

PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS

of the

One Hundred Fifty-Sixth
Annual Conclave

of the

Grand Commandery of Knights
Templar of the State of Missouri

held

June 9, 2017

Capital Plaza Hotel
Jefferson City, Missouri



Grand Commandery of Missouri

156th Grand Conclave Schedule

(subject to modification as necessary)

Time	Friday, June 9, 2017	Time	Friday, June 9, 2017 (continued)
7:00 am	KYCH Breakfast Meeting - Members Only (Lincoln) Others - Breakfast On Your Own Registration - Commandery only - until 10:30 am (Atrium)		Preliminary Report of Credentials Committee Report of Committee on Address of Grand Commander
9:00	Opening Ceremonies and Reception of Distinguished Guests - Open to Ladies and Guests (Capitol/Truman) Formal Opening of 156th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri Roll Call of 2016-2017 Grand Commandery Officers Recognition of Grand Representatives Reception of Regional Grand Commanders Reception Past Grand Commanders of Missouri Reception of Out of State Grand Commandery Officers Reception of Heads of Missouri York Rite Bodies Reception of National Body Representatives Reception of Grand Encampment Officers Reception of Grand Master of Grand Encampment or Representative & brief remarks Reception of Grand Lodge Officers Reception of Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Missouri & brief remarks Summary Address of the Grand Commander Necrology: Part of the Grand Commander's Address Grand Chorister Presentation Holy Land Pilgrimage Presentation Dismissal of Ladies and Non-Member Guests	11:00	Election of 2017-2018 Grand Commandery Officers Report of Jurisprudence Committee Report of Finance Committee Report of Grand Treasurer Report of Grand Recorder Routine Business & Additional Reports (as needed) Report of Election Committee Acceptance of Grand Commandery Officers Elect Report of the Grand Commander Elect w/ Appointments Report of Committee on Time and Place Address of Grand Master of Grand Encampment or Representative Address of Grand Master of Grand Lodge
		12:00 pm	Grand Commandery Called from Labor until 3:00 pm Lunch on your own Knights Templar Education Foundation Committee Meeting - Committee Members Only (Joplin)
		1:30	Past Commander's Association (Missouri)
		3:00	Grand Commandery Resumes Labor (concludes remaining business, if any) (Capitol/Truman) All Grand Commandery Awards will be given at the Grand York Rite Awards Banquet Saturday night
10:30	Formal Reconvening of 156th Annual Conclave of Missouri	3:30	Installation of 2017-2018 Grand Commandery Officers - Open to Ladies and Guests (Capitol/Truman)

Time Friday, June 9, 2017 (continued)

4:30 156th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri Called from Labor
Pictures

6:00 Cash Bar and Open Seating for Grand York Rite Distinguished Guests Banquet and "The Great Gatsby" musical entertainment - Open to all (Truman)

6:30 Introductions of Distinguished Guests

6:45 Dinner is served followed by Entertainment

Time Saturday, June 10, 2017

7:00 am Formation of Drill Committee and Drill Judges (Capital/Truman)
Drill Team Waiting Room (Missouri)
Drill Team Practice Room (Jefferson)
Breakfast on your own

7:45 Deadline for First Drill Team to Submit Entry

8:00 Grand Commandery of Missouri Asylum Drill Competition - Open to All (Capitol/Truman)
Welcome by Grand Commander
Class B Drill Team Competition
Class A Drill Team Competition

11:45 Drill Competition concludes

12:00 pm Missouri Lodge of Research Lunch & Lecture - Open to All (Missouri)
Others - Lunch on your own

3:00 Drill Committee Review and Scoring Meeting - Members Only (Joplin)

5:00 Grand Officer Reception - Meet and Greet - Open to All (Atrium)

Time Saturday, June 10, 2017 (continued)

5:30 Open Seating for Banquet - Grand Officers Line Up (outside Jefferson/Missouri)

5:45 Introduction of Grand York Rite Officers

6:00 Grand York Rite Awards Banquet - Open to All (Jefferson/Missouri)

Time Sunday, June 11, 2017

8:00 am Religious Service - Open to All (Missouri)

9:00 Grand Officers Breakfast - Open to all Past/Present Grand Officers, Deputy/Regional Grand Officers, Distinguished/Out of State Guests and their Ladies (Lincoln)

11:00 Hotel Post Session Meeting - Open to 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Heads of Bodies and their Ladies (Jefferson A)

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

Drill Competition Event Opening by the Grand Commander					8:00	
Pledge & Prayer						
Welcoming Remarks						
Final instructions						
Start of Competition (Judges review First Drill Team Entry)					8:15	
Commandery	Class C	Class B	Class A	Drill Time		
Rolla 59		X		8:30	15 min intervals	
Ascension 39		X		8:45		
Liberty 6		X		9:00		
St. Graal 12		X		9:15		
15 minute break					9:30	
Ivanhoe 8		X		9:45		
Prince of Peace 29		X		10:00		
Ely 22		X		10:15		
15 minute break					10:30	
Ascalon 16			X	10:45	30 min intervals	
Palestine 17			X	11:15		
End of Competition					11:45	
Closed Drill Committee Review and Scoring Meeting					3:00 pm	

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri
2016-2017

Elected and Appointed Officers

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

Regional Officers

Region 1: 5, 7, 22, 72
 Roger D. Flear (16) - Regional Officer
 David A. Lloyd (22) - Regional Grand Commander
 William J. King (22) - Regional Grand Commander
 Region 2: 2, 4, 24, 42
 Clark A. McLemore (27) - Regional Officer
 Daryl L. Price (4) - Regional Grand Commander
 Region 3: 3, 6, 10, 17, 35, 68, 70
 Charles E. Cooper (22) - Regional Officer
 Aaron E. Rose (17) - Regional Grand Commander
 Bobbie E. White - Regional Grand Commander
 Gentry E. Slone - Regional Grand Commander
 Region 4: 12, 29, 59
 Harry L. Tripp, Jr. (56) - Regional Officer
 Ronald L. Skiles (12) - Regional Grand Commander
 Donald H. Vandegriffe - Regional Grand Commander
 Region 5: 8, 16
 Dennis L. Hammack (8) - Regional Officer
 Terry D. Coppotelli (16) - Regional Grand Commander
 Region 6: 55, 56, 67
 Dennis A. Abernathy (35) - Regional Officer
 Michael R. Stevens (56) - Regional Grand Commander
 Region 7: 15, 20, 27, 31, 33, 39, 43, 48, 57, 66
 Michael C. Rohman (29) - Regional Officer
 James H. Whitman (43) - Regional Grand Commander
 Royce P. Wahl, Jr. (39) - Regional Grand Commander
 Paul L. Daniels (15) - Regional Grand Commander
 Andrew J. Dawson (48) - Regional Grand Commander

Missouri Past Commanders Association

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

Standing Committees

Special Committees

Credentials

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman
 Robert L. Schmidt Terry R. Struse
 Charles M. Huey

Templar Jurisprudence

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

Finance and Accounts

Dennis A. Abernathy, Chairman
 Harold J. Richardson, PGC James E. Snavelly, PGC
 K. Trent Moreland Roger D. Flear
 Clark A. McLemore Donald L. Trabue, PGC
 Russell S. Hanson, PGC Aaron E. Rose

Returns of Commanderies - Discontinued by Order of GC

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

Address of Grand Commander

Harold F. Coots, PGC, Chairman
 Richard L. Mansfield, PGC James L. Woodfin, Jr., PGC

Hospitaler

Clark A. McLemore, Chairman
 K. Trent Moreland Roger D. Flear

Triennial

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

Time and Place

Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Chairman
 Russell S. Hanson, PGC K. Trent Moreland

Annual Conclave

K. Trent Moreland, Chairman
 Roger D. Flear Donald L. Trabue, PGC
 Clark A. McLemore Russell S. Hanson, PGC
 Charles E. Cooper

Audit

Dennis A. Abernathy, Chairman
 James E. Snavelly, PGC K. Trent Moreland
 Harold J. Richardson, PGC Michael C. Rohman
 Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

Conclave Program Book

Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Editor
 Debbie Hanson, Executive Assistant

Drill

Kevin B. Sample, HPGC, Chairman
 Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Co-Chairman
 David R. Philips Kevin E. Weaver, Judging Leader
 Bob L. Detherow & Judge Ronnie E. Green, PGC & Judge
 Bobbie E. White, Judge Harold Coots, Judge
 Richard L. Mansfield, Alternate Judge

Easter Sunrise Service

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

Educational Foundation

Richard L. Mansfield, PGC (2016)
 David C. Witte (2017), Chairman
 James L. Woodfin, Jr, PGC (2018)
 Clifton W. Wofford (2019)
 Todd A. Schulze (2020)
 Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Treasurer, non-voting
 Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Secretary, non-voting

Special Committees (continued)

Special Committees (continued)

Emerging Leaders

Charles E. Cooper, Chairman
 Harry L. Tripp, Jr.
 Stephen T. Thompson
 Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

Dennis L. Hammack
 Bobbie E. White

Endowment Fund

Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Chairman
 Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

Thomas C. Yunick, PGC

Forms and Publications

Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Chairman
 Donald MacCormick
 Kevin B. Sample, HPGC

Aaron M. Shoemaker

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Ralph E. Nolan, Chairman
 Ronald E. Wood, Jr., HPGC
 Roy L. Gilkey

Kevin E. Weaver
 Lewis C. Odneal

Honor Commandery Award

K. Trent Moreland, Chairman
 Roger D. Flear
 Charles E. Cooper

Clark A. McLemore

Investments

Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Chairman
 James E. Snively, PGC
 Dennis A. Abernathy
 Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC

Harold J. Richardson, PGC
 Russell S. Hanson, PGC
 E. Allen Kohler, HPGC

Patriotic and Civic Activities

Charles E. Cooper, Chairman
 Clark A. McLemore

Ritual

Kevin E. Weaver, Chairman
 Jerry F. Ward, PGC
 Ronnie E. Green, PGC
 Russell S. Hanson, PGC

Kevin B. Sample, HPGC
 Terry D. Coppotelli
 Donald R. Charpentier

Youth Organizations

Danny D. Smothers, Chairman
 David L. Leirer

Steven C. Monrotus

Living Past Grand Commanders

Robert D. Jenkins (1983-1984)
 Jerry F. Ward (1990-1991)
 Donald L. Trabue (1994-1995)
 E. Allen Kohler, Honorary (1995)
 Vern H. Schneider, Honorary (1996)
 Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Honorary (1996)
 Harold J. Richardson (1997-1998)
 Lionel J. Goede (1999-2000)
 Rocky E. Weaver (2000-2001)
 Thomas C. Yunick (2003-2004)
 James E. Snively (2005-2006)
 Kevin B. Sample, Honorary (2006)
 Marvin W. Frost (2006-2007)
 Frederick A. Troxel, Jr. (2007-2008)
 J. Joseph Hayes (2008-2009)
 Ronnie E. Green (2009-2010)
 Russell S. Hanson (2010-2011)
 Daniel R. Quesenberry (2011-2012)
 Richard L. Mansfield (2012-2013)
 James L. Woodfin, Jr (2013-2014)
 Harold F. Coots (2014-2015)

Grand Commandery Representatives

Grand Commandery Representatives

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>To Missouri</u>
United States of America	
Alabama.....	Frank R. von Geysa
Alaska	Loren D. Lloyd
Arizona	Jerry F. Ward
Arkansas.....	Terry R. Struse
California	Russell S. Hanson
Colorado.....	Dennis L. Hammack
Connecticut	Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.
Delaware.....	James G. Wade
District of Columbia.....	Carlin Smittle
Florida.....	Harold F. Coots
Georgia.....	Brian J. Densmore
Hawaii.....	K. Trent Moreland
Idaho	Larry D. Wyatt
Illinois	Harry L. Tripp, Jr.
Indiana	James E. Snavely
Iowa.....	Andrew J. Dawson
Kansas	Bob L. Detherow
Kentucky	Michael C. Rohman
Louisiana	Harold J. Richardson
Maine.....	Richard L. Mansfield
Maryland	James L. Woodfin, Jr.
Massachusetts/Rhode Island.....	Dennis E. Fetter
Michigan.....	Marion W. Dey
Minnesota.....	Thomas C. Yunick
Mississippi.....	Marvin W. Frost
Montana	Frederick A. Troxel, Jr.
Nebraska	Charles E. Cooper
Nevada.....	Jeffrey A. Keevil
New Hampshire	J. Joseph Hayes
New Jersey.....	Aaron M. Shoemaker

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>To Missouri</u>
United States of America	
New Mexico	Daniel Hatley
New York	Joseph P. Krill
North Carolina	Ronnie E. Green
North Dakota.....	Rocky E. Weaver
Ohio.....	W. J. Sherman
Oklahoma.....	Lionel J. Goede
Oregon.....	Larry Odom now Vacant
Pennsylvania.....	Billy Boyer now Vacant
South Carolina.....	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
South Dakota.....	Roger D. Fleer
Tennessee	Kevin B. Sample
Texas.....	LeRoy D. Unruh
Utah	Kevin E. Weaver
Vermont	Thomas E. Christine
Virginia	Donald L. Trabue
Washington.....	Teddie Harrison now Vacant
West Virginia	Robert W. Schlichter
Wisconsin.....	Clyde F. Bondy
Wyoming	Mark S. Schroer
Other Jurisdictions	
Croatia	Aaron E. Rose
Italy.....	Curtis M. Rickman
Panama	Jeffrey Krusen
Philippines.....	Charles W. Carlstrom
Portugal	William J. Bowser
Romania	Nathan J. Rasper
Togo.....	Joseph S. Russell

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND COMMANDER
2016-2017

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri:

Sir Knights,

First and foremost, goes my thanks and/or condolences, whichever the case may be to my wife, Sarah. She stepped into the life of a very dedicated and very active Freemason without having any prior knowledge about our protocols and practices. When we first met and were dating, she used to say and tell others, "I don't know where he is. He has disappeared again." It took a while for her to become accustomed to my doing the "disappearing" act. And as time went by, I guess I began to think that it was mandatory for me to at least give her a heads up for times that I would be "disappearing." That said, she came up to speed very quickly. I am eternally grateful to her for her concern for me, her attention to me, and the conversations we have enjoyed about Freemasonry and life in general.

It would be untoward of me not to mention those Past Grand Commanders (ole buzzards) who cajoled, advised, tempted, threatened, insisted for several years and finally, more or less forced me onto this Grand Commandery line. I can only hope, Sir Knights, that I have met with the expectations you had of me to be a Grand Line Officer and a Grand Commander of Missouri. It has been both a rewarding and a very humbling experience. Thank you, all of you, for your support, advice, counsel and, more importantly, your fellowship and friendship.

Thanks fall far short of my internal feelings for Liberty Commandery No. 6, my home Commandery. Sir Knights the reception for the Grand Commander on June 25th was nothing short of spectacular. My special thanks to Most Excellent Companion and longtime friend, Ronald L. Barrett and his family. I know of nothing else that could have made this event any better. And I must not forget to mention the surprise of the day, Dan Quesenberry, PGC, and my Grand Chorister. Superb surprise Danny. Thank all of you and I love you guys.

