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To all Grand or Subordinate Commanderies:

Some Commanderies or Grand Commanderies have received or may receive a communication regarding the possibility of conducting a raffle or other game of chance with a firearm as a prize. The prize that has been suggested, to our knowledge, is a special edition rifle.

The Grand Encampment has been questioned regarding this proposal and I wish to provide the following information.

- 1) The proposal did not originate from the Grand Encampment and the Grand Encampment has no involvement with any such proposal.
- 2) The Grand Encampment does not condone, advise, authorize or forbid any such project.
- 3) The Grand Encampment does note that there are many national, state and local laws in the United States and elsewhere regarding firearms and gaming such as raffles. Other laws and regulations may also apply. Legal requirements can be numerous, complicated and will vary significantly between legal jurisdictions.
- 4) Any organization under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar that involves itself in such a project is required to fully investigate and comply with all applicable laws.
- 5) All Grand Commanderies are advised to take care that no legal violations occur by the Grand Commandery or Commanderies under its jurisdiction.
- 6) The Grand Encampment can and may take disciplinary action against any Sir Knight or officer who engages in or allows a violation of applicable law.

Courteously,

A stylized signature of Duane Lee Vaught, written in dark ink. The signature is cursive and includes the first letters of the first and last names.

Duane Lee Vaught, GCT
Most Eminent Grand Master