



Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons



Grand Council of Cryptic Masons



Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

Grand York Rite of Missouri

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Date: April 2, 2018

To: Companions and Sir Knights of the Grand York Rite of Missouri
Honorable Guests & Distinguished Visitors

Subject: 2018 Missouri Grand York Rite Session Invitation

Companions and Sir Knights All:

On behalf of M.:E.:C.: Ronald L. Barrett, Grand High Priest, M.:I.:C.: Joseph P. Elsen, Grand Master, and Sir Knight K. Trent Moreland, R.:E.: Grand Commander and the Grand York Rite of Missouri, you are cordially invited to attend the One Hundred Seventy-Second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the One Hundred Fifty-Third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, and the One Hundred Fifty-Seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri. The presiding grand officers have planned an efficient business meeting schedule and several dining events for your enjoyment. The first ladies of the Grand York Rite have planned some wonderful activities for your lady to enjoy. We hope you will enjoy your stay with us and we look forward to greeting each of you in Jefferson City.

The joint Grand York Rite Sessions of Missouri will be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel (non-smoking hotel) in Jefferson City, Missouri, June 6-10, 2018. You may book on line at <https://reservations.travelclick.com/13414?groupID=1736396> or by calling 800.338.8088 or 573.635.1234. Please be sure to mention the Grand York Rite when making your reservations, **Reservation Group Code 180604YOR**. Room rates are \$83.00 per night for a single or double, \$103.00 per night for a Jr. Suite, and \$113.00 per night for an Executive Suite, plus tax. Hotel reservations MUST be made no later than May 19, 2018. We regret that we cannot guarantee space availability after that date. **ALL members and guests must make hotel reservations on their own**. If you experience any difficulties with making reservations, please contact this office immediately.

New this year, all attendees may register online (meals and distinguished guests) by going to www.moyorkrite.org and clicking on the 2018 Grand Sessions tab.

Otherwise, all Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, visiting Grand Lodge, Grand York Rite and Appendant Body Distinguished Guests who plan to attend and who wish to be introduced shall complete the enclosed Distinguished Guest Registration Form and return as soon as possible, but no later than May 19, 2018. Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, visiting Distinguished Guests

– Please take notice: Failure to complete registration forms properly will cause us to be unaware of your planned attendance, your name and proper titles, and thus cause our failure to prepare for your proper introduction. This registration does NOT negate your need to register with the Credentials Committee as discussed below.

All Missouri York Rite members must register with the Credentials Committee!

Meal reservations shall be made by completing the enclosed Meal Registration Form and remitting the appropriate fees no later than May 19, 2018. If special accommodations or dietary restrictions are required, please identify your needs to this office on your meal registration form. Those failing to make meal reservations may not be afforded an opportunity to do so at the sessions due to planning and scheduling.

CREDENTIAL REGISTRATION: All Chapter, Council and Commandery voting delegates must register with the Credentials Committee (not the Grand Secretary/Recorder’s Office) for the Grand Sessions. Organizations, officers, grand officers, past presiding officers and past presiding grand officers have NOT been properly represented, registered or recorded at past grand sessions due to their failure to register with the Credentials Committee. Here is a list of the voting delegates who must register. Check the schedule of events for registration times and location.

Chapter: High Priest * King * Scribe * Secretary All Past High Priests	Council: Master * Deputy Master * Principal Conductor of the Work * Recorder All Past Masters	Commandery: Commander * Generalissimo * Captain General * Recorder All Past Commanders
Grand Chapter: Grand Officers DDGHPs DDGLs Past Grand High Priests Grand Representatives Grand Committee Members	Grand Council: Grand Officers RDGMs RDGLs Past Grand Masters Grand Representatives Grand Committee Members	Grand Commandery: Grand Officers RGCs Past Grand Commanders Grand Representatives Grand Committee Members

The officers designated by an asterisk (*) not able to attend in person may appoint any “Past Presiding Officer” of their respective Chapter/Council/Commandery as their proxy to represent them in the corresponding grand session meeting. Such proxy shall be in writing on a Credentials Registration Slip and signed by the officer making the appointment.

The representation of organizations and attendance of officers cannot be accurately recorded if they fail to properly register. Registration for one organization does NOT automatically register you for any other organization. Dual members may register for more than one Chapter/Council/Commandery if they are properly qualified and have made arrangements with those organizations. However, a sitting officer (delegate) may NOT proxy for another sitting officer (delegate). You should plan for this registration process before you show up in order to know who is registering for which office (if by proxy).

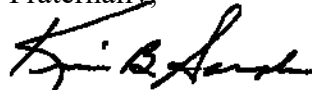
Additional Notice:

In accordance with the **By-Laws of Grand Chapter of Missouri, ARTICLE XII, Chartered Chapters, Section 104D.** If at two consecutive Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapter, held after 1986, any chartered chapter shall not (1) be represented by any one of its High Priest, King or Scribe, or their legally appointed proxies, or (2) have in attendance a companion who is a member of the chapter appointed by action of the chapter to attend and who shall have exhibited satisfactory evidence of such appointment to the Committee on Credentials, or (3) have in attendance a Past High Priest who is a member of the Chapter, as determined by the Records of the Committee on Credentials, the functions of the chapter are suspended. (Adopted May 8, 1986, Amended May 14, 2009)

In accordance with the **By-Laws of Grand Council of Missouri, ARTICLE VII. Officers, SEC. 82.** The Master. The Master has it in special charge to see that the By-Laws of his Council are duly observed, as well as statutes, rules and regulations of the Grand Council; that accurate records are made, and just accounts rendered; that regular returns are promptly made to the Grand Council, and that the annual dues are promptly paid. It is his duty to preside at all Assemblies of his Council, and he is responsible for the proper conduct of its affairs. It is his duty, either in person or by proxy, to attend all Assemblies of the Grand Council, and to see that the Recorder of his Council promptly discharges his duty in reference to Council returns, and dues. And he shall have authority to remove any officer of his Council, whose actions are such as to disturb the Craft or to interfere with its proper procedures, customs, and requirements.

In accordance with the **Grand Commandery Laws and Regulations, ARTICLE VII, Officers Section 135.** Duties of Commander. 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 accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered; that regular returns are made to the Grand Commandery, annually, and that the annual dues are promptly paid. It is his duty, together with the Generalissimo and Captain General, to attend all conclaves of the Grand Commandery. A Commandery that is not represented at an Annual Conclave by at least one of the above officers, or his proxy, shall be placed on probation until the next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, if it fails to have representation at the second Annual Conclave, its Charter may be arrested.

Fraternally,



Kevin B. Sample, Grand Secretary/Recorder
Grand Chapter/Council of the State of Missouri



Russell S. Hanson, Grand Recorder
Grand Commandery of the State of Missouri



Welcome
to the
2018 Missouri Grand York
Rite Grand Sessions

WE ARE ANXIOUSLY LOOKING FORWARD TO JUNE

We invite you to attend and participate in this year's Ladies Program. Several events are planned for your enjoyment. Below is a list of the events. We are thankful for your past support of these events and hope you enjoy what we have lined up for this year.

The **SIGN UP SHEETS** will be in the Hospitality Room. **PLEASE** sign up to work at each of the functions for at least one hour. If we all join in, then we will all have an opportunity to enjoy the Grand Session activities! Plus, you will get to know everyone a little better once you have worked by their side for a while.

Hospitality and Bingo Room: **PLEASE** bring your favorite snack foods. Here is a list of traditional favorites: beef sticks, cheeses (always a big favorite), veggies, fruits, nuts, bagels, crackers, dips, breads, pickles, olives, candies, and cookies. **PLEASE** bring all items in disposable containers and individually wrapped when possible. We have plenty of prizes for Bingo, so come join in the fun. Ladies, this is also the starting point for the **Scavenger Hunt!** This is a continuation from last year so remember to bring your bracelets! Come get your 1st Clue in the Hospitality and Bingo Room!!

Craft Table: **PLEASE** bring **FIVE** items (homemade or purchased) pre-priced for sale.

50/50 Raffle: Proceeds from the Raffle will be split between the winner and the following charities: for Grand Chapter - St. Jude's Children's Hospital, for Grand Council - Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation, and for Grand Commandery - Knight Templar Educational Foundation of Missouri. The more we sell, the more we support these worthwhile charities.



Special Raffles: This year we have several special items to raffle for each of the Grand Bodies. The Grand Chapter has a handmade quilt and a “BBQ Theme” Gift Basket for its two special raffles. The Grand Council has a quilted wall hanging with a wooden holder and a “Dog Lovers” Gift Basket for its two special raffles. The Grand Commandery has a framed counted cross stitch piece and a “Picnic” Gift Basket for its two special raffles. The money from the special raffles will be donated to the charities chosen by each presiding Grand Officer. ***PLEASE*** show your support and buy lots of tickets. They will be available at the Craft Table.

NOW FOR THE FUN!!

Thursday Night: Thursday evening we are holding the **Distinguished Guest Banquet!** The night’s entertainment will be a “**Sock Hop!!**” This is a 1950’s/1960’s-themed dinner and dance event. Dress in your favorite leather jackets, poodle skirts, saddle shoes, bell bottoms, and tie dyes for a fun time twisting the night away to the music of “**Just Friends!!!**”

Grand Banquet: Friday evening is the **2018 Grand York Rite Awards Banquet!** This gala event is a must!! Come enjoy an evening of revelry and good food!!!

