

UPDATED

PRELIMINARY — PROCEEDINGS

of the

**One Hundred Sixty-Second
Annual Conclave**

of the

**Grand Commandery of Knights
— Templar of the State of Missouri**

held

June 1, 2023

**University Plaza Hotel
Springfield, Missouri**



Grand Commandery of Missouri

162nd Annual Conclave Schedule

(subject to modification as necessary)

Time Thursday, June 1, 2023

6:30 am	Breakfast - On Your Own		
7:00	Registration - Commandery until 10:30 am - Chapter and Council until 11:30 am (Lobby)		
8:35	Flag Presentation by Heroes of '76/Pledge/Anthem/ Youth Group Presentations - Open to Ladies and Guests (Colorado/Illinois)		
8:45	Opening Ceremonies of 162nd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri and Reception of Distinguished Guests - Open to Ladies and Guests		
	Roll Call of the 2022-2023 Grand Commandery Officers	9:30	Formal Reconvening of 162nd Annual Conclave of Missouri
	Roll Call of the Grand Representatives		Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee
	Reception of the Regional Grand Commanders		Report of the Committee on Address of the Grand Commander
	Reception of the Past Grand Commanders of Missouri		Report of the Jurisprudence Committee
	Reception of the Out of State Grand Commandery Officers		Report of the Finance and Accounts Committee
	Reception of the Heads of Missouri York Rite Bodies		Report of the Grand Treasurer
	Reception of the National Body Representatives		Report of the Grand Recorder
	Reception of the Grand Encampment Officers		Routine Business & Additional Reports (as needed)
	Reception of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment or Representative & brief remarks	10:30	Election of 2023-2024 Grand Commandery Officers
	Reception of the Grand Lodge Officers		Report of the Election Committee
	Reception of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri or representative & brief remarks		Acceptance of the Grand Commandery Officers-Elect
	Summary Address of the Grand Commander		Report of the Grand Commander-Elect with Appointments
	Necrology: Part of the Grand Commander's Address		Report of the Committee on Time and Place
	Dismissal of the Ladies and Non-Member Guests		Address of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment or Representative
		11:45	Grand Commandery Called from Labor until 3:00 pm
		12:00 pm	Lunch Hosted by Tall Cedars of Lebanon - Open to All (Kansas)
			Knights Templar Education Foundation Committee Meeting - Committee Members Only (Oklahoma)
		1:30	Past Commander's Association (Oklahoma)
		3:00	Grand Commandery Resumes Labor and concludes remaining business, if any (Colorado/Illinois)
		4:00	162nd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri Called from Labor
		4:15	Presentation of Grand Commandery of Missouri Awards - Open to Ladies and Guests
		6:30	Family Fun Night Dinner/Entertainment – Open to All (Oklahoma/Kansas)

**Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri
2022-2023**

Elected and Appointed Officers

Michael C. Rohman - Grand Commander
Kevin B. Sample - Deputy Grand Commander
Bobbie E. White - Grand Generalissimo
Ronald L. Skiles - Grand Captain General
Terry D. Coppotelli - Grand Senior Warden
Matthew L. Quesenberry - Grand Junior Warden
Donald L. Trabue, PGC - Grand Treasurer
Russell S. Hanson, PGC - Assistant Grand Treasurer
Roger D. Fleer, PGC - Grand Recorder
Debbie L. Hanson - Executive Assistant to the Grand Recorder
Russell S. Hanson, PGC - Grand Recorder Emeritus
Russell A. Bradshaw - Grand Prelate
Glenn B. Parker - Grand Standard Bearer
Thomas E. Christine - Grand Sword Bearer
Ashley W. Young - Grand Warder
Corey B. Huntsucker - Grand Sentinel
Harold F. Coots, PGC - Aide-De-Camp
Russell S. Hanson, PGC - Grand Historian
Corey B. Huntsucker - Grand Lecturer
Assistant Grand Lecturers - Charles E Cooper, PGC (North),
Kevin M. Ritter (South), James L. Woodfin, Jr., PGC (East),
Donald Gilkerson (West), Harold F. Coots, PGC (Central)
Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC - Grand Chorister
Larry F. Walters - Grand Photographer

Donald E. Gilkerson - Assistant Grand Photographer
Russell S. Hanson, PGC - KTEF Representative
Adam M Iwanow - Youth Organizations Representative
Russell S. Hanson, PGC - Digital Missouri Message Editor
Russell S. Hanson, PGC - Program Book Editor

Regional Grand Commanders

Region 1: 5, 22, 72

Jeffrey L. Knight - Regional Grand Commander

Region 2: 4, 42

Joseph S. Russell - Regional Grand Commander

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

Donald MacCormick - Regional Grand Commander

Region 4: 12, 29, 59

Steven F. Eberharter - Regional Grand Commander

Region 5: 8, 16

Jacob W. Thompson - Regional Grand Commander

Region 6: 55, 56, 67

Dennis W. Houck - Regional Grand Commander

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

William G. "Kip" Davis, II - Regional Grand Commander

William M. Westmoreland - Regional Grand Commander

Regional Officers

Bobbie E. White - Region 1

Ronald L. Skiles - Region 2

Terry D. Coppotelli - Region 3

Matthew L. Quesenberry - Region 4

Glenn B. Parker - Region 5

Thomas E. Christin - Region 6

Ashley W. Young - Region 7

Standing Committees

Address of the Grand Commander

Charles E. Cooper, PGC, Chairman

Harold F. Coots, PGC

Credentials

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

Robert L. Schmidt

Finance and Accounts

Kevin B. Sample, Chairman

Bobbie E. White

Ronald L. Skiles

Terry D. Coppotelli

Roger D. Fleer, PGC

Donald L. Trabue, PGC

Russell S. Hanson, PGC

Hospitaler

Kevin B. Sample, Chairman

Bobbie E. White

Ronald L. Skiles

Terry D. Coppotelli

Returns of Commanderies

Kevin B. Sample, Chairman

Bobbie E. White

Ronald L. Skiles

Terry D. Coppotelli

Roger D. Fleer, PGC

Russell S. Hanson, PGC

Templar Jurisprudence

Todd A. Schulze, Chairman

William G. Snyder

Kevin B. Sample

John C. Caraker

Russell S. Hanson, PGC

Time and Place

Kevin B. Sample, Chairman

Bobbie E. White

Ronald L. Skiles

Triennial

Charles E. Cooper, PGC, Chairman

Thoms C. Yunick, PGC

Bobbie E. White

Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

Special Committees

Annual Conclave

Kevin B. Sample, Chairman

Bobbie E. White

Roger D. Fleer, PGC

Russell S. Hanson, PGC

Special Committees (continued)

Drill Competition

Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Chairman, Admin and Scoring

Kevin B. Sample, Admin and Scoring

Roger D. Fleer, PGC, Judge 1

Bobbie E. White, Judge 2

Harold F. Coots, PGC, Judge 3

Terry D. Coppotelli, Judge 4

Joseph S. Russell, Judge 5

Educational Foundation

Todd A. Schulze (2025), Chairman

Thomas C. Yunick, PGC (2023)

Clifton W. Wofford (2024)

Matthew L. Quesenberry (2026)

David C. Witte (2027)

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

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

Electronic Communications

Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Chairman

Roger D. Fleer, PGC

Donald MacCormick

Kevin B. Sample

Endowed Membership

Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Chairman

Harold F. Coots, PGC

Roger D. Fleer, PGC

Examiner (formerly Audit)

Kevin B. Sample, Chairman

Bobbie E. White

Ronald L. Skiles

Terry D. Coppotelli

Roger D. Fleer, PGC

Donald L. Trabue, PGC

Russell S. Hanson, PGC

Forms and Publications

Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Chairman

Roger D. Fleer, PGC

Donald MacCormick

Kevin B. Sample

Special Committees (continued)

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Dale R. Roller, Chairman

Roy L. Gilkey

Russell A. Bradshaw

Honor Commandery Award

Kevin B. Sample, Chairman

Bobbie E. White

Roger D. Fleer, PGC

Russell S. Hanson, PGC

Investments

Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Chairman

Harold F Coots, PGC

Roger D. Fleer, PGC

Membership

Corey B. Huntsucker, Chairman

Ronald L. Skiles

Terry D. Coppotelli

Danny P. Dubree

Ritual

Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Chairman

Kevin B. Sample

Terry D. Coppotelli

Special Examiner

Harold F. Coots, PGC, Chairman

Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

Robert W. Schlichter, PGC

Missouri Past Commanders Association

David R. Philips, Secretary/Treasurer

Living Past Grand Commanders

Donald L. Trabue (1994-1995)

E. Allen Kohler, Honorary (1995)

Lionel J. Goede (1999-2000)

Rocky E. Weaver (2000-2001)

Thomas C. Yunick (2003-2004)

Kevin B. Sample, Honorary (2006)

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)

Clark A. McLemore (2019-2020)

Charles E. Cooper (2020-2021)

Dennis A. Abernathy, Honorary (2021)

Grand Commandery Representatives

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>To Missouri</u>
United States of America	
Alabama	Frank R. von Geyso
Alaska	Loren D. Lloyd
Arizona	Vacant
Arkansas	Robert W. Schlichter
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	Vacant
Hawaii	K. Trent Moreland
Idaho	Larry D. Wyatt
Illinois	Vacant
Indiana	Vacant
Iowa	Vacant
Kansas	Bob L. Detherow
Kentucky	Michael C. Rohman
Louisiana	Robert W. Schlichter
Maine	Vacant
Maryland	James L. Woodfin, Jr.
Massachusetts/Rhode Island	Dennis E. Fetter
Michigan	Marion W. Dey
Minnesota	Thomas C. Yunick
Mississippi	Vacant
Montana	Frederick A. Troxel, Jr.
Nebraska	Charles E. Cooper
Nevada	Jeffrey A. Keevil
New Hampshire	J. Joseph Hayes
New Jersey	Vacant

Grand Commandery Representatives

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>To Missouri</u>
United States of America	
New Mexico	Vacant
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	Joseph S. Russell
South Carolina	Vacant
South Dakota	Roger D. Fler
Tennessee	Kevin B. Sample
Texas	Aaron M. Shoemaker
Utah	Wayne B. Fryer
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	Vacant
Brasil	Vacant
Croatia	Aaron E. Rose
Italy	Curtis M. Rickman
Mexico	Vacant
Panama	Vacant
Philippines	Vacant
Portugal	Vacant
Romania	Vacant
Togo	Vacant

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND COMMANDER 2022-2023

The Annual Report of the Grand Commander was not complete at the time of the printing of the Preliminary Proceedings. The Annual Report will be available in a Preliminary Proceedings Supplement that will be available for the 2023 Annual Conclave.

Fraternally submitted,
SK Michael C. Rohman, 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 committee on the address of the Grand Commander has received the address of the Grand Commander and found it to be in full and proper form and it is in order. We refer all decisions, dispensations and general orders made by the Grand Commander to the committee on Templar Jurisprudence.

The committee feels that Sir Knight Michael C. Rohman, has fulfilled his duties as Grand Commander and we congratulate him on successfully completing his term. We recommend and move for the Grand Commander's Address, as printed, to be approved by the members of the Grand Commandery.

Fraternally submitted,
SK Charles E. Cooper, PGC, Chairman SK Harold F. Coots, PGC

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REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER

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

Sir Knights,

At your direction, SK Rohman, I had the honor and opportunity to act as your personal representative and to represent our Grand Commandery at several meetings and events over the past year as outlined below.

