



**WEST VIRGINIA NEWS**  
**SK Gene Ray Baker, 33<sup>o</sup>**  
**Right Eminent Grand Commander**



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Sir Knights and Ladies

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 4**

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**To the Officers and Members of The Grand Commandery, and to all Knights Templar and their Ladies within the Jurisdiction of the State of West Virginia.**

**Greetings:**

As Easter day, April 4<sup>th</sup>, comes ever closer, we are reminded that on this holy day Christians throughout the world celebrate this day as the anniversary of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Each Easter renews the promise of Eternal Life. We, therefore, as Knights Templar should strive to live our lives as examples to others, and pray that we may enter into that Eternal Life made possible by our Savior's hallowed sacrifice on Calvary.


Since we as Knights Templar, are a Christian Order founded upon the practice of the Christian Religion, let us attend church services on this day and rededicate ourselves to the service of Christ, and demonstrate our professed belief in our Risen Christ, and join, as a uniformed body, in a service on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, or Ascension Day.

I would once again invite as many of you as possible, to attend Sunrise Services on Easter Day at the George Washington Masonic Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia. It is an experience which you will never forget, and is sure to bring each of us nearer the Cross.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of West Virginia, the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January A. D. 2010, A. O. 892.



**By Order of:**

  
 Gene Ray Baker,  
 Grand Commander

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 3**

*Series 2009-2010*

**To the Officers and Members of The Grand Commandery, and to all Knights Templar within the Jurisdiction of the State of West Virginia. Greetings:**

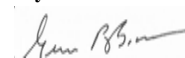
Whereas, Sir Knight Harry C. Alt, Eminent Grand Generalissimo, due to reasons of poor health, has stated that he is unable to continue in the position of Grand Generalissimo or continue through the Grand Commandery Line upon doctor orders, and Whereas, Sir Knight Alt states that he must relinquish his position in the Grand Commandery line, there is now a vacancy in that office.

Therefore, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested as the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of West Virginia, and in accordance with Section 48b and Section 50 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, I, do hereby Order, that Sir Knight Edward E. Ball, Eminent Grand Captain General, be elevated to the position of Grand Generalissimo, and Further, that Sir Knight Gregory H. Dotson, Eminent Grand Senior Warden, be elevated to the position of Grand Captain General, and Further, that Sir Knight Paul O. Davis, Eminent Grand Junior Warden, be elevated to the position of Grand Senior Warden, and Further, that Sir Knight R. Andrew Leach, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer, be elevated to the position of Grand Junior Warden, and Further, that Sir Knight J. Robert Vance, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer, be elevated to the position of Grand Standard Bearer, and Further, that Sir Knight Johnny M. Sluss, Eminent Grand Warder, be elevated to the position of Grand Sword Bearer, and Further, that Sir Knight F. Paul Baker, Eminent Grand Sentinel, be elevated to the position of Grand Warder, and Further, that Sir Knight Ronald E. Jones, PC, be appointed as Grand Sentinel, and Further, that the Sir Knight's be installed in the several offices in accordance with the provisions of Chapter V, Section 141 of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, Further, that above officer's assemble in the City of Wheeling, State of West Virginia, on January 23rd for the purpose of installation.

It is therefore ordered that this General Order be read at the first stated conclave of all Constituent Commanderies, after it's receipt, and that all Sir Knights will govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of West Virginia, the 19th day of January A. D. 2010, A. O. 892.

**By Order of:**

  
 Gene Ray Baker,  
 Grand Commander



Attest: *G Butler Adkins, Jr.*  
 G. Butler Adkins, Jr, PGC  
 Grand Recorder

**► IMPORTANT NOTICE - Grand Recorder Contact Information Change**

**Until further notice please be advised that all contact and correspondence for the Office of the Grand Recorder is to be sent to SK C. H. "Dick" Wyatt, PGR, Assistant Grand Recorder.**

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**Grand Officers Meeting Schedule**

March 27 - 10 AM, Weston, (S. Wilson, VEDGC, Chair)

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