

GRAND COMMANDERY OF FLORIDA

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT 2021-2022

The investments under the oversight of the Investment Committee are maintained by our investment advisers at Johnson Investments, and presently total \$700,867 as of 31 March 2022, up from \$680,407 a year ago. This represents a 3.01% NET increase in Grand Commandery invested assets, even after the required 5.00% payout on Perpetual membership funds, and even after the February and March 2022 losses. These dollars are broken up into three portfolios:

Administrative Account - The first portfolio is the Administrative Account, also sometimes referred to as the General Fund. As of 31 March 2022, the total value was \$360,470 – vs. \$345,193 a year ago, for an increase of \$15,277, or 4.43%, even after the decline in values experienced during the months of February and March of this year. This account has a target investment mix of 60% equities, and 40% bonds and other fixed instruments.

At 31 December 2021, the total value of this account was \$385,404, vs. \$336,413 at 31 December 2020, for an increase of \$48,991, or a 14.56% investment return. It is significant to note that our governing documents allow 75% of this annual increase to be included in the Budget for the following year, which could currently increase our available funds for charitable and necessary operating expenditures by \$36,743.

The original primary goal of the Administrative Account was to put the Grand Commandery in a position to be able to place less reliance upon Per Capita increases in the future, as this Fund grew. Instead of using these funds as originally intended, the funds have been allowed to accumulate over the years, while significant Per Capita increases have been recommended and approved in recent years. During this past year, a total of \$Zero was paid out of this Fund account.

Life and Perpetual Account – The second portfolio is the Life and Perpetual Account, often referred to as the Sacred Fund. As of 31 March 2022, the total value was \$286,946 – vs. \$286,888 a year ago, for an increase of \$58, - even after the decline in values experienced during the months of February and March of this year; and, even after the payout of the 5.0% annual perpetual payments to each subordinate Commandery having Perpetual members. This account had a target investment mix of 60% equities, and 40% fixed-rate securities.

At 31 December 2021, the total value of this account was \$303,101, vs. \$283,439 at 31 December 2020, for a net increase of \$19,662, or a 6.94% NET investment return, after the required 5% perpetual fund payout.

Rosenthal Account – This Restricted account earned interest and dividends totaling \$240.11 in 2021, which is available for current spending by order of the Grand Commander.

We would like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and the other members of the Investment Committee to thank RE Grand Commander Adam M Bryan for allowing us to serve.

Courteously and Fraternally,

Wm. Lee Popham Sr., Chairman
Charles L. Hollinger,
David Rosenthal

Grand Commandery Photography Committee Report (2021-2022)

It has been pleasure serving our Sir Knights. I would like to give a special thanks to the Sir Knights for posting their pictures on Grand York Rite Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/grandyrbfl/>

Springtime Commandery No. 40

3rd Chivalric District hosted a Christmas Observance

Sheldon Arpad, is meeting with 2022-2023 officers

Appreciate all of our Sir Knights who have sent articles and pictures to our Florida Grand York Rite Web Site: <http://www.FLGYS.org>

Dayle L. Schrock, MIPGM, Chairman
Photography Committee

GRAND COMMANDERY OF FLORIDA-2022-2023 BUDGET - Proposed

			Actual	
	Income			
	40000 · Annual Per Capita	\$ 51,580.00		
	40010 · Knighting			
	40011 · Other Interest			
	40012 · Transfer from Account 40050	\$ 2,700.00		
	40012A · Other Income	\$ 6,878.00		
	40012A · Other Income:For HLP			
	40012A · Other Income:Incorrect Payee			
	40012A · Other Income For KTEF			
	40020 · Annual Convention	TBD		
	40021 · Grand Office Return	TBD		
	40030 · Life-Perpetual	TBD		
	Total Income	\$ 61,158.00		
	Expenses			
	30010 · ALLOWANCES			
	30011 · Grand Commander	\$ 3,000.00		
	30012 · Deputy Grand Commander	\$ 1,000.00		
	30013 · Inspector General	\$ 500.00		
	30014 · Jewel & Accoutrement	\$ 500.00		
	30015 · Grand Treasurer	\$ 2,000.00		
	30016 · Grand Recorder	\$ 4,200.00		
	Total 30010 · ALLOWANCES	\$ 11,200.00		
	30020 · CHARITIES			
	30022 · Youth Charities	\$ -		
	30023 · Masonic Home	\$ -		
	Total 30020 · CHARITIES	\$ -		
	30030 · MEETINGS			
	30031 · Triennial	\$ 700.00		
	30032 · District Meetings	\$ -		
	30033 · Summer Assembly	\$ 100.00		
	30034 · Grand Commander SE Conference	\$ 250.00		
	30035 · Deputy Grand Commander SE Conf	\$ 250.00		
	30036 · Gr Generalissimo SE Conf	\$ 250.00		
	30037 · Grand Recorder SE Conference	\$ 84.00		
	30038 · Gr Captain General SE Conf	\$ 250.00		
	30039 · Easter Sunrise Service	\$ -		
	Total 30030 · MEETINGS	\$ 1,884.00		
	30040 · CONVENTION EXPENSES			
	30044 · Distinguished Guest	\$ 1,500.00		
	Total 30040 · CONVENTION EXPENSES	\$ 1,500.00		
	30050 · OFFICE EXPENSES			
	30051 · Office Supplies	\$ 250.00		
	30052 · Postage	\$ 600.00		
	30053 · Rent	\$ 4,000.00		
	30054 · Telephone	\$ 800.00		
	30055 · Utilities	\$ -		
	30056 · Computer Services	\$ 150.00		
	30057 · Computer Maintenance	\$ 150.00		

