

**PROPOSED LEGISLATION 2019 ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF KNIGHTS  
TEMPLAR OF MISSOURI**

**Item No. 1.**

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE **LAWS AND REGULATIONS** OF THE GRAND  
COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ  
AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in ~~strike-through~~, additions appear underlined)

**ARTICLE II - The Grand Officers, Section 30. Grand Treasurer. Paragraph A**

**A.** The Grand Treasurer shall receive from the Grand Recorder all funds and securities of the Grand Commandery and deposit same in the name of the Grand Commandery in some bank or trust company, to be approved by the Grand Commander and Chairman of the Committee on Finance. He shall attend the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, and when required, meet the Grand Officers and Committees with his books and all necessary documents relating to his office, make a full report at the Annual Conclave; pay all warrants and at the commencement of his term of office, each year, execute and file with the Grand Commander, his official bond with some reliable company, as surety thereon, in the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00); to be renewed as to the amount of the surety, when required by the Grand Commander or Grand Commandery; the cost of said bond to be paid by the Grand Commandery. Such bond to be conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office, account for all money or property of the Grand Commandery that may come into his hands; produce on demand of the Grand Commandery or Grand Commander or his successor in office the same, together with all books, papers, vouchers, securities, jewels, etc., belonging to the Grand Commandery. He shall take duplicate receipts for same, one of which shall be delivered to the Grand Recorder.

~~All securities and bonds in which the funds of this Grand Commandery may be invested shall be deposited in a safety deposit vault selected by the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, access to which can be had by the Grand Treasurer, or in case of his death or incapacity, by the Grand Recorder, in the presence of another person to be designated by the Grand Commander.~~

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:**

Due to the fact that the securities and bonds in which the funds of the Grand Commandery are invested are maintained electronically through modern electronic banking methods, there is no need for the Grand Treasurer to maintain a safety deposit box. The issue was decided several years ago. However, the requirement was never removed from the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery.

Fraternally Submitted:

Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Past Commander, Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29  
Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Past Commander, St. Graal Commandery No. 12

**Item No. 2.**

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE **LAWS AND REGULATIONS** OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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**ARTICLE IV Revenue and Compensation, Section 40. Revenue of the Grand Commandery, Paragraph D.**

**D.** Each Chartered Commandery shall pay the sum of ~~thirteen~~ nineteen dollars and fifty cents (~~\$13.50~~ 19.50) plus Grand Encampment per capita, for each name borne on its books on December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, who has received the Order of the Temple. (Amended 5/19/78, 5/15/81, 5/18/84, 4/28/89, 5/7/03, 5/18/07, 6/7/19)

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:**

It is important to note that the primary reasons for the per capita increases of the past were both declining membership and rising operating costs. The Grand Recorder and the Finance and Accounts Committee are both very sensitive to the need to keep operating costs in check whenever possible, without decreasing services. However, the Grand Commandery is much less capable of controlling the most significant reason for which we need to increase per capita at this time – declining membership. On average, over the last seven years, the Grand Commandery of Missouri has lost about 150 members each year. The Finance and Accounts Committee has carefully weighed all of the factors involved in determining a per capita increase for the Grand Commandery.

Fraternally submitted:

- Kevin B. Sample, Past Commander, Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67
- Clark A. McLemore, Past Commander, Constantine Commandery No. 27
- Dennis A. Abernathy, Past Commander, Oriental Commandery No. 35
- Aaron E. Rose, Past Commander, Palestine Commandery No. 17
- Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Past Commander, Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29
- Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Past Commander, St. Graal Commandery No.12

**Item No. 3.**

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE **LAWS AND REGULATIONS** OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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**ARTICLE XVI Uniform, Section 210. Jewel of the Past Grand Commander.**

The Jewel of a Past Grand Commander shall consist of an eight-pointed blazing star, upon which rests the Templar Cross surrounded by a laurel wreath (see figure 1). The star shall be in rays ~~and slightly convex, 950 fineness of silver and two and three-fourths~~ between 2.5 inches and 3 inches in diameter. The Templar Cross shall be ~~one and one-sixteenth~~ between 1.04 and 1.06 inches wide, of ~~14 karat~~ gold-plated metal, enameled in purple (as close to 2602c in color as possible) and outlined in gold-plated metal, with an amethyst-colored stone in the center. The wreath shall be of ~~green~~ gold-plated metal. Above the Cross on the upper point of the Star shall be a ribbon or scroll of gold-plated metal bearing the word “MISSOURI” in black enamel. ~~On the back of the Star shall be engraved the name of the Past Grand Commander, date of service, and the name of the Grand Commandery.~~



Figure 1 - Past Grand Commander Jewel Design

#### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:**

The original Past Grand Commander jewel manufactured by the former Green Company and upon which the current specifications were based is essentially no longer available at a reasonable price. Sir Knight John Bridegroom of The Master Craft company was asked to design a new Past Grand Commander Jewel. Sir Knight Bridegroom’s design is a very close replica of the vintage Green Company jewel. The specifications for the Past Grand Commander Jewel needed to be updated so the Grand Commandery is no longer dependent, solely on the work of the Green Company. Finally, the Past Grand Commander receiving the Past Grand Commander jewel should determine whether or not he wants his jewel engraved and, if he does want engraving, what that engraving should say.

Fraternally submitted:

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Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Past Commander, St. Graal Commandery No. 12