July 23, 2022 – 1st Annual Templar Feast, Strataca Underground Salt Museum, Hutchinson, KS

July 31, 2022 – Region 1 / 4 York Rite Conference Planning Meeting, WebEx

August 4-6, 2022 – York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Kansas City
August 7, 2022 – Grand Commandery Officer Meeting, WebEx
September 1, 2022 – Installation of Officers, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8
September 10, 2022 – Region 7 York Rite Conference, Bolivar
September 15-18, 2022 – South Central York Rite Conference, Shreveport, LA
September 19, 2022 – DDGHP Official Visit, Rolla
September 24, 2022 – Region 2 / 3 York Rite Conference, Kansas City
September 25, 2022 – Grand Commandery Officer Meeting, WebEx
October 2-4, 2022 – Grand Lodge of Missouri, St. Charles
October 15, 2022 – Region 1 / 4 York Rite Conference, Jefferson City
November 6, 2022 – Grand Commandery Officer Meeting, WebEx
November 19, 2022 – Region 6 York Rite Conference, Jackson
December 4, 2022 – Grand Commandery Officer Meeting, WebEx
December 10, 2022 – Ely Commandery No. 22 Table Commandery, Kirksville
January 22, 2023 – Grand Commandery Officer Meeting, WebEx
February 8-12, 2023 – Masonic Week, Alexandria, VA
February 19, 2023 – Three Amigos Meeting, WebEx
February 26, 2023 – Grand Commandery Officer Meeting, WebEx
March 19, 2023 – Three Amigos Meeting, WebEx
April 1, 2023 – MGYR Finance Committee Meetings, WebEx
April 2, 2023 – MGYR Publications Committee Meeting, WebEx
April 4, 2023 – Three Amigos Meeting, WebEx
April 4, 2023 – Ascension Commandery No. 39, Joplin
April 13-16, 2023 – Grand Commandery of Texas, Grapevine, TX
April 16, 2023 – Three Amigos Meeting, WebEx
April 22, 2023 – Grand Commandery Drill Competition, Columbia
April 23, 2023 – Grand Commandery Officers Meeting, WebEx
May 4-6, 2023 – Grand Commandery of Kansas, Manhattan, KS
May 7, 2023 – Grand Commandery Officers Meeting, WebEx
May 7, 2023 – Three Amigos Meeting, WebEx
May 21, 2023 – Three Amigos Meeting, WebEx
May 31-June 4, 2023 – Grand York Rite of Missouri, Springfield, MO

It has been a very exciting year, and I have enjoyed watching and learning from your outstanding leadership during some trying times. Your calm and thoughtful demeanor is something we could all learn from.

Fraternally submitted,
SK Kevin B. Sample, Deputy Grand Commander

REPORT OF TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

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

Sir Knights,

The Templar Jurisprudence committee has reviewed the Orders issued, Dispensations granted, and the by-laws changes approved for constituent 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 during this past year.

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

Our congratulations to Sir Knight Michael J. Rohman., Right Eminent Grand Commander, for a successful year. In our estimation, you have performed your duties and responsibilities in an exemplary manner.

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 I - The Grand Commandery, Section 13. Change of Time and Place Due to Emergency.

A. In case of an emergency, epidemic, or other occasion or circumstance making it advisable or expedient, the Grand Commander, with the written consent of the Deputy Grand Commander, the Grand Generalissimo, the Grand Captain General, or any two such officers, may change the place and/or time of holding the next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery. (Amended ??/??/??)

B. In the event of extraordinary circumstances, the Grand Commandery of Missouri may conduct a Stated Annual Conclave or a Special Grand Conclave by electronic means. A virtual meeting shall be held by means of teleconference or

webcast, provided that the necessary facilities are widely available to the members of the Grand Commandery and the Annual or Grand Conclave shall be conducted in full compliance with the requirements of Sections 37 through 39 of the Grand Encampment Constitution, Statutes, and Decisions as well as the requirements of Section 12 A, Section 14, and Section 15 of the Grand Commandery Law and Regulations. No Ritual shall be performed, and no Orders shall be conferred during any such virtual Conclave. To hold a virtual Conclave, it shall be necessary for the Grand Commander to obtain a dispensation from the Grand Master authorizing such a Conclave. (Adopted ??/??/??)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The events of the past couple of years have shown that extraordinary circumstances may make holding a Stated Annual Conclave or a Special Grand Conclave inadvisable or impossible. The Templar Jurisprudence Committee find that the addition of the provision for Virtual Conclaves in the Grand Encampment Constitution, Statues, and Decision is prudent and needs to be implemented in the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Missouri.

Fraternally Submitted:

Templar Jurisprudence Committee: SK Todd A. Schulze, PC, Ivanhoe 8
SK Kevin B. Sample, PC, Poplar Bluff 67 SK Russell S. Hanson, PC, St. Graal 12
SK William G. Snyder, PC, Palestine 17 SK John C. Caraker, PC, Ascalon 16

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Item No. 2

Proposal to amend the **Laws And Regulations** of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI - Chartered Commanderies, Section 83. Conclaves.

The conclaves of commanderies shall be:

C. In the event of extraordinary circumstances, a Commandery may conduct a Stated or Special Conclave virtually. Such virtual Conclaves may be for the transaction of business only. A virtual meeting shall be held by means of teleconference or webcast, provided that the necessary facilities are widely available to the members of the Commandery and the Conclave shall be conducted in full compliance with the requirements of Section 83 and Section 84. No Ritual shall be performed, and no Orders shall be conferred during any such virtual Conclave. To hold a virtual Conclave, it shall be necessary for the Commander to obtain a dispensation from the Grand Commander authorizing such a Conclave. (Adopted ??/??/??)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The events of the past couple of years have shown that extraordinary circumstances may make holding a Stated Conclave or a Special Conclave inadvisable or impossible. The Templar Jurisprudence Committee find that the addition of the provision for Virtual Conclaves in the Grand Encampment Constitution, Statues, and Decision is prudent and needs to be implemented in the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Missouri.

Fraternally Submitted:

Templar Jurisprudence Committee:	SK Todd A. Schulze, PC, Ivanhoe 8
SK Kevin B. Sample, PC, Poplar Bluff 67	SK Russell S. Hanson, PC, St. Graal 12
SK William G. Snyder, PC, Palestine 17	SK John C. Caraker, PC, Ascalon 16

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Item No. 3

Proposal to amend the **Laws And Regulations** of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI - Chartered Commanderies, Section 78. Elective and Appointive.

A. The Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Treasurer, and Recorder shall be elected by paper ballot. The remaining officers shall be elected, or appointed by the Commander, as may be provided by the by-laws. (Amended 5/12/79, ??/??/??)

B. A Knight Templar may be admitted to membership in any Commandery regardless of his residence and may be an elected officer in more than one Commandery at the same time, provided he may not be Commander of more than one Commandery at the same time. (Adopted ??/??/??)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The membership in some places has declined to the point that it may be advisable to allow a Sir Knight to serve as an officer in more than one Commandery. In order to do so in Missouri, a Sir Knight must hold active multiple membership in two or more Commanderies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of the State of Missouri per Article VI - Chartered Commanderies, Section 97 - Dual Membership. The Templar Jurisprudence Committee find that the addition of the provision for Officers in multiple Commanderies in the Grand Encampment Constitution, Statues, and Decision is prudent and needs to be implemented in the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Missouri.

Fraternally Submitted:

Templar Jurisprudence Committee:	SK Todd A. Schulze, PC, Ivanhoe 8
SK Kevin B. Sample, PC, Poplar Bluff 67	SK Russell S. Hanson, PC, St. Graal 12
SK William G. Snyder, PC, Palestine 17	SK John C. Caraker, PC, Ascalon 16

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Item No. 4

Proposal to amend the **Laws And Regulations** of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI - Chartered Commanderies, Section 97. Dual Membership.

A. A Knight Templar may hold active multiple membership in two or more commanderies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of the State of Missouri, or active Dual memberships may be held in commanderies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Missouri and another active membership held in commanderies in another Grand Commandery jurisdiction if the laws of that Grand Commandery provide for Dual membership.

~~A member cannot be a dais officer in more than one commandery at the same time. (Amended 5/18/85, 5/17/97, ??/??/??)~~

G. A Knight Templar with active multiple membership in two or more Commanderies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of the State of Missouri may be an elected officer in more than one Commandery at the same time, provided he may not be Commander of more than one Commandery at the same time. (Adopted ??/??/??)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The membership in some places has declined to the point that it may be advisable to allow a Sir Knight to serve as an officer in more than one Commandery. In order to do so in Missouri, a Sir Knight must hold active multiple membership in two or more Commanderies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of the State of Missouri per Article VI - Chartered Commanderies, Section 97 - Dual Membership. The Templar Jurisprudence Committee find that the addition of the provision for Officers in multiple Commanderies in the Grand Encampment Constitution, Statues, and Decision is prudent and needs to be implemented in the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Missouri.

Fraternally Submitted:

Templar Jurisprudence Committee:	SK Todd A. Schulze, PC, Ivanhoe 8
SK Kevin B. Sample, PC, Poplar Bluff 67	SK Russell S. Hanson, PC, St. Graal 12
SK William G. Snyder, PC, Palestine 17	SK John C. Caraker, PC, Ascalon 16

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Item No. 5

Proposal to amend the **Laws And Regulations** of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri to read as follows:

ARTICLE XVI - Uniform, Section 208. What is Prescribed.

The uniform of Knights Templar, Knights of Malta, and Companions of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross is that which is prescribed by the Grand Commandery and published in the tactics, proceedings and rituals. It is permissible for the members of the Grand Commandery of Missouri and Constituent Missouri Commanderies to wear an apron with Templar Uniforms as described in the tactics, proceedings, and ritual. (Amended ??/??/??)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

Many Sir Knights have expressed enthusiasm for resuming use of a Templar Apron. The Templar Jurisprudence Committee find that the addition of the provisions for the Templar Apron in the Grand Encampment Constitution, Statues, and Decision are prudent and need to be implemented in the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Missouri.

Addendum:

The following language will be added to the Grand Commandery of Missouri Tactics Manual as a new entry titled "Grand Commandery Apron Regulations Sec XIII" on the Grand York Rite web site (moyorkrite.org) DOCUMENTS page under GRAND COMMANDERY DOCUMENTS.

Grand Commandery Apron Regulations Sec XIII

It is permissible for the members of the Grand Commandery of Missouri and Constituent Missouri Commanderies to wear an apron with Templar Uniforms as described in the tactics, proceedings, and ritual.

Traditional Apron. A Traditional Templar Apron shall conform substantially in design to the images below. It shall be trimmed in gold for Sir Knights of the rank of Commander or Past Commander and above, and in silver for Sir Knights below the rank of Commander. A Traditional Templar Apron may only be worn in an asylum or other private setting where only Knights Templar are present.



Contemporary Apron. A Contemporary Templar Apron shall conform substantially in design to the image below. It shall be trimmed in gold for Sir Knights of the rank of Commander or Past Commander and above, and in silver for Sir Knights below the rank of Commander. A Contemporary Templar Apron may be worn in both private and public settings. It is permissible to manufacturer an apron so that it is reversible with the Traditional Apron on one side and the Contemporary Apron on the other.



Grand Commandery Officers may wear such aprons and others, as deemed appropriate, from time to time, by the Grand Commander and in accordance with his directions.

If a Sir Knight appears in uniform in a tyled, Masonic Lodge, he shall wear such apron as in accord with local Masonic custom or approved by the presiding officer.

Fraternally Submitted:

Templar Jurisprudence Committee:	SK Todd A. Schulze, PC, Ivanhoe 8
SK Kevin B. Sample, PC, Poplar Bluff 67	SK Russell S. Hanson, PC, St. Graal 12
SK William G. Snyder, PC, Palestine 17	SK John C. Caraker, PC, Ascalon 16

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Item No. 6

Proposal to amend the **Laws And Regulations** of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri to read as follows:

ARTICLE XXIV - Other Types of Commanderies, Section 238. Holding Commanderies.

The Grand Commandery of Missouri may create and charter one or more Missouri Holding Commanderies for the purpose of retaining Sir Knights who were members of a Constituent Missouri Commandery which demised. Membership in such a Holding Commandery shall only be obtained by affiliation. A Holding Commandery may not create Sir Knights. The Grand Commander shall appoint the officers of a Holding Commandery, except that the offices of Recorder and Treasurer shall be held by the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer respectively, and the elected Grand Commandery officers shall be ex officio members of the Holding Commandery without payment of dues or assessments. All other members of the Holding Commandery shall be subject to the payment of all dues and assessments levied by the Grand Encampment, the Grand Commandery, and the Holding Commandery; and shall be subject to discipline as otherwise provided by law. A Holding Commandery shall not be required to have a suitable Asylum per **Section 92 - Place of Meeting** or to meet quarterly per **Section 83 - Conclaves - Paragraph A**. The Commander of a Holding Commandery does not obtain the rank of Past Commander by virtue of such service. (Adopted ??/??/??)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

It would be beneficial to allow the chartering of Holding Commanderies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Missouri in order to retain the membership of Sir Knights whose Commandery has either surrendered its Charter and legally closed; or had its Charter arrested and legally closed. The Templar Jurisprudence Committee find that the addition of the provision for Holding Commanderies in the Grand Encampment Constitution, Statues, and Decision is prudent and needs to be implemented in the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Missouri.