	30058 · Storage Unit	\$ 460.00		
	30059 · Equipment Replacement	\$ 300.00		
	Total 30050 · OFFICE EXPENSES	\$ 6,710.00		
	30060 · PRINTING			
	30061 · General Printing Expenses	\$ 300.00		
	30062 · Proceedings	\$ 900.00		
	30063- Rituals	\$ -		
	30065 · Copier Maintenance	\$ 100.00		
	30066 · Printing Supplies	\$ 100.00		
	Total 30060 · PRINTING	\$ 1,400.00		
	30070 · SALARIES/PAYROLL TAXES			
	30073 - Office Admin	\$ 9,000.00		
	30074 · Office Temporary Help	\$ 1,000.00		
	Total 30070 · SALARIES/PAYROLL TAXES	\$ 10,000.00		
	30080 · TAXES			
	30080 - Taxes - IRS Form 990 Penalty			
	30081 · Florida Corporation Tax	\$ 62.00		
	30082 · Grand Encampment Per Capita	\$ 24,000.00		
	30083 · KTEF Assessment	\$ 1,200.00		
	Total 30080 · TAXES	\$ 25,262.00		
	30090 · SUNDRY			
	30091 · Education & Training			
	30092 · Awards & Plaques	\$ 250.00		
	30093 · Plaques & Markers	\$ 350.00		
	30094 - Life-Perpetual	TBD		
	30095 · Insurance	\$ 1,800.00		
	30096 · Contingencies	\$ 200.00		
	30097 · Grand Officers Jewels & cords	\$ -		
	30099 · Web Hosting and Development	\$ 225.00		
	30100 - Transfer to HLP Liability Account			
	30100 - Transfer to KTEF Liability Account			
	30100 - Transfer for Incorrect Payee			
	Total 30090 · SUNDRY	\$ 2,825.00		
	30102 · Bank Service Charges	\$ 25.00		
	30110 · RESERVES	\$ 352.00		
	Total Expense	\$ 61,158.00		

The Grand York Rite Bodies of Freemasonry of Florida

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons • The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters • The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

JOINT (SINGLE) RESOLUTION FORM

Date July 7, 2021

Originating Body(s) Sir Knight Marvin W. Gerhard

City/State/Zip Safety Harbor, FL 34695

Officer(s) Right Eminent Past Grand Commander

TO: Grand Chapter _____ Grand Council _____ Grand Commandery X

Regulation to be amended (Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.)

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Article IV, Section 1, Qualification for Grand Office, page 6

LANGUAGE TO BE AMENDED (deleted, changed, etc.)

No Knight Templar shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Commandery, save that of Grand Prelate, unless he shall be at that time a permanent member thereof; moreover, before assuming the duties of such office, he must be willing to assume the "Vow of Office," as prescribed by the Grand Encampment.

Identification of amended Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Article IV, Section 1, Qualification for Grand Office, page 6

NEW LANGUAGE

NEW WORDING IN BOLD

No Knight Templar shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Commandery, save that of Grand Prelate, unless he shall be at that time a permanent member thereof; moreover, before assuming the duties of such office, he must be willing to assume the "Vow of Office," as prescribed by the Grand Encampment. **Further, no Grand Officer of this Grand Commandery, with the exception of the Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer, shall serve at the same time as a Grand Officer in another Grand York Rite Body in this jurisdiction (i.e., the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters) or as a Grand Officer in a Grand York Rite Body in another jurisdiction (i.e., a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters, and a Grand Commandery of Knights Templar).**

RATIONALE: To paraphrase the fourth verse of the sixth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew in the New Testament: "No one can serve two masters; he will either ignore the one and be devoted to the other; or else he will be faithful to one and be inactive in the other." Further brings this section into conformity with Grand Encampment Regulations.

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TO: Grand Chapter _____ Grand Council _____ Grand Commandery X

Regulation to be amended (Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.)

