

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MARYLAND



Proceedings

February 4, 2023

Special Virtual Grand Conclave

THE
✠GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR✠
OF MARYLAND

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December 8, 2022

To all members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Maryland

Re: Special Virtual Grand Conclave

Sir Knights,

By the dispensation of the M.E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, SK David J. Kussman, it is the order of SK John H. Austin, Right Eminent Grand Commander, that a Special Virtual Grand Conclave be held on Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 2:00 p,m, EST.

The sole item on the agenda for this Special Virtual Grand Conclave is the consideration and adoption of a Resolution to bestow the honorary title of Grand Recorder Emeritus upon our beloved Sir Knight Kris Darrell Brown, late Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Maryland.

This notice will be distributed by email to the Grand Commandery Line, Past Grand Commanders, Commanders now in office, and the Recorders of the constituent Commanderies of Maryland who will then forward this notice by email to all Eminent Past Commanders or by the US Postal Service.

This meeting will be brief, probably fifteen minutes...just the time to read the proposed Resolution and to do a roll call ballot of those logged on to the virtual meeting.

Thank you for your cooperation in this joyful occasion. Pending its successful conclusion, the conferral of this Honorary Title will be bestowed by the ME Grand Master himself during Masonic Week activities in February 2023, with the assistance of the SK Austin and other Sir Knights.

Take to due notice of this Call to Conclave.

In Christ's Service,



SK Vernon H. Huebschman
Grand Recorder



Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Maryland
Special Virtual Grand Conclave
February 4, 2023
2:00 p.m.

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| 1. Opening: Reconvene | SK John H. Austin, REGC |
| 2. Welcome | SK John H. Austin, REGC |
| 3. Credentials: Initial Report * | SK Vernon Huebschman Grand Recorder |
| 4. Pledge of Allegiance | SK John H. Austin |
| 5. Passing of SK Henry C. McDonald | SK John H. Austin REGC |
| 6. Invocation | SK Charles Beckhardt, Grand Prelate |
| 7. Introduction of Resolution | SK John H. Austin, REGC |
| 8. Motion to Adopt | |
| 9. Vote | |
| 10. Calling Off | SK John Austin, REGC |

- 1 Reconvene: The REGC reconvened the Grand Commandery of Maryland at 2:10 p.m.
- 2 Credentials Committee; The Grand Recorder reported that there were present eleven Sir Knight representing more than three Commandery. Thus having sufficient attendance to sanction a Grand Conclave.
- 3 Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Right Eminent Grand Commander
- 4 The invocation was offered by SK Charles Beckhardt.
- 5 The REGC to a special moment to note the sudden passing of SK Henry C. McDonald. A moment of silent prayer was observed.
- 6 The REGC introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION FOR GRAND COMMANDERY OF MARYLAND --- CONFERRAL OF EMERITUS
STATUS FOR PAST GRAND RECORDER SIR KNIGHT KRIS BROWN

Resolved. Whereas Sir Knight Kris D. Brown having completed several terms as Eminent Grand Recorder for the Grand Commandery of Maryland Knights Templar, and whereas Sir Knight Kris has performed the work of Grand Recorder with zeal and fidelity, carrying out with skill and technical expertise, the completion of communications and everyday tasks for the Grand Commandery of Maryland, in concert with the requirements of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. Sir Knight Brown has consistently and regularly provided personal assistance to Maryland commanderies' recorders to ensure the timely and accurate completion of required reports and submittals to the Grand Encampment.

And whereas health concerns and recovery have required SK Kris to relinquish his position as Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Maryland.

We members of the Grand Commandery of Maryland hereby resolve to have the Status of Grand Recorder Emeritus conferred upon our Friend and Defender of the Faith, Kris Darrell Brown.

This request for status is in conformation with Grand Encampment requirements as outlined in Section 237(a). i.e. Honorary titles may be conferred upon Sir Knights who have rendered long, outstanding and distinguished service in the cause of Templary in conformity with the provisions hereof.

Signed-

John H. Austin
Grand Commander

Attest:

Vernon Huebschman
Grand Recorder

Date:

Motion to adopt by SK Arthur G. Hebbeler, REPGC
Seconded by SK Randall L. Watson, Grand Treasurer

Passed Unanimously.

There being no further business to come before this Special Virtual Grand Conclave, it was Called Off by the Right Eminent Grand Commander, SK John H. Austin at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

SK Vernon H. Huebschman
Grand Recorder

Attendance:

Name	Commandery
SK George Christoff	Monumental Crusade No. 3
SK Daniel Brewer	York
SK Charles Beckhardt, Grand Prelate	Beauseant
SK Raymond Denmark	Palestine Commandery
SK Randall L. Watson, Grand Treasurer	Monumental- Crusade
SK Vernon H. Huebschman, Grand Recorder	Chesapeake
SK William A. Zarychta	York
SK Scott Lapp	Maryland
SK John H. Austin, Grand Commander	Montgomery
SK Frederick Rossmark	Maryland
SK Arthur G. Hebbeler, REPGC	Monumental Crusade