

PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS

— of the
One Hundred Fifty-Fifth
Annual Conclave
of the
Grand Commandery of Knights
Templar of the State of Missouri
— held
June 10, 2016
Capital Plaza Hotel
Jefferson City, Missouri



Grand Commandery of Missouri

155th Grand Conclave Schedule

(subject to modification as necessary)

| Time | Friday, June 10, 2016 |
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| 7:00 am | KYCH Breakfast Meeting - Members Only (Carnegie) Breakfast on your own |
| 8:00 am | Registration - Commandery only - until 10:30 am (Atrium) |
| 9:00 am | Welcoming Comments by Grand Commander - Open to Ladies and Guests (Capitol/Truman) Formal Opening of 155th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri Roll Call and Introduction of 2015-2016 Grand Commandery Officers Recognition of Grand Representatives Reception of Regional Grand Commanders Reception of Past Grand Commanders of Missouri Reception of Out of State Grand Commandery Officers Reception of Heads of Missouri York Rite Bodies Reception of National Body Representatives Reception of Grand Encampment Officers Reception of Grand Master of Grand Encampment/ Representative Reception of Grand Lodge Officers Reception of Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Missouri Summary Address of Grand Commander with Necrology and Grand Chorister Presentation Dismissal of Ladies and Non-Member Guests |
| 10:15 am | Formal Reconvening of 155th Annual Conclave of Missouri Preliminary Report of Credentials Committee |

| Time | Friday, June 10, 2016 (continued) |
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| | Report of Committee on Address of Grand Commander |
| 10:30 am | Election of 2016-2017 Grand Commandery Officers Report of Jurisprudence Committee Report of Finance Committee Report of Grand Treasurer Report of Grand Recorder Routine Business & Additional Reports (as needed) Report of Election of Grand Commandery Officers Acceptance of Grand Commandery Officers Elect Report of Grand Commander Elect Report of Committee on Time and Place Address of Grand Master of Grand Encampment/ Representative Address of Grand Master of Grand Lodge |
| 12:00 noon | Grand Commandery Called from Labor until 3:00 pm Lunch on your own Knights Templar Education Foundation Committee Meeting - Committee Members Only (Joplin) |
| 1:30 pm | Past Commander's Association (Missouri) |
| 3:00 pm | Grand Commandery Resumes Labor (concludes remaining business, if any) (Capitol/Truman) [All awards presented during the Grand Banquet] |
| 3:30 pm | Installation of 2016-2017 Grand Commandery Officers - Open to Ladies and Guests (Capitol/Truman) |
| 4:30 pm | 155th Annual Conclave Called from Labor Pictures |
| 5:00 pm | Grand Commandery Officers Meeting (Missouri) |
| 6:00 pm | Cash Bar - Open Seating for Distinguished Guest Banquet & Mystery Theater - Open to All (Jefferson and Missouri) |
| 6:30 pm | Introductions of Distinguished Out of State Guests |
| 6:45 pm | Dinner is served followed by Entertainment |

Time Saturday, June 11, 2016

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| 7:00 am | Breakfast on your own |
| 7:00 am | Formation of Drill Committee and Drill Judges (Capitol/Truman) Drill Team Waiting Room (Missouri) Drill Team Practice Room (Jefferson) |
| 7:45 am | Deadline for First Drill Team to Submit Entry |
| 8:00 am | Grand Commandery of Missouri Asylum Drill Competition - Open to All (Capitol/Truman) Welcome by Grand Commander Drill Team Competition |
| 11:45 am | Drill Competition concludes |
| 12:00 noon | Missouri Lodge of Research Lunch & Lecture - Open to All (Jefferson) |
| 12:00 noon | Lunch on your own |
| 2:00 pm | Annual Meeting of Palmyra Historical Chapter No. 2 - Open to All Royal Arch Masons (Capitol/Truman) |
| 3:00 pm | Closed Drill Committee Review and Scoring Meeting (Joplin) |
| 5:00 pm | Grand Officer Reception - Meet and Greet - Open to All (Atrium) |
| 5:30 pm | Open Seating opens for Grand Banquet and Awards Presentation -Open to All (Jefferson and Missouri) [Grand Officers Line Up outside Jefferson/Missouri] |
| 5:45 pm | Introductions of Grand York Rite Officers |
| 6:00 pm | Grand York Rite Banquet and Awards Presentation |
| Time | Sunday, June 12, 2016 |
| 8:00 am | Religious Service - Open to All (Missouri) |
| 9:00 am | Grand Officers Breakfast - Open to all Past/Present Grand Officers and Distinguished Guests and their Ladies (Carnegie) |
| 11:00 am | Hotel Post Session Meeting - Open to 2016 and 2017 Heads of Bodies and their Ladies |

2016 Drill Competition Schedule**Formation of Drill Committee and Drill Judges****Deadline for First Drill Team to Submit Entry**

All Drill Teams available at 8:00 am are requested to assemble inside the Drill Room for the Grand Commander's welcoming remarks. At the conclusion the Drill Teams will be excused and the first Class C Team will be instructed to form up for inspection.

Drill Competition Event Opening by the Grand Commander

Pledge & Prayer

Welcoming Remarks

Final instructions

Start of Competition (Judges review First Drill Team Entry)

| Commandery | Class C | Class B | Class A | Drill Time |
|--|---------|---------|---------|------------------------|
| St. Graal 12 | X | | | 8:30 15 min intervals |
| Rolla 59 | | X | | 8:45 |
| Ivanhoe 8 | | X | | 9:00 |
| Ascension 39 | | X | | 9:15 |
| 15 minute break | | | | 9:30 |
| Prince of Peace 29 | | X | | 9:45 |
| Liberty 6 | | X | | 10:00 |
| Ely 22 | | X | | 10:15 |
| 15 minute break | | | | 10:30 |
| Ascalon 16 | | | X | 10:45 30 min intervals |
| Palestine 17 | | | X | 11:15 |
| End of Competition | | | | 11:45 |
| Closed Drill Committee Review and Scoring Meeting | | | | 3:00 pm |

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri 2015-2016

Elected and Appointed Officers

Larry T. Odom (24, 4) - Grand Commander
 Robert W. Schlichter (6) - Deputy Grand Commander
 K. Trent Moreland (8, 16) - Grand Generalissimo
 Roger D. Fleer (16) - Grand Captain General
 Clark A. McLemore (27) - Grand Senior Warden
 Charles E. Cooper (22) - Grand Junior Warden
 Ronald E. Wood, Jr., HPGC (4, 19) - Grand Prelate
 Donald L. Trabue, PGC (29) - Grand Treasurer
 Russell S. Hanson, PGC (12) - Grand Recorder
 Harry L. Tripp, Jr. (56) - Grand Standard Bearer
 Dennis L. Hammack (8) - Grand Sword Bearer
 Dennis A. Abernathy (35) - Grand Warder
 Ronald E. Wood, Jr., HPGC - Grand Historian
 Dennis N. Vogel - Aide-De-Camp
 Matthew L. Quesenberry - Grand Sentinel
 Kevin E. Weaver - Grand Drill Instructor/Lecturer
 Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC - Grand Chorister
 Steven C. Monrotus - Grand Organist
 Robert L. Sanders - Honor Guard Captain
 Kevin B. Sample, HPGC - Grand Photographer
 William R. Brantley - Assistant Grand Photographer
 Russell S. Hanson, PGC - KTEF Representative

Regional Officers

Region 1: 5, 7, 22, 72

K. Trent Moreland (8, 16) - Regional Officer
 David A. Lloyd (22) - Regional Grand Commander
 William J. King (22) - Regional Grand Commander

Region 2: 2, 4, 24, 32, 42

Roger D. Fleer (16) - Regional Officer
 Daryl L. Price (4) - Regional Grand Commander

Region 3: 3, 6, 10, 11, 17, 35, 68, 70

Clark A. McLemore (27) - Regional Officer
 Aaron E. Rose (17) - Regional Grand Commander

Region 4: 12, 23, 29, 59

Charles E. Cooper (22) - Regional Officer
 Ronald L. Skiles (12) - Regional Grand Commander
 Mike Rohman (29) - Regional Grand Commander

Region 5: 8, 16

Harry L. Tripp, Jr. (56) - Regional Officer
 Dennis L. Hammack (8) - Regional Grand Commander
 Terry D. Coppotelli (16) - Regional Grand Commander

Region 6: 55, 56, 67

Dennis L. Hammack (8) - Regional Officer
 Michael R. Stevens (56) - Regional Grand Commander

Region 7: 15, 20, 27, 31, 33, 39, 43, 57, 66

Dennis A. Abernathy (35) - Regional Officer
 James H. Whitman (43) - Regional Grand Commander
 Royce P. Wahl, Jr. (39) - Regional Grand Commander
 Paul L. Daniels (15) - Regional Grand Commander
 Donald G. Charpentier (20) - Regional Grand Commander

Standing Committees

Credentials

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Phillip W. Engel, Chairman | Fred F. Stuecken, Chm Emeritus |
| Robert L. Schmidt | J. Joseph Hayes, PGC |

Templar Jurisprudence

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|--------------------------|------------------|
| Glenn E. Means, Chairman | |
| Kevin B. Sample, HPGC | Todd A. Schulze |
| Walter W. Doyle | C. Brent Stewart |

Standing Committees (continued)

Finance and Accounts

Dennis A. Abernathy, Chairman

Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

Harold J. Richardson, PGC

Robert W. Schlichter

James E. Snively, PGC

Roger D. Fleer

K. Trent Moreland

Returns of Commanderies

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

Robert L. Schmidt

Fred F. Stuecken, Chm Emeritus

J. Joseph Hayes, PGC

Address of Grand Commander

Harold F. Coots, PGC, Chairman

James L. Woodfin, Jr., PGC

Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

Hospitaler

K. Trent Moreland, Chairman

Robert W. Schlichter

Roger D. Fleer

Triennial

Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., PGC, Chairman

Thomas C. Yunick, PGC

Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

Ronnie E. Green, PGC

Time and Place

Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Chairman

Donald L. Trabue, PGC

Robert W. Schlichter

Special Committees

Annual Conclave

Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman

K. Trent Moreland

Roger D. Fleer

Clark A. McLemore

Donald L. Trabue, PGC

Russell S. Hanson, PGC

Audit

Dennis A. Abernathy, Chairman

James E. Snively, PGC

Robert W. Schlichter

Harold J. Richardson, PGC

K. Trent Moreland

Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

Conclave Program Book

Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Editor

Debbie Hanson, Executive Assistant

Drill

Kevin B. Sample, HPGC, Chairman

Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Co-Chairman

Jerry F. Ward, PGC

Ronnie E. Green, PGC

J. Joseph Hayes, PGC

Kevin E. Weaver, Judging Leader

Easter Sunrise Service

Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., PGC, Chairman

Regional Grand Commanders

Educational Foundation

Richard L. Mansfield, PGC (2016)

David C. Witte (2017), Chairman

James L. Woodfin, Jr, PGC (2018)

Clifton W. Wofford (2019)

Todd A. Schulze (2020)

Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Treasurer, non-voting

Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Secretary, non-voting

Emerging Leaders

Charles E. Cooper, Chairman

Harry L. Tripp, Jr.

