTAINMENT

The Grand Commandery Banquet will be held in the Hayes Dining Room of the "THE COLUMBUS" HOTEL, on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7th, (following Devine Services) at approximately 7:00 P. M., by ticket only.

The Sir Knights Breakfast will be held in one of the Hayes Ballrooms of the "THE COLUMBUS" HOTEL on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8th, at 7:00 A. M., by ticket only.

A Ladies Luncheon will be held in the Hayes Ballroom of the "THE COLUMBUS" HOTEL, on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8th, at 11:00 A.M., by ticket only.

A Luncheon for the Sir Knights will be held in the Hayes Ballroom of the "THE COLUMBUS" HOTEL, on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8th, at 12:00 Noon, by ticket only.

A Hawaiian Luau Party will be held in the Hayes Ballroom of the "THE COLUMBUS" HOTEL, on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8th, at 7:00 P. M., by ticket only.

The Awards Banquet will be held in the Hayes Ballroom of the "THE COLUMBUS" HOTEL, on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9th, at 7:00 P. M., by ticket only, followed by Installation of Grand Officers.

## PARKING

Limited Parking facilities are available at the Hotel. The Hotel has reduced the Valet Parking to \$10.00 a night

## MEETING OF THE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY

The Grand Officers, Past Grand Commanders, and Deputy Division Commanders will meet in one of the second floor meeting rooms at the "THE COLUMBUS" HOTEL at 2:00 P. M. on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7th, 2010 for the Annual Grand Officers Meeting preceding the opening of the 168th Regular Conclave.

## MEETING OF THE DRILL CAPTAINS

The Drill Team Captains will meet with Grand Commander and the Drill Committee immediately following the Grand Session.

## FINANCE AND JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEES

The above Committees will meet, (in rooms to be designated at the time of the Grand Officer's Meeting), in the "THE COLUMBUS" HOTEL on call of the Chairmen. The Chairmen of all other Committees are requested to meet with their members at the same time so that reports can be prepared and ready when called for in the business sessions if they have not been preprinted for distribution.

## COMPETITIVE DRILLS

Competitive Drills, at the state level, will be held for any and all Commanderies wishing to enter competition. Drill Regulations have been drawn up and may be secured at the Drill Captains' meeting to be held at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday June 26, 2010 at Grand Lodge Headquarters in Worthington, Ohio.

Prizes and Awards for the Drill Competition will be awarded following the Banquet and Installation of Grand Officers on SATURDAY night.

Drill Competition for Field Drill Classes "B", "C" & "D" Drill Teams will be held in all the Hayes Ballroom of "THE COLUMBUS" HOTEL; Asylum Drill Class "C" Drill Teams will be held in the Hayes "A" & "B" Ballrooms of "THE COLUMBUS" HOTEL; and Asylum Drill Class "D" Drill Teams will be held in the Hayes "C", "D" & "E" Ballrooms of "THE COLUMBUS" HOTEL on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9th.

## ATTENDANCE AT CONCLAVE

Attendance at the Regular Conclave BUSINESS SESSIONS by the first three Officers of the Constituent Commanderies, (Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General), is required in the interest and for the benefit of their respective commanderies as well as the Grand Commandery.

The Commander, who is entitled to mileage and Per Diem as the representative of his Commandery, MUST ATTEND BOTH FRIDAY BUSINESS SESSIONS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY TO RECEIVE HIS CHECK. In the event the Commander cannot attend the Conclave, HE SHOULD GIVE HIS PROXY either to the Generalissimo or the Captain General of the Commandery, who will be entitled to the mileage and Per Diem as the representative of the Commandery. With mileage and Per Diem allowances being paid, every Constituent Commandery should be represented during the BUSINESS SESSIONS!

## PROXIES

The Officers of the Grand Commandery, and the Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General of each Constituent Commandery, who are unable to attend the Conclave, are entitled to be represented and to vote by proxy. Proxies must be filed with the Grand Recorder, or the Credentials Committee, on or before the day of the Conclave, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8th, as provided in Sections 1010 and 1011, Statutes of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Ohio.

Section 1010. PROXIES: Any Officer of the Grand Commandery and each Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General of any Commandery, (but no other member), may be represented and vote by a proxy, being at the time of service a member of the same Commandery as his principal and authorized by a proper certificate filed with the Grand Recorder.

(a) Said proxy shall be **void** and of no effect after adjournment of the Conclave for which it is to be used.

Section 1011. WHEN FILED: No certificate of proxy shall be filed after the first session of any Conclave except upon permission voted by the Grand Commandery.

**NOTE:** Proxy forms will be mailed to each Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General AFTER AUGUST 1st. They should be properly filled out, signed and delivered to the Sir Knight representing and voting the proxy of that Officer at the Conclave. Members holding proxies should not fail to file them with the Grand Recorder or the Credentials Committee when registering. **NO PROXY FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE GRAND CONCLAVE!**

## BALLOTS

Voting members of the Grand Commandery, (Grand Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Commanders, Generalissimos, Captain Generals, and Past Commanders of Constituent Commanderies), will receive ballots when they register. NO ADDITIONAL BALLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

This Circular MUST BE READ AT THE FIRST CONCLAVE OF EACH COMMANDERY AFTER ITS RECEIPT AND AT THE SEPTEMBER CONCLAVE in order that the Officers and Sir Knights may be fully informed of the details contained herein with reference to our 165th Regular Conclave to be held in Columbus, on OCTOBER 7th, 8th and 9th, 2010.

Given under my hand and Seal of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Ohio, the day and year above written.



ATTEST:

*Bruce D. Basil*  
Eminent Grand Recorder

*S. Thomas Ramsay*  
Right Eminent Grand Commander

168th Regular Conclave, October 7-9, 2010. Columbus, Ohio.