

# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of New Jersey

### General Order No. 2023-1

#### **Privacy Policy for The Grand Commandery of New Jersey for 2023**

To the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery, Officers and Sir Knights of all Constituent Commanderies of New Jersey:

Whereas a Knights Templar Asylum has traditionally been held as a sacred place of respite, privacy, contemplation, and introspection, the following is so ordered:

Usage of cell phones or tablets from the Opening through the Closing of a Conclave, whether reading, texting, speaking or taking pictures, is prohibited. If an emergency should arise, the Sir Knight shall excuse himself with proper form, and conduct his business outside of the asylum.

Photography of the following is prohibited: members without their expressed permission; the asylum, as set up in part or in full; the implements used in the Opening/Closing ceremonies, or Order(s); our rituals and ceremonies; a prepared Altar. Group Photographs after the conclusion of commandery events or ceremonies may be permitted with the permission of the convening officer/commander.

Any posting, sharing or tagging of a Sir Knight, or what transpired during a Conclave or program, is prohibited. Any pictures of the Sir Knight(s) are only for private memorials only, or with the expressed concurrence of the individual Sir Knight.

Sir Knights' names and personal information are to be protected from access by anyone who is not a Sir Knight in good standing.

#### This order is effective immediately.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of New Jersey, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, A.D. 2023, A.O. 905.

I am a soldier of Christ,

Gene Fricks

S.K. E. Eugene Fricks Right Eminent Grand Commander



Attest:

## David C. Bruner

S.K. David C. Bruner, Em. Grand Recorder