My thanks extend to all of our out of State and within State visiting dignitaries. I hope that you and yours are enjoying your stay with us here in Missouri and at this Grand Session. Should you have issues while here, I direct your attention to my aides-de-camp, Kevin Brian Sample and Thomas Chester Yunick. They enjoy solving issues that Grand Commanders can't and will be more than happy to fulfill their duty as an aide-de-camp.

No Grand Commander can function without the aid and support of our Ladies of Templary. Without them where would we, as Sir Knights be? How could we function without them? Be you a married Sir Knight or not, the expertise, comfort, advice and assistance that the Ladies give us can not be matched anywhere else and I certainly have appreciated my experience with all of them.

Running mates in the Grand York Rite are of necessity a partnership. I could not have asked for better partners than Dr. John Sisco, Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Todd A. Schulze, Most Illustrious Grand Master. Although our times together were not overly abundant, they were most enjoyable each and every time we met. Our support of one another and these Fraternities can not be bettered. It has been a great pleasure to have served with the both of you and I thank you for the enjoyable experiences we have shared.

I knew long before the selection that Glenn Means was the correct selection to head up the Jurisprudence Committee. Glenn you did exceedingly well. Your expertise, advice and counsel kept me in place and provided that leadership and direction which far exceeded anything I could have thought up on the spur of the moment.

TIME CAPSULE

In keeping with the laws of the Grand Chapter and the Grand Commandery, Most Excellent Companion John W. Sisco III, Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons and Sir Knight Robert W. Schlichter, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, travelled to Branson, MO on Sunday June 26, 2016 for the purpose of inspecting the site of the Masonic Time Capsule located at the intersection of U. S. 65 and Shephard of the Hills Expressway.

We noted that the site is well maintained and that the capsule was intact and appeared to have no damage.

Sadly, it is noted that a chain link fence has been built adjacent to and butts against the base of the capsule. The fencing contains two large propane tanks. This is definitely a distraction to would be visitors to the site and has created an eyesore.

GRAND MASTER'S TEMPLAR CRUSADE

The Grand Master's Templar Crusade serves three distinctly separate purposes. First and foremost is to honor and pay due respect as a Grand Commandery to the Grand Master of Masons in Missouri. Most Worshipful Brother Charles Brent

Stewart is an ardent supporter of York Rite Freemasonry and indeed, has served as High Priest of Columbia Chapter No 17, Master of Centralia Council No. 34 and Commander of St. Graal Commandery No. 12. Most Worshipful Brother Stewart is most thoughtful to include all facets of Freemasonry for his visitations, rededications and cornerstone laying events at which this Grand Commandery has participated and hopefully will continue to participate by providing an honor guard for these events.

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

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

I cordially invite your attendance and participation.

I am at a complete loss for words to express my satisfaction with this event. No, it was not perfect but it did satisfy the goals and expectations that I put forth. One, it honored our Grand Master of the Grand Lodge AF & AM of Missouri, Most Worshipful Brother Charles Brent Stewart. Two, it provided a teaching experience that had not previously been observed by so many Sir Knights. Three, it revived a learning medium, the ritual for which has not been practiced in many of our Commanderies for way too many years and to the point that our ritual could well have been lost to posterity. Four, it gave each of us an opportunity to meet, greet and hold fellowship with Knights from around this Grand Jurisdiction. Five, it proved once again that Knights from several Commanderies can function together as a single unit. My thanks to Liberty Commandery No. 6 for performing

the opening ceremony. My thanks to Kevin Weaver, Grand Lecturer for developing the cast and overseeing the day's events. Thanks to the Assembly No. 17 Order of Rainbow for Girls for the noon meal preparation and clean up. Outstanding job once again, girls. Last, but not nearly the least, my profound thanks to all that participated in the conferral. While the number may have been small, it was excellent for the first time ever that this event has been attempted. I do admit that I erred both in the opening and in the conferral of the Order.

ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT THE GRAND LODGE AF & AM

Early on in his year as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, Most Worshipful Brother Charles Brent Stewart called upon the Grand Commandery of Missouri to provide escort, etc. to support rededications, corner stone laying and other events associated with the Grand Lodge of Missouri. The Grand Commandery Officers and members were pleased to assist our Grand Master and appeared at many locations to include:

- It is believed that the following excerpts were not included in the Annual Report of the Grand Commander 2015-2016, but, as it occurred during the term of Most Worshipful Brother Charles Brent Stewart, it will be included in this printing. The following is a brief report of the Bridgeton Masonic Temple cornerstone laying ceremony. The ceremony went well and the Grand Commandery was well represented. Four Grand Commandery officers were present including Sir Knights Roger Fleeer, EGG; Harry Tripp, EGJW; Dennis Hammack, EGStB; and Trent Moreland VEDGC. We also had six Sir Knights in uniform from Region 5 present. They included Sir Knights Blaine Moreland, Charles Coy, Bob Sanders, Larry Wilson, Glenn Parker and Darren Beck. Most Worshipful Brother David Haywood and Right Worshipful Brother Brent Stewart expressed their appreciation for the Knight Templar Honor Guard and noted that our presence added much to the ceremonies.
- On May 26, 2017 Sir Knight Don Vandegriffe, PC & RGC R4 and James Stephenson, PC participated in the cornerstone rededication at Strafford.
- On June 19, 2016 The following Sir Knights participated in the cornerstone dedication at Sullivan: Trent Moreland, VEDGC; Ronnie E. Green, PGC & GL Sword Bearer; Charles Coy, PC; Dixon, PC; Haddock, PC (left early for work), Roger Fleeer, GG; Robert Sanders, PC; James Ashby; James Stephenson, PC; Wayne Fryer, PC; Don Vandegriffe, PC & RGC R4; Michael Stevens, PC & RGC R4; and Aaron Moreland.

- On July 2, 2016 Don Vandegriffe, PC, RGC R4; Wayne Fryer, PC; Bobby Detherow, PC & PGM; and Ed Choate, PC provided escort for the rededication of the high school at Marshfield.
- On July 16, 2016 Richard Mansfield, PGC; Loren Lloyd, PC: and Lloyd Lyon, PC, participated in the cornerstone laying at Callao.
- The escort provided by Ely Commandery for the Grand Master and Grand Lodge at the 150th year cornerstone and lodge rededication for LaPlata Lodge #237 on Saturday July 23, 2016. Those Sir Knights participating from Ely Commandery No. 22 were Richard Mansfield, PGC; Thomas Yunick, PGC; Bill King, PC, RGC; Abdon Navaro; and Charles Cooper, PC, GSW. The Grand Senior Warden noted that the heat index was 103 degrees that afternoon.
- On September 3, 2016 James Snavely, PGC: Harry Tripp, EGJW: Mike Stevens, RGC, R6: Cliff Wofford, PC; participated in the ceremony at St. Francois.
- On September 26, 2016 an Honor Guard was provided for the Grand Lodge A.F. & A. M. Annual Communication at Columbia, MO. Those Sir Knights participating were: Roger Daniel Fleer, Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Honor Guard Captain; Russell S. Hanson, REPGC; Donald Vandergiffe, RGC Region 4; Dennis L. Hammack, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer; Aaron E. Rose, RGC Region 3; James L. Woodfin, Jr. REPGC; Charles E. Cooper, Eminent Grand Senior Warden; Michael Christopher Rohman, Eminent Grand Warder; Thomas Chester Yunick, REPGC; Harry L. Tripp, Jr., Eminent Grand Junior Warden; Richard L. Mansfield, REPGC; Steven C. Derendinger, PC; Mark A. Bean, PC; Ronald L. Skiles, PC, RGC Region 4; and Richard Jump.

GRAND COMMANDER'S DIARY

2016:

- June 10: Elected Grand Commander-151st Annual Grand Conclave; attended and installed officers-Past Commander's Association; installed as Grand Commander; Dispensation granted to Liberty Commandery No. 6 to open Grand Master's Templar Crusade; conducted first Grand Officers' meeting; attended Distinguished Guests banquet.
- June 11: Attended asylum drill competitions; presented 50 year certificate and jewel to SK Donald Forbis; attended Lodge of Research luncheon and lecture; attended and presided over the Annual Communication of Palmyra Historical Chapter No. 2; attended Grand York Rite awards banquet-reintroduced Grand Master's Templar Crusade and announced the sale of coins to support the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund.

- June 12: Joined in Religious Service; Grand Officers' breakfast; post session meeting with hotel staff.
- June 13: Attended and participated in the conferral of the Mark Master and Past Master degrees for Hannibal Chapter No. 7 held at The Masonic Complex in Columbia, MO.
- June 18: Installed Rolla Commandery No. 59 Officers - assisted by SK Kevin E. Weaver, Eminent Grand Lecturer, Installing Marshall and SK Michael C. Rohman, Eminent Grand Warder, Installing Prelate; administered oath to SK Donald Harold Vandegriffe as Regional Grand Commander-Region 4; presented Honor Commandery Award (2012-2013) to SK Donald Harold Vandegriffe; presented and affixed shoulder boards to SK Wayne B. Fryer Past Commandery Rolla Commandery No. 59 - assisted by SK Kevin E. Weaver, Eminent Installing Marshall.
- June 22: Prepared letter to Paschal Commandery No. 32 ordering a special meeting on July 11, 2016 for the purpose of discussing the status and future of the Commandery.
- June 23: Attended formal banquet and opening ceremonies for Grand Bethel of Missouri and Grand Guardian Council of Missouri Job's Daughters; presented donation for the scholarship fund; presented youth award and jewel to Megan Kemery of Bethel No. 1 in absentia.
- June 25: Assisted Liberty Chapter No. 3 to install officers; installed Liberty Commandery No. 6 and SK George Lorne Duncan, Eminent Grand Sentinel; Grand Commander's Reception-Liberty, MO.
- June 26: Attended 90th birthday celebration and Annual Conclave Missouri Rainbow for Girls at Springfield, MO; presented donation for the Scholarship Fund; presented Youth Award to Anna Folkerts St. Charles Assembly No. 13; inspected Masonic Time Capsule site in Branson, MO.
- June 27: Attended Moberly Lodge No. 344
- June 28: Assisted Shelbina Chapter No. 99 to confer the Most Excellent Master's degree as courtesy work for Columbia Chapter No. 17 and Hannibal Chapter No. 7 at Shelbina.
- June 29: Recommended appointment of SK W. J. Sherman as Grand Representative near Ohio pending receipt of approval from Grand Commandery of Ohio; extended the dispensation of Crusade Commandery No. 23 to remove from its domicile in Mexico, MO to a temporary domicile in Montgomery City, MO with warning included.
- June 30: Attended Mid Missouri Council No. 291 Allied Masonic Degrees.
- July 4: Approved SK Frank E. Brewer of Mississippi to be the Representative of Missouri near Mississippi.
- July 6: Provided clarification for an article posted in the July 2016 issue Knight Templar Magazine regarding the wearing of the Lodge apron over the Knight Templar uniform when visiting Lodges in this jurisdiction.
- July 7: Assisted Hannibal Chapter No. 7 and representatives from many Chapters around the State in the conferral of the Royal Arch Mason Degree.
- July 8: Observed conferral of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and conferred the Order of Malta at Columbia.
- July 9: Grand Master's Templar Crusade at Jefferson City.
- July 10: Attended Grand Master's reception at Columbia, MO.
- July 11: Official visit - opened a special meeting and met with members of Paschal Commandery No. 32 at Chillicothe, MO.
- July 16: Participated in KYCH conferral in Jefferson City. Installed as Warder Missouri Priory No. 17.

July 18:	Official visit - Kansas City No. 10 at Kansas City, MO; recommended SK Curtis Rickman for appointment Grand Representative-Italy.	September 20:	Official visit - Bethany Commandery No. 42 - no show for Bethany - however, members from Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 24 from Trenton, MO, who had come to visit, and I had a very interesting and informative visit in the very warm parking lot at Bethany Commandery.
July 19:	Recommended appointments as follows: Colorado ,SK Dennis L. Hammick; Illinois, SK Harry L. Tripp, Jr.; Nebraska, SK Charles E. Cooper; pending receipt of approval from those Grand Jurisdictions; appointed SK Larry F. Walters as an additional Assistant to Grand photographer.	September 24:	Grand Chapter ritual school of instruction; Region 4 Conclave at Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29, Jefferson City, MO.
July 21:	Recommended SK Loren Dale Lloyd for appointment as Grand Representative from Alaska near Missouri pending receipt of approval from Grand Commandery of Alaska; recommended SK Roger Dale Fleer for appointment as Grand Representative from South Dakota near Missouri pending approval from the Grand Commandery of South Dakota; recommended SK Kirby Trent Moreland for appointment as Grand Representative from Hawaii near Missouri; recommended SK Michael Christopher Rohman for appointment as Grand Representative from Kentucky near Missouri; official Visit - Jasper Commandery No. 31 at Carthage.	September 25:	Appointed SK Bobby Leon Detherow as Drill Judge No. 4 due to the resignation of SK Joe Hayes.
July 23:	Region 5 Conclave at Abigil-Freedom Lodge at Mehlville, MO; receptions for Most Excellent Companion John Siscel and Most Illustrious Companion Todd Schulze; appointed SK Donald Charpentier to the Ritual Committee replacing SK Joseph Hayes.	September 25-27:	Grand Lodge Annual Communication at Columbia, MO.
July 24:	Recommended SK Terry R. Struse for appointment as Grand Representative from Arkansas near Missouri pending receipt of approval from the Grand Commandery of Arkansas.	September 27:	Jurisprudence Committee meeting; official visit - Crusade Commandery No. 23 at Montgomery City, MO.
July 25:	Official visit - St. John's Commandery No. 20 at Springfield.	September 28:	Special meeting Paschal Commandery No. 32 - no show - Charter arrested.
July 28:	Attended Knights of St. Andrew and 4 Bodies meeting-Scottish Rite.	September 29:	Attended Mid Missouri Council No. 291 Allied Masonic Degrees
July 30:	Region 2 Conclave at Hugh De Payens Commandery No. 4, St. Joseph, MO.	October 1:	Region 1 Conclave at Ely Commandery No. 22, Kirksville, MO; appointed SK Richard L. Mansfield Alternate Judge.
August 6:	Region 4 Conclave at Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29, Jefferson City, MO.	October 3:	Dispensation for Ely Commandery No. 22 to march in uniform in Shriners' parade on November 5.
August 8:	Attended Moberly Lodge No. 344.	October 4:	Official visit - Emmanuel Commandery No. 7 at Macon, MO.
August 12-13:	Annual Conclave Red Cross of Constantine at Joplin, MO.	October 5:	Official visit - Ascalon Commandery No. 16 at St. Louis, MO.
August 15:	Official visit - Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67 at Poplar Bluff, MO.	October 6:	Official visit - Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 at Florissant, MO.
August 16:	Official visit - Lebanon Commandery No. 33 at Lebanon, MO.	October 7:	Official visit - DeSoto Commandery No. 56 at Farmington, MO.
August 20:	Region 3 Conclave at Westport Commandery No. 68, Kansas City, MO.	October 10:	Official visit - O'Sullivan Commandery No. 15 at Nevada, MO.
August 22:	Appointed SK David Phillips to the Drill Committee replacing SK Joe Hayes; official visit - DeMolay Commandery No. 3 at Lexington, MO.	October 13:	Official visit - Ely Commandery No. 22 at Kirksville, MO.
August 23:	Official visit - Crusade Commandery No. 23 at Montgomery City, MO.	October 14:	Official visit - St. Graal Commandery No. 12 at Columbia, MO.
August 27:	Region 6 Conclave at DeSoto Commandery No. 56, Farmington, MO.	October 17:	Approved By-laws amendments for Palestine Commandery No. 17; official visit - Neosho Commandery No. 57 at Neosho, MO.
August 31:	Installed officers of West plains Commandery No. 48 with the assistance of members of St. John's Commandery No. 20 in the absence of any Grand Line Officer of this Jurisdiction - restored the Charter of West Plains Commandery No. 48 and set that Commandery at work - witnessed the opening ceremonies of this Commandery as an indication that it could perform the ritual - observed the first official meeting of this Commandery after restoration - witnessed the approval of By-laws by the Commandery.	October 20:	Official visit - Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 24 at Trenton, MO.
September 1:	Official visit - Palestine Commandery No. 17 at Independence, MO.	October 21-22:	Region 3 York Rite Festival at Independence, MO - 9 candidates Knighted from several Commanderies.
September 6:	Official visit - Ascension Commandery No. 39 at Joplin, MO.	October 24:	Attended Moberly Lodge No. 344.
September 10:	Region 7 Conclave at St. Elmo Commandery No. 43, Bolivar, MO.	October 25:	Official visit - Malta Commandery No. 72 at Shelbina, MO.
September 12:	Attended Moberly Lodge No. 344.	October 27:	Attended Knights of St. Andrew, Four Bodies meeting-Scottish Rite.
September 13:	Approved By-laws of West Plains Commandery No. 48.	November 2:	Official visit - St. Omer Commandery No. 11 at Sedalia, MO.
September 14-18:	Southcentral Department Conference in Alexandria, LA.	November 3:	Official visit - East Gate Commandery No. 70 at Kansas City, MO.
September 19:	Official visit - Westport Commandery No. 68 at Kansas City, MO.	November 4:	Official visit - Oriental Commandery No. 35 at Kansas City, MO.
		November 5:	Springfield York Rite Festival - Commandery.
		November 6:	Recommended SK Aaron E. Rose for appointment as Grand Representative from Croatia near Missouri.
		November 7:	Official visit - Liberty Commandery No. 6 at Liberty, MO.
		November 8:	Recommended SK Nathan J. Rasper for appointment as Grand Representative from Romania near Missouri; recommended SK Joseph S. Russell for appointment as Grand Representative from Togo near Missouri.
		November 12:	Attended Columbia Preceptory Yeomen of York, Heart of Missouri York Rite College No. 188.
		November 14:	Attended Moberly Lodge No. 344.
		November 16:	Official visit - St. Elmo Commandery No. 43 at Bolivar, MO.
		November 18:	Official visit - Mountain Grove Commandery No. 66 at Mountain Grove, MO.
		November 19:	Region 5 York Rite Festival - Commandery - at St. Louis, MO.
		November 21:	Official visit - Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29 at Jefferson City, MO.