Stephen T. Thompson

Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

Dennis L. Hammack

Bobbie E. White

Endowment Fund

Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Chairman

Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

Thomas C. Yunick, PGC

Forms and Publications

Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Chairman

Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., PGC

Aaron M. Shoemaker

Special Committees (continued)

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Ralph E. Nolan, Chairman

Ronald E. Wood, Jr., HPGC

Kevin E. Weaver

Honor Commandery Award

Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman

K. Trent Moreland

Roger D. Fleer

Clark A. McLemore

Investments

Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Chairman

James E. Snively, PGC

Harold J. Richardson, PGC

Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC

Russell S. Hanson, PGC

Dennis A. Abernathy

Knight Templar Magazine

Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Editor

Ronald E. Wood, Jr., HPGC

Patriotic and Civic Activities

Clark A. McLemore, Chairman

Charles E. Cooper

Ritual

Kevin E. Weaver, Chairman

Jerry F. Ward, PGC

Kevin B. Sample, HPGC

Ronnie E. Green, PGC

Rocky E. Weaver, PGC

Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., PGC

J. Joseph Hayes, PGC

York Rite Conference

Roger D. Fleer, Chairman

Regional Officers

Regional Grand Commanders

Youth Organizations

Lionel J. Goede, PGC, Chairman

LeRoy D. Unruh

David L. Leirer

Steven C. Monrotus

Missouri Past Commanders Association

Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., PGC, Secretary/Treasurer

Living Past Grand Commanders

Robert D. Jenkins (1983-1984)

Jerry F. Ward (1990-1991)

Donald L. Trabue (1994-1995)

E. Allen Kohler, Honorary (1995)

Billy J. Boyer (1995-1996)

Vern H. Schneider, Honorary (1996)

Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Honorary (1996)

Harold J. Richardson (1997-1998)

Lionel J. Goede (1999-2000)

Rocky E. Weaver (2000-2001)

Thomas C. Yunick (2003-2004)

James E. Snively (2005-2006)

Kevin B. Sample, Honorary (2006)

Marvin W. Frost (2006-2007)

Frederick A. Troxel, Jr. (2007-2008)

J. Joseph Hayes (2008-2009)

Ronnie E. Green (2009-2010)

Russell S. Hanson (2010-2011)

Daniel R. Quesenberry (2011-2012)

Richard L. Mansfield (2012-2013)

James L. Woodfin, Jr (2013-2014)

Harold F. Coots (2014-2015)

Grand Commandery Representatives

Jurisdiction To Missouri

United States of America

Alabama.....Frank R. von Geyso
 Alaska.....Vacant
 Arizona.....Jerry F. Ward
 Arkansas.....Vacant
 California.....Russell S. Hanson
 Colorado.....Vacant
 Connecticut.....Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.
 Delaware.....James G. Wade
 District of Columbia.....Vacant
 Florida.....Harold F. Coots
 Georgia.....Brian J. Densmore
 Hawaii.....Vacant
 Idaho.....Larry D. Wyatt
 Illinois.....Vacant
 Indiana.....James E. Snavelly
 Iowa.....Rocky E. Weaver
 Kansas.....Bob L. Detherow
 Kentucky.....Vacant
 Louisiana.....Harold J. Richardson
 Maine.....Richard L. Mansfield
 Maryland.....James L. Woodfin, Jr.
 Massachusetts/Rhode Island.....Vacant
 Michigan.....Marion W. Dey
 Minnesota.....Thomas C. Yunick
 Mississippi.....Marvin W. Frost
 Montana.....Frederick A. Troxel, Jr.
 Nebraska.....Vacant
 Nevada.....Jeffrey A. Keevil
 New Hampshire.....J. Joseph Hayes
 New Jersey.....Vacant

Grand Commandery Representatives

Jurisdiction To Missouri

United States of America

New Mexico.....Vacant
 New York.....Joseph P. Krill
 North Carolina.....Ronnie E. Green
 North Dakota.....Vacant
 Ohio.....Vacant
 Oklahoma.....Lionel J. Goede
 Oregon.....Larry T. Odom
 Pennsylvania.....Billy J. Boyer
 South Carolina.....Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
 South Dakota.....Vacant
 Tennessee.....Kevin B. Sample
 Texas.....LeRoy D. Unruh
 Utah.....Kevin E. Weaver
 Vermont.....Vacant
 Virginia.....Donald L. Trabue
 Washington.....Teddie E. Harrison
 West Virginia.....Robert W. Schlichter
 Wisconsin.....Clyde F. Bondy
 Wyoming.....Mark S. Schroer

Other Jurisdictions

Croatia.....Vacant
 Italy.....Vacant
 Panama.....Vacant
 Philippines.....Charles W. Carlstrom
 Portugal.....William J. Bowser
 Romania.....Vacant
 Togo.....Vacant

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER - 2015-2016

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri:

Sir Knights,

I will digress for a moment to give special thanks to my wife Joyce who has taken care of me, fed me, and listened to my complaints without criticism.

First I thank the members for allowing me to continue for this year, second for the officers who stepped forward and made me feel a part of all the activities even though I was unable to attend. This address should have been written by Deputy Grand Commander Robert Schlichter who went far beyond the call of duty. My heartfelt gratitude and thank you to all of you.

I shall mention my reception. It was held in February on the 20th. Sixty-two wives and members gathered for good food, music and speeches (one at least). I felt very honored and I must admit I was overwhelmed and I believe all who came enjoyed the fellowship.

DISPENSATIONS

Approved the move of Crusade Commandery No. 23 from Mexico to the Fulton Masonic Temple in Fulton MO until such time as a suitable meeting place in Mexico may be obtained.

BY-LAWS CHANGES

Request to change by-laws of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 were approved.

SURETY BOND

Received Surety Bond from predecessor will relinquish same to my successor upon his installation.

MASONIC YOUTH

Thanks to Don Trabue for his representation at DeMolay and Jobs Daughters Conclaves and Robert Schlichter for representation at the Rainbow Conclave.

CONFERENCES AND CONCLAVES

The following are events that were attended by the Deputy Grand Commander on my behalf.

2015:

June 27: Region 3 Conclave in Kansas City, MO. and Reception of William G. Snyder Grand Master of Cryptic Masons.

June 28: Visited time capsule in Branson, MO and attended Rainbow for Girls Annual Assembly in Springfield, MO.
 July 11: Region 5 Conclave, Mehlville, MO.
 July 18: Region 4 Conclave, Jefferson City, MO.
 July 25: Grand Masters Class, Columbia, MO.
 September 12: Region 7 Conclave, Bolivar, MO.
 September 19: South Central Department Conference, Oklahoma City, OK.
 September 28-29: Grand Lodge Communication, Columbia, MO.
 November 5: Hannibal MO, visit Excalibur Commandery No. 5 to discuss the fate of the York Rite bodies in Hannibal.
 November 21: Grand High Priests reception at Kirksville, MO.
 December 11: Region 4 Table Commandery.

2016:

January 7: Additional visit to Hannibal, vote taken to continue the bodies.
 January 18: Reception of Distinguished Guests at Rolla, MO.
 February 13: Grand Commandery Officers Meeting, Jefferson City, Finance and Accounts Committee meeting.
 February 20: Grand Commander's Reception, Trenton, MO, 56 members present with assistance of the Brethren, excellent food.
 March 5: Grand Masters Capitular Event, Columbia, MO.
 March 11-12: York Rite Festival, Independence, MO.
 April 4: Table Commandery, Liberty, MO.
 April 6: Installation of officers Ascalon Commandery No. 16.
 April 9: Grand Commanders Officers meeting Jefferson City, Finance and Accounts Committee Meeting
 April 13: Grand Master's Breakfast St. Louis, MO.
 April 23: Grand Master's Cryptic Day event.
 May 3: Second visit to Emmanuel Commandery No 7, Macon, MO to observe presentation of revised by-laws. By-laws revision voted positively and officers were selected for 2016-17 and installation scheduled for May 31st.
 May 14: Grand Commandery Officers meeting Jefferson City, MO.
 May 29-30: DeMolay Annual Conclave Jefferson City, MO.

LEWIS AND CLARK AWARDS

Region 2 - Patrick Squires, Hugh De Payens Commandery No. 4
 Region 3 - Donald MacCormick, Kansas City Commandery No.10
 Region 7 - Richard Simons, Lebanon Commandery No. 33

MOTTO

"Replace Yourself"

STATE OF THE CRAFT

Unfortunately, the Membership continues to decline. Thankfully there are indications that this trend may be on the verge of a turnaround.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Let us continue to encourage each other to keep moving forward and I encourage the Grand Line Officers to set the example in relation to this endeavor.

Fraternally submitted,

Larry T. Odom

Grand Commander, 2015-2016

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

To the Grand Commandery of Knight Templar of the State of Missouri:

Greetings to the Sir Knights of Missouri. The Committee on the Address of the Grand Commander has received the Address of the Grand Commander and found it to be in full and proper form and in order. We refer all decisions, dispensations, and general orders made by the Grand Commander to the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence. We recommend and move for the adoption of this report and its addition to this year's proceedings by a standing ovation from the Sir Knights here assembled.

Fraternally submitted,

Harold F. Coots, PGC, Chairman

James L. Woodfin, Jr., PGC

Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knight Templar of the State of Missouri:

We, the members of the audit committee, find that all monies pertaining to the Grand Commandery have been properly received, deposited, and dispensed by warrants. There have been no discrepancies or mishandling of any funds found during the fiscal year 2015-2016 by any of the members of the committee.

Fraternally submitted,

Dennis A. Abernathy, Chairman

James E. Snavelly PGC

K. Trent Moreland

Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri

Greetings:

The Templar Jurisprudence Committee finds that the Grand Commander has complied with the Statutory duties of his office as regards the various By-law changes as requested by Constituent Commanderies and his approval or disapproval of same.

We find that the orders and dispensations issued by him are within the inherent powers of his office.

The Templar Jurisprudence Committee thanks the Grand Commander for the honor and privilege of being selected to serve this Grand Commandery during his year. His recommendations will be referred to the appropriate committees for review and we express the hope for his continued successes in the years ahead.

Our congratulations to Sir Knight Larry T. Odom, Grand Commander. In our estimation you have performed your duties and responsibilities remarkably well.

I move the adoption of this first part of the Report.

PASSED

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In the proposed legislation that follows, deletions appear in ~~strike-through~~, additions appear underlined.