Fraternally Submitted:

Templar Jurisprudence Committee:	SK Todd A. Schulze, PC, Ivanhoe 8
SK Kevin B. Sample, PC, Poplar Bluff 67	SK Russell S. Hanson, PC, St. Graal 12
SK William G. Snyder, PC, Palestine 17	SK John C. Caraker, PC, Ascalon 16

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Item No. 7a

Proposal to amend the **Laws And Regulations** of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri to read as follows:

ARTICLE II - The Grand Officers, Section 30. Grand Treasurer.

A. The Grand Treasurer shall receive from the Grand Recorder all funds and securities of the Grand Commandery and deposit same in the name of the Grand Commandery in some bank or trust company, to be approved by the Grand Commander and Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Accounts. He shall attend the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, and when required, meet the Grand Officers and Committees with his books and all necessary documents relating to his office, make a full report at the Annual Conclave; pay all warrants and at the commencement of his term of office, each year, execute and file with the Grand Commander, his official bond with some reliable company, as surety thereon, in the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00); to be renewed as to the amount of the surety, when required by the Grand Commander or Grand Commandery; the cost of said bond to be paid by the Grand Commandery. Such bond to be conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office, account for all money or property of the Grand Commandery that may come into his hands; produce on demand of the Grand Commandery or Grand Commander or his successor in office the same, together with all books, papers, vouchers, securities, jewels, etc., belonging to Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri the Grand Commandery. He shall take duplicate receipts for same, one of which shall be delivered to the Grand Recorder. (Amended 6/7/19, ??/??/??)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

All money and securities collected by the Grand Recorder are handed to the Grand Treasurer simply to deposit in a transitional holding account (checking/savings/money market). The Grand Treasurer should then disburse amounts from these accounts based on the warrants from the Grand Recorder. While this "holding account" may be selected by the Grand Treasurer, it must be approved by the Grand Commander and Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Accounts - the current name of the committee. The proposed legislation cleans up the language of this paragraph with respect to the name of the committee.

Fraternally Submitted:

SK Terry D. Coppotelli, PC, Ascalon 16	SK Russell S. Hanson, PC, St. Graal 12
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Item No. 7b

Proposal to amend the **Laws And Regulations** of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri to read as follows:

ARTICLE II - The Grand Officers, Section 30. Grand Treasurer.

C. He shall invest surplus funds as directed by the by the Chairman of the Investment Committee. (Adopted ??/??/??)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The Grand Treasurer should only be responsible for investing surplus funds as directed by the Investment Committee Chairman. The Investment Committee bears all responsibility for the success or failure of their investment strategy.

Fraternally Submitted:

SK Harold F. Coots, PC, Prince of Peace 29

SK Russell S. Hanson, PC, St. Graal 12

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Item No. 8

Proposal to amend the **Laws And Regulations** of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri to read as follows:

ARTICLE III - Committees, Section 34. Committees.

A. The following standing committees, except the Templar Jurisprudence Committee, and the Finance and Accounts Committee, and the Investment Committee; shall consist of three or more members each. The Templar Jurisprudence Committee, and the Finance and Accounts Committee, and the Investments Committee; each shall consist of five or more members. One member of the Finance and Accounts Committee shall be the Deputy Grand Commander who will serve during the term of his office. (Amended 6/10/16, ??/??/??)

1. Credentials.
2. Templar Jurisprudence.
3. Finance and Accounts.
4. Returns of Commanderies.
5. Report on Grand Commander's Address.
6. Hospitaler.
7. Triennial.
8. Time and Place of Annual Conclave.
9. Investment. (Adopted ??/??/??)

The Grand Commander shall, after his installation, appoint and announce the chairman of each of said committees.

D. Investment Committee consisting of three five or more members, ~~one of whom shall be the Grand Treasurer,~~ one of whom shall be the Chairman of the Finance and Accounts Committee, ~~and one two~~ of whom shall be appointed by the Grand Commander, with the stipulation that the members so appointed shall ~~be one~~ possessed of a background in financial matters, and two or more others appointed by the Grand Commander. The duties of this Committee shall be the control and management of the surplus funds of this Grand Commandery in such wise a way as, in its judgment, is prudent and adheres to sound business principles. The Committee shall invest any surplus funds of the Grand Commandery in an amount not less than one-quarter of all investments in obligations of the United States, or in the securities or accounts fully insured or guaranteed by the United States or an agency of the United States, except for those received by gift or bequest which may be retained in kind. The remainder may be invested in mutual funds, common stock or equal securities in nationally known corporations traded on the New York Stock Exchange, and rated "A": or better by Standard and Poore's or Moody's or by some equally well recognized investment rating service. The investment servicing company selected by the Committee shall invest the funds in a "fiduciary manner." The Committee is authorized, for and on behalf of this Grand Commandery, and in the name of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, to invest any surplus funds of the Grand Commandery as they may deem advisable, and from time to time sell, exchange, transfer, or reinvest such funds as described in this section. The Committee shall submit a preliminary report to the Grand Commandery to be included in the preliminary proceedings by the deadline set by the Grand Recorder. (Amended ??/??/??)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The Investment Committee needs to have five or more members similar to the Finance and Accounts Committee. The duties of the Investment Committee are specified in this Section, but it is not specifically listed in Paragraph A as a Standing Committee. However, due to the critical duties of the Investment Committee it needs to be specifically listed as a Standing Committee in Paragraph A.

All members of the Investment Committee should have a background or acumen in financial matters. We already have a provision for one qualified appointment to this committee. We need two such members. The chairman of the Finance and Accounts Committee should have some knowledge in this area as well. In regard to the Grand Treasurer, there is no merit for having a standing appointment

based on position held within the Grand Commandery. This does not mean the Grand Treasurer, or for that matter any member, can't be a member of this Committee. It just means that there is no merit for making this blanket, standing appointment based on the office held.

Finally, the critical duties of the Investment Committee need to be more clearly delineated.

Fraternally Submitted:

SK Terry D. Coppotelli, PC, Ascalon 16
SK Harold F. Coots, PC, Prince of Peace 29
And

Templar Jurisprudence Committee: SK Todd A. Schulze, PC, Ivanhoe 8
SK Kevin B. Sample, PC, Poplar Bluff 67 SK Russell S. Hanson, PC, St. Graal 12
SK William G. Snyder, PC, Palestine 17 SK John C. Caraker, PC, Ascalon 16

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Item No. 9

Proposal to amend the **Laws And Regulations** of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri to read as follows:

ARTICLE III - Committees, Section 36. Duties of Standing Committees.

D. The Committee on Finance and Accounts shall be authorized to examine the books, accounts and financial statements of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, and report upon the same. It shall also report upon all matters touching the finances of the Grand Commandery; and no appropriation shall be made without having been considered and reported upon by this committee. The committee shall be authorized to determine and identify the surplus funds of the Grand Commandery. In addition, the committee shall be authorized to control the surplus funds that are made available to the Investment Committee for placement in appropriate investments and securities. (Amended 5/14/76, ??/??/??)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The wording of the subsection does not give the Committee power to control surplus funds. The Chairman of this committee is on the Investment Committee, so by virtue of this the Committee on Finance and Accounts already has a vote in what the Investment Committee does with the funds under its control.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts must be provided the power determine and identify the surplus funds of the Grand Commandery and maintain control of

the surplus funds that are passed to the Investment Committee for placement in appropriate investments and securities.

Fraternally Submitted:

SK Terry D. Coppotelli, PC, Ascalon 16 SK Russell S. Hanson, PC, St. Graal 12

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Item No. 10

Proposal to amend the **Laws And Regulations** of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri to read as follows:

ARTICLE XXII - Endowment Fund, Section 229. Grand Commandery Endowed Membership. ...

D. Investment of Funds. ~~The Grand Recorder, the Grand Treasurer and Chairman of the Investment Committee of the Grand Commandery will be responsible for investing the Funds in the Endowed Membership Fund the control and management of the Endowed Membership Fund monies of this Grand Commandery in such ways as, in its judgment, is prudent and adheres to sound business principles. These funds shall be invested as per the direction of the Investment Committee.~~ (Amended 5/16/08, ??/??/??)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

In regard to the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, there is no merit for having a standing appointment based on position held within the Grand Commandery. The Investment Committee should be given full control of the investment of Endowment Fund monies.

Fraternally Submitted:

SK Terry D. Coppotelli, PC, Ascalon 16
SK Harold F. Coots, PC, Prince of Peace 29
And

Templar Jurisprudence Committee: SK Todd A. Schulze, PC, Ivanhoe 8
SK Kevin B. Sample, PC, Poplar Bluff 67 SK Russell S. Hanson, PC, St. Graal 12
SK William G. Snyder, PC, Palestine 17 SK John C. Caraker, PC, Ascalon 16

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Item No. 11

Proposal to amend the **Laws And Regulations** of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri to read as follows:

ARTICLE XXII - Endowment Fund, Section 230. Charity Endowment Fund.

A permanent endowment fund is hereby established to enable the Grand Commander to provide charitable donations on behalf of the Grand Commandery of Missouri, the interest of which will only be made available for distribution. Donations to and disbursements from this fund shall be as stipulated in ARTICLE VII, Officers, Section 137, Duties of Officers, Subsection G and ARTICLE III, Committees, Section 35, Accountability for Funds, Paragraph B, except that non-directed funds may be distributed as the Dais Officers and Charity Committee Chairman deem appropriate. The Grand Treasurer shall maintain an accurate account of all donations to and distributions from the fund and shall include a detailed accounting of same with the Grand Treasurer's annual report and upon request of the Grand Commander. The Investment Committee of the Grand Commandery will be responsible for the control and management of the Endowed Membership Fund monies of this Grand Commandery in such ways as, in its judgment, is prudent and adheres to sound business principles. (Adopted 5/17/03, Amended 5/15/09, ??/??/??)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The Investment Committee should be given control of the investment of all Endowment Fund monies.

Fraternally Submitted:

SK Terry D. Coppotelli, PC, Ascalon 16 SK Russell S. Hanson, PC, St. Graal 12

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Item No. 12

Proposal to amend the **Laws And Regulations** of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri to read as follows:

ARTICLE XI - Dues, Section 176. Non-Payment of Dues.

Commandery dues are payable in advance on the first day of January in each year and become delinquent on the first day of July following. Whenever a member shall fails to pay his dues at the time when the same become delinquent on or before February 1 of each year: (Amended ??/??/??)

A. The Commander shall appoint a Commandery Membership Retention Committee, consisting of no less than three (3) members who shall make direct contact with the member in question by phone or in person within thirty (30) days to discuss any potential financial hardships or other issues which may be the member's concern regarding their membership. (Adopted ??/??/??)

B. The Membership Retention Committee shall file a written report within thirty (30) days with the Commander and Recorder indicating the contact date(s) and summary of the communication and recommendation, e.g. suspension, remission, or other arrangements to help the member retain and maintain their membership. (Adopted ??/??/??)

C. A Commandery may not act on any vote to suspend a member until the Membership Retention Committee report has been filed. (Adopted ??/??/??)

D. If, after the report of the Membership Retention Committee has been filed, and the recommendation is for suspension, the Recorder shall notify him of such delinquency by delivering to him, or causing to be delivered by a Knight, a bill for such indebtedness, or by mailing the same in a sealed envelope addressed to him at his present or last known place of residence. Should the delinquent refuse or fail to pay his dues within twenty days after the issuance of such notice, it shall be the duty of the Recorder to notify the Commander of such failure, who shall, at the next stated conclave of the commandery, order a notice to be given the delinquent by the Recorder, requiring him to appear at a specified subsequent stated conclave, to show cause why he should not be suspended for non-payments of dues. (Amended ??/??/??)

