

# WEST VIRGINIA SUPPLEMENT



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Greetings Sir Knights,

As I write this article we have just returned from the sixty-seventh Triennial Conclave in Indianapolis, Ind. I would like to thank the Sir Knights of Indiana and The Grand Encampment for the warm hospitality they extended to our delegation.

This Grand Commandery was well represented by eight officers of this Grand Commandery and one Sir Knight. Sir Knights, this was a very good showing from West Virginia.

There are a few items of interest of which you need to be aware. First, if you are a dual or plural member of a commandery and you are suspended from one, you are suspended from all Commanderies that you belong to. The second one affects the recorders the most: You must send a separate dues notice for the Commandery. The Commandery cannot receive any other payment other than that for the Commandery for which the invoice is issued. This means no more single dues statements for multiple bodies.

There were twelve proposed amendments to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment. The first was approved and dealt with residency for petitioning a Commandery. This affects commanderies in foreign lands that are expansion commanderies. The second was to change the name of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of The United States of America by removing "of The United States of America". This was rejected. The third was to allow this Grand Encampment to permit Commanderies in France. This was rejected. Numbers four and five were very similar to each other. They both dealt with the number of Sir Knights required to constitute and quorum. The fourth amendment was rejected and the fifth was amended to allow five Sir Knights to constitute a quorum and was approved. This amendment requires that each Grand Jurisdiction create changes to their respective Constitutions and Statutes to allow this. At our next Grand Conclave, legislation will need to be presented to make the necessary changes to our laws, thereby allowing this to happen if the voting Sir Knights approve it. So, until that would happen, we still need nine Sir Knights entitled to vote to open a commandery in our jurisdiction. Amendments six, seven, and eight were withdrawn and nine was approved. This was a change to allow Past Grand Commanders to wear their jewel on a purple cord. Amendment ten was a change in the description of the Passion Cross on the shoulder boards. Amendment eleven was withdrawn and number twelve was approved. It dealt with mileage and per diem to the officers and committee members of The Grand Encampment.

Sir Knight Jeffery N. Nelson was elected as Most Eminent Grand Master, he is from Bismarck, N.D. Sir Knight Michael B. Johnson was elected R.E. Deputy Grand Master, he is from Crowheart, Wyo. Sir Knight David J. Kussman was elected R.E. Grand Generalissimo, he is from Anaheim, Calif. Sir Knight Jeffrey A. Bolstad was elected R.E. Grand Captain General, he is from Lewistown, Mont.

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Stay safe in your travels and I hope to see you in my mine.

I am having a great year as your Grand Commander and hope we can make it a successful one.

God Bless you all.  
Fraternally yours,

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Right Eminent Grand Commander

## **Inspection and Grand Officer Meeting Dates:**

*Jeffery O. Schrader No. 31, Mannington, September 15, 2018, postponed to a future date. TBD*

Division No. 4, (Calvary No. 3, Parkersburg; Pennsboro No. 20; Dowell No. 28, Ravenswood) Combined Inspection at Calvary No. 3 on October 27, 2018, in Parkersburg, at 1 pm ladies invited.

Grand Officers meeting October 27, 2018, at 10 am in Parkersburg with EGG H. Lee Hadley presiding.

Logan No. 26 November 3, 2018.

Huntington No. 26, November 17, 2018.

Division No. 7 (Kanawha No. 4, Franklin No. 17) has not set a date.

Division No. 8 (Greenbrier No. 15, Bluefield No. 19, Mt. Hope No. 22) has not set a date.

Grand Officers meeting January 26, 2019, in Clarksburg at 10 am with EGGC Richard M. Roy presiding.

Grand Officers meeting May 16, 2019, time TBA, in Wheeling at Ogelbay Conference Center with Vincent E. Perry presiding.

If you have any further information about these dates, please email the Grand Commander at [witch@suddenlink.net](mailto:witch@suddenlink.net)

Commanders, if you have not already scheduled your inspection, please do so immediately.