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FROM THE DESK OF THE GREAT CHIEF

*May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields,
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Dear Sir Knights and Cousins,

I greet you with a traditional Irish blessing, and I pray that you are safe and healthy during these unique times. While this year has been challenging, there have been many special events that have strengthened our hope for a bright future of not just sustainability and continuity, but also of growth and Light.

This publication is being stylized as a *Knighly News Magazine*, as it places emphasis on vignettes that promote a deeper understanding of our Knighthood with thought provoking articles.

Education being one of the pillars of our Mission Statement, I believe that a proper application of what we learn and share will help to keep our councils vibrant and prospering. I firmly believe that it is the duty of each Cousin to impart what they have learned to others, sharing their Light and strengthening this Order of Knighthood.

A lot of effort has gone into this publication and I extend my appreciation to our contributing writers and to M.E. Kevin B. Sample, who published this edition of the *Knighly News Magazine*.

Our outreach, continuity and sustainability as an organization has been strengthened by several new programs initiated this year. The creation of a new Cabinet level position, the *Director of Grand Superintendents*, has improved communication, training, and accountability among our Grand Superintendents. A national educational seminar attended by hundreds of Sir Knights was successfully presented virtually on June 4, 2020. Our *Virtual Meeting Policy Manual*, developed by V.E. William Snyder and his committee, set the standard for our virtual gatherings in cyberspace, and addresses the complex regulatory and security issues that await us as we conduct our business on virtual platforms; this document is available to all scribes and cousins through the office of the R.E. Grand Scribe.

I applaud the many Cousins who became 'bridge builders' this year. Those Cousins who promote Masonic unity, those who preserve our traditions, and those who promote charity, those Cousins are bridge builders! Those who lead, those who follow, and those who work diligently together, those Cousins are bridge builders! Those Cousins who pray with another, those who mentor, and those Cousins who donate their time and talents for these transcendent concepts, those Cousins are bridge builders! All of these Cousins are the bridge builders for Knight Masonry and for humanity - they are our bright future.

The increased communications among our Grand Council Officers, our V.E. Grand Superintendents, and our council leaders has been a lifeline during these challenging times of isolation and virtual meetings, and I request that our V.E. Grand Superintendents continue to communicate and provide guidance within their regions, while addressing the important needs of the membership within their councils.

Sir Knights, the Officers of the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the USA and I wish for you safety, health, and prosperity through these challenging times. We look forward to greeting you once again, laboring with the sword and with the trowel, within our beloved Councils of Knight Masonry.

FORTE EST VINU; FORTIER EST REX; FORTIORES SUNT MULIERES; SUM OM VINCIT VERITAS.

Sincerely yours,

Robert B. Maynard

M.:E.: Great Chief, 2020-2021

Grand Council of Knight Masons of the USA



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Killarney 56

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O'Brien 117

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Delaware 18

Universal 70

Templeno 78

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SemperFi 95

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Mystic Brotherhood 35

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Indiana 15

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Earl of Torell 24

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Jersey Shore 107	Anson Jones 47
New York / Connecticut, Ed Fagan	Francis A. "Fritz" White 48
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GRAND COUNCIL OF KNIGHT MASONS OF THE USA MODERNIZES OPERATIONS!

These are exciting times for Knight Masonry, Knights and Cousins! In accordance with the vision of our Most Excellent Great Chief, Robert Maynard, we implemented an expanded communication program with our Grand Superintendents to advance the program to the “next level.” In March and April 2020, we hosted 5 conference calls for the Grand Superintendents during which the Grand Council passed along key information and facilitated an open discussion forum. Topics discussed included:

- The Annual Grand Council Session on Friday, February 12, 2021
- Our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/knightmasonsusa
- Our website at <https://knightmasons.org/> (Contact Grand Scribe for Password)
- The Knightly News newsletter and encouragement for any articles of interest to be submitted
- Knight Commander of Zerubbabel nomination process and eligibility
- Grand Superintendent Visitation Reports
- Options for “Virtual” Visitations when justified
- IRS 990 Filings – Requirement for each Council to file
- Regalia sources
- Questions and answers

These sessions proved most productive in passing along critical information to the Grand Superintendents and providing a forum for open dialogue and questions. As the COVID-19 restrictions were also appearing at the same time, our Most Excellent Great Chief used the conference calls as an opportunity to remind and encourage the Grand Superintendents to reach out to their Councils, offer assistance, and make sure that our Brothers and Cousins across this great Nation are staying in touch. These are trying times and our ability as Masons and Brothers to help one another is so important! Don’t forget this invaluable benefit of our great Fraternity! Additional conference calls with the Grand Superintendents are planned for the Fall.

In addition to the Grand Superintendent conference calls, the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the USA is proceeding with transferring their membership data to the Grand Encampment’s Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS) system. This will allow a much needed single, standardized membership database for the Grand Council Knight Masons of the USA and the Scribes of each subordinate Council. The benefits include a single, standardized database for both local and national use and automate Annual Reports and membership tracking. Each of the Scribes of our subordinate Councils have been contacted and asked to provide their current membership data. This data will be reviewed and uploaded to the MMS system as a membership baseline. There are so many instances where Council Scribes have inherited the office with incomplete or non-existent membership data and the transition to MMS will prevent this situation in the future. The challenge is that the current Scribes must compile and provide the necessary data to establish a foundational membership database. We realize that in many cases, this is a monumental task. Please take a moment and thank your Council’s Scribe for the invaluable service he provides to your Council and to this Order. His’ is a “thankless job” and he deserves a pat on the back for all the work he does to support your Council and the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the USA.

In conclusion, stay healthy and safe as we continue to adapt to a “new normal” resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Be good Brothers to one another. Care for the sick and distressed and never turn your back on the widow or orphan. May the Grand Architect of the Universe guide, protect, and defend us through every challenge. So mote it be!