Ladies Luncheon: The Saturday **Ladies Luncheon** will feature Mary Dunaway and her best friend “Buddy.” She will present a program relating her experience with cancer and the pet therapy program. We have each been touched, directly or indirectly, by breast cancer. In honor of the continued fight, please dress in casual pink attire and let’s “**Pink Out The Room!**”

Saturday Night: Saturday evening is a family fun night of “**TV Trivia!**” All of the 50/50 and Special Raffle drawings and winner presentations will be done during the event. Dress as your favorite TV character and come prepared for a great time!!

We thank everyone for the fellowship, fun, and contributions that have made this year quite memorable for all of us. We look forward to seeing you in June!

Thank You

Lady Barbara Barrett ~ Lady Kaye Elsen ~ Lady Vicki Moreland

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Date: April 2, 2018

To: Honorable Guests

Subject: **Visitor Amenities**

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With respect to our visitors and distinguished guests, it is our custom to extend the following courtesies to our Visiting Dignitaries. It is our hope that you will plan to visit us during our Annual Grand Session, June 6-10, 2018 in Jefferson City, Missouri.

1. Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Missouri * (or his personal representative)
 General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter (or his personal representative)
 General Grand Master, General Grand Council (or his personal representative)
 Grand Master, Grand Encampment (or his personal representative)
 South Central Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest
 South Central Regional Deputy General Grand Master
 South Central Department Commander

 Are entitled to: 2 nights lodging
 * 4 nights lodging
 2 tickets to Friday GYR Banquet or Thursday Dist. Guest Banquet
 1 ticket to Saturday Ladies Luncheon

2. Presiding Grand High Priests (not representatives)
 Presiding Grand Masters (not representatives)
 Presiding Grand Commanders (not representatives)
 Grand Secretaries/Recorders (not representatives)
 Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Missouri (not representatives)

 Are entitled to: 2 tickets to Friday GYR Banquet or Thursday Dist. Guest Banquet
 1 ticket to Saturday Ladies Luncheon

Regrettably, unless specifically identified, these courtesies are **not** transferable and unfortunately, we will be unable to accommodate those jurisdictions who do not reciprocate in kind. All other Companions, Sir Knights and Ladies are welcome to attend at their own expense. **ALL MUST MAKE THEIR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS.**

If registering on line for the above described comp'd meals, please **DO NOT** include your comp'd meals so you do not have to pay for them when registering. Please contact Debbie Hanson at the GYRMO office directly and we will manually add your comp'd meals. Otherwise, please complete the enclosed Registration and Meal Order forms and return to this office no later than May 19, 2018.

When arriving to our session, all Distinguished Guests are requested to check-in at the Distinguished Guest Registration with the GYR Executive Assistant, Lady Debbie Hanson, who will make sure that you are properly registered and accounted for.

All "registered" distinguished guests of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council will be introduced in the appropriate grand body during the morning open session. The following Select Distinguished Guests of the Grand Commandery will be received in the open portion of the Grand Commandery Conclave:

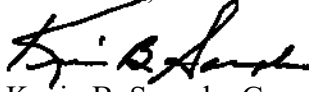
- Heads of Missouri Grand Chapter and Grand Council (Current and Most Jr.)
- Grand Representatives of Grand Commandery of Missouri to other jurisdictions and to (near) the Grand Commandery of Missouri from other jurisdictions (at seats)
- Grand Commanders of other Jurisdictions
- Past Grand Commanders of Missouri
- Department Commander of the Grand Encampment
- Grand Master of the Grand Encampment (or Representative); brief remarks
- Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri; brief remarks

Limited remarks of our guests will be offered during the business portion of Grand Chapter and Grand Council meetings. The Grand Commandery will invite remarks from the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment (or his Representative) and the Grand Master of Masons of Missouri only. Each guest will be introduced once, and only once. **You will have to advise us ahead of time on the REGISTRATION FORM (enclosed) as to whether you will be introduced with the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Grand Commandery, or Grand Appendant/Concordant Body representatives.** We will include all other appropriate titles as they are provided to us on the REGISTRATION FORM. Therefore, if you are a sitting Grand High Priest and a Past Grand Commander, you will be introduced in the chapter group as such. If you don't register, we will not be able to know who you are, where you are from, and you will not be introduced.

The Distinguished Guests' Reception will be held on Thursday evening. All Grand Commandery Distinguished Guests other than the Select Distinguished Guests will be received at this fun event. All are additionally invited to attend our Grand York Rite Awards Banquet on Friday evening. Please see the meal planning for a description of these events as well as appropriate dress.

We look forward to seeing you in Jefferson City, Missouri. After all, we need MO YORK RITE!

Fraternally,



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GRAND YORK RITE OF MISSOURI
2018 Annual Grand Sessions
Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, Missouri
GRAND SESSION SCHEDULE

LADIES' SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTED

ATTENTION: Due to circumstances outside of our control, the Grand York Rite Awards Banquet will be held on Friday night instead of our usual Saturday night and the Distinguished Guests Dinner will be held on Thursday night. All awards will be presented at the GYR Awards Banquet.

“Lapel Pins and More” and “Upon the Point” (vendors) will be on site for the whole event, Wednesday through Saturday, second floor, vendor room and in the Atrium

Joplin Room (conference room) will be available for small meetings as needed throughout the session except as otherwise scheduled on Friday and Saturday

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

- 3:00 p.m. Early Registration (Credentials Committee) – All 3 Bodies – until 6:00 pm
(Atrium)
- 4:00 p.m. Hotel Pre-Con Meeting – open to 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 Heads of Bodies and their Ladies (Jefferson A)
- 7:30 p.m. Grand Preceptory of Yeomen of York Meeting – Members Only (Lincoln)

Thursday, June 7, 2018

- 6:30 a.m. Breakfast – Tall Cedars of Lebanon – Open to All (Lincoln)
- 7:00 a.m. Registration (Credentials Committee) – All 3 Bodies – until 11:00 am (Atrium)
- 7:30 a.m. Open Ladies Registration - Hospitality & Game Room (Kansas City – 2nd floor)
- 8:00 a.m. Annual Meeting of Palmyra Historical Chapter No. 2 – Open to All Royal Arch Masons (Capitol/Truman)
- 9:00 a.m. Flag Presentation by Heroes of '76/Pledge/Anthem (Capitol/Truman)
- 9:15 a.m. Grand Chapter Reception of Distinguished Guests – Open to Ladies and Guests (Capitol/Truman)
- Dismissal of the Ladies and the Non-Member Guests
- 10:30 a.m. Formal Opening of the 172nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri
- 11:00 a.m. Election of the 2018-2019 Grand Chapter Officers
- 11:30 a.m. Close Hospitality & Game Room (Kansas City – 2nd floor)
- 11:45 p.m. Grand Chapter Closed or Called from Labor until 3:00 p.m.
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Sponsored by Yeomen of York – Open to All – Special Presentation by Coyote Hill Christian Children's Home (Lincoln)
- 1:30 p.m. Order of High Priesthood (Carnegie)
- 1:30 p.m. Open Ladies Registration - Hospitality & Game Room (Kansas City – 2nd floor)
- 3:00 p.m. Grand Chapter Resumes Labor (concludes remaining business, if any)
All Grand Chapter Awards will be presented at the Friday Grand York Rite Awards Banquet

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GRAND SESSION SCHEDULE

LADIES' SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTED

- 3:30 p.m. Installation of the 2018-2019 Grand Chapter Officers – Open to Ladies and Guests
Pictures
- 4:30 p.m. Close of the 172nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri
- 6:30 p.m. Distinguished Guests Dinner and Ice Cream Social – 50's / 60's Sock Hop – 50's / 60's Dress, Live Musical Entertainment and Dancing – Open to All (*Missouri*)

Friday, June 8, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Red Cross of Constantine Breakfast Meeting – Members Only (*Lincoln*)
- 7:00 a.m. Registration (Credentials Committee) – Council and Commandery only – until 11:00 am (*Atrium*)
- 7:30 a.m. Open Ladies Registration - Hospitality & Game Room (*Kansas City – 2nd floor*)
- 9:00 a.m. Grand Council Reception of Distinguished Guests – Open to Ladies and Guests (*Capitol/Truman*)
Dismissal of the Ladies and the Non-Member Guests
- 10:30 a.m. Formal Opening of the 153rd Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri (*Capitol/Truman*)
- 11:00 a.m. Election of the 2018-2019 Grand Council Officers
- 11:30 a.m. Close Hospitality & Game Room (*Kansas City – 2nd floor*)
- 11:45 p.m. Grand Council Closed or Called from Labor until 3:00 pm
- 12:00 p.m. Grand Council Lunch and Learn – Open to All – Special Guest Speaker (*Lincoln*)
- 1:30 p.m. Order of the Silver Trowel (*Missouri*)
- 1:30 p.m. Open Ladies Registration - Hospitality & Game Room (*Kansas City – 2nd floor*)
- 3:00 p.m. Grand Council Resumes Labor (concludes remaining business, if any)
All Grand Council Awards will be presented at the Friday Grand York Rite Awards Banquet
- 3:30 p.m. Installation of the 2018-2019 Grand Council Officers, Open to Ladies and Guests
- 4:30 p.m. Close of the 153rd Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri
Pictures
- 6:00 p.m. Grand Officer Reception – Meet and Greet – Open to All (*Atrium*)
- 6:30 p.m. Open Seating for Banquet – Grand Officers Line Up (*outside Capitol/Truman*)
- 6:45 p.m. Introduction of Grand York Rite Officers
- 7:00 p.m. Grand York Rite Awards Banquet – Open to All (*Capitol/Truman*)
- 9:30 p.m. Grand Commandery Practice – Grand Line Officers (*Truman*)
- 10:00 p.m. “Old Buzzards” Meeting (*Joplin Room*)