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Section 13.01, Standing Committees, subparagraph (u), subsections (2) & (4), page 30

LANGUAGE TO BE AMENDED (deleted, changed, etc.)

u) Committee on Templar Education.

(2) Preparing, revising, planning, and providing a Leadership Training for the officers of a Constituent Commandery. This Leadership Training will be the basis for the e-learning modules to be placed securely on the Grand York Rite website.

(4) Revise and update the Leadership Training Manual.

Identification of amended Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Section 13.01, Standing Committees, subparagraph (u), subsections (2) & (4), page 30

NEW LANGUAGE

STRIKETHROUGHS ARE DELETIONS / NEW WORDING IN BOLD

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(2) Preparing, revising, ~~planning~~, **updating**, and providing a Leadership Training **Manual** for the officers of a Constituent Commandery. This Leadership Training **Manual** will be the basis for the e-learning modules to be placed securely on the Grand York Rite website.

~~(4) Revise and update the Leadership Training Manual.~~

RATIONALE: (u)(2) Corrects an omission; (u)(4) this is a duplication

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Date July 7, 2021

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City/State/Zip Safety Harbor, FL 34695

Officer(s) Right Eminent Past Grand Commander

TO: Grand Chapter _____ Grand Council _____ Grand Commandery X

Regulation to be amended (Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.)

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Section 25.02, United States Flag, page 39

LANGUAGE TO BE AMENDED (deleted, changed, etc.)

All Commanderies shall display a silk regulation Flag of the United States of America in their respective Asylums, to be place on the Dais at the extreme right (North).

Identification of amended Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Section 25.02, United States Flag, page 39

NEW LANGUAGE

STRIKETHROUGHS ARE DELETIONS / NEW WORDING IN BOLD

All Commanderies shall display a silk regulation Flag of the United States of America (**a flag without a gold or yellow fringe**). [NOTE: A flag with fringe is a "banner"] in their respective Asylums, to be place on the Dais at the extreme right (~~North~~).

RATIONALE: Further defines a regulation flag. Eliminates ambiguity

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Officer(s) Right Eminent Past Grand Commander

TO: Grand Chapter _____ Grand Council _____ Grand Commandery X

Regulation to be amended (Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.)

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Section 30.01, Change Reports and Annual Returns, subparagraph (b), page 47

LANGUAGE TO BE AMENDED (deleted, changed, etc.)

(b) [last sentence]Commandery will be subject to Charter Revocation unless excused by action of the
Grand Commandery.

Identification of amended Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Section 30.01, Change Reports and Annual Returns, subparagraph (b), page 47

NEW LANGUAGE

NEW WORDING IN BOLD

(b) [last sentence]Commandery will be subject to Charter Revocation unless excused by action of the
Grand Commandery. [NOTE: See 1978 Proceedings, pages 20 and 32]

RATIONALE: Provides a cross-reference

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Date July 7, 2021

Originating Body(s) Sir Knight Marvin W. Gerhard

City/State/Zip Safety Harbor, FL 34695

Officer(s) Right Eminent Past Grand Commander

TO: Grand Chapter _____ Grand Council _____ Grand Commandery X

Regulation to be amended (Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.)

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Section 36.01, Irregular Conferral, Healing, page 51

LANGUAGE TO BE AMENDED (deleted, changed, etc.)

When a Knight Templar has been created irregularly, the Grand Commander may Heal him, or may authorize a Commandery or a Commander to do so, thus correcting what may have been done amiss.

Identification of amended Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Section 36.01, Irregular Conferral, Healing, page 51

NEW LANGUAGE

NEW WORDING IN BOLD

When a Knight Templar has been created irregularly, the Grand Commander may Heal him, or may authorize a Commandery or a Commander to do so, thus correcting what may have been done amiss.

[NOTE: See Section 1.05, subsection (m)].

RATIONALE: *Provides a cross-reference explanation.*

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Date August 5, 2021

Originating Body(s) Sir Knight Marvin W. Gerhard

City/State/Zip Safety Harbor, FL 34695

Officer(s) Right Eminent Past Grand Commander

TO: Grand Chapter _____ Grand Council _____ Grand Commandery X

Regulation to be amended (Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.)

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Section 37.301, Dress Uniforms, subparagraph (e), page 55

LANGUAGE TO BE AMENDED (deleted, changed, etc.)

The Dress Uniform must be worn when performing the Jesse E. Ramsdell Trophy Competition and the Richard John Carr Trophy Competition by all officers involved in performing the Commandery Opening Competitions.

Identification of amended Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Section 37.301, Dress Uniforms, subparagraph (e), page 55

NEW LANGUAGE

NEW WORDING IN BOLD

The **Black** Dress Uniform must be worn when performing the Jesse E. Ramsdell Trophy Competition and the Richard John Carr Trophy Competition by all officers (**with the exception of the Prelate who may wear a Prelate's Robe**) involved in performing the Commandery Opening Competitions.

