



# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of New Jersey

## Special Order No. 2022 – 1

November 14, 2022

### Clarification of General Order No. 2022-1 and General Order No. 2022-1 Revised

Sir Knights,

The purpose of this Order is to clear up any confusion among the workmen.

Never has the Grand Commandery of New Jersey legally required the Cryptic Degrees as a prerequisite to receiving the Orders of Templary. A withdrawal of membership from a Council has no reciprocal effects on your status as a Knight Templar. You cannot be penalized for a requirement that does not exist.

While the Cryptic Degrees are not a requirement for Knighthood, they do fill what would be a significant void in the complete story of the York Rite. I encourage my fraters to maintain their membership for the sake of York Rite Unity.

This Special Order is to be read at the next schedule conclave of all subordinate Commanderies of New Jersey.

I am a soldier of Christ,

*Michael J. Maslanik*

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S.K. Michael J. Maslanik  
Right Eminent Grand Commander



Attest:

*David C. Bruner*

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S.K. David C. Bruner,  
Em. Grand Recorder