

KNIGHTS REGNUM

21ST ANNIVERSARY CONCLAVE



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WELCOME TO THE 2019 GRAND CONCLAVE!

Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye! The annual Knights Regnum Caelestis Grand Conclave of 2019 is here! This year we are hosted in the wonderfully diverse city of Killeen, TX. An exciting time to be a Knight as we move forward with initiatives set in motion at the last conclave.

Bring your esoteric wisdom and desire for further light as we perform the degrees of initiation on a new candidate! Be sure to RSVP soon so we can get a good head count for food.

HOW WE GOT HERE

The story of the Knights Regnum begins in 1998, in the town of Dripping Springs. For a decade, the fraternity operated as a service organization and gaming club without any formal structures other than the leading triumvirate, council, and membership at large. In 2003, the document titled “purpose, passion, and performance” was penned by founding member Justin Glosson. In 2008, in the absence of the other triumvirate members, Sir Knight Glosson was given permission to experiment with recruitment, initiation, and hierarchical design in the game *World of Warcraft*. This led to the development, and reconstitution, of the *Knights Regnum Caelestis*, in 2011, unifying the digital and local bodies into one. In 2018, we dissolved the remaining camps, outposts, and encampments around the USA.

WHAT’S NEW THIS YEAR?

We are blessed to have such a wonderful location again with the Moore family home in Killeen. This year, our conclave focuses upon Honor and what it means to be a Knight, pushing forward, ever vigilant. Our Exalted Knight hike will be filled with opportunity for contemplative advancement. Besides this, we’re going to see a movie as an order – Star Wars: Rise of Skywalker.

SPECIAL GUESTS

We are very fortunate to have a live candidate this year: Tobie Ann Sherrill, a future educator from Texas Tech University, in Lubbock, TX. Neophyte Sherrill is well on her way towards mastery with her several heroic characters and has already made a name in the virtual gaming world and live gaming world. Huzzah!

THANKS TO OUR HOST!

Our conference space is made possible by Greg and Ambrosia Moore, through our host, Lady Knight Tina N. Moore. They have heroically offered their lovely home for our usage, and we couldn’t say thank you loudly enough.

THANK YOU 12/21 COMMITTEE

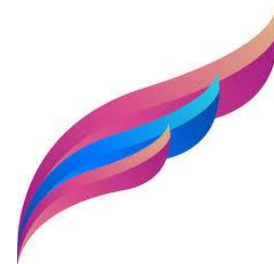
The Grand Master and Knight Commander extend their gratitude to the members of the 12/21 Committee: Tina N. Moore (Chair), Jade Barker, Kiree Bons, and Suzy Stewart (with additional help from Companion Natalie Faucette).

RSVP NOW!

We are ready to receive you, Knights! RSVP to Tina N. Moore, at 512-653-9942 or Tinaniceriomooore@gmail.com by **17:00 December 18.**

INDICATE IF YOU WILL ATTEND THE STAR WARS MOVIE, AND IF SO, HOW MANY TICKETS WE NEED TO PURCHASE.

This is the only activity that allows for non-Knights to participate, so please indicate how many guests will attend the movie. Thank you!



RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

The Annual Grand Conclave is a private event for Knights of the order only. Because of the sensitive materials presented in the conference, we ask that the vows of secrecy shared upon all Knights be applied to all activities of the conference. Special permission will be granted for special media sharing involving the order. In general, there are five rules that govern our actions together:

- Respect silence
- Avoid using communication devices where possible
- Leave areas as you found them
- Follow the schedule
- Maintain secrecy

SANCTUARY

At this conference, a special room will be designated as the meditation, prayer, and penitence room for Knights and candidates. This room should always be entered in an attitude of prayer, in dress and in behavior.

- No shoes in the sanctuary
- No head coverings (except where ritual requires them)
- No weapons, except Knightly implements
- No food or drink, except where ceremony requires it
- Silence is the expectation, except where shared meditation and intonation require it

CONFERENCE HALL

The main living space in the home has been turned into a conference hall. This is where presentations will be given, as well as lectures on the degrees and the business meeting. Treat this room as a sacred space of learning. Avoid loud conversation that may disrupt others in the site, with exception to specific activities.

GARAGE

The garage has been converted into the ritual hall for the duration of the conclave. Treat this room as you would the Sanctuary, except that proper footwear may be worn, and this room is only used for Degrees.