RATIONALE: Further defines the proper uniform to wear for trophy competitions.

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JOINT (SINGLE) RESOLUTION FORM

Date August 31, 2021

Originating Body(s) Sir Knight Robert E. Burleson

City/State/Zip Burnsville, NC 28714

Officer(s) Right Eminent Past Grand Commander

TO: Grand Chapter _____ Grand Council _____ Grand Commandery X

Regulation to be amended (Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.)

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Section 16.01 Consolidation of Commanderies, Section (a), Page 33, Third Sentence

LANGUAGE TO BE AMENDED (deleted, changed, etc.)

..... Two or more Commanderies having Concurrent Jurisdiction or stationed in adjoining jurisdiction may be consolidated into one Commandery, provided that the Proposition for such Consolidation shall be presented at a Stated Conclave of each Commandery, which proposition shall be mailed to all members of each Commandery involved at least ten days prior to such conclave. *[Remainder of section unchanged]*

Identification of amended Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Section 16.01 Consolidation of Commanderies, Section (a), Page 33, Third Sentence

NEW LANGUAGE

NEW WORDING IN BOLD

..... Two or more Commanderies having Concurrent Jurisdiction or stationed in adjoining jurisdiction may be consolidated into one Commandery, provided that the Proposition for such Consolidation shall be presented at a Stated Conclave of each Commandery, which proposition shall be mailed **or e-mailed** to all members of each Commandery involved, **as well as the Grand Recorder**, at least ten days prior to such conclave. *[Remainder of section unchanged]* **ADD note at end of section (a): [See also Section 42.01]**

RATIONALE: *Brings this section into the 21st Century; enables the Grand Recorder to comply with the requirements of section (c); provides a cross-reference.*

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Date August 5, 2021

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City/State/Zip Safety Harbor, FL 34695

Officer(s) Right Eminent Past Grand Commander

TO: Grand Chapter _____ Grand Council _____ Grand Commandery X

Regulation to be amended (Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.)

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Section 37.301, Dress Uniforms, subparagraph (e), page 55

LANGUAGE TO BE AMENDED (deleted, changed, etc.)

The Dress Uniform must be worn when performing the Jesse E. Ramsdell Trophy Competition and the Richard John Carr Trophy Competition by all officers involved in performing the Commandery Opening Competitions.

Identification of amended Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.

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Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Section 37.301, Dress Uniforms, subparagraph (e), page 55

NEW LANGUAGE

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RATIONALE: Further defines the proper uniform to wear for trophy competitions.

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Date September 20, 2021

Originating Body(s) Sir Knight Marvin W. Gerhard

City/State/Zip Safety Harbor, FL

Officer(s) Right Eminent Past Grand Commander

TO: Grand Chapter _____ Grand Council _____ Grand Commandery X

Regulation to be amended (Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.)

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Article III, Grand Conclaves, page 4

LANGUAGE TO BE AMENDED (deleted, changed, etc.)

NEW

Identification of amended Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Article III, Grand Conclaves, page 4

NEW LANGUAGE

ADD NEW SECTION

Section 8. Virtual Grand Conclaves. In the event of extraordinary circumstances, the Grand Commandery may conduct a Grand Conclave by electronic means. A virtual meeting shall be held by means of teleconference or webcast, provided that the necessary facilities are widely available to the members of the Grand Commandery, and the Grand Conclave shall be conducted in full compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, Laws, and Regulations. No ritual shall be performed and no Orders shall be conferred during any such virtual Conclave. To hold a virtual Conclave, it shall be necessary to obtain a dispensation or order so to do from the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment to authorize the holding of such Conclaves, upon such other direction as he may require.

RATIONALE: *Brings this section into conformity with Grand Encampment regulations.*

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City/State/Zip Safety Harbor, FL

Officer(s) Right Eminent Past Grand Commander

TO: Grand Chapter _____ Grand Council _____ Grand Commandery X

Regulation to be amended (Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.)

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Article IX, Constituent Commanderies, Section 9, Conclaves, page 13

LANGUAGE TO BE AMENDED (deleted, changed, etc.)

NEW

Identification of amended Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Article IX, Constituent Commanderies, Section 9, Conclaves, page 13

NEW LANGUAGE

ADD NEW SUBPARAGRAPH

d) **Virtual** - In the event of extraordinary circumstances, a Commandery may conduct a Stated or Special Conclave virtually. Such virtual Conclaves may be for the transaction of business only. A virtual Conclave shall be held by means of teleconference or webcast, provided that the necessary facilities are widely available to the members of the Commandery, and the Conclave shall be conducted in full compliance with the requirements of the Grand Commandery Constitution, Laws, and Regulations. No ritual shall be performed and no Orders shall be conferred during any such virtual Conclave. In the absence of a General Order authorizing the holding of a virtual Conclave, it shall be necessary to obtain a dispensation from the Grand Commander, upon such additional conditions as he may determine.