Martin R. (“Marty”) Trent

R.:E.: Deputy Great Chief

Grand Council of Knight Masons of the USA

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND SCRIBE

Greetings from the Mountains of North Carolina,

This certainly has been a different year for us all. Your Grand Council has not been idle during the slowdown. The Deputy Great Chief has been hard a work getting the data base together so that it can be managed digitally, not just on a master spread sheet. All of the Grand Superintendent positions have been filled. Virtual meetings were held by the Deputy Great Chief with the Superintendents. By the time the Knightly News comes out, guidelines on virtual meetings will be out so our Councils can hold their annual meetings, and we can proceed into next year. Work has been ongoing to meet the needs of the Councils with virtual meeting guidelines.

If you missed out on Grand Council this past February, you missed a large time. Our hospitality room was once more a huge success. This next year will be February 12, 2021. Hopefully, all will be back to normal and we'll see you there.

There were 17 Knights awarded the Knight Commander Zerubbabel for 2019.



Don T. Nesbitt, Jr.....	Nat Pace 46
Michael E. Copeland.....	Samuel H J Womack 20
John L. Belanger	Ray Wesley Burgess 103
Maurice Clifford 'Bud' Himes.....	Vulcan 22
Gerald W. Ringler.....	SENCLand 42
Larry Quenton Hall.....	Erin 6
Harold J. Richardson.....	Limerick 88
Edmund Dale Harrison	Paumanok 4
Ralph Phillips Presley.....	Appalachian 121

Rabi Kanoa Peifer	Clontarf 69
Ernest E. Fricks.....	New Jersey 11
Charles E. Hileman Jr.	Shamrock 43
Sheldon Arpad	Universal 70
Michael S. Doxsee	F'Irinne 115
Richard Dean Lohnes.....	Saint Clair 75
Joe Phillips Rouse.....	Jack L. Sharp 91
George Daniel M. Pushee	Emerald Isle 30

Also awarded was Past Grand Rank to:

Robert H. Starr	Past Grand Senior Knight
Johnathan E. Barnes	Past Grand Senior Knight
Pierre G. Normand, Jr.	Past Grand Senior Knight

The Grand Council elected MEGC Robert B. Maynard as Great Chief. David S. H. Lindez was appointed Grand Sentinel and Robert G. Davis was appointed Excellent Chief of Great Chief's Council No. 0. Welcome Cousins.

REMINDER TO SCRIBES: Annual Reports are due on December 31, 2020, or 30 days after your meeting in December. There is a late fee after the deadline.

I hope all of the Sir Knights and Cousins have a fantastic Fall.

Blessings to all,

J. David Cashion, KCZ, PGSK

R.:E.: Grand Scribe

Grand Council of Knight Masons of the USA

IRELAND, THE GREAT COUNCIL OF KNIGHT MASONS (REVISED)

December 2017, eleven Sir Knights including Most Excellent Great Chief D. Allen Surratt, Most Excellent David Lee Hargett, Jr. PGC, and Very Excellent Sir Knight Russell Bridges, all hailing from North Carolina, representing the Grand Council of Knight Masons USA made a pilgrimage to Dublin, Ireland to attend the Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of Knight Masons.

This pilgrimage may be one that many make in a lifetime, but for these eleven Sir Knights, better known as friends, it would be an adventure of a lifetime. The eleven Sir Knights, some traveling with family, flew into Dublin as schedules allowed all meeting at the Dublin Central Inn.

To kick off a series of meetings, Sir Knights and Cousins were, provided a tour of Freemasons' Hall by the Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, Keith Stent. The tour included the Grand Lodge Room, Mark Master Room, Royal Arch Room, Knight Templar Room, Knight Masons, Council Chamber, and Princes Room. I had the opportunity to speak with Worshipful Brother Keith Stent concerning the Irish Masonic structure. At that time, he stated there were 20,000 plus members and a network of over 500 Lodges located throughout North and South Ireland under the administration of The Grand Lodge of Ireland. There are also Irish Provinces in other parts of the world. Candidates petition a Craft Lodge once accepted; he will advance through the three degrees. Once the three degrees are obtained, he can start moving through various lodge offices and become the Worshipful Master. Masonic Education is available to all Master Masons, especially newly raised Master Masons. Every Province and the Dublin Metropolitan Area hold classes of instruction in Masonic Ritual, etc. This is an informal way to teach the tenets and rituals of Freemasonry. This provides an excellent opportunity for basic knowledge of the Order. If a Master Mason wishes to continue, he may take the Royal Arch Degree. This degree is the continuation of the story of the Temple, as described in a Craft Lodge. The degree is conferred, in Royal Arch Chapters, and any Master Mason, of one year's good standing is entitled to become a Royal Arch Mason. Royal Arch Masonry has its own governing body but has been regarded, as an integral part of the Freemason's journey. Irish Freemasons' first encounter with a Royal Arch Chapter is in a Lodge of Mark Master Masons. The Mark Masters Mason Degree expands on the Masonic duties of fellowship and benevolence while the Royal Arch Degree contains symbolic content and continues the legend contained in the Master Mason Degree. Another Masonic activity is Knight Masonry. The three Degrees are intricate and detailed and convey impressive lessons of virtue and truth, and upon becoming a Sir Knight, you are completing the Masonic legend of the Temple in Jerusalem within the Irish Masonic family. Councils are open to all Freemasons of any faith or background. The only requirement of membership is one must be a Royal Arch Mason of at least one year. This is not an invitational body. The following Masonic actives are The Order of the Temple, Prince Masons, and The Ancient and Accepted Rite. Membership within The Order of the Temple is open only to those who follow the Trinitarian Christian Faith. Members are required to be a Master Mason for a minimum of five years and a Royal Arch Mason for a minimum of two years. Membership within Prince Masons requires those to be members of The Order of the Temple. The numbers of Chapters are limited, as the number of Members within each Chapter. Membership within The Ancient and Accepted Rite welcomes members exclusively from the ranks of Prince Masons and confers the various Degrees of that Order. In Ireland, the Degrees conferred are 28°, 30°, 31°, 32°, and 33°. These Degrees are reserved for the most senior and experienced members of the Masonic Order.

