



Palmetto Grand Commandery Knights Templar

State of South Carolina, PHA
SK RAY-ANTHONY ALSTON, KYGCH
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER



SK Jawara S. Tyson, KYGCH
Very Eminent Deputy
Grand Commander

SK Omar Benjamin
Eminent Grand
Generalissimo

SK Lemuel Lee
Eminent Grand
Captain General

SK John Ford
Eminent Grand Treasurer

SK Edward Anderson Jr
Eminent Grand Recorder

SK Alfred Jean-Pierre
Eminent Grand Prelate

SK Walter Wiggins, KYCH
Eminent Grand Sr. Warden

SK Laval Rock, KYCH
Eminent Grand Jr. Warden

SK Clifford Pinckney
Eminent Grand Warden

SK Robert Nelson
Eminent Grand Standard Bearer

SK Fredrick L. Ford
Eminent Grand Sword Bearer

SK James Bowman
Eminent Grand Sentinel

SK Korzy Williams
Inspector General

SK Derrick Knuckles, KYCH
Inspector General

SK Cory Howard
Inspector General

SK Wayne Robinson Sr. KYCH
Inspector General

SK James Thompson, Sr.
Eminent Grand Lecturer

SK Walter Wiggins, KYCH
President - Past Eminent
Commanders Council

SK Kevin Noel, KYCH
Eminent Grand C.C.F.C.

SK Kevin Noel, KYCH
Eminent Grand Historian

SK James Smith
Eminent Grand Photographer

PROCLAMATION

January 31st, 2026

To: Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Jawara S. Tyson, Eminent Grand Generalissimo Omar Benjamin, Eminent Grand Captain General Lemuel Lee, Eminent Grand Treasurer John Ford, Eminent Grand Recorder Edward Anderson (Pro-Temp), Eminent Grand Prelate Eric Flowers, Eminent Grand Senior Warden Alfred Jean-Pierre, Eminent Grand Junior Warden Laval Rock, and all appointed Grand Commandery Officers, Past Right Eminent Grand Commanders, Past Grand Commanders, Eminent Commanders, Generalissimos, Captain Generals, Treasurers, Recorders, Past Eminent Commanders, Sir Knights all.

ATTENTION SIR KNIGHTS!!!

Greetings:

Pursuant to the powers and authority vested in me by the Statutes, Rules, and Regulations of the Palmetto Grand Commandery Knights Templar Prince Hall Affiliated Jurisdiction of South Carolina. I, Hadji Harper, Right Eminent Grand Commander do hereby summons all Grand Commandery Officers, Elected and Appointed, Eminent Commanders, Generalissimos, Captain Generals, Treasurers, Recorders, Prelates, and Sir Knights owing obedience and allegiance to this Magnanimous Order to convene with me for our 89th Annual Grand Conclave convening Saturday, April 4, 2026, at 9:00am. All meetings will be held at the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of South Carolina, 2324 Gervais Street Columbia, SC 29204. Dress for the meeting is Knights Attire (Frack Coat, with appropriate Crosses, Emblems, and Awards, sword belt with scabbard, sword, black pants, black or white shirt, black socks, black shoes, and chapeau. Alternate dress, Masonic dress, with bus cap and sword).

ANNUAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

All Reports are to be submitted to the Eminent Grand Recorder (Inspector General Reports goes to the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander), by 1 March 2026. **Reports received after 1 October will incur a \$75 LATE FEE, 30 days after the Grand Conclave will incur a \$100 late fee.**

REGISTRATION

All Sir Knights must register; the registration fee is \$60 for early registration, late registration and onsite registration is \$100. The deadline for registration is deadline is March 16TH, 2026. Contact Grand Recorder, SK Edward Anderson or SK Chris Syfuss.

1. Payment by CASHAPP, please send to: \$PCGSC
2. Use the attached registration form. Identify which meeting you will be attending



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HOTEL INFORMATION

Online – complete the room registration online at the provided link or call listed number.

Hotel room reservations can be made on a first-come/first-served basis until March 12, 2026. You need to reserve your rooms as soon as possible because the hotel is holding a limited number of rooms at this discounted rate.

Hilton Garden Inn Columbia Downtown

1200 Pickens Street

Columbia, SC 29201

Phone: 803-227-3400

You can make your reservations by calling the NUMBER above, or ONLINE with the booking link below:

LINK: April: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/yorkriteconventionapril/>

Room Rate is \$159.00+ taxes and fees

MAKE ALL CHECKS/MONEY ORDERS TO :

Mail all funds and forms to York Rite Convention, P.O. Box 291193, Columbia, SC 29229.

NOTE: IF CHECKS ARE BEING SENT IN BY INDIVIDUAL ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS, ONLY CASHIER CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS WILL BE “ACCEPTED”, NO PERSONAL CHECKS!!!

PAST EMINENT COMMANDER’S COUNCIL

The President of the Past Eminent Commander’s Council, PEC Walter Wiggins. He will bestow the Past Eminent Commander’s degree at 7:30 A.M., all Sir Knights who are to receive the degree are expected to be at the Grand Lodge by 7:00 A.M. for registration, the fee is \$25. **All “newly elected” Eminent Commanders must receive the Past Eminent Commander Degree before taking the seat!**

I look forward to seeing all Sir Knights at our Annual Conclave. Take care and be safe.

Under the Sign of the Cross,

Ray-Anthony Alston

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