SITTING ROOM

A special conversation room has been established for socializing. This room has two couches and ample room for entertainment. During free time, this is where we should expect to find one another and make space for social media and communication devices.

GUEST ROOMS

Feel free to unpack for your weekend but remember not to leave a mess. Water is allowed in the guest rooms, but please keep all food in the dining area. Avoid loud music or activities that might draw unwanted attention from other attendees. Because we are sharing rooms, be sure that you do not force anyone else into an uncomfortable space with your activities or hygiene.

RESTROOMS AND SHOWERS

Respect the dignity of the home. Use ventilation fans when you make use of a shower or restroom. Always knock before entering, and keep doors closed after use.

EXTERIOR ACTIVITIES

Please limit all exterior activities to the back of the property. This area is mildly exposed to the neighbors, but the safest option for our group. Do not start a fire in the exterior pit or light torches without permission from the host.

PARKING

We have been given permission to park on the West side of Sherman Dr (in front of the house). Make sure you are parked facing with traffic or you will get a ticket.

SCHEDULE

Friday December 20

- 18:00 Early Arrival: Hors-d'œuvre served
- 20:00 Opening Ceremony
- 21:00 Free time
- 23:00 Midnight Vigil Begins
- 00:00 Anniversary Toast and Breaking of Fast

Saturday December 21

- 07:00 Morning meditation
- 08:00 Breakfast
- 09:00 Aspirant Degree & Lecture
- 10:30 Free time
- 11:00 Companion Degree & Lecture
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:30 Master Degree & Lecture
- 15:00 Meal Prep for Feast/Free time/Snack time
- 18:00 Open Encampment
- 18:30 Knighting Ceremony
- 20:00 Dinner/Meeting
- 21:00 Free time

Sunday December 22

- 07:00 Morning Meditation
- 08:00 Breakfast
- 09:00 Hike/ Free time
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:00 Closing Ceremony
- 14:00 **STAR WARS MOVIE FESTIVAL**
- 21:30 **STAR WARS: RISE OF SKYWALKER**

FEATURES AND FURNISHINGS

The 1983, 4-bedroom, 2-bath house is fully furnished and allows for free street parking throughout the conclave. All attendees are encouraged to bring their own **pillow** and **one good blanket**. Bring your own **toiletries** and **shower supplies**. You are also encouraged, as Knights, to bring your favorite **sword** and whatever regalia you prefer during ceremonies. **Comfortable meditation clothes** are also encouraged.

If you have special dietary needs, let us know as soon as possible. There will not be time to leave the conclave site once the opening ceremony gets us started. Please contact Tina N. Moore at 512-653-9942 or tinaniceriomooore@gmail.com



DEGREES AND ORDERS

The longstanding tradition of bringing new Knights into the Order continues for 2019. The degrees and their parts are outlined below. Each degree will be performed for each candidate. This may mean changing the Saturday schedule. All degrees must be completed before Dinner.

The Order of Exalted Knighthood, however, may be adjusted to allow for multiple candidates – each candidate acting as the exemplar for each section of the Order.

All Degrees and Orders are private events.

DEGREES

There are three degrees being performed this year. **Aspirant**, **Companion**, and **Master**. Each degree requires a council of the appropriate type to be opened before the degree can be performed. If multiple degrees of the same type are performed, the Degree Team can change for each representation.

ASPIRANT OF THE FIVE ELEMENTS OF CREATION

The Aspirant degree covers the five elements of creation and the symbolic representations of psychological development.

DEGREE TEAM

- † Master of Ether
- † Warden of Fire
- † Warden of Air
- † Warder of Earth
- † Sentinel of Water

COMPANION OF THE SEVEN HEAVENS

The Companion degree covers the seven heavens and the symbolic representation of contemplative practice.

DEGREE TEAM

- † Illuminated Master
- † Glittering Master
- † Platinum Intendant
- † Crystal Warden
- † Pearl Warden
- † Golden Warder
- † Silver Sentinel



MASTER OF EQUILIBRIUM

The Master degree teaches of the three parts of the human existence, and the equilibrium of Justice, Mercy, and Wisdom.

DEGREE TEAM

- † Master of Wisdom
- † Master of Mercy
- † Master of Justice

ORDERS

There are four Orders of Exalted Knighthood. The first will be performed as a ceremony involving all knights attending the conclave. The Commandery must be opened in order to perform the Orders or hold business. The Knight Acolyte, Knight Adept, and Master Knight are performed by the Grand Master during the free times, guided meditations, and hiking activities following the conclave. Parts of the Order of Exalted Knighthood are outlined below by each section and usually performed by the Commandery Officers in their respective stations.

