Official Proceedings of the One Hundred Fifty-Seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri



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Sir Knight K. Trent Moreland Grand Commander Grand Commandery of Missouri 2017-2018

Biography

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One Hundred Fifty-Seventh Annual Conclave

The One Hundred Fifty-Seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri was reconvened at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, Missouri on June 9, 2018, at 8:04 am.

Sir Knight K. Trent Moreland, Right Eminent Grand Commander, welcomed the Sir Knights, Ladies, and Guests to the One Hundred Fifty-Seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri.

Sir Knight Moreland asked the youth organizations to perform their opening ceremonies. Ms. Alexis Heartenstein, Grand Worthy Advisor for the Grand Jurisdiction of Missouri International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, supervised the Rainbow Girl opening ceremony. The Rainbow Girls first formed a Square and Compasses in honor of the Masonic Lodge. They then formed an O, an E, and an S in honor of the Order of the Eastern Star - one of the sponsoring bodies of the Rainbow Girls. They then formed an A in honor of the Order of the Amaranth. They then formed a W and an S in honor of the White Shrine – their newest sponsor. They finally formed a Cross and invited the audience to join them in singing "The Old Rugged Cross." Sir Knight Moreland called up the Grand Commandery and everyone participated in singing with the Rainbow Girls. Sir Knight Moreland seated everyone at the conclusion of the song. The opening ceremonies continued with a Bible Presentation by the Missouri Job's Daughters. The ceremony was lead by Ms. Erin Howard, Grand Bethel Honor Queen. The Job's Daughters presented the Bible at the Altar and sang "Near My God To Thy." The youth opening ceremonies concluded with a presentation from the Missouri DeMolay. Mr. Richard Ables, Deputy State Master Counselor, presented the Flag Tribute and the Ceremony of Lights. Sir Knight Moreland thanked the representatives of the three youth bodies for their participation.

Sir Knight Moreland called up the Grand Commandery for the Pledge of Allegiance. Sir Knight Moreland asked Sir Knight Roy L. Gilkey, Eminent Grand Prelate, to provide an opening prayer. Sir Knight Moreland then seated everyone.

Sir Knight Moreland asked Sir Knight Daniel R. Quessenberry, Eminent Grand Chorister, to provide two songs. Sir Knight Quessenberry sang the "Lord's Prayer" and "All Things Work Together for Good." Sir Knight Moreland thanked Sir Knight Quessenberry.

At 8:38 am, Sir Knight Moreland ordered Sir Knight Roger D. Fleer, Very Eminent Grand Commander, to take charge of the Grand Officers and prepare to reconvene the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery. Under the direction of the Deputy Grand Commander, the Grand Commandery Officers performed the public opening tactics for reconvening the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri. Sir Knight Moreland congratulated the Grand Officers for a very good job in performing the opening tactics for reconvening the Grand Commandry of Missouri.

Sir Knight Moreland order Sir Knight Russell S. Hanson, Eminent Grand Recorder, to call the roll of Grand Officers. The following Grand Officers were present and in their stations with the noted excused absences:

Sir Knight K. Trent Moreland	Grand Commander
Sir Knight Roger D. Fleer	
Sir Knight Clark A. McLemore	
Sir Knight Charles E. Cooper	
Sir Knight Harry L. Tripp, Jr	
Sir Knight Dennis L. Hammack	
Sir Knight Roy L. Gilkey	
Sir Knight Donald L. Trabue, PGC	
Sir Knight Russell S. Hanson, PGC	
Sir Knight Dennis A. Abernathy	
Sir Knight Michael C. Rohman	
Sir Knight Kevin B. Sample	
Sir Knight Ronald E. Wood, Jr., HPGC	
Sir Knight James L. Woodfin, Jr., PGC	
Sir Knight Ronnie E. Green, PGC	
Sir Knight Kirby A. Moreland	Grand Sentinel
Sir Knight Kevin E. Weaver	Grand Drill Instructor/Lecturer
Sir Knight Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC	
Sir Knight John E. Schofield	
Sir Knight Steven C. Monrotus	
Sir Knight Larry F. Walters	
Sir Knight William R. Brantley	

Sir Knight Hanson called the roll of the Grand Representatives to other jurisdictions near Missouri (for expediency sake only, Sir Knight Hanson dispensed with the honorary titles of these Sir Knights).

United States of America

Alabama	Frank R. von Geyso
Alaska	Loren D. Lloyd
Arizona	
Arkansas	Terry R. Struse
California	
Colorado	
Connecticut	Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.
Delaware	Vacant
District of Columbia	Carlin L. Smittle
Florida	Harold F. Coots
Georgia	Brian J. Densmore

Hawaii	K. Trent Moreland
Idaho	Larry D. Wyatt
Illinois	Harry L. Tripp, Jr.
Indiana	James E. Snavely
Iowa	
Kansas	
Kentucky	
Louisiana	
Maine	
Maryland	
Massachusetts/Rhode Island	
Michigan	
Minnesota	
Mississippi	
Montana	Frederick A. Troxel. Ir.
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South Carolina	
South Dakota	
Tennessee	
Texas	1
Utah	
Vermont	
Virginia	
Washington	
West Virginia	
Wisconsin	
Wyoming	
Other Jurisdictions	
Croatia	Aaron E. Rose
Italy	
Panama	
Philippines	
Portugal	
Romania	Vacant
Togo	
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Sir Knight Moreland thanked the Grand Representatives for their service. Sir Knight Moreland asked Sir Knight Aaron M. Shoemaker to meet him west of the altar. Sir Knight Moreland presented Sir Knight Shoemaker with his Grand Representative credentials from the Grand Commandery of New Jersey.

Sir Knight Moreland ordered Sir Knight Kevin B. Sample, Eminent Grand Warder, to form the Honor Guard which was subsequently performed.

Sir Knight Hanson introduced the junior past and current heads of the Grand Chapter of Missouri and the Grand Council of Missouri for reception and greeting.

Most Excellent Companion and Sir Knight Ronald L. Barrett, Junior Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri.

Most Excellent Companion and Sir Knight Jerry L. Miles, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri.

Most Illustrious Companion and Sir Knight Joseph P. Elson, Junior Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri.

Most illustrious Companion and Sir Knight Aaron M. Shoemaker, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri.

Sir Knight Moreland welcomed the junior past and current heads of the Grand Chapter of Missouri and the Grand Council of Missouri. They were greeted in the East by Sir Knight Moreland together with Sir Knight Fleer and Sir Knight Clark A. McLemore, Eminent Grand Generalissimo.

Sir Knight Hanson introduced the current or past grand commanders from other jurisdiction who were visiting the Annual Concalve of the Grand Commandery of Missouri.

Sir Knight John T. Staton, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Kansas.

Sir Knight Gene Hatfield, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Iowa.

Sir Knight Byron E. Hams, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the United Grand Commandery Knights Templar F & AM, Prince Hall Affiliated, of the State of Missouri.

Sir Knight Moreland welcomed the visiting Grand Commanders and Past Grand Commanders from other jurisdictions. The Sir Knights were received though an arch of steel. They were greeted in the East by Sir Knight Moreland together with Sir Knight Fleer and Sir Knight McLemore. Sir Knight Hanson introduced the Past Grand Commanders of Missouri for reception and greeting.

Sir Knight Robert D. Jenkins	PCC(1083-1084)
Sir Knight Jerry F. Ward	
Sir Knight Donald L. Trabue	
Sir Knight E. Allen Kohler	
Sir Knight Vern H. Schneider	Honorary (1996)
Sir Knight Ronald E. Wood, Jr	
Sir Knight Harold J. Richardson	
Sir Knight Lionel J. Goede	
Sir Knight Rocky E. Weaver	
Sir Knight Thomas C. Yunick	
Sir Knight James E. Snavely	
Sir Knight Kevin B. Sample	Honorary (2006)
Sir Knight Marvin W. Frost	
Sir Knight Frederick A. Troxel, Jr	PGC (2007-2008)
Sir Knight J. Joseph Hayes	
Sir Knight Ronnie E. Green	PGC (2009-2010)
Sir Knight Russell S. Hanson	PGC (2010-2011)
Sir Knight Daniel R. Quesenberry	
Sir Knight Richard L. Mansfield	
Sir Knight James L. Woodfin, Jr	
Sir Knight Harold F. Coots	
Sir Knight Robert W. Schlichter	

Sir Knight Moreland welcomed the Past Grand Commanders of Missouri. Sir Knight Moreland asked Sir Knight Ward to address the Grand Commandery on behalf of the Past Grand Commanders. The Sir Knights were received though an arch of steel. They were greeted in the East by Sir Knight Moreland together with Sir Knight Fleer and Sir Knight McLemore.

Sir Knight Hanson asked Sir Knight du Treil to approach the west side of the honor guard. Sir Knight Moreland called the Grand Commandery to attention. Sir Knight Hanson introduced Sir Knight du Treil for reception and greeting.

Sir Knight Frank N. du Treil, Jr., Right Eminent Department Commander, South Central Department, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America; Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana; and the personal representative of Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Sir Knight Moreland welcomed Sir Knight du Treil to the One Hundred Fifty-Seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri. Sir Knight du Treil was received through an arch of steal. Sir Knight du Treil was greeted in the East by Sir Knight Moreland together with Sir Knight Fleer and Sir Knight McLemore. Sir Knight du Treil was invited to the dias. Sir Knight Moreland seated the Grand Commandery.

Sir Knight Moreland thanked Sir Knight Sample and the Honor Guard for performing their duty well. Sir Knight Moreland ordered Sir Knight Sample to retire and dismiss the Honor Guard which was subsequently done.

Sir Knight Moreland again welcomed all the Ladies, Guests, Sir Knights and Distinguished Visitors to the One Hundred Fifty-Seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri. He extend a personal welcome to Sir Knight Frank N. du Treil, Jr., Right Eminent Department Commander of the South Central Department and personal representative of Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. He expressed his pleasure of having all of the visiting out-of-state guests and their ladies at Missouri's Annual Conclave. He expressed the hope that everyone would enjoy their time today and thanked them for their presence.

Sir Knight Moreland asked Sir Knight Gilkey to deliver the Necrology.

Sir Knight Gilkey presented his Necrology (part of the Grand Commander's Annual Report, see Report section for the text).

Sir Knight Gilkey asked Sir Knight Moreland to call the Grand Commandery to an attitude of reverence and prayer. Sir Knight Moreland called the Grand Commandery to attention and ordered all Sir Knights to uncover. Sir Knight Gilkey provided an appropriate prayer.

Sir Knight Moreland ordered the Sir Knights to recover and to be seated.

Sir Knight Moreland expressed his hope that the Ladies and non-Member Guests had enjoyed the public portion of the Grand Conclave. As it was now time to begin the business meeting of the Grand Commandery, he asked all who were not Knights Templar to please retire and thanked them for their attendance and support.

Sir Knight Moreland formally reconvened the Grand Commandery of Missouri with the words:

"Sir Knights, I now declare the One Hundred and Fifty- Seventh Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Missouri convened for the dispatch of such business as may regularly come before it; requiring all Knights present to govern themselves according to the Sublime Principles of this Magnanimous Order."

Sir Knight Moreland ordered Sir Knight Sample to inform Sir Knight Kirby A. Moreland, Eminent Grand Sentinel, and for him to guard accordingly which was subsequently done. Sir Knight Moreland asked for the report of the Credential Committee by the Chairman, Sir Knight Phillip Engel.

Sir Knight Engel reported that there were a Constitutional number of Sir Knights present to hold the One Hundred Fifty-Seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri. He stated that there were present a total of 120 voting members registered and 15 non-voting members registered. He noted that there were four Commanderies without representation: Excalibar Commandery No. 5, Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 24, St. Elmo Commandery No. 43, and Mountain Grove Commandery No. 66.

Sir Knight Moreland thanked Sir Knight Engel for the report.

Sir Knight Moreland presented his Annual Report (see Report Section for the text).

Sir Knight Moreland tendered command of the Grand Commandery to Sir Knight Fleer for the consideration of his Annual Report. Sir Knight Fleer asked the Chairman of the Committee on the Address of the Grand Commander, Sir Knight Harold F. Coots, PGC, to present the Committee's report (see Report Section for the text). Due to issues pointed out by Sir Knight Coots, he moved that the Grand Commander's Annual Report be referred back to the Committee for further review. The motion was seconded. The motion passed and the Grand Commander's Annual Report was referred back to the Committee on the Address of the Grand Commander.

Sir Knight Moreland recovered command of the Grand Commandery.

Sir Knight Moreland asked for the report from the Templar Jurisprudence Committee.

Sir Knight Glenn E. Means, Chairman of the Templar Jurisprudence Committee, presented the Committee's report (see Report Section for the text). Having concluded the preliminary part of the report, Sir Knight Means introduced the members of the Committee: Sir Knight John C. Carakersk, SKIr KnightTodd A. Schulze, Sir Knight William G. Snyder, and Sir Knight Jerry F. Ward, PGC. Sir Knight Means moved for the approval of the preliminary part of the report. The motion was seconded. Sir Knight Moreland called for any discussion. Hearing none, Sir Knight Moreland called for the vote. Sir Knight Moreland declared that the motion had passed.

Sir Knight Means proceeded into the proposed legislation beginning with the presentation of Item No. 1. For the sole purpose of bringing the item before the Grand Commandery for consideration, Sir Knight Means moved for the adoption of the item. The motion was seconded. Sir Knight Moreland called for any discussion. Hearing none, Sir Knight Moreland called for the vote. Sir Knight Moreland declared that the motion had passed.

Sir Knight Menas continued with the presentation of Item No. 2. For the sole purpose of bringing the item before the Grand Commandery for consideration, Sir Knight Means moved for the adoption of the item. The motion was seconded. Sir Knight Moreland called

for any discussion. Hearing none, Sir Knight Moreland called for the vote. Sir Knight Moreland declared that the motion had passed.

Sir Knight Menas continued with the presentation of Item No. 3. Sir Knight Means clarified that **Section 231 Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS).** contained an omitted word – the word "digital" needed to be inserted between "official" and "repository." Sir Knight Means also clarified that **Section 234. Your Login and Password.** contained a wording error – the words "and password" needed to be stricken from the first sentence. For the sole purpose of bringing the item before the Grand Commandery for consideration, Sir Knight Means moved to for the adoption of the item. The motion was seconded. Sir Knight Moreland called for any discussion. Hearing none, Sir Knight Moreland called for the vote. Sir Knight Moreland declared that the motion had passed.

Sir Knight Menas continued with the presentation of Item No. 4. For the sole purpose of bringing the item before the Grand Commandery for consideration, Sir Knight Means moved for the adoption of the item. The motion was seconded. Sir Knight Moreland called for any discussion. Hearing none, Sir Knight Moreland called for the vote. Sir Knight Moreland declared that the motion had passed.

Sir Knight Menas continued with the presentation of Item No. 5. For the sole purpose of bringing the item before the Grand Commandery for consideration, Sir Knight Means moved for the adoption of the item. The motion was seconded. Sir Knight Moreland called for any discussion. Hearing none, Sir Knight Moreland called for the vote. Sir Knight Moreland declared that the motion had passed.

Sir Knight Menas continued with the presentation of Item No. 6. Sir Knight Means reported the proposer of the item had withdrawn the proposal.

Sir Knight Menas skipped forward in the proposed legislation to the presentation of Item No. 9. For the sole purpose of bringing the item before the Grand Commandery for consideration, Sir Knight Means moved for the adoption of the item. The motion was seconded. Sir Knight Moreland called for any discussion.

Sir Knight Thomas C. Yunick, PGC, PC, Ely Commandery No. 22, commented that it appeared to him that the proposal was removing the position of Regional Grand Commander. He expressed his feeling that the Regional Grand Commander position was a good training ground for leaders. He expressed concern for the way the proposal was written and opposed the proposal. In response, Sir Knight Means pointed our that the proposal did not remove the position of Regional Grand Commander.

Sir Knight Kevin B. Sample, PC, Poplar Bluff Commandery No.67, commented that, per the statement in the Grand Commander's Annual Report, we need to follow the Laws and Regulations or risk becoming lawless. He commented that, for many years up until Past Grand Commander Hanson or maybe one or two Grand Commanders before him, the Grand Commander relied on the Regional Grand Commander structure as we do in the Grand Lodge, the Grand Chapter, and the Grand Council. Sir Knight Hanson read the law and said that was not what it stated. Instead, he said that the Regional Officers were in charge of the Regions and that the Regional Grand Commanders were assigned to support them. What the proposed legislation was trying to do was establish a structure whereby the Regional Grand Commanders are in charge of a given Region which was what was always meant to be in place, but never has been. He concluded that he was in support of the proposal.