E. Such notice shall be served by the Recorder by delivering, or causing to be delivered by a Knight, to the delinquent a copy of the same, or by mailing it to him in a sealed envelope addressed to him at his present or last known place of residence at least ten days prior to the time he is to appear. (Amended ??/??/??)

F. Should the delinquent fail to appear, his dues still remain unpaid, or the same be not remitted for good cause, or the time of payment extended, by a majority vote of the members present, the Commander, upon proof of notice and the fact of arrearage, shall put the question: "Shall Sir Knight _____ be suspended for non-payment of his dues?" which shall be determined by a paper ballot or vote of the commandery; and if a majority of those present vote "yes", the Commander shall declare the Knight suspended until his dues are paid. The delinquents may be balloted on or voted on by the commandery individually or collectively. (Amended ??/??/??)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

To establish a more personal communication with our membership in the form of a Masonic helping hand to help retain our members who may be in hardship or have other membership concerns but uncomfortable in voicing those concerns.
Fraternally Submitted:

SK Kevin B. Sample, PC, Poplar Bluff 67 SK Mark A. Bean, PC, St. Graal 12
SK Paul L. Daniels, PC, O'Sullivan 15

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Item No. 13

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 41. Financing

C. Grand Commandery General Fund Endowment. That an endowment fund be established in the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri to make available at any future time a partial source of funds which may be used for general fund purposes. This fund shall be invested as per the direction of the Investment Committee. The right is reserved to amend, modify or repeal any or all parts of this section for any reason. (Adopted 5/19/06, Amended ??/??/??)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

This endowment fund needs to be under the control of the Investments Committee.

Fraternally Submitted:

SK Harold F. Coots, PC, Prince of Peace 29
SK Russell S. Hanson, PC, St. Graal 12

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

Fraternally submitted,

SK Todd A. Schulze, Chairman SK William G. Snyder
SK Kevin B. Sample SK John C. Carmaker
SK Russell S. Hanson, 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 several financial review WebEx meetings held by the Grand Commandery Officers during the fiscal year. The Grand Recorder's office provided instruction on how the General Fund

financial records on the Grand York Rite DropBox cloud storage system were kept. The committee is satisfied that the Grand Recorder's office is doing an exceptional job handling the monies and maintaining the financial records of the Grand Commandery.

Unfortunately, the Grand Treasurer experienced continued medical and technical challenges during the fiscal year. Due to both medical and technical issues, the Grand Treasurer needed assistance with his duties. In September 2022, the Grand Commander appointed Sir Knight Russell S. Hanson as the Assistant Grand Treasurer. Since that appointment SK Hanson has communicated weekly with SK Trabue working on several financial issues.

With the assistance of Lady Debbie Hanson, undeposited checks from May 2022 through July 2022 were recovered and replacement check request letters sent out. As of the date of this report, of the total of 93 undeposited checks, 84% of the May 2022 General Fund checks have been replaced and deposited, 79% of the June 2022 Charity Fund checks have been replaced and deposited, and 86% of the July 2022 Supply Fund checks have been replaced and deposited.

However, there are still 9 undeposited July 2022 Supply Fund checks that have not been sent back to the Assistant Grand Treasurer for processing.

The committee reviewed the investment strategy of the Grand Treasurer. While some improvements have been implemented, the committee recommends that the Grand Commandery strive to improve its investment strategy. To that end certain proposed legislative items, if passed, will help with the process of improving the Grand Commandery's investment portfolio.

With the assistance of the Grand Recorder's office 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. The committee is pleased to report that the proposed budget continues to show a surplus due to the 2020 dues increase. However, as we all are very well aware, the price of goods and services has increased.

The committee continued to review the projections of future membership numbers as well as projections of future income levels and future expenses. Those projections show our per capita paying membership continuing to decline resulting in a decline in income. With the current economic situation that we are all experiencing today, it is projected that some of our expenses will continue to increase in the future. If the projections of decreased income and increased cost

are realized, then we will need to make some serious decisions about both per capita increases and cost reductions in the very near future.

The budget is subject to change if the proper requesting procedures are followed and with the approval of the Finance and Accounts committee.

I move the adoption of this section of the report.

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The following is the proposed budget for the 2023 - 2024 year.

INCOME

Per Capita, Membership	\$ 37,749.60
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	1,000.00
Investments	2,500.00
Grand Session, Meal Income	5,000.00
Grand Session, Program Book Income	120.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
Total Income	\$ 46,619.60

EXPENSES

Grand Commander Stipend	\$ 3,000.00
Grand Treasurer Stipend	1,000.00
Grand Recorder Stipend	2,800.00
Clerical Assistant Salary	6,000.00
Employment Taxes	800.00
Bonding Insurance	100.00
Audit Committee	100.00
Drill Committee	1,300.00
Office Expenses	4,375.00
Printing Services	700.00
Office Rent	1,800.00
Storage Rent	360.00
Grand Encampment Per Capita	13,000.00
Annual Conclave	4,000.00
Grand Officer Expenses	1,000.00
Supply Fund Contribution	-0-
Past Grand Commander Regalia	-0-
Triennial Fund	220.00
Youth Organizations	1,500.00

Emerging Leaders Fund	88.00
Web Master	250.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
Total Expenses	\$ 42,643.00
Balance	\$ 3,976.60
Projected Transfer to Investment Funds	\$ 3,800.00
Final Balance	\$ 176.60

I move the adoption and approval of the proposed budget for the 2023 - 2024 year.

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

Fraternally submitted,

SK Kevin B. Sample, Chairman

SK Ron L. Skiles

SK Roger D. Fleer, PGC

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC

SK Bobbie E. White

SK Terry D. Coppotelli

SK Donald L. Trabue, PGC

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REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Preliminary Report

The Report of the Grand Treasurer was not complete at the time of the printing of the Preliminary Proceedings. The Report will be available in a Preliminary Proceedings Supplement that will be available for the 2023 Annual Conclave.

SK Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Grand Treasurer

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REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT GRAND TREASURER

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri, the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri, and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

Companions and Sir Knights,

During September 2022, due to ongoing medical and technological challenges being experienced by the Grand Treasurer, I was appointed Assistant Grand

Treasurer to help with the Grand Treasurer's duties. I began immediately to work with the Grand Treasurer on a variety of issues and projects.

During the period of September 2022 through May 2023, I spoke with the Grand Treasurer by phone at least weekly concerning bills and deposits. Due to technological issues with the Grand Treasurer's computer equipment, I volunteered to scan and mail all checks for bills. The Grand Treasurer accepted my offer. Over the course of several months, we caught up on checks for bills and are again writing checks in the same month that the bills are posted.

One issue that was uncovered was that incoming checks were not being deposited promptly. Grand York Rite Office check packs to the Grand Treasurer from May 2022, June 2022, July 2022, November 2022, and January 2023 were recovered and returned to the Grand York Rite Office. With the significant assistance of the Grand York Rite Executive Assistant, the expired checks from May 2022, June 2022, and July 2022 were returned to the members who originally wrote them with a request for a replacement check. To date, 84% of the May 2022 checks have been replaced and deposited; 79% of the June 2022 checks have been replaced and deposited; and 86% of the July 2022 checks have been replaced and deposited. The Grand York Rite Office will continue to work on getting replacement checks for all expired checks in the new fiscal year. We are currently caught up with check deposits, though there are a large number of recently received checks at the Grand York Rite Office that will be deposited after Grand Session.

One of the first projects that the Grand Treasurer asked me to work on was the Charity Donation submission situation. I started with the donation submission to the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA) program. During September 2022 and October 2022, I exchanged emails with J. William Riggs, concerning how to write the checks for collected RARA donation submissions and where to send the checks for collected RARA donation submissions. The last item that I was working on before I had to move on to other projects was the proper documentation of the collected RARA donation submissions. Consequently, this project was unfinished as of Grand Session, but will be completed in the next fiscal year.

The Grand Treasurer asked me to follow up on several IRS-related issues. I discovered that the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Grand Commandery, Grand Commandery Educational Foundation, and Grand York Rite IRS 990 filings were not up to date. The Grand Commandery Educational Foundation and Grand York Rite both file IRS 990N (e-postcard). During February 2023 and April 2023, I

successfully caught up the filings for both the Grand Commandery Educational Foundation and Grand York Rite. The IRS 990N (e-postcard) filings for both entities are now up to date.

The Grand Chapter has in the past filed a full IRS 990, the Grand Council has in the past filed an IRS 990EZ, and the Grand Commandery has in the past filed a full IRS 990. The last fiscal year successfully filed for all three Grand Bodies was June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019 (technically the 2018 reporting year, but the filing used the 2019 form). During December 2022, I began preparing Grand Chapter IRS 990 forms for the reporting years of 2019, 2020, and 2021. However, due to information issues, I was not able to complete those forms. I also was not able to get to the Grand Council IRS 990EZ forms. In addition, I was not able to get to the Grand Commandery IRS 990 forms or determine if the Grand Encampment was filing the IRS 990 forms on behalf of the Grand Commandery.

During December 2022, our Missouri Chapters and Councils began receiving the first batch of CP120B Notices from the IRS informing them that, "You're no longer recognized as a tax-exempt subordinate in a group exemption letter." The notices referenced three different IRS Tax Periods: January 31, 1965, December 31, 1971, and December 31, 1972. It was determined that the notices did not prevent the local Chapters and Councils from successfully filing their IRS 990N (e-postcard). A very limited second round of CP120B Notices were received during March 2023.

During March 2023, it was decided that the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and, possibly, the Grand Commandery would seek the assistance of a professional tax accountant (or attorney) in order to get the three Grand Bodies IRS 990 filings caught up. During April 2023, the Grand Treasurer received a Notice from the IRS that the Grand Chapter must file an IRS 990 for 2022 before the end of 2023 in order to keep its tax-exempt status. Work on getting the IRS 990 status for all three Grand Bodies will continue in the months after Grand Session.

During February 2023, the IRS informed us that they had changed our mailing address to the address of the Grand York Rite Office in Fayette, Missouri. However, the mailing address change did not impact all correspondence from the IRS to the Grand York Rite and its associated Grand Bodies.

The Grand Treasurer asked me to follow up on several employee-related issues. During December 2022, I made several attempts to contact the IRS concerning submission of employee tax withholdings. Though I was eventually able to speak

with an IRS staff member about the issue, I was told that they would only address the issue with the actual Grand Treasurer of the Grand York Rite of Missouri. I reported this information to the Grand Treasurer during January 2023. During March 2023, I finally received the information needed to file the 2022 W-2/W-3 forms for our employees. Both employees reported they had no problem using the 2022 W-2 forms to file their respective 2022 Federal and State income tax forms. During April 2023, the Grand York Rite received a CP237A Notice from the IRS concerning an undeposited September 2021 refund check for \$1,422.21 that had now expired and was no longer negotiable; and procedures for requisition a replacement. Shortly thereafter, the Grand York Rite received a replacement refund check in the amount of \$1,422.21. While no request for a replacement check was made, the check will be deposited after Grand Session.

Between October 2022 and January 2023, I made several attempts to contact the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Division of Employment Security (DES) concerning the Grand York Rite's failure to file quarterly DES reports. During November 2022, I received a copy of a July 2022 monthly DES statement from the Grand Treasurer indicating that we had not filed quarterly reports for the 4th Q 2022 and the 1st Q 2023. During December 2022, with the assistance of the Grand Treasurer, I obtained access to the DES web portal for our account. However, I did not find a way to file quarterly reports using the portal. I contacted the DES customer service department about filing quarterly reports and was informed that I would need to speak with the DES liability department. I was connected to the DES liability department and was informed that the Grand York Rite account was not properly setup. Further, I was informed that they would only speak with the actual Grand Treasurer. I reported this information to the Grand Treasurer during December 2022.

During January 2023, I received a copy of a November 2022 monthly DES statement from the Grand Treasurer stating that we had been fined \$400.00 for failure to file quarterly reports for the 4th Q 2022 and the 1st Q 2023. As I understood the DES system, because we are a nonprofit entity, we do not have to pay unemployment taxes on our employees, but we are required to file quarterly reports. If we fail to file a quarterly report, then we will be fined \$200.00 per report. During January 2023, I also received a copy of an October 2022 DES certificate of assessment from the Grand Treasurer stating that the assessed delinquency of \$400.00 was final and that paperwork had been filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court. During January 2023, I also received a copy

of a December 2022 DES letter indicating that because we no longer pay wages in Missouri, we no longer have to file quarterly contribution and wage reports with the DES. This issue was not resolved prior to Grand Session.

