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**Supreme Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the U.S.A.  
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Southern and Western Jurisdiction  
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**Proclamation#1 January 20, 2026**

***“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thine ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy path.” Proverbs 3:5-6***

**TO:** The Elected and Appointed Supreme Grand Encampment Officers, Grand Eminent Commanders, Eminent Commanders, Generalissimos, Captain Generals, and their respective delegates of all Grand and Subordinate Commanderies of this Magnanimous Order of Knights Templar.

**ALSO:** A special invitation is extended to Illustrious Warren Long, 33°, President, Illustrious Alexander H. Smith, 33/96° Past President, Companion Bill Cain, 33/95° Most Excellent Supreme Grand High Priest, Illustrious Noble Alexander H. Smith, 33°/96° Imperial Potentate, and Most Illustrious Anthony Young, 33° Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander.

Greetings Sir Knights, it is an honor to address you as the Most Eminent Supreme Grand Master Pro-Tem of The Supreme Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. The following comes for your information and guidance. Please take due and timely notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

**BE IT KNOWN:** That Pursuant to the laws of Mackey’s Jurisprudence and the Supreme Grand Encampment Bylaws, Article XX, Section 3, page 4, I Sir Knight James A. Parker 33°/96° previously elected Right Eminent Supreme Deputy Grand Master has assumed the office of the Most Eminent Supreme Grand Master with all rights and privileges.

**WHEREAS:** The General Grand Masonic Congress has arranged for the Congress 104th Session and Cognate Branches to be held Thursday, July 9, 2026 through Friday, July 17, 2026, at The Hilton St. Louis Airport, 10330 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, Missouri.

**THEREFORE:** Acting by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as The Most Eminent Supreme Grand Master of The Supreme Grand Encampment of Knights Templar U.S.A.; I, Sir. Knight James A. Parker 33°/96°, do hereby proclaim Thursday, July 16, 2026, as the day of The General Supreme Grand Encampment Conclave. The Supreme Grand Council of Lady Knights will meet at the same day and time.

**BE IT KNOWN:** That I hereby submit this official call and **SUMMON** all elected and appointed officers of The Supreme Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A.; all Past and Present Supreme, Grand and Subordinate Eminent Commanders, Generalissimos and Captain Generals; all past and present, elected and appointed state and local officers; all respective delegates, and all Knights to assemble at The Hilton St. Louis Airport, 10330 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, Missouri.

**BE IT ALSO KNOWN:** That the purpose of the 104th Biennial General Supreme Grand Encampment Conclave is to collect taxes; to hear reports; to transact business; to discuss and/or make new laws for the advancement of our order; to ratify or revoke edicts; to issue charters; to conduct workshops; to elect Supreme Grand Encampment Officers, and the transaction of any other such business deemed necessary for the good of the order.

**BE IT FURTHER KNOWN:** That all Delegates and Alternates must be financial to have a voice and vote in session. Delinquent Encampments assessments must reach the Supreme Recorder's hand no later than May 15, 2026. Reports must be in triplicate.

**BE IT ALSO FURTHER KNOWN:** That all taxes and forms should be in the Supreme Recorder's hands by the 15<sup>th</sup> of May each and every year. Failure to submit reports annually will result in late fees and assessments.

**Sir. Knight Alexander H. Smith, 33°/96°, Very Eminent Supreme Grand Recorder, Pro-Tem**  
569 Strathclyde Court, Apopka, Florida 32712

**BE IT THEREFORE KNOWN:** That all Sir Knights must adhere to our official dress code and wear their proper Knights Templar uniform and appropriate attire of their office.

**BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER KNOWN:** That the Knights Templar name badge and badges of the preceding houses must be displayed before entering a Knights Templar meeting or event.

**NOTICE OF INTEREST TO ALL COMMANDERIES AND MEMBERS:**

1. Each State's Representation fee is \$200.00 (two hundred dollars). If you have failed to pay one-half of this amount in the off year, then the full amount is now due. **Also, a late fee of \$50.00 (fifty dollars) will be added.**
2. States with no Grand Commandery: Subordinate Commandery Representation fee is **\$150.00 (one hundred fifty dollars)**. If you have failed to pay one-half of this amount in the off year, then the full amount is now due. **Also, a late fee of \$50.00 (fifty dollars) will be added.**
3. Biennial tax is **\$6.00 (six dollars)** per member or **\$3.00 (three dollars)** annually.
4. Charity tax per member is **\$6.00 (six dollars)** biennially or **\$3.00 (three dollars)** annually.
5. New Knights Templar Identification Cards are **\$2.00 (two dollars)** biennially.
6. \*\*\* Notice that a new law was passed in 2006 which states, "Every time a new member joins our ranks, we shall donate **\$5.00 ((fifty dollars)** to the Supreme Grand Encampment. \*\*\*

**WHEREAS:** The General Grand Encampment will have its Dubbing Ceremony for all Eminent Commanders, Grand Eminent Commanders, Sublime Prince of the Royal secret, and Inspector Generals. Be prepared to obtain their Supreme Degree and Certificate at a cost of **\$50.00 (fifty dollars)** each.

**TO COMMANDERIES WORKING UNDER DISPENSATION:** Please come prepared to purchase your Charter. Subordinate Charters are **\$75.00 (seventy-five dollars)** and Grand Charters are **\$100.00 (one hundred dollars)**.