Sir Knight Aaron E. Rose; Palestine Commandery No. 17, Oriental Commandery No. 35, and East Gate Commandery No. 70, commented that he did not understand how the Regional Grand Commander is replaced if one resigns.

Sir Knight Roger D. Fleer, PC, Ascalon Commandery No. 16, commented that overall the proposal is acceptable. However, in a Region with multiple Regional Grand Commanders, does that mean that the Grand Commander will designate which Commanderies belong to each Regional Grand Commander? Or would it be better to have the Regional Officer, who is learning how to do these jobs, work with the Regional Grand Commanders and be in their structure so they can be a little more helpful? He commented that one of the things that he did as a Regional Officer was watch for potential candidates for future Regional Grand Commanders. He said that as a Regional Officer, he asked each of his Regional Grand Commanders for a resume so I could learn about them and he asked them for recommendations for their own replacements. He concluded that while the proposal is good in its intent, he questioned the ability of the Regional Grand Commanders to do all of the work that they needed to do.

Sir Knight Donald L. Trabue, PC, Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29, commented that he totally agreed with the proposal as written.

Hearing no further discussion, Sir Knight Moreland called for the vote. Sir Knight Moreland declared that the motion had passed.

Sir Knight Menas went back to address Items No 7 and No. 8. He explained that the two proposals cannot both be passed – either one or the other could be passed – or neither of them could be passed. He further explained the differences between the two items. Item No. 7 sets up a series of requirements for the Grand Treasurer concerning the release of Educational Foundation funds and accountability of those funds. Item No. 8 transfers the security, investment, and accountability of the Educational Foundation funds to the Grand Encampment. Both retain the selection of the recipients and the amount of money each recipient will receive to the local Missouri Educational Foundation Committee which is appointed by the Grand Commander. Sir Knight Means expressed his insistence that we all understand that the selection of the recipients and the amount of money that they receive is controlled by our Educational Foundation Committee. He stated that how the money is handled is really the question in considering these two items.

Sir Knight Means explained that the Grand Commander had asked for the consideration of Item No. 8 first. He continued with the presentation of Item No. 8. He further explained that the Grand Encampment laws concerning Educational Foundations were set up with the Grand Encampment retaining the management of the Educational Foundation funds. However, as Sir Knight Means commented, Missouri set up an Educational Foundation fund on its own. He further commented that the Templar Jurisprudence committee had been struggling with the question of how to apply Grand Encampment laws to Missouri and how to resolve these two items. He also commented that Missouri is charged a management fee by the Grand Encampment for the Educational Foundation money that Missouri manages.

For the sole purpose of bringing the item before the Grand Commandery for consideration, Sir Knight Means moved for the adoption of the item. The motion was seconded. Sir Knight Moreland called for any discussion.

Sir Knight David C. Witte, Palestine Commandery No. 17, and the author of the proposal, explained the reason for why he wrote the proposal. He commented that he was trying to clean up the operation of the Educational Foundation. He also commented that if we were paying the Grand Encampment for managing the Educational Foundation money, then we should have the Grand Encampment do the work. He expressed the opinion that the Grand Encampment could give us a better return on our investment and that meant we could give more grants and that was what the Educational Foundation was all about.

Sir Knight Michael C. Rohman, PC, Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29, suggested that due to the uncertainty with respect to the the Grand Encampment, the item should be tabled for one or two years until we received clearer directions from the Grand Encampment. He moved to table the item for one to two years. Sir Knight Means commented that he would usually welcome a motion to table this issue. However, this concern has been hanging for a long time and a solution does not appear to be forthcoming. He expressed his concern that Missouri might be forced to give the Educational Foundation funds back to the Grand Encampment. He further commented that it was in the Grand Encampment's best interest for the Educational Foundation money to go back to them, but it was in Missouri's best interest to keep the control of the Educational Foundation money in Missouri. He expressed the need to review this issue further and to determine what was best for Missouri. Sir Knight Rohman repeated his motion to table the item for one to two years.

Sir Knight Frank N. du Treil, Department Commander, commented that the Grand Encampment would not tell Missouri how to solve this issue.

Sir Knight Moreland stated that there was a motion on the floor to table consideration of both Item No. 7 and Item No. 8. He also stated that the motion had been seconded. Sir Knight Moreland called for discussion on the motion to table.

Sir Knight Kevin B. Sample, PC, Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67, commented from the standpoint of someone who personally managed the Educational Foundation in the past. He pointed out that the Grand Commandery had not seen financial reports from the Educational Foundation committee since 2009. He also pointed out that the Grand Encampment was charging us for services, but questioned what services they were

performing for those fees. He related his personal experience of four years ago when he attempted to file an application for his daughter in August and was told that the application would not be processed until the next June. He commented that, when he was in charge of the Educational Foundation committee's management, applications were processed within two to three weeks and the answers were provided immediately which resonates with the procedures contained in Item No. 7. He also commented that Item No. 8 did not address the prompt consideration of the applications, but it did address improving management of the Educational Foundation funds. He concluded that the Educational Foundation has to function more than once a year.

Sir Knight Don L. Trabue, PC, Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29 and Grand Treasurer, commented that in his opinion there was quite a bit of false information being shared today. First, the earnings on the Educational Foundation fund is much less than the 2 or 3 percent difference that was being discussed. He expressed the opinion that the biggest problem with the current program was that we needed more guidelines for investment and distribution. He gave the example that during the 2017 Educational Foundation meeting he had reported that a CD would be maturing on October 29th and that he would use the interest from that CD to pay the grant recipients. However, the Grand Commander's General Order No. 2 required the distribution to occur prior to September 30th. When he asked the Grand Commander about waiting until the CD matured, he was told by the Grand Commander that he did not care that the Educational Foundation fund would lose money. Second, two or three years ago the Grand Chapter appointed a committee on investments. One of the members of that committee included an investment banker. The Grand Treasurer provide the committee with all of the Grand Chapter's investment records. The investment banker concluded that the Grand Treasurer was getting as good a return as the investment banker could get and the investment fees were being avoided. Sir Knight Trabue expressed his opinion that the issue concerning the Educational Foundation money was a power play to get Grand Commanderies to turn their Educational Foundation money over to the Grand Encampment. He concluded that we needed better guidelines for the functioning of the Educational Foundation committee. He also commented on the huge jump in the Grand Encampment's management fee on Educational Foundation committees.

Sir Knight Thomas C. Yunick, PC, Ely Commandery No. 22, commented on the annual appointment of committee members by the Grand Commander for a five year term being in conflict with the provision that the Grand Commander could appoint all of the members each year. He asked how we could maintain continuity of the committee under those conflicting provisions? He concluded that the motion to table should have a specific termination.

Sir Knight Roger D. Fleer, PC, Ascalon Commandery No. 16, suggested that Sir Knight Rohman be asked to amend his motion to include a one year term. He further suggested that the Grand Commandery put together a special committee to review the situation and report mid-year through the Grand Recorder to the Commanderies about what it had determined. Sir Knight Rohman agreed to amend his motion to a one year term. Sir Knight David C. Witte, Palestine Commandery No. 17, commented that the reason that the Educational Foundation only met once per year was that, per Grand Encampment regulations for Educational Foundation committees, we can only approve grants from money earned. He further stated that, given the fact that we had to wait until we knew earnings, the Educational Foundation committee could not issue grants on demand.

Sir Knight Harold F. Coots, PC, Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29, commented about the concern that the Grand Commander could replace the entire committee membership each year. He stated that we needed to make sure that we were in compliance with the Grand Encampment Constitution, Statutes, and Decisions.

Sir Knight Moreland called the discussion on the motion to table to an end. He asked for clarification on the motion. Sir Knight Hanson stated that the final motion was to table both Item No. 7 and Item No.8 for one year. Sir Knight Moreland called for the vote. Sir Knight Moreland declared that the motion to table both Item No. 7 and Item No. 8 for one year had passed.

Sir Knight Means stated that, with the resolution of all of the legislative items, the report of the Templar Jurisprudence committee was concluded and he moved for the adoption of the entire Templar Jurisprudence report. The motion was seconded. Sir Knight Moreland called for the vote. Sir Knight Moreland declared that the motion had passed.

Sir Knight Moreland announced that the time had arrived for the election of officers. Sir Knight Moreland asked the Sir Knight Kirby Moreland if he had sufficient Sir Knights for tiling all of the doors. Sir Knight Kirby Moreland responded that he had sufficient assistants. Sir Knight Moreland asked the Regional Grand Commanders present in the room to assemble in front of the East. Sir Knight Moreland appointed Sir Knight Dennis E. Fetter as the head teller, the balance of the Regional Grand Commanders as tellers, and excused Sir Knight Bobbie L. White from the group of tellers. Sir Knight Moreland asked Sir Knight Hanson to explain the ballot. The ballot as follows:

Section 1:

Type 1: If you wish to advance the line of officers as is, place an (X) in the circle above and write in a name for Grand Warder.

Type 2: If you DO NOT wish to advance the line of officers as is, DO NOT place an (X) in the circle. You MUST write a name in each space or your ballot WILL NOT be counted.

Section 2:

Type 1: To RETAIN the current Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder (yes we know it mistakenly says Grand Secretary, but it is okay), place an (X) in the circle above.

Type 2: If you DO NOT wish to retain the Grand Treasurer or the Grand Recorder, DO NOT place an (X) in the circle. You must WRITE a name in each space or your ballot WILL NOT be counted. Any ballot not completed by one of these methods will be disregarded. We believe that the Sir Knights have the capability of making an (X) in the circle."

Sir Knight Moreland ordered the Sir Knights present to mark their ballots and for the tellers to collect the completed ballots. A period of time passed during which the ballots were marked and collected. Sir Knight Moreland asked if all eligible members had voted. Seeing no further ballots uncollected, he declared the ballot closed. He instructed Sir Knight Fetter to retire with the tellers and count the ballots. He also asked Sir Knight Fetter and the tellers if he had their permission to continue routine business in their absence. Sir Knight Fetter and the tellers gave their permission. Sir Knight Moreland concluded his instructions to the tellers by telling them that, on their return, they should report to the Grand Recorder. The tellers departed from the room. After the departure of the tellers, Sir Knight Moreland reminded the Sir Knights that the doors would remain sealed until the conclusion of the election.

Sir Knight Moreland called for the report of the Finance Committee. Sir Knight Dennis A. Abernathy, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Accounts, moved that the report printed in the preliminary proceedings (see Report Section for the text) be adopted. The motion was seconded. Sir Knight Moreland called for any discussion. Hearing none, Sir Knight Moreland called for the vote. Sir Knight Moreland declared that the motion had passed.

Sir Knight Moreland called for the report of the Audit Committee. Sir Knight Abernathy, Chairman of the Audit Committee, moved that the report printed in the preliminary proceedings (see Report Section for the text) be adopted. The motion was seconded. Sir Knight Moreland called for any discussion. Hearing none, Sir Knight Moreland called for the vote. Sir Knight Moreland declared that the motion had passed.

Sir Knight Moreland called for the report of the Grand Treasurer. Sir Knight Donald L. Trabue, Grand Treasurer, moved that the report printed in the preliminary proceedings (see Report Section for the text) be adopted subject to completion after receipt of the final financial reports for all account. The motion was seconded. Sir Knight Moreland called for any discussion. Hearing none, Sir Knight Moreland called for the vote. Sir Knight Moreland declared that the motion had passed.

Sir Knight Moreland called for the report of the Grand Recorder. Sir Knight Russell S. Hanson, Grand Recorder, stated that his report was printed in the preliminary proceedings (see the Report Section for the text). However, he pointed out one specific paragraph in his report. Sir Knight Hanson said the following:

One of the big successes of the Grand York Rite Office is the completion of the Grand Commandery's second year using the new annual reporting system.

Together with the completion of the move of the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council into the Masonic Membership System, MMS, database, all of the 2017 annual reports were based on the Missouri membership data in MMS. All that the Commanderies were required to do was to complete a simple reply form, write a check, and submit them to the Grand York Rite Office on March 1st. Understand that based on today's legislation its going to be a bit more complicated next year. They going to have to do a little more work.

The response this year was 97%. However, Oriental Commandery No. 35 failed to pay its per capita bill, but that is now incorrect. We have 100% completion. Oriental Commandery did turn in their check at this Annual Conclave, so we are 100% represented. We had one Commandery that requested and received a payment plan and that has been supported, but if they fail to make all of their payments by the end of 2018, then the unpaid balance will be added to their 2018 per capita bill. One Commandery paid much less than the amount specified in their per capita bill, so the unpaid bill will be added to their 2018 per capita bill making it even bigger. The Grand Commandery was looking at something less than \$2,446.20 short of collecting the estimated \$45,187.50 owed to it by the Commanderies.

Sir Knight Hanson concluded by thanking everyone for their continued support and that he and Debbie were looking forward to continuing to work for the Grand Commandery. He moved for the adoption of the report. The motion was seconded. Sir Knight Moreland called for any discussion. Hearing none, Sir Knight Moreland called for the vote. Sir Knight Moreland declared that the motion had passed.

Sr Knight Moreland called for any routine or additional business that might need to be addressed. Hearing none, Sir Knight Moreland asked Sir Knight Daniel R. Quessenberry, Grand Chorister, to entertain the Grand Commandery with a song. Sir Knight Quessenberry prepared to sing a song, but the tellers returned before he could start. Sir Knight Moreland ordered that the tellers be admitted.

Sir Knight Fetter reported on the election. He reported that there were 64 ballots total; 48 ballots were cast to advance the Grand Commandery Grand Officer line and 48 ballots were cast to retain the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder; 43 ballots were cast for Sir Knight Bobbie E. White; 7 ballots were discarded because they were improperly completed; and the balance of the ballots cast were scattered. He commented that most of the discarded ballots were due to Sir Knights who forgot to write an (X) in the circle in spite of the Grand Recorder's reminder. Sir Knight Moreland declared that the Grand Commandery had an election. He thanked and dismissed the tellers.

Sir Knight Moreland asked each of the elected officers if they would accept their new station for the ensuing year. Sir Knight Roger D. Fleer accepted election as Grand Commander, Sir Knight Clark A. McLemore accepted election as Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Charles E. Cooper accepted election as Grand Generalissimo, Sir Knight Harry L. Tripp, Jr. accepted election as Grand Captain General, Sir Knight Dennis L. Hammack accepted election as Grand Senior Warden, Sir Knight Dennis A. Abernathy accepted election as Grand Junior Warden, Sir Knight Michael C. Rohman accepted election as Grand Standard Bearer, Sir Knight Kevin B. Sample accepted election as Grand Sword Bearer, Sir Knight Bobbie E. White accepted election as Grand Warder, Sir Knight Donald L. Trabue accepted re-election as Grand Treasurer, and Sir Knight Russell S. Hanson accepted re-election as Grand Recorder.

Sir Knight Hanson moved that the 2017 ballots be destroyed. The motion was seconded. Sir Knight Moreland called for any discussion. Hearing none, Sir Knight Moreland called for the vote. Sir Knight Moreland declared that the motion had passed.

Sir Knight Moreland called for the report of the Grand Commander-Elect. Sir Knight Fleer asked Sir Knight Hanson his most important question. He asked if the Executive Assistant would accept continuing in her position? Sir Knight Hanson responded that Debbie had instructed him to say that she would continue in her position. Sir Knight Fleer commended Lady Debbie for continuing to do the fine job that she had done in the past.

Sir Knight Fleer commented that he looked forward to serving as the Grand Commander for the ensuing year. However, the election of Sir Knight White would require him to make the hard decision of replacing him as a Regional Grand Commander. He praised and thanked Sir Knight White for his service. He mentioned that he would be retiring at the end of the calendar year and would, therefore, have more time to devote to travel and visitation. He pointed out that there were seven Commanderies that met on the third Monday of the month. While it would be tough to visit all of those Commanderies, he would work it out.

Sir Knight Fleer commented that he had a guidebook for the Regional Grand Commanders. He said that he had already given copies to his Grand Line Officers. He expressed the hope that everyone would find the information helpful and reminded them that he welcomed them to contact him anytime for additional guidance.

Sir Knight Fleer commented that he had plans for trying different ideas for partnering with the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council this next year. He said that the Grand Master's Templar Crusade would be held in conjunction with either the Grand Master's Royal Arch class or the Grand Master's Cryptic class. He said that he was working on a membership program that would encourage Sir Knights to approach Symbolic Lodges to be allowed to present a little program as Royal Arch Masons.

