

# PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS

of the

One Hundred Fifty-Ninth  
Annual Conclave

of the

Grand Commandery of Knights  
Templar of the State of Missouri

held

June 13, 2020

Cisco

WebEx Meeting



# Grand Commandery of Missouri

## 159th Annual Conclave Schedule

(subject to modification as necessary)

### Time      **Saturday, June 13, 2020**

1:00 pm      159th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri WebEx Meeting open for Voting Delegates and Distinguished Guests to Join

Preliminary Report of Credentials Committee

159th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri Called to Labor

Roll Call of 2019-2020 Grand Commandery Officers

Recognition of Grand Representatives

Recognition of Regional Grand Commanders

Recognition of Past Grand Commanders of Missouri

Recognition of Out of State Grand Commandery Officers

Recognition of Heads of Missouri York Rite Bodies

Recognition of Grand Encampment Officers

Recognition of Grand Master of the Grand Encampment or Representative

Recognition of Grand Lodge Officers

Recognition of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri

Summary Address of the Grand Commander

Report of Committee on Address of Grand Commander

Report of Finance and Accounts Committee

Report of Jurisprudence Committee

Report of Grand Treasurer

Report of Grand Recorder

Routine Business & Additional Reports (as needed)

Election of 2020-2021 Grand Commandery Officers

Acceptance of Grand Commandery Officers Elect

Report of the Grand Commander Elect w/ Appointments

Report of Committee on Time and Place

Address of Grand Master of Grand Encampment or Representative

Address of Grand Master of Grand Lodge or Representative

Installation of the 2020-2021 Grand Commander

159th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri Called from Labor

**Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri  
2019-2020**

**Elected and Appointed Officers**

Clark A. McLemore - Grand Commander  
Charles E. Cooper - Deputy Grand Commander  
Harry L. Tripp, Jr. - Grand Generalissimo  
Dennis A. Abernathy - Grand Captain General  
Michael C. Rohman - Grand Senior Warden  
Kevin B. Sample - Grand Junior Warden  
Chris C. McLemore - Grand Prelate  
Donald L. Trabue, PGC - Grand Treasurer  
Russell S. Hanson, PGC - Grand Recorder  
Bobbie E. White - Grand Standard Bearer  
Ronald L. Skiles - Grand Sword Bearer  
Terry D. Coppoteilli - Grand Warder  
Gregory J. Walker - Aide-De-Camp  
Ronald E. Wood, Jr., HPGC - Grand Historian  
Carlin L. Smittle - Grand Sentinel  
Vacant - Grand Drill Instructor/Lecturer  
Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC - Grand Chorister  
Steven C. Monrotus - Grand Organist  
Larry F. Walters - Grand Photographer  
William R. Brantley - Assistant Grand Photographer  
Donald E. Gilkerson - Assistant Grand Photographer  
Russell S. Hanson, PGC - KTEF Representative  
Russell S. Hanson, PGC - Editor for MO, Knight Templar Magazine  
Debbie L. Hanson - Executive Assistant to the Grand Recorder

**Regional Grand Commanders**

**Region 1: 5, 7, 22, 72**

William J. King - Regional Grand Commander  
David D. Powell - Regional Grand Commander

**Region 2: 4, 24, 42**

Daryl L. Price - Regional Grand Commander

**Region 3: 3, 6, 10, 17, 35, 68**

F. Bradley Fowler - Regional Grand Commander  
Richard A. Riepe - Regional Grand Commander  
Joseph S. Russell - Regional Grand Commander

**Region 4: 12, 29, 59**

W. Stuart English - Regional Grand Commander  
Donald H. Vandegriffe - Regional Grand Commander

**Region 5: 8, 16**

Glenn B. Parker - Regional Grand Commander

**Region 6: 55, 56, 67**

Gary D. Kitchen - Regional Grand Commander

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

Paul L. Daniels - Regional Grand Commander  
Royce P. Wahl, Jr. - Regional Grand Commander  
Bob L. Detherow - Regional Grand Commander

**Regional Officers**

Harry L. Tripp, Jr. - Region 1  
Dennis A. Abernathy - Region 2  
Michael C. Rohman - Region 3  
Kevin B. Sample - Region 4  
Bobbie E. White - Region 5  
Ronald L. Skiles - Region 6  
Terry D. Coppoteilli - Region 7

**Standing Committees**

## Address of the Grand Commander

Robert W. Schlichter, PGC, Chairman

Harold F. Coots, PGC

Roger D. Fleer, PGC

## Credentials

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

Robert L. Schmidt

Roger D. Fleer, PGC

## Finance and Accounts

Kevin B. Sample, Chairman

Dennis A. Abernathy, Vice-Chairman

Charles E. Cooper

Aaron E. Rose

Donald L. Trabue, PGC

Russell S. Hanson, PGC

## Hospitaler

Dennis A. Abernathy, Chairman

Michael C. Rohman

Bobbie E. White

## Returns of Commanderies

Kevin B. Sample, Chairman

Harry L. Tripp, Jr., Vice-Chairman

Bobbie E. White

Russell S. Hanson, PGC

## Templar Jurisprudence

Glenn E. Means, Chairman

Todd A. Schulze, Vice-Chairman

John C. Caraker

William G. Snyder

Aaron E. Rose

## Time and Place

Kevin B. Sample, Chairman

Kyle R. Palacios

Donald MacCormick

## Triennial

Thomas C. Yunick, PGC, Chairman

Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC

Harry L. Tripp, Jr.

**Special Committees**

## Annual Conclave

Charles E. Cooper, Chairman

Harry L. Tripp, Jr., Vice-Chairman

Dennis A. Abernathy

Russell S. Hanson, PGC

Kevin B. Sample

Debbie L. Hanson (NV)

## Audit

Kevin B. Sample, Chairman

Dennis A. Abernathy, Vice-Chairman

Charles E. Cooper

Bobbie E. White

Aaron E. Rose

Russell S. Hanson, PGC

Donald L. Trabue, PGC

## Drill Competition

Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Chairman

Kevin B. Sample, Vice-Chairman

Jerry F. Ward, PGC

## Drill Competition Judges

Jerry F. Ward, PGC, Judge 1

Bobbie E. White, Judge 2

Harold F. Coots, PGC, Judge 3

Bob L. Detherow, Judge 4

Ronnie E. Green, PGC, Judge 5

Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Admin and Scoring

Kevin B. Sample, Admin and Scoring

## Easter Sunrise Service, Kansas City

Aaron E. Rose, Chairman

Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., PGC, Vice-Chairman

## Educational Foundation

David C. Witte (2021), Chairman

Clifton W. Wofford (2020), Vice-Chairman

Todd A. Schulze (2022)

Matthew L. Quesenberry (2024)

Thomas C. Yunick, PGC (2023)

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

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

**Special Committees (continued)**

## Electronic Communications

Kevin B. Sample, Chairman  
 Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Vice-Chairman  
 Donald MacCormick F. Bradley Fowler  
 Aaron M. Shoemaker

## Emerging Leaders

Harry L. Tripp, Jr., Chairman  
 Dennis A. Abernathy, Vice-Chairman  
 Bobbie E. White Michael C. Rohman  
 Terry D. Coppotelli

## Endowment Fund

Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Chairman  
 Thomas C. Yunick, PGC, Vice-Chairman  
 Harold F Coots, PGC

## Forms and Publications

Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Chairman  
 Donald MacCormick Kevin B. Sample  
 F. Bradley Fowler

## Fraternal Activities

Michael C. Rohman, Chairman  
 Bobbie E. White, Vice-Chairman  
 David D. Phillips Terry D. Coppotelli

## Holy Land Pilgrimage

Roy L. Gilkey, Chairman  
 Dale R. Roller, Vice-Chairman  
 Ronald E. Wood, Jr., HPGC Chris C. McLemore

## Honor Commandery Award

Charles E. Cooper, Chairman  
 Harry L. Tripp, Jr., Vice-Chairman  
 Dennis A. Abernathy Michael C. Rohman

**Special Committees (continued)**

## Investments

Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Chairman  
 Harold F Coots, PGC, Vice-Chairman  
 Michael C. Rohman

## Membership

Gregory J. Walker, Chairman  
 Corey B. Huntsucker, Sub-Chairman Recruitment  
 Ronald L. Skiles, Sub-Chairman Retention  
 Terry D. Coppotelli, Sub-Chairman Restoration  
 Danny P. Dubree, Sub-Chairman Masonic/Public Relations

## Ritual and Drill

Ronnie E. Green, PGC, Chairman  
 Bob L. Dethrow Charles E. Cooper  
 Kevin B. Sample Russell S. Hanson, PGC

## Youth Organizations

Adam M. Iwanow, Chairman  
 William J. Sherman, Vice-Chairman  
 Dorleta Lodholz, IORG (NV)  
 Judy Seitz, IOJD (NV)

## Missouri Past Commanders Association

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

## Conclave Program Book

Russell S. Hanson, PGC

**Grand Commandery Representatives****Living Past Grand Commanders**

Jerry F. Ward (1990-1991)  
 Donald L. Trabue (1994-1995)  
 E. Allen Kohler, Honorary (1995)  
 Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Honorary (1996)  
 Harold J. Richardson (1997-1998)  
 Lionel J. Goede (1999-2000)  
 Rocky E. Weaver (2000-2001)  
 Thomas C. Yunick (2003-2004)  
 James E. Snaveley (2005-2006)  
 Kevin B. Sample, Honorary (2006)  
 Marvin W. Frost (2006-2007)  
 Frederick A. Troxel, Jr. (2007-2008)  
 J. Joseph Hayes (2008-2009)  
 Ronnie E. Green (2009-2010)  
 Russell S. Hanson (2010-2011)  
 Daniel R. Quesenberry (2011-2012)  
 Richard L. Mansfield (2012-2013)  
 James L. Woodfin, Jr (2013-2014)  
 Harold F. Coots (2014-2015)  
 Robert W. Schlichter (2016-2017)  
 K. Trent Moreland (2017-2018)  
 Roger D. Fleer (2018-2019)

Jurisdiction To Missouri

**United States of America**

Alabama.....Frank R. von Geyso  
 Alaska .....Loren D. Lloyd  
 Arizona .....Jerry F. Ward  
 Arkansas.....Terry R. Struse  
 California .....Russell S. Hanson  
 Colorado.....Dennis L. Hammack  
 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. Snaveley  
 Iowa.....Andrew J. Dawson  
 Kansas .....Bob L. Detherow  
 Kentucky .....Michael C. Rohman  
 Louisiana .....Harold J. Richardson  
 Maine .....Vacant  
 Maryland .....James L. Woodfin, Jr.  
 Massachusetts/Rhode Island .....Dennis E. Fetter  
 Michigan.....Marion W. Dey  
 Minnesota.....Thomas C. Yunick  
 Mississippi.....Marvin W. Frost  
 Montana .....Frederick A. Troxel, Jr.  
 Nebraska .....Charles E. Cooper  
 Nevada.....Jeffrey A. Keevil  
 New Hampshire .....J. Joseph Hayes  
 New Jersey .....Vacant

**Grand Commandery Representatives**JurisdictionTo Missouri**United States of America**

New Mexico .....	Daniel C. Hatley
New York .....	Joseph P. Krill
North Carolina .....	Ronnie E. Green
North Dakota .....	Rocky E. Weaver
Ohio .....	William J. Sherman
Oklahoma .....	Lionel J. Goede
Oregon .....	Vacant
Pennsylvania .....	Vacant
South Carolina .....	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
South Dakota .....	Roger D. Fleer
Tennessee .....	Kevin B. Sample
Texas .....	Aaron M. Shoemaker
Utah .....	Vacant
Vermont .....	Thomas E. Christine
Virginia .....	Donald L. Trabue
Washington .....	Vacant
West Virginia .....	Robert W. Schlichter
Wisconsin .....	Richard L. Mansfield
Wyoming .....	Mark S. Schroer

**Other Jurisdictions**

Austria .....	New
Brasil .....	New
Croatia .....	Aaron E. Rose
Italy .....	Curtis M. Rickman
Panama .....	Jeffrey W. Krusen
Philippines .....	Charles W. Carlstrom
Portugal .....	Vacant
Romania .....	Vacant
Togo .....	Joseph S. Russell

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND COMMANDER  
2019-2020**

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

Sir Knights,

I have received a great deal of assistance from many of my Grand Officers, Sir Knights, and many of our Masonic Ladies throughout the past year. Each of these people knows who they are, and I hope that each of you know how much your help has meant to me. It would have been extremely difficult to complete my term as the Grand Commander without the support of each of you.

