

GRAND COMMANDERY OF HAWAII

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Aloha Sir Knights,

The following **Call for Special Conclave of the Grand Encampment** is submitted for your information:

Background

On Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021, the Grand Encampment adopted Proposed Resolution 2021-23 to repeal 2012 Resolution No. 1 (as amended by Duane Vaught Decision No. 5, Mar. 15, 2016) by a 77% vote of members voting at the Triennial Conclave.

2012 Resolution No. 1 (as amended by Duane Vaught Decision No. 5, Mar. 15, 2016) pronounced membership in the Great Priory of America of the Chevalier Bienfaisant de la Cité Sainte as irregular and contrary to the knightly vows of the Grand Encampment.

Passage of Resolution 2021-23 by a super-majority repealed this legislation, voiding it *ab initio* (i.e. as if it had never occurred). The GPA and the GE were in amity again, as they had been for almost 90 years.

The Great Priory of America was formed in 1934 by lawful warrant issued from the Great Priory of Switzerland. The Great Priory of America operates the Rectified Scottish Rite, and is not taken by any other jurisdiction to be irregular.

Despite the vote of more than three-quarters of the members voting at the Triennial Session to end this issue once and for all, citing an unusual reading of the Constitution, the elected Grand Master acted unilaterally to overturn the vote.

Then, on Sept. 7, 2021, the Grand Master acted unilaterally, and without cause, to remove S.K. David Kussman, unanimously elected Deputy Grand Master, from office. No case was cited, no hearing was held. S.K. David Kussman supported Resolution 2021-23 that rescinded the 2012 resolution.

Visit the website <https://www.call2conclave.org/> for further info.

Call for Special Conclave of the Grand Encampment

A Special Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America is hereby called to be convened no later than Sept. 1, 2022, or as reasonably soon after at least nine Grand Commanderies have assented to this Call, at a location convenient for the majority of the membership, for the purposes of:

1. Considering all Edicts and Decisions issued by Sir Knight Michael B. Johnson, Grand Master, in the 69th Triennium for immediate adoption or repeal.
2. Considering mootness of Koon Decision No. 2, 24 May 2010, in light of the passage of Resolution 2021-23 on 17 Aug 2021 and, in the alternative, affirming or repealing Koon Decision No. 2.
3. Considering adoption of Section ___ to the Constitution, Statutes, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States providing for the removal of any elected officer of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.
4. Considering removal of the Grand Master from office.
5. Considering breach of duty of care and breach of the fiduciary duties of honesty and plain dealing that govern appointed committee members.
6. Holding a special election for the Officers of the Grand Encampment.
7. Opening a special meeting of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation for the purposes of a special election for the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

SECTION ___. Removal of an Elected Officer of the Grand Encampment

An elected officer of the Grand Encampment may be removed from Office by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a Conclave of the Grand Encampment. This section is enforceable upon adoption.

In Unity,

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