Sir Knight Fleer in conclusion commented that, over his work career from being the guy in the ditch to the guy with the computer, there was no one absolute correct answer, but that there were several correct answers. He stated that he did not care about who got credit for an idea, but he was concerned about successes. Also, the only bad idea was the one unexpressed, because even unused ideas could lead to one that works. He thanked the Grand Commandery for giving him the opportunity to serve and looked forward to the upcoming year. Sir Knight Richard A. Riepie, PC, Kansas City Commandery No.10, reported that the dates for the Grand Master's York Rite events would be Friday, March 8, 2019 and Saturday, March 9, 2019.

Sir Knight Moreland called for the report of the Committee on Time and Place. Sir Knight Sample, Chairman of the Committee on Time and Place, reported that the 158th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri would be held on Friday, June 7, 2019 in the Capital Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Missouri, in conjunction with the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri and the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri. He moved for the adoption of the report. The motion was seconded. Sir Knight Moreland called for any discussion. Hearing none, Sir Knight Moreland called for the vote. Sir Knight Moreland declared that the motion had passed.

Sir Knight Hanson moved that the balance of the reports printed in he preliminary proceedings be accepted subject to review and corrections as necessary. The motion was seconded. Sir Knight Moreland called for any discussion.

Sir Knight Kevin B. Sample, PC, Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67, moved to exclude the report of the Educational Foundation Committee and that the Committee be tasked to submit a financial report for the last five years of the actions of that Committee; its funds, its assets, its distributions, its earned income, and its investment strategy; along with the distribution of all loans, grants, scholarships, or whatever they may be called.

Sir Knight Moreland called for a second for Sir Knight Sample's motion and received one. Sir Knight Moreland called for discussion on Sir Knight Sample's motion.

Sir Knight Russell S. Hanson, PC, St. Graal Commandery No. 12 and Grand Recorder, commented that the 2018 report from the Educational Foundation Committee was sent to the Grand York Rite Office, but not received by the Grand Recorder according to information received during this Annual Conclave from the Chairman of the Committee. He stated that the report would be transmitted to the Grand Recorder by the Chairman. He expressed the hope that this would be a mitigating factor.

Sir Knight Don L. Trabue, PC, Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29 and Grand Treasurer, commented that he would conform with the request made by Sir Knight Sample in his motion to go back and resurrect the financial records of the Educational Foundation Committee. He expressed agreement with Sir Knight Sample that the actions for the Educational Foundation Committee should be communicated to the members of the Grand Commandery.

Sir Knight Means asked where the report called for in Sir Knight Sample's motion would appear. Sir Knight Moreland stated that it would appear in next year's preliminary proceedings. Sir Knight Moreland called for further discussion. Hearing none, Sir Knight Moreland called for the vote.

Sir Knight Hanson asked for a point of order and clarified that the vote was on Sir Knight Sample's amendment to his primary motion.

Sir Knight Moreland agreed and called for the vote on the amendment. Sir Knight Moreland declared that the motion to amend the original motion had passed. SirKnight Moreland called for any discussion on the amended motion. Hearing none, Sir Knight Moreland called for the vote on the amended motion. Sir Knight Moreland declared that the amended motion had passed.

Sir Knight Moreland asked Sir Knight Frank N. du Treil, Department Commander and personal representative of Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, to come to the podium for his remarks. Sir Knight du Treil expressed his feelings that he was glad that he did not have the Grand Commander's job and thanked Sir Knight Moreland for all of his hard work. He thanked the Grand Commandery for all of the attention to detail that the members were giving to the issues impacting the Grand Commandery of Missouri. He commented that a couple of his Grand Commanderies have Educational Foundation chairmen that do not know who are on their own Committees. It was his opinion that the Grand Commandery needs to do the evaluation and draft their proposed amendments concerning the Missouri Educational Foundation, then run those changes by the Grand Encampment. It was also his opinion that any Grand Commandery would be better off letting the Grand Encampment manage their Educational Foundation money than trying to do it themselves.

Sir Knight du Treil commented on the Grand Encampment Bronze Membership Award. He asked if Sir Knight Richard A. Riepe was in the room? He commented that it was his understanding that he had been granted that award, but had not received the award. The Grand Encampment had expressed the opinion that a computer error had prevented that award from being issued. He related a story about an expense reimbursement from three years ago that he recently finally received. He thanked Sir Knight Riepe for the fine work that he is doing. Sir Knight du Treil said that he would personally follow up on the situation.

Sir Knight du Treil explained that he was the Department Commander of the South Central Department and attending the Missouri Annual Conclave as the personal representative of Sir Knight Vought, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. He commented that he was traveling with his wife and that she was fighting an existing systemic illness. He explained that he got up after a very brief amount of sleep because he had enjoyed playing into the late night hours. He said that he got up and let her sleep. He hoped that she would be feeling well enough to attend lunch. He is very appreciative of her support for the duties that he volunteered to perform. Sir Knight du Treil commented that this is his last official visit as the Department Commander for the South Central Department. He commented that he had enjoyed his three years as Department Commander. He said that today's Annual Conclave was quite lively and interesting. While the last three years were a lot of hard work, he really appreciated the excellent hospitality provided by the Grand Commandery of Missouri.

Sir Knight du Treil commented that none of us would be here without the guidance, support, direction, and leadership of our Ladies. He suggested that we thank our wives when we get a chance and tell them that we love them and appreciate them for everything they do to support us.

Sir Knight du Treil commented that while he only had a few months left in his three year commitment as Department Commander, he still had some duties to perform. He reminded the incoming Grand Commander that he needed to send in a photograph to the Knight Templar magazine as soon as possible. He commented that he really appreciated the Grand York Rite of Missouri web site. He expressed his feeling that it was a great looking web site and he particularly appreciated the email addresses for all of the Grand Officers and Committee people. He reminded us of the up coming 61st South Central Department meeting in San Antonio, Texas, on September 20 through 22, 2018 (Holiday Inn located at 77 North East Loop 410, San Antonio, Texas). He asked us not to blame the Grand Encampment for the change of venue for the meeting. He explained that it was not their fault. The Grand Encampment portion starts on Saturday, September 22nd at 8:00 am.

Sir Knight du Treil commented that he had reviewed the Grand Commandery of Missouri 2017 Annual Report to the Grand Encampment. He commented that, while a Grand Commandery cannot do anything about deaths, he had noticed a large number of demissions and suspensions. He questioned why we had so many.

Sir Knight du Treil, in conclusion, expressed his appreciation for the experience that he had received while visiting Missouri. He commented that he was very impressed with the way that Missouri Sir Knights behave in public and in private. He commented that he had learned a lot from Missouri about being a Knights Templar. In closing he shared a funny joke (that he hoped would not appear in the Official Proceedings and it does not appear here). He thanked sir Knight Moreland for his dedication to Templary demonstrated by both he and his Grand Officers as well as the excellent job that he and his Grand Officers had done this year. He thanked the Grand Commandery of Missouri for all of the hospitality that it had shown to both him and his wife. He commented that the Grand Commandery of Missouri knows how to treat its guest well. He asked God to bless everyone in Missouri, our great Fraternity, and the United States of America.

Sir Knight du Treil received a standing ovation.

Sir Knight Robert W. Schlichter commented to Sir Knight du Treil that the he and everyone in Missouri thanked him for his service for the last three years. He expressed the appreciation for the spirit that he had brought to the job of Department Commander.

Sir Knight Moreland announced that the Ladies raffle was still out on the tables in the Atrium. He encouraged everyone to consider purchasing raffle tickets in support of our charities. He also announced that the Past Commander's Association meeting would be held at 1:30 pm in the Carnegie room.

Sir Knight Moreland called the Grand Commandery to attention and asked the Grand Prelate to lead our devotions. Sir Knight Gilkey provided a suitable prayer for the unity of the day, for the business that had been conducted, for the new Grand Officers that had been elected for the next year, and for the Grand Officers that had served this year.

At 11:54 am, Sir Knight Moreland declared that the One Hundred Fifty-Seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri was duly called from labor until 3:00 o'clock pm that day.

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Sir Knight Moreland asked the Grand Recorder if he had any further business for the Grand Commandery. Sir Knight Hanson replied that his desk was clear.

Sir Knight Moreland called for the presentation of any donations to the Grand Commandery charities. A donation to the KTEF was received from Liberty Commandery No. 6 in the amount of \$315.00. Sir Knight Hanson also announced that a donation to the KTEF had been received from Lebanon Commandery No. 33 in the amount of \$100.00.

Sir Knight Moreland asked Sir Knight Fleer, Grand Commander-Elect, for his comments. He commented that he would not be here today without the help, aid, and support of several Sir Knights from Ascalon Commandery No. 16. Sir Knight Fleer reported on the status of Sir Knight Ronnie E. Green and his medical condition. He described how he had for years run the lights, properties, and scenery changes for Ascalon Commandery No. 16. He also mentioned Sir Knight Dave Vogler and Sir Knight Joe Wegert and the debt of gratitude that he owed them and many others. He recalled listening to those and others conversations and learning so much from them. He mentioned Sir Knight Harold J. Richardson, Past Grand Commander, who had lost his wife that very day. He commented that there was a special place in Heaven for Lady Pat Richardson. He also mentioned that the stories that Sir Knight Richardson had told on himself were very enjoyable.

Sir Knight Moreland announced that the installing Grand Prelate would be Sir Knight Thomas C. Yunick, Past Grand Commander; the installing Grand Marshall would be Sir Knight Richard L. Mansfield, Past Grand Commander; and the installing Grand Commander would be Sir Knight Jerry F. Ward, Past Grand Commander.

Sir Knight Moreland commented in parting that, after thirteen years of serving the Grand Commandery in various capacities, he had many experiences that he would never forget and had made many friends that he would always cherish. He hoped that the new Grand Officers would enjoy their experiences as they learned how the Grand Commandery operated. He mentioned that he had shared fellowship with many of the same Sir Knights that Sir Knight Fleer had mentioned. He commented that Sir Knight Richardson and Sir Knight James E. Snavely were also significant friends of his. He mentioned that he had been appointed by Sir Knight Nicholas Steinmetz, Past Grand Commander, now deceased, and that he was his mentor as he came into the Fraternity and as he came up through the Grand Officer line. He commented that we should never forget those who had come this way before us. He concluded by saying that as a Christian institution we should always remember the example that our Blessed Lord and Savior had presented for us in his life and in his teachings. We should look to Him to guide our behavior. When we look to man we will error, but when we look to the Lord there is no possibility to do so. Sometimes we fail to remember this and our actions betray us. Fortunately, we have a loving and just God who will forgive us when we transgress. So always remember that this is were we come from. Sir Knight Moreland thanked the Grand Commandery.

Sir Knight Trabue commented that a statement he had made during the morning session he thought was absolutely correct, but it had been brought to his attention that the statement could be interpreted in several ways. The statement concerned his comments about earning the same amount of money on the Grand Commandery investments as the Grand Encampment makes on their investments. He had to admit that his statement was not true because at this time he did not know how much money the Grand Encampment investments made.

Sir Knight Moreland asked the new Grand Commandery Officers to retire and prepare for installation at 3:30 pm. He asked Sir Knight Steven C. Monrotus, eminent Grand Organist, to play some musical pieces until the time for installation. He also stated that the Grand Commandery would be at ease until the installation.

At 3:30 pm, Sir Knight Jerry F. Ward, installing Grand Commander, began the installation of the 2018-2019 Grand Commandery Officers. Sir Knight Richard L. Mansfield, installing Marshall, marched the Grand Officers-Elect into the Asylum. Sir Knight Thomas C. Yunick, installing prelate, provided an appropriate prayer for the installation. Sir Knight Mansfield presented the Grand Commander-Elect, Sir Knight Roger D. Fleer, for installation. Sir Knight Ward inducted Sir Knight Fleer into the station of Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri with all due pomp and circumstance. Sir Knight Ward proceeded to install the remaining Grand Officers in order: Sir Knight Clark A. McLemore as Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Charles E. Cooper as Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Sir Knight Harry L. Tripp, Jr. as Eminent Grand Captain General, Sir Knight Dennis L. Hammack as Eminent Grand Senior Warden, Sir Knight Dennis A. Abernathy as Eminent Grand Junior Warden, Sir Knight Donald L. Trabue as Eminent Grand Treasurer, Sir Knight Russell S. Hanson as Eminent Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Michael C. Rohman as Eminent Grand Standard Bearer, Sir Knight Kevin B. Sample as Eminent Grand Sword Bearer, Sir Knight Bobbie E. White as Eminent Grand Warder, Sir Knight Terry D. Coppotelli as Eminent Aid-De-Camp, Sir Knight Charles G. Coy as

Eminent Grand Sentinel, Sir Knight Steven C. Monrotus as Eminent Grand Organist, and Sir Knight Daniel R. Quesenberry as Eminent Grand Chorister. Sir Knight Ward then installed all of the Regional Grand Commanders appointed for the 2018-2019 year that were present. The installation ceremonies having been concluded, Sir Knight Mansfield proclaimed the installation of the 2018-2019 Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri to be complete. Sir Knight Yunick delivered the benediction. Sir Knight Ward thanked Sir Knight Fleer for the privilege of being allowed to install him.

Sir Knight Fleer addressed the audience with thanks to skis Knight Ward, Sir Knight Yunick, and Sir Knight Mansfield as well as all of the other past grand commanders in the crowd. Sir Knight Fleer commented on the preparation of the installation ceremony that was used.

Sir Knight Fleer proceeded in some what reverse order to ask each of the newly installed Grand Officers to speak. He called on each one by name and office. Each Grand Officer spoke words of encouragement for the success of the coming year and introduced their wives, if present.

Sir Knight Fleer asked the Brethren of Hope Lodge No. 251 and their Ladies to stand. He introduced each one. He commented that the Brethren present were the glue that held together the Masonic community in Washington, MO. Sir Knight Fleer explained how he was introduced into Freemasonry and spoke at length about Brother, Companion, and Sir Knight John Erfurdt who obligated him in all three Symbolic degrees and mentored him through the process of becoming a Master Mason. Sir Knight Fleer considered him a near and dear friend.

Sir Knight Fleer introduced Beth, Suzzie, and Mary Elizabeth Sanders who was also known as Poody. Mary Elizabeth was the wife of Sir Knight Bob Sanders who was a close personal friend. He said that he missed Sir Knight Sanders who had passed away last year. He also introduced Lady Joyce Odom wife of Past Grand Commander Sir Knight Larry Odom and thanked her for attending.

Sir Knight Fleer introduced his family members who were in attendance. First, he introduced his parents – his father Ken and his mother Lavern. He commented that his mother and father had four sons and two daughters, but that he himself was the only good child in the bunch. He thanked his parents for being there.

Sir Knight Fleer introduced his Lady Patti. He commented that the only reason that she kept him around was that he could reach every thing on the top shelves. Sir Knight Fleer commented that they were blessed with two daughters. He explained that one of their daughters was present earlier, but had to leave. He commented that the other daughter was delayed or would have been in attendance. Sir Knight Fleer thanked Lady Patti for her love and support over the years.

Sir Knight Hanson called Sir Knight Moreland and Lady Vickie up to the podium. He pointed out that Sir Knight Moreland's uniform was sadly incomplete. Sir Knight Hanson asked Lady Vickie to present Sir Knight Moreland with his purple cords. Sir Knight Hanson asked Sir Knight Moreland to present Lady Vickei with her purple cords. Sir Knight Hanson commented that Sir Knight Moreland's uniform was still incomplete. He asked Lady Vickie to help outfit Sir Knight Moreland's uniform with purple Past Commander paraphernalia. Finally, Sir Knight Hanson presented Sir Knight Moreland with the Past Grand Commander's jewel that he himself had been presented when he became a Past Grand Commander. Sir Knight Hanson commented that as soon as he could have it engraved with Sir Knight Moreland's information he would forward it to him.

Sir Knight Frank N. du Treil presented Sir Knight Moreland with his Grand Encampment Past Grand Commander certificate.

The ceremonies concluded with a presentation to Sir Knight Moreland of a new Past Grand Commander's chapeau by Sir Knight Terry D. Coppotelli, on behalf of Ascalon Commandery No. 16.

Sir Knight Fleer thanked everyone for attending the Annual Conclave. He reminded all of the Grand Officers and Ladies to not wander away because photographs would be taken immediately after the Grand Commandery was called from labor.