Item No. 1

PROPOSAL TO **AMEND ARTICLE II, *The Grand Officers*, SECTION 29. *The Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General*, Subsection C.** OF THE **LAWS AND REGULATIONS** OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MISSOURI BY REPEALING SUBSECTION C:

C. The Grand-Captain-General shall act as a committee on arrangements for the annual conclave.

Statement of Purpose:

There is no reason for this duty to remain in the law as it presents a confusing situation in light of **Article III. Committees, Section 36H** which for all intents and purposes provides for a Time and Place Committee whose duties include

making the arrangements for the Annual Conclave. This Committee has a Chairman. Why have two Chairmen, one without a membership on his committee, e.g. the Captain General, for the same tasks?

Fraternally submitted,
Robert W. Schlichter, PC
Liberty Commandery No. 6

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Item No. 2

PROPOSAL TO RESCIND AND REPLACE **ARTICLE III, Committees, SECTION 34. Committees, Subsection A. First Paragraph**, OF THE **LAWS AND REGULATIONS** OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

~~Section 34. Committees, A. The following standing committees, except the Triennial Committee, consisting of three members each and five members for Finance and Accounts Committee, one of whom shall be the Deputy Grand Commander who will serve a one year term shall be appointed by the Grand Commander at each Annual Conclave, viz:~~

Section 34, Committees, A. The following standing committees, except the Templar Jurisprudence Committee and the Finance and Accounts Committee, shall consist of three members each. The Templar Jurisprudence Committee and Finance and Accounts Committee each shall consist of five members. One member of the Finance and Accounting Committee shall be the Deputy Grand Commander, who will serve during the term of his office.

(Remainder of Section 34. Committees to remain unchanged)

Statement of Purpose:

The membership on the Templar Jurisprudence Committee has for years exceeded that stated in the Laws and Regulations. And, for a very good reason. This Committee is one of a very few of the committees that remains active on a regular basis throughout the entire Templar year. This Committee has numerous functions that are exercised on an ongoing basis, such as review of the current Laws and Regulations for necessary updates; review of requests for dispensations from Constituent Commanderies; providing opinion of legality for the Grand Commander, the Grand Officer line and Constituent Commanderies; review of requests for By-law changes submitted by Constituent Commanderies; preparation of reports for the Grand Recorder in advance of a Grand Conclave;

serving as Parliamentarian during the Grand Conclave; and the presentation of legislation during the Grand Conclave, to mention just a few. I might also add that in the event it becomes necessary, it is this Committee that is responsible for any trial to be had. From my own past experience, I can assure you that an extra hand or two on this Committee would have been more than welcome. There have been numerous times when it was more than convenient to divide up the work load among the members of the Committee and far too many times when there were not enough members to go around.

Fraternally submitted,
Robert W. Schlichter, PC
Liberty Commandery No. 6

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Item No. 3

PROPOSAL TO AMEND **ARTICLE XV, Miscellaneous, SECTION 205. Triennial Fund**, OF THE **LAWS AND REGULATIONS** OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Section 205. Triennial Fund. There shall be appropriated annually ten-cents twenty-five cents per member for each Sir Knight on the rolls of the Grand Commandery on the 31st day of December of the preceding year, to be set apart as a Triennial Fund. The Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Recorder, Past Grand Commanders and all Missouri Grand Commandery Registered Delegates in attendance shall be eligible to receive money from this fund, the amount of payment to be determined by the Triennial Committee from the amount of money on hand.

Statement of Purpose:

The current Triennial Fund is far from providing the needed support for the Grand Officers that are required to attend the Triennial. Typical registration and lodging expense far exceed the available funds, and no consideration for travel is allowed. Also, to clarify that only Missouri Grand Commandery Registered Delegates are eligible to receive monies from this fund. Triennial Committee herewith submits this Proposal for consideration and approval.

Fraternally submitted,
Frederick A. Troxel, Jr.,PGC
Ronnie E. Green, PGC

Richard L. Mansfield, PGC
Thomas C. Yunick, PGC

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I move the adoption and approval of the entire report of the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence.

Fraternally submitted,

Glenn E. Means, Chairman

Kevin B. Sample, HPGC

Walter W. Doyle

C. Brent Stewart

Todd A. Schulze

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REPORT OF FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

The following is the proposed budget for the 2016 - 2017 year.

INCOME

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| Per Capita, Membership (2,250 @ \$23.60)..... | \$ 53,100.00 |
| Per Capita, Endowed Membership..... | 760.00 |
| Knighting Fees (75 @ \$10.00)..... | 750.00 |
| Investments..... | 1,600.00 |
| Miscellaneous..... | 250.00 |
| Total Income | \$ 56,460.00 |

SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES

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| Grand Commander Expenses | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Knight Templar Magazine Editor Honorarium | 100.00 |
| Grand Treasurer Expenses..... | 1,000.00 |
| Grand Recorder Salary | 4,500.00 |
| Clerical Assistant Salary | 6,000.00 |
| Employment Taxes | 500.00 |
| Bonding Insurance | 100.00 |
| Audit Committee | 500.00 |
| Drill Committee | 1,200.00 |
| Office Expenses..... | 3,000.00 |
| Printing Services..... | 500.00 |
| Office Rent..... | 1,800.00 |
| Storage Rent..... | 1,000.00 |
| Grand Encampment Per Capita (2,250 @ \$10.00) | 22,500.00 |
| Annual Conclave | 3,000.00 |
| Grand Officer Expenses..... | 1,000.00 |
| Past Grand Commander Regalia..... | 2,300.00 |
| Triennial Fund (2,250 @ \$ 0.10) | 225.00 |

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| Youth Organizations..... | 1,200.00 |
| Emerging Leaders Fund (2,250 @ \$ 0.10) | 225.00 |
| Web Master | 500.00 |
| Miscellaneous..... | 250.00 |
| Total Salaries and Allowances..... | \$ 54,400.00 |

Balance **\$ 2,060.00**

Move the adoption of the proposed budget for the 2016 - 2017 year.

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REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri

Grand Treasurer's Preliminary Report

June 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016

Sir Knights:

All funds are invested in banking institutions in Jefferson City. All accounts are interest bearing, with no service charges, and with amounts being maintained at less than \$250,000 in any one banking institution.

I present herewith my report of the receipts, disbursements and the financial condition of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri for the fiscal year, June 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016.

GENERAL FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2015 **\$ 188,959.63**

Receipts:

Grand Recorder, etc. \$ 33,673.32

Interest Earned 1,052.81

Total Receipts: \$ 34,726.13

Disbursements (Jefferson Act.):

#xx9336 \$ 29,284.61

#xx4544 15,048.93

#xxx3996 389.45

Total Disbursements: \$ 44,722.99

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ (9,996.86)

Balance, General Fund, March 31, 2016 **\$ 178,962.77**

GENERAL FUND (continued)**Statement of Assets****General Fund, March 31, 2016**

| | | |
|--|-------------|----------------------|
| Interest Checking Account #xx9336, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05% | \$ 1,074.59 | |
| Interest Checking Act. #xx4544, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05% | 786.30 | |
| Interest Checking Act. #xx4325, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.02% | 478.94 | |
| Money Mkt. Act. #xxx3996, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.08% | 37,858.63 | |
| Business Inv. Act. #xxxx0211, Premier Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15% | 21,834.57 | |
| CD #xxx6185, Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 07-31-2016 | 51,660.01 | |
| CD #xxx7934, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 08-25-2016 | 24,756.96 | |
| CD #xxx7549, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 01-03-2017 | 22,840.09 | |
| CD #xxx0649, Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.30%, Matures 01-15-2019 | 17,672.68 | |
| Total Assets, General Fund, March 31, 2016 | | \$ 178,962.77 |

GENERAL FUND (SPECIAL ACCOUNT)

| | | |
|---|-----------|----------------------|
| Total Assets, June 1, 2015 | | \$ 109,305.09 |
| Receipts: | | |
| <u>Interest Earned</u> | \$ 942.93 | |
| Total Receipts: | \$ 942.93 | |
| Disbursements: | \$ -0- | |
| <u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u> | \$ 942.93 | |
| Balance, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2016 | | \$ 110,248.02 |

Statement of Assets**General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2016****GENERAL FUND (SPECIAL ACCOUNT) (continued)**

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Money Mkt. Act. #xxx3996, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.08% | \$ 4,160.48 |
| CD #xxx8692, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 04-11-2017 | 61,345.13 |
| CD #xxx3478, Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.50%, Matures 02-22-2019 | 44,742.41 |

Total Assets,**General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2016** **\$ 110,248.02****ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP FUND**Total Assets, June 1, 2015 **\$ 104,598.03**

Receipts:

| | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Memberships (4) | \$ 2,000.00 |
| <u>Interest Earned</u> | 788.17 |
| Total Receipts: | \$ 2,788.17 |

Disbursements:

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Distribution to Commanderies | \$ 47.10 |
| <u>Distribution to Grand Commandery</u> | 763.90 |
| Total Disbursements | \$ 811.00 |

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: **\$ 1,977.17**Balance, Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2016 **\$ 106,575.20****Statement of Assets****Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2016**

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Money Mkt. Act. #xxx3996, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.08% | \$ 1,982.81 |
| CD #xxx7160, Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 06-19-2016 | 26,621.07 |
| CD#xxx6200, Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 07-31-2016 | 24,147.42 |
| CD #xxx3486, Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.50%, Matures 02-22-2019 | 53,823.90 |

Total Assets,**Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2016** **\$ 106,575.20**

CHARITY ENDOWMENT FUND

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Total Assets, June 1, 2015 | \$ 9,351.77 |
| Receipts: | |
| Misc. Contributions | \$ 21.00 |
| <u>Interest Earned</u> | <u>6.11</u> |
| Total Receipts: | \$ 27.11 |
| Disbursements: | \$ -0- |
| <u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u> | <u>\$ 27.11</u> |
| Balance, Charity Endowment Fund, March 31, 2016 | \$ 9,378.88 |

Statement of Assets**Charity Endowment Fund, March 31, 2016**

Money Mkt. Act. #xxx3996,
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.08% \$ 9,378.88

Total Assets,
Charity Endowment Fund, March 31, 2016 **\$ 9,378.88**

MISSOURI KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION FUND

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| Total Assets, June 1, 2015 | \$ 80,204.69 |
| Receipts: | |
| Misc. Contributions | \$ 974.05 |
| <u>Interest Earned</u> | <u>750.17</u> |
| Total Receipts: | \$ 1,724.22 |
| Disbursements: | |
| <u>KT Eye Foundation</u> | <u>\$ 2,763.49</u> |
| Total Disbursements | \$ 2,763.49 |
| <u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u> | <u>\$ (1,039.27)</u> |
| Balance, Missouri Knights Templar Eye Foundation Fund, March 31, 2016 | \$ 79,165.42 |