RATIONALE: *Brings this section into conformity with Grand Encampment regulations.*

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Date September 20, 2021

Originating Body(s) Sir Knight Marvin W. Gerhard

City/State/Zip Safety Harbor, FL

Officer(s) Right Eminent Past Grand Commander

TO: Grand Chapter _____ Grand Council _____ Grand Commandery X

Regulation to be amended (Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.)

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Chapter 25, Constituent Commanderies; Conclaves and Business, page 38

LANGUAGE TO BE AMENDED (deleted, changed, etc.)

NEW

Identification of amended Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Chapter 25, Constituent Commanderies; Conclaves and Business, page 38

NEW LANGUAGE

ADD NEW SECTION

Section 25.16. Virtual Conclaves. In the event of extraordinary circumstances, a Commandery may conduct a Stated or Special Conclave virtually. Such virtual Conclaves may be for the transaction of business only.

A virtual Conclave shall be held by means of teleconference or webcast, provided that the necessary facilities are widely available to the members of the Commandery, and the Conclave shall be conducted in full compliance with the requirements of the Grand Commandery Constitution, Laws, and Regulations. No ritual shall be performed and no Orders shall be conferred during any such virtual Conclave. In the absence of a General Order authorizing the holding of a virtual Conclave, it shall be necessary to obtain a dispensation from the Grand Commander, upon such additional conditions as he may determine.

RATIONALE: *Brings this Chapter into conformity with Grand Encampment regulations.*

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JOINT (SINGLE) RESOLUTION FORM

Date September 24, 2021

Originating Body(s) Sir Knight Robert E. Burleson

City/State/Zip Burnsville, NC

Officer(s) Right Eminent Past Grand Commander

TO: Grand Chapter _____ Grand Council _____ Grand Commandery X

Regulation to be amended (Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.)

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Appendix B, Uniform Code of Bylaws; Article II, Conclaves, page B-1

LANGUAGE TO BE AMENDED (deleted, changed, etc.)

NEW

Identification of amended Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Appendix B, Uniform Code of Bylaws; Article II, Conclaves, page B-1

NEW LANGUAGE

ADD NEW SUBSECTION

3) In the event of extraordinary circumstances, a Commandery may conduct a Stated or Special Conclave virtually. Such virtual Conclaves may be for the transaction of business only. A virtual Conclave shall be held by means of teleconference or webcast, provided that the necessary facilities are widely available to the members of the Commandery, and the Conclave shall be conducted in full compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, Laws, and Regulations of the Grand Commandery. No ritual shall be performed and no Orders shall be conferred during any such virtual Conclave. In the absence of a General Order authorizing the holding of a virtual Conclave, it shall be necessary to obtain a dispensation from the Grand Commander, upon such additional conditions as he may determine.

RATIONALE: *Brings this Article into conformity with Grand Encampment regulations.*

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Presented to Grand Commandery	(Date)	_____	Result _____

2022-12

The Grand York Rite Bodies of Freemasonry of Florida

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons • The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters • The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

JOINT (SINGLE) RESOLUTION FORM

Date September 24, 2021

Originating Body(s) Sir Knight Robert E. Burleson

City/State/Zip Burnsville, NC

Officer(s) Right Eminent Past Grand Commander

TO: Grand Chapter _____ Grand Council _____ Grand Commandery X

Regulation to be amended (Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.)

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Article IX, Constituent Commanderies, Section 10, Quorum, page 14

LANGUAGE TO BE AMENDED (deleted, changed, etc.)

A quorum shall consist of five members of each constituent Commandery, plus four from other Commanderies for a total of nine, including an Officer authorized to convene a Conclave. A quorum of Sir Knights for the purpose of conducting solely the business of a Commandery of Knights Templar in this jurisdiction may be less than nine, but must be greater than five, and must include an Officer authorized to open the same.

Identification of amended Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Article IX, Constituent Commanderies, Section 10, Quorum, page 14

NEW LANGUAGE

NEW WORDING IN BOLD

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If a Commandery is opened with less than nine members and there are not nine or more Sir Knights present, the Short-Form Opening in the 2019 Grand Encampment Ritual shall be used.

RATIONALE: Brings this section into conformity with Grand Encampment regulations.