Sir Knight Fleer brought the Grand Commandery to attention and asked Sir Knight Gilkey to deliver the benediction which was subsequently done. Sir Knight Fleer declared the One Hundred and Fifty-Seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commander of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri called from labor. Sir Knight Fleer dismissed the Sir Knights.

Photographs of the new Grand Officers and the Ladies of the new grand officers were taken by sk Larry Walters, Eminent Grand Photographer. Sk walters also took a portrait photograph of the new Grand Commander for the Knight Templar magazine.

Report Section

Reports Presented

Annual Report of the Grand Commander, 2017 - 2018

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

In compliance with the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, Article II The Grand Officers, Section 27 The Grand Commander, Subsection L, I hereby tender the following Annual Report to the Grand Commandery for the 2017-2018 Templar year.

Necrology:

One by one they pass away, the brothers of our adoption, the companions of our choice. Brethren and Sir Knights whose hand we have clasped in the bonds of fraternal fellowship have now passed from our sight. We shall meet them on earth no more.

Often in counseling people in grief, I have told them that the hardest thing our Creator asks us to do is to give back to Him our loved ones until we meet them again in His eternal kingdom. That we must spend the rest of our days without them is the greatest sorrow we can experience in these our days on earth.

But there is comfort from our Lord and Savior. To a thief on the cross beside our Lord's cross He said, *"Today you will be with me in paradise."* To Nicodemus, Christ Jesus our Lord said, *"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* As Knights Templar, we have that promise to each of us from Him because we have confessed our belief in Him. As Christian Masons, we have the promise of life beyond time?a life with fullness we cannot begin to imagine. This does not take away the sorrow of us who remain until we too enter the fullness of His kingdom, but knowing the certainty of our Lord's promise assuages our grief as we continue our mission here on earth as His disciples.

It is appropriate that we pause and remember these who were so dear to us, to honor them and thank our Lord and our Eternal Father for the gift of their friendship. A man I once worked with used to say that "Friends are worth more than money in the bank." It is people in our lives that is our true wealth, not silver and gold and possessions that rust and corrupt and wear out. In the ultimate scheme of our being people matter but things don't. The brothers of our adoption, the companions of our choice make us wealthy beyond measure.

As we think of those we have lost temporarily and wait to see again, we remember especially three who were so very important to us leaders.

Across the state of Missouri we lost 125 Sir Knights from our earthly presence to our Lord's eternal kingdom. Each one brought his life to us and made his mark on us as brothers and friends. We remember them and honor them, and we thank our Lord for them.

Grand Commander, will you please call us to an attitude of reverence for prayer?

Sir Knights, let us unite our hearts together before our Lord as we pray:

Dear Lord, when we consider Your majesty which we can only begin to measure by the vastness of Your creation, we can merely stand before you in reverent awe. When we see the infinite detail of every element and realize that there is a relative universe in the very molecule, we know your care for all that you have called into being. We know that you care for us. We know that we exist because you love. Because you love us, you created us and you want us to be yours forever. We know you gave us a purpose here on earth and we will have a place and purpose in your eternal kingdom. We also know from the very shortness of our life on earth how much we need you every moment as our Sustainer. Our every breath and every beat of our heart is you gift of love.

As we remember these dear brethren who are with you, we thank you for their time among us. We thank you even more for the sureness of your promise that when we see them again, time will not be a factor, for we will never part from again. We thank you that it will be in the glory of Your loving presence that we will meet them

We love you, Lord, with all our being?heart, mind, and soul. ?Amen

Sir Knight Roy L. Gilkey, Grand Prelate.

[Editorial Note: See the Statistical Section for a list of deceased members.]

Condition of the Order:

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri is in sound financial order. As with all social and fraternal organizations, declining membership is a real challenge that will require significant effort to address. Declining revenues and increasing costs portend a dues increase. The present business model is unsustainable and will require significant revision to maintain the Grand Commandery as a viable entity.

Appointments:

It was my privilege to make the following appointments to the Grand Commandery for the 2017-2018 Templar year.

Roy L. Gilkey	Grand Prelate
Kirby A. Moreland	
John E. Schofield	
Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC	

Ronald E. Wood, Jr., HPGC	Grand Historian
James L. Woodfin, PGC	
Ronnie E. Green, PGC	
Kevin E. Weaver	
Larry Walters	Grand Photographer
William Brantley	

South Central Department Conference:

The South Central Department Conference was successfully hosted by the Grand York Rite of Missouri on September 15-17, 2017. This event was well attended and a new feature was implemented; our Eminent Grand Warder, Kevin Sample, provided MMS training on Thursday evening before the conference. The net proceeds from the event were \$5,622.42; the Grand Commandery's share of these proceeds was \$1,855.40.

Programmatic Accomplishments:

A Grand Commandery Fraternal Event was held on April 28, 2018 following the Grand Commandery Drill Competition at the Masonic Complex in Columbia, MO. It was attended by approximately 30 Sir Knights and guests. As with all new programs, with dedication and future support it has the potential to be a significant event to bring Sir Knights and their families from all regions of Missouri together for fraternal fellowship.

Support of Youth was part of the focus of the Grand Commandery for this year. At the Grand Commandery level I instituted the Grand Encampment Knights Templar DeMolay Sword Program for the Order of DeMolay. This program will provide a perpetual vehicle for expanded and public support of the Order of DeMolay by the Grand Commandery of Missouri. Our presence to a Masonic youth organization with ideals and principles so compatible with our own is earnestly solicited and needed.

Grand Session was shortened by one day this year; that represents a 20% cost savings, with regard to housing, to the Companions and Sir Knights over previous years. It also represents a significant savings in time away from work and family. As Sir Knight Dan Quesenberry, PGC reminded us during his year, time is the most precious, non-renewable resource that we possess. Be respectful of our Companions and Sir Knights and mindful of the time that we request of them. The reduction this year is only a step in the correct direction; further reduction is needed to make Grand Session more accessible to all Companions and Sir Knights.

Good of the Order:

I instituted the use of WebEx meetings for the Grand Commandery this year as a time and cost saving measure. The meetings were well attended and well received by the Grand Officers. Additionally, the Grand Commandery Drill Instruction meeting was hosted on WebEx. This medium holds great potential as a communication tool for the Grand Commandery! State level meetings and training can be implemented at a significant cost and time savings to the Sir Knights of this state if this tool is fully exploited.

Dispensations - Subsequent to review by the Templar Jurisprudence Committee, I issued dispensations to the following Commanderies to reschedule and/or relocate the Conclaves of said Commanderies:

DeMolay Commandery No. 3 Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 St. Graal Commandery No. 12 Ascalon Commandery No. 16 DeSoto Commandery No. 56 Mountain Grove Commandery No. 66

Bylaw change approvals - Upon review by the Templary Jurisprudence Committee, I issued approvals for submitted changes to the bylaws of the following Commanderies:

St. Graal Commandery No. 12 DeSoto Commandery No. 56

General Orders

I issued the following General Orders for the good of the Order.

General Order No. 1

To all Commanderies within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri and holding Allegiance to, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

GREETINGS:

The proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri have not been compiled and published in final form since 2008. As this document is the official and historical record of the Grand Commandery it is unacceptable that we have not published the official proceedings in nearly a decade.

Further, Grand Master Vaught's General Order No. 1 issued the 1st day of September, A.D. 2015, A.O. 897 directs:

"It is the duty of each Grand Recorder to transmit annually to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment copies of all the PRINTED proceedings and of the Laws adopted by the Grand Commandery suitable for the permanent archival at the Grand Encampment Office." The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri will address this issue and become compliant therewith.

It therefore is my order that all documents pertaining to the preliminary proceedings for the years 2009 through 2017, inclusive, be tendered before October 20, 2017 to the Grand Historian, Sir Knight Ronald E. Wood, Jr., HPGC, for compilation. Further, the Grand Recorder shall provide all such other material as is requested for the purpose of completing this task to the Grand Historian in a timely manner, no greater than three weeks from the date the request is received by the Grand Recorder.

General Order No. 2

To all Commanderies within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri and holding Allegiance to, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

GREETINGS:

The Knight Templar Education Foundation of Missouri, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri has not made timely payment of grant moneys to designated recipients for at least the last three years. Some grant payments were not received until after the completion of the academic year for which the grant was awarded. No notification has been made to grant awardees as to the status of their application. Additionally, no report has been made to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri regarding the state of the endowment or activities of this Foundation since at least 2014. This is a grave error that cannot continue.

To correct this disgrace I hereby issue General Order No. 2 as follows:

All grant awardees for the 2017-18 Templar year will receive written notification of award by United States Postal Service postmarked no later than September 27, 2017. Notification may also be made by electronic mail, with delivery and read receipts requested, by September 27, 2017. Further all grants for the 2017 academic year which have been received on or before September 27, 2017 will be paid directly to the designated student recipients no later than September 30, 2017.

All applications for grants received by the Knight Templar Education Foundation of Missouri on or before September 27, 2017 that have not yet been processed, will be processed immediately for the 2017 academic school year.

All applications received after September 27, 2017 will be processed within 60 days of receipt thereof and notice of award will be made within 15 days after award determination. Further all grants for the 2017 academic year which have been received after September 27, 2017 will be paid directly to the designated recipients no later than 90 days after receipt of the application.

All awards processed after September 27, 2017 and before June 8, 2018 will be considered as awarded for the 2017 academic year.

All payments will be delivered by United States Postal Service with Return Receipt Requested. Upon dispensation of grants, the Grand Treasurer will report the following information to the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General and Grand Recorder: 1) the check numbers, 2) date checks were written and 3) the date the checks were mailed to the designated recipients. Such notification shall be provided within 15 days of dispensation.

The Chairman of the Knight Templar Education Foundation shall present a formal written report to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, no later than May 30, 2018, detailing the following items:

1) The number of grants and amounts that were awarded for the 2017-18 Templar year

2) The balance of the Knight Templar Education Foundation endowment fund as of May 30, 2018

3) The annual returns for the 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 Templar years.

General Order No. 3

To all Commanderies within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri and holding Allegiance to, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

GREETINGS:

It is my order that the Seventh Reprinting (1997) of "Tactics for Class B and C Drill Teams Competitive Drills" which was reprinted by order of Sir Knight Harold J. Richardson, PGC, be reprinted as the Eighth Reprinting (2017) in like format and distributed for use by Commanderies for the 2017-18 drill competition. The only permissible changes are necessary updates to the year, reprint number, and names of the Grand Commander and Drill Committee members on the cover page and potential grammatical corrections as required. Any other changes must be approved by the Grand Commander. This reprinting supersedes all previous Tactics for Class B and C Drill Teams Competitive Drills.

Decisions

On November 28, 2017 I issued a letter to the Sir Knights of Mountain Grove Commandery No. 66 informing them that due to non-compliance with the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri for a period greater than one year, I would arrest the charter of said Commandery. To retain as many Sir Knights as possible I afforded the Sir Knights time to transfer their membership to another Commandery if it was their wish. During the process Sir Knight Whitman, pro tem Recorder, worked diligently with the Eminent Grand Warder to salvage the Commandery. After an earnest and passionate plea from Sir Knight Whitman and coaxing of the Eminent Grand Warder to allow Mountain Grove Commandery No. 66 one last opportunity to retain their Charter I set the minimum acceptable criteria that must be met by the Commandery. I am pleased to inform this Grand Commandery that Mountain Grove Commandery No. 66 met those requirements and I have therefore made the decision to stay the charter arrest.

Visitation:

I represented the Grand Commandery in my official capacity as Grand Commander at the following events:

Grand Assembly, Jobs Daughters Grand Assembly, Rainbow Girls Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri Grand Court, Order of Amaranth Grand Commander's Breakfast, Ascalon Commandery No. 16 Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 175th Anniversary Celebration Grand Encampment Midwest Easter Observance Grand Master's Breakfast State Conclave, DeMolay

I attended the following Regional Conclaves and spoke as Grand Commander:

Region 2 Region 3 Region 4 Region 5 Region 6 Region 7

The future of these Regional events is tenuous at best. Attendance at these events has been in decline and the perceived usefulness to the Sir Knights in each region has not been very high.

I made an official visit to the following Commanderies in response to invitations:

Rolla Commandery No. 53 Emmanuel Commandery No. 7 Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 Lebanon Commandery No. 33 Ascalon Commandery No. 16 I am honored and humbled by the courtesies and hospitality extended to me by these Commanderies.

The following Commandery Installations of Officers were performed by request to the Grand Commander:

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 Ascalon Commandery No. 16 Lebanon Commandery No. 33

It was my honor and pleasure to install the Officers of these Commanderies. I wish for them success and Divine guidance during their term of office that they may prosper and spread the principles and name of Templary far and wide.

Recommendations for the Good of Templary:

Abide by the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri. If the law as written is not to our liking, submit a proposal to amend it. When we choose to ignore, set aside or violate any section of the law we become lawless. Once precedent is set that the law is just a set of guidelines that can be twisted and ignored when inconvenient, the slippery slope onto which we step becomes treacherous and nothing will be held sacred.

Continue efforts begun this year to publish Official Proceedings of the Grand Commandery and get into compliance with Grand Encampment law.

Maintain compliance with Grand Encampment Rules for the Knight Templar Education Foundation.

Institute the use accounting software instead of Excel Spreadsheets for the records of the Eminent Grand Treasurer. GnuCash, free accounting software, is available (at GnuCash.org) for GNU/Linux, BSD, Solaris, Mac OS X and Microsoft Windows.

As noted earlier the business model for the Grand Commandery is unsustainable. The expense and financial risk of a grand hotel for our Grand Conclave is a luxury that we must at some point in the near future dispense with. Other Grand Commanderies, including Wisconsin and Texas, meet in a Masonic Temple, hire Masonic ladies organizations for refreshments and have a simple business meeting that is concluded in a single day or less. Consider the cost to the Sir Knights when planning future Grand Conclaves.

In closing I thank the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri for affording me the honor and opportunity to serve this Grand Commandery. I especially want to thank all the Sir Knights who provided support and counsel to me this year. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated! Thank you all for your time and consideration of this report. Fraternally Submitted, K. Trent Moreland, Ph.D. Grand Commander Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri

Report of Address of the Grand Commander Committee

To the Grand Commandery of Knight Templar of the State of Missouri: Sir Knights,

"No man is an island ...," "If we do not hang together, we shall surely hang separately," and "united we stand, divided we fall" are all quotes indicating that one person cannot and should not try to do everything himself. This past year confirms this theory. Notice for the time and place for the drill competition was not communicated to the Commanderies until January 25, resulting in only five teams meeting on April 28. While the Grand Commander did mention in his remarks at the closing of the installation last June the competition would not be at this conclave, the late notice of when the competition would occur created conflicts with other Masonic groups and personal schedules to prevent teams from competing. We could have had nine or ten Commanderies drilling this year instead of the five. The Drill Instruction meeting was attended by four Sir Knights in Jefferson City and 3-5 on WebEx. This meeting was held on March 17, only six weeks before the competition.

Communications are normally sent through the Grand Recorder; however, the notices to the Commanderies came from the Grand Commander. Thus, the Grand Recorder was unable to answer questions when asked.

On January 28, 2018, an email was sent

Sir Knights and Recorders All:

I have the pleasure to announce the

2108 Grand Master's Templar Crusade ...

... Any Commandery interested in conferring one of the orders should contact the Grand Commander (trent.moreland.phd@gmail.com) right away ...

On April 19, 2018, an email was sent by the Grand Commander:

Sir Knights and Recorders All:

I have the unfortunate duty to announce that the 2018 Grand Master's Templar Crusade must be cancelled. Too many conflicts exist and we have been unable to recruit ritual teams to confer the orders. Please inform the Sir Knights of your respective Commanderies.

On April 16, 2018, an email was sent to some of the recorders by the Grand Commander

Sir Knights and Recorders All:

Please see the attached 2018 Drill Competition registration and entry documents. These documents are not available on the Grand York Rite website. Questions regarding these documents and competition may be addressed to the Grand Commander. Thank you for your time and support of Templary.

Fraternally, Trent

Responses were due by April 24.

On Sunday, April 22, 2018, an email was sent to some of the recorders by the Grand Commander informing them of the Grand Commandery Fraternal Event to take place after the Drill Competition on April 28. RSVP's were due by April 25. How many of our Commanderies met between those three days?