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2018 Annual Grand Sessions
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GRAND SESSION SCHEDULE

LADIES' SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTED

Saturday, June 9, 2018

- 6:30 a.m. KYCH Breakfast Meeting – Members Only (*Lincoln*)
7:00 a.m. Registration - Commandery only – until 11:00 am (*Atrium*)
7:30 a.m. Open Ladies Registration - Hospitality & Game Room (*Kansas City – 2nd floor*)
8:00 a.m. Opening Ceremonies and Reception of the 157th Annual Conclave and Reception of Select Distinguished Guests – Open to Ladies and Guests (*Truman*)
Dismissal of the Ladies and the Non-Member Guests
9:30 a.m. Formal Reconvening of the 157th Annual Conclave of Missouri
11:00 a.m. Election of the 2018-2019 Grand Commandery Officers
11:30 a.m. Close Hospitality & Game Room (*Kansas City – 2nd floor*)
11:30 p.m. Ladies Luncheon and Entertainment (*Lincoln*)
11:45 p.m. Grand Commandery Called from Labor until 3:00 pm
12:00 p.m. Missouri Lodge of Research Lunch & Lecture – Open to All (*Jefferson*)
12:00 p.m. Knights Templar Education Foundation Committee Lunch Meeting – Committee Members only (*Joplin*)
1:30 p.m. Past Commander's Association (*Missouri*)
1:30 p.m. Open Ladies Registration - Hospitality & Game Room (*Kansas City – 2nd floor*)
3:00 p.m. Grand Commandery Resumes Labor – (concludes remaining business, if any)
All Grand Commandery Awards will be presented at the Friday Grand York Rite Awards Banquet
3:30 p.m. Installation of the 2018-2019 Grand Commandery Officers
4:30 p.m. 157th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri Called from Labor
6:30 p.m. “TV Trivia” Dinner/Entertainment – Open to All (*Lincoln*) – Come dressed as your favorite TV character

Sunday, June 10, 2017

- 8:00 a.m. Religious Service – Open to All (*Missouri*)
9:00 a.m. 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 a.m. Hotel Post-Con Meeting – open to 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 Heads of Bodies and their Ladies (*Carnegie*)

**GRAND YORK RITE OF MISSOURI
ANNUAL GRAND SESSIONS
JUNE 6 – 10, 2018**

**Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, Missouri
Please note that this is a non-smoking hotel
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**YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS
NO LATER THAN MAY 19, 2018
Reservation Group Code 180604YOR**

**DISTINGUISHED GUEST INTRODUCTION FORM
INCLUDING MISSOURI PAST GRAND OFFICERS**

(Anyone planning on being introduced for anything must complete this form)

Please complete all Information. Return Completed Form No Later Than **May 19, 2018**

(Type or Print Clearly – Black Ink Only)

Name: _____

Lady Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Grand Chapter Title(s): _____

Grand Council Title(s): _____

Grand Commandery Title(s): _____

Grand Lodge Officer Title(s): _____

Grand Appendant Body Title(s): _____

Select which group you desire to be introduced with at the Friday Distinguished Guests' Reception and Banquet, check only one box. See Visitor Amenities for explanation:

Grand Chapter Grand Council Grand Commandery

Grand Lodge Grand Appendant Body

I plan on attending but will not be participating in any scheduled dining events

If you have any questions, please call or email the MGYR Office.

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**GRAND YORK RITE OF MISSOURI 2018 ANNUAL GRAND SESSIONS
MEAL PLANNING**

Disclosure: Due to the shortened schedule and the need to meet hotel minimums for food and beverage sales and the GYRMO's non-exemption for sales tax (included this year), the cost of meals has gone up a bit. We appreciate your understanding and commitment to participate in all our meal functions.

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Thursday, June 7 @ 6:30 a.m. – Tall Cedars Sponsored Breakfast

- Type – Park Place Restaurant Buffet
- Menu – Chilled Orange Juice, Farm Fresh Scrambled Eggs, Country Fried Potatoes, Crispy Bacon and Country Sausage, Fresh Baked Biscuits and Gravy, Fruit Jams, Honey and Butter, Coffee, Decaf and Hot Tea
- Price – \$20.00 per person
- Dress – Business Dress
- Location – Lincoln Room
- Restrictions – None, Open to All

Thursday, June 7 @ 12:00 p.m., Yeomen of York Sponsored Luncheon w/Guest Speaker

- Type – Private Buffet
- Menu – Chef's Choice
- Special presentation by Coyote Hill Christian Children's Home
- Price – \$20.00 per person
- Dress – Business Dress
- Location – Lincoln Room
- Restrictions – None, Open to All

Thursday, June 7 @ 6:30 p.m., Distinguished Guests' Dinner/50s-60s Band/Dancing/Cash Bar

- Type – Buffet
- Menu – Grilled Burgers and Buns, American Cheese, Condiments, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Iced Tea and Coffee, Ice Cream Station – Vanilla and Chocolate, Root Beer and Coke Floats, Hot Fudge, Strawberry, and Caramel Toppings, Cherries, Nuts and Whipped Cream
- Price – \$40.00 per person
- Dress – 50s/60s – Sock Hop, Poodle Skirts
- Entertainment – Live Band and Dance Floor
- Location – Missouri Room
- Restrictions – None, Open to All

Friday, June 8 @ 7:00 a.m., Red Cross of Constantine Breakfast Meeting

- Type – Park Place Restaurant Buffet
- Menu – Chilled Orange Juice, Farm Fresh Scrambled Eggs, Country Fried Potatoes, Crispy Bacon and Country Sausage, Fresh Baked Biscuits and Gravy, Fruit Jams, Honey and Butter, Coffee, Decaf and Hot Tea
- Price – \$20.00 per person
- Dress – Business Dress
- Location – Lincoln Room
- Restrictions – Members Only

Friday, June 8 @ 12:00 p.m. – Grand Council Lunch and Learn

- Type – Private Buffet
- Menu – Chef's Choice
- Price – \$20.00 per person
- Dress – Business Dress
- Location – Lincoln Room
- Restrictions – None, Open to All

Friday, June 8 @ 7:00 p.m., Grand York Rite / Awards Banquet / 6:00 p.m. Meet and Greet w/cash bar, 6:30 p.m. Open Seating, 6:45 p.m. Introduction of Grand Officers, 7:00 p.m. Banquet

- Type – Plated/Served
- Menu – 8 oz. Prime Rib with Horseradish, Caesar Salad, Baked Potato with Sour Cream and Butter, Asparagus, Hot Rolls w/Butter, Cheesecake with Chocolate and Strawberry Toppings, Coffee, Iced Tea and Water Service
- Price – \$45.00 per person
- Dress – Masonic Black Tie Formal: Tux & Officer Collars (no aprons) or Commandery Uniform for ALL Grand Officers. White dinner jackets ok. All others encouraged to wear tux or Dark Business Dress. Ladies Formals or Business Dress.
- Location – Capitol/Truman
- Restrictions – None, Open to All

Saturday, June 9 @ 6:30 a.m., KYCH Sponsored Breakfast Meeting

- Type – Park Place Restaurant Breakfast Buffet
- Menu – Chilled Orange Juice, Farm Fresh Scrambled Eggs, Country Fried Potatoes, Crispy Bacon and Country Sausage, Fresh Baked Biscuits and Gravy, Fruit Jams, Honey and Butter, Coffee, Decaf and Hot Tea
- Price – \$20.00 per person
- Dress – Business Dress
- Location – Lincoln Room
- Restrictions – Members Only

Saturday, June 9 @ 11:30 a.m., Ladies Luncheon and Entertainment

- Type – Private Buffet
- Menu – Croissants, Ham, Turkey, Swiss and American Cheese, Onion, Lettuce, Tomato and Condiments, Assorted Chips, Fruit Platter, Strawberry Shortcake and Fudge Brownies, Lemon Aid, Iced Tea and Water
- Price – \$25.00 per person
- Dress – Business Casual
- Location – Lincoln Room
- Restrictions – None

Saturday, June 9 @ 12:00 p.m., Missouri Lodge of Research Lunch and Presentation

- Type – Plated/Served
- Menu – House Salad with Ranch Dressing, Sliced Pork Loin Normandy Garnished with Red Onion Confit and Apple Brandy Cream Sauce, Chef's Choice of Vegetable and Starch, Rolls and Butter, Iced Tea, Water, and Coffee, Milk Chocolate Mousse
- Price – \$35.00 per person
- Dress – Business Dress
- Location – Jefferson
- Restrictions – None, Open to All (All Masons and Non-Masons welcome)

Saturday, June 9 @ 12:00 p.m., Knight Templar Education Foundation Lunch Meeting

- Type – Menu Service
- Price – No Charge
- Dress – Business Dress
- Location – Joplin Room
- Restrictions – Open to Knight Templar Education Committee Members Only

**Saturday, June 9 @ 6:30 p.m., “TV Trivia Night” Dinner/Entertainment provided by Tina/Tara Woolsey
– this is fun for all**