Later that afternoon, members of Sassena Council No. 84 warmly greeted us, and we attended one of their stated meetings where we witnessed the Knight of the East and West conferral. Sir Knights enjoyed wonderful fellowship and a late lunch before attending an emergent communication of Victory Masonic Lodge No. 478 that meets within the Grand Lodge Room in Freemasons' Hall. The United States delegation was recognized and welcomed. There were many similarities and differences between operating a North Carolina Masonic Lodge and an Irish Masonic Lodge. After the emergent communication, Victory Masonic Lodge No. 478, Worshipful Master welcomed our delegation to join

them for their annual Christmas dinner. The evening was full of great food and fellowship. Each brother received a Christmas card from the officers of Victory Masonic Lodge No. 478.

The next day the United States delegation met at Freemasons' Hall to attend the Grand Council of Knight Masons. Most Excellent Great Chief Sir Knight Bernard V.A. Woods GKM PGSK received Most Excellent Great Chief D. Allen Surratt, Grand Council of Knight Masons USA, and Most Excellent David Lee Hargett, Jr. PGC along with several other dignitaries from several countries including Provinces of Northern Ireland (Greater Belfast, Ulster North, and Mid-Ulster), Province of Australia, Province of Leinster & Overseas (Bermuda, Gibraltar, Hong Kong, India, New Zealand, Republic of South Africa, Republic of Singapore and West Indies), Province of State of Ohio, USA, Province of Greece, and Province of England & Wales. Due to the first snowstorm since 1982, several Sir Knights were not able to attend the meeting. Most Excellent Great Chief Sir Knight Bernard V.A. Woods GKM PGSK announced appointments, installed Grand Officers, and presented Honours of Grand Rank certificates and jewels. Reports from the General Council of General Purposes Committee followed by a charity collection in aid of CanTeen, a charity supporting teenagers suffering from and recovering from cancer. Most Excellent Great Chief Sir Knight Bernard V.A. Woods GKM PGSK recognized and gave the floor to Most Excellent Great Chief D. Allen Surratt, Grand Council of Knight Masons. The Sir Knights in attendance were informed, of the history of Knight Masons USA, and the fifty-year celebration.

A personal highlight from the trip was an encounter on the streets of Dublin with a Past Master of the oldest, continually operating Lodge in Freemasons' Hall, Masonic Lodge No. 2. As the United States delegation waited for curbside for a taxi from Dublin Central Inn to Freemasons' Hall, a gentleman walked past, stopped, and looked at each of us asking what our breast jewels represented. We explained that we were Knight Masons waiting for a taxi ride to Freemasons Hall for the Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of Knight Masons. The gentleman showed us his Masonic ring, shook our hands, and showed us his lapel pin. A square and compass with a shamrock. He proceeded to take the lapel pin off and explained that it was a generic pin but Irish. He apologized for only having one pin but wanted to present it to us. One of Sir Knights told him he should give the lapel pin to me. At this point, I was humbled and honored by the opportunity. I will hold onto this memory throughout my life; the small pin will not only remind me of the tenets of Freemasonry but this great pilgrimage to Ireland.

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Signet of Zerubbabel Council No, 36, Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States

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Grand Council of Knight Masons of the USA

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KNIGHT MASONRY IN OHIO

The Green degrees were brought to this country in 1936 when three councils were consecrated in North Carolina. Irish Knight Masonry grew slowly in this country, with only ten councils existing by 1966. These councils were:

- St. Patrick's in America No. 26, Monroe, NC – September 14th, 1937
- Shamrock, Thistle & Rose No. 27, Raleigh, NC – September 14th, 1937
- Harp, Cross & Eagle No. 28, Wilson, NC – September 14th, 1937
- Paumanok No. 32, Garden City, NY – December 30th, 1942
- Gateway to the West No. 58, Pittsburgh, PA – June 27th, 1951
- Kilwinning No. 62, Zanesville, OH – November 11th, 1957 (the Warrant says February 17th, 1954 and this is the date I'm sticking with)

- Erin No. 63, Harrisburg, PA – November 11th, 1957
- West Virginia No. 64, Clarksburg, WV – December 13th, 1958
- Kincora No. 70, Denver, CO – June 24th, 1961
- Maryland No. 73, Baltimore, MD – June 23rd, 1965

Nine of these councils formed the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the USA on February 18th, 1967. In honor of their histories, the GCKM-USA continued to recognize the dates these Councils were founded.

At the time, Kilwinning No. 62 in Zanesville, Ohio, did not join the formation of the GCKM-USA because of circumstances that took place in Grand Lodge several years earlier.^{5,7} Because of a rule in the Grand Lodge of Ohio Code, Kilwinning No. 62 was concerned that if they joined in the formation of the GCKM-USA, it would have spelled their immediate demise.

The GCKM recognized their concern and, in the Concordat between the two Grand Councils dated June 15th, 1969, included the following codicil:

“That, until the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio (State of Ohio) permits Councils of the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the United States of America to be constituted within that State there shall be no objection to the Grand Council of Knight Masons issuing new Warrants (Warrants) within that State.”¹

This seemed, for many years, the end of discussion concerning Knight Masonry in Ohio. This will be discussed elsewhere in this article.

Kilwinning Council No. 62

This council was the first Knight Masons council constituted in Ohio and is the oldest Irish Constitution council extant in the United States. Their Warrant reads “Grand Council of Knight Masons,” which is a source of pride to the members of Kilwinning (contrasted with the original Warrant of Paumanok No. 32 which read, “Grand Council of the Knights of the Sword, Knights of the East, and Knights of the East and West”). Note that their Warrant does not say “of Ireland.” This is because at the time the Warrant was issued only one Grand Council of Knight Masons existed. All the other Irish Constitution councils in Ohio are scions of Kilwinning No. 62, including the five US Constitution councils in Ohio extant in 2015.