November 22: Official visit - Crusade Commandery No. 23 at Montgomery City, MO - membership voted to merge with St. Graal Commandery No. 12 at Columbia, MO.

November 28: Attended Moberly Lodge No. 344.

November 29: Approved By-laws amendment for St. Graal Commandery No. 12.

December 3: Brief visit to Coon Creek Shrine Club Christmas dinner.

December 7: Official visit - Cape Girardeau Commandery No. 55 at Cape Girardeau, MO; appointed SK Charles M. Huey to Returns of Commanderies committee to replace J. Joseph Hayes.

December 8: Approved dispensation for St. Graal Commandery No. 12.

December 9: Attended Region 4 Table Commandery at Jefferson City Lodge; approved merger of Crusade Commandery No. 23 and St. Graal Commandery No. 12.

December 10: Attended Annual Conclave and Christmas celebration of Mary Conclave Red Cross of Constantine at Buckner, MO.

December 12: Attended Moberly Lodge No. 344.

December 20: Approved By-laws change for St. Johns Commandery No. 20 providing that ARTICLE III, Sections 2 & 3 allow reimbursement to the Recorder, upon receipt of valid proof, the amount of \$150.00 per annum and removing the \$25.00 annual allotment to the Treasurer. The amendment also provides elimination of Section 3 by rewording Section 2 as above; approved By-laws change for St. Johns Commandery No. 20 at ARTICLE V Section 1 to increase the fee for conferring the Orders from \$50.00 to \$60.00 and, Section 2 to increase the dues from \$20.00 to \$30.00 while retaining the remaining wording of the Section; official visit - Bethany Commandery No. 42 at Bethany, MO.

December 29: Mid Missouri Council No. 291 AMD at Columbia, MO.

2017:

January 3: Visited Emmanuel Commandery No. 7 at Macon, MO.

January 4: Appointed SK Harold F. Coots, PGC, to chair the Committee on the Grand Commander's Annual Report to replace Larry Thomas Odom, PGC, and James L. Woodfin, Jr., PGC, as a member of said Committee; attended visitation for Larry Thomas Odom at Trenton MO.

January 5: Attended committal remembrance for Larry Thomas Odom at Veterans' Cemetery at Jacksonville, MO; official visit - Excalibur Commandery No.5 at Hannibal, MO.

January 7: Attended Grand Officers' meeting and Grand Commandery opening practice at Jefferson City, MO.

January 9: Attended 50-year pin presentation for SK Jerry Francis Ward at Liberty Lodge No. 31, Liberty, MO - served as Grand Chaplain for the ceremony.

January 16: Official visit - Rolla Commandery No. 59 Rolla, MO.

January 21: Attended Grand Preceptory Yeomen of York at Jefferson City, MO.

January 23: Installed Officers at DeMolay Commandery No. 3 in Lexington, MO.

January 26: Knights of St. Andrew and 4 Bodies meeting Columbia Valley Scottish Rite.

January 28: Participated in the Installation of Officers at Shelbina, MO.

February 1: Official visit - Hugh De Payens Commandery No. 4 at St. Joseph, MO.

February 2: Official visit - Constantine Commandery No. 27 at Greenfield, MO.

February 4: Coon Creek Ham and bean dinner at Moberly, MO; Yeomen of York at Columbia, MO; York Rite College at Columbia, MO.

February 13: Attended Moberly Lodge No. 344.

February 18: Assisted in the conferral of the Sword of Bunker Hill at Bonville, MO.

February 23: Approved dispensation for DeSoto Commandery No. 56

February 27: Attended Moberly Lodge No. 344.

March 1-5: Attended Louisiana Grand York Rite Sessions at Alexandria LA.

March 7: Official visit - West Plains Commandery No. 48 at West Plains, MO.

March 8-11: Attended Arkansas Grand York Rite Sessions at Little Rock, AR.

March 13: Attended Moberly Lodge No. 344.

March 18: Grand Officers' Meeting-Audit and Finance Committee meetings.

March 23: Attended Knights of St. Andrew and 4 Bodies meetings of the Scottish Rite Valley of Columbia.

March 25: Attended Grand Master's Cryptic event at St. Louis.

March 27: Attended Moberly Lodge No. 344.

March 29-30: Attended Grand Commandery of Kansas.

April 1: Grand Officers' meeting.

April 3: Attended Table Commandery at Liberty Commandery No. 6.

April 4: Attended 150th anniversary celebration of Emanuel Commandery No. 7 at Macon, MO.

April 7: Additional visit to Mountain Grove Commandery No. 66.

April 8: Grand Commander's breakfast at Ascalon Commandery No. 16 with conferral of the Orders following at St. Louis, MO.

April 10: Attended Moberly Lodge No. 344.

April 14: Issued order by certified mail to St. Omer Commandery No. 11 and DeMolay Commandery No. 3 in relation to their prior and failed attempt to consolidate.

April 15-16: Attended 5th Annual Easter Sunrise Service at WW1 Memorial at Kansas City, MO - counted 60 attendees with 16 being from Missouri - additional Sir Knights attended from Montana, N. Dakota, S. Dakota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma, Alabama and may have been more.

April 20-22: Attended Grand Commandery of Texas.

April 24: Attended Moberly Lodge No. 344.

April 27-29: Attended Grand York Rite of Oklahoma at Norman, OK.

May 6: Attended and participated in the conferral of the Orders at St. John's Commandery No. 20 at Springfield, MO.

May 8: Attended Moberly Lodge No. 344.

DISPENSATIONS

2016:

June 10: It is my will and extreme pleasure to grant a dispensation to Liberty Commandery No. 6, my home Commandery, to temporarily remove from its present domicile located at 10 E. Franklin St., Liberty, MO to the domicile of Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29 located at 3211 Masonic Court, Jefferson City, MO on Saturday, July 9, 2016 for the purpose of performing the opening of the Grand Master's Templar Crusade.

June 22: Ordered dispensation to Paschal Commandery No. 22 to change meeting day and time.

- June 29: Extended dispensation for Crusade Commandery No. 23 to change meeting.
- August 22: Granted visitation request from Kansas City No. 10 to visit Westport Commandery No. 68 on October 17, 2016.
- October 3: Granted dispensation for Ely Commandery No. 22 to march in Shriners' parade on November 5.
- December 8: Granted dispensation to St. Graal Commandery No. 12 to remove from its domicile at Columbia, MO to The Masonic Lodge in Jefferson City on December 9, 2016 for the purpose of a Table Commandery and brief meeting.
- 2017:
- February 23: Approved dispensation for DeSoto Commandery No. 56 to temporarily change its meeting day from the 1st Friday to the 2nd Tuesday on a trial basis for 6 months to attempt to gain membership for its meetings.
- May 8: Approved dispensation for DeMolay Commandery No. 3 to temporarily remove its domicile from Lexington, MO to the domicile of St. Omer Commandery No 11 at Sedalia, MO for the purpose of discussions and possible actions regarding consolidation.

BY-LAWS APPROVED (Constituent Commanderies)

- Complete Revision West Plains Commandery No. 48.
- Approved amendments to By-laws of Palestine Commandery No. 17.
- Approved By-laws amendment for St. Graal Commandery No. 12.
- Approved By-laws amendments for St. Johns Commandery No. 20

CONSOLIDATIONS

Having observed that all the prerequisites had been completed, the merger of Crusade Commandery No. 23 and St. Graal Commandery No. 12 was very reluctantly approved on December 9, 2016.

DECISIONS

1. In keeping with Grand Master Decision No. 9 (David Dixon Goodwin, GCT, GM, April 1, 2015), and to comply with the Grand Encampment Constitution Statutes and Approved Decisions, it is my decision that all references to term limits for appointees in the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Missouri be stricken wherever they occur. In part GM Goodwin's decision states, "... Grand Commanderies may not pass laws specifying the term for a committee appointment as it

interferes with the Grand Commander's right to appoint all committees. This decision revokes 1958, page 268, No. 7, DeLamater ...". Reference Section 48 of the Grand Encampment Constitution.

2. As to the decision cited in item No. 1 and the decision of Grand Master Gordon, to wit, "The Grand Commander has sole authority to appoint all Grand Commandery* committees and all offices not made elective. An amendment to provide that particular persons or the holder of a particular office shall serve on a committee is in violation of Grand Encampment law. (1955, p. 83 & 235, No. 10, Gordon, 1988 digest - 158)", it is my decision that any reference in the Grand Commandery Laws and Regulations referring to the appointment of an holder of any office to a committee be stricken.
*corrects that posted at the Grand Encampment web page
3. In contrast to the Laws and Regulations it is my decision that the Templar Jurisprudence Committee shall contain five members for 2016-2017.

GENERAL ORDERS

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

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

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

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

No. 5 Regional Grand Commanders are hereby deputed as Personal Representatives of the Grand Commander within their designated Regions. Included is the power to arrest the Charter of a Constituent Commandery should that become necessary upon the instruction and direction of the Grand

Commander. Under our current law, none of this is specifically addressed or stipulated.

No. 6 Requests for approval of constituent Commandery by-laws, requests for special dispensations, and other requests specifically of the Grand Commander should be sent emailed (email: bcslick@hughes.net) to the Grand Commander with cc's to the chairman of the applicable committee (typically the Jurisprudence chairman) and gyr@moyorkrite.org (and to hansonr@missouri.edu as both a backup and to make sure that the Grand Recorder sees it in case his input is needed). In the event that the person sending the email does not know the email of the applicable committee chairman, then the Executive Assistant will forward the request to the appropriate committee chairman with a cc to the Grand Commander (so he knows that it has been done). After considering the matter (and consulting with the appropriate committee chairman), the Grand Commander will email a response to the person who submitted the request with cc's to the appropriate committee chairman, gyr@moyorkrite.org, and hansonr@missouri.edu. Those without email capability may submit requests for approval of constituent Commandery by-laws, requests for special dispensations, and other requests specifically of the Grand Commander to the Grand York Rite Office, 107 S. Williams St., Fayette, MO, 65248-1017. The Executive Assistant will scan the document and email the scan to the Grand Commander, the appropriate committee chair, and hansonr@missouri.edu. After considering the matter (and consulting the appropriate committee chairman), the Grand Commander should either email a response to the person who submitted the request (if his email address is known, or to the email address of someone who can communicate with the person who submitted the request) or send in the body of an email to gyr@moyorkrite.org and hansonr@missouri.edu his response so the Grand Recorder can prepare a paper letter to return by snail mail to the person who submitted the request. The Executive Assistant will email a copy of the letter (as a pdf file) back to the Grand Commander and appropriate committee chairman. All other legal matters such as questions of interpretation of the Laws and Regulations and proposals for amendment of the Laws and Regulations should be sent by email to the Jurisprudence chairman with cc's to the Grand Commander, gyr@moyorkrite.org, and hansonr@missouri.edu. After due consideration the Jurisprudence chairman and the Grand Commander can determine who will respond to the question of interpretation of the Laws and Regulations. The Jurisprudence chairman should respond to proposals for amendment of the Laws and Regulations. All responses by email should include

cc's to gyr@moyorkrite.org and hansonr@missouri.edu. Snail mailed request should be addressed to the Grand York Rite Office, 107 S. Williams St., Fayette, MO, 65248-1017. The Executive Assistant will scan the document and email the scan to the Jurisprudence chairman and the Grand Commander with a cc to hansonr@missouri.edu. The Grand Recorder would be happy to prepare paper letter responses for the Grand Commander and the Jurisprudence chairman, as the need arises (The Grand Recorder just needs the body of the letter in an email to gyr@moyorkrite.org and hansonr@missouri.edu). In short, all communications of the Grand Commandery of Missouri will always include a copy to gyr@moyorkrite.org and hansonr@missouri.edu. That way the official record at the MGYR Office can be maintained and the Grand Recorder will be kept in the loop as well as acting as a backup for the MGYR Office.

No. 7 References to a requirement that Constituent Commanderies are required to submit monthly reports are to be removed from any documentation including that on the website. The requirement for the filing of monthly reports was removed by the Grand Encampment quite some time ago and should have been done at that time by the Grand Commandery of Missouri, especially since there is no requirement in the Laws and Regulations for it. This is not to say that a Constituent Commandery may not use the report form itself to maintain and keep its own records up to date.

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

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

However, in the event that such removal would necessarily have a detrimental effect upon any particular Section, Jurisprudence will prepare such legislation for presentation at the next Annual Conclave.