The Grand Treasurer asked me to follow up on several bank/nonprofit corporation issues. We had spoken about one of the banks used by the Grand York Rite requiring proof of State registration. During December 2022, I spoke with the bank staff member who had made the request of the Grand Treasurer. Based on the conversation, I understood that the evidence of State registration needed was a charter for a nonprofit corporation from the Secretary of State, Business Services Office (BSO). During December 2022, I successfully filed for and obtained a nonprofit corporation charter for the Grand Chapter (Grand Chapter RAM of Missouri, N001691180), Grand Council (Grand Council RSM of Missouri, N001691184), Grand Commandery (Grand Commandery KT of Missouri, N001691185), and Grand York Rite (Grand York Rite of Missouri, N001691187). During November 2022, I received a copy of an October 2022 letter from the Secretary of State informing us that the nonprofit corporation, Knights Templar Foundation of Missouri (Grand Commandery Educational Foundation), charter N00521196 had been revoked due to failure to file an annual report. I researched the process for requesting reinstatement of a nonprofit corporation charter; collected and created the necessary documentation for the request; verified with the Secretary of State, Business Services Office (BSO) that the request fee was \$40.00; obtained a check in the amount of \$40.00 from the Grand Treasurer; and submitted the request. During December 2022, I received a notice from the BSO that the request fee that I had submitted was incorrect and that the request was therefore denied. The letter stated that the request fee was \$25.00 and they were returning my \$40.00 check. I obtained a check for \$25.00 from the Grand Treasurer (eventually returning the unused \$40.00 check to him). During January 2023, I resubmitted the request for reinstatement and received a notice that the charter had been reinstated.

My tenure as the Assistant Grand Treasurer has been very enlightening though also frustrating at times. The Grand Treasurer and I have worked together since 2011. This year I have enjoyed working more closely with the Grand Treasurer and I have learned a lot about what it takes to do the job.

Fraternally submitted,

REC Russell S. Hanson, Assistant Grand Treasurer, Grand Chapter

RIC Russell S. Hanson, Assistant Grand Treasurer, Grand Council

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Assistant Grand Treasurer, Grand Commandery

REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER'S OFFICE

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

Sir Knights,

The Grand Recorder's Office of the Grand Commandery has completed its second year with Sir Knight Roger D. Fleer as the Grand Recorder and Sir Knight Russell S. Hanson, Grand Recorder Emeritus, as his assistant. We have divided up the work along the lines of what we each do best. Roger does most of the traveling and handles day-to-day requests for dispensations, by-laws approvals, and questions. Russell does most of the writing and report creation. We call each other often and are in constant email contact. We believe that we are working well together to get the job done.

Debbie continues to be a tremendous asset. She answers the Grand York Rite Office phone and watches the Grand York Rite Office email. She is also our Editorial compass. Debbie reviews all of our correspondence to make sure that the words we use are the right ones and correctly spelled; and that our sentences are complete and make sense.

The division of labor between the Grand Secretary's Office of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Recorder's Office of the Grand Council, and the Grand Recorder's Office of the Grand Commandery will continue to move the operation of the Grand York Rite Office forward. Together Companion and Sir Knight Donald MacCormick, Companion and Sir Knight Kevin B. Sample, Companion and Sir Knight Roger D. Fleer, and Sir Knight Russell S. Hanson will continue to resolve legacy issues as well as to cope with the constant flow of information into the Grand York Rite Office.

This past year we have continued to realize the full impact of our efforts to modernize the operation of the Grand York Rite 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 Companion and 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 seventh year using the current annual reporting system. The 2022 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 2022 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 good. Twenty-four of our twenty-six Missouri Commandery filed a 2022 Annual Return and paid their 2022 Per Capita Bill. Several Commanderies filed late. Two Commanderies failed to file a 2022 Annual Return and pay their 2022 Per Capita Bill.

The Grand Commandery of Missouri saw no overall growth in membership during the calendar year 2022. Excalibar Commandery No. 5 and Bethany Commandery No. 42 each receive an honorable mention for having no net loss reported. The following Commanderies reported positive growth during 2022. In conformity with Standing Resolution No. 10 of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Missouri, we acknowledge their accomplishment with the Grand Commandery Growth Award.

<u>Commandery & No.</u>	<u>Starting</u>	<u>Finishing</u>	<u>Percent Increase</u>
Rolla 59	73	75.....	3%
Ivanhoe 8.....	51	53.....	4%
Malta 72.....	48	50.....	4%
O'Sullivan 15	21	22.....	5%
Liberty 6	67	71.....	6%
Kansas City 10	41	44.....	7%
Lebanon 33	61	66.....	8%

The Grand Commandery of Missouri did not lose any Commanderies during calendar year 2022. The Grand Commandery of Missouri continues to consist of twenty-six Constituent Commanderies.

Four years ago, 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 2022 through April 2023, the following Commanderies were in violation of Section 236.

<u>Commandery & No.</u>	<u>Number of Months Missed</u>
DeMolay 3.....	1
Hugh De Payens 4	1
Excalibar 5	2

<u>Commandery & No.</u>	<u>Number of Months Missed</u>
Liberty 8	1
O'Sullivan 15	2
Palestine 17.....	1
Prince of Peace 29	1
Jasper 31	1
Lebanon 33	1
Bethany 42.....	2
St. Elmo 43	2
Cape Girardeau 55	2
DeSoto 56	1
Neosho 57.....	3
Rolla 59	1
Poplar Bluff 67.....	7
Malta 72.....	2

Ten Commanderies were in full compliance with Section 236 during the period from June 2022 through April 2023: Ivanhoe 8, Kansas City 10, St. Graal 12, Ascalon 16, St. John's 20, Ely 22, Constantine 27, Oriental 35, Ascension 39, and Rolla 59.

Grand Recorder's Personal Notes

I would like to begin this addendum with my most sincere thanks to the Grand York Rite Office. Both Russell and Debbie have opened their home to me. They have shared a vast wealth of knowledge and information during this time. In doing so I have been provided with 10 years of first-hand experience and information, some arcane, but all valuable and necessary. We have continued to meet in Fayette as the occasion arose and merited. I thank Russell for his skill, expertise and patience when working with me. I continue to become more proficient through his tutorials on Dropbox, review records and documents, and in general become better educated on the duties and responsibilities for this office.

Russell continues to schedule the Webex meetings for the Grand Commandery and has served as both moderator and host.

In addition to the virtual meetings throughout the year I attended Regional Conclaves in Regions 5, 7, 6, and 1/4. I was not able to attend the Region 2/3 conclave due to a scheduling conflict. I attended the South-Central Department

Conference held in Shreveport, LA last September. We also ran the York Rite booth at the Grand Lodge session last September.

The decision by the presiding officers to move our annual sessions presented a challenge not experienced in many years. This created opportunities to learn what and how event contracts are developed (it isn't pretty, sausage making is cleaner). We are contracted with Atrium Group this year, 2023, and next, 2024, as a holdover from our prior agreements. We met with University Plaza staff in January and completed the use agreement in mid to late March, this was normally in place and not a concern. Due to the lateness of the contract all the other planning for the annual sessions was compressed into a month. Thanks to Ladies Nancy Rohman, Christine Smith, Yvette Palacios, Tina Woolsey, Tara Ornsbey, Debbie Hanson, and Companion Don MacCormack for their attention to detail in planning meals, entertainment, and all the small details that make for a successful session. Thanks to Russell, Don MacCormack, Kevin Sample, and, most importantly, Debbie for this year's annual session as it was assembled in record time. It is my sincere hope your experiences here are significantly improved over our past meetings. Please take the time to acknowledge the work and effort expended on your behalf.

I thank the membership for the confidence reposed in me and I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve this Grand Commandery.

In conclusion, we all thank everyone for their continued support. We are all committed to and are striving for improved operations in the ensuing year.

We move the adoption of the report of the Grand Recorder's Office.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Roger D. Flee, PGC, Grand Recorder

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Grand Recorder Emeritus

Lady 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,

I bring you greetings on behalf of the Hospitaler Committee. It is my pleasure to report the activities of the Missouri Commanderies during the 2022-2023 Templar year.

The Christmas Message was sent to the Missouri Commandery Recorders on November 30, 2022. The Christmas Message was also included in the December 2022 Digital Missouri Message. A copy of the December 2022 Digital Missouri Message was sent to the Missouri Commandery Recorders on December 5, 2022. The following nine Commanderies reported Christmas Observance Activities.

- Hugh De Payens Commandery No. 4 held their installation on December 7th when they also had their grand Yearly toast and read the Grand Master's Christmas message in its entirety. They also had a Toast to our Most Eminent Grand Master and read the Grand Masters Response from David J. Kussman.
- Liberty Commandery No. 6, during their stated conclave on December 5th, read the Grand Master's Toast and Response. They also read the Grand Commander's Message and the Hospitaler Committee Message. Additionally, on December 11th, several members of the Commandery plus two wives attended the Knights Templar Christmas Service at Reverend Riepe's church.
- Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 held a joint observances with Ascalon Commandery No. 16 on December 8th and December 11th.
- Kansas City Commandery No. 10 attended the Knights Templar Christmas Observance and Service at the First Church of Peculiar.
- St. Graal Commandery No. 12 observed Christmas on December 12 with a complete reading of all of the Grand Commandery and Grand Encampment Christmas Messages, Toasts, and Responses.
- Ascalon Commandery No. 16 held a joint observance with Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 on December 7th at their stated conclave. The Grand Master's message was read by SK Dave Whittaker, Commander, the GEKT Prelate's response was read by SK James Fiete, Prelate. The Grand Commander's message and Hospitaler message were read by SK Roger Fleer. These missives were also read during Ascalon's official Christmas Observance on December 11th.
- St. John's Commandery No. 20 held a Christmas Observance during their December 12th stated conclave. They had found the ceremony from the 1892 Triennial held in Denver, CO, and modified it to fit modern times. They included the Toast to the Grand Master and the response of the Grand Master, which was part of the correspondence from SK Michael

Rohman and the office of the Grand Commandery. (Committee has the 1892 Observance file copy if anyone wants to use it in the future.)

- Ely Commandery No. 22 presented the Grand Commander's Christmas Message and the Hospitaler Committee message on December 15th.
- Rolla Commandery No. 59 celebrated Christmas with a Christmas Dinner on December 19th. It included a Christmas sermon and activities for the families.

The Easter Message was sent to the Missouri Commandery Recorders on March 31, 2023. The Easter Message was also included in the April 2023 Digital Missouri Message. A copy of the April 2023 Digital Missouri Message was sent to the Missouri Commandery Recorders on March 31, 2023. The following eight Commanderies reported Easter Observance Activity.

- Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 4 read the Commander's Easter message in its entirety.
- Liberty Commandery No. 6 observed Easter by reading the Grand Commander's message and the Hospitaler Message at their stated conclave on April 3rd. They also had several knights (in uniform) and ladies attend the Easter Service led by SK Richard Riepe. They then shared an Easter brunch at a local restaurant. One SK from Oriental Commandery No. 35 joined them for the service and brunch.
- Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 participated in a joint Easter Observance on April 2nd with Ascalon Commandery No. 16.
- St. Graal Commandery No. 12 had an Easter program presented by the Commander during their stated conclave held on April 10th.
- Ascalon Commandery No. 16 hosted their annual Easter Observance on April 2nd at its asylum. It was a joint service with Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8. The officiant was SK James Fiete, EPC and current Prelate for Ascalon. Music was performed by SK Keith Tomazi, EC-elect of Ivanhoe No. 8. There was light refreshments at the Temple after the observance.
- St. John's Commandery No. 20 celebrated the Easter Observance in conjunction with the Valley of Joplin Scottish Rite Easter observance in Joplin, MO.
- Ely Commandery No. 22 held an Easter Service on April 9th. The service started at 7 am with a sunrise service. SK Franz Kinkhorst presented an Easter message for the Sir Knights and guests present. After the service

they adjourned to the dining room for breakfast. Attendees totaled 10 Sir Knights and approximately 35 guests. A basket was placed in the dining room for donations to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation and \$377 was collected. They also placed a bin in the Temple lobby for canned food donations (the collection ran through the end of the month). The collected food was taken to the Kirksville Salvation Army unit for their food pantry.