Joseph H. Hamill was the Great Chief and Alexander Kenning was Grand Scribe when Kilwinning No. 62 was constituted.⁷ The Warrant members made application for a Dispensation in 1952; the Warrant was issued February 1954. While some may think that the long-time lapse was because of slow and expensive travel, the real reason was because the Irish Constitutions required a constituent council to have three Installed Chiefs before they would issue a Warrant.

All the Warrant members, save for one, were from Ohio. Five of the eight Warrant Members were Excellent Chiefs for Kilwinning Council No. 62. Nearly all the meetings have been held at the Zanesville Masonic Temple. The council has moved around occasionally, meeting at the Hanover Masonic Temple in 1980, and twice at the Newark Masonic Temple in 1998 and 1999.

Kilwinning Council No. 62 has been, and continues to be, well represented in Masonic bodies in Ohio and elsewhere. Members served or presided over the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, the Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States, the Convent General Knights York Cross of Honour, and helped create the York Rite Sovereign College of North America.^{6,8}

Continued Growth

As the Councils of Knight Masons Chartered by GCKM-USA proliferated across the rest of the country, Knight Masonry under the auspices of GCKM also flourished in Ohio. Over the next several years other councils were formed. (See Figure 1)^{8,9}

Knight Mason Councils in Ohio

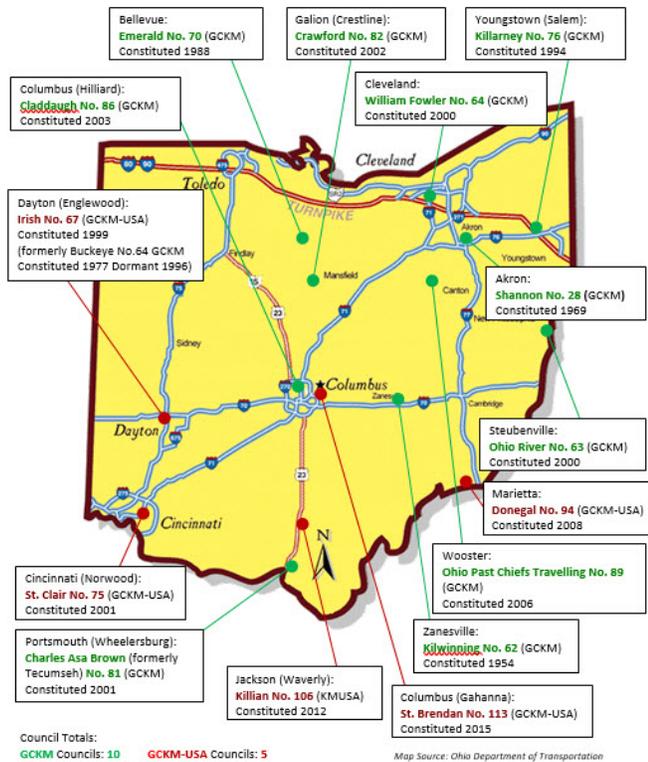


Figure 1

It is noteworthy that other councils previously used some of the numbers previously assigned to the nine councils which formed GCKM-USA. The GCKM does not leave a number vacant when a council ceases to exist, they “reissue” the number to a new council to maintain a continuous listing. Number 28, formerly assigned to Harp, Cross and Eagle Council in Wilson, NC, now belongs to Shannon Council in Akron, OH; similarly, Number 63, originally assigned to Erin Council in Harrisburg, PA, was re-issued to another now-dormant council, and is now assigned to Ohio River Council in Steubenville, OH; and Number 70, originally assigned to Kincora in Denver, CO, is now assigned to Emerald Council in Bellvue, OH. Numbers 26, 27, 32, and 73 were re-issued to councils not in the United States. Number 58 was assigned to two councils after Gateway to the West Council surrendered their Warrant. The number 64 has been assigned three times.

The Sir Knights of Tecumseh No. 81 originally wanted to name the council Charles Asa Brown, in honor of a notable local Freemason who was a member of Great Chiefs Council No. 0

GCKM-USA since 1983; however, there was a minor problem: he was still alive at the time! The GCKM, like most Masonic Organizations, prohibited the naming of constituent bodies after persons who were still living. After Sir Knight Brown’s demise in 2003, a request for a name change was granted by GCKM.

Ohio Past Chiefs Travelling Council No. 89 was the last council Warranted in Ohio by GCKM. Its membership is composed entirely of Past Excellent Chiefs and was founded with the intent of assisting other councils in Ohio with improving their Work. Originally, it was restricted to Past Excellent Chiefs of GCKM-warranted councils, but that restriction has been subsequently lifted to admit Past Excellent Chiefs of Ohio councils working under either Constitution. Apparently, the idea was intriguing, because GCKM warranted another similar council in 2011 (Mid-Ulster Past Chiefs No. 92).