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

Unfortunately, it was my sad duty to have to arrest a Charter. After much consternation, soul searching, conferencing, deliberation and attempt to determine an avenue to keep Paschal Commandery No. 32 viable, I was on September 28, 2016, placed in a position to have to arrest its Charter. In 2010-2011, the Heads of the Grand York Rite held special meetings with several members of the York Rite Bodies in Chillicothe, MO. These meetings were called for the express purpose of learning from the membership their opinion of the future of these Bodies because all communication with the Grands had been severed. Upon learning at that time that there was a sufficient number of members wanting to go forward, a determination was made to waive past transgressions such as failure to elect and install officers, mail dues notices, collect per capita and forward to the Grand, update membership records, maintain contact with the Grands, pass on communications from the Grand, hold regular meetings, attend and provide representation at the Annual Communications. Nothing has been accomplished, followed or addressed by the elected and installed officers of the Commandery since that time. On taking office in June 2016, it was my determination to re-establish contact with membership of the Commandery and once again bring forth all of the issues identified during the 2010-2011 Grand Commandery year. I requested that a letter be sent to the last known Recorder of the Commandery, and that he be instructed that the Grand Commander was calling a Special Meeting for July 11, 2016 for the purpose of discussing the future of Paschal Commandery No. 32. The Recorder was further instructed to notify the membership of the Commandery. On my arrival, I was informed that the membership had not been formally notified but only a few were afforded phone calls and those had excuses for not attending. This was in direct violation of the Order I issued as Grand Commander. One member other than the Recorder was in attendance. This meeting was also attended by Harry L. Tripp, Jr., Eminent Grand Junior Warden; Daryl L. Price, Regional Grand Commander Region 2; and William W. Mier, Past Commander Hugh De Payens Commandery No. 4. The meeting was opened by the Grand Commander who presented the reasons for the meeting as had been stipulated in the notification letter as indicated below.

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CERTIFIED MAIL

June 27, 2016

Melvin L. Gregg Melvin L. Gregg
Recorder of Record Recorder of Record
Paschal Commandery No. 32 Paschal Commandery No. 32
3109 Cedar Crest Lane 719 Webster St.
Chillicothe, MO 64601-9373 Chillicothe, MO 64601-2521

Sir Knight Recorder:

During Templar year 2010-2011, the Grand York Rite Bodies of Missouri healed Lone Star Chapter No. 30, Chillicothe Council No. 28, and Paschal Commandery No. 32 in regards to previous violations of the Grand Chapter Constitution and By-laws, the Grand Council Constitution and By-laws, and the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery. These three Grand Bodies did, in fact, set aside the filing of annual returns for previous years and the payment of per capita for those same years. During this time also, an election and installation of officers took place with those officers committing to follow the requirements of the guiding laws, statutes, and regulations.

The remainder of this letter applies only to the Grand Commandery of Missouri.

As time went on, Paschal Commandery No. 32 fell into its previous pattern and since then has broken off all communications with the Grand Commandery of Missouri. There have been no annual returns filed, no per capita paid, no meetings held, no elections or installations of officers, no representation at the Grand Conclave, and probably no dues notices mailed or dues collected. These are all requirements upon a Constituent Commandery per the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Missouri.

It is therefore my Order, pursuant to Article II, The Grand Officers. Section 27, The Grand Commander, Subsections A, D, E, I, and K that you will issue a summons in writing to the entire membership of Paschal Commandery No 32 that the Grand Commander of Missouri will open Paschal Commandery No. 32 on July 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at its domicile home in Chillicothe, Missouri for the purpose of discussing and determining the status and future of Paschal Commandery No. 32. This Order does contain a dispensation for a change of meeting day and time from Paschal Commandery No. 32's regular meeting of the third Monday of the month at 8:30 p.m.

It is my further Order that the Recorder of Paschal Commandery No. 32 will make available for inspection all membership files (including names and addresses), financial documents, the seal of the Commandery, and all prior minutes of the Commandery.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Sir Knight Robert W. Schlichter
Grand Commander

CC Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri
Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Missouri

Grand Master of the Grand Council of Missouri
 All elected Grand Line Officers of the Grand Commandery of Missouri
 All Regional Grand Commanders
 The Grand York Rite Office
 The Chairman, Templar Jurisprudence Committee

Prior to departing on this evening, the Recorder was instructed that he had to update his membership base and report same to the Grand Encampment membership base, maintain a monthly log in with the Grand Encampment membership base, prepare annual reports for the previous years of inactivity, mail out dues notices to the membership, collect per capita and forward to the Grand Recorder along with the annual reports, notify the membership that the Commandery would begin holding regular meetings, identify the officers still listed as members, prepare and hold an annual election and install officers and file a report of activity with the Grand Commander and the Regional Grand Commander.

After two months of no report or reported activity to the Regional Grand Commander or me and observing that the Commandery had no representation in attendance at the Region 2 Conclave held in St. Joseph, Mo on July 30, 2016, I authorized the following notification.

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September 21, 2016
 Melvin L. Gregg
 Recorder of Record
 Paschal Commandery No. 32
 3109 Cedar Crest Lane
 Chillicothe, MO 64601-9373

Sir Knight Recorder:

You are hereby ordered to notify the membership of Pascal Commandery No. 32 in order to inform them that they are being summoned by the Grand Commander to appear and attend a special meeting of Paschal Commandery No. 32 at 7:00 pm on September 28, 2016 at the domicile of Paschal Commandery No. 32. The purpose of this special meeting is to discuss the future of this Commandery and/or any matters which might be related thereto.

It is my understanding that Sir Knight John Siscel, Grand High Priest, and Sir Knight Todd Schulze, Most Illustrious Grand Master, will also attend and may wish to talk about matters relating to the future prospects of Lone Star Chapter No. 30 and Chillicothe Council No. 28.

Paschal Commandery No. 32 will be opened under command of the Grand Commander and business relative to the operation of the Commandery will be examined during the meeting. This is a tiled meeting and Sir Knights should appear in Class A Uniform, if they have one, including chapeaux, belt, sword, and gloves.

Questions or concerns should be referred directly to the Grand Commander.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Sir Knight Robert W. Schlichter
 Grand Commander

CC Grand Master, Grand Lodge
 Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter
 Elected Grand Commandery Line Officers
 Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter
 Regional Grand Commanders
 Grand Master, Grand Council
 Grand York Rite Office
 Grand Recorder, Grand Council
 Templar Jurisprudence Committee Chairman

On September 28, 2016, I, along with numerous representatives of the Grand Commandery along with Most Excellent Companion John Siscel and Most Illustrious Companion Todd Schulze, met at the door of Paschal Commandery No. 32 awaiting arrival of members of the York Rite of Chillicothe to unlock the meeting place. After waiting a considerable length of time phone calls were made to various members of those bodies, all of whom refused to appear to unlock the door of the building. Observing this insubordination as a final snubbing of the Grand York Rite Bodies, I along with Most Excellent Companion Siscel and Most Illustrious Companion Schulze determined to arrest the Charters of the York Rite Bodies of Chillicothe in absentia.

APPOINTMENTS

INSTALLING OFFICERS 2016-2017: SK Jerry F. Ward, Past Grand Commander, Installing Grand Commander; SK James E. Snively, Past Grand Commander, Installing Grand Marshall; SK Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Honorary Past Grand Commander, Installing Grand Prelate

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS NEAR MISSOURI:
 Alaska - SK Loren Dale Lloyd; Arkansas - SK Terry R. Struse; Colorado - SK Dennis L. Hammack; District of Columbia - SK Carlin Smittle; Hawaii - SK Kirby Trent Moreland; Illinois - SK Harry L. Tripp, Jr.; Kentucky - SK Michael Christopher Rohman; Massachusetts/Rhode Island - SK Dennis Fetter; Nebraska - SK Charles E. Cooper; New Jersey - SK Aaron M. Shoemaker; New Mexico - SK Daniel Hatley; North Dakota - SK Andrew Jay Dawson; Ohio - SK W. J. Sherman; South Dakota - SK Roger Daniel Fleer; Vermont - SK Thomas E. Christine; Italy - SK

Curtiss Rickman; Panama - SK Jeffrey Krusen; Croatia - SK Aaron E. Rose;
Romania - SK Nathan J. Rasper; Togo - SK Joseph S. Russell

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2016-2017 - STANDING COMMITTEES: Address of the Grand Commander - SK Harold F. Coots, PGC, Chairman; SK James L. Woodfin, Jr., PGC; SK Richard L. Mansfield, PGC == Credentials - SK Phillip W. Engel, Chairman; SK Terry R. Struse; SK Charles M. Huey; SK Robert L. Schmidt; SK Fred F. Stuecken, Emeritus == Finance and Accounts - SK Dennis A. Abernathy, Chairman; SK K. Trent Moreland; SK Harold Richardson, PGC; SK James E. Snavelly, PGC; SK Roger D. Fleeer; SK Clark A. McLemore; SK Aaron E. Rose; SK Donald L. Trabue, PGC; SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC == Hospitalier - SK Clark A. McLemore, Chairman; SK K. Trent Moreland; SK Roger D. Fleeer == Returns of Commanderies - SK Phillip W. Engel, Chairman; SK Charles M. Huey; SK Robert L. Schmidt; SK Fred F. Steucken, Emeritus (This Committee, formerly charged with conducting a review of the Annual Reports submitted by Constituent Commanderies, no longer has a function since neither monthly nor annual reports are any longer required by the Grand Commandery or the Grand Encampment.) == Templar Jurisprudence - SK Glenn E. Means, Chairman; SK Charles Brent Stewart; SK Todd Schulze; SK Kevin Brian Sample, HPGC; SK Walter W. Doyle; SK Stanton Thayer Brown, Emeritus == Triennial Committee - SK Thomas Chester Yunick, PGC, Chairman; SK Clark A. McLemore; SK Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC == Time and Place - SK Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Chairman; SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC; SK K. Trent Moreland

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2016-2017 - SPECIAL COMMITTEES: Annual Conclave (otherwise known as a committee on arrangements for the Annual Conclave) - SK K. Trent Moreland, Chairman; SK Roger D. Fleeer; SK Donald L. Trabue, PGC; SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC; SK Clark A. McLemore; SK Charles E. Cooper (Some of the duties of this committee as have been defined to me are: Work with the Grand Recorder to make sure the meeting room is set up according to our requirements, including all regalia, and timely. It is not the responsibility of the Grand Recorder to set up the room, dress the room, and generally herd everyone everywhere. Work with the Grand Recorder to address any meeting requirements needed, and serve the Grand Commander's needs with regard to the general conduct of the meetings. The committee should be assigned to meet with our distinguished Grand Commandery guests and their ladies, and work to accommodate their needs, introductions to Missouri Sir Knights, and general social interactions. Work with the ladies to make sure that distinguished guests gifts are delivered and help them with any of their needs as well. It is my understanding that hotel staff delivers the gifts.) == Audit - SK Dennis A. Abernathy, Chairman; SK K. Trent Moreland; SK James E. Snavelly, PGC; SK Harold J. Richardson, PGC; SK Richard L. Mansfield, PGC; SK Michael C. Rohman == Drill - SK Kevin B. Sample, HPGC, Chairman; SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Co-Chairman; SK Kevin E. Weaver Judging Leader; SK Bobby L. Detherow; SK David Phillips; SK Ronnie E. Green, PGC (Judges: SK Kevin Weaver - Judge 1; SK Bobbie White - Judge 2; SK Harold Coots - Judge 3; SK Bobby L. Detherow -

Judge 4; SK Ronnie Green - Judge 5; SK Richard L. Mansfield - Alternate) == Easter Sunrise Service - SK Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., PGC, Chairman; Regional Grand Commanders == Educational Foundation - SK David C. Witte; SK Richard L. Mansfield, PGC; SK Todd A. Schulze; SK Clifton F. Wofford; SK James L. Woodfin, Jr., PGC; SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Secretary (non-voting); SK Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Treasurer (non-voting) (This Committee elects its own Chairman.) == Endowment Fund - SK Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Chairman; SK Thomas C. Yunick, PGC; SK Richard L. Mansfield, PGC == Forms and Publications - SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Chairman; SK Donald MacCormick; SK Kevin Brian Sample, HPGC; SK Aaron Shoemaker == Holy Land Pilgrimage - SK Ralph E. Nolan, Chairman; SK Lewis C. Odneal; SK Kevin E. Weaver; SK Ronald E. Wood, Jr., HPGC; SK Roy L. Gilkey == Honor Commandery Award - SK K. Trent Moreland, Chairman; SK Roger D. Fleeer; SK Clark A. McLemore; SK Charles E. Cooper == Investments - SK Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Chairman; SK Dennis A. Abernathy; SK E. Allen Kohler, HPGC; SK James E. Snavelly, PGC; SK Harold J. Richardson, PGC; SK Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC; SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC == Patriotic and Civic Activities - SK Charles E. Cooper, Chairman; SK Clark A. McLemore == Ritual - SK Kevin E. Weaver Chairman; SK Kevin B. Sample, HPGC; SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC; SK Jerry F. Ward, PGC; SK Ronnie E. Green, PGC; SK Donald Charpentier; SK Terry Coppotelli == Youth Organizations - SK Danny D. Smothers, Chairman; SK David L. Leirer; SK Steven C. Monrotus == Emerging Leaders - SK Charles E. Cooper, Chairman; SK Stephen Thompson; SK Bobbie White; SK Rick Mansfield, PGC; SK Harry Tripp; SK Dennis Hammack

REGIONAL CONCLAVES: This is not a committee per se however, Regional Grand Commanders are charged with the preparation for, the agenda of and the location, date and time for the Conclave in their respective regions. They should coordinate their efforts with the Regional Grand Officer for their individual region. See General Order Nos. 2 & 3 and RGO & RGC Instructions above. To that effect, I caused the following to be issued.

REGIONAL GRAND OFFICER (RGO) AND REGIONAL GRAND COMMANDER (RGC) INSTRUCTIONS 2016-2017: For the Templar year 2016-2017 there will be seven (7) Regional Conclaves. In recent years these have been combined with the Grand Chapter and Grand Council and billed as, "York Rite Conferences". Also in the most recent past Regional Conclaves, for some regions, have been combined with other regions. It is the duty of the RGC's in their respective regions to schedule the dates, times and locations for the regional conclaves and to prepare an agenda (program) for the event. We are falling well short of this. The dates, times and locations should be discussed and coordinated and planned in concert with the District Deputy Grand High Priest and Regional Grand Master within the region. It is permissible to schedule dates, times and locations to coincide with the conferences of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council while remembering that each region will hold a regional conference. In all cases, it is highly suggested and requested that the conclaves be planned and scheduled as quickly as possible but not later than 30 days prior to the June 2016 Grand Conclave and

that those dates be passed on the Grand York Rite Office for inclusion in the preprint (preliminary proceedings). As an example, Region 7 has already scheduled its conference for September 10, 2016 and will be meeting with its counterparts of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council. One of the duties of the Regional Grand Officers is to assist the Regional Grand Commanders to coordinate the event and provide input as to programming. While not dictating the program for a conclave, it should relate and be informative to those Sir Knights who are just beginning in the Fraternity, especially if they are in the line of a Commandery. The Conclave may also wish to include issues affecting the Region in particular or the Fraternity in general and should allow a discussion period. Please also review the following documents on the Grand York Rite Webpage-Duties of a District/Regional Officer and York Rite Conference Suggested Format and Planning.