- Cape Girardeau Commandery No. 55 attended an Easter Service at the Connection Point Church in Jackson, MO, on April 9th.

Faternally submitted,

SK Kevin B. Sample, Chairman
SK Ronald L. Skiles

SK Bobbie E. White
SK Terry D. Coppotelli

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 2022 Annual Returns from the Missouri Commanderies and have prepared the following observations. As of the writing of this report, the committee reports that twenty-four of the twenty-six Missouri Commanderies submitted a 2022 Annual Return (92%).

Commanderies That Failed To File A 2022 Annual Return

As of the writing of this report, two Missouri Commanderies have failed to file a 2022 Annual Return, Constantine No. 27 and St. Elmo No. 43. If these Commanderies do not submit a complete 2022 Annual Return by May 2, 2023, then each Commandery and its members will forfeit all privileges for representation and voting at the 2023 Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Missouri per **ARTICLE VI - Chartered Commanderies, Section 117. Annual Reports and Per Capita Payment.**

Commanderies That Filed A 2022 Annual Return

Considering the manner of preparation of the 2022 Annual Returns, twelve (50%) were handwritten with varying degrees of legibility and twelve were typed (50%). Twenty-one of the 2022 Annual Returns were received on or before the March 1st deadline (88%) and three were either received after the March 1st deadline or were incomplete (12%). The Commandery that filed late was Poplar Bluff No. 67. The Commanderies that were incomplete due to lack of 990 evidence were Excalibar No. 5 and Malta No. 72.

Twenty-three Missouri Commanderies paid 100% of their respective per capita payments. One Commandery, Ely No. 22, short paid their per capita bill by \$0.40. The total expected per capita was \$44,198.20. However, only \$42,795.40 was collected as of the writing of this report. The shortfall is due primarily to the fact that Constantine No. 27 (\$678.20) and St. Elmo No. 43 (\$724.20) did not pay their per capita bills (plus the \$0.40 short pay of Ely No. 22, of course). The committee is pleased to note that all Missouri Commanderies that filed late properly followed the instructions from the Grand Recorder concerning the late fee (and the Ely No. 22 short pay of \$0.40) which will be added to the respective Commandery 2023 per capita bill.

Issues With The 2022 Annual Returns

The Grand Recorder's letters of November 10, 2022, December 5, 2022, December 16, 2022, and January 19, 2023; clearly stated (several times) that a complete 2022 Annual Return was a check for the 2022 per capita payment, the completed information form, the completed financial report form, the completed annual examination committee report form, and a copy of the latest IRS Form 990 or a copy of the acceptance of the electronic submission of an IRS Form 990N (e-Postcard).

For the most part, there were no issues to report concerning the 2022 Annual Returns. Prince of Peace No. 29 did not perform the required annual examination of the Commandery's financial records. Poplar Bluff No. 67 indicated that they had performed the annual examination but did not provide any evidence that it was in fact performed (no date of acceptance and no list of committee members). The twenty-four reporting Missouri Commanderies submitted a check for their 2022 per capita payment, a completed information form, a completed financial report form, and a completed annual examination committee report form. That is 100% compliance by the reporting Commanderies and they deserve our congratulations.

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

Of the twenty-four Missouri Commanderies that submitted an annual report, fourteen (58%) provided proper evidence of filing an IRS Form 990 or IRS Form 990N (e-postcard).

Four Commanderies did not provide any evidence of filing an IRS Form 990 or IRS Form 990N (e-postcard). These Missouri Commanderies were DeMolay No. 3, Excalibar No. 5, Bethany No. 42, and Malta No. 72.

One Commandery, Neosho No. 57, provided proof that their 990N (e-postcard) filing had been rejected by the IRS.

Five Commanderies provided evidence that they had filed a 990N (e-postcard) but did not provide evidence that their filing had been accepted by the IRS. These Commanderies were Hugh De Payens No. 4, Jasper No. 31, Oriental No. 35, Rolla No. 59, and Poplar Bluff No. 67. These Commanderies need to pay more attention to the instructions for completing the Commandery Annual Return.

Financial Health Evaluation

Overall, Missouri's Commanderies are in good financial shape.

<u>KT No.</u>	<u>2021 ENDING</u>	<u>2022 ENDING</u>	<u>REAL & INVEST</u>
3.....	\$3,524.10.....	\$1,835.21.....	\$0.00
4.....	\$19,486.15.....	\$19,602.55.....	\$1,594,538.48
5.....	\$402.48	\$560.00	\$0.00
6.....	\$5,525.05.....	\$4,433.36.....	\$0.00
8.....	\$21,596.74.....	\$20,676.10.....	\$0.00
10.....	\$1,386.21.....	\$561.41	\$0.00
12.....	\$907.19.....	\$1,522.59.....	\$0.00
15.....	\$2,451.32.....	\$3,734.17.....	\$4,284.17
16.....	\$427,874.00	\$336,121.00	\$0.00
17.....	\$9,801.90.....	\$7,270.09.....	\$10,161.58
20.....	\$14,151.96.....	\$9,562.99.....	\$93,191.30
22.....	\$3,747.01	\$3,163.50.....	\$19,312.92
27	No Report		
29	Not Provided		
31.....	\$4,566.76.....	\$4,324.20.....	\$0.00
33.....	\$4,285.87.....	\$2,618.87.....	\$0.00
35.....	\$2,053.53.....	\$1,389.38.....	\$0.00
39.....	\$689.00	\$948.91	\$16,161.92
42.....	\$483.09	\$363.90	\$0.00
43	No Report		
55.....	\$3,974.27.....	\$4,318.52.....	\$61,994.26
56.....	\$2,815.73.....	\$2,882.20.....	\$0.00
57.....	\$1,496.23.....	\$1,557.58.....	Not Provided
59.....	\$15,045.40.....	\$15,410.28.....	\$0.00
67.....	\$1,492.34.....	\$1,398.34.....	\$0.00
72.....	\$909.73	\$2,041.71.....	\$0.00

The majority of the reporting Missouri Commanderies (87%) provided a value for their paraphernalia. The balance of the Commanderies (13%) reported that the value of their paraphernalia was zero (they entered zero or they entered "Unknown") 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. Six Commanderies valued their paraphernalia at below \$1,000.00 which the committee believes is below replacement value. The rest of the Commanderies valued their paraphernalia at \$1,000.00 or more which is much more reasonable.

All of the reporting Missouri Commanderies provided information about their annual dues. The annual dues information provided was found to be consistent with **ARTICLE XI, Dues, Section 170. Amount, How Determined.**

The majority of the reporting Missouri Commanderies (75%) reported that their Recorder and Treasurer were not bonded. Seven Commanderies (25%) reported that their Recorder and Treasurer were bonded.

The majority of the reporting Missouri Commanderies (96%) reported that they had more than one person on the signature card for the Commandery's bank account. One Commandery (Bethany No. 42) 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.

The majority of the reporting Missouri Commanderies (96%) reported that they had an embossing or imprinting Commandery seal. One Commandery (Excalibar No. 5) left the question blank. The committee is not certain if the Commandery is indicating that they do not know if they have a seal or they accidentally neglected to answer the question. If they do not have one, then they are in violation of **ARTICLE VI - Chartered Commanderies, Section 82. Seal.**

Commanderies That Have Forfeited All Rights And Privileges

If Constantine Commandery No. 27 and St. Elmo Commandery No. 43 do not submit a complete 2022 Commandery Annual Return to the Grand York Rite Office on or before May 2, 2023, then the committee recommends to the Grand Recorder's Office consider both of the named Commanderies as having forfeited their rights and privileges to representation and voting at the 2023 Annual Conclave.

Tabulation of Annual Returns

KT Name	KT Number	Date Arrived	Info Form (Y/N)	Financial Form (Y/N)	Audit Form (Y/N)	990 (Y/N/C)	Date Received	Late (Y/N)	Late Fee	Amount Due	Amount Paid	Difference
DeMolay	3	25-Feb-2023	Y	Y	Y	Y	25-Feb-2023	N	\$ -	\$ 1,504.40	\$ 1,504.40	\$ -
Hugh De Payens	4	21-Feb-2023	Y	Y	Y	Y	21-Feb-2023	N	\$ -	\$ 4,966.00	\$ 4,966.00	\$ -
Excalibar	5	25-Feb-2023	Y	Y	Y	N		N	\$ -	\$ 355.40	\$ 355.40	\$ -
Liberty	6	25-Feb-2023	Y	Y	Y	Y	25-Feb-2023	N	\$ -	\$ 2,420.20	\$ 2,420.20	\$ -
Ivanhoe	8	1-Mar-2023	Y	Y	Y	Y	1-Mar-2023	N	\$ -	\$ 1,569.60	\$ 1,569.60	\$ -
Kansas City	10	1-Mar-2023	Y	Y	Y	Y	1-Mar-2023	N	\$ -	\$ 1,556.00	\$ 1,556.00	\$ -
St. Graal	12	14-Feb-2023	Y	Y	Y	Y	14-Feb-2023	N	\$ -	\$ 1,628.40	\$ 1,628.40	\$ -
O'Sullivan	15	18-Feb-2023	Y	Y	Y	Y	18-Feb-2023	N	\$ -	\$ 832.00	\$ 832.00	\$ -
Ascalon	16	27-Feb-2023	Y	Y	Y	Y	27-Feb-2023	N	\$ -	\$ 2,564.60	\$ 2,564.60	\$ -
Palestine	17	27-Feb-2023	Y	Y	Y	Y	27-Feb-2023	N	\$ -	\$ 3,183.00	\$ 3,183.00	\$ -
St. John's	20	6-Feb-2023	Y	Y	Y	Y	6-Feb-2023	N	\$ -	\$ 2,828.20	\$ 2,828.20	\$ -
Ely	22	21-Feb-2023	Y	Y	Y	Y	21-Feb-2023	N	\$ -	\$ 3,310.60	\$ 3,310.20	\$ (0.40)
Constantine	27		N	N	N	N		N	\$ -	\$ 678.20	\$ -	\$ (678.20)
Prince of Peace	29	1-Mar-2023	Y	Y	Y	Y	1-Mar-2023	N	\$ -	\$ 1,782.00	\$ 1,782.00	\$ -
Jasper	31	21-Feb-2023	Y	Y	Y	Y	21-Feb-2023	N	\$ -	\$ 596.20	\$ 596.20	\$ -
Lebanon	33	1-Mar-2023	Y	Y	Y	Y	1-Mar-2023	N	\$ -	\$ 2,395.60	\$ 2,395.60	\$ -
Oriental	35	21-Feb-2023	Y	Y	Y	y	21-Feb-2023	N	\$ -	\$ 1,192.60	\$ 1,192.60	\$ -
Ascension	39	25-Feb-2023	Y	Y	Y	Y	25-Feb-2023	N	\$ -	\$ 776.40	\$ 776.40	\$ -
Bethany	42	1-Mar-2023	Y	Y	Y	Y	1-Mar-2023	N	\$ -	\$ 445.00	\$ 445.00	\$ -
St. Elmo	43		N	N	N	N		N	\$ -	\$ 724.20	\$ -	\$ (724.20)
Cape Girardeau	55	18-Feb-2023	Y	Y	Y	Y	18-Feb-2023	N	\$ -	\$ 1,891.80	\$ 1,891.80	\$ -
DeSoto	56	27-Feb-2023	Y	Y	Y	Y	27-Feb-2023	N	\$ -	\$ 1,050.60	\$ 1,050.60	\$ -
Neosho	57	13-Feb-2023	Y	Y	Y	Y	13-Feb-2023	N	\$ -	\$ 1,197.20	\$ 1,197.20	\$ -
Rolla	59	24-Feb-2023	Y	Y	Y	Y	24-Feb-2023	N	\$ -	\$ 2,339.40	\$ 2,339.40	\$ -
Poplar Bluff	67	3-Mar-2023	Y	Y	Y	Y	3-Mar-2023	Y	\$ (50.00)	\$ 643.40	\$ 643.40	\$ -
Malta	72	3-Feb-2023	Y	Y	Y	N		N	\$ -	\$ 1,767.20	\$ 1,767.20	\$ -
	26						Counts	22	Totals	\$ 44,198.20	\$ 42,795.40	\$ (1,402.80)
							Percentage	84.62%				

Fraternally submitted,

SK Kevin B. Sample, Chairman

SK Ronald L. Skiles

SK Roger D. Fleer, PGC

SK Bobbie E. White

SK Terry D. Coppotelli

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-Sixty-Third Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri will be held on Friday, May 31, 2024, at the Chateau on the Lake Resort, Branson, Missouri.