Buckeye Council No. 64/Irish Council No. 67

Buckeye Council No. 64 surrendered its Warrant to GCKM in 1995 after an extended period of heavy financial losses. Shortly after the Warrant surrender, the Past Excellent Chiefs of the former Buckeye Council began negotiations with the Grand Lodge F&AM of Ohio and the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the United States to allow a council to be instituted in Dayton by GCKM-USA. After several months of negotiations, the matter was resolved, and in October 1996 the Grand Lodge of Ohio withdrew its objections and allowed the formation of a council by GCKM-USA from the ashes of Buckeye Council. Irish No. 67, Knight Masons of the USA, subsequently received its Warrant on February 19, 1999. Thus, in Ohio we have the unusual situation (for the United States) in which two Masonic Grand bodies are issuing warrants in the same geographic jurisdiction.¹²

The establishment of Irish Council No. 67 opened the door for the formation of additional councils in Ohio whose Warrants were issued by GCKM-USA. St. Clair Council No. 75 was formed in Southwest Ohio (Cincinnati - Norwood) by twelve Sir Knights from two Irish Constitution (Kilwinning Council No. 62 and the now-defunct Buckeye No. 64) and two US Constitution (Space Coast Council No. 32 and Irish Council No. 67) councils. Donegal No. 94 was warranted in Marietta February 8, 2008, and serves the southeastern Ohio area with Sir Knights, who were members of Great Chiefs No. 0 GCKM-USA and from

Kilwinning No. 62 GCKM. Killian No. 106 was warranted in Waverly February 10, 2012, with Sir Knights, two from Kilwinning No. 62 GCKM and from Charles Asa Brown No. 81 GCKM. St. Brendan No. 113 was warranted in Gahanna January 30, 2015, is composed of members from Irish 67 and St. Clair 75 GCKM-USA, as well as members of both Kilwinning No. 62 and Claddagh No. 86 GCKM. All but two of its Founders were Installed Excellent Chiefs.

The Institution of Irish Council No. 67 by GCKM-USA did not end the development of GCKM activity in Ohio. Two more councils were Consecrated (Instituted) by GCKM in April 2000, under solemn ceremonies with the Great Chiefs of both Grand Councils present. Four more were consecrated in the intervening years. Those councils are included in the list presented earlier.

The Future

With the continued warranting of GCKM councils in Ohio, GCKM-USA requested that the Concordat be honored and that the warranting of new councils in Ohio by GCKM cease. Subsequent discussion took place across the waters, with a cessation date of December 31, 2006 being reached. It's noteworthy that the Councils Chartered by GCKM-USA dominate the southern half of the state, while the Councils Warranted by GCKM hold the northern half.

Knight Masonry is alive and well in Ohio under both Constitutions, with everyone maintaining a peaceful coexistence and regular intervisitation between Councils. There are enough active Royal Arch Masons in Ohio to allow many councils to form and grow without need for unnecessary contention among the Sir Knights. The key elements to maintaining peace and harmony are education of the Sir Knights and continued cooperation between the Grand Councils and their Officers. A concerted effort has been taken by the Provincial Grand Superintendents in Ohio for both Constitutions to educate the subordinate councils in the amity between GCKM and GCKM-USA. The future looks very bright for Knight Masonry in Ohio.

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COUNCIL RE-OPENING EDICT, ISSUED MAY 24, 2020

Greetings and I hope that you are doing well during these challenging times. After much thought and consideration, I am happy to address the complex issues concerning the methodical reopening of our country and of our knightly craft.

Whereas some state government authorities and some Masonic Grand Lodges are beginning lift their closure edicts due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and, whereas some Masonic meetings are now authorized to commence in several states, I hereby authorize Knight Masons Councils, located within the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the USA, to commence their normal business meeting activities, if the four parameters listed below are met and followed:

1. A Knight Masons Council may conduct their normal business meeting only if the state government in which they reside authorizes such meetings. It is the responsibility of the Excellent Chief, Scribe and Grand Superintendent to make sure that all regulations and laws are conformed to.
2. A Knight Masons Council may conduct their normal business meeting only if they conform to their State Masonic Grand Lodge rules and edicts pertaining to the reopening of Masonic meetings.
3. The Scribe of a Knight Masons Council, following the direction of the Excellent Chief, must contact the Grand Superintendent of their jurisdiction, in writing or via email, notifying him of their intent to reopen the council and conduct business meetings; as well, the Scribe shall inform the Grand Superintendent that they are in conformity with regulations #1 & #2 of this edict. Accordingly, the council must receive approval to meet, in writing, from their Grand Superintendent.
4. Subsequently, the Grand Superintendent must notify the Grand Scribe of the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the USA, in writing, that their State Masonic Grand Lodge edicts and state government regulations and laws are being followed, and that these regulations will be adhered to on a continual basis should changes occur if this pandemic flairs up again in the future.

Sir Knights, this edict is written with the understanding that future policies and procedures regarding this epidemic may change at any time, and, that this approval to meet and conduct business must always conform to the laws of the state governments and the edicts of the Masonic Grand Lodges within your jurisdiction. Furthermore, it is required that council officers and Grand Superintendents remain current with their understanding of current affairs that could affect the operation of their councils.

The Officers of the Grand Council of Knight Masons and I wish for you safety and health as we slowly begin to transition to normalcy. I request that our V.E. Grand Superintendents continue to communicate with the leadership of their councils and continue to address the needs of the membership within their jurisdiction.

Please be safe and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Sincerely yours,

Robert B. Maynard

M.:E.: Great Chief, 2020-2021

Grand Council of Knight Masons of the USA

POLICY OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF KNIGHT MASONS, USA FOR VIRTUAL MEETINGS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS OF KNIGHT MASONS

During the current pandemic-related emergency conditions, the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the USA (“Grand Council”) is permitting the subordinate Councils of Knight Masons (“KM Council”) to conduct virtual or electronic platform (“virtual”) meetings under limited circumstances and for limited business.

Any virtual meeting must also conform to the Reopening Edict KMUSA.

This Policy applies only to the KM Councils under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council.

This Policy is not as broad or permissive as may be the policies of other Masonic Organizations.

All Ritualistic text shall remain inviolate within an in-person and tiled or properly secured meeting of members in good standing of a duly opened KM Council, and any use of the Ritual during a virtual meeting is prohibited.

Under no circumstances may a Council of Knight Masons requesting a virtual meeting use the Ritual of the Grand Council for the purposes of opening or closing a virtual meeting, conducting the conferral of any of the Knight Masons Degrees, including that ritual associated with the Installation of the Excellent Chief, Reception with Knight Mason or private Grand Honors, or for the rehearsal or instruction of such Ritual or any other ritualistic secret.