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS AND OTHERS - 2016-2017: SK Robert W. Schlichter (6) - Grand Commander; SK K. Trent Moreland (8, 16) - Deputy Grand Commander; SK Roger D. Fleer (16) - Grand Generalissimo; SK Clark A. McLemore (27) - Grand Captain General; SK Charles E. Cooper (22) - Grand Senior Warden; SK Harry L. Tripp, Jr. (56) - Grand Junior Warden; SK Donald L. Trabue, PGC (29) - Grand Treasurer; SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC (12) - Grand Recorder; SK Roy L. Gilkey (29) - Grand Prelate; SK Lewis C. Odneal - Assistant to Grand Prelate; SK Dennis L. Hammack (8) - Grand Standard Bearer; SK Dennis A. Abernathy (35) - Grand Sword Bearer; SK Michael Christopher Rohman - Grand Warder; SK George L. Duncan - Grand Sentinel; SK Ronald L. Barrett - Assistant to Grand Sentinel; SK Jack Duane Brown - Assistant to Grand Sentinel; SK Kevin Brian Sample, HPGC - Aide de Camp; SK Thomas Chester Yunick - Aide de Camp; SK Ronald E. Wood, Jr., HPGC - Grand Historian; SK Kevin E. Weaver - Grand Drill Instructor/Lecturer; SK Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC - Grand Chorister; SK Steven C. Monrotus - Grand Organist; SK John E. Schofield - Assistant to Grand Organist; SK Kevin Brian Sample - Grand Photographer; SK William Brantley - Assistant to Grand Photographer; SK Larry F. Walters - Assistant to Grand Photographer; SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC - Knights Templar Magazine, Missouri Supplement Editor; SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC - Conclave Program Book Editor; Lady Debbie Hanson - Executive Assistant to the Grand Recorder for everything

REGIONAL GRAND OFFICER AND REGIONAL GRAND COMMANDER ASSIGNMENTS 2016-2107: Region 1 (5,7,22,72) - SK Roger D. Fleer, Regional Grand Officer; SK David A. Lloyd, Regional Grand Commander; SK William J. King Regional Grand Commander == Region 2 (4,24,42) - SK Clark A. McLemore, Regional Grand Officer; SK Daryl L. Price, Regional Grand Commander == Region 3 (3,6,10,17,35,68,70) - SK Charles E. Cooper, Regional Grand Officer; SK Aaron Rose, Regional Grand Commander; SK Bobbie White, Regional Grand Commander; SK Gentry Slone, Regional Grand Commander == Region 4 (12,23,29,59) - SK Harry L. Tripp, Jr., Regional Grand Officer; SK Ronald L. Skiles, Regional Grand Commander; SK Donald H. Vandegriffe, Regional Grand

Commander == Region 5 (8,16) - SK Dennis L. Hammack, Regional Grand Officer; SK Terry D. Coppotelli, Regional Grand Commander == Region 6 (55,56,67) SK Dennis A. Abernathy, Regional Grand Officer; SK Michael R. Stevens, Regional Grand Commander == Region 7 (15,20,27,31,33,39,43,48,57, 66) - SK Michael C. Rohman, Regional Grand Officer; SK James H. Whitman, Regional Grand Commander; SK Royce P. Wahl, Jr., Regional Grand Commander; SK Paul L. Daniels, Regional Grand Commander; SK Andrew Jay Dawson, Regional Grand Commander

GRAND COMMANDER'S VISITATION ITINERARY

The Grand Commandery of Missouri presently consists of 35 Constituent Commanderies. This is a tentative schedule and subject to change throughout the Templar year:

<u>COMMANDERY NAME</u>	<u>MEETING DAY</u>	<u>DATE SCHEDULED</u>	<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>
DeMolay 3	4th Monday 8:15	August 22, 2016	Completed
Hugh De Payens 4	1st Wednesday 8:15	January 4, 2017	Cancelled in respect of the passing of Larry Thomas Odom, PGC
		Rescheduled to	
		February 1, 2017	Completed
Excalibur 5	1st Thursday 7:30	January 5, 2017	Completed
Liberty 6	1st Monday 7:30	November 7, 2016	Completed
Emmanuel 7	1st Tuesday 7:30	October 4, 2016	Completed
Ivanhoe 8	1st Thursday 7:30	October 6, 2016	Completed
Kansas City 10	3rd Monday 7:00	July 18, 2016	Completed
St. Omer 11	1st Wednesday 7:00	November 2, 2016	Completed
St. Graal 12	2nd Friday 7:30	October 14, 2016	Completed
O'Sullivan 15	2nd Monday 7:30	October 10, 2016	Completed
Ascalon 16	1st & 3rd Wednesday 7:30	October 5, 2016	Completed
Palestine 17	1st Thursday 7:30	September 1, 2016	Completed
St. John's 20	4th Monday 7:00	July 25, 2016	Completed
Ely 22	2nd Monday in December		
Crusade 23	2nd Thursday 6:30	October 13, 2016	Completed
	4th Tuesday 8:00	August 23, 2016	Meeting under dispensation at Montgomery City
			Completed
Crusade 23	4th Tuesday 8:00	September 27, 2016	Completed
Crusade 23	4th Tuesday 8:00	November 22, 2016	Completed
			Voted to merge with St. Graal 12 at Columbia, MO
			Merger approved
			December 10, 2016
Godfrey de Bouillon 24	3rd Thursday 7:30	October 20, 2016	Completed
Constantine 27	1st Thursday 7:30	February 2, 2017	Completed
Prince of Peace 29	3rd Monday 7:30	November 21, 2016	Completed
Jasper 31	3rd Thursday 7:30	July 21, 2016	Completed

<u>COMMANDERY NAME</u>	<u>MEETING DAY</u>	<u>DATE SCHEDULED</u>	<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>
Paschal 32	3rd Monday 8:30	July 11, 2016	Date rescheduled to July 11th, time rescheduled to 7:00 Completed
Paschal 32	Special Meeting 7:00	September 28, 2016	Completed Charter arrested September 28, 2016
Lebanon 33	3rd Tuesday 8:30	August 16, 2016	Completed
Oriental 35	1st Friday 7:00	November 4, 2016	Completed
Ascension 39	1st Tuesday 7:30	September 6, 2016	Completed
Bethany 42	3rd Tuesday 7:00	September 20, 2016	Cancelled-no show
Bethany 42	3rd Tuesday 7:00	Rescheduled to December 20, 2016	Completed
St. Elmo 43	3rd Wednesday 7:30	November 16, 2016	Completed
West Plains 48	1st Tuesday 8:00	August 31, 2016	Completed Restored charter
West Plains 48	1st Tuesday 8:00	March 7, 2017	Completed
Cape Girardeau 55	1st Wednesday 7:30	December 7, 2016	Completed
DeSoto 56	1st Friday 7:00	Rescheduled from December 2, 2016 to October 7, 2016	Completed
Neosho 57	3rd Monday 7:00	October 17, 2016	Completed
Rolla 59	3rd Monday 7:00	January 16, 2017	Completed
Mountain Grove 66	3rd Friday 7:00	November 18, 2016	Completed
Poplar Bluff 67	3rd Monday 7:00	August 15, 2016	Completed
Westport 68	3rd Monday 7:30	September 19 2016	Completed
East Gate 70	1st Thursday 7:30	November 3, 2016	Completed
Malta 72	4th Tuesday 8:30	October 25, 2016	Completed

was experienced and suffered by our Saviour Jesus Christ. And then, for them to bring this newly gained experience and knowledge back to the pulpits and even to this Grand Commandery. I extol each and every Sir Knight to practice out of the Commandery that which is so forthrightly taught within it. Figuratively take up your sword and wield it in the defense of the Christian Religion This program was instituted in 2010-2011 by then Grand Commander Russell S. Hanson. It is a program worthy of retention and I will retain it in place because if properly administered, it works. It is reiterated below.

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

Note: Approved consolidation of St. Omer 11 with DeMolay 3 on May 15, 2017

GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGES 2016-2017

My first task of the year is to grant dispensation to Liberty Commandery No. 6 to conduct the opening for the Grand Master's Templar Crusade event on July 9, 2016. My motto for this Templar year: Take up the sword-wield it in the defense of innocent maidens- destitute widows-helpless orphans and, more especially, the Christian Religion.

The more especially has been added for emphasis because, in the current day and age it has become politically correct to deny and attack those moral and Christian standards upon which our Country was founded even by the leaders of this Country. In my opinion, Christian Knights should be countering such attacks at every available opportunity because we stand for those Christian values. We exist because of those values and standards. And one such way of working toward that end is to provide opportunities for members of the ministry to travel to the Holy Land and walk in the footsteps and experience firsthand that which

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

- We need to renew our search for musicians and singers to add depth, perception, interest and a soothing atmosphere to our Conclaves.
- Dates for upcoming festivals should be widely distributed, including the calendar on the Grand York Rite web page. Without some prior planning

it is difficult for a Grand Officer to reschedule at the last minute. Please advise the Grand Commander as well.

- In Regions having more than a single Regional Grand Commander, the Regional Grand Commanders within said Region should discuss how they wish to divide the Region so that one is not running in conflict with another. Please advise the Grand Commander of your specific Commanderies.
- Grand Commander's reception will be Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Dress is casual except for active constituent Commanderies dress for these is Class A with sword, chapeaux and gloves. It serves to establish and maintain personal contact between Grand Officers including the Grand Commander and Sir Knights in attendance that were not installed on June 10 at the Grand Conclave.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Many publications that appear on the webpage are in need of serious updating. Even though I asked for this to be done, it was not for the most part. Should the Forms and Publications Committee be retained in succeeding years, such upgrade needs to be considered.
2. One of my goals was to visit each Constituent Commandery during my term. I am pleased to report that goal was accomplished in more ways than one and more than once in some cases. I would recommend that such practice be continued and also be extended to include Grand Officers and Regional Grand Commanders.
3. Following that, my next goal was to visit all of the Grand Commanderies within the South Central Department. Mission accomplished. Why? To develop and maintain relationships with those Grand Jurisdictions. I recommend the practice be continued and Junior Grand Officers be encouraged to do the same.
4. I recommend continuation of the assignment of Grand Line Officers to Regions and Regional Grand Commanders within each Region. Mainly to insure a point of contact and personal contact by, among and between the Constituent Commanderies, Grand Officers and appointees and the Grand Commander. The current Laws and Regulations may have some faults as regards these position, but to do away with them would be a terrible mistake in my opinion.

5. I recommend continuation of the Regional Conclaves because such activity provides a means of personal contact and may be utilized as a training venue if handled properly.
6. Another of my goals was to update the Constituent Commandery contact, location and meeting date information. I am happy to report that has been accomplished not only once but many times in the last two years. And it is my recommendation that the Forms and Publications Committee, if retained, be instructed in each succeeding administration to insure the information is updated continually.
7. One other of my goals was to establish a committee to design and prepare a program to set up a ritual competition venue for the purpose of allowing more Sir Knights to participate and join into activities of the Grand Commandery and the annual sessions. Unfortunately, the program did not get off the ground. I would recommend that pursuit of such activity continue through fruition. Etc.
8. At the outset of the year I prompted Grand Officers and Regional Grand Commanders to make use of the "York Rite Conference and Planning" and "Duties of District/Regional Grand Officer" instructions. For the most part, that instruction was ignored. Therefore, I recommend that these two documents be included in any future instruction with strong emphasis on their update and usage. That would relieve such obscure comments about lack of training, All one has to do is read and use a bit of ingenuity.

Respectfully and Fraternaly submitted,

SK Robert W. Schlichter
Grand Commander, 2016-2017

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

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

Sir Knights,

Having read this very detailed address, it appears our current Grand Commander is well travelled and well versed in the affairs of the Grand Commandery of the State of Missouri. His attention to matters during the preceding year, in assisting the late Past Grand Commander, SK Larry Odom, appears to have prepared SK Schlichter well for this past year.

It is our recommendation the Grand Commander's Annual Report, as printed, pending necessary additions and corrections, be approved by the members of the Grand Commandery.

Respectfully and Fraternaly submitted,

SK Harold F. Coots, PGC, Chairman
 SK Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

SK James L. Woodfin, Jr., PGC

REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

Sir Knights,

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

Respectfully and Fraternaly submitted,

SK Dennis A. Abernathy, Chairman
 SK James E. Snavelly PGC
 SK Harold J. Richardson, PGC
 SK Michael C. Rohman

SK Richard L. Mansfield, PGC
 SK K. Trent Moreland

REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri:

Sir Knights,

The Templar Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the Orders issued, Dispensations granted, and By-Laws changes approved for subordinate Commanderies and all other relevant matters pertaining to the business of the Craft acted upon by the Grand Commander. In our opinion the Grand Commander has complied with the Statutory duties, responsibilities, and inherent powers of his office. Our Grand Commander is to be commended for his specific interest and attention to the Craft. We especially commend him for his efforts in establishing a file of Constituent Commanderies' By-Laws within the Grand York Rite office.

The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence thanks the Grand Commander for the honor and privilege of being selected to serve this Grand Commandery during his

year. His recommendations will be referred to the appropriate committees for review and we express the hope for his continued successes in the years ahead.

Our congratulations to Sir Knight Robert W. Schlichter, Right Eminent Grand Commander, for a successful year. In our estimation you have performed your duties and responsibilities remarkably well.

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

PASSED FAILED TABLED WITHDRAWN

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 II. The Grand Officers, Section 27. The Grand Commander, Subsection O. The Grand Commander shall, on retiring from office, receive a Past Grand Commander's jewel, shoulder straps, Chapeau rosette and purple Templar crosses. At the time of receipt of a Past Commander's jewel, he shall certify by signature on a form provided by the Grand Recorder a statement acknowledging:

- (1). That the jewel is the sole property of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri;
- (2). That the jewel is on loan to him and he will safeguard it from loss or disappearance, until he no longer desires to continue the loan, at which time he will return it to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri;
- (3). That he will instruct his successors or assigns that the jewel is on loan and is to be returned to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri upon his death.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: With the cost of Grand Commander's jewels continuing to increase, it is in the best interest of the Grand Commandery to reduce its expenses by re-using (recycling) Past Commander's jewels.

Fraternaly Submitted:

SK Robert W. Schlichter, PC - Liberty Commandery No. 6

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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 II. The Grand Officers, Section. 31. The Grand Recorder. Subsection L. ~~Furnish each Commandery duplicate blanks for annual returns on forms to be supplied;~~ Furnish each Commandery with an annual report and per capita bill, based on information from the Grand Encampment Masonic Membership System, the records of the Grand Recorder, and the individual Commanderies. The annual report and per capita bill prepared by the Grand Recorder for each Commandery shall be for the period January 1 through December 31 of each year.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To update the duties of the Grand Recorder to reflect the usage of the new system for Grand Commandery membership records.