- Type – Plated/Served
- Menu – Yankee Pot Roast topped with Roasted Shallot and Beef Demi Glaze, Mashed Potatoes, Honey Glazed Carrots, House Salad, French and Creamy Italian Dressing, Rolls and Butter, Crème Brulee and Bread Pudding, Iced Tea and Coffee
- Price – \$30.00 per person
- Dress – As your Favorite TV Character
- Location – Lincoln Room
- Restrictions – None, Open to All

Sunday, June 10, 9:00 a.m., Grand Officers’ Brunch

- Type – Private Buffet
- Menu – Chilled Orange Juice, Sliced Fresh Fruit, Cinnamon Rolls, Muffins, Danish, Scrambled Eggs, Omelet Station, Bacon and Sausage, Breakfast Potatoes, Biscuits and Gravy, Coffee, Decaf, Milk, and Hot Tea
- Price – \$25.00 per person
- Dress – Come dressed as you are, travel clothes welcome
- Location – Lincoln Room
- Restrictions – Open to Missouri Grand York Rite Officers (*retired and incoming, elected and appointed*), Deputy/Regional Grand Officers, Committee Members, Past Grands, Out of State Guests, and your Ladies and families – incoming grand officers will make brief comments about their plans for the upcoming year

**GRAND YORK RITE OF MISSOURI 2018 ANNUAL GRAND SESSIONS
MEAL RESERVATIONS FORM**

PLEASE SEE MEAL PLANNING ON NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS, RESTRICTIONS, & DRESS

Return Completed Form with Payment No Later Than **May 19, 2018**

(Type or Print Clearly – Black Ink Only)

Name: _____ Lady's Name: _____

(Cost of meals are per person. **Reservations are required.** If you do not have advance reservations, we may not be able to accommodate you. Disclosure: Due to the shortened schedule and the need to meet hotel minimums for food and beverage sales and the GYRMO's non-exemption for sales tax (included this year), the cost of meals has gone up a bit. We appreciate your understanding and commitment to participate in all our meal functions.)

Note: If you are entitled to a complimentary meal as defined only in the Visitor Amenities document, indicate the number of meals required and write "Comp" on the Total line.

Thursday Tall Cedars of Lebanon Sponsored Breakfast (<i>open to all</i>):	Qty: ____ x \$ 20.00 Total: \$ _____
Thursday Yeomen of York Lunch and Charity Presentation (<i>open to all</i>):	Qty: ____ x \$ 20.00 Total: \$ _____
Thursday Distinguished Guests Dinner, Reception (<i>open to all</i>):	Qty: ____ x \$ 40.00 Total: \$ _____
Friday Red Cross Breakfast Meeting (<i>members only</i>):	Qty: ____ x \$ 20.00 Total: \$ _____
Friday Grand Council Lunch and Learn (<i>open to all</i>):	Qty: ____ x \$ 20.00 Total: \$ _____
Friday Grand York Rite Banquet/Awards Presentation (<i>open to all</i>):	Qty: ____ x \$ 45.00 Total: \$ _____
Saturday KYCH Breakfast (<i>members only</i>):	Qty: ____ x \$ 20.00 Total: \$ _____
Saturday Ladies Luncheon/Entertainment:	Qty: ____ x \$ 25.00 Total: \$ _____
Saturday Missouri Lodge of Research Lunch and Presentation (<i>open to all</i>):	Qty: ____ x \$ 35.00 Total: \$ _____
Saturday Knights Templar Education Foundation Lunch (<i>Cmte members only</i>):	Qty: ____ x \$ 0.00 Total: \$ _____
Saturday "TV Trivia" Dinner/Entertainment (<i>open to all</i>):	Qty: ____ x \$ 30.00 Total: \$ _____
Sunday Grand Officers' Brunch (<i>open to all Grand/Past Grand Officers Including District/Regional Grand Officers, Distinguished Guests and Ladies</i>):	Qty: ____ x \$ 25.00 Total: \$ _____

Grand Total: \$ _____

Identify medical or dietary restrictions: _____

Please make your check payable to **"Grand York Rite of Missouri"** and return with this form
No Later Than May 19, 2018, to:

Grand York Rite of Missouri, 107 S. Williams Street, Fayette, MO 65248-1017

If you have any questions, please call the MGYR Office 660.248.5100 or email at gym@moYorkrite.org

GRAND CHAPTER

INSTRUCTIONS

Credentials Registration forms may be completed prior to Grand Session by any member planning to attend, but must be presented in person at the Credentials Committee Registration Table.

A Credentials Registration form must be completed by each appointed proxy. The appointing officer must complete the Proxy portion.

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REGISTRATION FORM

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

(Present to Committee on Credentials)

Name (print in full): _____

Name of Chapter: _____ No. _____

Rank of Office: _____

Proxy for HP, K, or Scribe: _____

Chairman of Committee on: _____

Grand or Past Grand Office: _____

Grand Representative, State of: _____

Past High Priest of: _____ Chapter No. _____

PROXY

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

(Present to Committee on Credentials)

I hereby appoint _____

of _____ Chapter No. _____

my proxy at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri.

High Priest, King, or Scribe (Appointing officer must sign)

CHAPTER SEAL REQUIRED FOR PROXY ONLY

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GRAND COUNCIL

INSTRUCTIONS

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REGISTRATION FORM

GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

(Present to Committee on Credentials)

Name (print in full): _____

Name of Council: _____ No. _____

Rank of Office: _____

Proxy for IM, DM, or PCW: _____

Chairman of Committee on: _____

Grand or Past Grand Office: _____

Grand Representative, State of: _____

Past Master of: _____ Council No. _____

PROXY

GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

(Present to Committee on Credentials)

I hereby appoint _____

of _____ Council No. _____

my proxy at the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri.

Ill. Master, Dep. Master, Prin. Cond. Work (Appointing officer must sign)

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED FOR PROXY ONLY

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GRAND COMMANDERY

INSTRUCTIONS

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REGISTRATION FORM

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

(Present to Committee on Credentials)

Name (print in full): _____

Name of Commandery: _____ No. _____

Rank of Office: _____

Proxy for EC, Gen, or CG: _____

Chairman of Committee on: _____

Grand or Past Grand Office: _____

Grand Representative, State of: _____

Past Commander of: _____ Commandery No. _____

PROXY

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

(Present to Committee on Credentials)

I hereby appoint _____

of _____ Commandery No. _____

my proxy at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri.

Commander, Generalissimo, or Capt. General (Appointing officer must sign)

COMMANDERY SEAL REQUIRED FOR PROXY ONLY

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TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY – BLACK INK ONLY**

**ORDER OF THE HIGH PRIESTHOOD
OF
MISSOURI**

Dear Companion,

According to the records in the office of the Grand Secretary, Royal Arch Masons of Missouri, you have been elected High Priest of your Chapter. Your election and installation to this office has made you eligible for membership in the Order of High Priesthood, an honorary degree which is conferred on all High Priests of the Chapters, subject only to their petition and election.



Arrangements have been made to confer the Order during the coming Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter. Your petition may be presented to designated Companions on the day of the meeting, and the degree will be conferred at a time to be announced later. You will receive a program setting the time before the Convocation.

There are no dues connected with the Order, but it is necessary to fix a \$30.00 charge to pay for the expense of holding the Convention and to pay for the Bible and Membership Card, which are furnished you. The special Bible presented to each candidate sells for \$30.00.

You may regard this letter as an invitation to petition the Order to receive the degree on the date to be set. Filing the petition acknowledges the receipt of said letter and indicates your intention to be with us. This information will be greatly appreciated. This enables us to know how many will be receiving the degree.

In order to avoid the delay of having to stand in line to file your petition, as has been the case, you are asked to sign and return the petition below, accompanied by your personal check. You may, however, present your petition in person in case of a late decision to be present. We would appreciate having it, if at all possible, before the Convocation. It enables us to have your Bible and Membership Card inscribed beforehand.

Kevin E. Weaver - Recorder/Treasurer
3705 Meadow Drive, House Springs, Mo. 63051-1417

Cut off and mail WITH CHECK for \$30.00 to Recorder

I will be present and desire to petition for the Honorary Order of High Priesthood.

(Print) Name: _____

Address: _____

Name of Chapter: _____ No. _____

Make Checks payable to: Order of the High Priesthood

PETITION
for
THE ORDER OF THE SILVER TROWEL
STATE OF MISSOURI

*To the Illustrious Master, Wardens and Companions of
the Order of the Silver Trowel, State of Missouri*



COMPANIONS: The undersigned hereby petitions for the Order of the Silver Trowel, State of Missouri. If elected, the petitioner promises a cheerful compliance with the Constitution, Laws, Rules and Customs of the Order, and faithfully promises not to unlawfully reveal the secrets of the Order, even though as a result of such actions his membership therein may cease.

Full Name: _____ My Age: _____

Place of Birth: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I am now a member in good standing of:

_____ Lodge No. _____ A.F.&A.M., State of _____

_____ Chapter No. _____ R.A.M., State of _____

_____ Council No. _____ R.&S.M., State of _____

I was regularly elected and installed Illustrious Master of _____

Council No. _____, R. & S. M., located at _____ for the
year _____.