If the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge or his designated representative is in attendance, as a member in good standing as a Knight Mason, the public Grand Honors of that jurisdiction may be led by the Excellent Chief as circumstances may permit in a dignified and respectful manner.

Due and Strict adherence to these principles and the stated protocols is expected of all Knight Masons.

Parameters

It is imperative that no KM Council, its officers or members be found to have violated the policies of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for its chartered jurisdiction regarding the permissibility or conduct of virtual meetings of the meetings of a Masonic organization operating within that jurisdiction. While the Knight Masons are independent of the Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters in the United States, we are all Master Masons with obligations to a Grand Lodge and Royal Arch Masons with obligations to our own Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter.

Given the historical landmarks of the Charter for the Grand Council and KM Councils chartered and supervised by the Grand Council, the use of virtual means for the conduct of meetings of a Council of Knight Masons should be a rare instance, limited to necessary matters, and should be conducted in a manner that protects the Ritual of the Knight Masons.

Virtual meetings are permitted only in accordance with this Policy and in accordance with the policies of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter jurisdiction in which the KM Council is chartered and under the strict supervision of the Great Chief or his designated Grand Superintendent (“Superintendent”) or designated Grand Officer or Past Grand Officer designated by the Great Chief to act in his stead as Grand Superintendent Pro Tempore, and adequate notice to the membership of that KM Council.

The Excellent Chief of each KM Council is responsible for providing strict proof of the existing policies of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of that jurisdiction for the conduct of virtual meetings.

The Excellent Chief must satisfy the Grand Superintendent or Grand Superintendent Pro Tempore that a virtual meeting of a KM Council can be conducted without offense to that jurisdiction through strict proof and upon the Excellent Chief’s honor as a Knight Mason.

Knight Mason members who belong to a KM Council in a jurisdiction other than their home jurisdiction are responsible for confirming with their Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter that it is permissible for them to participate in a virtual meeting.

PERMISSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS

The agenda of a KM Council virtual meeting shall be limited to action on:

1. Necessary business items such the payment of expenses essential to the perpetuation of the KM Council as required by the Grand Council, the maintenance of its physical meeting site (e.g., payments or donations for rent or utilities), or reasonable reimbursement of officer or agent expenses.
2. Presentation of scholarly papers by members in good standing on subject matter related to the history or role of Knight Masons within the Community of Freemasonry, presented in a circumspect manner regarding Masonic or Knight Mason secrets or Ritual.
3. Conduct of necessary election of officers pursuant to the Statutes of the Grand Council. Presently, the officers referenced in Section XVII of the Statutes are to be elected and installed annually by a Council of Knight Masons and serve until their successors are elected and installed. Thus, the election must be conducted by a reasonably secure method of polling the participating members electronically or by mail-in balloting.
4. Installation of the officers elected to new positions provided that the Installation of the Excellent Chief shall be provisional and finality of office confirmed retroactively upon an in-person conferral by a Council of Past Excellent Chiefs being conducted within a reasonable period of the Installation date.
5. Proposals for Membership for approval of a nominee for invitation.

REQUEST BY EXCELLENT CHIEF FOR VIRTUAL MEETING

Any Excellent Chief of a Council of Knight Masons who believes that a virtual meeting is necessary for the conduct of such business, presentations, election, installation or membership proposal shall initiate a request for permission through the Scribe or Acting Scribe of his Council of Knight Masons directed to the Grand Superintendent for his jurisdiction or, in the instance that there is no Grand Superintendent for that jurisdiction, through the Office of the Grand Scribe.

The Grand Superintendent and/or Grand Scribe shall notify the Great Chief of the request.

With the request, the Excellent Chief shall include the current written policy of the Grand Lodge for that jurisdiction as well as any written policy of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for that jurisdiction regarding Masonic meetings during the Pandemic or the use of virtual meetings.

In the event that there is no written policy in effect for that Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter, the Excellent Chief shall submit a written statement from the Grand Master of that Grand Lodge and Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, or their respective Grand Secretary, stating the conditions under which virtual meetings may be conducted within that jurisdiction and providing all contact information for the verification of those policies or conditions or that the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter has no objection to the KM Council conducting a virtual meeting under this Policy.

The Great Chief or his designated Grand Superintendent or Grand Superintendent Pro Tempore must be a participant in the virtual meeting for its entire duration.

The virtual meeting of the KM Council shall be declared opened by the Great Chief or the designated Grand Superintendent or Grand Superintendent Pro Tempore. Upon that declaration, the Excellent Chief presiding shall confirm that he has a Volume of the Sacred Law open before him and proceed to conduct the meeting. An opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance shall be conducted in a reasonable and dignified manner.

Any person attending or participating in a virtual meeting must be vouched for by the Excellent Chief as being members in good standing.

No Ritual may be performed in a virtual meeting nor signs or passwords given. To be explicit, no degrees may be exemplified or conferred, and no ceremonies of reception such as Grand Honors of the Grand Council of Knight Masons, USA, shall be performed by virtual means. If the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge or his designated representative is in attendance, as a member in good standing as a Knight

Mason, the public Grand Honors of that jurisdiction may be led by the Excellent Chief as circumstances may permit in a dignified and respectful manner.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENT'S VIRTUAL MEETING CHECKLIST

1. KM Council Excellent Chief has sent a written request for a virtual meeting to Superintendent that includes:
 - a. Proposed Virtual Meeting agenda
 - b. Whether balloting on measures or election of officers is requested
 - c. Policies of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of the jurisdictional venue of the KM Council.
2. Superintendent evaluates request considering local rules of Masonic and Civil authorities regarding organizational meetings.
3. Superintendent forwards request to Chairman of Jurisprudence with information date and time of meeting.
4. The Chairman of Jurisprudence notifies the Superintendent that the Superintendent will attend the meeting or if a Superintendent Pro Tempore or other Grand Council Officer will also attend.
5. On the date of the virtual meeting, Superintendent declares meeting open, business according to agenda submitted is conducted and meeting is closed by declaration of the Superintendent with appropriate declarations as to the Installation of any officers.