On May 30, 2018, the committee received the following:

Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders:

Attached is my annual report to the Grand Commandery for your review. This report is not to be forwarded to the Grand Recorder. This report will be read at Grand Conclave. I am also submitting this report to the Templar Jurisprudence Committee for their review.

By not utilizing the officers elected by the members of the Grand Commandery, our fraternity suffered from lower participation, embarrassment to the Grand Lodge and alienation of some recorders for not being included in communications.

This information is being brought forth so future officers can adequately prepare for activities.

"Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it."

Currently, the other two members of the committee are unable to perform their functions due to medical and family reasons. I have consulted with other Past Grand Commanders regarding these issues and therefore:

I move the Grand Commander's Annual Report be referred back to the members of the Committee for the Grand Commanders Address by the members of the Grand Commandery until sufficient time is given to investigate the report by the committee.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted

Harold F. Coots, PGC, Chairman Ronnie E. Green, PGC James L. Woodfin, Jr., PGC

[Editorial Note: The motion to refer the Grand Commander's Annual Report back to the committee passed.]

Report of Templar Jurisprudence Committee

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

Sir Knights,

The Templar Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the Orders issued, Dispensations granted, and Laws and Regulations changes approved for subordinate Commanderies and all other relevant matters pertaining to the business of the Craft acted upon by the Grand Commander. In our opinion the Grand Commander has complied with the Statutory duties, responsibilities, and inherent powers of his office. Our Grand Commander is to be commended for his specific interest and attention to the Craft.

[Editorial Note: Sir Knight Means spoke this sentence during is verbal presentation of his report, "We specially commend him for his efforts in establishing a file of Constituent Commandery by-laws within the Grand York Rite Office." However, this sentence was actually from the 2017 report by this committee and was inadvertently retained by Sir Knight Means in his 2018 report. Therefore, this sentence has been removed form the committee's 2018 report.]

The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence 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 K. Trent Moreland, Right Eminent Grand Commander, for a successful year. In our estimation you have performed your duties and responsibilities remarkably well.

[Editorial Note: the motion to adopt the first part of this Report passed.]

In the proposed legislation that follows, deletions appear in strike through, additions appear underlined. [Editorial Note: corrections made during the presentation and discussion appear in bold italic.]

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:

ARTICLE VI, Section 119. Annual Audit of Commanderies. Each commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery shall on or before the 1st day of March of each year make, on standard forms furnished by the Grand Recorder, a financial report and an audit of the books, finances and property of the commandery and transmit by mail a copy of same to the Grand Recorder.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This section as stated was repealed in 2017. I have added to the previous language a requirement and inclusion of a Financial Report which was missing from the original text. I believe this to be a necessary requirement of each constituent commandery and an oversight on our part. If commanderies are not required to provide both an annual financial report and perform an annual audit in accordance with these laws and regulations, many will not. It was for this reason that a Financial Report and an Annual Audit forms were added to the Annual Return process when I became Grand Recorder in 2001, also with the concurrence of the Grand Commandery Officers and the Templar Jurisprudence Committee. This lack of an annual audit nurtures a spirit of financial irresponsibility and can lead to misuse of commandery moneys and even theft. This is the tool which was used to disclose theft in the past. This is one tool we can use to help ensure the financial stability of each constituent commandery.

Fraternally Submitted:

SK Kevin B. Sample, PC - Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67

[Editorial Note: This item passed.]

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:

ARTICLE XVII, Change of Laws and Regulations, Section 214. By Adding Section. Any additional sections not conflicting with the provisions of these Laws and Regulations, may be proposed in writing, and after the second reading, if concurred in by two-thirds of the votes present, shall become a part of these Laws and Regulations.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The requirement for a second reading of a proposed addition is a superfluous requirement, as it can be met by simply having a person go to a corner of the Grand Conclave room and read the proposal, whether anyone listens or not.

As we now have the requirement that all proposal be sent to Commanderies 45 days prior to the Grand Conclave, it further makes the second reading unnecessary.

Fraternally Submitted:

SK Glenn E. Means, PC - Palestine Commandery No.17

[Editorial Note: This item passed.]

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:

Addition of new ARTICLE XXIII, Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS)

Section 231. Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS). MMS will be the official *digital* repository of all membership records of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri.

Section 232. Use of Data/Content. Anyone granted access will agree that the use of the data is only as intended by the MMS system. Each individual granted access to data holds a position of trust and must preserve the security and confidentiality of the information he/ she uses or accesses. Users are required to abide by all applicable Federal and State guidelines and Masonic policies regarding confidentiality of data. Any individual with authorized access to data must not divulge this information outside except for approved Masonic business. You may not use or export or re- export any content or any copy or adaptation of such content, in violation of any applicable laws or regulations, including without limitation United States export laws and regulations.

Section 233. Users Must.

A. Access data solely in order to perform his/her responsibilities.

B. Not seek personal benefit or permit others to benefit personally or professionally from any data.

C. Not permit unauthorized use of any information.

D. Not enter, change, delete or add data to any record outside of the scope of his/her responsibilities.

E. Not include or cause to be included in any record or report, a false, inaccurate or misleading entry known to the user as such.

F. Not alter or delete or cause to be altered or deleted from any records, report or information system, a true and correct entry.

G. Not release data other than what is required in completion of his/her responsibilities.

H. Not exhibit or divulge the contents of any record or system information to any person unless it is necessary for the completion of their responsibilities.

Section 234. Your Login and Password. To protect the account information of our users, you are assigned a unique user name *and password*. These unique identifiers are disclosed only to you. You are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of your account and password and for restricting access to your computer, and you agree to and accept sole responsibility for any and all activities that occur under your account or password. You agree to notify the Grand Recorder immediately of any unauthorized use of your account or password, or any other breach of security. However, you may be held liable for losses incurred to the system or any other user of or visitor to the site due to someone else using your user login and password.

Section 235. Commander Responsibilities.

A. Shall ensure the utilization of MMS to manage all membership records of the Commandery in a timely manner.

B. May designate one Information Technology (IT) Representative to assist with managing a commandery's membership records and will comply with Section 236. Commandery Recorder Responsibilities.

C. Shall notify the Grand Recorder immediately of any changes to the office of Recorder or IT Representative in order that old accounts may be deactivated, and new accounts established.

Section 236. Commandery Recorder Responsibilities.

A. Shall take and be familiar with any training offered by the MMS Administrators and the Grand Recorder's office in order to be able to utilize all aspects of the MMS system.

B. Shall be responsible for maintaining all commandery membership records in MMS, making necessary changes within 30 days of their occurrence.

C. Shall annually, within 30 days of the installation of officers, update the list of officers of the Commandery.

D. Recorders and IT Representatives shall log into MMS no less than monthly to maintain access credentials and to make any approved membership changes.

E. Shall submit to the Grand Recorder a list of all remissions for the reporting year by December 31 each year. Remissions shall include member's full name and type of remission, i.e., Health/Other, or 50-Year Member. Failure to submit remissions list to Grand Recorder by the due date will negate any credits for remissions in the Annual Return calculations for the reporting year.

Section 237. Grand Recorder Responsibilities.

A. Shall manage and monitor all user accounts, coordinating with System Administrators for all activations and deactivations in a timely manner.

B. Shall annually, within 30 days of the installation of officers, update the list of grand officers of the Grand Commandery.

C. Shall report to the Grand Commander any deficiencies in utilization of MMS by any Commandery.

D. Shall run an Annual Statistical Report for each Commandery immediately following the close of the reporting year.

E. Shall generate a bill for each Commandery based on the Annual Statistical Report of each Commandery, and which shall include all applicable credits and debits, in accordance with ARTICLE VI, Chartered Commanderies Section 117. Annual Reports and Per Capita Payment., presenting said bill to the Commandery Recorder no later than February 1.

F. Shall not allow any prior year corrections in a billing cycle due to the failure of any Commandery Recorder or IT Representative to manage and maintain their membership records.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To establish policy governing the use of MMS.

Fraternally Submitted:

SK Kevin B. Sample, PC - Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67

[Editorial Note: This item passes as corrected.]

Item No. 4

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

ARTICLE VI, Chartered Commanderies Section 117. Annual Reports and Per Capita Payment. On or before December 31 each year, Commandery Recorders will submit to the Grand Recorder a complete list of remissions for their Commandery to include the member's full name and type of remission in accordance with Section 171. Members May Not be Exempted. On or before February 1 each year the Grand Recorder will provide a Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS) statistical report for the previous reporting year along with a per capita bill for the calculated fees due the Grand Commandery. The bill will include appropriate fees and credits. Fees shall consist of Knighting Fees, Per Capita and any outstanding balances from the previous year's return. Credits shall consist of approved Remissions and Endowed Memberships as verified by the Grand Recorder, along with any overpayments from the previous year's return. A Financial Report Form and an Annual Audit Committee Report Form (see Section 119. Annual Audit of Commanderies.) will also be included as part of the Annual Return. Each Commandery shall forward to the Grand Recorder on or before March 1st in each year all forms and a check or money order for the per capita payment, based on the annual statistical report and per capita bill provided by the Grand Recorder, and due from said Commandery, and a copy of the latest IRS Form 990 or a copy of the acceptance of the electronic submission of a Form 990N. The fiscal year of the Grand Commandery shall end May 31st of each year, and all accounts shall be closed on that date. A commandery failing to file a complete return as provided herein and to forward per capita payment by March 1st subjects itself to a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00). Any Commandery that does not submit a complete annual return to the Grand Recorder's office not later than thirty (30) days prior

to the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery shall forfeit all rights and privileges to representation and voting at the Annual Conclave.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To clarify and codify the annual return process. Commandery Recorders manage all membership changes in MMS as they occur. The Grand Recorder will generate constituent commandery returns based on MMS records as of December 31 each year and bill accordingly. It is the responsibility of each Commandery Recorder to maintain their membership records in MMS.

Fraternally Submitted:

SK Kevin B. Sample, PC - Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67

[Editorial Note: This item passed.]

Item No. 5

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

ARTICLE XI, Dues, Section 170. Amount, How Determined. The annual dues of members of a commandery shall not be less than three dollars (\$3.00) ten dollars (\$10.00) plus Grand Commandery per capita and fees.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To ensure the financial health of constituent commanderies.

Fraternally Submitted:

SK Kevin B. Sample, PC - Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67

[Editorial Note: This item passed.]

Item No. 6 [Editorial Note: WITHDRAWN]

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

ARTICLE II, The Grand Officers, Section 27. The Grand Commander. H. Appoint and commission representatives of the Grand Commandery near the other Grand Commanderies and receive and accredit representatives from such other Grand Commanderies, who must be permanent members of the Grand Commandery. When the representative of any Grand Commandery near the Grand Commandery of Missouri fails for two successive years to attend the conclave of this Grand Commandery without giving a satisfactory explanation to the Grand Commander, he shall notify the Grand Commander of the jurisdiction concerned.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: I propose the entire section H. be repealed. The Grand Representative program has not been functional for many years. Those appointed as Grand Representatives rarely meet the expectations of the program, those of traveling to the respective jurisdiction, communicating with their counterpart, and filing an annual report with the Grand Recorder's office concerning the activities and news of interest of their Grand Commandery to be included in the annual reports of our Grand Commandery. Additionally, many jurisdictions are doing away with the program since the transactions of their meetings can be found online in jurisdictional web sites and the primary role of a Grand Representative is null and void.

Fraternally Submitted:

SK Kevin B. Sample, PC - Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67

[Editorial Note: This item was withdrawn by the proposer.]

Item No. 7 [Editorial Note: TABLED]

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

ARTICLE III, Committees, Section 34 Committees, Subsection C. Education Foundation.

To comply with the regulations of the Grand Encampment there shall be a committee of five to be known as the Educational Foundation Committee. The members of the Committee shall serve five-year terms of which one will expire each year, one member to be appointed each year at a time of the Annual Conclave by the incoming Grand Commander. The Grand Commander serving will make appointments to fill any vacancies for the unexpired portion of the term, and replace any member of the Committee for cause, reporting his action to the Grand Commandery. The Committee shall meet annually after the close of the Annual Conclave has been called from labor, under the direction of the Grand Commander, to elect a chairman. The Grand Recorder shall serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee but shall not be a member of the Committee, as it may deem necessary for the successful administration of the funds. Further the following regulations will be observed by this Committee:

1. All grant awardees will receive written notification of award by United States Postal Service postmarked or no later than September 15 of the award year. Notification may also be made by electronic mail, with delivery and read receipts requested by September 15. Further all grants for the current academic year which have been received on or before September 15 will be paid directly to the designated student recipients no later than September 30 of that academic year.

2. All applications for scholarships received after September 15 shall be processed within 60 days of receipt thereof and notice of award grant or denial will be made within 15 days of award determination. Further all grants for the current academic year will be paid directly to the designated student recipients no later than 90 days after receipt of the application.

3. All awards processed after September 15 of the award year and before the second Friday in June of the current Templar year will be considered as awarded for the current academic year.

4. All payments will be delivered by United States Postal Service with Return Receipt Requested.

5. Upon dispensation of the grants, the Grand Treasurer will report the following information to the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, and Grand Recorder: 1) the check numbers; 2) date checks were written; and 30 the date the checks were mailed to the designated recipients. Such notification shall be provided within 15 days of dispensation of the checks.

6. The Chairman of the Knight Templar Education Foundation shall present a formal written report to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, no later than May 30 of the current Templar year, detailing the following items:

a. The number of grants and amounts that were awarded for the current Templar Year.

b. The balance of the Knight Templar Education Foundation Endowment Fund as of May 30 of the current Templar year.

c. The annual returns for the current Templar year.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The Knight Templar Education Foundation of Missouri, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri has not made timely payment of grant moneys to designated recipients for at least three years prior to General Order No. 2 issued by the Grand Commander on September 20, 2017. Some grant payments were not received until after the completion of the academic year for which the grant was awarded. Notification has not been made to grant awardees as to the status of their application. Additionally, no report has been made to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri regarding the state of the endowment or activities of this Foundation since at least 2014. This is a grave error that will be corrected with the adoption of this amendment.

Fraternally Submitted:

SK Trent Moreland, PC - Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8

[Editorial Note: This item together with Item No. 8 was Tabled.]

Item No. 8 [Editorial Note: TABLED]

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

ARTICLE III, Committees, Section 34 Committees, Subsection C. Education Foundation.

To comply with the regulations of the Grand Encampment there shall be a committee of five to be known as the Educational Foundation Committee. The members of the Committee shall serve five-year terms of which one will expire each year, one member to be appointed each year at a time of the Annual Conclave by the incoming Grand Commander. The Grand Commander serving will make appointments to fill any vacancies for the unexpired portion of the term, and replace any member of the Committee for cause, reporting his action to the Grand Commandery. The Committee shall meet annually after the close of the Annual Conclave has been called from labor, under the direction of the Grand Commander, to elect a chairman. The Grand Recorder shall serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee but shall not be a member of the Committee, as it may deem necessary for the successful administration of the funds. The funds of the Missouri portion of the Knight Templar Education Foundation shall be administered by the Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment.

The Committee shall award scholarships of between \$500.00 and \$2,000.00 based solely on merit. The total volume of scholarships is limited to the total amount of income minus the operational and administrative costs and an amount equal to the current consumer price index (CPI).

The Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee shall inform the scholarship recipient(s), the Grand Commander and Grand Encampment within 15 days of the award.

The minutes of the annual meeting of this Committee shall be published in the official proceedings of the Grand Commandery.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To take advantage of the Grand Encampment's administrative expertise and ease the administrative burden on the Grand Recorder. These changes will also give the program more transparency.

Fraternally Submitted:

SK David C. Witte, PC - Palestine Commandery No.17

[Editorial Note: This item together with Item No. 7 was Tabled.]

Item No. 9

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

ARTICLE XX, Instruction, Inspection, and Regional Activities, Section 221, Regional Officers. How Designated and Section 222, Regional Officers. Duties.

Section 221. Regional Officers. How designated.

A. Immediately following the Annual Conclave, the Grand Commander shall designate a Grand Officer <u>Regional Grand Commander</u> to be in charge of a given region until the ensuing Conclave of the Grand Commandery.

B. The Grand Commander may also designate an assistant regional officer to be known as a Regional Grand Commander. a Grand Commandery advancing line officer as an advisory Regional Officer to provide guidance and support to the Regional Grand Commander in the designated region.

Section 222. Regional Officers. Duties.

A. It shall be the duty of each Grand Officer the Regional Grand Commander assigned to a region to consult represent the Grand Commander and assist with his program for the year in the designated region.