CEREMONIAL INTRODUCTION

In this portion of the Order, the candidate is reminded of the several teachings and trials of becoming a Knight along the way: Light, Life, and Eternity.

OFFICERS

Commander, Knight-Captain, Knight-Lieutenant, Secretary, Treasurer, Warder, Sentinel.

SACRED HISTORY

In this portion of the Order, the candidate is made to represent the ancient grand master and the lessons therein.

CHARACTERS

- † Auri (Candidate and Conductor)
- † Aglintinus
- † Cumtalfos
- † Demon
- † Sacred Warder
- † Foreman
- † Assistant

LECTURE AND KNIGHTING

In this portion of the Order, the candidate is formally educated to the symbolism, modes of recognition, and secrets of the Exalted Knight. Finally, they are Knighted.

OFFICERS

Knight-Commander, Knight-Captain, Knight-Lieutenant, Secretary, Treasurer, Warder, Sentinel.

CONTEMPLATIVE ACTIVITIES

During the Conclave, several meditation and contemplative activities have been planned. Each of these activities allow for personal growth and group growth. Each day, the meditations change and include different levels of participation.

OPENING CEREMONY

The opening ceremony begins with each member entering into the sanctum in an attitude of silence and solemnity with a single lit candle in hand. They will choose **one** word that represents what they are bringing to the conclave. The Grand Master shall offer a prayer over the conclave and then invite each member to place their candle on the altar, face the rest of the attendees, and declare their word aloud. Then each member shall have a seat in the chamber.

When all words have been spoken, the Grand Master shall offer a second prayer and lead a short silent meditation. Upon concluding the meditation, the Grand Master shall welcome everyone to the conclave and declare it open. Immediately following this, the Consecration of Space takes place for the Penitent Vigil.

PENITENT VIGIL

Traditionally, the night before someone becomes a Knight, they spend a contemplative vigil with the Knight-Commander of the order they wish to join. All Masters who are to become Knights must participate in this vigil as such. Other Knights are welcome to join the hosting Knight-Commander in the vigil but are not required.

The Penitent Vigil is divided into three sections: Consecration, Re-Affirmation, Meditation, and Restoration.

CONSECRATION OF SPACE

The Knight-Commander opens a Commandery for the purpose of consecration. The consecration activity involves brief chant and recognition of the other energies of the lower degrees. After the Commandery is opened in the location, the following activities are performed.

FORMATION AND PRAYER

All present standing in respective places around the Vigil, facing to the Symbolic East.

Knight-Commander: Sir and Lady Knights, we gather here to consecrate this place and give it proper energy for the creation of Knights. As such, all endeavors begin with prayer. To your devotions: Kneel.

Uncover.

Ancient, Divine Masters of the Universe, bless this our present convention to consecrate this space and those who enter into it. May the lessons, morals, and symbols of this order impress upon them the universal bond and almighty force and importance of Truth. Meet with us in this space that we may learn from you. By all Light, for all Life, with our Eternity: May it be so.

May it be so.

Knight-Commander: Let us now place ourselves as this space requires to sanctify it and energize it.

[If an altar is present, symbolic representations are placed upon the altar. The altar should be situated in the center or east of the room. Participants ought to situate themselves around the area with enough space to fully commit to the presentation of symbols.]

HARMONIZING THE SPACE

Knight-Commander: Sir and Lady Knights: Draw Swords.

Order Swords.

As we here stand in a formed and perfect Commandery of Knights Regnum, let us now intonate the energy of the foundations, heavens, and pillars of equilibrium.

Carry Swords.

Guard.

Do as I do and repeat after me: We lay these Foundations.

[During each of the intonations, the Commander draws the elemental symbol with implement. Knights repeat the intonation and draw the same symbol. Intonations are performed at the P5 for the five Elements, Modal Cadence for each heaven, and "Do - La - Ti - Do" for each pillar.]

Aquos
Culmita
Pyros
Aeros
Lumos

Luna
Mercury
Venus
Sol
Mars
Jupiter
Saturn

Justice
Mercy
Wisdom

Carry Swords.

Return Swords.

[All focus on the energy of the space.]