Statement of Assets**Missouri Knights Templar Eye Foundation Fund,
March 31, 2016**

Money Mkt. Act. #xxx3996,
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.08% \$ 1,431.20
CD #xxx6244,
Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,

MISSOURI KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION FUND (continued)

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Matures 12-26-2016 | 33,354.47 |
| CD #xxx8978, Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 10-23-2017 | 12,741.78 |
| CD #xxx9498, Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.50%, <u>Matures 03-15-2019</u> | <u>31,637.97</u> |

Total Assets,
Missouri Knights Templar Eye Foundation Fund,
March 31, 2016 **\$ 79,165.42**

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE ENDOWMENT FUND

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Total Assets, June 1, 2015 | \$ 64,850.44 |
| Receipts: | |
| Misc. Contributions | \$ 521.27 |
| <u>Interest Earned</u> | <u>612.13</u> |
| Total Receipts: | \$ 1,133.40 |
| Disbursements: | |
| Interest Earned Transfer to Holy Land <u>Pilgrimage Operating Fund</u> | <u>\$ 612.13</u> |
| Total Disbursements | \$ 612.13 |
| <u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u> | <u>\$ 521.27</u> |
| Balance, Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund, March 31, 2016 | \$ 65,371.71 |

Statement of Assets**Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund,
March 31, 2016**

Money Mkt. Act. #xxx3996,
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.08% \$ 450.22
CD #xxx7833,
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,
Matures 07-29-2016 25,689.31
CD #xxx8691,
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,
Matures 04-11-2017 7,014.34

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE ENDOWMENT FUND (continued)

CD #xxx7130,
 Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.21%,
 Matures 11-06-2018 17,118.89

CD #xxx5033,
 Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.30%,
 Matures 10-22-2018 15,098.95

**Total Assets,
 Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund,
 March 31, 2016 \$ 65,371.71**

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE OPERATING FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2015 **\$ 5,187.23**

Receipts:

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Misc. Contributions | \$ 8.70 |
| Interest Earned | 5.28 |
| Interest from Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund | \$ 612.13 |
| Total Receipts: | \$ 626.11 |

Disbursements: \$ -0-

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: **\$ 626.11**

Balance, Holy Land Pilgrimage Operating Fund,
 March 31, 2016 **\$ 5,813.34**

**Statement of Assets
 Holy Land Pilgrimage Operating Fund,
 March 31, 2016**

Money Mkt. Act. #xxx3996,
 Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.08% \$ 3,488.76

Business Investment Act. #xxxx0211,
 Premier Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15% 1,567.03

CD #xxx7833,
 Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,
 Matures 07-29-2016 517.03

CD #xxx8691,
 Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,
 Matures 04-11-2017 87.73

CD #xxx7130,
 Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.21%,
 Matures 11-06-2018 103.72

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE OPERATING FUND (continued)

CD #xxx5033,
 Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.30%,
 Matures 10-22-2018 49.07

**Total Assets,
 Holy Land Pilgrimage Operating Fund,
 March 31, 2016 \$ 5,813.34**

TRIENNIAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2015 **\$ 21,035.05**

Receipts:

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Returned from 2015 Triennial | \$ 114.24 |
| <u>Interest Earned</u> | 161.38 |
| Total Receipts: | \$ 275.62 |

Disbursements:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Interest Earned | |
| <u>Transfer to Triennial Fund</u> | \$ 161.38 |
| Total Disbursements | \$ 161.38 |

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: **\$ 114.24**

Balance, Triennial Endowment Fund, March 31, 2016 **\$ 21,149.29**

**Statement of Assets
 Triennial Endowment Fund, March 31, 2016**

Money Mkt. Act. #xxx3996,
 Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.08% \$ 126.72

CD #xxx6540,
 Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,
 Matures 06-07-2016 21,022.57

**Total Assets,
 Triennial Endowment Fund, March 31, 2016 \$ 21,149.29**

TRIENNIAL FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2015 **\$ 1,025.72**

Receipts:

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Appropriation from General Fund | \$ 240.00 |
| Interest from Triennial Endowment Fund | 161.38 |
| <u>Interest Earned</u> | 0.06 |
| Total Receipts: | \$ 401.44 |

TRIENNIAL FUND (continued)

| | | |
|---|-------------|------------------|
| Disbursements: | \$ 1,265.24 | |
| <u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u> | | \$ (863.80) |
| Balance, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2016 | | \$ 161.92 |

Statement of Assets
Triennial Fund, March 31, 2016

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Money Mkt. Act. #xxx3996, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.08% | \$ (262.71) |
| CD #xxx6540, Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 06-07-2016 | 424.63 |

Total Assets,
Triennial Fund, March 31, 2016 **\$ 161.92**

SUPPLY FUND

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Total Assets, June 1, 2015 | \$ 10,282.96 |
| Receipts: | |
| Inventory Sales | \$ 757.85 |
| <u>Interest Earned</u> | 20.15 |
| Total Receipts: | \$ 778.00 |
| Disbursements: | \$ 56.28 |
| <u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u> | \$ 721.72 |
| Balance, Supply Fund, March 31, 2016 | \$ 11,004.68 |

Statement of Assets
Supply Fund, March 31, 2016

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Money Mkt. Act. #xxx3996, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.08% | \$ 11,004.68 |
|---|--------------|

Total Assets,
Supply Fund, March 31, 2016 **\$ 11,004.68**

LEADERSHIP FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2015 **\$ 442.05**

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Receipts: | |
| Grand Recorder, etc. | \$ 155.00 |
| <u>Interest Earned</u> | 0.06 |
| Total Receipts: | \$ 155.06 |

LEADERSHIP FUND (continued)

| | | |
|---|--------|------------------|
| Disbursements: | \$ -0- | |
| <u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u> | | \$ 155.06 |
| Balance, Supply Fund, March 31, 2016 | | \$ 597.11 |

Statement of Assets
Supply Fund, March 31, 2016

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Money Mkt. Act. #xxx3996, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.08% | \$ 597.11 |
|---|-----------|

Total Assets,
Supply Fund, March 31, 2016 **\$ 597.11**

PROCEEDINGS FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2015 **\$ 3,028.28**

Receipts:

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| <u>Interest Earned</u> | \$ 0.36 |
| Total Receipts: | \$ 0.36 |

| | | |
|---|--------|--------------------|
| Disbursements: | \$ -0- | |
| <u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u> | | \$ 0.36 |
| Balance, Supply Fund, March 31, 2016 | | \$ 3,028.64 |

Statement of Assets
Supply Fund, March 31, 2016

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Money Mkt. Act. #xxx3996, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.08% | \$ 3,028.64 |
|---|-------------|

Total Assets,
Supply Fund, March 31, 2016 **\$ 3,028.64**

Total Assets, All Funds, March 31, 2016 **\$ 591,456.98**

Fraternally submitted,
Donald L. Trabue, PGC
Grand Treasurer

Move the adoption of the preliminary report of the Grand Treasurer.

PASSED FAILED TABLED WITHDRAWN

REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER

As my fifth year as your Grand Recorder draws to a close, I believe that Debbie and I are getting a firm handle on the workload of the job. The division of labor between Sir Knight Kevin B. Sample, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter and Grand Recorder of the Grand Council, continues to move the operation of the office forward. Debbie, Kevin, and I continue to resolve legacy issues as well as to cope with the constant flow of information into the Grand York Rite Office.

This past year we have continued to modernize the operation of the office. Along the way, several operations have been resurrected while others have been renovated. The MGYR web site continues to be developed under the care of Sir Knight Donald McCormick, MGYR Web Master. Bringing the Grand York Rite of Missouri into the 21st Century continues to be a constant theme.

Debbie has been instrumental in dealing with both the day to day operations of the office and helping me to focus my time on the most critical tasks that only I can perform.

In conclusion, Debbie and I thank everyone for their continued understanding and support. While Debbie cannot do everything that Kevin and I can do, she is continuing to learn. We are all committed to and are striving for improved operations in the ensuing year.

Fraternally submitted,
Russell S. Hanson, PGC
Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Missouri
Debbie Hanson, Executive Assistant, MGYR Office

Move the adoption of the report of the Grand Recorder.

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REPORT OF HOSPITALER COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri:

Reports of a special Christmas Observance were filed with this committee by the following Commanderies:

Hugh De Payens Commandery No. 4

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8

Ascalon Commandery No. 16

Reports of an Easter Observance were filed with this committee by the following Commanderies:

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8

O'Sullivan Commandery No. 15

Ascalon Commandery No. 16

Ely Commandery No. 22

Rolla Commandery No. 59

Fraternally submitted,
K. Trent Moreland, Chairman
Robert W. Schlichter Roger D. Fleer

REPORT OF INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri

Sir Knights:

All Grand Commandery Funds are invested in banking institutions in Missouri. All accounts are interest bearing, with no service charges, and with amounts being maintained at less than \$250,000.00 in any one banking institution.

Investments are in a combination of interest bearing checking accounts, money market accounts, and Certificates of Deposit. Current interest rates have limited these moneys from being invested in long-term certificates.

Short-term rates at this time are more favorable and allow greater flexibility to move moneys to better performing accounts whenever possible. The year began with low rates, with them showing some improvement during the year. Hopefully, as the economy improves, these investments can once again be invested at more reasonable rates of return.

Fraternally submitted,
Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Chairman
Harold J Richardson, PGC James E. Snavelly, PGC Russell S. Hanson, PGC
Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC Dennis A. Abernathy

REPORT OF RETURNS OF COMMANDERIES COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri

Sir Knights:

On April 20, 2016, your committee received the following information from Debbie Hanson, Executive Assistant, MGYR Office.

At the beginning of the year there were 2,413 members. in the Grand Commandery There were 167 Endowed members and 176 members whose dues were remitted.

Of the 34 Commanderies, 23 had not turned in a report. Most were correctly done with a few pages missing. The Commanderies that are late reporting will be assessed penalties.

Healing an improperly executed consolidation of Weston Commandery No. 2 under the charter of Hugh De Payens Commandery No. 4 is in progress.

It is difficult to make even a preliminary report when 67% of the Commanderies have not turned in their reports.

Faternally submitted,
Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

REPORT OF TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri

Sir Knights:

The Missouri delegation attending the 66th Triennial Session of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar at the Adams Mark Hotel in Buffalo, New York included Sir Knight Richard L. Mansfield, Past Grand Commander, Sir Knight Roger D. Fleer, Grand Captain General, Sir Knight Billy J. Boyer, Past Department Commander, Sir Knight Charles E. Cooper, Grand Junior Warden, Sir Knight Thomas C. Yunick, Past Grand Commander and Grand Encampment Ambassador to Missouri, and Sir Knight Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., member of the Grand Encampment Committee on Mid America Easter Sunrise Service and Past Grand Commander. The entourage also included the following ladies, Lady Chris Yunick, Lady Elizabeth Boyer, and Lady Roma Troxel.

