

**PROPOSAL 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:**

(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)

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

**IF ADOPTED WILL READ:**

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** This section as stated was repealed in 2017.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

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin B. Sample, PC, Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67

**Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other**

**PROPOSAL No. 2**

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE GRAND  
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**ARTICLE XVII, *Change of Laws and Regulations, Section 214. By Adding Section.*** Any additional sections not conflicting with the provisions of these Laws and Regulations, may be proposed in writing, ~~and after the second reading,~~ if concurred in by two-thirds of the votes present, shall become a part of these Laws and Regulations.

**IF ADOPTED WILL READ:**

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** The requirement for a second reading of a proposed addition is a superfluous requirement, as it can be met by simply having a person go to a corner of the Grand Conclave room and read the proposal, whether anyone listens or not. As we now have the requirement that all proposal be sent to Commanderies 45 days prior to the Grand Conclave, it further makes the second reading unnecessary.

Respectfully submitted,  
Glenn E. Means, PC, Palestine Commandery No.17

**PROPOSAL No. 3**

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

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

**Section 232. *Use of Data/Content.*** Anyone granted access will agree that the use of the data is only as intended by the MMS system. Each individual granted access to data holds a position of trust and must preserve the security and confidentiality of the information he/she uses or accesses. Users are required to abide by all applicable Federal and State guidelines and Masonic policies regarding confidentiality of data. Any individual with authorized access to data must not divulge

this information outside except for approved Masonic business. You may not use or export or re-export any content or any copy or adaptation of such content, in violation of any applicable laws or regulations, including without limitation United States export laws and regulations.

**Section 233. Users Must.**

- A. Access data solely in order to perform his/her responsibilities.
- B. Not seek personal benefit or permit others to benefit personally or professionally from any data.
- C. Not permit unauthorized use of any information.
- D. Not enter, change, delete or add data to any record outside of the scope of his/her responsibilities.
- E. Not include or cause to be included in any record or report, a false, inaccurate or misleading entry known to the user as such.
- F. Not alter or delete or cause to be altered or deleted from any records, report or information system, a true and correct entry.
- G. Not release data other than what is required in completion of his/her responsibilities.
- H. Not exhibit or divulge the contents of any record or system information to any person unless it is necessary for the completion of their responsibilities.

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

**Section 235. Commandery Responsibilities.**

- A. Shall ensure the utilization of MMS to manage all membership records of the Commandery in a timely manner.
- B. May designate one Information Technology (IT) Representative to assist with managing a commandery's membership records and will comply with **Section 236. Commandery Recorder Responsibilities.**
- C. Shall notify the Grand Recorder immediately of any changes to the office of Recorder or IT Representative in order that old accounts may be deactivated, and new accounts established.

**Section 236. Commandery Recorder Responsibilities.**

- A. Shall take and be familiar with any training offered by the MMS Administrators and the Grand Recorder's office in order to be able to utilize all aspects of the MMS system.
- B. Shall be responsible for maintaining all commandery membership records in MMS, making necessary changes within 30 days of their occurrence.
- C. Shall annually, within 30 days of the installation of officers, update the list of officers of the Commandery.
- D. Recorders and IT Representatives shall log in to MMS no less than monthly to maintain access credentials and to make any approved membership changes.
- E. Shall submit to the Grand Recorder a list of all remissions for the reporting year by December 31 each year. Remissions shall include member's full name and type of remission, i.e., Health/Other, or 50-Year Member. Failure to submit remissions list to Grand Recorder by the due date will negate any credits for remissions in the Annual Return calculations for the reporting year.

**Section 237. Grand Recorder Responsibilities.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**IF ADOPTED WILL READ:**

**ARTICLE XXIII, *Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS)***

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

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

**Section 233. *Users Must*.**

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

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

**K.** Not permit unauthorized use of any information.

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

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

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

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

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

**Section 234. *Your Login and Password*.** To protect the account information of our users, you are assigned a unique user name and password. These unique identifiers are disclosed only to you. You are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of your account and password and for

restricting access to your computer, and you agree to and accept sole responsibility for any and all activities that occur under your account or password. You agree to notify the Grand Recorder immediately of any unauthorized use of your account or password, or any other breach of security. However, you may be held liable for losses incurred to the system or any other user of or visitor to the site due to someone else using your user login and password.