I would be remiss if I did not recognize some individuals that provided special assistance this year. One of those individuals is Lady Mickie Sherman, the wife of SK William Sherman. Lady Mickie was instrumental in the creation of the Grand York Rite of Missouri Signature quilt. My wife, Ginger, collected the signatures of the Past and Present Grand Officers of the York Rite of Missouri and Lady Mickie connected all the signature squares together to make this beautiful keepsake. Thank you, Lady Mickie, for your efforts and your support of the Grand York Rite of Missouri.

I would also like to recognize the efforts of Sir Knight Carlin Smittle, Grand Sentinel, and Sir Knight Greg Walker, Aide-De-Camp. Both men have provided unwavering support to me during my year as Grand Commander and have also supported me in many of my other Masonic endeavors. Thank you both for the kindness and the respect that you have shown me over our years together.

Our Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Russell Hanson, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, and his assistant, Lady Debbie Hanson, provided support and assistance above and beyond what was expected. Any time I had a question or needed help; they were always available. Thank you very much SK Russell and Lady Debbie.

Sir Knight Charles "Charley" Cooper, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, has been by my side for many years in the Grand Commandery officer line. SK Charley has been a great Masonic example to me. He has provided me with guidance and educated me in many things Masonic. Thank you so much SK Charley, the kindness you have shown me and the support you have given me will never be forgotten.

Finally, I would like to thank my wife, Ginger, who has supported my Masonic life for many years. Ginger has been a steadfast supporter during my year as Grand Commander and she deserves much of the credit for my success.

### NECROLOGY

Each year we lose many of our Brothers, Companions, and Sir Knights to the Great Creator. I know that these men will be missed. Remember them in your prayers. I would like to recognize each one of our departed members, but there would be too many to properly list. Hopefully each constituent Commandery pays the respect due to their fallen Sir Knights by draping the Commandery Charters. [A Necrology Report appears at the end of the Preliminary Proceedings.]

### DISPENSATIONS

For the 2019- 2020 term, dispensations were granted to the following Commanderies for the reasons given.

- **August 26, 2019:** Granted a special dispensation to Palestine Commander No. 17 to temporarily relocate and hold its regularly stated September conclave at the Ivanhoe Masonic Temple, 8620 Holmes, Kansas City, MO.
- **August 27, 2019:** Granted Desoto Commandery No. 56 a dispensation to hold its conclaves in the International Order of Oddfellows building located at 110 S. Washington, Farmington, MO.
- **August 29, 2019:** Granted a special dispensation to allow DeMolay Commandery No. 3 to change the date of its September stated conclave from September 23, 2019 to September 9, 2019 due to conflict with the Grand Lodge of Missouri Annual Communication.
- **November 10, 2019:** Granted Eastgate Commandery No. 70 a special dispensation to hold a special conclave at Kansas City Masonic Temple, located at 903 Harrison Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106 on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 6:45 pm to vote on the consolidation of East Gate Commandery No. 70 under the charter of Oriental Commandery No. 35.
- **November 21, 2019:** Granted Ascalon Commandery No. 16 a special dispensation to hold its first December conclave on December 5, 2019 in the Beacon Masonic Lodge jointly with Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8.

- **December 5, 2019:** Granted Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29 a special dispensation to hold its December conclave on December 6, 2019.

### CONSOLIDATIONS

I approved the consolidation of two Commanderies during this term.

- **November 18, 2019:** Approved consolidation of East Gate Commandery No. 70 under the Charter of Oriental Commandery No. 35.
- **November 19, 2019:** Approved consolidation of West Plains Commandery No. 48 under the Charter of St. John's Commandery No. 20.

### GENERAL ORDERS

I issued two General Orders during this term.

#### **2019-2020 General Order No. 1 October 4, 2019**

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 Sir Knights,

Sir Knight Jeffrey N. Nelson, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, has announced during the 68th Triennium that MEMBERSHIP is PRIORITY ONE. On March 27, 2019, Grand Master Nelson issued Grand Encampment General Order No. 5 concerning the formation of a Membership Committee in each Grand Jurisdiction and each Constituent Commandery therein.

The General Order directs that:

1. Every Grand Commander shall appoint a Membership Chairman and Membership Committee in each Grand Jurisdiction.
2. Every Eminent Commander shall appoint a Membership Chairman and Membership Committee in each Commandery.
3. Membership Committees shall work with and implement those membership development initiatives advanced by the Grand Encampment's Committee on Membership.
4. Membership Committees shall report their activities and progress to their appointing authority and the Grand Encampment's Committee on Membership periodically on forms developed for this purpose by the Grand Encampment's Committee on Membership.



I have created a Grand Commandery Membership Committee chaired by Sir Knight Gregory J. Walker (phone 417-619-2843; email gregoryjwalker@gmail.com).

It is my order that each Eminent Commander of a Missouri Commandery shall form a Commandery Membership Committee consisting of not less than three Sir Knights of that Commandery. The Eminent Commander shall designate one of the Committee members as the Chairman of the Commandery Membership Committee. The Eminent Commander shall cause the Commandery Recorder to report the name and contact information (mailing address, phone number, and email address) of the Commandery Membership Committee Chairman to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery. The deadline for compliance with this order is October 15, 2019.

The Grand Recorder shall compile the names and contact information and provide the information to the Chairman of the Grand Commandery Membership Committee as well as to me.

Sir Knight Walker will contact the Chairman of each Commandery Membership Committee periodically with information and ideas for recruiting new members to the Commandery and restoring members who have left the Commandery. He will also provide information on how to retain the existing members of the Commandery.

When requested by Sir Knight Walker, the Chairman of each Commandery Membership Committee will report the activities of the committee on forms provided by Sir Knight Walker. The initial report will be due by October 31, 2019. Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, at Fayette, Missouri, this 4th day of October 2019.

Fraternally,



Clark A. McLemore  
Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery of Missouri

**2019-2020 General Order No. 2  
March 15, 2020**

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 Sir Knights,

The number of persons infected with the highly contagious and potentially deadly novel coronavirus known as COVID-19 are increasing in the United States and throughout the world. Cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed within Missouri. COVID-19 poses a danger to vulnerable persons such as the elderly and

those with underlying medical conditions. The average age of our Fraters is 68 to 69.

In response to this crisis, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention urge persons to "avoid all nonessential travel" and take other appropriate measures to prevent community transmission of the virus, for example, avoiding large gatherings. To contribute to the welfare of our Fraters, it is my order that each Missouri Commandery shall suspend all official and unofficial activities until further notice. To be clear, this includes all stated and special meetings, festivals, and general gatherings for any Commandery purpose. The situation will be reevaluated as changes occur and I will advise everyone when the suspension of all activities has been lifted. Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, at Fayette, Missouri, this 15th day of March 2020.

Fraternally,



Clark A. McLemore  
Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery of Missouri

**2019-2020 General Order No. 2  
Reevaluation – May 3, 2020**

Date: May 3, 2020

To: All Missouri Commanderies

Subject: Reevaluation of 2019-2020 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 Sir Knights,

As specified in my 2019-2020 General Order No. 2 effective March 15, 2020, I specified that the COVID-19 situation would be reevaluated as changes occurred and that I would advise everyone when the suspension of all activities could be lifted.

After careful consideration of the status of the COVID-19 issues in the State of Missouri, I am hereby partially lifting the restrictions imposed by my 2019-2020 General Order No. 2 effective Monday, May 4, 2020.

Please note that this is a partial lifting and that my 2019-2020 General Order No. 2 which is included at the end of this letter remains in effect except as explained below.

All Commandery meetings, ceremonies, education, or other business held on or after May 4th shall be conducted in a manner which complies with all laws, regulations, requirements, and guidelines of the State of Missouri and any city,

county or other political subdivision in which the Commandery meeting facility is located.

Further, all Commandery meetings, ceremonies, education, or other business held on or after May 4th shall adhere to all social distancing and public gathering size limitations/restrictions as defined by the above agencies.

In addition, all Commandery meetings, ceremonies, education, or other business held on or after May 4th shall be conducted in a manner which complies with all of the recommendations of the United States Centers for Disease Control with respect to face coverings, hand sanitation, and disease mitigation protocols.

The original prohibition imposed by 2019-2020 General Order No.2 continues to apply to the conferral of the Templar Orders. No Missouri Commandery may confer any of the Templar Orders until further notice. This prohibition is necessary due to the fact that our ritual cannot be performed properly while maintaining human health protective measures.

Further information about State of Missouri and any city, county or other political subdivision restrictions may be found at the following web site:

<https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/results.php>

Again, the situation will be reevaluated as changes occur and I will advise everyone when the suspension of all activities has been lifted.

Fraternally,



Clark A. McLemore  
Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery of Missouri

**2019-2020 General Order No. 2  
Second Reevaluation – May 11, 2020**

Date: May 11, 2020

To: All Missouri Commanderies

Subject: Another Reevaluation of 2019-2020 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 Sir Knights,

As stated in my 2019-2020 General Order No. 2 effective March 15, 2020 and my reevaluation letter of May 3, 2020, I specified that the COVID-19 situation would be reevaluated as changes occurred.

On May 4, 2020, Sir Knight Jeffrey N. Nelson, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, issued Grand Encampment General Order No. 12 (GrEN GO12).

General Order No. 12 supersedes Grand Encampment General Order No. 11 (GrEN GO11).

The Grand Commandery was operating under GrEN GO11 and I based the March 15th 2019-2020 General Order No. 2, in part, on the information in GrEN GO11. I also based my May 3rd reevaluation letter, in part, with continued compliance with GrEN GO11 in mind.

However, the provisions of GrEN GO12 require that I issue a new reevaluation letter in order for the Grand Commandery of Missouri and the Constituent Missouri Commanderies to come into compliance with the Grand Master's new order.

While most of GrEN GO12 impacts the Grand Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies of the Grand Encampment, one part of GrEN GO12 does impact Constituent Commanderies of Grand Commanderies. The applicable paragraph states the following.

"Accordingly, I, the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, by the authority in me vested by Section 23 of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment, do hereby waive the requirement of Section 36 (a) of the Constitution. **It is ordered that all in-person Conclaves of Grand, Constituent, or Subordinate Commanderies be prohibited until further notice. Any such Conclave currently scheduled is hereby cancelled. This prohibition has no exceptions.**" (emphasis added)

Consequently, I must hereby reverse my May 3rd partial lifting of the restrictions imposed by my 2019-2020 General Order No. 2 reevaluation letter of May 3rd.

**Effective today, Monday, May 11, 2020, all restrictions of my original 2019-2020 General Order No. 2 are hereby re-imposed.**

**Each Missouri Commandery shall suspend all official and unofficial activities until further notice. To be clear, this includes all stated and special meetings, festivals, and general gatherings for any Commandery purpose.**

**In addition, the prohibition on conferring Orders remains in place until further notice. To be clear, no Missouri Commandery may confer any of the Templar Orders until further notice.**

The GrEN GO12, provides Missouri Constituent Commanderies with permission to hold virtual Stated Conclaves. The applicable paragraph states the following.

