

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

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Minutes of the Grand Encampment Officers Zoom Call

27JAN22

Present on call: Russell Duckett (NY) Most Eminent Grand Master, Robert Glenn (AL) Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master, Fred R.S. Nelson, Jr. (PA), Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Right Eminent Grand Captain General Fredrick Joyner (DC), Ronald D. Gerac (TX), Right Eminent Grand Prelate, Joseph Purdie, III (PA) Right Eminent Grand Treasurer, Rev. Kenneth E. Brown (TN) Right Eminent Grand Recorder, George King Right Eminent Grand Senior Warden, Right Eminent Grand Junior Warden, Joaquin Diaz (HI), Eddie V. Tucker Right Eminent Grand Standard Bearer, Terry Bowman Right Eminent Grand Sword Bearer, Robert Ambrose Right Eminent Grand Warder, Carleton D. Richmond Right Eminent Grand Sentinel, Toby Bryant, Marquis Jones Right Eminent Grand Marshall, Ronald Wilson, Right Eminent Grand Trustee (2-Year) Charles Parker (NY) Right Eminent Grand Trustee (3-Year), Willie Tate (TX) R.E. Grand Convention Coordinator, Ortho Wilber (TX) Right Eminent Grand Webmaster, Albert E. Van Slyke Right Eminent Grand Photographer, Harrison Gregg Right Eminent Grand Legal Advisor, Richard A. Borne Right Eminent Administrative Assistant, Frank Langfort Right Eminent Royal Advisor, Fred Walker Right Eminent Deputy Royal Advisor, Thomas R. Hughes Right Eminent Assistant Royal Advisor-South, Darren A. Rogers, International Outer Guard, Arlander Riddick (KY), Right Eminent Grand Assistant Medic, Archie Fowler GEKT Crown and Cross Foundation, PMEGM Elmer Kibler.

MEGC Duckett (NY) opened up the floor for sickness and distress. Sir Knights gave requests for prayer and REGP Gerac (TX) provided a prayer for the body.

Convention Update

General Update:

RE Willie Tate (TX) provided an update on 2022 GEKT registration. As of today, 20 women and 24 men have registered. MEGC Duckett will provide a list of complimentary rooms to RE Tate. RE Tate is looking at menus and hotel placements. The host hotel is calling individuals to confirm reservations for those that have booked and provided credit cards. If members do not comply, they will be taken off the hotel list.

Tax Exempt Status:

Tax exempt status needs to be resolved in the next 30 days or we will not obtain the status. We need to reach out to the NY Comptroller's Office. RE Archie Fowler is looking into the tax-exempt status.

Louisville, KY 2023:

Nothing is needed at the moment. Louisville is locked in. The KY jurisdiction will brief the body as time gets closer.

The time to put in requests to host the GEKT for 2025 and 2026 has started. Below are the upcoming GEKT dates:

2022: Liverpool, NY

2023: Louisville, KY

2024: Has not been resolved yet.

2025/2026: Put requests in now.

Pins and Coins

REDGM Robert Glenn (AL) and RE Reed RE Shawn Willis presented options on coins and lapel pins. Funding was secured and 400 total items will be available for purchase. 200 coins and 200 lapel pins. Price is \$20 per item. Will be sent to jurisdictions to sell. 100-year celebration medallion and medals will be available for 2026. Motion carried.

Cross and Crown Foundation

RE Archie Fowler reported on the Cross and Crown Foundation. The bank account has been updated. The foundation is looking for a grant writer to solicit funds for the foundation. The GEKT should look into getting funds from local commissioners in KY for 2023.

King Competition

RE Joaquin Diaz (HI) spoke on the King Competition. The reports have been provided and additional letters will be sent to jurisdictions to solicit nominations. Also, is looking into getting a prize-winning plaque for winning jurisdiction and the belt will stay with the GEKT. Checks will be made out to GEKT General Fund. Use the memo of King Competition. Deadline is the end of April for applications.

Report on the International Grand Court of Cyrene Crusaders. Conference call will be Monday 31JAN at 7PM.

MEGM Duckett gave all PMGM and officers the opportunity for remarks. RE Nelson and RE Joyner will be working on updating the directory.

Prayer was given by REGP Gerac (TX) and the meeting was adjourned.