B. It shall be the duty of the Regional Grand Commander to assist and work with the Grand Officer assigned to a region in carrying out the program of the Grand Commander for the year.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The current assignment of a Regional Officer and a Regional Grand Commander is inefficient and confusing. As in Blue Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter and Cryptic Council the District Deputy or Regional Deputy Grand Officers answer directly to the Grand Presiding Officer and are charged with resolving any issues that arise in their District/Region on his behalf. Approval of this amendment will adopt the proven, efficient method of the aforementioned models.

Fraternally Submitted:

SK Trent Moreland, PC - Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8

[Editorial Note: This item passed.]

Fraternally submitted,

SK Glenn E. Means, Chairman SK Jerry F. Ward, PGC SK Todd A. Schulze SK William G. Snyder SK John C. Caraker [Editorial Note: the motion to adopt the complete Report passed.]

Report of Finance and Accounts Committee

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

Sir Knights,

We, the members of the Finance and Accounts committee, with the aid, assistance, and guidance of the Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer, have agreed on this budget for the ensuring year, with the total approval of the Grand Line Officers. The budget is subject to change if the proper requesting procedures are followed and with the approval of the Finance and Accounts committee.

The following is the proposed budget for the 2018 - 2019 year.

INCOME

Per Capita, Membership	\$ 46,020.00
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	
Knighting Fees	
Investments	
Miscellaneous	,
Total Income	\$ 49,620.00

EXPENSES

Grand Commander Expenses	\$ 3,000.00
Knight Templar Magazine Editor Honorarium	
Grand Treasurer Expenses	1,000.00
Grand Recorder Salary	
Clerical Assistant Salary	
Employment Taxes	
Bonding Insurance	
Audit Committee	
Drill Committee	1,300.00
Office Expenses	
Printing Services	
Office Rent	
Storage Rent	
Grand Encampment Per Capita	
Annual Conclave	
Grand Officer Expenses	
Past Grand Commander Regalia	
Triennial Fund	

Youth Organizations	
Emerging Leaders Fund	
Web Master	
Miscellaneous	
Total Expenses	\$ 51,442.50
Balance	

Fraternally submitted,

SK Dennis A. Abernathy, Chairman SK James E. Snavely, PGC SK Roger D. Fleer SK Clark A. McLemore SK Donald L. Trabue, PGC SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC

[Editorial Note: the 2018-2019 Budget was adopted by the adoption of the complete Report. The motion to adopt the complete Report as printed passed.]

Report of Audit Committee

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

Sir Knights,

We, the appointed members of the Audit committee, have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and can find no discrepancies or mishandling of any of funds appropriated to him. All monies were received and properly deposited or dispensed in accordance with the Grand Commandery Laws and Regulations. It is therefore communicated to all Commandery members that the Grand Commandery did pass this year's annual audit.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Dennis A. Abernathy, Chairman SK James E. Snavely PGC SK Roger D. Fleer SK Harold J. Richardson, PGC SK Michael C. Rohman SK Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

[Editorial Note: the motion to adopt the Report as printed passed.]

THIS IS THE PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER AND WILL BE REPLACED WITH THE FINAL REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER WHEN THAT REPORT IS AVAILABLE

Report of the Grand Treasurer

Preliminary Report June 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018

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

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, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

[Editorial Note: numbers in parentheses are negative numbers.]

GENERAL FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2017 Receipts:	\$ 173,491.75
Grand Recorder, etc.	\$ 41,948.99
Interest Earned	1,299.99
Total Receipts:	\$ 43,248.98
Disbursements (Jefferson Act.):	
#xxxxx9336 \$ 24,615.68	8
#xxxxx4544 19,396.20	0
#xxxxx3996 9.9'	7
Total Disbursements: \$44,021.8	5
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:	\$ (772.87)
Balance, March 31, 2018	\$ 172,718.88
Statement of Assets	
Interest Checking Act. #xxxxx9336, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.07% Interest Checking Act. #xxxxx4544, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05% Interest Checking Act. #xxxxx4325,	\$ 436.69 1,754.87

Money Mkt. Act. #xxxxx3996,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.16%	23,474.48
Business Inv. Act. #xxxxx0211,	
Premier Bank - Jefferson City, 0.25%	21,919.49
CD #xxxxx0928,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.25%,	
Matures 04-03-2018	23,357.47
CD #xxxxx0649,	
Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.30%,	
Matures 01-15-2019	18,133.47
CD #xxxxx0605,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.10%,	
Matures 02-26-2019	30,397.36
CD #xxxxx6185,	
Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.60%,	
Matures 10-07-2019	52,765.74
Total Assets, March 31, 2018	\$ 172,718.88

GENERAL FUND (SPECIAL ACCOUNT)

Total Assets, June 1, 2017		\$ 111,747.80
Receipts:		
Interest Earned	<u>\$1,259.01</u>	
Total Receipts:	\$ 1,259.01	
Disbursements: \$-0-		
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		\$ 1,259.01
Balance, March 31, 2018		\$ 113,006.81
Statement of Assets		
Money Mkt. Act. #xxxxx3996,		
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.16%	\$ 160.48	
CD #xxxxx1296,		
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.50%,		
Matures 07-11-2018	66,755.58	
CD #xxxxx3478,		
Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.50%,		
Matures 02-22-2019	46,090.75	
Total Assets, March 31, 2018	,	\$ 113,006.81
ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP FUND		
Total Accesto June 1, 2017		¢ 111 069 20
Total Assets, June 1, 2017		\$ 111,968.20
Receipts:	¢ 4 000 00	

Receipts:	
Memberships (8)	\$ 4,000.00
Interest Earned	1,263.23
Total Receipts:	\$ 5,263.23

Disbursements: Distribution to Commanderies \$ 92.70 Distribution to Grand Commandery1,056	03	
Total Disbursements \$ 1,148.73	<u>.05</u>	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		<u>\$ 4,114.50</u>
Balance, March 31, 2018		\$ 116,082.70
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Statement of Assets		
Money Mkt. Act. #xxxxx3996,		
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.16%	\$ 3,639.86	
CD #xxxxx7160,		
Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.10%,		
Matures 12-22-2018	32,333.65	
CD #xxxxx3486,	,	
Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.50%,		
Matures 02-22-2019	55,444.92	
CD#xxxxx6200,	55,111.2	
Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.60%		
Matures 10-07-2019	24,664.27	
Total Assets, March 31, 2018		\$ 116,082.70
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CHARITY ENDOWMENT FUND		
Total Accests June 1, 2017		¢ 0 501 11
Total Assets, June 1, 2017		\$ 9,501.11
Receipts: Misc. Contributions	\$ 235.12	
Interest Earned	<u>75.92</u>	
Total Receipts:	\$ 311.04	
Disbursements: \$-0-		Φ 211 Q4
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		\$ 311.04
Balance, March 31, 2018		\$ 9,812.15
Statement of Assets		
Money Mkt. Act. #xxxxx3996,		
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.16%	\$ 662.84	
CD #xxxxx0544,	÷ • • • • • •	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.10%,		
Matures 02-01-2019	9,149.31	
Total Assets, March 31, 2018		\$ 9,812.15
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MISSOURI KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2017	\$ 78,295.5
Receipts:	
Misc. Contributions	\$ 1,723.95
Interest Earned	1,002.39

Total Receipts:	\$ 2,726.34	
Disbursements: \$-0-		
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		<u>\$2,726.34</u>
Balance, March 31, 2018		\$ 81,021.84
Statement of Assets		
Money Mkt. Act. #xxxxx3996,		
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.16%	\$ 2,669.92	
CD #xxxxx6244,		
Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.25%,		
Matures 06-26-2018	33,126.99	
CD #xxxxx9498,		
Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.50%,		
Matures 03-15-2019	32,591.29	
CD #xxxxx8978,		
Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.55%,		
Matures 10-23-2019	12,633.64	
Total Assets, March 31, 2018		\$ 81,021.84

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE ENDOWMENT FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2017		\$ 66,706.77
Receipts:		
Misc. Contributions	\$ 4,324.78	
Interest Earned	624.16	
Total Receipts:	\$ 4,948.94	
Disbursements:		
Interest Earned		
Transfer to Holy Land		
Pilgrimage Operating Fund \$ 624.16		
Total Disbursements \$ 624.16		
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		\$ 4,324.78
Balance, March 31, 2018		\$ 71,031.55
Statement of Assets		
Money Mkt. Act. #xxxxx3996,		
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.16%	\$ 4,442.13	
CD #xxxxx1297,		
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.50%,		
Matures 07-11-2018	8,079.16	
CD #xxxxx5033,	, i	
Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.30%,		
Matures 10-22-2018	15,098.95	
CD #xxxxx7130,	,	
Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.21%,		
Matures 11-06-2018	17,118.55	
	,	

CD #xxxxx0543, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.10%, <u>Matures 02-01-2019</u> Total Assets, March 31, 2018	26,292.76	\$ 71,031.55
HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE OPERAT	<u> FING FUN</u>	D
Total Assets, June 1, 2017		\$ 3,412.73
Receipts:		
Interest Earned	\$ 4.62	
Interest from Holy Land		
Pilgrimage Endowment Fund	624.16	
Total Receipts:	\$ 628.78	
Disbursements: \$-0-		
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		\$ 628.78
Balance, March 31, 2018		\$ 4,041.51
Statement of Assets		
Money Mkt. Act. #xxxxx3996,	¢ 075 03	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.16%	\$ 975.02	
Business Investment Act. #xxxxx0211,	1 572 13	
Premier Bank - Jefferson City, 0.25%	1,573.12	
CD #xxxxx1297,		
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.50%,	01.12	
Matures 07-11-2018	91.13	
CD #xxxxx5033,		
Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.30%, Matures 10-22-2018	444.05	
	444.05	
$CD \#xxxxx7130,$ $D = \frac{1}{2} \ln x + \ln x +$		
Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.21%,	522.01	
Matures 11-06-2018	522.01	
CD #xxxxx0543,		
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.10%,	126 10	
<u>Matures 02-01-2019</u>	436.18	\$ 4,041.51
Total Assets, March 31, 2018		\$ 4,041.51
TRIENNIAL ENDOWMENT FUND		
Total Assets, June 1, 2017		\$ 21,149.29
Receipts:		. , / - /
Interest Earned	\$ 276.21	
Total Receipts:	\$ 276.21	

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		<u>\$ -0-</u>
Balance, March 31, 2018		\$ 21,149.29
Statement of Assets		
CD #xxxxx6540,		
Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.50%,		
	21,149.29	
Total Assets, March 31, 2018		\$ 21,149.29
TRIENNIAL FUND		
Total Assets, June 1, 2017		\$ 972.36
Receipts:		
Interest from Triennial Endowment Fund	\$ 276.21	
Interest Earned	1.69	
Total Receipts:	\$ 277.90	
Disbursements: \$-0-		
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		\$ 277.90
Balance, March 31, 2018		\$ 1,250.26
Statement of Assets		
Money Mkt. Act. #xxxxx3996, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.16%	\$ 426.89	
Business Inv. Act. #xxxxx0211,	• + 20.09	
Premier Bank - Jefferson City, 0.25%	666.22	
CD #xxxxx6540,	000.22	
Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.10%,		
Matures 12-19-2018	157.15	
Total Assets, March 31, 2018		\$ 1,250.26
<u>SUPPLY FUND</u>		
Total Assets, June 1, 2017		\$ 12,891.43
Receipts:		,
Inventory Sales	\$871.13	
Interest Earned	14.17	
Total Receipts:	\$885.30	
Disbursements: \$3,248.91		
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		\$ (2,363.61)
Balance, March 31, 2018		\$ 10,527.82
Statement of Assets		
Money Mkt. Act. #xxxxx3996,		
	10,527.82	
Total Assets, March 31, 2018	<u>. 0,<i>3 4 </i> .04</u>	\$ 10,527.82
		\$ 10,027102

LEADERSHIP FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2017		\$ 746.90
Receipts:		
Grand Recorder, etc.	\$ 167.90	
Interest Earned	0.25	
Total Receipts:	\$ 168.15	
Disbursements: \$-0-		
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		\$ 168.15
Balance, March 31, 2018		\$ 915.05
Statement of Assets		
Money Mkt. Act. #xxxxx3996,		
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.16%	\$ 915.05	
Total Assets, March 31, 2018		\$ 915.05
PROCEEDINGS FUND		
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Total Assets, June 1, 2017		\$ 3,029.55
Total Assets, June 1, 2017 Receipts:		\$ 3,029.55
	\$ 0.99	\$ 3,029.55
Receipts: Interest Earned	<u>\$ 0.99</u> \$ 0.99	\$ 3,029.55
Receipts:		\$ 3,029.55
Receipts: Interest Earned Total Receipts: Disbursements: \$-0-		\$ 3,029.55 \$ 0.99
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Receipts: Interest Earned Total Receipts: Disbursements: \$-0- Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: Balance, March 31, 2018 Statement of Assets	\$ 0.99	\$ 0.99
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Fraternally submitted,

SK Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Grand Treasurer

[Editorial Note: the motion to adopt the Grand Treasurer's Preliminary Report as printed in the preliminary proceedings passed. Therefore, the complete Report was also adopted when it became available.]

Report of the Grand Recorder

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

Sir Knights,

As my seventh year as your Grand Recorder draws to a close, I believe that Debbie and I have 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. Debbie has been instrumental in dealing with both the day to day operations of the office and helping me to focus my time on critical tasks. The MGYR web site continues to be developed under the care of SK Donald MacCormick, MGYR Web Master. Bringing the Grand York Rite of Missouri into the 21st Century continues to be a constant theme.

One of the big successes of the Grand York Rite Office is the completion of the Grand Commandery's second year using the new annual reporting system. Together with the completion of the move of the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council into the Masonic Membership (MMS) database, all of the 2017 annual reporting was based on the Missouri membership data in MMS. All that the Commanderies were required to do was to complete a simple reply form, write a check, and submit them to the Grand York Rite Office by March 1st. The response this year was 97%. However, Oriental Commandery No. 35 failed to pay its per capita bill, so their entire 2017 per capita bill will be added to their 2018 per capita bill. In addition, nine Commanderies incurred a late fee. One Commandery requested and received a payment plan, but if they fail to make all of their payments by the end of 2018, then the unpaid balance will be added to their 2018 per capita bill. One Commandery paid much less than the amount specified in their per capita bill, so the unpaid balance will be added to their 2018 per capita bill. The Grand Commandery is currently \$2,446.20 short of collecting the \$45,187.50 owed to it by the Commanderies.

In conclusion, Debbie and I thank everyone for their continued support. While Debbie cannot do everything that Kevin and I can do, she has truly become the Executive Assistant for Everything. We are all committed to and are striving for improved operations in the ensuing year.

Fraternally submitted,

Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Grand Recorder Debbie Hanson, Executive Assistant, MGYR Office Editorial Note: SK Hanson during his oral presentation, pointed out that Oriental Commandery No. 35 did turn in their per capita check during the Annual Conclave and that the Grand Commandery had 100% completion of their Annual Reports. The motion to adopt the Report passed.]

Report of Time & Place Committee

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

Sir Knights,

Your Committee on Time and Place reports that the One-Hundred-Fifty-Eighth Grand Commandery Conclave of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri will be held on June 7, 2019, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Kevin B Sample, HPGC, Chairman SK Roger D. Fleer SK Aaron M. Shoemaker

[Editorial Note: the motion to adopt the Report as printed passed.]

Reports Printed and Adopted

Report of Hospitaler Committee

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

Sir Knights,

During this committee year the Hospitaler Committee provided the following articles to the Missouri Supplement Editor, Sir Knight Russell S. Hanson, PGC.

The Thanksgiving Message which was published in the November 2017 issue of the Knights Templar Magazine. This message centered on giving thanks to our Creator for our families, friends, and fraters. The committee received a report of thanksgiving activities from Ely Commandery No. 22, which stated that the Commandery held a thanksgiving dinner for their York Rite members and families.

The Christmas Message which was published in the December 2017 issue of the Knights Templar Magazine. This message provided things that we should think about during the Christmas season like miracles, peace, joy, love, and devotion; all of which is supplied by our Creator. The committee received a report from Ely Commandery No. 22 which stated that during their stated meeting they read the Toast to Our Most Eminent Grand Master, The Grand Master's Response, and the Christmas Message form the Hospitaler Committee.