Arriving on Friday, your chairman was able to observe the field drill competition occurring on Saturday. It was very inspiring to watch the several teams compete, and note the vast difference between the asylum drill we conduct, and the field drill which we witnessed. It is my understanding that the competition includes one "A" team with 31 Sir Knights, several "B" teams with 21 Sir Knights, and "C" and "D" teams with 15 or 7 Sir Knights respectively. Arrivals of the balance of our delegation varied, as the weekend progressed.

Sunday's events included a Knight Templar Educational Foundation meeting, a Divine Service, and the Grand Master's Reception concluding the evenings events. Of course there were several hospitality rooms, most notably for the "campaigning" Sir Knights for the office of Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment.

Monday saw the official opening ceremony of the Grand Encampment, with a large contingent of dignitaries being introduced in Session 1. The Grand Master delivered his Allocution, General legislation was considered and approved in Session 2, with an unscheduled fire alarm interrupting this session and a complete evacuation of the hotel.

Monday evening several of the Missouri delegation, 8, took part in a dinner at "Chef's" at or around 7:00pm. Coincidental with the dinner, recognition was given for the 60th birthday of our Grand Captain General, Roger D. Fleer and accompanied by his father Ken. The restaurant provided an appropriate gift and a serving of ice cream to the celebrant.

Session 3 on Tuesday continued the consideration of committee reports, and most notably an option in the Opening Drill to accommodate Sir Knights unable to kneel at the Rehearsal. Several Commanderies in Brazil were granted Charters as well as Austria. Suspension of the Charter of Mexico was continued.

Session 4 saw the conclusion of business, and the election of officers for the 2016-2018 Triennium was conducted with the following Officers Elected; Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught was elected Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Jeffrey N. Nelson was elected Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master, Sir Knight Michael Burke Johnson was elected Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Sir Knight David J. Kussman was elected Right Eminent Grand Captain General, Sir Knight James McCrory Wilson was re-elected Right Eminent Grand Treasurer, and Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker was re-elected Right Eminent Grand Recorder.

The Most Eminent Grand Master opened a College of Honors, conferring several Knight Commanders of the Temple.

Wednesday's highlights included the Installation of the Grand Encampment Officers by Most Eminent Past Grand Masters David Dixon Goodwin, Installing Grand Master, William Howard Koon, II, Installing Grand Marshal, William Jackson Jones, Installing Grand Prelate, Kenneth Bernard Fischer, Installing Grand Recorder. The night concluded with a celebration with the newly installed Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught. Entertainment was

provided by the "Bronx Wanderers", featuring superb dance music from the '50s and '60s.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from Triennial Fund \$1,265.24

Sir Knights Registration Allowance \$1,000.00

Missouri Dinner at "Chef's" \$151.00

Total Expenditures \$1,151.00

Returned to Triennial Fund \$ 114.24

Fraternally submitted,

Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., PGC, Chairman

Richard L. Mansfield, PGC Ronnie E. Green, PGC Thomas C. Yunick, PGC

REPORT OF EASTER SUNRISE COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri

Sir Knights:

I wish to report to you that the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri had 12 uniformed Sir Knights and 1 non-uniformed Sir Knight present for the Grand Encampment Mid-America Easter Observance on March 27, 2016. Among the Knights present were Sir Knight Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., PGC (Committee Chairman); Sir Knight K. Trent Moreland, Grand Generalissimo; Sir Knight Aaron Rose, Regional Grand Commander, Region 3; Sir Knight Matthew Quesenberry, Grand Sentinel; as well as Sir Knights Gary Phillips, David Phillips, Blaine Moreland, and others. The services were necessarily relocated from the memorial to an indoor location in the Westin Hotel due to snow. This last minute relocation was communicated by the Grand York Rite Office. It is uncertain if more Sir Knights would have been in attendance but failed to receive the notice of change of venue.

Fraternally submitted,

K. Trent Moreland

REPORT OF ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri

Sir Knights:

The Grand Commandery Endowed Membership Fund has a total membership of 208 with a total endowed value of \$106,575.03. It had a 2015 distribution value of \$851.20 to the Commanderies and Grand Commandery.

However the distribution was very meager. The earnings must be a minimum of almost 2%, in order to pay the Grand Encampment per capita. Therefore, the only distribution to Commanderies was for those with deceased members. On the bright side, Commanderies received a distribution for their deceased endowed members and paid no per capita to the Grand Commandery for their living endowed members.

Investments are in a combination of interest bearing money market accounts and Certificates of Deposit. Current interest rates have limited these monies from being invested in long-term certificates.

Short-term rates at this time are more favorable and allow greater flexibility to move moneys to better performing accounts whenever possible. The current economy has necessitated that funds be invested at much lower than desired rates of return. The year began with low rates, with them showing some improvement during the year. Hopefully, as the economy improves, these investments can once again be invested at more reasonable rates of return, thusly enhancing the distribution values

Fraternally submitted,

Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Chairman

Thomas C. Yunick, PGC

Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

REPORT OF HONOR COMMANDERY AWARD COMMITTEE 2015-2016

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri

Sir Knights:

Early in the beginning of this Templar Year, it was brought to the attention of this Committee that two Commanderies had not received recognition for their accomplishments and work towards the receipt of this honor for past years due to oversight on the part of those handling the applications. These were Rolla Commandery No. 59 for the Templar Year 2012-2013 and Ascalon Commandery No. 16 for the Templar Year 2014-2015. Each Commandery submitted the application filed for its respective year. Both were received in detail by this Committee. Following an exhaustive review, meetings, discussion and other communications among the members, it was decided that both Commanderies had indeed satisfied sufficient requirements to qualify for the award. Thus, the Chairman of this Committee approved issuance of the award to Rolla

Commandery No. 59 - Commander Donald Harold Vandegriffe on July 13, 2015 and to Ascalon Commandery No. 16 - Commander Dennis E. Fetter on July 3, 2015.

In addition, the Committee reviewed the application document itself and directed that the following changes be made to the online document for Templar Year 2015-2016:

- a. that all dates be changed to reflect the current Templar Year,
- b. that references to monthly reports be removed as these are no longer required by the Grand Encampment and are not required by the Laws & Regulations,
- c. that the location of Kansas City, MO be added to Section 6, and that all references to Weston Commandery No. 2 be removed from the final document.

It is recommended that the final document, after editing, be posted to the website in the document section and made available to any Constituent Commandery that does not have email service or access to the internet.

The Committee received and approved the following belated applications late in this Templar Year and almost at the cutoff date.

2013-2014 Templar Year

Ely Commandery No 22 - Commander-William J. King

2014-2015 Templar Year

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 - Commander-John W. Siscel, III

Kansas City Commandery No. 10 - Commander-Donald MacCormick

Palestine Commandery No. 17 - Commander-Mark A. Dobson

Oriental Commandery No. 35 - Commander-Charles Patrick Sullivan

The Committee received and approved applications for the 2015-2016 Templar Year from the following Commanderies:

Hugh De Payens Commandery No. 4 - Commander Larry E. Chambers

Liberty Commandery No. 6 - Commander Franklin Lukenbill

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 - Commander Nathan D. Carrington

Kansas City Commandery No. 10 - Commander Richard A. Riepe

Palestine Commandery No. 17 - Commander Michael G. Long

Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29 - Commander Sam Land

Oriental Commandery No. 35 - Commander Frank Kaffenberger

DeSoto Commandery No. 56 - Commander Clifton Wayne Wofford

Finally, the Committee regrets that it had to reject the application of St. John's Commandery No. 20 for incomplete and inaccurate information at the first filing. The application was returned to the Commandery for correction and was received a second time. However, the application was found lacking a second time and returned to the Commander for correction. The Committee never received any further response.

The Committee recommends that the Commanders of Constituent Commanderies and the Regional Grand Commanders conduct a thorough review of the information being offered on the Honor Commandery Award Form. Reviewing the content before sending the form to the Committee might avoid its return for missing information and/or subsequent embarrassment.

It is very concerning and disheartening that only 9 out of 34 Commanderies in this Grand jurisdiction attempted to participate in the Honor Commandery Award Program this Templar year. Still more concerning is the fact that 7 of the 15 applications were from previous years, apparently exhibiting a significant degree of apathy and/or carelessness with regard to this program.

It is the recommendation of this Committee that this program be examined closely to determine the root causes of the apparent collapse of this important program. This Committee further recommends that the importance of this program to the health and prosperity of our Constituent Commanderies should be emphasized and it should be a priority of all Regional Grand Officers and Regional Grand Commanders to promote this program.

Fraternally submitted,

Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman

K. Trent Moreland

Roger D. Fleer

Clark A. McLemore

MISSOURI GRAND YORK RITE NECROLOGY 2015-2016

Sir Knights,

Listed below is a roster of the Companions and Sir Knights reported to the Grand York Rite Office as having passed away during the 2015 - 2016 Grand York Rite year. This list is by no means comprehensive, but it is presented as a memorial to our departed Brethren, Companions, and Sir Knights.

| Member Name | Departed | Affiliations |
|----------------------------|------------|----------------------|
| Jon Francis Abshier | 08-18-2015 | CH 12, CO 49, KT 17 |
| Freddie Dale Adams | 04-11-2016 | CH 18, CO 42, KT 11 |
| Tony Leo Agostini | 10-19-2015 | CH 110, CO 25, KT 20 |
| Richard Lee Alexander | 08-25-2015 | CH 43, CO 38, KT 11 |
| Ernest Neil Armstrong | 09-08-2015 | CH 27, CO 34 |
| Ronald Edward Bagley | 01-07-2015 | CH 99, CO 47, KT 72 |
| Lawrence Lee Baker | 04-29-2015 | CH 32, CO 39, KT 59 |
| Billy W. Barnes | 11-26-2014 | CH 17, CO 34 |
| Gene Charles Berck | 02-07-2016 | CH 27, CO 34, KT 23 |
| Glenn Charles Bowdish | 05-02-2015 | CH 1, CO 40, KT 8 |
| Donald Eugene Bowers | 08-21-2015 | CH 1 |
| Lester J. Brown | 10-08-2015 | CH 3, CO 50, KT 6 |
| Jimmie Earl Burrow | 10-28-2015 | CH 14, CO 9, KT 4 |
| Jackie Dean Cade | 11-13-2015 | CH 129, CO 43, KT 56 |
| Sterling Talbot Campbell | 03-29-2016 | CH 27, CO 34, KT 23 |
| Richard Wayne Coil | 03-08-2016 | CH 27, CO 34, KT 23 |
| Robert C. Conn, Jr. | 03-18-2015 | CH 3, CO 50, KT 6 |
| Calvin Verne Daniel, Sr. | 01-29-2014 | CH 12, CO 49, KT 17 |
| Carl Jean Davis | 01-01-2015 | CH 64, CO 56, KT 33 |
| Richard C. Davis | 07-19-2015 | CH 93 |
| Jack Earl Dimond | | CH 1, CO 1 |
| Larry F. Ditmars | 05-01-2015 | CH 12, CO 49, KT 17 |
| Robert Henry Dugan | 05-19-2014 | CH 284, CO 38, KT 68 |
| William B. Dunlap, Jr. | 04-08-2015 | CH 12, KT 17 |
| Omer M. Dye | 11-28-2014 | CH 17 |
| John Frederick Egli, III | 09-18-2015 | CH 14, CO 9, KT 4 |
| James E. English, Jr. | | CO 34 |
| James Wallace Farley | 04-13-2015 | CH 14, CO 9, KT 4 |
| Jewell J. Fields | 09-02-2015 | CH 12, CO 49, KT 17 |
| Ezekiel Fluty, Jr. | 11-01-2015 | CH 64, KT 33 |
| Edward James Franklin, Jr. | 02-16-2015 | CH 91, CO 30, KT 39 |
| Robert Allen Frazier | 11-04-2014 | CH 123, CO 37, KT 24 |
| Joe E. Freeman | 04-11-2014 | CH 10, KT 3 |
| Delbert Ray Gentry | 10-05-2015 | CH 66, CO 37, KT 24 |
| James Ray Ghan | 07-01-2015 | CH 52, CO 25 |
| Richard William Goff | 11-19-2015 | CH 78, CO 48, KT 16 |

