

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

Reopening Templary 2021

Phased Opening Criteria

Phase Two: (Note: Where references are made to social distancing and use of PPE as "recommended" or "suggested", local or state mandate may supersede. Observe all local and state health orders.)

Federal Recommendations (state restrictions may be different)

- No restrictions on number of people, as long as Federal, State and Local restrictions are satisfied.
- Large venues can operate under limited, physical-distancing protocols.
- No Travel restrictions
- Vulnerable persons may resume social interactions, but should observe precautionary measures

Applications to a Grand or Subordinate Commandery:

1. Stated or Special Conclaves:

All in-person conclaves (stated or special) may resume;

~~Social distancing and PPE are not required but are recommended, especially for those individuals who consider themselves to be "vulnerable";~~ **NOTE: This provision is overruled by Ohio Department of Health Order.**

Meals or snacks may be served either before or after conclaves;

Ladies programs are permitted and encouraged to resume. Any lady who considers herself to be "vulnerable" should observe social-distancing and PPE protocols; and

No restrictions on arrival or departure times.

2. Statewide activities:

Battalion, District, Division, etc. meetings may resume, including meals and ladies programs; and Any Sir Knight or lady who considers himself or herself to be "vulnerable" should continue to follow social-distancing and PPE protocols.

Drill Team meetings and practices:

All drill team meetings and practices may resume. Any Sir Knight who considers himself to be "vulnerable" should continue to employ PPE protocols.

3. Travel:

All travel for Commandery purposes may resume with no restrictions.

4. Ritual work:

Ritual work associated with the conferral of any of the Commandery Orders on candidates may resume. Some modifications to procedures will doubtless have to be observed. Further recommendations will be forthcoming. Any Sir Knight who considers himself to be "vulnerable" should continue to observe PPE protocols. **NOTE: All Sir Knights MUST observe PPE protocols.**

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