**Section 235. Commander Responsibilities.**

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

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

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

**Section 236. Commandery Recorder Responsibilities.**

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

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

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

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

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

**Section 237. Grand Recorder Responsibilities.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin B. Sample, PC, Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67

**Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other**

**PROPOSAL No. 4**

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

**IF ADOPTED WILL READ:**

**ARTICLE VI, *Chartered Commanderies* Section 117. *Annual Reports and Per Capita Payment.*** On or before December 31 each year, Commandery Recorders will submit to the Grand Recorder a complete list of remissions for their Commandery to include the member's full name and type of remission in accordance with **Section 171. Members May Not be Exempted.** On or before February 1 each year the Grand Recorder will provide a Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS) statistical report for the previous reporting year along with a per capita bill for the calculated fees due the Grand Commandery. The bill will include appropriate fees and credits. Fees shall consist of Knighting Fees, Per Capita and any outstanding balances from the

previous year's return. Credits shall consist of approved Remissions and Endowed Memberships as verified by the Grand Recorder, along with any overpayments from the previous year's return. A Financial Report Form and an Annual Audit Committee Report Form (see **Section 119. Annual Audit of Commanderies.**) will also be included as part of the Annual Return. Each Commandery shall forward to the Grand Recorder on or before March 1<sup>st</sup> in each year all forms and a check or money order for the per capita payment, based on the annual statistical report and per capita bill provided by the Grand Recorder, and due from said Commandery, and a copy of the latest IRS Form 990 or a copy of the acceptance of the electronic submission of a Form 990N. The fiscal year of the Grand Commandery shall end May 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, and all accounts shall be closed on that date. A commandery failing to file a complete return as provided herein and to forward per capita payment by March 1<sup>st</sup> subjects itself to a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00). Any Commandery that does not submit a complete annual return to the Grand Recorder's office not later than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery shall forfeit all rights and privileges to representation and voting at the Annual Conclave.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin B. Sample, PC, Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67

**Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other**

## **PROPOSAL 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:**

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

#### **IF ADOPTED WILL READ:**

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin B. Sample, PC, Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67

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### **PROPOSAL 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:**

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

**IF ADOPTED WILL READ: ARTICLE II, *The Grand Officers, Section 27. The Grand Commander. H.*** (*Repealed June 9, 2018*)

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin B. Sample, PC, Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67

**Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other**



## PROPOSAL 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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

5. Upon dispensation of the grants, the Grand Treasurer will report the following information to the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, and Grand Recorder: 1) the check numbers; 2) date checks were written; and 3) the date the checks were mailed to the designated recipients. Such notification shall be provided within 15 days of dispensation of the checks.

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

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

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

c. The annual returns for the current Templar year.

**IF ADOPTED WILL READ:**

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

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

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

c. The annual returns for the current Templar year.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Trent Moreland, PC, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8

**Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other**

### **PROPOSAL No. 8**

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

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

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

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

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

**IF ADOPTED, WILL READ:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
David C. Witte, PC, Palestine Commandery No.17

**Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other**

**PROPOSAL No. 9**

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

**Section 221. *Regional Officers. How designated.***

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

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

**Section 222. *Regional Officers. Duties.***

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

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

**IF ADOPTED WILL READ:**

**Section 221. *Regional Officers. How designated.***

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

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

**Section 222. *Regional Officers. Duties.***

It shall be the duty of the Regional Grand Commander assigned to a region to represent the Grand Commander in the designated region.

**Statement of Purpose:** The current assignment of a Regional Officer and a Regional Grand Commander is inefficient and confusing. As in Blue Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter and Cryptic Council the District Deputy or Regional Deputy Grand Officers answer directly to the Grand Presiding Officer and are charged with resolving any issues that arise in their District/Region on

his behalf. Approval of this amendment will adopt the proven, efficient method of the  
aforementioned models.

Respectfully submitted,  
Trent Moreland, PC, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8

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