

**Grand College of America  
Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests**

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**GENERAL ORDER NO. 3, SERIES 2020-2021  
RULES FOR REOPENING 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:**

Although the deadly and contagious Covid-19 virus remains with us, most likely, we must learn to live with this coronavirus for some time.

We can again open our Tabernacles if we consider chronic health issues and the age of our members. The safety and wellbeing of our Knights Templar Priests and their families are paramount.

We also need to open our Tabernacles in order to regain the fellowship of our face to face meetings, maintain and increase our membership.

After serious consideration, the 2021 Grand In-Gathering will be held on May 22, 2021 on Zoom. The visit by our British friends from the Grand College Institute York, England, due to travel restrictions, will be rescheduled for our Grand In-Gathering in 2022.

Legislation will be presented on May 22, 2021 at our Annual In-Gathering held via Zoom to move our Annual In-Gathering to Louisville for three years. The dates are February 26, 2022, February 25, 2023, and February 24, 2024. If you want to be able to receive the Order of Holy Wisdom, we hope that you approve this Legislation. The future of this Order is in your hands.

The Senior Officers have agreed that it would be best to continue the Officers in place for another year. Our Delegates would need to approve this decision.

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).

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Pursuant to this authority, issues the following Order which shall modify and supersede General Order #2 and remain in effect until withdrawn.

**ORDER**

1. The 2021 Ingathering shall be held on Zoom on May 22, 2021.
2. The Tabernacle meetings and in-gatherings shall be allowed subject to the following directives:
3. The Tabernacle meetings and in-gatherings shall not violate any applicable health and safety directives of competent federal, state or local authorities.
4. Edicts of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment and the Grand Master of the Masonic jurisdiction must be observed.
5. Virtual Tabernacles are still allowed, provided no ritual, except opening and closing may be allowed.
6. Those most susceptible and at risk are the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions. Unfortunately, many of us fall in these categories. Attendance shall be voluntary. An absence will not be held against any Knight Templar Priest for not attending because of health concerns.
7. If a Tabernacle is uncomfortable conducting an In-gathering or other activities it should not hold one. No penalty will be imposed.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand College of America Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest this seventh day of April, 2021.



Courteously,

*James C. Herndon*

Grand Preceptor

Attest:

*Lawrence E. Tucker*

Grand Registrar