Note that the 2024 Drill Competition Event will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2024, in Columbia, Missouri.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Kevin B Sample, Chairman
SK Ronald L. Skiles

SK Bobbie E. White

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 Templar, and is held every three years. The next Grand Encampment triennial is scheduled to be held during 2024 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Your voting members at the Grand Encampment Triennial Conclave are your Grand Commander Dais Officers and living past Grand Commanders.

In accordance with Article III, Section 34, G, the Triennial Committee consists of two (2) Past Grand Commanders and a Grand Commandery Officer – eligible in due course to attend the next (2024) Triennial Conclave as a representative of Missouri's Grand Commandery – who were appointed at the Annual Conclave following the last Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States; and who shall serve for three years. The committee shall have charge of the hotel reservations, entertainment, and other arrangements for the Grand Commander's party. The committee shall submit an itemized report of receipts and expenditures. The itemized expenses for the 2022 Grand Encampment Triennial Conclave have been submitted and are available in the records of the Grand Recorder's Office.

The current balance for the Triennial Fund is not currently available as the records are being reviewed and updated before the 2023 Missouri Grand Commandery year. As per Article XV, Sections 205 and 206, the fund is supported

annually by a General Fund payment of twenty-five cents per member on the rolls as of December 31st of the preceding year

Fraternally submitted,

SK Charles E. Cooper, PGC, Chairman
SK Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

SK Thomas C. Yunick, PGC
SK Bobbie E. White

REPORT OF EXAMINER COMMITTEE

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

Sir Knights,

The Examiner committee participated in the Grand Officer/RGC WebEx meetings held during the 2022-2023 reporting year. A financial review of the records of the Grand Recorder's Office was an item on the agenda of several of the meetings. The committee received instruction as to how the General Fund financial records on the Grand York Rite DropBox cloud storage system were maintained. This process allows for review of the transactions of the Grand Recorder's Office rather than trying to reconstruct them a year later.

The committee believes that it has thoroughly reviewed the records of the Grand Recorder's Office and found no discrepancies or mishandling of any of funds appropriated to the Grand Recorder's Office. The committee found that the warrants provided by the Grand Recorder's Office were properly paid in accordance with the Grand Commandery Laws and Regulations. The committee found that most of the monies received by the Grand Recorder's Officer were properly deposited. However, one discrepancy was discovered; it was determined that 43 checks from May 2022 were not deposited in the General Fund.

Unfortunately, the Grand Treasurer suffered several medical and technical challenges during the fiscal year. Due to both medical and technical issues, it was determined that the Grand Treasurer needed assistance with his duties. In September 2022, the Grand Commander appointed Sir Knight Russell S. Hanson as the Assistant Grand Treasurer. Since that appointment, SK Hanson has communicated weekly with SK Trabue working several financial issues.

With the assistance of Lady Debbie Hanson, undeposited checks from May 2022 were recovered and replacement check request letters sent out. As of the date of this report, of the total of 36 undeposited checks have been replaced and deposited.

We commend the Grand Recorder's Office for an excellent records management system and SK Hanson's attention to the details of handling the financial records of the Grand Commandery.

A separate Special Examiner Committee was tasked by Sir Knight Michael C. Rohman, Grand Commander, with the duty of performing a detailed review of the last five years of the Grand Treasurer's records. Please see their report for an explanation of their findings.

The committee is aware that the Grand Treasurer continued to experience computer issues during the year in question. The committee continues to recommend that the Grand Treasurer keep and maintain all Grand Commandery financial records in a cloud storage system such as DropBox with shared access by the Grand Recorder's Office and the Finance Committee to insure against potential computer/file loss or corruption.

The committee also recommends that the Grand Treasurer provide quarterly reviews to this committee and the grand officers of all financial records and accounts of the Grand Commandery and to provide budgetary reconciliation reports for each quarter.

The committee is aware that the Grand Treasurer has expressed continued computer issues and incomplete reporting of the financial records of the Grand Commandery for more than just this past reporting period, with intent to complete the reports, yet they never followed.

Sir Knights, we all need to learn to recognize when we have reached the limits of our capabilities, no matter what the tasking or responsibility, and to ask for help before things get out of control. However, the Grand Commandery, that is each of YOU, must hold all grand officers and committees accountable and demand proper performance of their duties and responsibilities, and should it be necessary, consider removal for poor performance. Do not accept incomplete reports of any grand officer or committee and demand reconciliation of any failed reports. When any grand officer or committee fails to perform in accordance with the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, those issues should be addressed immediately, not letting them fester and grow into something much more difficult to address. Problems can be addressed by assigning others to assist with the requirements of the positions, as was done this year by our Grand Commander.

Individually, as grand officers and committee members, even as men and Masons, we need to learn how and be able to admit when we need help. We all

know how difficult that can be, after all, we are all imperfect. Let us all learn from this experience and let it not be repeated, even for good intent.

Finally, we applaud the Grand Commander for taking a very passionate interest in the financial health and wellbeing of the Grand Commandery and working diligently to overcome the challenges we are currently experiencing. Please see the report of the Assistant Grand Treasurer for additional financial review considerations.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Kevin B. Sample, Chairman

SK Ronald L. Skiles

SK Roger D. Fleer, PGC

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC

SK Bobbie E. White

SK Terry D. Coppoteilli

SK Donald L. Trabue, PGC

REPORT OF SPECIAL EXAMINER COMMITTEE

The Report of the Special Examiner committee was not complete at the time of the printing of the Preliminary Proceedings. The Report will be available in a Preliminary Proceedings Supplement that will be available for the 2023 Annual Conclave.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Harold F. Coots,PGC, Chairman

SK Robert W. Schlichter, PGC

SK Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

REPORT OF DRILL COMPETITION COMMITTEE

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

Sir Knights,

The Grand Commandery Drill Competition Committee is pleased to report that the seven Constituent Commanderies participated in the 2023 Drill Competition Event held on Saturday, April 22, 2023, in Columbia, MO, at the Columbia Masonic Complex. Here is the list of Commanderies that registered.

- Palestine Commandery No. 17 – Class A
- Liberty Commandery No. 6 – Class B
- Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 - Class B
- St. Graal Commandery No. 12 – Class B
- Ascalon Commandery No. 16 – Class B
- Ely Commandery No. 22 – Class B
- Rolla Commandery No. 59 – Class B

Unfortunately, the following Commanderies reluctantly had to withdraw from the 2023 Drill Competition Event: Kansas City Commandery No. 10 - Class C, St. John's Commandery No. 20 - Class C, and Oriental Commandery No. 35 - Class C.

Here are the names of the Drill Judges.

- Judge 1 – SK Roger D. Fleer, PGC
- Judge 2 – SK Bobbie E. White
- Judge 3 – SK Harold F. Coots, PGC
- Judge 4 – SK Terry D. Coppotelli
- Judge 5 – SK Joseph S. Russell

The day began at 9:00 am with opening of the York Rite Building and Scottish Rite Building followed by setup in each building. The York Rite Office set up in the York Rite Building Library, the practice room was set up in the Lodge Hall, and the food concessions were set up in the York Rite Building Dining Room. Coffee and donuts were enjoyed by the committee and the early attendees.

The committee formed at 10:00 am. SK Michael C. Rohman, Grand Commander, kicks off the event at 10:45 am. The Drill Teams performed between 11:15 am and 2:45 pm. The Grand Commander presented each Drill Team with a Certificate of Recognition. All of the teams looked very good, but the Class A performance of Palestine Commandery No. 17 really stole the show. We are sure that the many spectators who came to watch the teams perform enjoyed the Event.

The committee met at 3:00 pm to review the Judging sheets and score the Drill Teams. The results of the 2023 Drill Competition will be announced Thursday afternoon, June 1, 2023.

The committee thanks all of the Commanderies that floored a Drill Team this year. The Event was a resounding success. We are looking forward to more Drill Teams joining us for the 2024 Drill Competition Event scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2024 in Columbia.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Chairman
SK Roger D. Fleer, PGC
SK Harold F. Coots, PGC
SK Joseph S. Russell

SK Kevin B Sample
SK Bobbie E. White
SK Terry D. Coppotelli

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

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

Sir Knights,

I wish to thank the Committee for again being retained as Chairman of the Education Foundation Committee of this Grand Commandery. As in prior terms, I shall continue to fulfill the duties of my office to the best of my abilities during my tenure.

Activity - June 10, 2022

The meeting of the Education Foundation was conducted during the Grand Sessions in Jefferson City, MO., on June 10, 2022. The Foundation committee approved a scholarship for Richard J. Ables. The minutes of the June 11, 2021 meeting are as follows:

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm.

1. Minutes of the 2021 Annual meeting were presented by secretary Russell Hanson. Without objection, the minutes were approved as presented.
2. Don Trabue presented the financial report for the Foundation. The committee discussed the investment plan for the Foundation. By a unanimous vote of the committee, it was agreed that the investment level be raised from the existing 20%-25% range to a minimum of 30%. The purpose of this was to increase the potential return on Foundation investments. Additionally, it was determined that there were assets available to increase the amount of money for scholarships to \$5,000.
3. The committee evaluated and considered the Student Application of Richard J. Ables. Richard J. Ables was awarded a \$5,000.00 scholarship for the upcoming year, pending his most up-to-date grade report.
4. A motion passed retaining Todd Schulze as Chairman of the Education Committee.
5. SK Russell Hanson was retained Secretary for another term.
6. SK Don Trabue was retained Treasurer for another term.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Fraternally submitted,

Todd A. Schulze (2025), Chairman
Thomas C. Yunick, PGC (2023)
Matthew L. Quesenberry (2026)

David C. Witte (2027)
Clifton W. Wofford (2024)

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's Office and the Grand York Rite Office continue 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. The Grand Commandery is continuing to make good use of the available virtual meeting facilities to hold at least monthly Grand Officer meetings. The Grand Commandery also continues to use social media as a general communication tool.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Chairman SK Roger D. Fleer, PGC
SK Donald MacCormick SK Kevin B. Sample

REPORT OF ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP 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 174 Living Members and 98 Inactive Member (mostly deceased) with a total endowed value of \$136,000.00 as of the date of this report.

Due to medical and technological challenges, the 2022 distribution was not made in December 2022. Your Endowed Membership Committee is working to resolve the missing annual distributions.

With the proposed legislation it is our belief that we will be able to improve our return on investment regarding Endowed Membership funds. Our investment strategy will continue to evolve and modify allowing up to 50% of the funds to be invested 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) this is similar to what is allowed by the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council. The process of transitioning to this new investment strategy has been occurring over the past year and will continue to change as monetary conditions warrant.

Hopefully, the above-mentioned investment strategy will enhance the amounts that may be realized for future annual distributions to the Grand Commandery and the individual Commanderies.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Chairman SK Roger D. Fleer, PGC
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 Roger D. Fleer, PGC
SK Donald MacCormick SK Kevin B. Sample

REPORT OF HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE

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

Sir Knights,

Due to no recommendations or applications this year no one was sent to the Holy Land. We have great expectations for next year. Our Grand Commander, SK Michael C. Rohman, has been on a mission to increase our treasury for the Holy Land Pilgrimage through the sale of the his Grand Commander's coin. In the next year, Sir Knights, please help us to look for worthy candidates to make the pilgrimage to the Holy Land. We want to thank our Grand Commander for his leadership and the honor of allowing us to serve on the committee.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Dale R. Roller, Chairman SK Roy L. Gilkey
SK Russell A. Bradshaw

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 seven Commanderies:

Liberty Commandery No. 6 – SK John Lawrence Cochran, Commander
 Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 - SK Adam Michael Iwanow, Commander
 Kansas City Commandery No. 10 - SK Christian Dale Moore, Commander
 St. Graal Commandery No. 12 – SK Russell Alan Bradshaw, Commander
 Ascalon Commandery No.16 - SK David Roy Whittaker, Commander
 Ely Commandery No. 22 - SK Ashley William Young, Commander
 Rolla Commandery No. 59 – SK Ronald Lee Townley, Jr., Commander

These Commanderies met or exceeded the 600-point minimum requirement, submitted their applications in good form, and in a timely manner. A special call-out to Ascalon Commandery No. 16 for receiving the highest number of points for this reporting period, 1,114.