The Easter Message was published in the April 2018 issue of the Knights Templar Magazine. This message centered on the death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. The committee received a report from Ely Commandery No. 22 stating that on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018, their Commandery held an Easter Sunrise Service at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO. An Easter Message was given by Sir Knight and Reverend Franz Kinkhorst and that following the service the Commandery provided a breakfast for the community. A free will offering was collected and the proceeds were given to the Holy Land Pilgrimage fund.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Charles E. Cooper, Chairman SK Roger D. Fleer SK Clark A. McLemore

Report of Triennial Committee

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

Sir Knights,

The Knights TemplarTriennial Conclave is the premier event in today's world of Knights Templar. It is held only once every three years.

The 67th Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar, hosted by Sir Knight Duane Vaught, Most Eminent Grand Master, will be held on August 18, 2018, in Indianapolis Indiana at the Marriott Downtown, 350 W. Maryland St., Indianapolis, IN, 46225.

The voting members at the Grand Encampment include Missouri's Grand Commandery dias Officers and living past Grand Commanders.

In accordance with Section 34. "G", the Triennial committee consists of two past Grand Commanders and a Grand Commandery Officer, eligible in due course, to attend the next (2018) Triennial Conclave as a representative of Missouri's Grand Commandery and who were appointed at the annual conclave following the last conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States and who shall serve for three years. The committee shall have charge of hotel reservations, entertainment, arrangements for the Grand Commandery at the Grand Encampment, and who shall submit an itemized report of receipts and expenditures. As of May 31, 2017, the Triennial Fund reflects a balance of \$1,088.11. The balance from the 2018-2019 budget is \$562.50. The estimated amount available on or about August 18, 2018 will be \$2,138.14.

As per Article XV, Section 205 & 206, the fund is supported annually by a General Fund payment of twenty-five cents per member, on the rolls as of December 31 of the preceding year.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Thomas C. Yunick, PGC, Chairman SK Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC SK Clark A. McLemore

Report of Easter Sunrise Service Committee

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

Sir Knights,

The Easter Sunrise Service committee regrets to inform the Grand Commandery that it has nothing to report.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., PGC, Chairman Regional Grand Commanders

Report of Emerging Leaders Committee

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

Sir Knights,

The Emerging Leaders Committee wants to remind Commanders, Regional Grand Commanders, and Regional Officers to continue to identify Sir Knights who would benefit from the Emerging Leaders Training which is offered by the Grand Encampment. Names, address, and contact information should be submitted to the 2018-2019 Chairman, Harry L. Tripp, by US mail (102 Newberry, Fredricktown, MO, 65645) or by email (harry.tripp@att.net) no later than August 1, 2018.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Charles E. Cooper, Chairman SK Harry Tripp, Jr. SK Dennis L.Hammack SK Stephen T. Thompson SK Bobbie White SK Richard Mansfield, PGC

Report of Endowment Fund Committee

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

Sir Knights,

The Grand Commandery Endowment Fund for Endowed Membership has a total membership of 225 with a total endowed value of \$113,530.33. It had a 2017 distribution value of \$1,131.71 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. However, 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 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 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.

This committee recommends that; as current CD's mature, the Grand Treasurer may invest an amount not to exceed 25% of each CD value in common stock or equal securities in nationally known corporations traded on the New York Stock Exchange, and rated "A": or better by Standard and Poore's or Moody's or by some equally well recognized investment rating service. Such investment may be allowed to appreciate to an amount not to exceed 50% of the total value of Endowed Membership Funds. Based on experience with the Grand Chapter and Grand Council, such investment will enhance the amounts that may be realized for the annual distribution to the Grand Commandery and individual Commanderies.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Chairman

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

Report of Forms & Publications Committee

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

Sir Knights,

The forms and publications of the Grand Commandery continue to be posted on the Grand York Rite web site for easy access by the Grand Commandery and constituent Commanderies.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Chairman SK Donald MacCormick SK Aaron M. Shoemaker SK Kevin B. Sample, HPGC

Report of Fraternal Activities Committee

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

Sir Knights,

The Fraternal Activities committee regrets to inform the Grand Commandery that it has nothing to report.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Harry L. Tripp, Jr., Chairman SK Dennis L. Hammock SK Dennis A. Abernathy SK Michael C. Rohman SK Kirby A. Moreland

Report of Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee

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

Sir Knights,

The Holy Land Pilgrimage committee regrets to inform the Grand Commandery that it has nothing to report.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Roy L. Gilkey, Chairman SK Ronald E. Wood Jr., HPGC SK Kevin E. Weaver

Report of Honor Commandery Award Committee

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

Sir Knights,

The Honor Commandery Award committee received application forms from the following Commanderies:

Liberty Commandery No. 6 - SK Joseph S. Russell , Commander St Graal Commandery No. 12 - SK Curtis M. Rickman, Commander Ascalon Commandery No. 16 - SK Terry D. Copotelli, Commander Palestine Commandery No. 17 - SK Gentry E. Slone, Commander St John's Commandery No. 20 - SK Donald G. Charpentier, Jr., Commander

The Commanderies were found to have meet the requirements. Their forms were found to be in correct order and submitted in a timely fashion.

On behalf of the Committee, I wish to express our appreciation to the above Commanderies for their attention to detail and their participation in the Honor Award program.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Roger D. Fleer, Chairman SK Clark A. McLemore SK Charles E. Cooper SK Harry L. Tripp, Jr.

Report of Investments Committee

To the Grand Commandery of Knight Templar of the State 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,

SK Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Chairman SK James E. Snavely, PGC SK Dennis A. Abernathy

Report of Ritual And Drill Committee

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

Sir Knights,

The Ritual and Drill committee regrets to inform the Grand Commandery that it has nothing to report.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Vacant, Chairman SK Ronnie E. Green, PGC SK Jerry F. Ward, PGC SK Bob L. Detherow SK David R. Philips SK Kevin E. Weaver SK Bobbie E. White

Report of Youth Organizations Committee

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

Sir Knights,

The Youth Organizations committee regrets to inform the Grand Commandery that it has nothing to report.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Adam M. Iwanow, Chairman SK William J. Sherman

Report of Grand Representative For Ohio

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

Sir Knights,

The 175th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Ohio was held October 6-7, 2017 at the Crowne Plaza North, Columbus, Ohio. The session opened Friday, Oct. 6, at 8:30AM. There were present 202 voting members and 71 visitors for a total of 273 souls.

The morning began with a short form opening be Wooster Commandery No. 48 and was turned over to the Grand Commandery Officers. The Colors were presented by a local DeMolay chapter who were also members of a high school ROTC, followed by the usual introduction of dignitaries from other bodies. A legislation was introduced allowing the option of a "Pershing Style" military cap to be used as in lieu of the Chapeau. It was pointed out that this measure was not intended to eliminate the Chapeau, but was meant to allow Sir Knights a more cost efficient means of providing themselves a uniform, as these caps cost approximately half the cost of even a lower end Chapeau. The Conclave then broke for lunch at 11:45AM.

After lunch, the business resumed at 1:00PM and the above mentioned legislation was passed by a wide margin. Various Committee reports were presented. Much discussion was held and many programs were presented which might be considered to stem the tide of declining membership in all areas of our Fraternal Organizations. It was generally agreed that membership issues must be first addressed at the Lodge level, and that our appendant bodies should actively seek out those new Masons of the highest quality to become members of our Orders. The business having concluded, the Commandery was dismissed.

A Divine Service was held at 5:00PM with many of the Knights and their ladies in attendance. This was followed with a social hour and the Grand Commanders Banquet commencing at 7:00PM.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, the Drill Competition began at 7:30AM and ran well into the afternoon. Both field and Asylum drills were held with teams classed by size from 7 to 15 Knights per team. All of the drills I was able to watch included a sword "Manual of Arms" as part of the drill. A Ritual Competition was held from 2:00PM to 5:00PM and was open to all Sir Knights who wished to participate.

The Awards Dinner was opened at 600:PM and presentations were made to teams in all 10 Divisions.

After dinner, the Grand Officers were installed. This was one of the most impressive ceremonies I have yet to witness. While the installation of Line Officers consisted of the said Officers standing at their places, they raised their right hand and the Oath was repeated as a group. The Installing Marshal then escorted the Grand Commander Elect down the center isle to the Altar where he was caused to kneel. A prayer was offered and the Oath was administered. He then was conducted to the East where the Grand Commanders Jewel was placed on him by his father, a Past Commander, with the assistance of his mother. After a few brief words, the ceremony was concluded.

I was able to obtain a copy of pre-printed reports of various committees. This document is some 55 pages in length Thank you for allowing me to serve our Grand Commandery in this capacity.

Fraternally submitted,

SK William J. Sherman, Grand Representative of Ohio near Missouri

Reports Printed, but not Adopted

Report of Educational Foundation Committee

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

Sir Knights,

The Educational Foundation committee regrets to inform the Grand Commandery that it has nothing to report.

Fraternally submitted,

SK David C. Witte, Chairman SK James L. Woodfin, Jr, PGC SK Clifton W. Wofford SK Todd A. Schulze SK John W Siscel, III

Reports Received after Annual Conclave

[Editorial Note: The following report from the Chairman of the Educational Foundation Committee was received on April 12, 2018, but was missed by the Grand Recorder and did not appear in the 2018 Preliminary Proceedings.]

Report of Educational Foundation Committee

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

Sir Knights,

Grand Encampment Education Foundation Missouri Division Committee Report:

Finance:

	Dec-15	Dec-16	Dec 2017
Savings and temporary cash investments	\$ 342,940.97	\$ 343,737.45	\$ 100,119.28
Certificates of Deposit			\$ 337,335.81
Investments-publicly traded securities	\$ 103,719.98	\$ 112,352.20	\$ 127,703.28
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 446,660.95	\$456,089.65	\$ 565,158.37
Accounts Payable and accrued expenses			
Grants Payable	\$ 1,000.00		
Other liabilities (including Federal Income Tax, payables to related third parties and other liabilities not included on lines above	\$ 646.36	\$ 192.89	\$ 2,825.79
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 1,646.36	\$ 192.89	\$ 2,825.79
Unrestricted net assets	\$ 445,014.59	\$455,896.76	\$ 562,332.58
Total Net Assets or Fund Balances	\$ 445,014.59	\$455,896.76	\$ 562,332.58
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS/FUND BALANCES	\$ 446,660.95	\$456,089.65	\$ 565,158.37
Total revenue	\$ 3,350.46	\$ 3,857.87	\$ 97,278.50
Total expenses	\$ 4,289.44	\$ 4,366.34	\$ 6,043.25
Revenue less expenses	\$ (938.98)	\$ (508.47)	\$ 91,235.25

Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year	\$ 446,915.70	\$ 445,014.59	\$ 456,089.65
Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	\$ (962.13)	\$ 11,390.64	\$ 17,833.47
TOTAL	\$ 445,014.59	\$ 455,896.76	\$ 565,158.37

Minutes:

June 9, 2017

Present:

David Witte, Chairman Russell Hanson, Secretary Don Trabue, Treasurer Jim Woodfin, Jr. Clifton Wofford Rick Mansfield Todd Schulze

Meeting called to order at 12:32 pm

- Minutes of previous meeting Discussion of Item 4 Discussed reissuing the check for Blaine Moreland - Discussed cancelling the check Blaine did not receive - Don will check on the check to Isabella Gieringer - Discussed tracking mailing - Approved
- 2. Treasurer's Report Don recommended that we have enough money for renewals.
- 3. Reviewed re-applications Blaine Moreland and Andrew Bosley Committee voted to renew
- 4. Reviewed new applications Benjamin R. Holt It was moved by Clifton and seconded by Todd to approve for support Passed.

June 10, 2016

Present:

David Witte, Chairman Russell Hanson, Secretary Don Trabue, Treasurer Todd Schulze Jim Woodfin, Jr. Clifton Wofford Meeting called to order at 12:30 pm

- 1. Minutes of previous meeting Approved
- 2. Treasurer's Report Don recommended that we have enough money for renewals.
- 3. Reviewed re-applications Blaine Moreland and Andrew Bosley Committee voted to renew.
- 4. Reviewed new applications Isabella Gieringer, Jordon Gudde, and Claire Wolber - It was moved by Todd and seconded by Clifton to approve Isabella Gieringer for support - Passed.
- 5. Discussed seed money from the Grand Encampment David Goodwin said that he would look at the 1930-1935 records and email us the results.
- 6. Discussed giving our KT Education Foundation money to the Grand Encampment for money management.

May 15, 2015

Present:

David Witte, Chairman Russell Hanson, Secretary Don Trabue, Treasurer Todd Schulze Rick Mansfield Jim Woodfin, Jr. Clifton Wofford

Meeting called to order at 12:00 pm

- 1. Minutes of previous meeting Approved
- 2. Treasurer's Report Don recommended that we have enough money for renewals.
- 3. Reviewed re-applications Blaine Moreland and Andrew Bosley Committee voted to renew.
- 4. Reviewed new applications Patricia Neiswander It was moved by Todd and seconded by Rick to approve Patricia Neiswander for support Passed.

Statistical Section

2017 Annual Reports for Commanderies

	Grand Commandery of Missouri	КТ3	KT4	KT5	KT6	КТ7	КТ8	KT10	KT12	KT15	KT16	KT17
	2017											
Line	Grand Encampment Report											
1	Starting Number	47	203	27	127	10	61	34	138	31	143	132
	Additions											
2	Number Knighted	4	1	3	2	0	2	2	2	0	6	0
3	Number Affiliated	71	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
4	Number Reinstated	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	1
5	Number Add Adjustment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Total Gain	75	4	3	3	2	2	4	3	0	7	3
	Losses											
7	Number Demitted	4	0	1	8	0	1	1	1	0	1	11
8	Number Suspended	15	16	9	21	0	0	1	1	0	0	9
9	Number Deceased	12	6	7	5	0	4	4	15	2	20	5
10	Number Expelled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Number Delete Adjustment	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
12	Total Loss	31	22	17	34	0	5	7	17	2	21	25
13	Net Gain (Net Loss)	44	(18)	(14)	(31)	2	(3)	(3)	(14)	(2)	(14)	(22)

	Grand Commandery											
	of Missouri	KT3	KT4	KT5	KT6	KT7	KT8	KT10	KT12	KT15	KT16	KT17
14	Ending Number	91	185	13	96	12	58	31	124	29	129	110
	Knights Templar Eye Foundation Report											
15	Number Living/ Active Life Sponsors	13	10	0	29	3	15	3	17	0	28	7
16	Number Living/ Active Associate Patrons	1	1	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	2	1
17	Number Living/ Active Patrons	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
18	Total Deductions	14	13	0	32	3	17	3	19	0	31	9
	Grand Commandery Report											
19	Number of Living Endowed Members	8	26	0	1	0	11	1	18	0	4	5
	Commandery Report											
20	Number of Remissions	0	42	1	14	0	7	9	30	0	30	13

	Grand Commandery of Missouri	КТ20	КТ22	КТ24	КТ27	КТ29	КТ31	КТЗЗ	КТ35	КТ39	KT42
	2017										
Line	Grand Encampment Report										
1	Starting Number	225	171	55	32	71	42	65	59	38	44

	Grand Commandery of Missouri	КТ20	КТ22	KT24	КТ27	КТ29	KT31	КТ33	КТ35	КТ39	KT42
	Additions										
2	Number Knighted	6	1	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	7
3	Number Affiliated	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
4	Number Reinstated	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0
5	Number Add Adjustment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Total Gain	8	4	1	0	1	6	4	0	1	7
	Losses										
7	Number Demitted	2	5	4	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
8	Number Suspended	0	35	2	0	7	7	4	0	2	13
9	Number Deceased	8	9	11	1	1	8	0	1	2	17
10	Number Expelled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Number Delete Adjustment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Total Loss	10	49	17	1	9	17	4	1	4	30
13	Net Gain (Net Loss)	(2)	(45)	(16)	(1)	(8)	(11)	0	(1)	(3)	(23)
14	Ending Number	223	126	39	31	63	31	65	58	35	21
	Knights Templar Eye Foundation Report										
15	Number Living/ Active Life Sponsors	19	6	4	1	6	0	6	17	16	0

	Grand Commandery of Missouri	КТ20	KT22	КТ24	КТ27	КТ29	КТ31	КТ33	КТ35	КТ39	KT42
16	Number Living/ Active Associate Patrons	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
17	Number Living/ Active Patrons	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
18	Total Deductions	23	8	5	1	7	0	7	18	16	1
	Grand Commandery Report										
19	Number of Living Endowed Members	13	8	1	4	6	2	3	13	9	0
	Commandery Report										
20	Number of Remissions	46	19	0	6	15	8	11	0	4	0