Fraternally Submitted:

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC, PC - St. Graal Commandery No. 12

PASSED FAILED TABLED WITHDRAWN

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 II. The Grand Officers, Section. 31. The Grand Recorder. Subsection P. ~~Prepare a uniform receipt for dues which shall be used by all commanderies in the jurisdiction, to be not more than two and one-half inches by four inches, with stub, to contain the printed autograph of the Grand Recorder, and a facsimile of the seal of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Missouri. Each receipt shall bear an impress seal of the commandery. The receipts shall be furnished to the commanderies at actual cost, including postage.~~ The dues cards for all Commanderies in the jurisdiction shall be furnished by the Grand Encampment based on the membership information in the Grand Encampment Masonic Membership System. The Grand Recorder, on request and until the current supply is expended, will provide a Commandery with up to two (2) pages of dues cards which may be used by a Commandery as

temporary dues cards for new members only. The dues cards shall be furnished to the Commanderies at actual cost, including postage.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To update the duties of the Grand Recorder to match the dues card system of the Grand Encampment and provide, until current supplies are expended, temporary Grand Commandery of Missouri dues cards for new members.

Fraternally Submitted:

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC, PC - St. Graal Commandery No. 12

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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 V. New Commanderies, Section. 61. ~~Must Forward Returns Reports,~~ etc. Every Commandery under Dispensation shall, thirty days (30) before the annual convlave of the Grand Commandery, forward to the Grand Recorder its letter of dispensation, books of records, ~~its annual returns,~~ a copy of the latest IRS Form 990 or a copy of the acceptance of the electronic submission of a Form 990N, and a copy of its By-laws.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To update the Section to reflect that the Grand Recorder provides each Commandery with an annual report and per capita bill. To add the requirement of providing a copy of IRS Form 990 or 990N receipt. Failure of an organization (Commandery) to file annually an IRS Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax Under Sec. 501(c), for 3 consecutive years results in a withdrawal of the tax exempt status of the organization (Commandery). The withdrawal of a subordinate organization's tax exempt status (Commandry) places the parent organization's (Grand Commandery) tax exempt status in jeopardy. It also places the organization whose tax exemption is withdrawn subject to income taxes at the State and Federal level and places the organization's County property tax exemption at risk.

Fraternally Submitted:

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC, PC - St. Graal Commandery No. 12

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

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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 VI, Chartered Commanderies, Section 97, Subsection G. Annual Return. ~~The Annual Return shall list the Dual members of the Commandery. (Amended May 17, 1997)~~

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The record of dual and plural membership is now maintained in the Grand Encampment Masonic Membership System. In addition, the Grand Recorder provides each Commandery with an annual report and per capita bill. Requiring this information from Commanderies is no longer necessary and serves no purpose.

Fraternally Submitted:

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC, PC - St. Graal Commandery No. 12

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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 VI. Chartered Commanderies, Section 117. Annual Returns Reports and Per Capita Payment. ~~The returns of each Commandery shall be made up to, and including December 31st of each year, on blanks furnished by the Grand Recorder. They shall be forwarded to the Grand Recorder on or before March 1st in each year, accompanied by the amount due from said commandery. Each Commandery shall forward to the Grand Recorder on or before March 1st in each year, the per capita payment, based on the annual report and per capita bill provided by the Grand Recorder, and due from said Commandery, and a copy of the latest IRS Form 990 or a copy of the acceptance of the electronic submission of a Form 990N.~~ The fiscal year of the Grand Commandery shall end May 31st of each year, and all accounts shall be closed on that date. A commandery failing to forward ~~returns~~ per capita payment by March 1st subjects itself to a fine of ~~ten dollars (\$10.00)~~ fifty dollars (\$50.00).

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To update the Section to reflect that the Grand Recorder provides each Commandery with an annual report and per capita bill. To add the requirement of providing a copy of IRS Form 990 or 990N receipt.

The amount of ten dollars is an insufficient incentive to encourage the Commanderies to pay the per capita payment owed the Grand Commandery by the March 1st deadline. The Grand Recorder is preparing the annual report for each Commandery. All the Commanderies have to do is verify and write a check.

Failure of an organization (Commandery) to file annually an IRS Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax Under Sec. 501(c), for 3 consecutive years results in a withdrawal of the tax exempt status of the organization (Commandery). The withdrawal of a subordinate organization's tax exempt status(Commandery) places the parent organization's (Grand Commandery) tax exempt status in jeopardy. It also places the organization whose tax exemption is withdrawn subject to income taxes at the State and Federal level and places the organization's County property tax exemption at risk.

Fraternally Submitted:

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC, PC - St. Graal Commandery No. 12
SK Glenn E. Means, PC - Palestine Commandery No. 17

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Item No. 7

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 118. Annual Return. ~~Each Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery shall, on or before the first day of March of each year make out and transmit by mail to the Grand Recorder an annual report according to the form supplied by the Grand Commandery, and to be furnished by the Grand Recorder, which report shall embrace all information required to be reported for the calendar year.~~

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The Grand Recorder provides each Commandery with an annual report and per capita bill. Therefore, this section is no longer required.

Fraternally Submitted:

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC, PC - St. Graal Commandery No. 12

PASSED FAILED TABLED WITHDRAWN

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: It does not appear that the Grand Recorder has any use for this information. Therefore, the section serves no useful purpose at this time and should be repealed to remove it from the Laws and Regulations. If at some future time a purpose can be demonstrated for the collection of this information, then the section can be restored through the proper legislative process.

Fraternally Submitted:

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC, PC - St. Graal Commandery No. 12

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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 VII, Officers, Section 135. Duties of Commander, Subsection A. The Commander is specially charged to see that the By-Laws and Regulations of his Commandery are duly observed, as well as the Constitution, Laws, Rituals and Rules of the Grand Encampment, and the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, that records are kept and just accounts rendered; that ~~regular returns~~ the annual report is promptly reviewed annually, and that the annual ~~dues are~~ per capita payment is promptly paid. It is his duty, ... (remainder of section unchanged).

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To update Subparagraph A to reflect the Grand Recorder provides each Commandery with an annual report and per capita bill. In addition, to emphasize that the Commander has a duty to promptly send the annual per capita payment to the Grand Commandery.

Fraternally Submitted:

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC, PC - St. Graal Commandery No. 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 VII, Officers, Section 137. Duties of Recorder, Subsection E. ~~Report annually to the Grand Recorder the roll of officers and such other matters as may conduce to the general good of the Order, and he shall accompany said report with the amount of dues and fees due the Grand Commandery. Receive the annual report and per capita bill from the Grand Recorder and promptly send the annual per capita payment to the Grand Commandery.~~ He shall ... (remainder of subsection unchanged).

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To update Subparagraph E to reflect the Grand Recorder provides each Commandery with an annual return report and per capita bill. In addition, to emphasize that the Recorder has a duty to promptly send the annual per capita payment to the Grand Commandery.

Fraternally Submitted:

Russell S. Hanson, PGC, PC St. Graal Commandery No. 12

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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 III, Committees, Section 36. Duties of Standing Committees, Subsection F. The Hospitaller Committee. The Hospitaller Committee shall consist of ~~Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, and Grand Captain General~~ three Grand Commandery members appointed by the Grand Commander. They shall formulate ... (remainder of subsection unchanged).

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The current law is in conflict with Grand Encampment Law which enumerates the specific powers and duties of the Grand Commander and clearly states in Grand Commander Section 48, Subsection (b):

“(b) To appoint all Committees and all officers not made elective, and to fill all vacancies, such appointees to serve during his pleasure or until their successors have been elected or appointed.”

Further Grand Master decisions provide additional clarification of this matter in in the following decisions incorporated into Grand Encampment Law.

“The Grand Commander has the sole authority to appoint all Grand Commandery committees and all offices not made elective. An amendment to provide that particular persons or the holder of a particular office shall serve on a committee is in violation of Grand Encampment Law. (Gordon Decision No. 10, 1955, affirmed by Vought Decision No. 6, 2017)”

Fraternally Submitted:

SK K. Trent Moreland, PC - Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8

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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 III, Committees, Section 36. Duties of Standing Committees, Subsection H. The Committee on Time and Place. This Committee shall consist of ~~the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder and one designated by them as an assistant~~ three Grand Commandery members appointed by the Grand Commander who will be empowered by this Grand Commandery.

1. Through 4. Unchanged

5. ~~to enter into and negotiate contracts with facilities selected as the headquarters while keeping in mind the financial bearing of the membership and this Grand Jurisdiction;~~

6. ~~to sign or otherwise execute such contract in the name of and in the behalf of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri; and~~

7. Unchanged

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The current law is in conflict with Grand Encampment Law which enumerates the specific powers and duties of the Grand Commander and clearly states in Grand Commander Section 48, Subsection (b):

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The authority to sign or execute contracts in the name of or on behalf of the Grand Commandery is traditionally and should be a part of the duties of the Grand Recorder not an annually appointed committee.

Fraternally Submitted:

SK K. Trent Moreland, PC - Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8

PASSED FAILED TABLED WITHDRAWN

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 II, The Grand Officers, Section 31. Grand Recorder ~~Q. To execute or sign contracts in the name of or on behalf of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Missouri with a duration of more than one (1) year, or more, or any contract obligating the Grand Commandery to expend one thousand (\$1,000.00) in the aggregate, shall require the written approval by a majority of the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, and Grand Captain General, and Grand Treasurer.~~

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The current Laws and Regulations are silent on who can sign contracts or financially obligate the Grand Commandery. This amendment places the authority in the duties of the Grand Recorder and places some review and approval by the elected Grand Officers.

Fraternally Submitted:

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

PASSED FAILED TABLED WITHDRAWN

Standing Resolution No. 9
Adopted June 9, 2017

Whereas, our Sir Knight has distinguished himself throughout Freemasonry in general and particularly in York Rite Freemasonry, and within the Great State of Missouri; and

Whereas, our Sir Knight has served this Grand Commandery with the utmost respect and dignity; and

Whereas, our Sir Knight has offered his expert opinion, counsel, and service as Chairman and as No.1 Judge to the Drill Competition Committee for many years; and

Whereas, there comes to the life of every sir Knight a time to say, "It is time"; and

Whereas, he has made the decision to relinquish his position on this Committee:

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that Sir Knight Jerry F. Ward, PGC, from this point forward, be honored, recognized and acknowledged as a Member Emeritus of the Drill Competition Committee and an ex-officio member of that Committee into perpetuity.

Respectfully Submitted:

SK Robert W. Schlichter, PC - Liberty Commandery No. 6

PASSED FAILED TABLED WITHDRAWN

Standing Resolution No. 10
Adopted June 9, 2017

Whereas, pursuant to Article I, The Grand Commandery, Section 16, J., It shall consider and do all matters and things appertaining to the good, well-being, and perpetuation of Templar Masonry.: and

Whereas, our Symbolic Lodges in the State of Missouri can submit for an award to be received at the Grand Lodge Session when they increase their membership by 5%: and

Whereas, it is appropriate and furthers the growth of Templar Masonry in Missouri in recognizing and honoring Commanderies that have increased their membership.:

Now Be It Resolved, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri create Commandery Growth Awards to be presented at the annual Grand Conclave for Commanderies that have increased their membership by 5%,

10%, and 15% during the year. The award to be a printed Certificate to be signed by the Grand Commander and the Grand Recorder.: and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri should also recognize by a similar Certificate the Commandery that has increased its membership by the largest percentage during the year.

Respectfully Submitted:

SK Brad Fowler, Commander - Kansas City Commandery No. 10

PASSED FAILED TABLED WITHDRAWN

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: A proposal to correct a typographical error in ARTICLE III Committees, Section 36. Duties of Standing Committees, Subsection C. The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence. Within the subsection the word "Councils" appears where the word "Commanderies" should have been used. The Templar Jurisprudence Committee has the authority to correct misspellings or other obvious errors, such as this error. This error will be corrected with the publishing of the 2017 revisions of the Laws and Regulations.

In the current publication of the Laws and Regulations there is an error at ARTICLE VI, Chartered Commanderies, Section 77. Nominations. The current publication shows that this Section was Repealed May 15, 2009. The motion to repeal was voted on at the 2009 Grand Conclave. In response to a question regarding this Section, a review of the recorded proceedings was undertaken by the Grand Recorder. The review reveals, the motion to repeal failed, therefore the current publication of the Laws and Regulations is in error. The Section will be restored to its original, which is :

Section 77. Nominations. No nominations shall be made at an election in any Templar body.

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

Fraternally submitted,

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

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REPORT OF FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

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

The following is the proposed budget for the 2017 - 2018 year.

INCOME

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Per Capita, Membership (2,200 @ \$23.60) \$ 51,920.00, Per Capita, Endowed Membership 850.00, Knighting Fees (75 @ \$10.00) 750.00, Investments 1,475.00, Miscellaneous 250.00, Total Income \$ 55,245.00

EXPENSES

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Grand Commander Expenses \$ 3,000.00, Knight Templar Magazine Editor Honorarium 100.00, Grand Treasurer Expenses 1,000.00, Grand Recorder Salary 4,400.00, Clerical Assistant Salary 6,000.00, Employment Taxes 850.00, Bonding Insurance 100.00, Audit Committee 500.00, Drill Committee 1,200.00, Office Expenses 3,000.00, Printing Services 500.00, Office Rent 1,800.00, Storage Rent 450.00, Grand Encampment Per Capita (2,200 @ \$10.00) 22,000.00, Annual Conclave 3,000.00, Grand Officer Expenses 1,000.00, Past Grand Commander Regalia 2,300.00, Triennial Fund (2,200 @ \$ 0.25) 550.00, Youth Organizations 900.00, Emerging Leaders Fund (2,200 @ \$ 0.10) 220.00

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Web Master 500.00, Miscellaneous 1,000.00, Total Expenses \$ 54,370.00, Balance \$ 875.00

We move the adoption of the proposed budget for the 2017 - 2018 year.

- SK Dennis A. Abernathy, Chairman
SK K. Trent Moreland
SK Clark A. McLemore
SK Harold Richardson, PGC
SK Donald L. Trabue, PGC
SK Roger D. Fleer
SK Aaron E. Rose
SK James E. Snavelly, PGC
SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC

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REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri
Grand Treasurer's Preliminary Report
June 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017

Sir Knights,

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

I present herewith my report of the receipts, disbursements and the financial condition of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri for the fiscal year, June 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017.