GUIDEPOSTS FOR GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS ON CONDUCT OF VIRTUAL MEETINGS KMUSA COUNCILS

The Grand Superintendent shall satisfy himself that a virtual meeting of Masonic organizations such as a KM Council of that jurisdiction may be conducted in a manner that complies with edicts, decisions and policies of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons as the Masonic Law and the Civil law of that jurisdictional venue.

No KMUSA Ritual will be used in a virtual meeting.

The Conferral of any of the Degrees under the authority of the Grand Council of Knight Masons, USA is prohibited.

The Agenda shall be distributed to all members in advance of the virtual meeting by reasonable means including email or USPS.

By authority of the Great Chief, the Grand Superintendent will participate in the virtual meeting and declare the virtual meeting to be open without the use of any Ritual.

The presiding Excellent Chief shall have the Volume of Sacred Law in an open position before him at his location.

The presiding Excellent Chief will lead the Knights participating in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

An opening prayer shall be given at the direction of the Excellent Chief.

The Agenda may include:

- A presentation by a member on a topic related to Knight Masonry without direct recitation of any Ritual.
- Approval of such financial business as deemed to be necessary for the perpetuation of that Council of Knight Masons, including any Annual Returns or payments to be submitted to the Grand Scribe.
- Approval of nominees for invitations to membership.
- The Election of the officers for the succeeding term of office.
- The Installation of the officers elected or appointed may be declared without use of any KM Ritual.

However, the installation of the Excellent Chief-Elect shall be conducted with the provision that the Ritual Degree of the Installed (Excellent) Chief by a Council of Past Excellent Chiefs shall be conferred upon the Excellent Chief-elect in-person at a reasonable time and place within a reasonable time

after the election and the provisional installation as Excellent Chief. If the Grand Superintendent subsequently determines that an in-person conferral cannot be done in compliance with the Masonic Law of that jurisdiction or Federal, State or local laws, the Grand Superintendent will notify the Great Chief through the Grand Scribe requesting further instructions.

Superintendent in attendance shall file a Virtual Visitation Report within fourteen (14) days of virtual meeting.

**NEW GRAND COUNCIL OFFICER
DAVID S. H. LINDEZ – GRAND SENTINEL**

Sir Knight David S. H. Lindez was born in La Jolla, California and earned a BFA from Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University (Old Queens College 1766) in New Brunswick, New Jersey and graduated from business school with Master of Science Management with honors. Having embraced a lifetime of learning, he has subsequently completed graduate work in Cultural Anthropology via consortium. He is Vice President of Business Development and Product for LOTaDATA, a gov-tech SAAS startup in San Francisco which delivers mobile, geo-temporal intelligence derived from AI and machine learning.

He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on April 4, 2002 at Clifton Lodge No. 203 F&AM in New Jersey where he served in the officer line and is a Past Master of Alpha Lodge No. 116 F&AM where he also served as Historian, Chairman of the Child ID Program and as President of the Craftsmen Club. Sir Knight Lindez was installed Excellent High Priest of Alpha Chapter No. 62 Royal Arch Masons on November 13, 2007 by M.E. Thurman C. Pace Jr. and took his oath upon the family Bible of his ancestor, Most Worshipful Richard Caswell, First and Fifth Governor of the State of North Carolina.

Sir Knight David is a Past Excellent Chief of Northern New Jersey Council No.10 Knight Masons. He has passed through the Oriental chair of several Masonic orders. He is a Knight Commander Red Branch of Eri as well as a Life Member of the Royal Order of Scotland Knight of Kilwinning, Knight of the Rosy Cross and a life member of the Kentucky Horse Traders in Greenup Lodge, Kentucky. He was elected to the Masonic Brotherhood of the Blue Forget Me Not on December 8, 2008 as member No. 486, and he was made a Knight of Zerrubabel by the Grand Council of Knight Masons USA in December 2013. Sir Knight David S.H. Lindez was made an Honorary Substitute Supreme Magus of the Societas Rosicruciana in Scotia on January 2017 in Perth, Scotland.

Sir Knight Lindez is an active lecturer, published author and artist who has taught fine art at Johnson & Johnson's Fine Arts Summer Camp and exhibited in galleries throughout New York City for the past two decades. David curates an annual installation of paintings and poetry in the spirit of Sar Peledan's Salon de la Rose Croix movement at the International Arts Festival held in Ireland. He enjoys volunteering his time in the church, training in Bujinkan Budō Tai jutsu, painting and writing. He and his wife Janet have been married for 20 years. Janet, who joined the OES in 2005, is employed as a Department of Human Services manager for the State of New Jersey. They both enjoy volunteering at Saint Luke's Episcopal Church in Montclair and spend much of their Summer traveling across the country to watch their daughter compete as an All-American lacrosse player at the highest level of the sport in invitational tournaments and national championships. Their son is majoring in economics at Hobart and studying abroad at the University of Saint Andrews in Scotland.





ROBERT G. DAVIS – EXCELLENT CHIEF, GREAT CHIEF’S COUNCIL NO. O

Robert G. Davis is a native of northwest Oklahoma, having been raised on a family farm. He was initiated, passed, and raised a Master Mason in his father’s lodge, Corinthian Lodge No. 307, in August 1969. After earning a Master of Science Degree in Economics at Oklahoma State University, he spent 14 years in the City Planning and City Management profession in Enid. In 1986, he was invited to become the General Secretary of the Guthrie Scottish Rite Bodies, where he served for 30 years, retiring in 2016. He and his wife Sharon have two daughters and five grandchildren.