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Presented to Grand Council	(Date) _____	Result _____
Presented to Grand Commandery	(Date) _____	Result _____

2022-13

The Grand York Rite Bodies of Freemasonry of Florida

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons • The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters • The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

JOINT (SINGLE) RESOLUTION FORM

Date September 24, 2021

Originating Body(s) Sir Knight Robert E. Burleson

City/State/Zip Burnsville, NC

Officer(s) Right Eminent Past Grand Commander

TO: Grand Chapter _____ Grand Council _____ Grand Commandery X

Regulation to be amended (Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.)

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Article VI, Duties of Grand Officers, Section 6, The Grand Recorder, subsection (k), page 9

LANGUAGE TO BE AMENDED (deleted, changed, etc.)

Historically, it has been proper protocol for the Grand Recorder to transmit annually to the Grand
Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. all printed proceedings and all laws and/or
regulations adopted by the Grand Commandery of Florida suitable for archival records.

Identification of amended Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Article VI, Duties of Grand Officers, Section 6, The Grand Recorder, subsection (k), page 9

NEW LANGUAGE

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Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. all ~~printed~~ proceedings and all laws and/or regulations
adopted by the Grand Commandery of Florida suitable for archival records.
This may be submitted electronically or in commonly used digital format.

RATIONALE: Brings this section into conformity with Grand Encampment regulations.

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Presented to Grand Council	(Date)	_____	Result _____
Presented to Grand Commandery	(Date)	_____	Result _____

2022-14

The Grand York Rite Bodies of Freemasonry of Florida

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons • The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters • The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

JOINT (SINGLE) RESOLUTION FORM

Date September 20, 2021

Originating Body(s) Henry A. Adams

City/State/Zip Indialantic, Florida

Officer(s) Right Eminent Past Grand Commander

TO: Grand Chapter _____ Grand Council _____ Grand Commandery X

Regulation to be amended (Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.)

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery 43.03 Awards of Distinction, subsection 43.03.01, page 64, and Appendix B

LANGUAGE TO BE AMENDED (deleted, changed, etc.)

43.03.01. This Grand Commandery recognizes and approves the Award of Distinction known as the Knights Templar Cross of Honor (awarded by the Grand Encampment),,,,,,,,,,et cetera

Identification of amended Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery 43.03 Awards of Distinction, subsection 43.03.01, page 64, and Appendix B

NEW LANGUAGE

DELETIONS ARE STRIKETHROUGH / NEW WORDING IN BOLD.

43.03.01. This Grand Commandery ~~recognizes and approves~~ **adopts** the ~~Award~~ **Awards** of Distinction known as the Knights Templar Cross of Honor **and the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** (awarded by the Grand Encampment). **A copy of the MSM form is available from the Grand Recorder and shown in Appendix B. This Grand Commandery further recognizes and approves the Cross and Crown Plaque...**
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2022-15

JOINT (SINGLE) RESOLUTION FORM

NEW LANGUAGE

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ADD NEW FORM TO APPENDIX B

PREScribed FORM FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

(available from the Grand Recorder)

1. **Grading Criteria:** During the last quarter of the year, each Dais Officer (namely the Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General) hereinafter referred to as "the Board," may nominate a Sir Knight from their Commandery for the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) award using this form and the following criteria:

- A. Minimum of five (5) years of service as a Knights Templar, with at least three (3) years of service with current Commandery
- B. Meetings
 - a) Must attend at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Commandery conclaves available to members
 - b) Attend District meetings
 - c) Participate in tri-District Grand Commandery meetings, virtual or otherwise.
 - d) Attend current established "Festival" events (most especially Knight Templar Orders)
 - e) Attend Conclaves with other Commanderies, other than those of personal membership.
- C. Serve on at least one Commandery committee.
- D. Must demonstrate knowledge of Commandery Tactics.
- E. Volunteer for presenting Masonic Education and conduct the class.
- F. Proficient in the ritual (i.e., the office currently appointed to; or if not an appointed officer, in a position used during the conferral of the Orders.

2. Board Score Sheet

Board Scoring Criteria: Yes = 1 point / No = 0 points

NAME:				
CRITERIA		SCORE		
		YES	NO	POINTS
1	Does the Sir Knight have the requisite membership requirements? see (A) above [MANDATORY]			
2	Has the Sir Knight attended 75% of the conclaves this current year? [MANDATORY]			
3	Has the Sir Knight attended District and/or Zone meetings?			
4	Has the Sir Knight performed parts or otherwise supported Festivals?			
5	Has the Sir Knight served on a Commandery committee? (e.g., membership, KTEF, Holy Land Pilgrimage)			
6	Has the Sir Knight demonstrated proficiency in Commandery Tactics?			
7	Has the Sir Knight attended Commandery conclaves other than his own?			
8	Has the Sir Knight demonstrated a willingness to provide Masonic Education and conduct a class?			
9	Has the Sir Knight demonstrated memory proficiency in his Officer station? [MANDATORY]			

Board Members	POINTS SCORED	SIGNATURE
Commander		
Generalissimo		
Captain General		
TOTAL		<i>Divide by 3 = Average:</i>

A score of 7 is recommended as a minimum acceptable score.