GENERAL FUND

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Total Assets, June 1, 2016 \$ 190,322.58, Receipts: Grand Recorder, etc. \$ 46,872.66, Interest Earned 1,113.79, Total Receipts: \$ 47,986.45, Disbursements (Jefferson Act.): #xx9336 \$ 25,149.75, #xx4544 17,203.74, #xxx3996 462.05, Total Disbursements: \$ 42,815.54, Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ 5,170.91, Balance, March 31, 2017 \$ 195,493.49

GENERAL FUND (continued)

Statement of Assets	
Interest Checking Account #xx9336, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%	\$ 926.78
Interest Checking Act. #xx4544, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%	874.90
Interest Checking Act. #xx4325, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%	479.08
Money Mkt. Act. #xxx3996, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.16%	48,181.24
Business Inv. Act. #xxxx0211, Premier Bank - Jefferson City, 0.20%	21,872.39
CD #xxx6185, Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.10%, Matures 11-02-2017	52,121.75
CD #xxx0928, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.25%, Matures 04-03-2018	23,069.10
CD #xxx0649, Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.30%, Matures 01-15-2019	17,901.60
CD #xxx0605, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.10%, <u>Matures 02-26-2019</u>	<u>30,066.65</u>
Total Assets, March 31, 2017	\$ 195,493.49

GENERAL FUND (SPECIAL ACCOUNT)

Total Assets, June 1, 2016	\$ 110,411.62
Receipts:	
<u>Interest Earned</u>	<u>\$ 1,119.10</u>
Total Receipts:	\$ 1,119.10
Disbursements:	\$ -0-
<u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u>	<u>\$ 1,119.10</u>
Balance, March 31, 2017	\$ 111,530.72

Statement of Assets	
Money Mkt. Act. #xxx3996, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.16%	\$ 4,160.48
CD #xxx8692, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 04-11-2017	61,958.54

GENERAL FUND (SPECIAL ACCOUNT) (continued)

CD #xxx3478, Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.50%, <u>Matures 02-22-2019</u>		<u>45,411.70</u>
Total Assets, March 31, 2017		\$ 111,530.72

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2016		\$ 107,336.98
Receipts:		
Memberships (8)		\$ 4,200.00
<u>Interest Earned</u>		<u>1,070.66</u>
Total Receipts:		\$ 5,270.66
Disbursements:		
Distribution to Commanderies	\$ 62.70	
<u>Distribution to Grand Commandery</u>	<u>841.50</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$ 904.20	
<u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u>		<u>\$ 4,366.46</u>
Balance, March 31, 2017		\$ 111,703.44

Statement of Assets	
Money Mkt. Act. #xxx3996, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.16%	\$ 5,781.81
CD #xxx7160, Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.10%, Matures 09-21-2017	26,930.32
CD#xxx6200, Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.10%, Matures 11-02-2017	24,363.25
CD #xxx3486, Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.50%, <u>Matures 02-22-2019</u>	<u>54,628.06</u>
Total Assets, March 31, 2017	\$ 111,703.44

CHARITY ENDOWMENT FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2016		\$ 9,385.13
Receipts:		
<u>Interest Earned</u>		<u>\$ 51.71</u>
Total Receipts:		\$ 51.71
Disbursements:	\$ -0-	
<u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u>		<u>\$ 51.71</u>

Balance, March 31, 2017	\$ 9,436.84
Statement of Assets	
Money Mkt. Act. #xxx3996, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.16%	\$ 387.07
CD #xxx0544, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.10%, <u>Matures 02-01-2019</u>	<u>9,049.77</u>
Total Assets, March 31, 2017	\$ 9,436.84

MISSOURI KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2016	\$ 79,267.05
Receipts:	
Misc. Contributions	\$ 792.75
<u>Interest Earned</u>	<u>1,213.99</u>
Total Receipts:	\$ 2,006.74
Disbursements:	
<u>KT Eye Foundation</u>	<u>\$ 3,069.89</u>
Total Disbursements	\$ 2,763.49
<u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u>	<u>\$ (1,063.15)</u>
Balance, March 31, 2017	\$ 78,203.90

Statement of Assets	
Money Mkt. Act. #xxx3996, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.16%	\$ 504.72
CD #xxx8978, Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 10-23-2017	12,868.67
CD #xxx6244, Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.25%, Matures 06-26-2018	32,719.38
CD #xxx9498, Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.50%, <u>Matures 03-15-2019</u>	<u>32,111.13</u>
Total Assets, March 31, 2017	\$ 78,203.90

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE ENDOWMENT FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2016	\$ 65,371.37
Receipts:	
Misc. Contributions	\$ 1,297.89
<u>Interest Earned</u>	<u>608.32</u>
Total Receipts:	\$ 1,906.21

Disbursements:	
Interest Earned	
Transfer to Holy Land	
<u>Pilgrimage Operating Fund</u>	<u>\$ 608.32</u>
Total Disbursements	\$ 608.32
<u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u>	<u>\$ 1,297.89</u>
Balance, March 31, 2017	\$ 66,669.26

Statement of Assets	
Money Mkt. Act. #xxx3996, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.16%	\$ 1,144.32
CD #xxx8691, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 04-11-2017	7,014.34
CD #xxx5033, Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.30%, Matures 10-22-2018	15,098.95
CD #xxx7130, Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.21%, Matures 11-06-2018	17,118.89
CD #xxx0543, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.10%, <u>Matures 02-01-2019</u>	<u>26,292.76</u>
Total Assets, March 31, 2017	\$ 66,669.26

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE OPERATING FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2016	\$ 5,913.70
Receipts:	
Interest Earned	\$ 3.93
Interest from Holy Land	
<u>Pilgrimage Endowment Fund</u>	<u>608.32</u>
Total Receipts:	\$ 612.25
Disbursements:	
	\$ 3,290.00
<u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u>	<u>\$ (2,677.75)</u>
Balance, March 31, 2017	\$ 3,235.95
Statement of Assets	
Money Mkt. Act. #xxx3996, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.16%	\$ 804.87
Business Investment Act. #xxxx0211, Premier Bank - Jefferson City, 0.20%	1,569.74

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE OPERATING FUND (continued)

CD #xxx8691, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 04-11-2017	158.75	
CD #xxx5033, Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.30%, Matures 10-22-2018	245.30	
CD #xxx7130, Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.21%, Matures 11-06-2018	311.90	
CD #xxx0543, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.10%, Matures 02-01-2019	145.39	
<u>Total Assets, March 31, 2017</u>		\$ 3,235.95

TRIENNIAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2016		\$ 21,149.29
Receipts:		
<u>Interest Earned</u>	\$ 194.65	
Total Receipts:	\$ 194.65	
Disbursements:		
Interest Earned		
<u>Transfer to Triennial Fund</u>	\$ 194.65	
Total Disbursements	\$ 194.65	
<u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u>		\$ -0-
Balance, March 31, 2017		\$ 21,149.29
Statement of Assets		
Money Mkt. Act. #xxx3996, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.16%	\$ -0-	
CD #xxx6540, Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.10%, Matures 09-15-2017	21,149.29	
<u>Total Assets, March 31, 2017</u>		\$ 21,149.29

TRIENNIAL FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2016		\$ 1,025.72
Receipts:		
Interest from Triennial Endowment Fund	\$ 194.65	
<u>Interest Earned</u>	0.38	
Total Receipts:	\$ 195.03	

TRIENNIAL FUND (continued)

Disbursements:	\$ -0-	
<u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u>		\$ 195.03
Balance, March 31, 2017		\$ 409.90
Statement of Assets		
Money Mkt. Act. #xxx3996, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.16%	\$ (136.12)	
Business Inv. Act. #xxxx0211, Premier Bank - Jefferson City, 0.20%	369.64	
CD #xxx6540, Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.10%, Matures 09-15-2017	176.38	
<u>Total Assets, March 31, 2017</u>		\$ 409.90

SUPPLY FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2016		\$ 10,433.42
Receipts:		
Inventory Sales	\$ 3,058.35	
<u>Interest Earned</u>	10.19	
Total Receipts:	\$ 3,068.54	
Disbursements:	\$ 603.28	
<u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u>		\$ 2,465.26
Balance, March 31, 2017		\$ 12,898.68
Statement of Assets		
Money Mkt. Act. #xxx3996, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.16%	\$ 12,898.68	
<u>Total Assets, March 31, 2017</u>		\$ 12,898.68

LEADERSHIP FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2016		\$ 657.22
Receipts:		
Grand Recorder, etc.	\$ 76.30	
<u>Interest Earned</u>	0.16	
Total Receipts:	\$ 76.46	
Disbursements:	\$ -0-	
<u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u>		\$ 76.46
Balance, March 31, 2017		\$ 733.68

LEADERSHIP FUND (continued)

Statement of Assets
 Money Mkt. Act. #xxx3996,
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.16% \$ 733.68
 Total Assets, March 31, 2017 \$ 733.68

PROCEEDINGS FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2016 \$ 3,028.70
 Receipts:
Interest Earned \$ 0.73
 Total Receipts: \$ 0.73
 Disbursements: \$ -0-
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ 0.73
 Balance, March 31, 2017 \$ 3,029.43

Statement of Assets
 Money Mkt. Act. #xxx3996,
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.16% \$ 3,029.43
 Total Assets, March 31, 2017 \$ 3,029.43

Total Assets, All Funds, March 31, 2017 \$ 614,494.58

Fraternally submitted,
 SK Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Grand Treasurer

I move the adoption of the preliminary report of the Grand Treasurer.

PASSED FAILED TABLED WITHDRAWN

REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER

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

This past year we have continued to modernize the operation of the office. Debbie has been instrumental in dealing with both the day to day operations of the office and helping me to focus my time on critical tasks. The MGYR web site continues to be developed under the care of SK Donald MacCormick, MGYR Web

Master. Bringing the Grand York Rite of Missouri into the 21st Century continues to be a constant theme.

One of the most significant changes has been the complete renovation of the annual reporting system. The annual reports that have been the dreaded fact of life for the constituent Commandery Recorders are now being done by the Grand Recorder using the membership data in the Grand Encampment Masonic Membership (MMS, formerly YRIS) database. Beginning this year the Commanders received an annual report and a bill for per capita. All the Commanderies were required to do was complete a reply form, write a check, and submit them to the Grand York Rite Office by March 1st. Response to the new system was widely embraced as a significant improvement. However, three Commanderies (Excalibar 5, Neosho 57, and Mountain Grove 66) failed to pay their respective per capita bills. In addition, four Commanderies incurred a late fee, four Commanderies paid more than the provided bill specified, and two paid less than the provided bill specified. The Grand Commandery is currently \$3,912.90 short of collecting the \$51,561.30 owed to it by the Commanderies.

To support the emphasis placed on maintaining the MMS database by the constituent Commandery Recorders, SK Schlichter, Right Eminent Grand Commander, created General Order No. 1 (which can be found in his Annual Report published in this document). Compliance was not stellar. Only about half of the Commanderies logged into the MMS about 50% of the time. One Commandery, however, stands above all of the rest with a perfect record of compliance - St. Graal Commandery No. 12 is to be congratulated. Unfortunately, six Commanderies had a zero percent compliance (Excalibar 5, St. Omer 11, Bethany 42, Neosho 57, Mountain Grove 66, and Malta 72).

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

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

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

PASSED FAILED TABLED WITHDRAWN

REPORT OF TIME & PLACE COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri:

Sir Knights,

Your Committee on Time and Place reports that the One-Hundred-Fifty-Seventh Grand Commandery Conclave of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri will be held on June 8, 2018, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Chairman

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC

SK K. Trent Moreland

REPORT OF PATRIOTIC & CIVIC ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri:

Sir Knights,

This committee did not receive any reports from any Commanderies of their patriotic and civic activities during the 2016-2017 year.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Charles E. Cooper, Chairman

SK Clark A. McLemore

REPORT OF HOSPITALER COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri:

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

Hugh De Payens 4	Kansas City 10	Palestine 17
Liberty 6	St. Graal 12	Oriental 35
Ivanhoe 8	Ascalon 16	St. Elmo 43

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

Ivanhoe 8	Ascalon 16	Jasper 31
O'Sullivan 15	Ely 22	St. Elmo 43

Fraternally submitted,

SK Clark A. McLemore, Chairman

SK K. Trent Moreland

SK Roger D. Fleer

REPORT OF INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri:

Sir Knights,

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

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

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

Fraternally submitted,

SK Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Chairman

SK Harold J Richardson, PGC

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC

Dennis A. Abernathy

SK James E. Snavely, PGC

Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC

REPORT OF FORMS & PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri:

Sir Knights,

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

Fraternally submitted,

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Chairman

SK Kevin B. Sample, HPGC

SK Donald MacCormic

SK Aaron M. Shoemake

REPORT OF RETURNS OF COMMANDERIES COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri:

Sir Knights,

With the advent of the Grand Encampment MMS, the requirement for the filing of both monthly and annual reports by Constituent Commanderies became

unnecessary. The Returns of Commanderies Committee was initially formed and existed to review the returns, otherwise termed annual reports, of Constituent Commanderies and report on any negative or adverse activity discovered within the reports.

Since the necessity for the reports no longer exists, this Committee no longer has a mission and its presence as an appointed committee is overload.

It is my order that the Return of Commanderies Committee be discontinued and the members thereof be relieved of any requirement for reporting and discharged with the thanks of this Grand Commander and the Grand Commandery of Missouri.

Fraternally & respectfully,

SK Robert W. Schlichter, Grand Commander

REPORT OF TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri:

Sir Knights,

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

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

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

In accordance with Section 34. "G", the Triennial committee consists of two past Grand Commanders and a Grand Commandery Officer, eligible in due course, to attend the next (2018) triennial conclave as a representative of Missouri's Grand Commandery and who were appointed at the annual conclave following the last conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States and who shall serve for three years. The committee shall have charge of hotel reservations, entertainment, arrangements for the Grand Commandery at the Grand Encampment and (who) shall submit an itemized report of receipts and expenditures.

As of 31 May 2017, the Triennial Endowment Fund reflects a balance of \$21,149.29. The triennial fund has a balance of \$409.90.

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

Fraternally submitted,

SK Thomas C. Yunick, PGC, Chairman

SK Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC

SK Clark A. McLemore

REPORT OF ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri:

Sir Knights,

The Grand Commandery Endowed Membership Fund has a total membership of 217 with a total endowed value of \$108,944.45. It had a 2016 distribution value of \$957.78 to the Commanderies and Grand Commandery.

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

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

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

This committee recommends that; as current CD's mature, the Grand Treasurer may invest an amount not to exceed 25% of each CD value in common stock or equal securities in nationally known corporations traded on the New York Stock Exchange, and rated "A": or better by Standard and Poore's or Moody's or by

some equally well recognized investment rating service. Such investment may be allowed to appreciate to an amount not to exceed 50% of the total value of Endowed Membership Funds. Based on experience with the Grand Chapter and Grand Council, such investment will enhance the amounts that may be realized for the annual distribution to the Grand Commandery and individual Commanderies.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Chairman
SK Thomas C. Yunick, PGC

SK Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

REPORT OF RITUAL COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri:

Sir Knights,

The Ritual Committee received a request from the Grand Commander earlier this year and was asked for their decision: A constituent Commandery had gone to great lengths to produce a booklet to be given to new Sir Knights, which consisted of the ritual and floor movements of the Order of the Temple, brought together in one volume, for the strict and sole purpose of instruction. It was not to be used in the conferral of the Order, nor was the code for the obligation printed out with any additional letters to aid the memory. It was produced in a very handsome volume, complete with cover. It was their thought to perhaps allow such a volume to be mass-produced and offered for sale to other Commanderies who might desire it.

It is the decision of the Ritual Committee that such a publication violates current copyright laws. The Grand Encampment owns the copyright of the ritual for all the Orders, and has not granted the Grand Commandery of Missouri, nor any constituent Commandery, permission to copy said ritual, even for purposes of instruction.

Therefore, all such publications are strictly prohibited, and the constituent Commanderies are warned not to reproduce the ritual for the Orders in any way. The only ritual for the conferral of the Orders is published by the Grand Encampment.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Kevin E Weaver, Chairman

SK Terry Coppotelli SK Kevin B Sample, HPGC SK Ronnie E Green, PGC
SK Donald Charpentier SK Russell S Hanson, PGC SK Jerry F Ward, PGC

REPORT OF EMERGING LEADERS COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri:

Sir Knights,

Utilizing emails, telephone and in person meetings, this committee is now ready to accept names of candidates for the Emerging Leaders Program offered by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, from the Commander of Constituent Commanderies and from Regional Grand Commanders (RGC). Commanders and RGC should identify Sir Knights that they feel would be good candidates for advancement to command situations like RGC or to the advancing line of the Grand Commandery.