"In addition, I do hereby waive the requirement of Section 65 (a) of the Constitution, and **authorize the Commander of a Constituent Commandery within each Grand Commandery to convene a Stated Conclave by means of teleconference or webcast, provided that the necessary facilities are widely available to the members of the Constituent Commandery and the Stated Conclave be conducted in full compliance with the requirements of Sections 65 and 66 of the Constitution.** Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies enjoy the same discretion." (emphasis added)

The Missouri Grand York Rite Office has the capabilities to offer to our Missouri Commanderies the ability to schedule virtual conclave meetings. Just contact the MGYR Office to discuss setting up a WebEx meeting for your Commandery. However, GrEN GO12 also stipulates the following.

**"No ritual shall be performed and no Orders be conferred during any such telephonic or webcast Conclave."** (emphasis added)

I am sorry that this reevaluation brings sad news. We really thought that we were on the path back to holding regular stated conclave meetings again. While most of my May 4th letter is now null and void, I have included it and the original March 15th 2019-2020 General Order No. 2 text at the bottom of this letter.

Again, the situation will be reevaluated as changes occur and I will advise everyone when the suspension of all activities has been lifted.

Fraternally,



Clark A. McLemore  
Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery of Missouri

## VISITATIONS AND MEETINGS

### June 2019

- 07.....Installation of Grand Officers, 158th Grand Commandery term.
- 19.....York Rite of Freemasonry, Open Educational Seminar, Kansas City Masonic Temple, 903 Harrison St., Kansas City.
- 20.....Int'l Order of Job's Daughters Grand Bethel, Jefferson City, represented by SK Michael Rohman, Grand Senior Warden.
- 20.....Farnsworth DeMolay Chevalier Investiture and Awards Ceremony, Springfield.
- 23.....Int'l Order of Rainbow for Girls, Grand Assembly, Springfield.
- 30.....Supreme Council Order of Amaranth, Inc., 122nd Annual Supreme Council Assembly, St. Louis.

### July 2019

- 20.....Attended Knight York Cross of Honor (KYCH) in Jefferson City.
- 21.....Grand Commandery WebEx Meeting.

### August 2019

- 05.....Chapter Degree Work, Mark Master and Past Master, Springfield.
- 10.....Red Cross of Constantine – All Missouri Conclave, St. Louis.
- 18.....Grand Commandery WebEx Meeting.

### August 2019 (continued)

- 29.....Order of the Temple, Neosho Commandery No. 57, Neosho.

### September 2019

- 07.....Region 7 York Rite Conference / Regional Conclave and Class C Drill Instruction, Bolivar.
- 13.....Willard Lodge Installation of Officers, Willard.
- 14.....Solomon Lodge Installation of Officers and Appendant Body Recognition, Springfield.
- 15.....SK John Shoemaker Funeral, Greenfield.
- 15.....Grand Commandery WebEx Meeting.
- 20-21 .....Attended the South Central Department Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas.
- 22-23 .....Attended the Grand Lodge of Missouri Annual Communication, Columbia.
- 28.....Region 6 York Rite Conference / Regional Conclave, Cape Girardeau.

### October 2019

- 05.....Region 2 York Rite Conference / Regional Conclave, St. Joseph.
- 05.....York Rite Festival / Commandery Orders, Springfield.
- 06.....Grand Commandery WebEx Meeting.
- 13.....Grand York Rite Officers Joint Reception, Jefferson City.
- 19.....Region 1 / Region 4 York Rite Conference / Regional Conclave, Jefferson City.
- 26.....Region 3 York Rite Conference / Regional Conclave, Independence.

### November 2019

- 10.....Grand Commandery WebEx Meeting.

### December 2019

- 04.....Grand Commandery WebEx Meeting.
- 21.....Laclede County All – Masonic Christmas, Dinner, Lebanon, represented by SK Roger Fleer, PGC.

### January 2020

- 12.....Grand Commandery WebEx Meeting.
- 16.....Sixty-five-year pin presentation at Carthage Council No. 41, Carthage.
- 18.....Installation of Officers, Malta Commandery, No. 72, Shelbina.

**January 2020** (continued)

- 18.....Installation of Officers and Fifty-year Pin presentations, Malta Commandery, No. 72, Shelbina.
- 18.....Installation of Officers, Ely Commandery, No. 22, Kirksville.
- 20.....Visit to Time Capsule and Masonic Monument, Branson.

**February 2020**

- 05.....Region 5 York Rite Conference / Regional Conclave, Webster Groves.
- 09.....Grand Commandery Drill Committee WebEx Meeting.
- 16.....Grand Commandery WebEx Meeting.
- 16.....Grand Commandery Drill Committee WebEx Meeting.
- 23.....Grand Commandery Drill Competition Event Committee WebEx Meeting.

**March 2020**

- 01.....Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana, Alexandria, Louisiana, represented by SK Robert W. Schlichter, PGC. SK Robert's report appears later in these preliminary proceedings.
- 15.....Grand Commandery WebEx Meeting.
- 21.....Cancelled due COVID-19 – Grand Commander's Templar Crusade, Independence.
- 22.....Grand Commandery Finance WebEx Meeting.

**April 2020**

- 26.....Grand York Rite – Grand Session WebEx Meeting.
- 26.....Grand Commandery WebEx Meeting.

**May 2020**

- 11.....Grand Commandery of Missouri Test 1 WebEx Meeting for Constituent Commanderies.
- 13.....Grand Commandery of Missouri Test 2 WebEx Meeting for Constituent Commanderies.
- 15.....Grand Commandery of Missouri Test 3 WebEx Meeting for Constituent Commanderies.
- 17.....Grand Commandery WebEx Meeting.

**June 2020**

- 13.....Virtual Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri WebEx Meeting.

**LEWIS AND CLARK AWARDS**

I am very pleased to announce the following 2019-2020 recipients of the Grand Commandery of Missouri Lewis and Clark award.

Region 1 – SK Jim Ewell Berry, Ely Commandery No. 22

Region 2 – SK Richard L. Slater, Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 4

Region 3 – SK Adam Anthony James, Kansas City Commandery No. 10

Region 4 – SK James William Woods, Rolla Commandery No. 59

Region 5 – SK Dennis Hammock, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8

Region 6 – SK Ronnie G. Cunningham, Cape Girardeau Commandery No. 55

Region 7 – SK Kevin Michael Ritter, St. John's Commandery No. 20

**TIME CAPSULE**

As mentioned by my predecessors in office the Masonic Time Capsule and associated monument are in decent condition, but the environment in which the monument is situated could be better. I would recommend that my successors in office visit the monument yearly and keep a close eye on its condition and report back to the Grand Commandery.

**RECCOMENDATIONS**

During my term as Grand Commander there were several things that we wanted to accomplish. The first task that we wanted to accomplish was formation of a Grand Commandery Membership Committee and the second task was to promote the Commandery Drill throughout the State of Missouri.

The creation of not only a Grand Commandery Membership Committee, but also a Membership Committee in every Constituent Commandery in the State, was a major undertaking. SK Jeffrey N. Nelson, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, announced during the 68th Triennium that MEMBERSHIP is PRIORITY ONE. On March 27, 2019, Grand Master Nelson issued Grand Encampment General Order No. 5 concerning the formation of a Membership Committee in each Grand Jurisdiction and each Constituent Commandery therein. In response to General Order No. 5, I appointed SK Greg Walker, Aide-De-Camp, to be Chairman of the Grand Commandery Membership Committee. I also appointed SK Corey Huntsacker, SK Ronald Skiles (Grand Sword Bearer), SK Terry Coppotelli (Grand Warder), and SK Danny Dubree to the Grand Commandery Membership Committee. These Sir Knights under the leadership of SK Greg Walker created the Grand Commandery of Missouri Membership Committee. This

committee had very little guidance for the formation of this membership committee and no forms were available to reference in tracking the membership in the State of Missouri. SK Walker took control and created documents to explain the purpose of the Grand Commandery Membership Committee. SK Walker's document explained the success that a similar program had for his local Masonic Lodge. As time went on, SK Walker created membership reporting forms that could be used with the Masonic Membership System (MMS). On October 4, 2019, General Order No. 1 was issued by the Grand Commandery of Missouri and required the Grand Commandery of Missouri and all the constituent Commanderies of Missouri to form a Membership Committee. During Regional Grand Conclaves, the idea of forming Membership committees was discussed. The Constituent Commanderies were not opposed to the formation of membership committees, but expressed that they were struggling to confer the Commandery Orders. While not the consensus in every Region, many Regions felt that if membership was the priority, then they would need assistance with conferring the Commandery Orders.

As for the Grand Commandery Drill, I appointed SK Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr. as Grand Drill Instructor. SK Cantrell had a great desire to promote the Commandery Drill in Missouri. The Grand Commandery hosted a Drill Instruction Workshop for the Regional Grand Commanders and Grand Officers on October 19, 2019. The Grand Commandery Drill Instruction Workshop was led by SK Cantrell and SK Charley Cooper, Deputy Grand Commander. The event was well attended and everyone learned a great deal about the Commandery Drill. As with any Masonic Instruction there are always different interpretations. Later in the year, we held a Grand Commandery Drill Committee WebEx Meeting on February 9, 2020. There was plenty of discussion of the Commandery Drill. On February 14, 2020, SK Cantrell resigned his position as Grand Drill Instructor. This was truly unfortunate, since SK Cantrell was very passionate about the Commandery Drill and had worked very hard at promoting the drill throughout the State.

In my opinion, the Grand Commandery Membership Committee and the Constituent Commandery Membership Committees are very important and should be continued and promoted in the coming years. These committees can help not only the Grand Commandery, but the Constituent Commanderies in promoting membership in the Commandery. Another area that needs to be promoted in the Commandery is the Drill. The Commandery Drill is very important to our organization and promotes teamwork in our Constituent Commanderies.

## CONCLUSION

In closing, I appreciate all the hard work done by every Sir Knight in the State of Missouri. Without the members of our Constituent Commanderies we would not exist.

Fraternally submitted,  
SK Clark A. McLemore, Grand Commander

## REPORT OF ADDRESS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER COMMITTEE

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

Sir Knights,

The Address of the Grand Commander was received in due, proper and historic form.

Dispensations, Consolidations and General Orders issued are referred for review to the Jurisprudence Committee.

Our Grand Commander started off his term of office with vigor and it is obvious that he was very much involved and appreciative of the various organizations related to Masonry.

Unfortunately, Sir Knight McLemore was hampered in some of his endeavors by intrusion of a major tragedy not only to this State, but also to the Country in general. That being the COVID-19 virus which virtually shut down a goodly portion of our Country. As occurred in all of our Masonic bodies throughout the State, our Grand Commander made the decision to curtail the activities of our Grand Commandery and Constituent Commanderies.

This was a decision very difficult to make but, our Grand Commander wisely chose not to subject his membership to the devastation that might have been had he not made the choice. He is to be commended for his presence, foresight, and swift action to prevent unnecessary contact and avoid the spread of this vicious virus among us.

Fraternally submitted,  
SK Robert W. Schlichter, PGC, Chairman  
SK Harold F. Coots, PGC

SK Roger D. Fleer, PGC

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## REPORT OF FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

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

Sir Knights,

The Finance and Accounts committee participated in the multiple financial review WebEx meetings held by the Grand Commandery Officers during the fiscal year.

The Grand Recorder provided instruction on how the General Fund financial records on the Grand York Rite DropBox cloud storage system were kept. The committee was given full view-only access to all 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 General Fund financial records. Each month we reviewed the previous months financial records. The committee is satisfied that the Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer are doing an exceptional job handling the monies and maintaining the financial records of the Grand Commandery.

The committee reviewed and discussed the investment strategy of the Grand Treasurer. While the Grand Treasurer had begun to be a bit more aggressive in making investments, the issues with the investment environment caused by the COVID-19 impact slowed implementation of the overall investment strategy. The committee continued to urge the Grand Treasurer to be more aggressive in making investments.

With the assistance of the Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer, the committee prepared a proposed budget for the ensuing year. The committee met with the Grand Line Officers and secured their approval of the proposed budget. As was expected, the proposed budget shows a shortfall due to the fact that last year's \$6.00 per capita increase will not be received by the Grand Commandery until next year.

