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General Order #3-2021

**Re-opening Templary in California for In-person Stated and Special Conclaves
including Conferral of the Orders**

Sir Knight Jeffrey Nelson-Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America issued Reopening Safety Protocols that includes requirements from each jurisdiction's Grand Lodge. On November 1, 2020, Grand Master Jeffrey Nelson issued General Order #14-Reopening Templary 2021-Phase Two opening criteria.

On the same token, on April 15, 2021, Most Worshipful Arthur Weiss, Grand Master of Masons in California issued the Reopening Directives regarding Indoor In-Person Masonic Meetings and Events.

General Order #14 Safety Protocols by the Grand Master Jeffrey Nelson are located on the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar Website: www.knightstemplar.org/downloads/GO14.pdf and the Reopening Directives of Grand Master Arthur Weiss are located on the Grand Lodge Website: <https://freemason.org/octoberupdate/>. In order for the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and local Commanderies in California to be in compliance with the Safety Protocols of Reopening Templary in California, both the General Order #14 and the California directive must be strictly observed and complied with.

It is therefore my order that Department Commanders must work closely with Inspectors and Eminent Commanders of Commanderies in California to ensure that all guidelines and requirements are strictly complied with. Note that Commanderies may, but are not required, to resume holding in-person conclaves and events. It will be the Eminent Commander's decision when to begin meeting in-person.

This order shall be read at the first conclave of each constituent Commandery following its receipt.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Cirilo Marquez
Grand Commander