

Kingston, New York July 29, 2023

Where would be a more appropriate location for the signing of a mutual recognition of two New Knights Templar Grand Commanderies?

Kingston, of course being the first Capital of New York (1777).

Two Hundred and Forty-Six years later, The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of New York in conjunction with the Most Eminent Grand Commander of Prince Hall Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of New York had a Luncheon and formally recognized each other. The Luncheon occurred on July 29, 2023, 1PM at Frank Guido's Little Italy in Kingston New York.

Points of the Recognition were:

Whereas the goal of both Grand Commanderies is to promote amity, brotherhood, and fraternalism between the members of the Constituent Commanderies chartered to them, and to promote activities of mutual benefit; and

Whereas at all times, the rules of each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampments will be respected by all.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved That mutual visitations be granted to Sir Knights of both Grand Commanderies; and

Be it Further Resolved, That there shall be two types of visitations between Sir Knights from the Grand Commanderies-formal and informal. Formal visitations are formally arranged by the Commander or Grand Commander to visit a Constituent Commandery chartered by the other Grand Commandery. Formal visitation between two Commanderies may be arranged by the respective Eminent Commanders. Whenever there are to be formal visitations involving the Grand Commanders, normal Templar protocol should be followed, arranging the visit through their respective Grand Commandery's Offices; and

Be it Further Resolved, That informal visitation are those involving individual Sir Knights. Invitations to visit a Commandery or the other Grand Commandery shall not be required. The Sir Knight(s) wishing to visit a Commandery of the other Grand Commandery should notify the Eminent Commander of the Commandery, either directly or through a member of that Commandery. The notification is informal and not required to be in writing and may be through prior contacts with a member of the Commandery or by arriving early for the meeting. The Eminent commander of the Comandery being visited should ensure friendly welcome for all visitors; and

Be it Further Resolved, That Commandery visitations between Sir Knights of these two Grand Commanderies are definitely and strongly

encouraged. It is further encouraged that the commanderies participate together and support each other in activities outside the Asylum, such as community events, parades, and other appropriate activities; and Be it Further Resolved, That this Agreement is intended to ensure that the visitations comforted in the most friendly, courteous, and appropriate manner; and

Be it Further Resolved, That the Grand Commandery shall exchange and continue to exchange copies of their Grand Commandery directories and other publications and information.

Signers:

Sir Knight Marques A. Jones, Most Eminent Grand Commander of Most Eminent Prince Hall Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of New York

Sir Knight Paul Ingram, Most Eminent Past Grand Commander & Grand Recorder of Most Eminent Prince Hall Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of New York

And

Sir Knight David R. Barkstedt, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Grand Commandery of Knights Templar State of New York

Sir Knight Steven L. Wing Right, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander & Grand Recorder of Grand Commandery of Knights Templar State of