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| Harold Curtis Golden | 12-07-2015 | CH 17, CO 34, KT 12 |
| Thomas Lee Goran | 09-18-2015 | CH 93, CO 34, KT 23 |
| Travis A. Graham | 10-27-2015 | CH 10, KT 3 |
| Robert W. Grant | 04-01-2014 | CH 66, CO 37, KT 24 |
| Howard Richard Groves | 12-12-2014 | CH 27, CO 34, KT 23 |
| Richard Luther Gwinn | 09-15-2015 | CH 75 |
| Thomas Henry Hamlet | 11-07-2015 | CH 1 |
| Raymond S. Hawks, Sr. | 08-18-2015 | CH 12, CO 49, KT 17 |
| John Edwin Hayes | 09-28-2015 | CH 10, CO 28, KT 3 |
| Edward Eugene Haynes | 06-24-2015 | CH 5, CO 25, KT 43 |
| Ronald Joe Helmig | 12-13-2015 | CH 34, CO 32, KT 29 |
| James William Hensley | 01-16-2016 | CH 5, CO 25, KT 43 |
| Earl L. Keen, Jr. | 08-21-2015 | CH 1, CO 40, KT 16 |
| Ralph M. Keeney, Jr. | 04-22-2015 | CH 78, CO 48, KT 16 |
| Louis C. Keith | 08-15-2015 | CH 75 |
| Charles Roy Kincaid | 07-30-2015 | CH 5 |
| Neil Gordon Kohler | 07-02-2015 | CH 43, CO 45, KT 11 |
| Ronald Paul Krueger | 10-21-2015 | CH 78, CO 1, KT 16 |
| Francis Marion Kunkler | 04-11-2015 | CH 110, CO 25, KT 20 |
| Larry E. Letterman | 07-18-2015 | CH 28, CO 45, KT 10 |
| Raymond L. Lynn | 11-30-2015 | CH 66, CO 37, KT 24 |
| Pierre Henri Mainguet | 01-21-2016 | CH 91, CO 30, KT 39 |
| William Leroy Martin | 10-13-2015 | CH 53, CO 44, KT 22 |
| John William Mayo | 11-16-2014 | CH 66, CO 37, KT 24 |
| Richard Ray McCrery | 09-12-2015 | CH 17, CO 34, KT 12 |
| Doyle Spurgeon McFarland | 05-09-2015 | CH 129, CO 43, KT 56 |
| Howard T. McKague | 01-09-2016 | CH 14, CO 9, KT 4 |
| Edward B. McNally | 07-04-2015 | CH 91, CO 30, KT 39 |
| William J. Medaris | 01-01-2015 | CH 7, CO 47, KT 5 |
| Max Lee Michael | 12-12-2012 | CH 75 |
| Harry Hillard Moehle | 11-22-2015 | CH 22, CO 34, KT 7 |
| James R. Moore | | CH 66, CO 37, KT 24 |
| John B. Morrison | 12-11-2014 | CH 129, CO 43, KT 56 |
| Verle Thomas Naughton | 07-26-2015 | CH 93, CO 34, KT 23 |
| Thomas Joe Neff | 12-30-2015 | CH 15, CO 25, KT 20 |
| Darle Wayne Nespor | 07-03-2015 | CH 3, CO 50, KT 6 |

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| Thomas D. Neuschafer | 01-01-2015 | CH 7, CO 47, KT 5 |
| Oliver Bud Nichols | 09-24-2015 | CH 17, CO 34, KT 12 |
| James Donald Noble | 11-11-2012 | CH 64, CO 56, KT 33 |
| Floyd C. Northington | 03-09-2016 | CH 114 |
| William Harold O'Dell, Jr. | 11-24-2015 | CH 10, CO 28, KT 3 |
| James Joseph Painter | 11-26-2015 | CH 17, CO 34, KT 12 |
| Lewis B. Pierson | 10-04-2015 | CH 14, CO 9, KT 4 |
| Fielding A. Poe, Jr. | | CH 1 |
| Walter W. Pollick, Jr. | 09-15-2015 | CH 146, CO 48, KT 16 |
| Charles Wayne Riney | 01-01-2015 | CH 7, CO 47, KT 5 |
| Calvin Jay Rogers | 10-14-2015 | CH 3, CO 50, KT 6 |
| Hero P. Schmidt | 04-21-2015 | CH 148 |
| Calvin Douglas Schroff | 06-24-2015 | CH 93, CO 34, KT 23 |
| Milton Shoss | 05-06-2015 | CH 75, CO 20 |
| Isaac Newton Skelton, Jr. | 10-28-2013 | CH 10, CO 45, KT 3 |
| Clarence F. Spaethe, Jr. | 10-27-2015 | CH 78, KT 8 |
| Robert W. Spangler | 02-11-2015 | CH 43, CO 45, KT 11 |
| James E. Stout | 01-01-2013 | CH 64, CO 56, KT 33 |
| William F. Strobe | 12-23-2015 | CH 7, CO 47, KT 5 |
| Richard Franklin Sullins | 08-30-2015 | CH 99, CO 34, KT 12 |
| Charles Lee Sweeney | 05-23-2015 | CH 284, KT 70 |
| Roy Earl Talbott | 11-16-2015 | CH 18, CO 42, KT 11 |

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| Lewis Albert Thomas, III | 07-24-2015 | CH 10, CO 49, KT 3 |
| William L. Thompson | 11-10-2014 | CH 14, CO 9, KT 4 |
| David Clark Tinsley | 07-31-2015 | CH 3, CO 50, KT 6 |
| Kenneth Collier Townley | 12-23-2015 | CH 34, CO 32, KT 29 |
| Lewis E. Updergraff | 07-17-2015 | CH 14, CO 9, KT 4 |
| Willard Warford | 11-21-2010 | CH 17, CO 34, KT 12 |
| Dennis Lee Watson | 01-10-2015 | CH 3, CO 50, KT 6 |
| James Earl Weaver, II | 06-20-2015 | CH 15, CO 25 |
| Max C. Wescoat | 09-05-2011 | CH 66, CO 37, KT 24 |
| Larry E. Whitt | 04-20-2013 | CH 66, CO 37, KT 24 |
| Edwin B. Wilkinson | 01-01-2015 | CH 43 |
| Franklin D. Wilkinson | 12-11-2015 | CH 114, CO 27, KT 67 |
| Floyd B. Windsor, Jr. | 12-30-2015 | CH 17 |
| Elvis Otha Wingo | 02-09-2015 | CH 75, CO 20, KT 55 |
| Paul Harlan Wood | 01-01-2015 | CH 110, CO 25, KT 20 |
| Owen Tuttle Wright | 11-22-2011 | CH 66, CO 37, KT 24 |
| Flavious Patterson Wyatt | 02-26-2015 | CH 93, KT 23 |

Fraternally submitted,

Russell S. Hanson, PGC

Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Missouri

Debbie Hanson, Executive Assistant, MGYR Office

Grand Commandery of Missouri

2016-2017 Supplement

(subject to election, installation, and modification as necessary)

Elected and Appointed Officers

Robert W. Schlichter (6) - Grand Commander
 K. Trent Moreland (8, 16) - Deputy Grand Commander
 Roger D. Fleeer (16) - Grand Generalissimo
 Clark A. McLemore (27) - Grand Captain General
 Charles E. Cooper (22) - Grand Senior Warden
 Harry L. Tripp, Jr. (56) - Grand Junior Warden
 Roy L. Gilkey (29) - Grand Prelate
 Lewis C. Odneal (12) - Assistant to Grand Prelate
 Donald L. Trabue, PGC (29) - Grand Treasurer
 Russell S. Hanson, PGC (12) - Grand Recorder
 Dennis L. Hammack (8) - Grand Standard Bearer
 Dennis A. Abernathy (35) - Grand Sword Bearer
 _____ (_____) - Grand Warder
 Ronald E. Wood, Jr., HPGC - Grand Historian
 Kevin B. Sample, HPGC - Aide-De-Camp
 Thomas C. Yunick - Aide-De-Camp
 George L. Duncan - Grand Sentinel
 Ronald L. Barrett - Assistant to Grand Sentinel
 Jack D. Brown - Assistant to Grand Sentinel
 Kevin E. Weaver - Grand Drill Instructor/Lecturer
 Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC - Grand Chorister
 Steven C. Monrotus - Grand Organist
 John E. Schofield - Assistant to Grand Organist
 Kevin B. Sample, HPGC - Grand Photographer
 William R. Brantley - Assistant Grand Photographer
 Russell S. Hanson, PGC - Knights Templar Magazine-Missouri
 Supplement Editor and Conclave Program Book Editor
 Debbie Hanson, Executive Assistant to the Grand Recorder for
 everything

Regional Officers

Region 1: 5, 7, 22, 72

Roger D. Fleeer (16) - Regional Officer
 David A. Lloyd (22) - Regional Grand Commander
 William J. King (22) - Regional Grand Commander

Region 2: 4, 24, 32, 42

Clark A. McLemore (27) - Regional Officer
 Daryl L. Price (4) - Regional Grand Commander