The committee again looked at the next 5-year prediction of membership, income, and expenses. The result of that evaluation is bleak. Our membership continues to decline resulting in loss of income. Our expenses, even when corrected for the declining membership, continue to exceed income based on the predicted membership levels. The committee considered mild to radical expense reduction measures. The minimal expense reductions failed to result in a positive predicted budget outcome. The more aggressive expense reductions resulted in a positive short-term predicted budget outcome of only two years. However, the committee determined that the reduction and/or loss of Grand Commandery services due to the most aggressive expense reductions would be unsatisfactory. The committee reluctantly came to the conclusion that last year's per capita increase was insufficient.

Therefore, the committee has proposed a \$10.00 per capita increase. This year's proposed budget does not include the proposed per capita increase as it is not expected to go into effect until January 1, 2021, and will be collected in the 2021 returns in March of 2022.

I move the adoption of this section of the report.

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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 2020 - 2021 year.

### INCOME

Per Capita, Membership .....	\$ 37,086.20
Per Capita, Endowed Membership .....	1,200.00
Knighting Fees .....	800.00
Investments .....	3,500.00
Miscellaneous .....	250.00
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>42,836.20</b>

### EXPENSES

Grand Commander Expenses .....	\$ 3,000.00
Knight Templar Magazine Editor Honorarium .....	100.00
Grand Treasurer Expenses .....	1,000.00
Grand Recorder Salary .....	4,000.00
Clerical Assistant Salary .....	6,000.00
Employment Taxes .....	850.00
Bonding Insurance .....	100.00
Audit Committee .....	100.00
Drill Committee .....	1,300.00
Office Expenses .....	3,500.00
Printing Services .....	500.00
Office Rent .....	1,800.00
Storage Rent .....	360.00
Grand Encampment Per Capita .....	15,900.00
Annual Conclave .....	2,500.00
Grand Officer Expenses .....	500.00
Past Grand Commander Regalia .....	750.00
Triennial Fund .....	292.50
Youth Organizations .....	1,200.00

Emerging Leaders Fund .....	117.00
Web Master .....	250.00
Miscellaneous.....	250.00
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$ 44,369.50</b>
<b>Balance .....</b>	<b>\$ (1,533.30)</b>

I move the adoption and approval of the proposed budget for the 2020 - 2021 year.

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I move the adoption and approval of the entire report of the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Kevin B. Sample, Chairman	SK Dennis A. Abernathy, Vice-Chairman
SK Charles E. Cooper, Vice-Chairman	SK Aaron E. Rose
SK Donald L. Trabue, PGC	SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC

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## REPORT OF TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

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

Sir Knights,

The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence has reviewed the Orders issued, Dispensations granted, By-Laws and 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.

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 Right Eminent Grand Commander Clark A. McLemore for a very successful year. In our estimation you have performed your duties and responsibilities remarkably well. Your leadership of the Grand Commandery and concern and compassion shown for our Sir Knights and Commanderies during these trying times of the COVID-19 Virus has been exceptional.

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

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

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

**D.** Each Chartered Commandery shall pay the sum of nineteen ~~twenty-nine~~ dollars and fifty cents (~~\$19.50~~ \$29.50) plus Grand Encampment per capita, for each name borne on its books on December 31st of each year, who has received the Order of the Temple. (Amended 5/19/78, 5/15/81, 5/18/84, 4/28/89, 5/7/03, 5/18/07, 6/7/19)

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** It is important to note that the primary reasons for the per capita increases of the past were both declining membership and rising operating costs. The Grand Recorder and the Finance and Accounts Committee are both very sensitive to the need to keep operating costs in check whenever possible, without decreasing services. However, the Grand Commandery is much less capable of controlling the most significant reason for which we need to increase per capita once again after just increasing it at the 2019 Grand Conclave – continued declining membership.

On average over the last several years, the Grand Commandery of Missouri has lost about 150 members each year. However, the 2019 per capita increase of \$6 was offset by a larger than predicted decrease in per capita paying members. The Finance and Accounts Committee has generated new predictions based on the membership level at the end of December 2019. After carefully weighing all of the factors involved in determining a sustainable level of per capita for the Grand Commandery, it has determined that a significant increase is needed this year.

Fraternally Submitted:

SK Kevin B. Sample, Past Commander, Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67  
 SK Charles E. Cooper, Past Commander, Ely Commandery No. 22  
 SK Dennis A. Abernathy, Past Commander, Oriental Commandery No. 35

SK Aaron E. Rose, Past Commander, Palestine Commandery No. 17  
 SK Donald L. Trabue, Past Commander, Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29  
 SK Russell S. Hanson, Past Commander, St. Graal Commandery No.12

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I move the adoption and approval of the entire report of the committee.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Glenn E. Means, Chairman  
 SK John C. Caraker

SK Todd A. Schulze  
 SK William G. Snyder

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### REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Preliminary Report  
 June 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020

*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. Investments in common stock or equal securities in nationally known corporations traded on the New York Stock Exchange are being utilized. (American Balanced Fund and American Income Fund).

I present herewith my report of the receipts, disbursements, and the financial condition of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Missouri for the fiscal year, June 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020.

#### GENERAL FUND

**Total Assets, June 1, 2019      \$ 183,107.22**

Receipts:

Grand Recorder, etc.	\$ 33,649.30
Interest Earned	898.20
Decrease in Market Value, etc.,	
American Balanced Fund	(868.95)
American Income Fund	(1,298.60)
<u>Total Receipts:</u>	<u>\$ 32,379.95</u>

Disbursements (Jefferson Act.):

#59336	\$ 22,285.80
#74544	18,989.68

#### GENERAL FUND (continued)

#74325	-0-
#463996	34.79

Total Disbursements:      \$ 41,310.75

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:      \$ (8,930.32)

**Balance, March 31, 2020      \$ 174,176.90**

#### **Statement of Assets**

Interest Checking Act. #59336,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%	\$ 1,159.92
Interest Checking Act. #74544,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%	785.58
Interest Checking Act. #74325,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%	479.78
Money Mkt. Act. #463996,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.13%	18,439.79
Business Inv. Act. #30000211,	
Premier Bank - Jefferson City, 0.32%	23,757.55
CD #143924,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 2.50%, Matures 04-06-2020	31,505.19
CD #1246185,	
Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.75%, Matures 07-16-2020	54,428.88
CD #144522,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 2.25%, Matures 08-03-2020	25,787.76
American Balanced Fund (thru Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City)	
Market Value	9,131.05
American-Income Fund (thru Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City)	
<u>Market Value</u>	<u>8,701.40</u>

**Total Assets, March 31, 2020      \$ 174,176.90**

#### GENERAL FUND (SPECIAL ACCOUNT)

**Total Assets, June 1, 2019      \$ 115,480.71**

Receipts:

Interest Earned	\$ 1,673.21
Decrease in Market Value, etc.,	
American Balanced Fund	(1,046.61)
American Income Fund	(1,522.28)



**GENERAL FUND (SPECIAL ACCOUNT) (continued)**

Total Receipts:	\$ (895.68)
Disbursements:	\$ -0-
<u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u>	<u>\$ (895.68)</u>

**Balance, March 31, 2020** **\$ 114,585.03**

**Statement of Assets**

Money Mkt. Act. #463996, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.13%	\$ 1,160.48
CD #144901, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.75%, Matures 11-17-2020	48,148.51
CD #483478, Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.60%, Matures 02-22-2021	47,844.93
American Balanced Fund (thru Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City) Market Value	8,953.39
American-Income Fund (thru Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City) Market Value	8,477.72

**Total Assets, March 31, 2020** **\$ 114,585.03**

**ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP FUND**

**Total Assets, June 1, 2019** **\$ 126,610.84**

Receipts:	
Memberships (3)	\$ 1,500.00
Interest Earned	2,005.18
Decrease in Market Value, etc., American Balanced Fund	(1,091.94)
<u>American Income Fund</u>	<u>(1,578.11)</u>
Total Receipts:	\$ 835.13
Disbursements:	
Distribution to Commanderies	\$ 132.68
<u>Distribution to Grand Commandery</u>	<u>1,125.74</u>
Total Disbursements	\$ 1,258.42
<u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u>	<u>\$ (423.29)</u>

**Balance, March 31, 2020** **\$ 126,187.55**

**Statement of Assets**

Money Mkt. Act. #463996, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.13%	\$ 3,165.65
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**ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP FUND (continued)**

CD #1277160, Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 2.00%, Matures 06-28-2020	44,779.90
CD#1246200, Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.75%, Matures 07-16-2020	25,441.67
CD #483486, Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.80%, Matures 02-22-2021	35,470.38
American Balanced Fund (thru Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City) Market Value	8,908.06
American-Income Fund (thru Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City) Market Value	8,421.89

**Total Assets, March 31, 2020** **\$ 126,187.55**

**CHARITY ENDOWMENT FUND**

**Total Assets, June 1, 2019** **\$ 12,152.25**

Receipts:	
Misc. Contributions	\$ 113.30
<u>Interest Earned</u>	<u>242.61</u>
Total Receipts:	\$ 355.91

Disbursements: \$ -0-

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ 355.91

**Balance, March 31, 2020** **\$ 12,508.16**

**Statement of Assets**

Money Mkt. Act. #463996, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.13%	\$ 141.81
CD #145027, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.75%, Matures 12-03-2020	12,366.35

**Total Assets, March 31, 2020** **\$ 12,508.16**

**MISSOURI KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION FUND**

**Total Assets, June 1, 2019** **\$ 84,925.23**

Receipts:	
Misc. Contributions	\$ 1,087.10
<u>Interest Earned</u>	<u>1,491.76</u>
Total Receipts:	\$ 2,578.86

**MISSOURI KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION FUND (continued)**

Disbursements:	\$ -0-
<u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u>	<u>\$ 2,578.86</u>
<b>Balance, March 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 87,504.09</b>

**Statement of Assets**

Money Mkt. Act. #463996,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.13%	\$ 10,350.70
CD #528978,	
Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.75%,	
Matures 07-23-2020	12,640.00
CD #499498,	
Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.61%,	
Matures 03-15-2021	31,763.97
CD #516244,	
Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.61%,	
Matures 03-26-2021	32,749.42
<b>Total Assets, March 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 87,504.09</b>

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE ENDOWMENT FUND**

<b>Total Assets, June 1, 2019</b>	<b>\$ 79,019.23</b>
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Receipts:	
Misc. Contributions	\$ 1,437.40
<u>Interest Earned</u>	<u>1,169.62</u>
Total Receipts:	\$ 2,607.02
Disbursements:	
Interest Earned	
Transfer to Holy Land	
<u>Pilgrimage Operating Fund</u>	<u>\$ 1,169.62</u>
Total Disbursements	\$ 1,169.62
<u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u>	<u>\$ 1,437.40</u>
<b>Balance, March 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 80,456.63</b>

**Statement of Assets**

Money Mkt. Act. #463996,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.13%	\$ 569.51
CD #475033,	
Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 2.85%,	
Matures 04-22-2020	15,693.33
CD #1267130,	
Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 2.15%,	
Matures 05-08-2020	18,439.52

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE ENDOWMENT FUND (continued)**

CD #144902,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.75%,	
Matures 11-17-2020	12,630.84
CD #145026,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.75%	
<u>Matures 12-04-2020</u>	<u>33,123.43</u>
<b>Total Assets, March 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 80,456.63</b>

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE OPERATING FUND**

<b>Total Assets, June 1, 2019</b>	<b>\$ 1,954.35</b>
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Receipts:	
Misc. Contributions	\$ 136.33
Interest Earned	5.54
Interest from Holy Land	
<u>Pilgrimage Endowment Fund</u>	<u>1,169.62</u>
Total Receipts:	\$ 1,311.49
Disbursements:	\$ -0-
<u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u>	<u>\$ 1,311.49</u>
<b>Balance, March 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 3,265.84</b>