Date: _____

(Sign Name in Full)

We, the undersigned Illustrious Companions, members of The Order of the Silver Trowel, State of Missouri, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with the above named petitioner and we vouch for the correctness of the statements in his forgoing petition. We freely recommend him. His petition is worthy of favorable consideration.

MAIL PETITION TO:

Roger D. Fleer, Secretary/Treasurer
2312 Southbend Dr.
Washington, MO 63030-3719

Phone: (636) 239-7394
Email: fleerroger@gmail.com

\$40.00 fee must accompany this petition.

APPLICATION
For Membership
MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF PAST COMMANDERS
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

**To the Officers, and Sir Knights of
the Missouri Association of Past Commanders**

SIR KNIGHTS: I, the undersigned, do hereby apply for membership in the Missouri Association of Past Commanders. If elected, I promise a cheerful compliance with the Constitution, Laws, Rules and Customs of the Association, and faithfully promise not to unlawfully reveal the secrets of the Association, even though as a result of such actions my membership therein may cease.

Full Name: _____ My Age: _____

Place of Birth: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Address: _____ Occupation: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I am now a member in good standing:

of _____ Lodge No. _____ A.F.&A.M., State of _____

of _____ Chapter No. _____ R.A.M., State of _____

of _____ Council No. _____ R.&S.M., State of _____

of _____ Commandery No. _____ K.T., State of _____

I was regularly elected and installed Commander of _____

Commandery No. _____, K.T., located at _____ for the
year _____.

Date: ____/____/____ _____

(Sign Name in Full)

Vouched for and recommended by: (PRINT NAMES)

Past Commander

Past Commander

Application to be accompanied by a fee of \$20.00 in advance which will secure for you a membership card and Association Jewel.

MAIL APPLICATION TO:

Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., PGC
Secretary/Treasurer
2102 NE Colonnade Ave.
Blue Springs, MO 64029-9697
(816) 229-6077
f.troxel@gmail.com

_____/_____/_____
Date Returned

\$20.00 fee must accompany this petition.

Chk #: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Make Checks payable to: Missouri Association of Past Commanders

PROPOSAL No. 1

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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

ARTICLE XII, Chartered Chapters, Section 103. Annual Returns. ~~Each chapter shall, on or before the first day of March of each year, make and transmit by mail to the Grand Secretary an annual report, according to the form furnished by the Grand Secretary. On or before December 31 each year, Chapter Secretaries will submit to the Grand Secretary a complete list of remissions for their Chapter to include the member's full name and type of remission in accordance with Section 163. Remission of Dues. On or before February 1 each year the Grand Secretary will provide a Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS) statistical report for the previous reporting year along with an invoice for the calculated fees due the Grand Chapter. The invoice will include appropriate fees and credits. Fees shall consist of Exaltation Fees, Per Capita and any outstanding balances from the previous year's return. Credits shall consist of approved Remissions, Endowed Memberships and General Grand Chapter Perpetual Memberships as verified by the Grand Secretary, along with any overpayments from the previous year's return. A Financial Report Form and an Annual Audit Committee Report Form (see Section 104A. Annual Audit) will also be included as part of the Annual Return. All forms will be completed and returned to the Grand Secretary along with~~ Included as an attachment with the annual return shall be a copy of the latest IRS Form 990 or a copy of the acceptance of the electronic submission of a Form 990N and a check or money order for all fees due the Grand Chapter. Failure to ~~make such~~ file a complete return as provided herein shall subject the chapter to a fine of ~~ten~~ twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each period of thirty days, or fraction thereof, said return is withheld. Any Chapter that does not submit ~~an~~ a complete annual return and/or any late filing fees to the Grand Secretary's office not later than thirty (30) days prior to the ~~Grand Session Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter~~ shall forfeit all rights and privileges to representation and voting at the ~~annual Grand Session~~ Grand Session Annual Convocation.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: ARTICLE XII, Chartered Chapters, Section 103. Annual Returns. On or before December 31 each year, Chapter Secretaries will submit to the Grand Secretary a complete list of remissions for their Chapter to include the member's full name and type of remission in accordance with **Section 163. Remission of Dues.** On or before February 1 each year the Grand Secretary will provide a Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS) statistical report for the previous reporting year along with an invoice for the calculated fees due the Grand Chapter. The invoice will include appropriate fees and credits. Fees shall consist of Exaltation Fees, Per Capita and any outstanding balances from the previous year's return. Credits shall consist of approved Remissions, Endowed Memberships and General Grand Chapter Perpetual Memberships as verified by the Grand Secretary, along with any overpayments from the previous year's return. A Financial Report Form and an Annual Audit Committee Report Form (see **Section 104A. Annual Audit**) will also be included as part of the Annual Return. All forms will be completed and returned to the Grand Secretary along with a copy of the latest IRS Form 990 or a copy of the acceptance of the electronic submission of a Form 990N and a check or money order for all fees due the Grand Chapter. Failure to file a complete return as provided

herein shall subject the chapter to a fine of ~~ten~~ twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each period of thirty days, or fraction thereof, said return is withheld. Any Chapter that does not submit a complete annual return and/or any late filing fees to the Grand Secretary's office not later than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter shall forfeit all rights and privileges to representation and voting at the Annual Convocation.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: With the completion of all Chapter membership records being transitioned into and maintained in MMS, the annual return process has changed considerably. Chapter Secretaries will manage all membership changes in MMS as they occur. The Grand Secretary will generate subordinate chapter returns based on MMS records as of December 31 each year and bill accordingly. It is the responsibility of each Chapter Secretary to maintain their membership records in MMS.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PHP, Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114

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

PROPOSAL No. 2

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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

ARTICLE VI, *Grand Secretary*, Section 29. *Grand Secretary*. F. He shall furnish each chapter ~~duplicate blanks for annual returns~~ return forms.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: ARTICLE VI, *Grand Secretary*, Section 29. *Grand Secretary*. F. He shall furnish each chapter annual return forms.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: Annual return forms are emailed to each Chapter Secretary, who can make as many copies as they desire.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PHP, Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114

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

PROPOSAL No. 3

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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

ARTICLE XII, *Chartered Chapters*, Section 155D. *Dual/Plural Membership – Duties of Chapter Secretaries and of Grand Secretary.*

A. The Secretary of each Missouri Chapter ~~chapter of Missouri~~ shall:

- ~~1. Forward to the Grand Secretary the personal application for Certificate of Good Standing for Dual/Plural Membership;~~
- ~~2. Forward to the Grand Secretary the Certificate of Good Standing for the Dual/Plural Membership;~~
- ~~3. Notify the Grand Secretary upon the election of dual/plural member or the formation of a new chapter containing one or more dual/plural members;~~
4. Notify the Grand Secretary of the suspension for non-payment of dues or otherwise, the expulsion of a dual/plural member;
5. Notify the Grand Secretary of the reinstatement to good standing of a dual/plural member;
- ~~6. Notify the Grand Secretary of the issuance of the Certificate of Withdrawal of a dual/plural membership;~~
7. Forward the Certificate of Dimission from chapter of “original membership” to the Grand Secretary for certification and transmittal;
- ~~8. Submit the Report of Dual/Plural Members as of December 31 of each and every year with the Annual Return. (Adopted May 3, 1997)~~

B. The Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Missouri shall:

- ~~1. Forward the personal Application of Good Standing for Dual/Plural Membership to the chapters of this Jurisdiction and/or other Jurisdictions for the attention and action of the members, respectively;~~
- ~~2. Receive and transmit the Certificate of Good Standing for Dual/Plural Membership which shall accompany the Petition for Dual/Plural Membership;~~
- ~~3. Notify the other chapters involved of the election of a dual/plural member, or the formation of a new chapter containing one or more dual/plural members;~~
4. Notify the other chapters involved of the suspension for non-payment of dues or otherwise, or the expulsion of a dual/plural member;
5. Notify the other chapters involved that a dual/plural member has regained good standing after suspension;
6. Forward the Certificate of Dimission from the chapter of “original membership” to the chapter to be regarded by the member as the chapter of “original” or “parent” membership.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: ARTICLE XII, *Chartered Chapters*, Section 155D. *Dual/Plural Membership – Duties of Chapter Secretaries and of Grand Secretary.*

A. The Secretary of each Missouri Chapter shall:

1. Notify the Grand Secretary of the suspension for non-payment of dues or otherwise, the expulsion of a dual/plural member;

2. Notify the Grand Secretary of the reinstatement to good standing of a dual/plural member;

3. Forward the Certificate of Dimission from chapter of “original membership” to the Grand Secretary for certification and transmittal;

B. The Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Missouri shall:

1. Notify the other chapters involved of the suspension for non-payment of dues or otherwise, or the expulsion of a dual/plural member;

2. Notify the other chapters involved that a dual/plural member has regained good standing after suspension;

3. Forward the Certificate of Dimission from the chapter of “original membership” to the chapter to be regarded by the member as the chapter of “original” or “parent” membership.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: As membership records are now maintained in MMS, there no need for all of these communications. The subordinate Secretaries can validate an applicant’s membership status in MMS. Additionally, none of the deleted items are being complied with. If adopted, the items above will be renumbered accordingly. Secretaries are reminded: **Section 155E. Suspension of Dual/Plural Member for Non-Payment of Dues:** A member shall become suspended in all Chapters for non-payment of dues when he fails to pay dues in either the original Chapter or the Chapter/Chapters he holds dual/plural membership.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PHP, Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114

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

PROPOSAL No. 4

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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