Knight-Commander: May the blessings of the five elements, seven heavens, and three pillars of equilibrium consecrate this space for the purpose of guiding and harmonizing all those who would seek penance here. By all Light, for all Life, with our Eternity: May it be so.

May it be so.

RE-AFFIRMING VOWS

After the consecration of space, the Vigil participants should Re-Affirm their vows of Knighthood. Re-Affirming Vows can occur simultaneously or individually. Each participant should situate themselves in the position at which they received the sacred Obligations of the order. Beginning with the Neophyte's Oath and concluding with the highest degree they have received, participants renew their Oaths. If the Vigil includes Masters who are not Knights, they should be separated from the Knights who renew their Knightly Obligations so that secrets are not revealed.



MEDITATION

The meditation begins with the hosting Commander talking participants down into a meditative state, using the standard “Chalk-Board” and “Stair” emulation. Each meditation segment is 1 hour long, with a permitted 15 minute discussion of the symbols. Discussion is not required.

Participants may sit, stand, walk, or perform any other non-distracting activity during the meditations of each segment.

MYSTERIES OF LIGHT

The first segment of meditation are the mysteries of Light: Charity, Relief, and Hope. During this silent meditation, there is no guidance from the Commander other than the announcing of the meditation.

MYSTERIES OF LIFE

The second segment of meditation are the mysteries of Life: Valor, Virtue, and Truth. During this meditation, members are encouraged to wield their swords in the contemplation of these mysteries and the divine connection between Justice and Mercy.

MYSTERIES OF ETERNITY

The final segment of meditation is the mystery of Eternity: Faith. This meditation begins with the Commander’s explanation of the difference between Faith and Blind Faith, and a solemn admonition that Knights, wherever dispersed, should be firm in their Faith, but never trust to Blind Faith – the greatest evil of the world.

CHIVALRIC MEDITATIONS

After the other mysteries are contemplated, the vigil allows for private meditation of any kind.

RESTORATION

The restoration activity includes the libation process below. Restoration can occur during the Vigil or after the Vigil has concluded. To perform these libations requires you to have bread and red wine. Grape juice may be substituted for the wine if offense is made.

Begin by eating the bread:

“May this bread come to the nourishment of our bodies and our bodies to thy service, Divine Masters of the Universe.”

Then perform the following libations of water and wine. Pause after number 4 and refill your cup with wine only. Say the title of each libation.

TO THE MYSTERIES OF LIGHT.

May we ever keep Charity, Relief, and Hope as our grand and revealing characteristics as Light is the revealing characteristic of the Universe.

TO THE MYSTERIES OF LIFE.

May we ever keep Valor, Virtue, and Truth as our grand and protective characteristics, as Life is the protective characteristic of the Eternal Spark within us.

TO THE MYSTERY OF ETERNITY.

May we ever keep Faith - but not Blind Faith - as our grand and sustaining characteristic, as Eternity is the promise to all the universe.

TO OUR FOUNDERS, AND THE ANCIENT GRAND MASTERS OF THE ORDERS BEFORE US.

Without their examples and the legends of their pure beneficence, we would only grasp at the dust of lost dreams.

TO THE PATH OF THE EXALTED.

May we ever walk it, keeping our brothers and sisters upon the Cross of Unity, Never Retreat, Never Surrender; and should we fight, we fight for the Living. As One. Pro Regnum Aura.

MEDITATION SESSIONS

Several meditation sessions will be offered throughout the conclave. These are always optional. If you attend a meditation session, it is important that if you join a meditation, you do not enter late or leave early. This can be extremely distracting for participants. If a meditation includes intonation, do not stress about your aural accuracy. Participate as you feel comfortable.

GUIDED MEDITATIONS

The guided meditations for the conclave are led by one or more members and are intended to provide visualizations and sonic effect for contemplative focus. During guided meditations, you will be given objects to mentally visualize, actions to mentally take, and intonations to physically manifest.

DAILY INTONATION

Each morning, the conclave opens with an intonation owed to each planet and day. The notation of each day is presented below. The leader shall intone first, and all other participants shall intone afterwards in unison. Each intonation shall be repeated 12 times.