The Sir Knight with the highest score should be selected.

NOTE: Only 1 medal per Commandery may be awarded in a calendar year

The Grand York Rite Bodies of Freemasonry of Florida

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons • The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters • The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

JOINT (SINGLE) RESOLUTION FORM

Date November 15, 2021

Originating Body(s) Ronald L. Parks

City/State/Zip Pensacola, FL 32507

Officer(s) Right Eminent Past Grand Commander

TO: Grand Chapter _____ Grand Council _____ Grand Commandery X

Regulation to be amended (Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.)

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Section 13.01, Standing Committees, subsection (p), page 28

LANGUAGE TO BE AMENDED (deleted, changed, etc.)

p) *Committee on Holy Land Pilgrimage* – This committee shall consist of the Deputy Grand Commander, the Grand Generalissimo, and the Grand Prelate. It shall supervise the raising of funds and selection of qualified Christian Ministers for sponsorship on annual Holy Land Pilgrimages in conformity to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A.

Identification of amended Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.

Grand Chapter _____

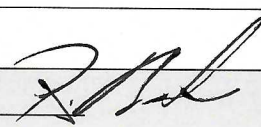
Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Section 13.01, Standing Committees, subsection (p), page 28

NEW LANGUAGE

NEW WORDING IN BOLD

p) *Committee on Holy Land Pilgrimage* – This committee shall consist of a **Past Grand Commander who shall serve as Chairman**, the Deputy Grand Commander, the Grand Generalissimo, and the Grand Prelate. It shall supervise the raising of funds and selection of qualified Christian Ministers for sponsorship on annual Holy Land Pilgrimages in conformity to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A.

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2022-16

The Grand York Rite Bodies of Freemasonry of Florida

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons • The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons • The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

JOINT (SINGLE) RESOLUTION FORM

Date 11-30-2021

Originating Body(s) Adam M. Bryan

City/State/Zip Bell, Florida 32619

Officer(s) Right Eminent Grand Commander

TO: Grand Chapter _____ Grand Council _____ Grand Commandery X

Regulation to be amended (Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.)

Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Section 37.302, Dress Uniform; Specification, page 55

LANGUAGE TO BE AMENDED (deleted, changed, etc.)

NEW

Identification of amended Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.

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Grand Chapter _____

Grand Council _____

Grand Commandery Section 37.302, Dress Uniform; Specification, page 55

NEW LANGUAGE

ADD NEW SUBSECTION:

m) KNIGHTS TEMPLAR APRON, WEARING BY MEMBERS OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES.

Pusuant to Chapter XXII, Aprons, Sections 260 and 261 of the Grand Encampment Statutes, members of Constituent Commanderies may wear a Knights Templar apron in accordance with the provisions provided therein.

Furthermore, the Knights Templar apron shall only be worn on the outside of the black Dress Uniform.

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Presented to Grand Council

(Date) _____

Result _____

Presented to Grand Commandery

(Date) _____

Result _____

2022-17

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NEW LANGUAGE

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REASON: Authorizes the wearing of a Knights Templar apron in this Grand Jurisdiction.

[Use continuation sheet(s) if needed]

Grand Commanders Report

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida

Grand Commander's Annual Report 2021-2022

Sir Knight Adam M. Bryan

Right Eminent Grand Commander

To the Officers, Members and Guests of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida:

Fraternal Greetings and Welcome once again to Lake Mary, Florida and to the 128th annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida. I give a special welcome to our visiting dignitaries, especially Sir Knight Robert Waldron, Right Eminent Department Commander for the Southeast, and Sir Knight David Goodwin, Most Eminent Past Grand Master and representative for Sir Knight David Kussman, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA.

In May, 2021, at the 127th Grand Conclave, after election and installation to this office, I set out on the journey before me. I started off as many have before me with many plans and ideas in mind. Even after spending several years planning for what will or may be ahead, it is still a humbling experience once you are installed and plans begin to be implemented. One of the plans that I made for this year was to personally visit every Constituent Commandery within the Grand Commandery of Florida. I am happy and proud to say that I have accomplished this goal. This is not meant as a pat on my own back but to make a personal connection to the Sir Knights of Florida, as well as to see them work in their own Commanderies. In previous years, we have held either Regional or District Meetings, which while accomplishing the work set out for those meetings, seemed to be mostly business, too impersonal, and usually attended by those required to attend with a few others here and there. I felt that there was a disconnect between the Constituent Commanderies and the Grand Line Officers. We are here to serve the Grand Commandery and we can not do that if we don't know what the Commanderies need.