**Statement of Assets**

Money Mkt. Act. #463996,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.13%	\$ 1,788.38
Business Investment Act. #30000211,	
Premier Bank - Jefferson City, 0.32%	692.00
CD #475033,	
Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 2.85%,	
Matures 04-22-2020	531.90
CD #1267130,	
Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 2.15%,	
Matures 05-08-2020	198.23
CD #144902,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.75%,	
Matures 11-17-2020	55.33
CD #145026,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.75%,	
<u>Matures 12-04-2020</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<b>Total Assets, March 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 3,265.84</b>

**TRIENNIAL ENDOWMENT FUND**

<b>Total Assets, June 1, 2019</b>	<b>\$ 21,149.29</b>
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**TRIENNIAL ENDOWMENT FUND (continued)**

Receipts:	
Interest Earned	\$ 479.22
Total Receipts:	\$ 479.22
Disbursements:	
Interest Earned	
Transfer to Triennial Fund	\$ 479.22
Total Disbursements	\$ 479.22
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:	\$ -0-
<b>Balance, March 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 21,149.29</b>

**Statement of Assets**

CD #1276540, Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 2.50%, Matures 06-20-2020	21,149.29
<b>Total Assets, March 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 21,149.29</b>

**TRIENNIAL FUND**

<b>Total Assets, June 1, 2019</b>	<b>\$ 543.04</b>
Receipts:	
Interest from Triennial Endowment Fund	\$ 479.22
Interest Earned	3.89
Total Receipts:	\$ 483.11
Disbursements:	\$ -0-
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:	\$ 483.11
<b>Balance, March 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 1,026.15</b>

**Statement of Assets**

Money Mkt. Act. #463996, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.13%	\$ 344.53
Business Inv. Act. #30000211, Premier Bank - Jefferson City, 0.32%	72.34
CD #1276540, Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 2.00%, Matures 06-20-2020	609.28
<b>Total Assets, March 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 1,026.15</b>

**SUPPLY FUND**

<b>Total Assets, June 1, 2019</b>	<b>\$ 10,515.49</b>
Receipts:	
Inventory Sales	\$ 1,763.98
Interest Earned	14.76

**SUPPLY FUND (continued)**

Total Receipts:	\$ 1,778.74
Disbursements:	\$ 3,950.32
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:	\$ (2,171.58)
<b>Balance, March 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 8,343.91</b>

**Statement of Assets**

Money Mkt. Act. #463996, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.13%	\$ 8,343.91
<b>Total Assets, March 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 8,343.91</b>

**LEADERSHIP FUND**

<b>Total Assets, June 1, 2019</b>	<b>\$ 1,153.98</b>
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Receipts:	
Grand Recorder, etc.	\$ 120.70
Interest Earned	0.30
Total Receipts:	\$ 121.00
Disbursements:	\$ -0-
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:	\$ 121.00
<b>Balance, March 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 1,274.98</b>

**Statement of Assets**

Money Mkt. Act. #463996, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.13%	\$ 1,274.98
<b>Total Assets, March 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$1,274.98</b>

<b>Total Assets, All Funds, June 1, 2019</b>	<b>\$ 636,611.63</b>
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<b>Total Assets, All Funds, March 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 630,478.53</b>
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I move the adoption of the preliminary report of the Grand Treasurer.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Grand Treasurer

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**REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER**

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

Sir Knights,

As my ninth year as your Grand Recorder draws to a close, I believe that Debbie and I have smoothed out 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 are continuing 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 realized the full impact of our efforts to modernize the operation of the office. Debbie continues to be instrumental in dealing with the day to day operations of the office. The MGYR web site continues to be maintained under the care of Sir Knight Donald MacCormick, MGYR Web Master. Bringing the Grand York Rite of Missouri into the 21st Century continues to be our constant theme.

The Grand Commandery has completed its fourth year using the current annual reporting system. The 2019 Annual Reports and Per Capita Bills were based on the Missouri membership data in MMS, information from the Grand Commandery records, and information from the Commanderies.

The 2019 Annual Returns are more completely reviewed and analyzed in the Report from the Committee on Returns of Commanderies and your attention is directed to that report in the preliminary proceedings. Overall, the response this year was very good. Only one of our thirty Missouri Commanderies failed to file a 2019 Annual Return and pay their 2019 Per Capita Bill.

Only three Commanderies failed to pay their full per capita bill. One Commandery intentionally short paid their bill by over \$500.00. One Commandery accidentally short paid their bill by \$10.00. And, one Commandery accidentally short paid their bill by 60 cents. The unpaid per capita for these three Commanderies will be added to their 2020 per capita bills.

One Commandery requested and received a payment plan. However, if they fail to make all of their payments by December 31, 2020, then the unpaid per capita will be added to their 2020 per capita bill.

The Grand Commandery is currently \$1,697.40 short of collecting the \$37,513.00 owed to it by the Commanderies.

The Grand Commandery of Missouri saw no overall growth in membership during calendar year 2019. The following Commanderies receive an honorable mention for having no net loss reported: Constantine Commandery No. 27, Lebanon Commandery No. 33, Ascension Commandery No. 39, Mountain Grove Commandery No. 66, and Malta Commandery No. 72. Several Commanderies realized individual growth as indicated on their 2019 Annual Reports. In conformity with Standing Resolution No. 10 of the Laws and Regulations of the

Grand Commandery of Missouri, we acknowledge their accomplishments with the Grand Commandery Growth Award. Neosho Commandery No. 57 started with 43 members, gained 1 member, and ended with 44 members which is an increase of 2%. Westport Commandery No. 68 started with 28 members, gained 1 member, and ended with 29 members which is an increase of 4%. Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29 started with 55 members, gained 4 members, and ended with 59 members which is an increase of 7%. Cape Girardeau Commandery No. 55 started with 49 members, gained 5 members, and ended with 54 members which is an increase of 10%. Kansas City Commandery No. 10 started with 37 members, gained 4 members, and ended with 41 members which is an increase of 11%. Finally, Oriental Commandery No. 35 started with 42 members, gained 28 members, and ended with 70 members which is an increase of 67%.

It is sad to report that the Grand Commandery of Missouri lost two Commanderies during calendar year 2019. East Gate Commandery No. 70 consolidated under the Charter of Oriental Commandery No. 35 on November 18, 2019. West Plains Commandery No. 48 consolidated under the Charter of St. John's Commandery No. 20 on November 19, 2019.

Last year, ARTICLE XXIII, Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS) was added to the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Missouri. Section 236 Commandery Recorder Responsibilities, paragraph D, specified that "Recorders and IT Representatives shall log into MMS no less than monthly to maintain access credentials and to make any approved membership changes." Based on user login statistics from MMS for June 2019 through May 2020, the following Commanderies were in violation of Section 236: No Record in MMS – Mountain Grove Commandery No. 66; No Logins – Ascalon Commandery No. 16; Did Not Login Every Month – Hugh De Payens Commandery No. 4 (missed 2 months), Excalibur Commandery No. 5 (missed 3 months), Emmanuel Commandery No. 7 (missed 5 months), O'Sullivan Commandery No. 15 (missed 6 months), Palestine Commandery No. 17 (missed 1 month), Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 24 (missed 8 months), Constantine Commandery No. 27 (missed 2 months), Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29 (missed 3 months), Oriental Commandery No. 35 (missed 4 months), Bethany Commandery No. 42 (missed 10 months), St. Elmo Commandery No. 43 (missed 1 month), Cape Girardeau Commandery No. 55 (missed 2 months), DeSoto Commandery No. 56 (missed 3 months), Neosho Commandery No. 57 (missed 4 months), Rolla Commandery No. 59 (missed 1 month), Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67 (missed 6 months), Westport Commandery No. 68 (missed 7 months), and Malta Commandery No. 72 (missed

8 months). Eight Commanderies were in full compliance with Section 236 during the year: DeMolay Commandery No. 3, .Liberty Commandery No. 6, Kansas City Commandery No. 10, St. Graal Commandery No. 12, St. John's Commandery No. 20, Jasper Commandery No. 31, Lebanon Commandery No. 33, and Ascension Commandery No. 39.

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. We are all committed to and are striving for improved operations in the ensuing year.

I move the adoption of the report of the Grand Recorder.

Fraternally submitted,

Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Grand Recorder

Debbie Hanson, Executive Assistant, MGYR Office

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## REPORT OF HOSPITALER COMMITTEE

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

Sir Knights,

The Hospitaler committee provided Sir Knight Russell S. Hanson, Grand Recorder and Editor of the Missouri Supplement, with the committee's messages for publication in the Missouri Supplement and distribution to the Missouri Commanderies.

The Thanksgiving message was authored by Sir Knight Dennis A. Abernathy and was published in the November 2019 issue of the Knight Templar magazine.

The Christmas message was authored by Sir Knight Bobbie E. White. The message was distributed to our Commanderies during November 2019 and was published in the December 2019 issue of the Knight Templar magazine. Only 4 of our 30 Commanderies informed the committee about how they observed Christmas. Palestine Commandery No. 17 observed Christmas with a program by Reverend and Sir Knight Richard A. Riepe held at his church. St. Graal Commandery No. 12, Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29, and Rolla Commandery No. 59 held a Region 4 Table Commandery and Christmas Observance during which they collected donations for the Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund.

The Easter message was authored by Sir Knight Michael C. Rohman. The message was distributed to our Commanderies during February 2020 and was

published in the April 2020 issue of the Knight Templar magazine. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, all Commandery activities were suspended on March 15th by Sir Knight Clark A. McLemore's General Order No. 2 which prevented our Commanderies from holding Easter Observances.

I want to personally thank Sir Knights Rohman and White for their excellent Hospitaler Committee articles. I think that they did a great job. I want to thank Sir Knight McLemore for his support and assistance during the year. I also want to thank Sir Knight Hanson for his work as the Editor of the Missouri Supplement in publishing the committee's articles as well as our Grand Recorder in distributing the committee's messages to our Commanderies.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Dennis A. Abernathy, Chairman

SK Michael C. Rohman

SK Bobbie E. White

## REPORT OF RETURNS OF COMMANDERIES COMMITTEE

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

Sir Knights,

The committee has reviewed the 2019 Annual Returns from the Missouri Commanderies and have prepared the following observations. The committee found that twenty-nine of the thirty Commanderies in Missouri submitted a 2019 Annual Return (97%).

### Commanderies That Failed To File A 2019 Annual Return

Mountain Grove Commandery No. 66 failed to submit a 2019 Annual Return. This is the second year in a row that this Commandery has failed to report. This Commandery is clearly in violation of **ARTICLE VI, Chartered**

**Commanderies, Section 117, Annual Reports and Per Capita Payment** which states in part "... 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." and **Section 119, Annual Audit of Commanderies** which states "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."

Further, Mountain Grove Commandery No. 66 was not represented at the 2018 and the 2019 Annual Conclaves of the Grand Commandery by its Commander/proxy, Generalissimo/proxy, and/or Captain General/proxy; and is in violation of **ARTICLE VII, Officers Section 135, Duties of Commander, Paragraph A**, which states in part that "... A Commandery that is not represented at an Annual Conclave by at least one of the above officers, or his proxy, shall be placed on probation until the next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, if it fails to have representation at the second Annual Conclave, its Charter may be arrested." By the fact that Mountain Grove Commandery No. 66 has failed to submit a 2019 Annual Return in a timely fashion it has forfeited all rights and privileges to representation at the 2020 Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery. Therefore, Mountain Grove Commandery No. 66 has not been represented at a total of three consecutive Annual Conclaves. It is the committee's recommendation that the Charter of Mountain Grove Commandery No. 66 be arrested.

#### **Commanderies That Filed A 2019 Annual Return**

Of the Twenty-nine Commanderies that submitted 2019 Annual Returns, twenty-three were handwritten (79%) and six were typed (21%). Of the Commanderies that submitted 2019 Annual Returns, twenty-two were received prior to the March 1st deadline (76%) and seven were received after the March 1st deadline (24%). Of the twenty-nine Commanderies that paid their 2019 Per Capita Bill, three either inadvertently or intentionally short paid their bill. One Commandery requested and received a payment plan.