**BE IT ALSO KNOWN:** That registration will begin Saturday, July 11, 2026, and continue until the session closes. Please present your credentials to the registration committee to obtain your package.

**BE IT FURTHER KNOWN:** That All Sir Knights that will be in attendance are requested to **pre-register** with rates per, **"THE PACKAGE."** The cost of the package will be **\$125.00 (one hundred and twenty-five dollars)** each. No registration badges will be issued except for within **"THE PACKAGE."** You must Pre-Register by **April 15, 2026**, or **"THE PACKAGE"** Cost shall be **\$150.00 (one hundred and fifty dollars)**. Send all monies to Sir Knight Alexander H. Smith, 33/96° at 569 Strathclyde Court, Apopka, Florida 32712.

**BE IT KNOWN:** That the host hotel will be The Hilton St. Louis Airport 10330 Natural Bridge Road St. Louis, Missouri 63134 (314)426-5000. Please reserve your room as soon as possible to guarantee lodging at the host hotel where all of the cognate branch's meetings and events will be held.

Please make all reservations before May 31st, 2026; the room rates shall be \$135 per night for single or double occupancy. The current guestroom state sales tax rate is 19.34%, which is subject to change and applicable to the room rate totaling \$161.11. Room rates are based on single or double occupancy. One night room deposit is required and is non-refundable. There is a \$100.00 incidentals deposit required; Credit Cards are most advisable or prepaid card. The link for hotel reservations is below.  
<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=STLHIHF&groupCode=92X&arrivaldate=2026-0709&departuredate=2026-07-17&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

**BE IT ALSO KNOWN:** That the following schedule of events, workshops and meetings is tentative and subject to changes and/or adjustments.:

**SUPREME GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR**

**Thursday, July 9, 2026 – Thursday, July 17, 2026**  
**104<sup>th</sup> Biennial Itinerary (Tentative)**

<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 10 TH</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 11 TH</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Knights Templar and Lady Knights Educational Workshops</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 12TH</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Knights Templar and Lady Knights Gospel Extravaganza</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 16TH</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Knights Templar and Lady Knights Session</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 16TH</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>Knights Templar and Lady Knights Luncheon</b>

**ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS TO ADHERE TO:**

**ONE:** Our traditional spiritual program on Sunday night July 12, 2026, is sure to be a success as we lift the name of the Lord. We are preparing for an evening to remember. This also is included with in **"THE PACKAGE."**

**TWO:** Our Most Eminent Supreme Grand Master's and Supreme Lady Chief Counselor's Luncheon will be held Thursday at 1:30 p.m. The lunch cost is included in **"THE PACKAGE."**

**THREE:** There will be a **Magnanimous Sir Knight Contest**, in which we are asking each commandery to participate by raising funds, in our king's contest. The winner will receive one fourth of the funds he collected; however, a minimum of **\$500.00 (five hundred dollars)** must be turned in by him to be **Dubbed the Magnanimous Sir Knight's King** of the "2026 Biennial Session." The winner will be announced at the luncheon. A **\$200.00 (two hundred dollar)** fee shall be assessed to all states that fail to enter a contestant. Funds from this activity will be used to support our "Seeing Through The Eyes Of Knights Templar Campaign" and bless children with eye exams and glasses.

**FOUR:** We shall sponsor a "Give-A-Way" Fundraiser to be done at our Luncheon. Prizes are as follows and you do not need to be present to win.: Third prize (\$75.00), Second Prize (\$150.00), and First prize (\$300.00). All States will be sent tickets, and we need all Sir Knight's corporation and participation. So please help us make it a success. More information on this effort will be coming out very soon.

**THEREFORE:** Sir Knights and Lady Knights, let us come together in peace and harmony to work in the spirit of cooperation. Let us deal with our problems intelligently, complete our business with dispatch, deal with patience, and face the future with courage. It is my prayer that we will continue to work together, moving in the same direction, focused on achieving common goals and objectives to continue moving our Cognate Branch to higher heights. We must continue to treasure our past, embrace our present, and energize our future. We can do all things through Christ that strengthens us. Everyone, please remain vigilant in the performance of your duties and faithful to maintaining the practices of our craft. I am eternally thankful and grateful to all of you that have stayed the course, answered the call, accepted the challenge and rose to the occasion.

*"May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His Favor and give you, His Peace." Numbers 6:24-26 NIV*

**FINALLY:** Please read this Proclamation in its entirety in each of your meetings. This is your official Call to the Supreme Conclave of the Supreme Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, of the United States of America, Southern and Western Jurisdiction. May God bless you, and this Supreme Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

Done this 20th day of January, in the year of Our Lord 2026 A.D, 909 A.O. in the County of Orange, City of Ocoee, State of Florida, by the authority vested in me, I have caused the Great Seal of the Supreme Grand Encampment of knights Templar to be affixed hereto.

**Attested:**



Fraternally Yours,

Sir Knight James A. Parker, 33°/96°  
Most Eminent Supreme Grand Master, Pro-Tem

Sir Knight Alexander H. Smith, 33°/96°  
Very Eminent Supreme Grand Recorder, Pro-Tem

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