Region 3: 3, 6, 10, 11, 17, 35, 68, 70

Charles E. Cooper (22) - Regional Officer
 Aaron E. Rose (17) - Regional Grand Commander
 Bobbie E. White (35) - Regional Grand Commander
 Gentry E. Slone (3) - Regional Grand Commander

Region 4: 12, 23, 29, 59

Harry L. Tripp, Jr. (56) - Regional Officer
 Ronald L. Skiles (12) - Regional Grand Commander
 Mike Rohman (29) - Regional Grand Commander

Region 5: 8, 16

Dennis L. Hammack (8) - Regional Officer
 Terry D. Coppotelli (16) - Regional Grand Commander

Region 6: 55, 56, 67

Dennis A. Abernathy (35) - Regional Officer
 Michael R. Stevens (56) - Regional Grand Commander

Region 7: 15, 20, 27, 31, 33, 39, 43, 57, 66

New Grand Warder - Regional Officer
 James H. Whitman (43) - Regional Grand Commander
 Royce P. Wahl, Jr. (39) - Regional Grand Commander
 Paul L. Daniels (15) - Regional Grand Commander
 Andrew J. Dawson () - Regional Grand Commander

Grand Encampment Officers

Duane L. Vaught, PGC - Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America

Frank N. du Treil, Jr., PGC - Right Eminent South Central Department Commander (email: f_dutrail@cox.net)

Lawrence E. Tucker, PGC - Right Eminent Grand Recorder

James L. Woodfin, PGC - Right Eminent Grand Commandery Coordinator (email: jrwoodfin4099@gmail.com)

Russell S. Hanson, PGC - Knight Templar Eye Foundation Representative

Instructions

Regional Grand Officer (RGO)
Regional Grand Commander (RGC)
2016-2017

For the Templar year 2016-2017 there will be seven (7) Regional Conclaves. In recent years these have been combined with the Grand Chapter and Grand Council and billed as, "York Rite Conferences." Also in the most recent past Regional Conclaves, for some Regions, have been combined with other Regions.

It is the duty of the RGC's in their respective Regions to schedule the dates, times and locations for the Regional Conclaves and to prepare an agenda (program) for the event. We are falling well short of this. The dates, times and locations should be discussed and coordinated and planned in concert with the District Deputy Grand High Priest and Regional Grand Master within the Region. It is permissible to schedule dates, times and locations to coincide with the conferences of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council while remembering that each Grand Commandery Region will hold a Regional Conclave.

In all cases, it is highly suggested and requested that the Regional Conclaves be planned and scheduled as quickly as possible but not later than 30 days prior to the June 2016 Grand Conclave and that those dates be passed on the Grand York Rite Office for inclusion in the preprint (preliminary proceedings). As an example, Region 7 has already scheduled its conference for September 10, 2016 and will be meeting with its counterparts in the Grand Chapter and Grand Council.

One of the duties of the Regional Grand Officers is to assist the Regional Grand Commanders in coordinating the event and providing input as to the agenda (program).

While not dictating the agenda (program) for the Regional Conclave, it should relate and be informative to those Sir Knights who are just beginning in the Fraternity, especially if they are in the line of a Commandery. The RGCs may also wish to include issues affecting the Region in particular or the Fraternity in general and should allow a discussion period.

The RGOs and RGCs should also review the following documents in the Document Library on the Grand York Rite web site: "Duties of a District/Regional Officer" and "York Rite Conference Suggested Format and Planning."

Standing Committees**Credentials**

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

Robert L. Schmidt

Nathan D. Carrington

Fred F. Stuecken, Emeritus

J. Joseph Hayes, PGC

Templar Jurisprudence

Glenn E. Means, Chairman

Kevin B. Sample, HPGC

Walter W. Doyle

Stanton T. Brown, Emeritus

Todd A. Schulze

C. Brent Stewart

Finance and Accounts

Dennis A. Abernathy, Chairman

K. Trent Moreland

Harold J. Richardson, PGC

Clark A. McLemore

Russell S. Hanson, PGC

James E. Snavelly, PGC

Roger D. Fleer

Donald L. Trabue, PGC

Returns of Commanderies

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

Robert L. Schmidt

Fred F. Stuecken, Emeritus

J. Joseph Hayes, PGC

Address of Grand Commander

Larry T. Odom, PGC, Chairman

Harold F. Coots, PGC

Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

Hospitaler

Clark A. McLemore, Chairman

K. Trent Moreland

Roger D. Fleer

Standing Committees (continued)

Triennial

Thomas C. Yunick, PGC, Chairman

Clark A. McLemore

Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC

Time and Place

Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Chairman

Russell S. Hanson, PGC

K. Trent Moreland

Special Committees

Annual Conclave

(otherwise known as a committee on arrangements for the annual conclave)

K. Trent Moreland, Chairman

Roger D. Fleer

Donald L. Trabue, PGC

Clark A. McLemore

Russell S. Hanson, PGC

Charles E. Cooper

Some of the duties of this committee as have been defined to me are:

1. Work with the Grand Recorder to make sure the meeting room is set up according to our requirements, including all regalia, and timely. It is not the responsibility of the Grand Recorder to set up the room, dress the room, and generally herd everyone everywhere.
2. Work with the Grand Recorder to address any meeting requirements needed, and serve the Grand Commander's needs with regard to the general conduct of the meetings.
3. The Committee should be assigned to meet with our distinguished Grand Commandery guests and their ladies, and work to accommodate their needs, introductions to Missouri Sir Knights, and general social interactions.
4. Work with the ladies to make sure that distinguished guests gifts are delivered and help them with any of their needs as well. It is my understanding that hotel staff delivers the gifts.

Special Committees (continued)

Audit

Dennis A. Abernathy, Chairman

James E. Snavely, PGC

New Grand Warder

Harold J. Richardson, PGC

K. Trent Moreland

Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

Drill

Kevin B. Sample, HPGC, Chairman

Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Co-Chairman

Bobby L. Detherow

Ronnie E. Green, PGC

J. Joseph Hayes, PGC

Kevin E. Weaver, Judging Leader

Judges

Kevin Weaver, Judge 1

Bobbie White, Judge 2

Harold Coots, Judge 3

J. Joseph Hayes, Judge 4

Ronnie Green, Judge 5

Bobby L. Detherow, Alternate

Easter Sunrise Service

Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., PGC, Chairman

Regional Grand Commanders

Educational Foundation

David C. Witte (2017), Chairman

James L. Woodfin, Jr, PGC (2018)

Clifton W. Wofford (2019)

Todd A. Schulze (2020)

Richard L. Mansfield, PGC (2021)

Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Treasurer, non-voting

Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Secretary, non-voting

This Committee elects its own Chairman.

Emerging Leaders

Charles E. Cooper, Chairman

Harry L. Tripp, Jr.

Dennis L. Hammack

Stephen T. Thompson

Bobbie E. White

Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

Special Committees (continued)

Endowment Fund

Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Chairman

Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

Thomas C. Yunick, PGC

Forms and Publications

Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Chairman

Donald MacCormick

Aaron M. Shoemaker

Kevin B. Sample, HPGC

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Ralph E. Nolan, Chairman

Ronald E. Wood, Jr., HPGC

Kevin E. Weaver

Lewis C. Odneal

Honor Commandery Award

K. Trent Moreland, Chairman

Roger D. Fleer

Clark A. McLemore

Charles E. Cooper

Investments

Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Chairman

James E. Snively, PGC

Harold J. Richardson, PGC

Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC

Russell S. Hanson, PGC

Dennis A. Abernathy

E. Allen Kohler, HPGC

Patriotic and Civic Activities

Charles E. Cooper, Chairman

Clark A. McLemore

Ritual

Kevin E. Weaver, Chairman

Jerry F. Ward, PGC

Kevin B. Sample, HPGC

Ronnie E. Green, PGC

Russell S. Hanson, PGC

Terry D. Coppotelli

J. Joseph Hayes, PGC

Regional Conclaves

This is not a committee per se however, Regional Grand Commanders are charged with the preparation for, the agenda of and the location, date and time for the Conclave in their respective Regions. They should coordinate their efforts with the Regional Grand Officer for their individual Region. See General Orders No. 2 and No. 3 as well as the RGO and RGC Instructions above.

Youth Organizations

Danny D. Smothers, Chairman

David L. Leirer

Steven C. Monrotus

Missouri Past Commanders Association

Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., PGC, Secretary/Treasurer

Living Past Grand Commanders

Robert D. Jenkins (1983-1984)

Jerry F. Ward (1990-1991)

Donald L. Trabue (1994-1995)

E. Allen Kohler, Honorary (1995)

Billy J. Boyer (1995-1996)

Vern H. Schneider, Honorary (1996)

Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Honorary (1996)

Harold J. Richardson (1997-1998)

Lionel J. Goede (1999-2000)

Rocky E. Weaver (2000-2001)

Thomas C. Yunick (2003-2004)

James E. Snively (2005-2006)

Kevin B. Sample, Honorary (2006)

Marvin W. Frost (2006-2007)

Frederick A. Troxel, Jr. (2007-2008)

J. Joseph Hayes (2008-2009)

Ronnie E. Green (2009-2010)

Russell S. Hanson (2010-2011)

Daniel R. Quesenberry (2011-2012)

Richard L. Mansfield (2012-2013)

James L. Woodfin, Jr (2013-2014)

Harold F. Coots (2014-2015)

Larry T. Odom (2015-2016)

Grand Commander's Messages 2016-2017

Grand Master's Templar Crusade

The Grand Master's Templar Crusade serves three distinctly separate purposes. First and foremost is to honor and pay due respect as a Grand Commandery to the Grand Master of Masons in Missouri. Most Worshipful Brother Charles Brent Stewart is an ardent supporter of York Rite Freemasonry and indeed, has served as High Priest of Columbia Chapter No 17, Master of Centralia Council No. 34 and Commander of St. Graal Commandery No. 12. Most Worshipful Brother Stewart most thoughtful to include all facets of Freemasonry for his visitations, re-dedications and cornerstone laying events at which this Commandery has participated and hopefully will continue to participate by providing an honor guard for these events.

Second, it is intended that this event be a learning medium. We seem to have lost sight of much of our ritual in recent years. For instance, there is a lot more to an opening of a Commandery than merely a Class A, B or C drill and there are precious few Sir Knights remaining that can vouch for the fact that they have ever seen a full form opening let alone to have participated in one. Another for instance, there are not many around that have ever seen or participated in or watched a full form conferral of the Order of the Temple. Many times our orders are conferred in a festival setting and many are anxious to get it over with. Therefore, much of the conferral is omitted. This Crusade is designed to accomplish both learning opportunities. So, if you want to see these performed correctly, join with us and the Grand Master of Masons on July 9, 2016 at Jefferson Lodge in Jefferson City, MO.