#### **Issues With The 2019 Annual Returns**

Of the twenty-nine Commanderies that submitted 2019 Annual Returns, twenty-six were found to be complete (90%) and three were found to have issues (10%). Of the three Commandery 2019 Annual Returns that had issues: one Commandery had an incomplete Financial report form, one Commandery had an incomplete Financial report form and did not perform the required audit, and one Commandery did not perform the required audit.

Kansas City Commandery No. 10 submitted an incomplete Financial report form. They failed to provide information about the value of their real estate, the value of their paraphernalia, and the value of their indebtedness. They may have been indicating zero values for these items by leaving them blank which is not acceptable. They need to clearly indicate the value of these items even if the

value is zero. The committee strongly suggests that this Commandery correct this failure next year.

Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 24 submitted an incomplete Financial report form. They failed to provide information about their annual dues and the value of their paraphernalia. They may have been indicating zero values for these items by leaving them blank which is not acceptable. They need to clearly indicate the value of these items even if the value is zero. However, more importantly they failed to perform the audit and are in violation of **ARTICLE VI, Chartered Commanderies, Section 119, Annual Audit of Commanderies**. It is the committee's recommendation that this Commandery be investigated and corrective actions taken.

Constantine Commandery No. 27 failed to perform the audit and are in violation of **ARTICLE VI, Chartered Commanderies, Section 119, Annual Audit of Commanderies**. It is the committee's recommendation that this Commandery be investigated and corrective actions taken.

#### **IRS 990/990-N (e-postcard) Compliance**

Of the twenty-nine Commanderies that submitted 2019 Annual Returns, twenty provided evidence of a filed IRS 990/990-N (e-Postcard) during 2019 (69%). Of those twenty Commanderies, seventeen provided evidence of acceptance of their filing, three Commanderies did not provide evidence of acceptance of their filing, and one Commandery filed a 990-EZ form which may not provide any kind of acceptance. The committee strongly recommends that the three Commanderies that failed to provide evidence of filing acceptance (Hugh De Payens Commandery No. 3, Lebanon Commandery No. 33, and Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67) correct this failure next year.

The remaining nine Commanderies did not provide any evidence that they had filed an IRS 990/990-N (e-postcard) during 2019.

DeMolay Commandery No. 3, Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 24, Bethany Commandery No. 42, and Neosho Commandery No. 57 all failed to provide evidence that they had filed an IRS 990/990-N (e-postcard) during 2019. However, all four Commanderies stated that they were working on recovering their tax exempt status with the IRS. The committee recommends that these four Commanderies be evaluated to determine the status of their efforts. Excalibar Commandery No. 5, Emmanuel Commandery No. 7, Constantine Commandery No. 27, Westport Commandery No. 68, and Malta Commandery No. 72 all failed to provide any evidence that they had filed an IRS 990/990-N (e-

postcard) during 2019. It is the committee's recommendation that these five Commanderies be investigated and corrective actions taken.

### Financial Health Evaluation

Overall, the majority of Missouri's Commanderies are in good financial shape. Two Commanderies reported that they had a very low amount of money in their respective bank accounts at the end of the reporting year.

The majority of Missouri's Commanderies provided a value for their paraphernalia. A number of Commanderies reported that the value of their paraphernalia was zero (they entered zero, they just entered a "?" or they left the question blank) indicating one of the following possible cases: they have no paraphernalia, their paraphernalia is unusable and worthless, or their paraphernalia is usable but they failed to attempt to place a value on it. Several Commanderies valued their paraphernalia at below \$500 which the committee believes is below replacement value. Several Commanderies valued their paraphernalia at \$2,000 or more which is much more reasonable.

All of Missouri's Commanderies except one reported information about their annual dues. The annual dues information provided was found to be consistent with **ARTICLE XI, Dues, Section 170. Amount, How Determined.** which states "The annual dues of members of a commandery shall not be less than ten dollars (\$10.00) plus Grand Commandery per capita and fees." As reported earlier, Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 24 failed to provide information about their annual dues.

The majority of Missouri's Commanderies reported that their Recorder and Treasurer were not bonded. Eight Commanderies reported that their Recorder and Treasurer were bonded. The majority of Commanderies reported that they had more than one person on the signature card for the Commandery's bank account. Two Commanderies reported that they only had one name on the signature card for the Commandery's bank account which the committee feels is a very dangerous situation. All of Missouri's Commanderies reported that they had an embossing or imprinting Commandery seal.

### Commanderies That Have Forfeited All Rights And Privileges

The following Commandery has forfeited all rights and privileges to representation and voting at the 2020 Annual Conclave: Mountain Grove Commandery No. 66.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Kevin B. Sample, Chairman  
SK Bobbie E. White

SK Harry L. Tripp, Jr., Vice-Chairman  
SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC

### 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-Sixtieth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri will be held on Friday, June 11, 2021, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Missouri. The Drill Competition will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2021.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Kevin B Sample, Chairman  
SK Donald MacCormick

SK Kyle R. Palacios

### REPORT OF TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

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

Sir Knights,

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

In the year of our Lord, 2021, the 68th Conclave of Knights Templar is projected to be hosted by Sir Knight Jeffery N. Nelson, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, and to be convened in August 2021 in the state of North Dakota. The voting members of Missouri Grand Commandery at Grand Encampment include Missouri's Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, and Grand Captain General as well as all living Past Grand Commanders.

In accordance with Section 34G, the Missouri Triennial Committee consists of two (2) Past Grand Commanders and a Grand Commandery Officer, eligible in due course to attend the next (2021) 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 Commander at the Grand Encampment and shall submit an itemized report of receipts and expenditures.

As of March 9, 2020, the Triennial fund reflects a balance of \$1,026.15.

There is currently one thousand, one hundred seventy (1170) Sir Knights in Missouri's Grand Commandery. As per Article XV, Section 205 & 206, the fund is supported annually by a General Fund Payment of twenty-five cents (\$.25) per member on the rolls on December 31st of the preceding year.

The estimated maximum amount available on or about August 1, 2021 is \$1,611.12.

Traditionally, and at the direction/discretion of the Grand Commander or Senior Knight present, a portion of the available funds is used to fund a State Dinner of attending Missouri Sir Knights and their Ladies. No alcoholic beverages are included on the State Dinner billing. Again, traditionally, the Grand Commander divides the remaining funds between attending Sir Knights to help offset the travel and hotel costs.

It is an unbreakable rule of the Grand Encampment that, at a minimum, the State Grand Commander is in attendance at every Triennial conference. The funding to offset his and other qualified attending Sir Knights' expenses is shrinking proportionally as our membership decreases. Your Missouri Sir Knights attending the Triennials have a very important voice in the policies, rules and regulations that affect the future of all Grand Commanderies. An increase of the \$ 0.25 cents to \$ 0.75 cents, while inadequate, would help to insure the attendance of enough Missouri Sir Knights to have a meaningful voice and would be, at the least, helpful. At the least and minimum, the fund should support the Missouri Grand Commander.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Thomas C. Yunick, PGC, Chairman      SK Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC  
SK Harry L. Tripp, Jr.

### **REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE**

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

Sir Knights,

The Audit committee participated in the monthly Grand Officer WebEx meetings held during the fiscal year. At each meeting, a financial review of the previous month's records was an item on each monthly agenda. The Grand Recorder provided instruction as to how the General Fund financial records on the Grand York Rite DropBox cloud storage system were maintained. The committee was given full view-only access to all 2018- 2019 and 2019-2020 General Fund financial records.

The Audit committee believes that it has thoroughly reviewed the records of the Grand Recorder and found no discrepancies or mishandling of any of the funds appropriated to him. All monies were received and properly deposited or dispensed in accordance with the Grand Commandery Laws and Regulations.

We commend the Grand Recorder for an excellent records management system and his superb attention to the details of handling the financial records of the Grand Commandery.

At the time of this report we did not have an opportunity to review the financial records of the Grand Treasurer. This needs to be made a priority before the end of the next fiscal year.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Kevin B. Sample, Chairman      SK Dennis A. Abernathy, Vice-Chairman  
SK Charles E. Cooper, Vice-Chairman      SK Aaron E. Rose  
SK Donald L. Trabue, PGC      SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC

### **REPORT OF DRILL COMPETITION COMMITTEE**

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

Sir Knights,

Unfortunately, the 2020 Drill Competition Event had to be cancelled. It is hoped that next year we will be back to business as usual. We plan to hold the 2021 Drill Competition Event on Saturday, June 12, 2021. Registration information for the 2021 Drill Competition should be going out to the Commanderies in December 2021.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Chairman      SK Kevin B Sample, Vice-Chairman  
SK Jerry F. Ward, PGC

### **REPORT OF EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE COMMITTEE Kansas City**

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

Sir Knights,

The 8th Annual Mid-America Easter Sunrise Service was canceled by Sir Knight Jeffrey Nelson, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, in accordance with the Stay-at-Home order from the Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri.

The committee has worked with the hotel, Liberty Memorial, and other service providers to prepare for the 9th Annual Mid-America Easter Sunrise Service. The



9th Annual Mid-America Easter Sunrise Service will be held on April 3 & 4, 2021 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Aaron E. Rose, Chairman

SK Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., PGC, Vice-Chairman

## **REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE**

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

Sir Knights,

The Knight Templar Educational Foundation for the Division of Missouri adopted the following as its Standard Operating procedure at the June 7, 2019 meeting.

### **Finance**

1. Income for the Educational Foundation will be defined as the monies generated through interest or dividends. An increase in the value of an investment and donations will not be deemed income.
2. The Educational Foundation's financial portfolio shall be administered by a licensed financial services professional.
3. The net income of the Educational Foundation is the amount of income minus administrative fees and other expenses.
4. The Educational Foundation's budget will be based on the net income of the previous fiscal year.

### **Scholarships**

1. Scholarships shall be based on the net income from the previous fiscal year.
2. Scholarship recipients shall be selected at the annual meeting held at noon on the date of the Annual Conclave of the Missouri Grand Commandery of Knights Templar.
3. Scholarship checks shall be issued no later than 30 days after the annual Educational Foundation meeting. Scholarship checks shall be issued in the name of the student and the school the student is attending.
4. Scholarship recipients shall be chosen in such a manner that the Committee members are unaware of the student's identity.
5. Scholarships are nonrenewable, and recipients shall reapply on a yearly basis.

6. Scholarship applicants that are an immediate relative of a committee member or an elected Grand Commandery Officer are automatically disqualified.

### **Committee Members**

1. Members shall be limited to two five-year terms, but may be reappointed after being off the committee for two years.
2. Members may select a member of the committee to act as Secretary and/or Treasurer.

The Educational Foundation awarded no scholarships for the 2019-2020 school year. The Educational Foundation has one application for the 2020-2021 school year.

Fraternally submitted,

SK David C. Witte, Chairman

SK Todd A. Schulze

SK Thomas C. Yunick, PGC

SK Clifton W. Wofford, Vice-Chairman

SK Matthew L. Quesenberry

## **REPORT OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

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

Sir Knights,

The Grand York Rite web site continues to be well maintained by our Web Master, SK Donald MacCormick. The Grand Recorder and the Grand York Rite Office continues to use email as the primary method of communication with the Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery and the Officers and members of the constituent Commanderies.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Kevin B. Sample, Chairman

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Vice-Chairman

SK Donald MacCormick

SK Aaron M. Shoemaker

SK F. Bradley Fowler

## **REPORT OF EMERGING LEADERS COMMITTEE**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights 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 program which is offered by the

Grand Encampment. Names, address, and contact information should be submitted to the Chairman of the committee no later than August 1st each year.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Harry L. Tripp, Jr., Chairman

SK Bobbie E. White

SK Terry D. Coppotelli

SK Dennis A. Abernathy, Vice-Chairman

SK Michael C. Rohman

### **REPORT OF ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE**

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

Sir Knights,

The Grand Commandery Endowed Membership Fund has a total membership of 247 with a total endowed value of \$124,775.22. It had a 2019 distribution value of \$1,373.12 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.