It will be the responsibility of the Commanders and RGC's to make sure the candidates is aware of the requirement of the training and the necessary travel and cost associated to the travel to obtain this valuable training. Currently, the Grand Commandery has some monies set aside to help offset some of the travel costs.

Candidates accepted are required to attend three South Central Department Conferences to graduate from the program. These conferences are held on the third Saturday of September and are rotated between Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. It is not required that the candidate attend consecutive conferences but they must advise the Grand Encampment of the sessions that they will attend.

The following information shall be submitted to this committee no later than August 15th of each year: Candidates full name, address, telephone number, email address and his Commandery name and number.

This committee will maintain a database of candidates for future purposes and will review the applicants and provide the Grand Commander a list of candidates for his approval.

Candidate information should be emailed to cecooper@marktwain.net.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Charles E. Cooper, Chairman

SK Richard Mansfield, PGC SK Stephen Thompson SK Bobbie White
SK Dennis Hammack SK Harry Tripp

REPORT OF HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri:

Sir Knights,

During the year, May 2016-June 2017, we received two applications for ministers to make a Holy Land Pilgrimage.

Rev. David W. Cox, recommended by Liberty Commandery No. 6 - however, David withdrew his name because of ministerial schedule conflicts.

Rev. Joel A. Mitchell, recommended by Hugh De Payens Commandery No. 4 - Joel was approved and made the trip on February 13, 2017.

To send Ordained Christian Ministers on a Biblical study and historical cultural immersion experience during the year 2017-2018, the applications must be submitted by October 15, 2017 to the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, USA. There will only be one group sent this year. The date of the trip is February 12 to February 22, 2018. The Grand Encampment hopes to send 50 ministers on this trip to the Holy Land.

Fraternally submitted,

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

SK Kevin E. Weaver
SK Lewis C. Odneal

REPORT OF HONOR COMMANDERY AWARD COMMITTEE
2016-2017

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri:

Sir Knights,

The Honor Commandery Award Committee received and approved applications from the following Commanderies for the 2016-2017 Templar Year:

Hugh De Payens Commandery No. 4SK Patrick C. Squires, Commander
Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8SK Michael S. Smith, Commander
St. Graal Commandery No. 12SK Mitch C. Weinsting, Commander
Ascalon Commandery No. 16SK Dennis E. Fetter, Commander
Palestine Commandery No. 17SK Donald MacCormick, Commander
Oriental Commandery No. 35SK Laurent Emile-Ergas, Commander
West Plains Commandery No. 48SK Robert G. Rogers, Commander

The Honor Commandery Award Committee received and disapproved an application from the following Commandery for the 2016-2017 Templar Year:

Liberty Commandery No. 6SK David William Cox, Commander

The application for Liberty Commandery No. 6 was not received by the April 30, 2017 deadline and per Sir Knight Bobbie White, RGC, the requirements of the award were not met. We therefore are required to disapprove the application for Liberty Commandery No. 6 on the grounds that the deficits to the application are disqualifying and non-trivial.

In light of the very concerning and disheartening participation of only 7 out of 35 Commanderies in the Honor Commandery Award Program this Templar year, it is the recommendation of this Committee that this program be reexamined to establish revised participation criteria requisite to this important program. This Committee continues the previous Committee recommendation that the importance of this program to the health and prosperity of our constituent Commanderies be emphasized and that it be a priority of all Regional Grand Officers and Regional Grand Commanders to promote this program.

Fraternally submitted,

SK K. Trent Moreland, Chairman
SK Roger D. Flear SK Clark A. McLemore SK Charles E. Cooper

MISSOURI GRAND YORK RITE NECROLOGY
2016-2017

Sir Knights,

Listed below is a roster of the Companions and Sir Knights reported to the Grand York Rite Office as having passed away during the 2016 - 2017 Grand York Rite year. This list is by no means comprehensive, but it is presented as a memorial to our departed Brethren, Companions, and Sir Knights.

Member Name	Departed	Affiliations
William W. Aaron, Sr.	11-06-2016	CH 32 CO 39 KT 59
Donald C. Adams	06-13-2016	CH 75 CO 20 KT 55
Albert H. Akers, Jr.	08-27-2016	CH 12 CO 49 KT 17
John Wesley Alumbaugh		CH 61 CO 41 KT 31
Ray Edwin Ambrosia	01-17-2017	CH 53 CO 44 KT 22
Howard Eugene Archer	10-01-2016	CH 129 CO 43 KT 56
R. Dale Arn, Jr.	12-01-2016	CH 129 CO 43 KT 56
David Roy Atkinson		CH 43 CO 38 KT 11
John E. Baker	08-04-2016	CH 12 CO 49 KT 17
Marvin Eugene Bass	03-25-2016	CH 15 CO 25 KT 20

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>Affiliations</u>	<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>Affiliations</u>
Billy Joe Beatty	07-02-2016	CH 91 CO 30 KT 39	Raymond C. Garber	08-08-2015	CH 34 CO 32 KT 29
John Junior Berglund	03-06-2016	CH 15 CO 25	John H. Gaskill	10-28-2010	CH 14 CO 9 KT 4
Glendon Everett Berrier	03-25-2012	CH 10 CO 28 KT 3	Glenn A. Gatzert	05-05-2016	CH 78 CO 48 KT 16
Vernon Albert Bischof	09-10-2016	CH 148 CO 48 KT 16	Harold Ray Gayer	01-13-2017	CH 38 CO 25 KT 27
William S. Bishop	04-16-2014	CH 1 CO 1	Joseph P. Gerren	04-18-2013	CH 78 CO 48 KT 16
Robert V. Boaz	12-07-2016	CH 91 CO 30 KT 6	Ken Eugene Gilbert	02-08-2017	CH 93
Billy Joe Boyer	04-05-2017	CH 78 CO 48 KT 16	Kenneth Keith Gilmore	01-01-2016	CH 17 CO 34 KT 12
Jackie Richard Brown		CH 43	Edward B. Gilpin	02-22-2017	CH 14 CO 9 KT 4
Shaun Vincent Burr	05-07-2016	CH 91 CO 30 KT 39	William Marvin Gray		CH 43 CO 38 KT 11
Jack Elbert Bywaters	02-02-2012	CH 3 CO 50 KT 6	Axel Venton Green	09-06-2016	CH 3 CO 50 KT 6
David Owen Campbell	02-16-2017	CH 93 CO 34 KT 23	Byron P. Grisamore	11-15-2016	CH 66 CO 37 KT 24
James Freddie Clark	01-31-2016	CH 15 CO 25 KT 20	James Keith Hall	01-15-2016	CH 17 KT 12
Berl E. Cohoon	12-14-2015	CH 75 CO 20 KT 67	Harold W. Haller	07-19-2015	CH 78 CO 1 KT 16
James R. Cole	04-12-2016	CH 99 KT 72	Henry Solomon Harmon	04-04-2016	CH 29 CO 43 KT 56
Richard W. Cole	06-13-2011	CH 99	Dewey Harris, Jr.		CH 64 KT 33
Clifton W. Cooper	06-09-2015	CH 29	Teddie Elbert Harrison	08-18-2016	CH 12 CO 49 KT 17
Benjamin Charlie Cottle	06-08-2016	CH 28 CO 45 KT 10	Dean Lavaughn Harsh	06-07-2016	CH 14 CO 9 KT 4
Clemon C. Crain	09-21-2016	CH 75 CO 20 KT 55	Gary David Hatchard	10-06-2016	CH 1 CO 40 KT 8
Wesley A. Cravens	06-01-2016	CH 10 CO 49 KT 3	Bob Dean Hays	06-29-2012	CH 30 CO 28 KT 32
George E. Danley	05-30-2016	CH 91 CO 30 KT 39	Harold G. Herndon	07-01-2016	CH 61 CO 41 KT 31
Edgar Raphiel Davenport	01-06-2017	CH 93 CO 34 KT 23	John W. Hillemeier	07-08-2016	CH 78 CO 1 KT 16
Kenneth L. Dawley	02-01-2016	CH 146 CO 48 KT 16	Joseph K. Houts, Sr.	06-16-2013	CH 14 CO 9 KT 4
Damon Paul Dees	09-05-2016	CH 78 CO 48 KT 16	Carl R. Howell	03-06-2009	CH 99 CO 47
Robert F. Diekmann	04-14-2016	CH 1	Robert M. Hutchison	04-24-2013	CH 14 CO 9 KT 4
William Leroy Dinsmore	06-03-2012	CH 14	James D. Jackson	07-14-2016	CH 34 CO 32 KT 29
J. Morgan Donelson	09-24-2016	CH 66 CO 37 KT 24	Ronald E. Jacobs	10-21-2016	CH 78 KT 16
Dickey Edward Doss	10-20-2008	CH 15	Kenneth R. Jameson	02-23-2017	CH 14 CO 9 KT 4
Wesley Merle Doughty	03-13-2017	CH 66 CO 37 KT 24	Richard D. Jaques	03-15-2015	CH 43 CO 49 KT 17
Ralph L. Dye	02-15-2017	CH 10 CO 49 KT 3	Charles Morton Johnston	09-18-2013	CH 14 CO 50 KT 2
Bobby Roger Elliott	12-31-2016	CH 91 CO 30 KT 39	Gary Freeman Jones	07-14-2016	CH 34 CO 34 KT 29
Artie Lee Emmerich	12-01-2016	CH 12	Ray Francenie Jones	09-05-2016	CH 14 CO 9 KT 4
Gene Allen Evans	11-11-2013	CH 78 CO 48 KT 16	Gerald E. Kelley	02-24-2017	CH 93 CO 34 KT 23
Donald Nicholas Folsom	06-19-2016	CH 3 CO 50 KT 6	Claude E. Kendall	02-15-2016	CH 12 CO 49 KT 17
John T. Fowler		CH 123 CO 37 KT 24	Don Wayne King	04-17-2016	CH 43 CO 49 KT 17
William E. Fowler		CH 43 KT 11	James H. Lale	06-11-2016	CH 34 CO 32 KT 29
Lowell D. Fryer	11-27-2016	CH 32 CO 39 KT 59	Daniel Clinton Lankford	04-28-2016	CH 10 CO 49 KT 3

Member Name	Departed	Affiliations
Gregory Allen Leaming	12-22-2016	CH 12 CO 49 KT 17
Ronald Perry Leaming	01-19-2015	CH 38 CO 41 KT 27
Charles E. Linville, Jr.	07-23-2013	CH 14 KT 4
Bobby Gene Livesay	12-05-2016	CH 114 CO 27 KT 67
Melvin Ray Lounsbury	09-27-2016	CH 12
Forrest Gilbert Lowe	03-19-2017	CH 136 CO 51 KT 70
Michael Kevin Mansfield		CH 43
Frederick J. Marston, Jr.	01-24-2016	CH 17 CO KT 12
Charles J. McClain	04-09-2015	CH 53 CO 44 KT 22
Herman Lee McGill	08-21-2016	CH 1
James Patrick McGinnis	03-02-2012	CH 34 CO 34 KT 29
William Robert McVay	03-15-2017	CH 66 CO 37 KT 24
Kirk Travis Mescher	08-19-2015	CH 17 CO 34 KT 12
Lloyd Edward Miller	03-19-2016	CH 10 CO 28 KT 3
Raymond H. Moise		CH 136 CO 51 KT 70
John C. Montgomery, Jr.	01-29-2017	CH 75 CO 20 KT 55
Glenn A. Mueller	06-17-2016	CH 146
Ardeis Harold Myers, Jr.	06-17-2016	CH 284 CO 38 KT 68
Paul Graffius Nahon	12-30-2016	CH 15 CO 25 KT 20
Larry Thomas Odom	01-02-2017	CH 66 CO 37 KT 24
Charles Marvin Parker	02-15-2017	CH 284 CO 38 KT 68
Buddy Eugene Parrish	07-24-2016	CH 75 CO 20 KT 55
Lewis Edwin Patton	06-22-2016	CH 17 CO 34 KT 12
Thomas R. Perdee, Jr.		CH 43 KT 11
William Eugene Pfeiffer	08-25-2016	CH 28 CO 45 KT 10
Thomas Oliver Pickett	02-05-2016	CH 66 CO 37 KT 24
Jared Allen Price	04-01-2017	CH 93 CO 34 KT 23
Robert Neal Probasco	01-23-2017	CH 123
Royal William Ranney	06-26-2016	CH 32 CO 39 KT 59
George Robert Reeves	05-24-2012	CH 56 CO 41 KT 31
Virgil V. Renfro	12-30-2016	CH 15 CO 25 KT 20
Gary E. Reynolds	02-08-2016	CH 61 CO 41 KT 31
William N. Riggs		CH 80

Member Name	Departed	Affiliations
Baxter Lee Roe	05-13-2016	CH 22 CO 44 KT 7
Edmund Harrison Russell		CH 43 CO 45 KT 10
George David Ruyle	07-11-2012	CH 284 CO 38 KT 68
Jeffrey J. Scott	12-20-2016	CH 15 CO 25 KT 20
Harold Eugene Self		CH 43 KT 11
William Vernon Sexson	12-19-2016	CH 43 CO 42 KT 11
James Shatto	08-30-2016	CH 10 CO 28 KT 3
Homer T. Sheppard, Jr.	08-03-2013	CH 32 CO 39
Marvin Dale Smith	01-11-2017	CH 53 CO 44 KT 22
Marvin Hugh Smith	10-07-2016	CH 5 CO 25 KT 43
Uriah S. Smith, Jr.		CH 136 KT 70
Sam George Squires	12-31-2016	CH 15 CO 25 KT 20
Bill St. John	06-15-2015	CH 3 KT 6
Kennyn Don Statler	12-07-2016	CH 75 CO 20 KT 55
George C. Steidel	08-11-2016	CH 14 CO 9 KT 4
G. Oren Steinman		CH 80 CO 9 KT 42
Delmar P. Sutherland	05-01-2016	CH 14 CO 9 KT 4
Alonzo Elbert Thomas	05-13-2016	CH 56 CO 41 KT 15
Glenn A. Thomas	12-08-2013	CH 34 CO 32 KT 29
Charles David Todd	04-06-2015	CH 3 CO 50 KT 6
Raymond James Travis	05-19-2016	CH 114 CO 27 KT 67
Wilbert Clark Van Dyke	09-23-2007	CH 284 KT 35
Donald W. Viers	03-05-2016	CH 123 CO 44 KT 22
John Henry Wagaman, Jr.	03-03-2017	CH 56 KT 15
James D. Wall	09-09-2016	CH 14 CO 50 KT 2
Gerold Welch	02-18-2016	CH 137 CO 35 KT 66
Marvin Joe Woods, Jr.	07-22-2011	CH 17 CO 34 KT 12
Robert David Yates	06-20-2015	CH 64 CO 56 KT 33

Fraternally submitted,

Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Grand Recorder

Debbie Hanson, Executive Assistant for Everything

