

Grand College of America
Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests

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GENERAL ORDER NO. 1, SERIES 2020-2021

PROHIBITION OF IN-PERSON IN-GATHERINGS OF ALL TABERNACLES

To All Tabernacles within the jurisdiction of and holding allegiance to the Grand College of America Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.

GREETINGS:

The coronavirus, COVID-19, infects every day more and more people of the United States and the world. Those most susceptible and at risk are the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions.

Unfortunately, many of us fall in these categories. More sickness and deaths are predicated. The safety and wellbeing of our Knight Templar Priests and their families are paramount.

As the Most Eminent Grand Preceptor, I have executive authority to "Do any and all other things pertaining to the Order not otherwise covered by these statutes, but within the bounds of Masonic practice and custom". (See: Executive Authority VII, statutes Grand College of America Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests).

Pursuant to this authority, issue the following Order which shall remain in effect until withdrawn:

ORDER

1. Virtual meetings of Knight Templar Priests shall be allowed.
2. In no event shall a Tabernacle meeting or in-gathering be so conducted as to violate any applicable health and safety directives of competent Federal, State, or local authorities.
3. All in-person Tabernacle meetings and in-gatherings be prohibited until further notice.
4. No ritual shall be performed and no Orders be conferred during any such telephonic, webcast, or virtual Tabernacle meeting or in-gathering.
5. Also, the edicts of the Grand Master of the Masonic Jurisdiction must be observed.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand College of America Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. this sixth day of May, 2020.



Courteously,

James C. Herndon

Grand Preceptor

Attest:

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Grand Registrar