Past investments have been in a combination of interest bearing money market accounts and Certificates of Deposit. Current interest rates have limited these monies from being invested in long-term certificates. However, current investment strategies allows for investments in common stock or equal securities in nationally known corporations traded on the New York Stock Exchange (such as American Balanced Fund and American Income Fund) similar to that as allowed by the Grand Chapter and Grand Council. The process of transitioning to this new investment strategy has been occurring over the past year.

Hopefully, the above mentioned investment strategy 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 Thomas C. Yunick, PGC, Vice-Chairman

SK Harold F. Coots, PGC

### **REPORT OF FORMS & PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights 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 Kevin B. Sample

SK Donald MacCormick

SK F. Bradley Fowler

### **REPORT OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

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

Sir Knights,

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

Fraternally submitted,

SK Michael C. Rohman, Chairman

SK David D Phillips

SK Bobbie E. White, Vice-Chairman

SK Terry D. Coppotelli

### **REPORT OF HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE**

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

Sir Knights,

We, the members of the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee, thank our Grand Commander and his officers for the honor of serving on this committee. As Christian Masons, it is a great honor to send a pastor to walk in the steps of our Savior and bring back that experience to share with his or her congregation, with the community, and with the Commandery. We are grateful for the privilege to serve on this committee.

This year, we have received no applications for the Holy Land Pilgrimage. We feel that our Lord's wisdom has guided us because this would have been a dangerous year for a minister to travel due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

This has been a year when Churches, Lodges, Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies have been closed to protect public safety. Our nation and other nations of the world have faced this crisis – a crisis greater in its scope than any other we have known in our lifetimes – with steadfast resolve.

Our prayers are that this crisis may soon pass. We pray for the medical professionals who are responding to this epidemic, for our leaders, and for all who are responding and providing for people's needs. We pray for those who are unemployed and have financial needs because of the pandemic. We know that our Lord and Savior calls for us to meet the needs of our community during this time.

We pray that we may be safe next year to send a pastor to walk where our Savior walked.

Faternally submitted,

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

SK Dale R. Roller, Vice-Chairman  
SK Chris C. McLemore

## REPORT OF HONOR COMMANDERY AWARD COMMITTEE

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

Sir Knights,

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

Liberty Commandery No. 6 - SK Divern Mease, Commander  
Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 - SK Glenn Parker, Commander  
Kansas City Commandery No. 10 - SK Adam James, Commander  
St Graal Commandery No. 12 - SK Kevin Sample, Commander  
Ascalon Commandery No. 16 - SK David Getty, Commander  
Palestine Commandery No. 17 - SK Russel Pence, Jr., Commander  
St. John's Commandery No. 20 - SK Kevin Ritter, Commander  
Ely Commandery No. 22 - SK Charles Cooper, Commander

These Commanderies submitted their applications in good form and in a timely manner. All eight of the Commanderies were found to have met the requirements.

On behalf of the committee, I wish to express our appreciation to these eight Commanderies for their participation in the Honor Award program.

Faternally submitted,

SK Charles E. Cooper, Chairman  
SK Dennis A. Abernathy

SK Harry L. Tripp, Jr., Vice-Chairman  
SK Michael C. Rohman

## REPORT OF INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

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

Sir Knights,

All Grand Commandery Funds are currently invested in and/or thru banking institutions in Jefferson City. All bank 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 in common stock or equal securities are in nationally known corporations traded on the New York Stock Exchange (American Balanced Fund and American Income Fund), being maintained at less than 50% of the total value of the Grand Commandery Funds.

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

Hopefully, the strategy of investing in common stock or equal securities, as above noted, will increase our income. Also, in concurrence with the Finance Committee, it has been agreed that future earnings from the General Fund (Special Account) will be automatically transferred to the General Fund. Hopefully, these strategies will reduce future needs for per capita increases.

Faternally submitted,

SK Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Chairman      SK Harold F. Coots, PGC, Vice-Chairman  
SK Michael C. Rohman

## REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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

Sir Knights,

On March 27, 2019, General Order No.5 was issued by Sir Knight Jeffrey N. Nelson, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. This Order had, as its directive, "Membership Development as Priority One during the 68th Annual Triennium." The Order listed several items that each Grand Commandery must follow and implement, including:

1. Creation of a Membership Committee and Membership Chair,
2. Creation of a Membership Committee and Membership Chair in every constituent Commandery within that Grand Commandery,
3. Implementation of Grand Encampment membership development initiatives by the constituent Commandery membership committees, and

4. Reporting of activities by constituent Commanderies to the Grand Commandery Membership Committee, who then reports to the Grand Encampment Membership Committee/Department Commander.

Sir Knight Clark A. McLemore, Grand Commander, immediately set upon a course of action to meet the requirements of General Order No.5 by appointing a Grand Commandery Membership Committee. Following that, SK McLemore issued General Order No.1 directing the Commanders of each Constituent Missouri Commandery to appoint a Commandery Membership committee and to report that information to Sir Knight Russell S. Hanson, Grand Recorder. By so doing, General Order No.1 put the Grand Commandery of Missouri on a path to compliance with General Order No.5.

The first order of business, the creation of Membership committees at the Constituent Commandery level was fairly well received. Of the 30 Commanderies in the State, 26 sent in the names of the committee members. The four Commanderies that remain out of compliance with General Order No.1 (GrKT) and General Order No.5 (GrEN) were: Constantine No. 27, Cape Girardeau No. 55, Mountain Grove No. 66, and Westport No. 68. (Note: at the beginning of the 2019-2020 Templar year there were 32 Commanderies in Missouri – however, Eastgate No. 70 and West Plains No. 48 both merged with other Commanderies in November 2019 leaving only 30 Commanderies in Missouri at the end of the 2019-2020 Templar year.)

SK Nelson stated that Recruiting new members was obvious to the growth needed for sustainability, but just as important was Retention. It was and is encouraged that every Sir Knight who demits, or fails to pay dues, and is suspended as a result, be given a survey to gain more insight as to why the member lost interest or how the Commandery could better meet the needs of its members. A copy of that survey can be obtained from the Grand Commandery Membership committee, or the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery. This survey was sent to all Chairmen of the Constituent Commandery Membership committees and should be shared with their respective Commandery Recorders. Regular reports were to be submitted to the Grand Encampment Membership committee. There was not much direction given by the Grand Encampment in regard to what the report should look like or how often the reports should be made. As a result, your Grand Commandery Membership committee decided on a schedule of reporting once per quarter. With the irreplaceable knowledge, skill, and timely assistance of SK Hanson, letters of explanation were sent to the Constituent Commanderies. They also received a form and instructions for

reporting membership information using MMS. Following the 2019 Annual Conclave, the first report on membership was to be given in October 2019, covering the time period of January 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019. Of the 32 Commanderies at that time, only 12 sent in the required reports. The second report was due in January 2020, covering the period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. Of the 30 Commanderies at that time, 17 sent in the required reports. Constituent Commanderies that have never submitted a required report and are not in compliance with General Order No.1 (GrKT) and General Order No.5 (GrEN) are: Excalibur No. 5, Palestine No. 17, Prince of Peace No. 29, St. Elmo No. 43, Cape Girardeau No. 55, Mountain Grove No. 66, Poplar Bluff No. 67, Westport No. 68, and Malta No. 72.

Both reports were sent to the Grand Encampment Membership committee and to the Department Commander. Upon receipt of the second report from the Grand Commandery of Missouri for the time period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019, a reply was received from the Grand Encampment Membership committee. You should be delighted to know that the Grand Commandery of Missouri was one of two Grand Commanderies in compliance as of February 2020. In reply to the second report, the following was received.

"Thank you for this report. I want you to know that you are the second Grand Commandery Membership Committee Chair that has taken the initiative to send this report in...It has been decided that the GEKT will only require these reports on a semi-annual basis...Your report followed the format that we discussed at your Department Conclave last Fall. It pretty much follows everything the new report format calls for. Your narrative section is "spot on" with the information we are looking for. I was pleased to see how many of your Commanderies actually responded."

Faternally,  
William A. Garrard, Jr., PDC  
GEKT Membership Committee

The work from the members of Ivanhoe No. 8 is to be commended in the area of Recruitment. This Commandery has reported five new Knights in 2019 resulting in an 8.77% increase in their overall membership. They are mentioned specifically because they are in compliance AND they have met the goal established by the Grand Encampment to increase membership by 5% prior to the end of this Triennium.

A Commandery which deserves recognition in the area of Retention is Lebanon No. 33. This Commandery reported four Sir Knights as reinstated in 2019.

Overall, at the writing of this report, the Grand Commandery of Missouri currently has 1,740 members. This is a decrease of nine from the beginning of 2019. While this number is not large, it is important to know the statistics. There were 30 new Knightings in 2019; there were 33 deaths reported in 2019. This statistic alone shows the importance of Recruitment. In regard to Retention, 34 members were suspended and only 14 reinstated this past year. So, while we are recruiting new members, we must have in place a system to check on our current members to ensure we keep our membership interested and involved. Sir Knight Corey B. Huntsucker deserves recognition for his outstanding work and research into a presentation designed for Symbolic Lodges. Through his efforts, Constituent Commanderies have received a digital presentation along with a script. This presentation was based on a similar presentation from the Grand Commandery of Kentucky. SK Huntsucker has modified it specifically for Missouri Knights Templar and the York Rite in general. Thank you SK Huntsucker!

Finally, in working with the Constituent Commanderies on their quarterly reports, a few items of interest were noted.

1. Work is going on around the State either in the form of Festivals or Commanderies doing work on their own such as St. Graal No 12 and Neosho No. 57,
2. Communication is being sent in a variety of ways to those members who have not yet paid dues,
3. Regarding contact with members in general, only five Commanderies reported that a "calling tree" was in place – however the majority of the reporting Commanderies have a regular newsletter, email, or social media outreach for their membership,
4. Only one Commandery reported they had used a survey to gain information with which to improve meeting the needs of their members, and
5. Two Commanderies reported that a survey of demitted or suspended members had been used to better determine "what happened" to cause the break in relationship – all Commanderies completing their reports, save three, expressed interest in having a survey at their disposal and use for such an occurrence.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Gregory J. Walker, Chairman

SK Corey B. Huntsucker, Sub-Chairman Recruitment

SK Ronald L. Skiles, Sub-Chairman Retention

SK Terry D. Coppotelli, Sub-Chairman Restoration

SK Danny P. Dubree, Sub-Chairman Masonic/Public Relations

## **REPORT OF RITUAL AND DRILL COMMITTEE**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights 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 at this time.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Ronnie E. Green, PGC, Chairman

SK Charles E. Cooper

SK Kevin B. Sample

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC

## **REPORT OF YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTEE**

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

Sir Knights,

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

Fraternally submitted,

SK Adam M. Iwanow, Chairman

SK William J. Sherman, Vice Chairman

## **REPORT OF THE 2019 ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF OHIO**

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

Sir Knights,

The 177th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Ohio was held in Columbus, Ohio on October 10 - 12, 2019.

As this was the first time in several years that the York Rite Bodies of Ohio were meeting in the same location, and in the same week, the Grand High Priest and Grand Commander agreed to co-host a formal Banquet on Thursday, October 10th. Said Banquet was well attended with almost 360 members and their ladies present. Just prior to the invocation, the Chaplain asked a question that all of us should reflect upon. The question was, "What would the rest of your life be like if you woke tomorrow morning to find that the only things you had left were what you had thanked God for today?"

On Friday, October 11th, the Annual Conclave began promptly at 8:00 am with the reception of Grand Commandery Officers, followed by the introduction of Distinguished Guests. The Grand Commander then dismissed the Ladies and non-members and opened in ample form at 8:45 am.

As no pending legislation was to be considered, the only balloting was advancement of Grand Line Officers and the approval of Committee reports. There was some brief discussion to allow Commanderies to adopt the use of the Cap and Mantle in lieu of the full Class A uniform as a cost saving measure for Sir Knights. On a trial basis, this is being allowed in one Commandery only, at this time, and will be decided in the future.