Section 158. Notice to Council and Commandery. ~~The secretary of each subordinate chapter within this jurisdiction is hereby required to send official notice of the suspension, expulsion, dimit, or reinstatement of any its members to the council of Royal and Select Masters and the Commandery of Knights Templar within whose jurisdiction such chapter may be situated.~~

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This is no longer necessary since Secretaries and Recorders can now validate a member’s prerequisite membership in MMS.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PHP, Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114

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

PROPOSAL No. 5

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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ARTICLE XVIII, Dues, Section 167. Annual Dues. Each chapter in this jurisdiction has the right to assess and collect from its members in the manner provided by its by-laws, such annual dues as may be deemed necessary to defray the proper expenses of the chapter however the minimum dues of any chapter shall not be less than \$10.00 plus Grand Chapter per capita and fees in addition to per capita of the General Grand Chapter.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To ensure the financial health of subordinate chapters.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PHP, Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114

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

PROPOSAL No. 6

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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ARTICLE XXIV, Fees, Salaries and Allowances, Section 203. Allowances: General Grand Chapter. There shall be paid annually to the General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter such sum as may be required by the General Grand Chapter as ~~dues per capita~~, for each Royal Arch Mason borne upon the rolls of each chartered chapter of this jurisdiction as shown by the annual returns of such chapter, except for those otherwise exempted by the General Grand Chapter in the form of remissions or General Grand Chapter Perpetual Memberships.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The General Grand Chapter does not charge dues, they charge per capita. Additionally, the General Grand Chapter allows for exemptions for remissions and Perpetual Memberships. Therefore, we do not actually pay “per capita” on each Royal Arch Masons borne upon the rolls of each chartered chapter.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PHP, Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114

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

PROPOSAL No. 7

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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

ARTICLE III, Powers and Duties of the Grand High Priest, Section 20. *Representatives.* ~~He may appoint representatives of this Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters and may receive and accredit representatives of such other Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter. When such a representative shall fail to attend the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter for two consecutive years, the Grand High Priest shall request the Grand High Priest of the jurisdiction which he represents to declare the position vacant and recommend some suitable companion to be his successor.~~

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: I propose the entire section 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 Secretary's office concerning the activities and news of interest of their Grand Chapter to be included in the annual reports of our Grand Chapter. 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, PHP, Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114

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

PROPOSAL No. 8

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

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

ARTICLE IX, *Revenues of the Grand Chapter*, Section 40. Annual Dues. Paragraph B.

B. The Secretary of every Chartered Chapter will cause to be written and provided to each Companion on its rolls, including those whose dues have been remitted, 50 Year members, and those that are endowed, an annual dues notice on which are written line items for the suggested voluntary contributions for the charities that are supported by the Grand Chapter. Such line items should include, but may not necessarily be limited to Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA) with a suggested contribution of \$3.65. The Grand Secretary will issue each

Subordinate Chapter a number of Penny-a-Day stickers to affix to the dues card of each Companion that donates at least \$3.65 to RARA. Subordinate Chapter Secretaries will affix such stickers to the Companion's dues card and send it to the Companion. Contributions collected are to be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, the check written to the charity for which it was collected and in a timely and efficient manner.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: ARTICLE IX, *Revenues of the Grand Chapter*, Section 40. Annual Dues

B. The Secretary of every Chartered Chapter will cause to be written and provided to each Companion on its rolls, including those whose dues have been remitted, 50 year members, and those that are endowed, an annual dues notice on which are written line items for the suggested voluntary contributions for the charities that are supported by the Grand Chapter. Such line items should include, but may not necessarily be limited to Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA) with a suggested contribution of \$3.65. The Grand Secretary will issue each Subordinate Chapter a number of Penny-a-Day stickers to affix to the dues card of each Companion that donates at least \$3.65 to RARA. Subordinate Chapter Secretaries will affix such stickers to the Companion's dues card and send it to the Companion. Checks for the contributions collected shall, in a timely manner, be issued to the Grand Chapter of Missouri, with a notation in the memo field as to its designated use.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: It is proposed that the last sentence (as underlined) shall be modified to read: Checks for the contributions collected shall, in a timely manner, be issued to the Grand Chapter of Missouri, with a notation in the memo field as to its designated use. All charity checks as written would be in conformance with that as written in ARTICLE IX, SECTION 40. Paragraph C.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald L. Trabue, PHP, Jefferson City Chapter No. 34

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

PROPOSAL No. 9

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

Section 228. *Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS)*. MMS will be the official repository of all membership records of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri.

Section 229. *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 230. 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 231. 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 Secretary 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 232. High Priest Responsibilities.

- A. Shall ensure the utilization of MMS to manage all membership records of the Chapter in a timely manner.
- B. May designate one Information Technology (IT) Representative to assist with managing a chapter's membership records and will comply with **Section 233. Chapter Secretary Responsibilities.**
- C. Shall notify the Grand Secretary immediately of any changes to the office of Secretary or IT Representative in order that old accounts may be deactivated, and new accounts established.

Section 233. Chapter Secretary Responsibilities.

- A. Shall take and be familiar with any training offered by the MMS Administrators and the Grand Secretary's office in order to be able to utilize all aspects of the MMS system.
- B. Shall be responsible for maintaining all chapter 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 Chapter.
- D. Secretaries 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 Secretary 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 Secretary by the due date will negate any credits for remissions in the Annual Return calculations for the reporting year.

Section 234. Grand Secretary 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 Chapter.

C. Shall report to the Grand High Priest any deficiencies in utilization of MMS by any Chapter.

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

E. Shall generate a bill for each Chapter based on the Annual Statistical Report of each Chapter, and which shall include all applicable credits and debits, in accordance with **ARTICLE XII, Chartered Chapters, Section 103. Annual Returns.**, presenting said bill to the Chapter Secretary no later than February 1.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The Grand Chapter of Missouri formally adopted the MMS solution as our official membership database program. We need to establish rules governing the use of the system.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PHP, Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114

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

PROPOSAL No. 1

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the language of **ARTICLE II, SEC. 16A. Grand Council Contracts**, be moved to a new third paragraph under **Article III, Section 18. Standing Committees, Duties of. (4) The Committee on Finance and Accounts.**

As currently written:

SEC. 16A. Grand Council Contracts. The execution of any contract by any officer or representative of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri with a duration of more than one (1) year or more or any contract obligating the Grand Council to expend one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in the aggregate, shall require the written approval by a majority of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Captain of the Guard and Grand Recorder. *(Added 5/13/15)*

As revised:

(1) **The Committee on Finance and Accounts** shall examine the financial statements of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder together with the report of the Auditor and report upon the same. It shall also report upon all matters touching the finances of the Grand Council, and no appropriation shall be made without having been considered and reported upon by this committee. The fiscal year of the Grand Council shall end May 31st of each year. *(Amended 5/15/03)*

In addition, in the event of the death or disability of either the Grand Treasurer or Grand Recorder, the Finance and Accounts Committee together with the concurrence of the Grand Master shall have the authority to remove all ledgers and financial records and shall retain a qualified auditor not previously involved who shall perform a complete audit of such records. These actions shall be conducted with expediency so as not to interfere with operations of the office. *(Added 5/2/97)*

Grand Council Contracts. The execution of any contract by any officer or representative of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri with a duration of more than one (1) year or more or any contract obligating the Grand Council to expend one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in the aggregate, shall require the written approval by a majority of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Captain of the Guard and Grand Recorder. *(Added 5/13/15)*

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To relocate this section to the more appropriate section under the Committee on Finance and Accounts. The relocation of this section does not delegate the authority to execute contracts.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

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

PROPOSAL No. 2

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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

If Proposal No. 1 is adopted, to Revise Section 16 by adding Paragraph A, to wit:

SEC. 16. *Grand Officers, Duties of.* The remaining officers shall perform such duties as are traditionally appropriate to their stations, or as may be assigned them by the Grand Council.

A. *Regional Deputy Grand Masters, Duties of.* The Grand Master shall divide the State of Missouri into seven (7) regions as now established by the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery. He may also sub-divide the larger regions into multiple districts and will appoint one Regional Deputy Grand Master (R.D.G.M.) in each Region/District. In addition to the duties specifically assigned by the Grand Master, the duties of the RDGM shall be:

- (1) To be the personal representative of the Grand Master,
- (2) To deliver or communicate the intended message of the Grand Master,
- (3) To assist the Grand Master in promoting Grand Council and York Rite programs and activities in each region,
- (4) To be fully knowledgeable of, adhere to, and interpret the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri, to seek additional counsel and rulings from the Committee on Jurisprudence on items in question, and to communicate the same to all Council officers and members in his region,
- (5) To make official visits to every Council in his Region no less than annually, and to complete and file with the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master a RDGM visitation report using the forms provided no later than 14 days after each visit,
- (6) To ensure that the IRS Form 990 or a copy of the acceptance of the electronic submission of a Form 990N has been electronically filed and accepted, and a copy of the filing and acceptance thereof has been provided to the Grand Recorder,
- (7) To determine the condition of each Council charter, regalia, and meeting place,
- (8) To review the Finances of each Council and determine that they are collecting enough in the form of dues to cover Grand Council per capita and fees as well as providing for local operational funds,
- (9) To resolve issues and conflicts which may arise within each Region while communicating the same to the Grand Master,
- (10) To work with such district and regional officers as may be appointed by the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery to plan and execute a successful Regional meeting, and
- (11) To perform services and execute duties as they may be instructed by the Grand Master and/or the Grand Council of Missouri.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To officially establish the office and prescribe the duties of Regional Deputy Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris E. Tilley, PM, Hiram Council No. 1