He is a Past Master of three Oklahoma Lodges. He is a 33° Mason, and recipient of the Grand Cross; and is the Chief Adept of the Oklahoma College, SRICF. He is a Past Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons and Past Grand Commander of the Knights

Templar in Oklahoma; and presently serves as the Grand Orator of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International. He is Past Sovereign of Saint Omar Council of the Red Cross of Constantine, Past Sovereign Master of Father Murrow Council No. 10, Allied Masonic Degrees; Past Chief of Joseph Lewis Council No. 66, Knight Masons; Past Preceptor of Joseph Arimathea Tabernacle, Knight Templar Priests; Past Prior, Knight York Cross of Honor; Past President, Order of High Priesthood; and Past Governor of the Oklahoma York Rite College. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Masonic Charity Foundation since 1983.

Nationally, he is on the Education Committee of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America; the Masonic Education and Research Committee, and the Rituals and Ritualistic Matters Committee of the United Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine; and is on the Board of Directors of the Scottish Rite Research Society. He also serves on the Steering Committee of the Masonic Information Center of the United States. He is past President and Dean of the Fellow of the International Philaethes Society, Past President of the Masonic Restoration Foundation, and a Past Sovereign Grand Master of the Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees in the United States. He is a Blue Friar and a member of the Nine Muses Council No. 13 in Washington, D.C. Most Worshipful Brother Davis was installed on November 15, 2020 as the 111th brother to serve as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma; and the 151st brother to preside over Masonry in the three Grand Jurisdictions which have represented Oklahoma.

THE INHERENT NOBILITY OF KNIGHT MASONRY

The conferral of the Red Cross of Daniel or Babylonian Pass followed by that of the Jordan Pass and finally the Royal Order and the return of Zerubabel with the Knight of the East and West Degree, we have a pre-Christian chivalry based upon the building of what is referred to as the Second Temple. While the Irish canon of Knight Masonry’s Red Cross or green degrees takes place in Jerusalem during the period of the Second Temple, we find a peculiar reference to the Urim and Thummim (divinatory stones of *Lvx et Veritas*) within their esoteric rubric. Pre-Christian chivalric orders most certainly existed in Ireland, but the focus on Joshua, Darius and other Old Testament figures in a land which transitioned from the Old Religion into a nascent Orthodox Christianity should invite inquiry. Noticeably missing from the passes of Red Cross Knight Masonry are actual Hebrew. We can find Hebrew in The Royal Order of the Red Branch of Eri.

What we do find in Knight Masonry are well preserved rituals in the pursuit of veritas. The universal truths of Knight Masonry serve not only the development of the individual journeyman and

chevalier, but they improve the family and the community where such men are found taking on the responsibility of being providers, teachers and pillars in their respective communities. There's a certain nobility to be found in raising a family. There's nobility in launching out on an adventure to seek truth. It is a noble initiative to serve in an institution such as Red Cross Masonry which aims to instill a sublime sense of morality and to emphasize honesty and the ability to keep one's word as well as to keep and protect secrets.

The newest generation of young men who are nearing the age of eligibility for initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry, especially those who are unfamiliar with the Western Canon, might question what the point is to these orders to which we dedicate so much of our time. While the invitation to be received into a Knight Masons council should arguably come freely when it is discovered that an eligible Royal Arch Mason possesses the context and the faculties necessary to appreciate the honor and to understand the opportunity, we should temper our zeal so that invitations are not extended to those who might be dismissive of the honor being extended. The projection of desperation is to be avoided, as it is injurious to Knight Masonry and negatively impacts the perception and prestige of our institution. Members of Knight Masonry need to be able to communicate the value of the Knight of the Sword, Knight of the East and Knight of the East and West. Each of us should also act as lanterns projecting the light and esteem of our Order of Knight Masonry.

The adoption of responsibility, such as holding office in a council of Knight Masons, is the opposite of the abandonment of responsibility to engage in pleasure seeking. A life path full of compulsive and chaotic pleasure seeking doesn't get to be meaningful. The Story of the Fall of Man teaches us that every man craves responsibility. Honor and family are of the utmost importance to men of our standing. Be on guard "even when washing" for the approach of those with mercenary motives, as they seek to destroy the wall, the temple and the builders themselves. Knight Masons work with the sword in one hand and the trowel in the other. The force of light will prevail against the violence of darkness. You can live a meaningful life if you choose to do so, but it's only going to be as meaningful as the amount of responsibility that you're willing to bear.

David Sheihan Hunter Lindez

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Mystic Brotherhood Council No. 35 presents two new membership certificates before the pandemic hit us all.

Picture Left (left to right): Sir Knights Kirk Hinote, Fred Gerdom (Ex. Chief pro-tem) and Doug Dobbs. Congratulations to these Cousins.

Mystic Brotherhood Council No. 35 presents 25-year Knight Mason certificate and medal. Mystic Brotherhood has members currently qualified and soon to be qualified for the special certificate. Please congratulate these Cousins on receiving this certificate.

Picture Right (left to right): Sir Knights Don Harriott, Fred Gerdom (Ex. Chief pro-tem), Very Excellent Jim Hogg (Grand Superintendent)



Picture Left (left to right): Sir Knight Chuck Bailey receives his membership certificate. Next to him, Sir Knight Chuck Osborne, 2020 Excellent Chief of Mystic Brotherhood Council No. 35, receiving Past Excellent Chief certificate.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Councils are encouraged to submit news articles about anything they feel is newsworthy to the Grand Scribe (cashionjd@yahoo.com) and the editor, Kevin B. Sample (kevin.sample63@gmail.com) for inclusion in the next edition of the *Knightly News*.

Request to join the official Grand Council of Knight

Masons, USA Facebook Group here: www.facebook.com/groups/knightmasonsusa and visit our web site at <https://knightmasons.org/> for additional information. Remember, the content portion of our web site password protected – contact your Council Scribe for the password.

The 2021 Special Annual Meeting will be virtual due to our current health environment and is scheduled for Friday, February 12, 2021. The committee will be sending out registration information for the virtual meeting soon.

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