



**W.E.B. Du Bois Grand Commandery
Order of Knights Templar, P.H.A.
Washington and Jurisdiction**



EDICT 2026-001

Financial Obligation Edict 2026

Date: January 12th, 2026

Subject: 2026 Financial Obligations for the W.E.B. du Bois Grand Commandery, Order of Knights Templar, Washington Jurisdiction, PHA.

To: All Sir Knights of W.E.B. du Bois Grand Commandery, Order of Knights Templar Washington Jurisdiction, P.H.A

(THIS EDICT IS TO BE READ IN IT'S ENTIRETY IN ALL CONSTITUENT COMMANDERY CONCLAVES FOR NEXT THREE CONCLAVES)

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 2.h. (Fees and Revenue) of the Grand Constitutions and General Laws and Proclamation 001-2026 (Annual Grand Conclave) of the W.E.B. du Bois Grand Commandery, Order of Knights Templar, Washington and Jurisdiction, Prince Hall Affiliated, Know ye that by the authority vested in me as **Most Eminent Grand Commander**, I, **Sir Miles G. Hicks**, do hereby issue this **Edict**, and decree all constituent Commanderies are reminded of their administrative and financial obligations in support of the continued order, governance, and successful operation of this Grand Commandery.

The financial strength of the Grand Commandery is sustained solely through the faithful support of its Constituent Commanderies. The timely payment of Grand Commandery taxes is not merely an administrative requirement, but a fundamental responsibility that enables the Grand Commandery to execute its duties, maintain proper governance, support communications, conduct Annual Sessions, preserve records, and uphold the dignity and legacy of the Chivalric Degrees of this Jurisdiction. Each Commandery's compliance reflects its commitment to the collective good and the long-term stability of the Rite.

Article VI, Section 2.h. (Fees and Revenue)

Section 1. The revenue of this Grand Commandery may be derived from such sources and in such methods and amounts as shall be determined by the Grand Commandery from time to time.

Section 2. The Grand Commandery shall charge the following fees, which must be paid in full at time of request to the Grand Recorders office.

Annual per capital tax \$25



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Re: Proclamation 2026-001 (Annual Grand Conclave 2026)

Registration is Mandatory for the Top 3 Elected Principal Officer positions: All Eminent Commanders, Generalissimos and Captain Generals are **required to register** for the 2026 Annual Conclave. Failure to register by the established deadlines will be **considered non-compliant** with Grand Commandery directives.

•**Principal Officer Registration Deadline: No later than February 28, 2026**

Regular Attendee Registration

NOTE: A regular member attendee NEED ONLY TO REGISTER once at \$150 which will PERMIT ENTRY INTO ALL 3 Sessions (Grand Chapter, Grand Council & Grand Commandery)

Non-Attendee Registration

For Sir Knights and Officers that are unable to attend in person but wish to donate to the success of the York Rite Annual Session. A Non-attendee registration must also be completed by **June 30, 2026**.

•**Non-Attendee Registration Fee: \$50.00**

This registration option allows members to maintain compliance with annual session requirements and support the ongoing work of the York Rite bodies of Washington Jurisdiction.

Commanderies are strongly encouraged to address these matters promptly and conscientiously. Faithful financial stewardship ensures that the Grand Commandery may continue to operate without burden to the membership at large, while preserving the integrity, independence, and future growth of the York Rite within this Jurisdiction. Registration link is below:

<https://washingtoneyorkritepha.com/registration/>

Let this Edict serve as official notice and guidance to all Commanderies under our Jurisdiction.

Given under the hand and seal of the W.E.B. du Bois Grand Commandery, Order of Sir Knights, Washington Jurisdiction, P.H.A this 12th Day of January 2026.

**Miles G. Hicks, KYGCH
Most Eminent Grand Commander**



Attested: Eugene Brown

**Eugene Brown, KYCH
Right Eminent Grand Recorder**