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

PROPOSAL No. 3

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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

If Proposal No. 2 is adopted, to move Standing Resolution No. 3 to a new Paragraph B under Section 16, to wit:

B. Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers, Duties of. The Grand Master shall additionally appoint one Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer (RDGL). In addition to the duties specifically assigned by the Grand Master and the Grand Lecturer, the duties of the RDGL shall be:

(1) To acquaint himself thoroughly with the work and lecturers of the degrees of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri,

(2) To visit the councils in Missouri as extensively as possible, and instruct them in the work, lectures and ceremonies adopted by the Grand Council,

(3) To make written report to the Grand Council of the work done by him, and of the general condition of the councils as to work, and of such other matters connected with his office as are considered of interest or importance,

(4) To prepare and conduct, in conjunction with the Regional Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Lecturer, at least one Regional Assembly in his region per year,

(5) To recommend and, in conjunction with the Grand Lecturer, approve and accredit degree teams in his region for the Royal, Select, and Super Excellent Master degrees,

(6) To have the Super Excellent Master degree conferred at Regional Assemblies. The Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer shall report directly to the Grand Master and the Grand Lecturer or the Grand Master's appointed representative. He is also a member of the Ritual Committee and while functioning in a committee capacity reports to the Chairman committee, and

(7) That each Regional Grand Lecturer must possess a current certificate of proficiency in opening and closing a Council of Select Masters before being appointed. (Amended 5/14/09)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To codify Standing Resolution No. 3.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris E. Tilley, PM, Hiram Council No. 1

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

PROPOSAL No. 4

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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

If Proposal No. 3 is adopted, to Rescind Standing Resolution No. 3.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris E. Tilley, PM, Hiram Council No. 1

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

PROPOSAL No. 5

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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

If Proposal No. 3 is adopted, to move Standing Resolution No. 2 to a new Paragraph C under Section 16, to wit:

C. *Grand Lecturer, Duties of.* The Grand Master shall additionally appoint one Grand Lecturer, whose duties shall be:

(1) To acquaint himself thoroughly with the work and lecturers of the three degrees of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri,

(2) To visit the councils in Missouri as extensively as possible, and instruct them in the work, lectures and ceremonies adopted by the Grand Council,

(3) To make written report to the Grand Council of the work done by him, and of the general condition of the councils as to work, and of such other matters connected with his office as are considered of interest or importance,

(4) To supervise the Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers and give guidance and assistance in the responsibilities of their office,

(5) To prepare a written schedule, in conjunction with the Regional Deputy Grand Masters, of at least one Regional Assembly in each region per year,

(6) To approve and accredit degree teams throughout the state, for the Royal, Select, and Super Excellent Master degrees,

(7) To direct the Regional Degree Teams through the Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers to confer the Super Excellent Master degree at Regional Assemblies. The Grand Lecturer reports directly to the Grand Master or his appointed representative. He is also a member of the Ritual Committee, and

(8) That the Grand Lecturer must possess a current certificate of proficiency in opening and closing a Council of Select Masters before being appointed. (Amended 5/14/09)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To codify Standing Resolution No. 2.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris E. Tilley, PM, Hiram Council No. 1

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

PROPOSAL No. 6

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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

If Proposal No. 5 is adopted, to Rescind Standing Resolution No. 2.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris E. Tilley, PM, Hiram Council No. 1

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

PROPOSAL No. 7

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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

ARTICLE VI, *Chartered Councils*, SEC. 61. *Annual Returns*. ~~The returns of each Council shall be made up to and including December 31st of each year, on forms furnished by the Grand Recorder.~~ On or before December 31 each year, Council Recorders will submit to the Grand Recorder a complete list of remissions for their Council to include the member's full name and type of remission in accordance with **Section 106. Dues, Remission**. 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 bill for the calculated fees due the Grand Council. The bill will include appropriate fees and credits. Fees shall consist of Greeting Fees, Per Capita and any outstanding balances from the previous year's return. Credits shall consist of approved Remissions, Endowed Memberships and General Grand Council Life 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 61B. Annual Audit**) will also be included as part of the Annual Return. They All forms shall be forwarded to the Grand Recorder with a copy of the latest IRS Form 990 or a copy of the acceptance of the electronic submission of a Form 990N, no later than the first day of March of each year. Failure

to make such return as provided shall subject the Council to a fine of ~~fifteen~~ twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) dollars for each period of thirty days, or fraction thereof, said return is withheld.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: ARTICLE VI, *Chartered Councils*, SEC. 61. *Annual Returns*. On or before December 31 each year, Council Recorders will submit to the Grand Recorder a complete list of remissions for their Council to include the member's full name and type of remission in accordance with **Section 106. Dues, Remission.** 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 bill for the calculated fees due the Grand Council. The bill will include appropriate fees and credits. Fees shall consist of Greeting Fees, Per Capita and any outstanding balances from the previous year's return. Credits shall consist of approved Remissions, Endowed Memberships and General Grand Council Life 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 61B. *Annual Audit***) will also be included as part of the Annual Return. All forms shall be forwarded to the Grand Recorder with a copy of the latest IRS Form 990 or a copy of the acceptance of the electronic submission of a Form 990N, no later than the first day of March of each year. Failure to make such return as provided shall subject the Council to a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) dollars for each period of thirty days, or fraction thereof, said return is withheld.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: With the completion of all Council membership records being transitioned into and maintained in MMS, the annual return process has changed considerably. Council Recorders will manage all membership changes in MMS as they occur. The Grand Recorder will generate subordinate council returns based on MMS records as of December 31 each year and bill accordingly. It is the responsibility of each Council Recorder to maintain their membership records in MMS.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

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

PROPOSAL No. 8

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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

To add Section 61B. Annual Audit, to wit:

ARTICLE VI, *Chartered Councils*, SEC. 61B. Annual Audit. There shall be a complete and careful audit of the financial affairs of each subordinate council and of the books, accounts, and vouchers of the Recorder and Treasurer and of others handling, and having in charge, money or

property of the council. Such audit shall cover the period from the last previous audit up to and including the thirty-first day of December of each year.

Upon his election, or as soon thereafter as is possible, the Master-elect, shall appoint an auditing committee of three or more members, whose duty it shall be forthwith to audit the books and accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer and Recorder of the council. If the council has trustees, or other custodians of property or funds, then their books, accounts, and vouchers shall also be audited, and the securities or other property checked, inspected, etc. The books, accounts and vouchers of any other officer, member or committee may also be designated by the Master-elect, and may be subject to an audit.

The Master-elect, may in lieu of an auditing committee designate any certified public accountant or firm of certified public accountants to make the final audit, provided that the certified public accountant or member of a firm of the same is not related by blood or marriage to the out-going Master, Recorder, or Treasurer.

The report of audit shall be in duplicate, in writing, and be signed by the Auditing Committee or by the C.P.A., or firm of C.P.A.'s who made the audit.

One copy of the report shall be delivered forthwith to the Master-elect, who shall see that the same is presented to and read in open council at the next stated assembly following its date and be spread upon the records thereof; and the other copy shall be transmitted to or filed with the Grand Recorder on or before the first day of March (that being the date for the transmittal to or filing with the Grand Recorder of the annual returns of the council).

All of the actions contemplated herein shall be performed with a view to having the audit completed and the report made prior to the first day of March in each year.

Said report of audit shall be made upon standard printed forms provided by the Grand Recorder, but nothing contained in or omitted from such printed forms shall relieve the auditing committee or C.P.A., or firm of C.P.A.'s from reporting fully and completely their findings in the premises.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: There appears to be an extreme oversight on the part of our by-laws having to do with the requirement of an annual audit to be performed by each subordinate council. It was agreed upon by the Grand Council officers in the early 2000's that an annual audit would be part of the annual return, however it appears such was never codified. I have incorporated language similar to that adopted by the Grand Chapter so as to maintain consistency in reporting.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

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

PROPOSAL No. 9

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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

ARTICLE XVII, *Dual-Plural Memberships*, SEC. 141A. *Duties of Council Recorders and of the Grand Recorder.*

(A) The Recorder of each Council of Missouri shall:

(1) ~~Forward to the Grand Recorder the personal application for Certificate of Good Standing for Dual/Plural membership.~~

~~———(2) Forward to the Grand Recorder the Certificate of Good Standing for Dual/Plural Membership;~~

~~———(3) Notify the Grand Recorder upon the election of Dual/Plural member or the formation of a new council containing one or more Dual/Plural members;~~

(4) Notify the Grand Recorder of the suspension for non-payment of dues or otherwise, the expulsion of a Dual/Plural member;

(5) Notify the Grand Recorder of the reinstatement of good standing of a Dual/Plural member;

~~(6) Notify the Grand Recorder of the issuance of the Certificate of Withdrawal of Dual/Plural membership;~~

(8) Forward the Certificate of Dimission from council of “original membership” to the Grand Recorder for certification and transmittal;

~~(9) Submit the Report of Dual/Plural Members as of December 31 of each and every year with the Annual Return.~~

(B) The Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Missouri shall:

~~(1) Forward the personal Application of Good Standing for Dual/Plural Membership to the council of this Jurisdiction and/or other Jurisdiction for the attention and action of the members, respectively.~~