What is disheartening is that we only received seven out of the twenty-six total Commanderies in the State of Missouri. We feel certain that at least eight more should have been submitted, but only they and their Regional Grand Commander knows why they were not. Next year, every Commandery will file a completed Honor Commandery Award Form whether they think they qualified or not! Take due notice. Get the new form early in the 2023-2024 year and start working through the requirements. If any Sir Knight has any questions, please reach out to the committee.

On behalf of the committee, I wish to express our appreciation to these seven Commanderies, more specifically their Eminent Commanders, for their leadership and participation in the Honor Commandery Award program for the 2022-2023 Templar year. We sincerely thank them for their service.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Kevin B. Sample, Chairman
 SK Roger D. Fleer, PGC

SK Bobbie E. White
 SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC

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 through 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) and are being maintained at less than 50% of the total value of the Grand Commandery Funds. As CD interest rates are improving we believe there are opportunities to improve rates of return on Grand Commandery assets. This may include shopping for CD's from places other than local banking institutions. We are also looking forward to other avenues for money management moving into the secured digital era.

Interest bearing investments have been in a combination of interest-bearing money market accounts and Certificates of Deposit.

The strategy of investing in common stock or equal securities, as above noted, has been occurring over the past year and will continue to transition as monetary conditions warrant. 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.

Presuming proposed Grand Commandery legislation is agreed to and approved we look forward to the new avenues that will be afforded to this committee for investment and improved operations.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Chairman SK Roger D. Fleer, PGC
 SK Harold F. Coots, PGC

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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

Sir Knights,

It has been a pleasure for the Membership Committee to serve Sir Knight Michael C. Rohman, Right Eminent Grand Commander and the Sir Knights of the State of Missouri.

I am pleased to report the committee was able to achieve most of the goals set out for the 2022-2023 year. This year the committee was able to move into the Regions and help support the local Commanderies.

Some of the things we were able to accomplish were:

- Work closely with the Membership Committees of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council to provide a more unified approach to membership.
- Encouraged the local Commanderies conduct their stated conclaves in a professional and organized manner, even if there was not a quorum and

especially coming off of the successful year the Chapter has had with their membership initiative.

- Continue to serve and support the local Commanderies throughout the jurisdiction in their respective membership initiatives.
- Giving the local Commanderies information in order to recognize their members with the various awards and certificates available through the Grand Commandery and Grand Encampment.
- Helping local Commanderies become more accountable and responsible for their own membership improvement.
- Work closely with the Education Committee to provide the local Commanderies with educational presentations to improve their membership attendance.

Your Membership Committee is here to help your local Commanderies succeed and have a future.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Corey B. Huntsucker, Chairman

SK Terry D. Coppotelli

SK Ronald L. Skiles

SK Danny P. Dubree

REPORT OF RITUAL COMMITTEE

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

Sir Knights,

The Ritual committee was approached by the Grand Lecturer to provide instructional materials for teaching the proper way to open a constituent Commandery using the standard short form ritual found on pages 98 and 99 of the Grand Encampment Ritual Book. The Committee drafted and refined an instructional booklet explaining the proper set up of the furniture and the proper movements of the Officers. The final, approved instructional booklet was provided to the Grand Lecturer and his Assistant Grand Lecturers.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Chairman

SK Terry D. Coppoteilli

SK Kevin B. Sample

REPORT ON THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF LOUISIANA

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

Sir Knights,

The Grand Chapter, the Grand Council, and the Grand Commandery of that Great State of Louisiana met in Alexandria, Louisiana from March 2nd through March 4th, 2023. It was my pleasure to attend the Grand Chapter of Louisiana as a Past Grand High Priest of Missouri and Grand Representative from Louisiana near the State of Missouri. I also attended the Grand Council of Louisiana as its Grand Representative near Missouri. I was privileged to attend the Grand Commandery of Louisiana as a Past Grand Commander of Missouri and Louisiana's Grand Representative near Missouri. Being a member of the appended and honorary bodies of Louisiana, some as an honorary member and others in which I hold full membership, it was also my honor to be able to attend them as well. In each case, I was admitted, received, and introduced. I also had the opportunity to attend the many social functions of the Grand Bodies of Louisiana for which I am grateful. This was a wonderful opportunity for me to renew friendships, greet many whom I have known for many years and meet and greet new Brothers, Companion, Companions, and Sir Knights. All in all, the trip was well worth my time and effort and hopefully, I will be able to return many times in the future.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Robert W. Schlichter, PGC

MISSOURI GRAND YORK RITE NECROLOGY 2022-2023

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 7, 2022 and May 5, 2023 in MMS as having passed away. This list is as comprehensive as we can provide and is presented as a memorial to our departed Brethren, Companions, and Sir Knights.

Member Name	Departed	Affiliations
Applegate, Truly	09-16-2022	CH38, CO25, KT20
Askins, Edwin Gray	09-02-2022	CH3, CO50, KT6
Baker, Donald E.	06-02-2022	CH15, CO25, KT20
Barbour, Norman S.	05-31-2010	CH34, CO32, KTNA
Barr, Jerry	04-22-2022	CH43, CO[49], KT[17]
Barron, Kenneth B.	02-11-2022	CH[78], CO[48], KT16
Basinger, Arlin D.	10-25-2006	CH??, CO??, KT29
Bilzing, Glenn A.	06-16-2022	CH78, CO48, KT16

Member Name	Departed	Affiliations	Member Name	Departed	Affiliations
Bledsoe Jr., Hershel Sanders	12-28-2022	CH15, CO25, KT20	Longan Jr., Leslie L.	10-08-2022	CH34, CONA, KTNA
Carter, Clinton Richard	03-16-2023	CH53, CO44, KT22	Lumpkin Jr., Paul Raymond	11-23-2020	CH(148), CO48, KT[16]
Cary, Roy Lee	09-23-2022	CH17, CO34, KT12	Martin, Jerry Alan	03-01-2021	CH[34], CO32, KT29
Clough, John Hughes	11-01-2018	CH17, CONA, KT12	Mathis Jr., William Jennings Bryan	02-01-2023	CH25&78, CO48, KT16
Coble, James I.	09-30-2020	CH(110), CO25, KT20	McClain, William H.	09-11-2022	CH93, CO34, KT12
Conner Sr., Charles H.	06-22-2022	CH??, CO45, KTNA	McDowell, Harold Dwaine	03-04-2023	CH34, CO[32], KT[29]
Crackel, Bobby Lee	02-14-2023	CH114, CO27, KT67	Motter, Clyde Samuel	05-02-2022	CH53, CO44, KT22
Cundiff, Barry Vincil	04-01-2023	CH53, CO44, KT22	Nelson, James I.	10-14-2022	CH3, CO50, KT6
Cunningham, James Edward	12-25-2022	CH93, CONA, KTNA	Norris, Robert L.	03-16-2022	CH123, CO44, KT22
Daume, Melbert Earl	09-08-2022	CH75, CO20, KT55	Parman, Ancel E.	07-19-2022	CH3, CO50, KT6
Davidson, Robert	01-12-2019	CH15, CO25, KT20	Payne, Clay Hershel	05-14-2011	CH34, CO25, KTNA
Edmondson, Robert Paul	09-10-2022	CH38, CO[25], KT[20]	Pogue Jr., Vernon Kenneth	08-22-2022	CH52, CO46, KT57
Ellis, Homer Glenn	07-07-2022	CH38, CO58, KT27	Portwood, James Edward	05-18-2022	CH64, CO56, KT33
Farmer, Ralph A.	08-28-2022	CH14, CO9, KT4	Posey, James C.	03-16-2023	CH53, CO44, KT22
Flessa, Calvin Lowell	05-10-2020	CH34, CONA, KTNA	Rapp Jr., Roy Edgar	09-03-2022	CH14, CO9, KT4
Frakes, Loma H.	01-27-2023	CH3, CONA, KTNA	Rehm, Marion Wade	03-01-2023	CH53, CO44, KT22
Freeze, Mark Wayne	05-03-2023	CH38, CO58, KT27	Reid, Russell B.	11-12-2017	CH34, CO32, KT29
Friesner, Verle E.	01-29-2014	CH34, CO32, KT29	Rodgers, James C.	01-13-2022	CH102, CO24, KT35
Fry, Meredith W.	03-24-2022	CH34, CO32, KT29	Rowland, Jerry Leon	01-19-2023	CH53, CO44, KT22
Fulton, Harley W.	12-17-2022	CH102, CONA, KTNA	Russell, Dwite C.	02-10-2022	CH38, CO25, KT20
Gage Jr., Robert A.	06-10-2022	CH12, CO49, KT17	Sanders, William Lewis	05-14-2022	CH53, CO44, KT22
Gerding, Ross W.	05-31-2022	CH34, CO32, KT29	Selleck, Loren Harvey	06-16-2022	CH28, CO45, KT10
Goddard, Robert Eugene	12-28-2022	CH91, CO30, KT39	Shedd, Fred G.	05-13-2022	CH5, CONA, KTNA
Goede, Arthur Lee	11-28-2022	CH129, CO43, KTNA	Siler, John L.	09-11-2012	CH??, CO24, KTNA
Greene, Garth Stanley	12-28-2022	CH15, CO25, KT20	Sloan, Charles Eldon	04-19-2022	CH129, CO[43], KT[56]
Grossnickle, John Benjamin	03-05-2023	CH53, CO44, KT22	Speight, Carl Clinton	09-02-2022	CH38, CONA, KT27
Higgins, Charles G.	06-01-2011	CH34, CO32, KT29	Steele, Duane Otis	12-30-2019	CH[102], CO[24], KT35
Hubert, Clifford George	03-09-2020	CH[102], CO[24], KT35	Stephens, Robert Lee	06-23-2022	CH53, CO44, KT22
Humphrey, Calvin Rawlings	08-21-2022	CH14, CO9, KT4	Studer, John J.	08-30-2015	CH102, CO24, KTNA
Hunter, Ronald Gene	08-28-2022	CH10, CO42, KT3	Tanzey, Danny Ray	10-03-2022	CH99, CO34, KT72
Inman, E. R.	02-23-2022	CH75, CONA, KTNA	Taylor, Robert Linderman	08-15-2014	CH34, CO32, KT29
Kaylor, Vincil L.	12-31-2021	CH43, CO49, KT17	Taylor, Virgle Laverne	07-28-2022	CH102, CO24, KT35
Kerber, Eugene Alfred	11-15-2022	CH14, CO9, KT4	Teghtmyer, Donald Lee	04-24-2022	CH15, CO25, KT20
Kittle, James David	09-27-2022	CH32, CO39, KT59	Tripp Jr., Harry Lee	11-16-2022	CH129, CO43, KT56
Koch Jr., William P.	08-09-2021	CH78, CO48, KT16	Watson, David Alonzo	06-24-2022	CH2&52, CO46, KT57
Lee, Jimmie Dee	11-15-2022	CH38, CO25, KT20	White, John Charles	10-30-2020	CH(110), CONA, KTNA

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>Affiliations</u>
Whitney, Robert Dale	05-26-2022	CH12, CO49, KT17
Wilson, Robert G.	12-14-2022	CH3, CO50, KT6
Wright, M. Lloyd	08-20-2020	CH(110), CO25, KT[20]
Yellen, Rudolph Paul	01-21-1982	CH(131), CONA, KTNA
Zimmerman, Bobby Gene	12-06-2022	CH53, CO44, KT22

Fraternally submitted,
Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Grand Recorder Emeritus