	Grand Commandery of Missouri	KT43	KT48	КТ55	KT56	КТ57	КТ59	КТ66	КТ67	KT68	КТ70
	2017										
Line	Grand Encampment Report										
1	Starting Number	37	1	55	64	61	99	33	59	33	62
	Additions										
2	Number Knighted	1	5	4	0	1	2	2	0	0	0
3	Number Affiliated	0	18	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
4	Number Reinstated	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

	Grand Commandery of Missouri	КТ43	KT48	КТ55	КТ56	КТ57	КТ59	КТ66	КТ67	КТ68	КТ70
5	Number Add Adjustment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Total Gain	1	23	6	0	2	2	4	1	0	0
	Losses										
7	Number Demitted	1	0	2	0	1	1	3	0	0	0
8	Number Suspended	3	3	6	4	0	7	1	4	5	0
9	Number Deceased	1	0	2	3	6	0	4	5	1	1
10	Number Expelled	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
11	Number Delete Adjustment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Total Loss	5	3	10	7	7	9	8	9	6	1
13	Net Gain (Net Loss)	(4)	20	(4)	(7)	(5)	(7)	(4)	(8)	(6)	(1)
14	Ending Number	33	21	51	57	56	92	29	51	27	61
	Knights Templar Eye Foundation Report										
15	Number Living/ Active Life Sponsors	2	0	6	6	3	11	2	5	2	15
16	Number Living/ Active Associate Patrons	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
17	Number Living/ Active Patrons	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
18	Total Deductions	2	0	7	6	3	12	2	5	3	17

	Grand Commandery of Missouri	КТ43	KT48	KT55	KT56	КТ57	КТ59	KT66	КТ67	KT68	КТ70
	Grand Commandery Report										
19	Number of Living Endowed Members	3	0	2	9	0	10	1	5	1	1
	Commandery Report										
20	Number of Remissions	7	0	12	14	12	13	2	13	6	0

	Grand Commandery of Missouri	KT72	COUNT	Recapitulation
	2017		32	Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2017
Line	Grand Encampment Report			Annual Statistics
1	Starting Number	36	2,295	MMS L1
	Additions			
2	Number Knighted	13	71	MMS L2
3	Number Affiliated	0	103	MMS L3
4	Number Reinstated	2	18	MMS L4
5	Number Add Adjustment	0	0	MMS L5
6	Total Gain	15	192	MMS L6
	Losses			
7	Number Demitted	4	54	MMS L7
8	Number Suspended	4	179	MMS L8 (All Types)

	Grand Commandery of Missouri	KT72	COUNT	Recapitulation
9	Number Deceased	5	166	MMS L9
10	Number Expelled	0	1	MMS L10
11	Number Delete Adjustment	0	1	MMS L11
12	Total Loss	13	401	MMS L12
13	Net Gain (Net Loss)	2	(209)	MMS L13
14	Ending Number	38	2,086	MMS L14
	Knights Templar Eye Foundation Report			
15	Number Living/ Active Life Sponsors	0	252	MMS L15
16	Number Living/ Active Associate Patrons	0	23	MMS L16
17	Number Living/ Active Patrons	0	9	MMS L17
18	Total Deductions	0	284	MMS L18
	Grand Commandery Report			
19	Number of Living Endowed Members	0	165	Provided by GrKT
	Commandery Report			
20	Number of Remissions	11	345	Provided by Commandery

	Grand Commandery of Missouri	Compilation	Recapitulation	GrKT MMS AR	Difference (Compilation- MMS AR)
	2017		Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2017		
Line	Grand Encampment Report		Annual Statistics		
1	Starting Number	2,295	MMS L1	2,375	(80)
	Additions				
2	Number Knighted	71	MMS L2	71	0
3	Number Affiliated	103	MMS L3	103	0
4	Number Reinstated	18	MMS L4	18	0
5	Number Add Adjustment	0	MMS L5	0	0
6	Total Gain	192	MMS L6	192	0
	Losses				
7	Number Demitted	54	MMS L7	125	(71)
8	Number Suspended	179	MMS L8 (All Types)	179	0
9	Number Deceased	166	MMS L9	174	(8)
10	Number Expelled	1	MMS L10	2	(1)

	Grand Commandery of Missouri	Compilation	Recapitulation	GrKT MMS AR	Difference (Compilation- MMS AR)
11	Number Delete Adjustment	1	MMS L11	1	0
12	Total Loss	401	MMS L12	481	(80)
13	Net Gain (Net Loss)	(209)	MMS L13	(289)	80
14	Ending Number	2,086	MMS L14	2,086	0
	Knights Templar Eye Foundation Report				
15	Number Living/ Active Life Sponsors	252	MMS L15	252	0
16	Number Living/ Active Associate Patrons	23	MMS L16	23	0
17	Number Living/ Active Patrons	9	MMS L17	9	0
18	Total Deductions	284	MMS L18	284	0
	Grand Commandery Report				

	Grand Commandery of Missouri	Compilation	Recapitulation	GrKT MMS AR	Difference (Compilation- MMS AR)
19	Number of Living Endowed Members	165	Provided by GrKT		
	Commandery Report				
20	Number of Remissions	345	Provided by Commandery		

2017 Annual Return of the Grand Commandery

Membership Statistics Recapitulation

1. Number of Chartered Commanderies on last return: 32								
2. Number of Commanderies Chartered or Dispensation issued since last return: 1 (chartered)								
3. Number of Commanderies whose charter has been surrendered or revoked since last return: 0 (1 consolidated)								
4. Total number of Commanderies now working: 32								
5. Total number of members – (Line 17 last return):2,343								
6. Total number KNIGHTED since last return:71								
7. Total number AFFILIATED since last return:103								
8. Total number REINSTATED since last return:								
9. Total Gain (+):192								
10. Total number DEMITTED since last return:125								
11. Total number SUSPENDED:								
12. Total number DECEASED:								
13. Total number EXPELLED:2								
14. Total Loss (-):								
15. Other Adjustments (+):								
16. Net Loss:(257)								
17. Total number of members (including dual and plural) this Return as of December 31, 2018: 2,086								
Grand Encampment Fees & Dues								
 For 2,086 Knights Templar reported as members of Commanderies (as per line 17) @ \$9.00 each:\$18,774.00 								

Knights Templar Eye Foundation

19. Knights Templar reported as members of Commanderies:2,086

Less : only one of the following per member

a.	Living Life Sponsors:252	
b.	Living Associated Patrons:23	
с.	Living Patrons:9	
d.	Members whose dues have been remitted [see Sec. 186 (a)]:0	
e. T	otal Deductions:	284
20. Net Men	nbers subject to assessment:	1,802
 b. Living Associated Patrons:		\$1,802.00
22. Total Re	mittance (line 18 plus 21):	\$20,576.00

Listing of any deceased from the ranks of Grand Encampment members - Dais Officers, Past Grand Commanders

Larry Thomas Odom, born 10-17-1942 (location not known), died 01-02-2017, Past Grand Commander, 2015-2016

Billy Joe Boyer, born 02-18-1936 (location not known), died 04-05-2017, Past Grand Commander, 1995-1996, Past Department Commander, 2000-2003

Name and Number and Date of Commanderies whose charter has been surrendered or revoked since the last return: None

Name and Number and Date of Commanderies consolidated since last Return with name and number of the Consolidated Commandery: St. Omer Commandery No. 11, consolidated into DeMolay Commandery No. 3 on 05-15-2017

Name and Number and Date of Commanderies Chartered or Dispensation issued since last return: West Plains Commandery No. 48 recovered its Charter on 08-31-2016

Report dated March 15, 2018

KT Name & No.	Date Received	Late (Y/ N)	Late Fee	Aı	mt Due	A	mt Paid	Diff	bit for 8 AR
DeMolay 3	1-Mar-2018	Ν		\$	1,945.60	\$	1,945.60		
Hugh De Payens 4	14-Feb-2018	Ν		\$	3,204.20	\$	3,204.20		
Excalibar 5 Note 1	28-Feb-2018	Ν		\$	954.40	\$	175.00	\$ (779.40)	\$ 779.40
Liberty 6	3-Mar-2018	Y		\$	2,040.60	\$	2,040.60		\$ 50.00
Emmanuel 7	25-Jan-2018	Ν		\$	280.20	\$	280.20		
Ivanhoe 8	2-Mar-2018	Y	\$50.00	\$	1,028.00	\$	1,028.00		\$ 50.00
Kansas City 10	29-Jan-2018	Ν		\$	603.60	\$	603.60		
St. Graal 12	26-Jan-2018	Ν		\$	2,112.60	\$	2,112.60		
O'Sullivan 15	16-Mar-2018	Y	\$50.00	\$	684.40	\$	684.40		\$ 50.00
Ascalon 16	9-May-2018	Y	\$50.00	\$	2,098.60	\$	2,098.60		\$ 50.00
Palestine 17	12-Feb-2018	Ν		\$	2,297.20	\$	2,297.20		
St. John's 20 Note 2	25-Apr-2018	Y	\$50.00	\$	4,380.40	\$	4,430.40		
Ely 22	20-Feb-2018	Ν		\$	2,536.40	\$	2,536.40		
Godfrey de Bouillon 24	4-May-2018	Y	\$50.00	\$	892.80	\$	892.80		\$ 50.00
Constantine 27	5-Feb-2018	Ν		\$	558.60	\$	558.60		
Prince of Peace 29	27-Feb-2018	Ν		\$	1,140.20	\$	1,140.20		

2017 Annual Returns of Commanderies

KT Name & No.	Date Received	Late (Y/ N)	Late Fee	Aı	mt Due	Aı	mt Paid	Diff	bit for 8 AR
Jasper 31	3-Mar-2018	Y	\$ 50.00	\$	617.60	\$	617.60		\$ 50.00
Lebanon 33	28-Feb-2018	Ν		\$	1,339.60	\$	1,339.60		
Oriental 35 Note 3	6-Jun-2018	Y	\$50.00	\$	1,047.00	\$	1,077.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 20.00
Ascension 39	1-Mar-2018	Ν		\$	552.20	\$	552.20		
Bethany 42 Note 4	22-Feb-2018	Ν		\$	1,144.40	\$	697.86	\$ (446.54)	\$ 446.54
St. Elmo 43	5-Feb-2018	Ν		\$	623.80	\$	623.80		
West Plains 48	1-Mar-2018	Ν		\$	545.60	\$	545.60		
Cape Girardeau 55	20-Feb-2018	Ν		\$	1,028.20	\$	1,028.20		
DeSoto 56	20-Feb-2018	Ν		\$	945.30	\$	945.30		
Neosho 57	28-Feb-2018	Ν		\$	3,607.60	\$	3,607.60		
Rolla 59	27-Feb-2018	Ν		\$	1,913.60	\$	1,913.60		
Mountain Grove 66	20-Feb-2018	Ν		\$	1,338.80	\$	1,338.80		
Poplar Bluff 67	3-Mar-2018	Y	\$50.00	\$	908.80	\$	908.80		\$ 50.00
Westport 68	26-Feb-2018	Ν		\$	530.00	\$	530.00		
East Gate 70	17-May-2018	Y	\$50.00	\$	1,410.00	\$	1,410.00		\$ 50.00
Malta 72	10-Feb-2018	Ν		\$	877.20	\$	877.20		

Note 1: The Recorder of Excalibur Commandery No. 5 claimed that they paid what they could, but did not request a payment plan. The unpaid balance will be charged on their 2018 per capita bill.

Note 2: Contrary to the 2017 Annual Return Instructions, the Treasurer for St. John's Commandery No. 20 included the \$50.00 late fee in the 2017 Per Capita payment check.

Note 3: The Recorder of Oriental Commandery No. 35 paid \$30.00 more than was billed. We believe that he still thought that the late fee was \$10.00 per month instead of the \$50.00 as explained in the 2017 Annual Return Instructions. Therefore, Oriental Commandery No. 35 will be charged only \$20.00 for being late (instead of the full \$50.00) on their 2018 per capita bill.

Note 4: The Recorder for Bethany Commandery No. 42 requested and received a quarterly per capita payment plan. Bethany made the first payment prior to the March 1st deadline. Bethany also made the payment for the second calendar quarter (April/May/June), but failed to make the payments for the third calendar quarter (July/August/September) and the fourth calendar quarter (October/November/December). Therefore, the unpaid balance will be charged on their 2018 per capita bill.

The following Commanderies submitted their 2017 Annual Return late and will be charged a \$50.00 late fee on their 2018 per capita bill: Liberty 6, Ivanhoe 8, O'Sullivan 15, Ascalon 16, Godfrey de Bouillon 24, Jasper 31, Oriental 35 (see Note 3 above), Poplar Bluff 67, and East Gate 70.

The following Commanderies failed to submit IRS 990 information with their 2017 Annual Returns and were in violation of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Missouri, Article VI, Chartered Commanderies, Section 117, Annual Returns: Excalibar 5, Emmanuel 7, Godfrey de Bouillon 24, Jasper 31, Oriental 35, Bethany 42, West Plains 48, and Rolla 59. Ascalon Commandery No. 16 reported that they had lost their IRS filing status, but were actively working to recover it.

Total Count of Commanderies = 32 Percentage of 2017 Annual Returns Received = 100%

Total Amount Due = \$45,187.50 Total Amount Paid = \$44,041.56 Total Difference = \$ (1,145.94)

Total Owed on 2018 Per Capita Bills = \$1,645.94

2017 Annual Returns of Commanderies - Information

DeMolay Commandery No. 3 Commander: Martin Mauldin Recorder: Gentry E. Slone

Hugh De Payens Commandery No. 4 Commander: Carl V. Keith Recorder: William W. Mier

Excalibur Commandery No. 5 Commander: Roger McGregor Recorder: Roger McGregor

Liberty Commandery No. 6 Commander: Joseph Russell Recorder: Donald E. Gilkerson

Emmanuel Commandery No. 7 Commander: Daniel S. Barron Recorder: Russell D. Kohl

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 Commander: Walter L. Wilson Recorder: Michael S. Smith

Kansas City Commandery No. 10 Commander: Matthew Copple Recorder: Donald MacCormick

St. Graal Commandery No.12 Commander: Kevin Sample Recorder: Mark Bean

O'Sullivan Commandery No. 15 Commander: Thomas D. Hieber Recorder: Gary L. Jones

Ascalon Commandery No. 16 Commander: Terry D. Coppotelli Recorder: Kevin E. Weaver

Palestine Commandery No. 17 Commander: Gentry Slone Recorder: Larry F. Walters St. John's Commandery No. 20 Commander: Donald G. Charpentier, Jr. Recorder: Dale L. Mills, II

Ely Commandery No. 22 Commander: Nicholaus A. Schroft Recorder: William King

Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 24 Commander: Otis Scholl Recorder: John Fredricks

Constantine Commandery No. 27 Commander: Gary Matthews Recorder: John Shoemaker

Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29 Commander: Scott Stacey Recorder: Harold Coots

Jasper Commandery No. 31 Commander: Chad Wagoner Recorder: Frank Stahl

Lebanon Commandery No. 33 Commander: Dale R. Roller Recorder: Wiliam E. Brenneman

Oriental Commandery No. 35 Commander: Blank Recorder: Aaron E. Rose

Ascension Commandery No. 39 Commander: James K. Gilbert Recorder: Royce P. Wahl, Jr.

Bethany Commandery No. 42 Commander: Randy L. Klingensmith Recorder: Dan G. Daniel

St. Elmo Commandery No. 43 Commander: Robbie Marshall Recorder: Jim McManigle West Plains Commandery No. 48 Commander: Joe Powell Recorder: Daniel Hatley

Cape Girardeau Commandery No. 55 Commander: Charles M. Huey Recorder: Alfred L. Mason

DeSoto Commander No. 56 Commander: Anthony Tomlinson Recorder: Clifton Wofford

Nosh Commandery No. 57 Commander: Glenn Clifton Recorder: Matthew Ruth

Rolla Commandery No. 59 Commander: James Woods Recorder: Donald Vandegriffe

Mountain Grove Commandery No. 66 Commander: Josh Ritter Recorder: Art Whitman

Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67 Commander: EarnieWilson Recorder: Tony J. DePriest

Westport Commandery No. 68 Commander: Mark Schmidt Recorder: Roy N. Thomas

East Gate Commandery No. 70 Commander: Mitchell Carter Recorder: Jeremy Bledsoe

Malta Commandery No. 72 Commander: Joe Elsen Recorder: Darrell Wilham