



The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar
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DATE: September 1, 2021
TO: Grand Recorders of Grand Commanderies
Recorders of Subordinate Commanderies
IN RE: Legislative Action at 68th Triennial Conclave

GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL

Sir Knight Jack M. Harper, II, PGC (TX) was elected R:E: Grand Captain General. Additional election results will be published in General Order No. 1.

LEGISLATION

The Proposed legislation was contained in the Official Notice of Conclave. It was also included in the Advance Copy of Proposed Legislation and Reports of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, copies of which are posted on the Grand Encampment website.

Nelson Decisions Numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4 were upheld.

Proposed Amendment No. 1, Educational Foundation: **Passed**
Proposed Amendment No. 2, Knights Templar Eye Foundation: **Passed**
Proposed Amendment No. 3, Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee: **Passed**
Proposed Amendment No. 4, Electronic Proceedings: **Passed**
Proposed Amendment No. 5, Public Appearances in Uniform: **Passed**
Proposed Amendment No. 6, Virtual Grand Conclaves: **Passed**
Proposed Amendment No. 7, Virtual Conclaves: **Passed**
Proposed Amendment No. 8, Summer Uniform: **Passed as Amended**

(amendment causes deletion of the last sentence: "The Summer Uniform shall in no event be worn when conferring the Orders.")

- Proposed Amendment No. 9, Short Form Opening Ritual: **Passed**
- Proposed Amendment No. 10, Retention of Rank: **Passed**
- Proposed Amendment No. 11, Retention of Honors: **Passed**
- Proposed Amendment No. 12, Grand Commander Status: **Passed**
- Proposed Amendment No. 13, Demise of a Grand Commandery: **Passed**
- Proposed Amendment No. 14, Officers in Multiple Commanderies: **Passed**
- Proposed Amendment No. 15, Trial of Offenses: **Passed**
- Proposed Amendment No. 16, Holding Commanderies: **Passed as Amended**
(amendment inserts “as normally required by Section 176” in both sections causing each section to read: “... or to create new Sir Knights as normally required by Section 176.”)
- Proposed Amendment No. 17, Special Purpose Commanderies: **Passed**
- Proposed Amendment No. 18, Auxiliary Units: **Passed as Amended**
(amendment causes subsection C to read: “A list of the elected officers is to be presented to the Grand Commander for approval by the Grand Commander. Service as an officer of any auxiliary unit does not confer any rank upon the Sir Knight serving as an officer.”)
- Proposed Amendment No. 19, Knights Templar Cross of Honor: **Passed**
- Proposed Amendment No. 20, Templar Apron: **Passed**
- Proposed Amendment No. 21, Attestation of Faith and Uniform Petition: **Failed**
- Proposed Amendment No. 22, Recognition by Grand Encampment: **Failed**
- Proposed Resolution No. 23, Reconsidering 2012 Resolution No. 1: **Passed**
- Proposed Amendment No. 24, Forfeiture of Membership and Reinstatement: **Passed**
- Proposed Amendment No. 25, Exceptions to Residency Requirements: **Passed as Amended**
(amended to include Marine Corps, National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration and National Aeronautics and Space Administration.)
- Proposed Amendment No. 26, Forfeiture of Membership and Reinstatement: **Failed**
- Proposed Amendment No. 27, Payment of Mileage and Per Diem: **Passed**
- Proposed Amendment No. 28, Electronic Communications Committee: **Passed**

The Constitution and Statutes will be updated on the Grand Encampment website, (www.knightstemplar.org) shortly.