



The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada
of the
**United Religious and Military Orders of St. John of Jerusalem,
Palestine, Rhodes and Malta and of the Temple**



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Most Eminent Supreme Grand Master 2019 - 2022

COVID – 19 Directive, February 17th, 2022

Brother Knights.

Further to my Directive of October 28th, 2021.

As the percentage of vaccinated Canadians continues to increase, Canadian Provinces are starting to ease restrictions. It is appropriate now to update Sovereign Great Priory's direction for the re-opening of our Preceptories.

Please be advised that, subject to the following, Templar Assemblies will be permitted effective **Immediately**. It is imperative, however, that **prior to any indoor event or activity proceeding, all the following conditions must first be met:**

- 1. All applicable legislative, federal, provincial, municipal, and public health rules, limitations, directives, and guidelines must be fully satisfied and complied with; and**
- 2. All limitations, conditions, rules, and directives coming from the applicable Provincial Grand Lodge must be fully satisfied and complied with; and**
- 3. All limitations, conditions, rules, and guidelines imposed by the venue hosting such event must be fully satisfied and complied with.**

I stress the fact that any planned indoor Knight Templar event and activity may proceed only if there is full compliance with all the above conditions. I again remind you that no such event or activity, indoor or outdoor, may proceed in the face of any applicable Provincial Grand Lodge directive to the contrary even if the other conditions are met.

I also clearly state that, simply by opening this opportunity to resume meeting, I am not mandating that Preceptories must resume their normal in-person schedule for meetings, even if their By-laws stipulate specific meeting dates. **Always, we each must respect the safety, health, and wellness of our Brother Knights.**

Yours in the Bonds of the Order.

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