~~(2) Receive and transmit the Certificate of Good Standing for Dual/Plural Membership which shall accompany the Petition for Dual/Plural Membership;~~

~~(3) Notify the other councils involved of the election of a Dual/Plural member, or the formation of a new council containing one or more Dual/Plural members;~~

(4) Notify the other councils involved of the suspension for non-payment of dues or otherwise, the expulsion of a Dual/Plural member;

(5) Notify the other councils involved that a Dual/Plural member has regained good standing after suspension;

(6) Forward the Certificate of Dimission from the council of “original membership” to the council to be regarded by the member as the council of “original membership” to the council to be regarded by the member as the council of “original” or “parent” membership.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: ARTICLE XVII, *Dual-Plural Memberships*, SEC. 141A. *Duties of Council Recorders and of the Grand Recorder.*

(A) The Recorder of each Council of Missouri shall:

(1) Notify the Grand Recorder of the suspension for non-payment of dues or otherwise, the expulsion of a Dual/Plural member;

(2) Notify the Grand Recorder of the reinstatement of good standing of a Dual/Plural member;

(3) Forward the Certificate of Dimission from council of “original membership” to the Grand Recorder for certification and transmittal;

(B) The Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Missouri shall:

(1) Notify the other councils involved of the suspension for non-payment of dues or otherwise, the expulsion of a Dual/Plural member;

(2) Notify the other councils involved that a Dual/Plural member has regained good standing after suspension;

(3) Forward the Certificate of Dimission from the council of “original membership” to the council to be regarded by the member as the council of “original membership” to the council to be regarded by the member as the council of “original” or “parent” membership.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: As membership records are now maintained in MMS, there no need for all of these communications. The subordinate Recorders can validate an applicant’s membership status in MMS. Additionally, none of the deleted items are being complied with. If adopted, the items above will be renumbered accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

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

PROPOSAL No. 10

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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

ARTICLE XVII, *Dual-Plural Memberships*, SEC. 141D. *Suspension of Dual/Plural Member for Non-Payment of Dues:* A member shall become suspended in all Councils for non-payment of dues when he fails to pay dues in either the original Council or the Council/Councils he holds dual/plural membership.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: An oversight in the establishment of Dual/Plural Membership did not address suspension in one or more Councils. This establishes that language, not unlike that of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

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

PROPOSAL No. 11

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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

ARTICLE IX. Dues SEC. 105. Dues, Minimum. Council dues shall not be less than ~~\$4.50~~ \$10.00 plus Grand Council per capita and fees in addition to per capita of the General Grand Council, per annum, payable in advance on the first day of January.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To ensure the financial health of subordinate councils.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

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

PROPOSAL No. 12

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

SEC 143. *Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS)*. MMS will be the official repository of all membership records of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri.

SEC 144. *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.

SEC 145. *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.

SEC 146. 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.

SEC 147. (Illustrious) Master Responsibilities.

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

B. May designate one Information Technology (IT) Representative to assist with managing a council's membership records and will comply with SEC 148. Council 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.

SEC 148. Council 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 council 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 Council.

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.

SEC 149. 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 Council.

C. Shall report to the Grand Master any deficiencies in utilization of MMS by any Council.

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

E. Shall generate a bill for each Council based on the Annual Statistical Report of each Council, and which shall include all applicable credits and debits, in accordance with **ARTICLE VI, Chartered Councils, SEC. 61. Annual Returns**, presenting said bill to the Council Recorder no later than February 1.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The Grand Council of Missouri formally adopted the MMS solution as our official membership database program. We need to establish rules governing the use of the system.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

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

PROPOSAL No. 13

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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

ARTICLE II. SEC. 11. ~~The Grand Master, Powers and Duties.~~ (2) He may appoint and commission Representatives of this Grand Council near other Grand Councils, and may also receive and accredit Representatives from such other Grand Councils, who must be permanent members of this Grand Council. When a representative shall fail to attend two consecutive Annual Assemblies of the Grand Council, the Grand Master shall request the Grand Master of the jurisdiction he represents to declare the position vacant, and recommend and appoint a suitable companion to be his successor.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: I propose the entire section 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 Council to be included in the annual reports of our Grand Council. 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, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

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

PROPOSAL No. 14

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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

ARTICLE II. SEC. 13. Grand Treasurer, Duties.

(7) Investments. A committee consisting of ~~¶~~ the Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, and Chairman of the Committee on Finance for and on behalf of this Grand Council, and in the name of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri, to invest any surplus funds of the Grand Council. This Committee shall publish an investment policy where ~~in an amount not~~ no less than one-half of all investments ~~are in obligations of the United States government bond,~~ or in the securities or accounts fully insured or guaranteed by the United States or an agency of the United States, except for those received by gift or bequest which may be retained in kind. The remainder may be invested in common stock or equal securities in nationally known corporations traded on the New York Stock Exchange, or NASDAQ and rated “A”[:] or better by Standard and Poor[e]’s or Moody’s or some equally well recognized investment rating service. This shall be a separate fund and not commingled with other funds.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: ARTICLE II. SEC.13. Grand Treasurer, Duties.

(7) Investments. A committee consisting of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, and Chairman of the Committee on Finance for and on behalf of this Grand Council, and in the name of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri, to invest any surplus funds of the Grand Council. This Committee shall publish an investment policy where no less than one-half of all investments are in government bond, or in the securities or accounts fully insured or guaranteed by the United States or an agency of the United States, except for those received by gift or bequest which may be retained in kind. The remainder may be invested in common stock or equal securities in nationally known corporations traded on the New York Stock Exchange, or NASDAQ an “A”[:] or better by Standard and Poor[e]’s or Moody’s or some equally well recognized investment rating service. This shall be a separate fund and not commingled with other funds

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: All nonprofit, tax-exempt entities are required to follow best practices in the administration of their revenues and investments or face a loss of tax-exempt status. Masonically, the due safeguards require that no one person be empowered to act without the guidance and documentable consent of the nonprofit entity’s designated investment decision-makers and consistent with a specific investment policy. This further provides for specific accountability for the Grand Council’s investments.

Respectfully submitted,
William Snyder, PM, Independence Council No 49
David Witte, PM, Independence Council No 49
Aaron Shoemaker, PM, East Gate Council No 51
Chris Tilly, PM, Hiram Council No 1

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

PROPOSAL No. 15

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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

ARTICLE XVI *Endowed Membership (Renamed 5/19/05)* SEC. 140. **Endowed Membership.**

2. Any member may purchase an endowed membership by computing the fee as 20 times the member's Council dues at time of purchase of said endowment membership plus the cost of a General Grand Life Membership, provided that no endowed membership fee shall be less than ~~\$300.00~~ \$600.00)

16. Earnings as herein noted shall be construed to be any portion of the fund in excess of the endowed principal. Earnings thusly shall include, but not be limited to, interest, dividends, appreciation, etc. This shall be a separate fund invested in accordance to Article II, Section13 (7) and not commingled with any other funds.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: ARTICLE XVI, *Endowed Membership (Renamed 5/19/05)* Sec. 140. *Endowed Membership.*

2. Any member may purchase an endowed membership by computing the fee as 20 times the member's Council dues at time of purchase of said endowment membership plus the cost of a General Grand Life Membership, provided that no endowed membership fee shall be less than \$600.00)

16. Earnings as herein noted shall be construed to be any portion of the fund in excess of the endowed principal. Earnings thusly shall include, but not be limited to, interest, dividends, appreciation, etc. This shall be a separate fund invested in accordance to Article II, Section13 (7) and not commingled with any other funds.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This is aimed at seeing that all financial obligations of the Grand Council and local councils are reasonably met in the purchase price of an endowed membership as should have been done at its inception. Presently, a per capita charge is incurred by the Grand Council that can be avoided by inclusion of the purchase of a General Grand Council Life Membership for the endowed member. This further increases the opportunity for a significant return to the benefit of the Grand Council and the local councils from the endowed membership program.

Respectfully submitted,
William Snyder, PM, Independence Council No 49
David Witte, PM, Independence Council No 49
Aaron Shoemaker, PM, East Gate Council No 51

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

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 1st day of March of each year make, on standard forms furnished by the Grand Recorder, a financial report and an audit of the books, finances and property of the commandery and transmit by mail a copy of same to the Grand Recorder.

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 1st day of March of each year make, on standard forms furnished by the Grand Recorder, a financial report and an audit of the books, finances and property of the commandery and transmit by mail a copy of same to the Grand Recorder.

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

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
COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ
AS FOLLOWS:**

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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

**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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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

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

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 1st in each year all forms and a check or money order for the per capita payment, based on the annual statistical report and per capita bill provided by the Grand Recorder, and due from said Commandery, and a copy of the latest IRS Form 990 or a copy of the acceptance of the electronic submission of a Form 990N. The fiscal year of the Grand Commandery shall end May 31st of each year, and all accounts shall be closed on that date. A commandery failing to file a complete return as provided herein and to forward per capita payment by March 1st subjects itself to a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00). Any Commandery that does not submit a complete annual return to the Grand Recorder's office not later than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery shall forfeit all rights and privileges to representation and voting at the Annual Conclave.

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

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:

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

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

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

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:

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

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:

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

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:

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.

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

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~~ and additions appear underlined)

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.

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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

**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~~ and additions appear underlined)

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

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