

# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar Of the State of Louisiana

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GENERAL ORDER NO. 1  
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## GENERAL ORDER NO. 1

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery, the Constituent Commanderies within the jurisdiction of and holding allegiance to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Louisiana, and to whom it may concern:

### **GREETINGS:**

The One Hundred and Sixtieth (160<sup>th</sup>) Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Louisiana was held March 5th, 2023, A.O. 905.

The following Officers elected and/or appointed, Educational Foundation Members, Standing and Special Committees and Division Commanders are hereby announced.

### **ELECTED OFFICERS**

John C. Sharlow	Right Eminent Grand Commander
Allan K. Bean	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
Kenneth K. Bell, Jr.	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
Michael A. Watts	Eminent Grand Captain General
Brad E. Williams	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
C. Kenneth Dorhauer	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
John F. Knox, Jr.	Eminent Grand Treasurer
Joe D. Gibbs	Eminent Grand Recorder
Robert E. Durham, Jr. HPGC	Grand Recorder Emeritus
Bowdre McDowell, HPGC	Grand Recorder Emeritus

### **APPOINTED OFFICERS**

Albert G. Simms	Eminent Grand Prelate
Edwin Leon Horton Jr.	Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
Darin West	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
William G. Girard	Eminent Grand Warder
John R. Cunningham	Eminent Grand Sentinel
Troy J. Jones	Inspector General
Galen D. Berne	Deputy Inspector General
J. Keith Gates	Grand Organist
Randall G. Holden	Grand Photographer

## DIVISION COMMANDERS

<b>DIVISION No. 1</b>	
Ascension #6, Shreveport; Monroe #7, Monroe; Trinity #8, Alexandria; Bethlehem #20, Winnfield; Jerusalem #30, Coushatta	
Billy E. Barnes	Division Commander
Scotty D. Adams	Deputy Division Commander
<b>DIVISION No. 2</b>	
Plains #11, Baton Rouge; Malta #12, Lake Charles; Payen #16, Lafayette; Rhodes #17, Leesville; Istrouma #28, Baker	
Dexter T. Downes	Division Commander
Jay N. Hartley	Deputy Division Commander
<b>DIVISION No. 3</b>	
Indivisible Friends #1, Gretna; Jacques deMolay #2, Kenner; St. Paul #27, Hammond; C.A. Everett #29, Slidell	
Russell L. Norris, Jr.	Division Commander
Eddie A. Lebouef Jr.	Deputy Division Commander

<b>STANDING COMMITTEES</b>	
<b>JURISPRUDENCE</b>	<b>CREDENTIALS and REGISTRATION</b>
J. Keith Gates, Chairman	J. Keith Gates, Chairman
Mark O. Melder	Joseph A. Giroir, III
M. Cash Melville	Albert G. Simms, Jr.
Michael A. Watts	Michael A. Watts
<b>STATE OF THE ORDER AND ADVANCEMENT</b>	<b>FINANCE</b>
Allan K. Bean, Chairman	Allan K. Bean, Chairman
Kenneth K. Bell, Jr.	Kenneth K. Bell, Jr.
Michael A. Watts	W. Glen Girard
Brad E. Williams	Michael A. Watts
<b>NECROLOGY</b>	<b>APPEALS and GRIEVANCES</b>
Albert G. Simms, Jr., Chairman	Lloyd E. Hennigan, Jr. Chairman
Rev. Thomas F. Harrison	Earl J. Durand

Rev. Dennis F. Snoddy	Woody D. Bilyeu
Lloyd A. Hebert	J. David Maxie
W. Bryan Price	Billy E. Barnes
Gerald H. Houston	

<b>SPECIAL COMMITTEES</b>	
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP</b>
Brad E. Williams, Chairman	John F. Knox, Jr., Chairman
C. Kenneth Dorhauer	Allan K. Bean
Albert G. Simms, Jr.	W. Glen Girard
Billy E. Barnes	
Scotty E. Adams	<b>DEMOLAY &amp; YOUTH</b>
Dexter T. Downes	Wilson O. Cook, Chairman
Jay N. Hartley	Frank N. du Treil, Jr.
Russell L. Norris, Jr.	M. Darin West
Eddie A. LeBeouf, III	
Kenneth M. Mayer	<b>ANNUAL CONCLAVE ARRANGEMENTS</b>
	J. Keith Gates, Chairman
<b>EDUCATION FOUNDATION</b>	Martin J. Reinschmidt
John F. Knox, Jr., 2026	Wilson O. Cook
Anthony Radosti - 2027	M. Cash Melville
W. Keith Powell, Sr., 2023	W. Keith Powell
V. Eugene Dawson, Chairman - 2024	Earl J. "Mickey" Durand
Samuel B Owens, 2025	
Joe Dan Gibbs	<b>AMERICAN MASONIC FRATERNAL</b>
	L. Chad Koelling, Chairman
<b>KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION</b>	Dennis F. Snoddy
Joseph A. Giroir, III, Chairman	
Albert G. Simms, Jr.	<b>EDUCATION</b>
Kenneth K. Bell, Jr.	Dexter T. Downes, Chairman
	Eddie A. LeBoeuf, III
	H. Barlow Holley
<b>PUBLIC RELATIONS</b>	V. Eugene Dawson

Troy J. Jones, Chairman	Wilson O. Cook
M. Cash Melville	
Eddie A. LeBoeuf, III	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>
Harry Bermudez	Taylor P. Nauta, Chairman
	Kenneth K. Bell, Jr.
	Michael L. Laurence
<b>HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE</b>	
Dennis F. Snoddy, Chairman	
Stephen M. Bryant	<b>HOSPITALITY And BANQUET</b>
Rev. Thomas F. Harrison	April Sharlow
Thomas P. Brown	Laura Sharlow
	Sharon Powell
	Carolyn Edgars
	Janet Plumber
	Chairwomen Emeriti
	Wallice House & Pearl Mais

**ANNUAL INSPECTION**

**Each Commandery must set a date for its annual inspection to occur prior to November 30, 2023** or obtain a special dispensation from the Grand Commander. **Contact Sir Knight Troy J. Jones, Grand Inspector General, at 539 Gladstone Blvd. Shreveport, La., 71104-4415, or email [troyjjones@gmail.com](mailto:troyjjones@gmail.com) , or phone 318-655-3230 to schedule an inspection at your earliest convenience. There will be no schools of instruction in lieu of an inspection. Every commandery must hold its annual inspection but may do so jointly with other commanderies.**

**161st ANNUAL CONCLAVE**

The One Hundred and Sixty First (161st) annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Louisiana will convene on Feb 29 March 1-3, 2024 in Alexandria, Louisiana.

**PROCLAMATION**

It is hereby ordered that this General Order be read in open Commandery at the first stated Conclave held after its receipt and the officers and members shall be governed accordingly.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Louisiana at Shreveport in The Great State of Louisiana on the 3 day of March, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Three, AO 905.



DEU DUCE FERRO  
COMITANTE

By Order Of:

John C. Sharlow  
Grand Commander

Attest:

Joe Dan Gibbs  
Grand Recorder