Last, as with the Grand Master's Capitular and Cryptic events, this medium provides an opportunity for you to visit and establish relationships with Sir Knights scattered across the State. Sharing of past experiences is a great way to learn and participate. Who know, one might even learn about upcoming events not posted to the Grand York Rite web site.

I cordially invite your attendance and participation.

My first task of the year is to grant dispensation to Liberty Commandery No. 6 to conduct the opening for the Grand Master's Templar Crusade event on July 9, 2016.

My motto for this Templar year: Take up the sword-wield it in the defense of innocent maidens - destitute widows - helpless orphans and, more especially, the Christian Religion.

The "more especially" has been added for emphasis because, in the current day and age it has become politically correct to deny and attack those moral and Christian standards upon which our Country was founded even by the leaders of this Country. In my opinion, Christian Knights should be countering such attacks at every available opportunity because we stand for those Christian values. We exist because of those values and standards. And one such way of working toward that end is to provide opportunities for members of the ministry to travel to the Holy Land and walk in the footsteps and experience firsthand that which was experienced and suffered by our Saviour, Jesus Christ. And then, for them to bring this newly gained experience and knowledge back to the pulpits and even to this Grand Commandery. I extol each and every Sir Knight to practice out of the Commandery that which is so forthrightly taught within it. Figuratively take up your sword and wield it in the defense of the Christian Religion.

This program was instituted in 2010-2011 by then Grand Commander Russell S. Hanson. It is a program worthy of retention and I will retain it in place because if properly administered, it works. It is reiterated below.

"One of the major programs that the Grand Commandery undertook during the 2010-2011 Missouri Templar year was to reinstitute the assignment of Grand Officers to the Regions. The seven Grand Officers from Grand Warder to Grand Generalissimo were assigned to the seven Regions from Region 7 in the southwest corner of the State to Region 1 in the northeast corner of the State. This established a progression that will move the Sir Knights elected to the Grand Commandery advancing line from Region to Region each year. A Sir Knight entering the advancing line as Grand Warder and starting in Region 7 will have an opportunity to work with every Commandery in every Region during his progression to Grand Generalissimo. It is our hope that this will better prepare

him for his year assisting the Grand Commander as the Deputy Grand Commander as well as his year as Grand Commander.

Another of the changes that were made this year was to realign the duties of the Regional Grand Commanders back to the language of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery. Article XX, Section 221, describes both the assignment of Grand Officers as Regional Officers and the establishment of a corps of non-line Officers to assist them with their duties. Those assistants were to be called Regional Grand Commanders. As this article is silent on both the qualifications of a Regional Grand Commander and the number of Regional Grand Commanders, it was determined that any Sir Knight willing to do the work was eligible for the post. This first year we retained all of the RGCs from the previous year plus added several RGCs to certain Regions in order to establish a ratio of no more than 3 Commanderies per RGC."

We need to renew our search for musicians and singers to add depth, perception, interest and a soothing atmosphere to our Conclaves.

Dates for upcoming festivals should be widely distributed, including the calendar on the Grand York Rite web site. Without some prior planning it is difficult for a Grand Officer to reschedule at the last minute. Please advise the Grand Commander as well.

In Regions having more than a single Regional Grand Commander, the Regional Grand Commanders together with the Regional Officer within said Region should discuss how they wish to divide the Region so that one is not running in conflict with another. Please advise the Grand Commander of your specific Commanderies.

Grand Commander's reception will be Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 1:30-3:30 pm in the Liberty Masonic Temple, 10 E. Franklin St., Liberty, MO. Dress is casual except for any Sir Knights in attendance that were not installed on June 10 at the Grand Conclave. Dress for these is Class A with sword, chapeaux and gloves.

Decisions of the Grand Commander 2016-2017

1. In keeping with Grand Master Decision No. 9 (David Dixon Goodwin, GCT, GM, April 1, 2015), and to comply with the Grand Encampment Constitution Statutes and Approved Decisions, it is my decision that all references to term limits for appointees in the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Missouri be

stricken wherever they occur. In part GM Goodwin's decision states, "...Grand Commanderies may not pass laws specifying the term for a committee appointment as it interferes with the Grand Commander's right to appoint all committees. This decision revokes 1958, page 268, No. 7, DeLamater...". Reference Section 48 of the Grand Encampment Constitution.

Fraternally and respectfully,

Robert W. Schlichter, Grand Commander, 2016-2017

2. As to the decision cited in item No. 1 and the decision of Grand Master Gordon, to wit, " The Grand Commander has sole authority to appoint all Grand Commandery* committees and all offices not made elective. An amendment to provide that particular persons or the holder of a particular office shall serve on a committee is in violation of Grand Encampment law. (1955, p. 83 & 235, No. 10, Gordon, 1988 digest - 158)", it is my decision that any reference in the Grand Commandery Laws and Regulations referring to the appointment of an holder of any office to a committee be stricken.

*corrects that posted at the Grand Encampment webpage.

Fraternally and respectfully,

Robert W. Schlichter, Grand Commander, 2016-2017

3. In contrast to the Laws and Regulations it is my decision that the Templar Jurisprudence Committee shall contain five members for 2016-2017.

Fraternally and respectfully,

Robert W. Schlichter, Grand Commander, 2016-2017

Should the pending 2015-2016 legislation pass, this decision will become null and void.

General Orders

It is my will and pleasure to issue the following General Orders:

No. 1 All Missouri Commanderies are required to log in to the YRIS program at least once each and every month. This procedure may be accomplished either by the Commandery Recorder or his designee.

No. 2 Grand Officers and Regional Grand Commanders will be in the appropriate uniform for all Constituent Commandery or Grand Commandery events they attend including Regional Conclaves. (A summer uniform is acceptable during the months so designated.)

No. 3 Regional Grand Commanders will plan for and set the agenda and program and date for the Regional Conclaves. This information will be communicated in timely fashion but not less than 90 days prior to the Annual Conclave to the Grand Recorder that it may be posted to the Preliminary Proceedings prepared by the Grand Recorder's Office.

No. 4 There will be seven Regional Conclaves, one in each Templar Region, some or all of which may be in conjunction with the conferences of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council conferences.

No. 5 Regional Grand Commanders are hereby deputed as Personal Representatives of the Grand Commander within their designated Regions. Included is the power to arrest the Charter of a Constituent Commandery should that become necessary upon the instruction and direction of the Grand Commander. Under our current law, none of this is specifically addressed or stipulated.

No. 6 Requests for approval of constituent Commandery by-laws, requests for special dispensations, and other requests specifically of the Grand Commander should be sent emailed (email: bcslick@hughes.net) to the Grand Commander with cc's to the chairman of the applicable committee (typically the Jurisprudence chairman) and gyr@moyorkrite.org (and to hansonr@missouri.edu as both a backup and to make sure that the Grand Recorder sees it in case his input is needed). In the event that the person sending the email does not know the email of the applicable committee chairman, then the Executive Assistant will forward the request to the appropriate committee chairman with a cc to the Grand Commander (so he knows that it has been done).

After considering the matter (and consulting with the appropriate committee chairman), the Grand Commander will email a response to the person who submitted the request with cc's to the appropriate committee chairman, gyr@moyorkrite.org, and hansonr@missouri.edu.

Those without email capability may submit requests for approval of constituent Commandery by-laws, requests for special dispensations, and other requests specifically of the Grand Commander to the Grand York Rite Office, 107 S. Williams St., Fayette, MO, 65248-1017. The Executive Assistant will scan the document and email the scan to the Grand Commander, the appropriate committee chair, and hansonr@missouri.edu.

After considering the matter (and consulting the appropriate committee chairman), the Grand Commander should either email a response to the person who submitted the request (if his email address is known, or to the email address of someone who can communicate with the person who submitted the request) or send in the body of an email to gyr@moyorkrite.org and hansonr@missouri.edu his response so the Grand Recorder can prepare a paper letter to return by snail mail to the person who submitted the request. The Executive Assistant will email a copy of the letter (as a pdf file) back to the Grand Commander and appropriate committee chairman.

All other legal matters such as questions of interpretation of the Laws and Regulations and proposals for amendment of the Laws and Regulations should be sent by email to the Jurisprudence chairman with cc's to the Grand Commander, gyr@moyorkrite.org, and hansonr@missouri.edu. After due consideration the Jurisprudence chairman and the Grand Commander can determine who will respond to the question of interpretation of the Laws and Regulations. The Jurisprudence chairman should respond to proposals for amendment of the Laws and Regulations. All responses by email should include cc's to gyr@moyorkrite.org and hansonr@missouri.edu.

Snail mailed request should be addressed to the Grand York Rite Office, 107 S. Williams St., Fayette, MO, 65248-1017. The Executive Assistant will scan the document and email the scan to the Jurisprudence chairman and the Grand Commander with a cc to hansonr@missouri.edu. The Grand Recorder would be happy to prepare paper letter responses for the Grand Commander and the Jurisprudence chairman, as the need arises (The Grand Recorder just needs the body of the letter in an email to gyr@moyorkrite.org and hansonr@missouri.edu).

In short, all communications of the Grand Commandery of Missouri will always include a copy to gyr@moyorkrite.org and hansonr@missouri.edu. That way the official record at the MGYR Office can be maintained and the Grand Recorder will be kept in the loop as well as acting as a backup for the MGYR Office.

No. 7. References to a requirement that Constituent Commanderies are required to submit monthly reports are to be removed from any documentation including that on the web site. The requirement for the filing of monthly reports was removed by the Grand Encampment quite some time ago and should have been done at that time by the Grand Commandery of Missouri, especially since there is

no requirement in the Laws and Regulations for it. This is not to say that a Constituent Commandery may not use the report form itself to maintain and keep its own records up to date.

No. 8. In light of Decision No. 1, it is my order that the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence review the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery and make necessary corrections regarding removal of term limits. As the decision of the Grand Master and Grand Encampment Law supersedes Grand Commandery Law, it will not be necessary to submit a legislative package addressing these changes at the following Annual Conclave. A written report of the action taken will suffice. However, should it occur that removal of a term limit would demonstrably have a detrimental affect upon any particular Section, Jurisprudence will prepare such legislation for presentation at the next Annual Conclave.

No. 9. In light of Decision no. 2, it is my order that the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence review the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery and make necessary corrections regarding removal of terminology requiring the appointment of officers to committees. As the decision of a Grand Master and Grand Encampment Law supersedes Grand Commandery Law, it will not be necessary to submit a legislative package addressing any such changes at the following Annual Conclave. A written report of the action taken will suffice. However, in the event that such removal would necessarily have a detrimental affect upon any particular Section, Jurisprudence will prepare such legislation for presentation at the next Annual Conclave.

No. 10. Regional Grand Commanders will make no less than 2 Official Visits to the Commanderies under their care and more if at all possible.

Fraternally and respectfully,
Robert W. Schlichter, Grand Commander, 2016-2017