During the Grand Commander's Address, he cautioned Constituent Commanderies not to succumb to the temptation of believing that making things easier will solve our problems and reminded all that no short cuts should be taken in our work, especially in the Order of the Temple, as it should always be as personally impactful for the Sir Knights and as well presented as possible.

On Saturday, October 12th, the Drill Teams began assembling at 7:00 am for inspection with the Competition beginning promptly at 8:00 am. Many teams participated in both Asylum and Field drills. The competition lasted until approximately 3:00 pm, only taking a break for lunch at noon.

A Ritual Competition also took place on Saturday in which three categories were covered. This year they consisted of the "Prelate's Address", the "Junior Warden's Address in the Chamber of Reflection", and the "Sword Presentation lecture." After witnessing this event, I can attest to the fact that Ohio has a number of good ritualists.

The event concluded with the installation of the Grand Commandery Officers, followed by the Drill Awards Banquet, and afterward, a reception held in his home Division hospitality room for Sir Knight Martin Trent, now Past Grand Commander, where accolades and congratulations were given for the completion of a successful year.

Faternally submitted,  
SK William J. Sherman  
State Representative of the Grand Commandery of Ohio near Missouri

## **REPORT OF THE 2020 ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF LOUISIANA**

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

Sir Knights,

It has been my usual custom for many years to attend the Grand York Rite Sessions of that Grand State of Louisiana to renew acquaintances and fellowship with the many friends I have made over the years.

This year was no exception but for the fact that I also had the distinct honor and privilege to represent Sir Knight Clark A. McLemore, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, at the Grand Commandery of Louisiana in the Hotel Bentley of Alexandria, Louisiana on Saturday, February 29, 2020.

The day began at 8:00 am with attendance at the Knight Preceptory meeting.

That event began with a Public Opening of the Grand Commandery in the hotel ballroom. This was well attended and the presence of so many of the Ladies was welcoming and inspiring. As a part of the visiting dignitary group I was escorted into the asylum, introduced to Sir Knight Samuel B. Owens, Right Eminent Grand Commander, who acknowledged my representation of the Grand Commander of Missouri and welcomed me into the Grand Commandery of Louisiana. I was then directed and welcomed to pass through the Arch of Steel on my way to my seat in the audience.

A well-attended joint luncheon with the Ladies and other dignitaries followed the Public Opening.

The early afternoon brought on the convening of the closed session. The business agenda of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana is quite similar to that of the Grand Commandery of Missouri and thus, will not be disclosed in this writing.

Near the end of the session, Grand Commander Owens invited the Sir Knights to offer comments. It was certainly my honor to present the good tidings, best wishes and invitation from Grand Commander McLemore of Missouri.

This was followed by the Knight Crusader of the Cross and Knight York Cross of Honour meetings.

A Grand Reception was held at 6:30 pm which was immediately followed by a superbly attended Grand Banquet.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, it is my desire to thank you for the privilege and indeed the honor of representing you, the office of the Grand Commander, and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri at the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the Great State of Louisiana's Annual Conclave. It was an opportunity that I shall never forget and will cherish forever.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Robert W. Schlichter, PGC

Personal Representative of SK Clark A. McLemore, Grand Commander

# **MISSOURI GRAND YORK RITE NECROLOGY 2019-2020**

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

Sir Knights,

Listed below is a roster of the Companions and Sir Knights reported between May 18, 2019 and May 20, 2020 in MMS as having passed away. This list is by no means comprehensive, but it is presented as a memorial to our departed Brethren, Companions, and Sir Knights.

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>Affiliations</u>
Annan, Vernon R.	07-06-2019	CH3, CO50, KT6
Bail, Don Keith	04-29-2020	CH17, CO34, KT12
Barber, Calvin C.	01-04-2018	CH102, CO24
Benjamin, Jr., Robert M.	04-28-2008	CH102, CO24, KT35
Benson, Francis Wilburn	12-18-2019	CH284, CO38, KT68
Beshears, Charles M.	06-01-2019	CH15, CO25, KT20
Blakeslee, Richard D.	10-27-2019	CH7, CO47
Boaz, Robert V.	12-07-2016	CH91, CO30
Bollinger, Jacob	01-29-2019	CH110, CO25, KT20
Boston, William S.	06-23-2019	CH43
Bowlin, Marvin	05-18-2019	CH14, CO9, KT4
Bowser, William John	05-26-2019	CH14, CO9, KT4
Brooks, Lewis Sherman	03-13-2020	CH61, CO41, KT31
Burrow, Jimmie Earl	10-28-2015	CH14, CO9, KT2
Carpenter, Paul David	03-05-2018	CH110, CO25, KT20
Carswell, Jr., Charles H.	08-30-2010	CH102
Cole, Ronald E.	12-30-2019	CH61, CO41, KT31
Conrad, Robert A.	03-28-2019	CH7
Cook, Charles Henry	10-29-2018	CH110
Crede, Robert J.	06-17-2019	CH34, CO32, KT29
Cullum, James L.	10-04-2014	CH52, CO46, KT57
Cunningham, James Sylvester	05-14-2020	CH17, CO34, KT12
Curtis, Elmer W.	04-26-2017	CH102, CO24, KT35
Dale, Jerry R.	12-20-2018	CH56
Daniel, Dan Gene	07-12-2019	CH80, CO53, KT42
Davis, Wade Ellison	03-18-2019	CH17, CO34, KT12
Drummond, William Kenneth	10-27-2019	CH17, CO34, KT12

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Duncan, William C.	08-16-2019	CH148, CO48
Edgerton, Harold W.	07-31-2019	CH64, KT33
Elder, Jr., William H.	11-11-2018	CH17, KT12
Fairley, Donald E.	07-01-2019	CH17, CO34, KT12
Fanslow, Allen Woodward	05-07-2019	CO25
Fitzpatrick, Lack A.	07-20-2019	CH38
Fitzsimmons, Dan J.	06-24-2019	CH25
Forbis, Donald E.	08-12-2019	CH93, CO34, KT12
Gembala, Edward C.	10-10-2019	CH61, CO41, KT31
Getty, Richard	07-25-2019	CH61, CO41, KT31
Gibbs, Connie Lee	03-25-2013	CH7, CO47, KT5
Gleason, Earl Hart	10-09-2019	CH53, CO44, KT22
Goldsberry, Sr., James O.	11-30-2019	CH129, CO43, KT56
Gore, Charles E.	09-25-2019	CH17, CO34, KT12
Griffin, Guilford W.	02-15-2020	CH32, CO39, KT59
Hall, Scott C.	09-05-2019	CH14, CO9, KT4
Harris, James H.	12-10-2018	CH3, CO50, KT6
Herrin, Charles M.	04-25-2019	CH52, CO46, KT57
Hodges, John Fred	10-04-2019	CH15, CO25, KT20
Hubbell, Jack Jerome	11-11-2013	CH15, KT20
Irvine, Bobby Wayne	11-05-2019	CH3, CO50, KT6
Jeffries, William Darrell	10-14-2019	CH78, CO48, KT16
Jones, Billy D.	04-01-2019	CH75
Kerr, Sr., Robert Eugene	01-11-2020	CH114, CO27, KT67
Knight, William	09-15-2018	CH91, CO30, KT39
La Faver, Dale R.	07-11-2018	CH123
Lavery, Frederick Gustin	07-28-2019	CH32, CO39
Lawrence, Ronald A.	12-24-2019	CH14, CO9
Lett, Dale T.	05-17-2020	CH52, CO46, KT57
Lewis, Adrian L.	02-21-2020	CH1
Lewis, George Morrow	11-13-2018	CH2
Lotspeich, James E.	09-07-2019	CH43
Lowes, Albert C.	12-09-2019	CH75, CO20, KT55
Magee, Thomas H.	01-02-2020	CH66, CO37, KT24
Mallonee, Arnold W.	12-18-2016	CH136, CO25, KT70
Marshall, Donald W.	01-24-2016	CH3, CO50, KT6

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McCollum, William H.	04-25-2020	CH1, CO1
Millard, J. Richard	01-23-2020	CH34, CO32, KT29
Mills, Richard A.	11-05-2019	CH93, CO34, KT12
Minor, Richard Allen	04-09-2020	CH17, CO34, KT12
Morlan, Charles Edward	09-12-2019	CH56, CO41, KT15
Mozingo, Don A.	04-10-2019	CH2, KT5
Nichols, Billy J.	10-24-2019	CH17, CO34, KT12
Nicholson, Ivan R.	01-25-2020	CH14, CO9, KT4
Nolan, Ralph E.	05-08-2020	CH12, CO49, KT17
Norris, Jr., Joseph A.	06-10-2019	CH61, CO41, KT31
Oliver, Warren Spencer	12-27-2019	CH32, CO39, KT59
Osborn, Ray Edgar	06-23-2019	CH284
Parker, Jack Gene	03-24-2020	CH14, CO9, KT4
Pummill, James Lee	03-05-2020	CH3, CO50, KT6
Ragan, William W.	11-05-2012	CH102, KT35
Redecker, Charles A.	08-16-2019	CH78, CO48, KT16
Roberts, James M.	01-05-2020	CH14, CO9, KT4
Robertson, Floyd A.	09-19-2019	CH14
Roman, Jr., Willis C.	06-01-2019	CH110, KT20
Sanders, Bill	06-14-2019	CH52, CO46, KT57
Scheinost, Floyd Emil	04-20-2013	CH102, CO24, KT35
Schmidt, Ernest Wheeler	03-29-2020	CH14, CO9, KT4
Schneider, Arthur Edward	12-14-2019	CH17, CO34, KT12
Schoonover, Robert Lewis	04-07-2015	CH102, CO24, KT35
Schroff, Calvin Douglas	06-24-2015	CH93, CO34, KT23
Schwartz, Donald Eugene	09-23-2019	CH53, CO44, KT22
Scott, Donald E.	08-24-2019	CH12, CO49, KT17
Scott, Raymond C.	02-02-2019	CH1
Seever, J. B.	08-05-2019	CH14, CO9, KT4
Severson, Robert D.	08-20-2019	CH14, CO9, KT4
Shoemaker, John Wesley	09-10-2019	CH38 & 110, CO58, KT27
Simon, Fred Heger	05-06-2014	CH15, CO25, KT20
Snider, Clifford C.	05-07-2020	CH53, CO44, KT22
Sopp, Jr., Richard A.	10-13-2019	CH78, KT16
Speaks, Albert Martin	12-05-2019	CH53, CO44, KT22
Stephens, Delbert L.	10-03-2018	CH3, CO50, KT6



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Stephenson, Jr., William B.	01-07-2020	CH2 & 78, CO1 & 48, KT16	Watts, Kenneth P.	01-01-2012	CO24
Straight, Walter Davis	09-30-2019	CH17, CO34, KT12	Weitkemper, Harry Richard	05-28-2017	CH93, CO34
Stratton, III, William E.	08-08-2019	CH10, KT3	Welch, Lloyd R.	01-09-2007	CH136, KT35
Suter, Walter H.	05-04-2011	CH15, CO25, KT20	Willis, Jr., L. Grant	06-21-2019	CH78, CO48, KT16
Tilley, Christopher Eugene	08-03-2019	CH1, CO1 & 40, KT8	Wolter, Jr., William E.	07-17-2019	CH15, CO25, KT20
Trower, John Edgar	11-03-2019	CH25, CO40, KT8	Yancey, Patrick Richard	02-06-2020	CH78, CO48, KT16
Vandyke, Wilbert Clark	09-23-2007	KT35	Yingling, John Howard	08-13-2013	CH102
Vobornik, Larry Dean	03-12-2014	CH102, CO24			
Vogler, David Robert	04-23-2019	CH78, CO48, KT16			
Watkins, Charles Franklin	02-11-2013	CH102, CO24			
			Fraternally submitted,		
			Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Grand Recorder		