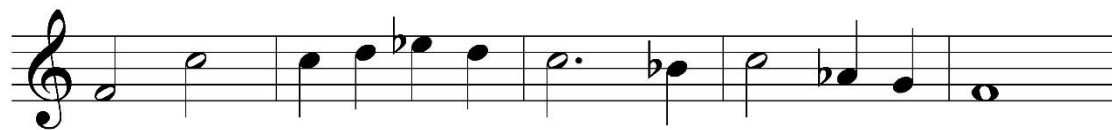
Friday



Saturday



Sunday



VISUALIZATION

Visualization meditation usually describe one or more features of the Regnum symbol system. For our conference, visualization meditation will occur on Friday morning and we will engage the Third Heaven – the Pearl Heaven – and the symbolic architecture there.

Focus: Venus, Freedom from Guilt, Redemption, Resurrection, Active Feminine Archetype (Lover)

WALKING MEDITATION

A walking meditation is a solitary event. The members begin together and are given time to relax and get comfortable. The leader will then begin the process of departure, and all shall walk in silent meditation around the grounds until they hear the bells signaling the conclusion of the meditation.

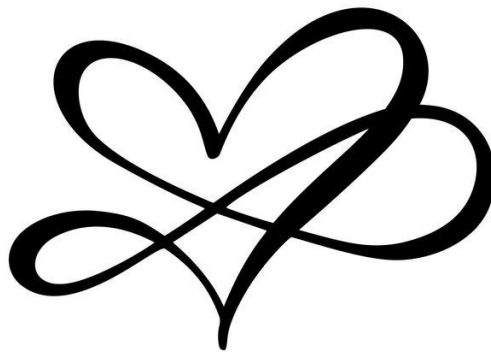
IMPLEMENT MEDITATION

In the Knights Regnum, we use swords as our magical implement. This meditation allows you to practice drawing your ritual designs and magical symbols of initiation with your implement. The lead practitioner will give further instruction in this meditation technique, and adequate space for movement will be necessary.

CLOSING CEREMONY

All members will meet in the sanctum for the closing ceremony. Before the ceremony begins, it is the final chance for everyone to indicate how the conclave went for them and what they hope to take back with them to the “real world” after the meeting is adjourned.

The ceremony begins when the Grand Master approaches the altar, giving thanks to the elements, heavens, and pillars for the guidance and strength during the conference. A prayer is given, and all members chant simultaneously their word from the Opening Ceremony. At the conclusion of the chant, the Grand Master offers a final prayer of departure and closes the Conclave by declaration.



RESOLUTIONS FOR 2019

The following Resolutions have been proposed to the Grand Encampment of Knights Regnum for voting at the business meeting of 12/21/2019.

THE “REGNUM ESOTERICA” BLOG

WHERE progress on the blog “REGNUM ESOTERICA” has failed to produce any publications in the months following its adoption,

AND WHERE work upon the blog “REGNUM ESOTERICA” has caused strife and dissent in the ranks of the Order,

BE IT NOW RESOLVED that all reference to “REGNUM ESOTERICA” and its associated amendments and bylaws be henceforth removed from the Constitution of the Knights Regnum Caelestis.

CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION

Adoption of this resolution will change the following articles and sections of the Constitution of the Knights Regnum Caelestis:

Article III. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 3. DUES

The Knights Regnum does not collect Dues.

~~All members of the order must be subscribed to the Regnum Esoterica. If a member is not subscribed to Regnum Esoterica on December 21 of each year, they are considered in arrears.~~

~~The subscription to the Regnum Esoterica shall hereafter be referred to as “membership dues.”~~

SECTION 4. RIGHTS TO MEMBERSHIP

~~Master and Exalted Knight members are granted the right to submit articles, blogs, and research papers to the Regnum Esoterica, as well as submit research papers for presentation at the annual conclave.~~

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

Amendment 7.

~~The order shall no longer pursue 501(c)(3), 501(c)(8), or 501(c)(10) status. Because of this, the order shall not have a dues system. Rather than dues, a Virtual Blog shall be organized for the purpose of esoteric instruction. Exalted Knight members shall maintain a subscription to this Blog in order to fund the regalia of the order. Blog content shall be maintained by officers of the order. Member subscriptions shall be \$50 annually. Non-member subscriptions shall be \$60 annually, paid in \$5 monthly subscription fees. Content of the Blog shall be member specific and overlap with non-member content. The Blog shall report to the Treasurer, annually, members who are not subscribed have not paid their subscription fees or had their fees waived, on December 22. The name shall be Regnum Esoterica.~~

VOTE

Passed unanimously 9/12

To be voted on 12/21

Knights Regnum Caelestis