STATE OF THE ORDER

After the events of the previous year, with the pandemic, many Commanderies were left shaken. Many have lost members due to illness. Many members were still taking heavy precautions to prevent the spread. While this was good for the general health of many, it also had the unfortunate side effect of slowing the progress of the Commanderies and hindering growth. Attendance numbers were down and many Commanderies early on were limited to business only meetings. As the year progressed though, Commanders began reaching out to their membership inspiring them to attend if health permitted. The Commanders also started working together more and asking for help with the work instead of trying to take care of everything on their own. They found that by working together things were a little easier.

Many of the Districts held combined Festivals, making it easier to build a cast as it allowed for a larger pool of cast members. It also allowed for more candidates to receive the Orders in a centralized area, thus making travel requirements to multiple locations for both cast and candidates decrease. The Tactics of opening and closing a Conclave have also started to be practiced with a renewed fervor as the Commanderies are starting the process of rebuilding and renewing their membership now that they are less limited by the heavy restriction of the previous year and interest is returning with great enthusiasm. Many of the Commanderies are doing very well with the work. There are still a few Commanderies that need improvement. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Sometimes all that is needed is a little motivation to kick start progress. There are many Sir Knights that are willing to travel and assist that are only a phone call or email away that don't know help is needed unless they are made aware of it.

This year has been a very interesting one. I made it a point to focus as much attention on the Constituent Commanderies as I could with work and personal life permitting. I made Official Visitations to the Commanderies, asked questions on what the Sir Knights needed from the Grand Commandery Officers and their Grand Commandery. I received good input and questions in return. I made sure to attend many of the Christmas Observances and Installations as I was able as these are very important to the Commanderies. Christmas, Easter and Ascension Day Observances are important celebrations of our faith that should be organized and carried out by every Commandery, whether individually or jointly. I felt it was also important that I attend as many Installations of Officers as possible or to have another Grand Line Officer present at the Installation because the new Eminent Commanders and Commanderies need to know that they have our support and we are here for them and what they need.

I was only able to attend a few functions outside of state, but they were interesting and informative. I represented the Grand Commandery of Florida at the 68th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, the Southeastern Department Conference in Mobile, AL, as well as the Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Alabama. I was invited by the Grand Commander of Georgia to attend the inspections of three of their southern Commanderies which was a great experience, and at the time of the writing of this report, I am looking forward to attending the Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Georgia. I also attended the Special Conclave of the Grand Encampment in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Though it was unfortunate that the Special Conclave was needed, it was important that matters were handled with due process and the issues were resolved quickly and correctly according to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment and the decisions of the voting delegates present.

ACTIONS AS GRAND COMMANDER

During the 2021-2022 Templar year, the following actions were taken by me on behalf of the Grand Commandery of Florida.

Directives:

I issued three Directives. Directive no.1 was to address a requirement change to the Beauceant Award due to changes in visitations for the year. Directive no.2 was to allow Knight Templar Aprons according to Grand Encampment Regulations. Directive no.3 was to address the passing of Right Eminent Leonard Whitehead, Past Grand Commander of Florida, 1992.

Executive Orders:

I issued one Executive Order. Executive Order no.1 extended the deadline of Per Capita dues to the Grand Commandery.

Dispensations:

I received fifteen Dispensations. Thirteen were approved, and two were denied. The following dispensations were approved:

04/23/21- St. Elmo Commandery No. 42: Public event participation

05/10/21- Melita Commandery No. 35: Public event participation

06/21/21- St. Elmo Commandery No. 42: Public event participation

06/23/21- Lakeland Commandery No. 21: Emergency Election to fill vacancies

10/11/21- St. Elmo Commandery No. 42: Public event participation

11/01/21- Melita Commandery No. 35: Public event participation

11/03/21- Springtime Commandery No. 40: New date for November and December meetings due to holidays

11/09/21- Palatka Commandery No. 5: Relocation of Installation Ceremony to St. Augustine Commandery No. 10

11/20/21- Sunshine Commandery No. 20: Location and time change for Stated Conclave for December.

11/22/21- Damascus Commandery No. 2: Christmas Observance at public venue

12/09/21- Olivet Commandery No. 4: Special Election for Treasurer

12/28/21- St. Augustine Commandery No. 10: Relocation of Installation Ceremony to Palatka Commandery No. 5

01/13/22- Tallahassee Commandery No. 12: Special election for Recorder

01/24/22- Springtime Commandery No. 40: Special election of Officers due to death of Commander

The following Dispensations were Denied:

07/08/21- Plant City Commandery No. 6: Request to move to new permanent meeting location denied as this action would require Bylaw Change.

08/20/21- Bartow Commandery No. 15: Request to go dark for meeting due to Covid precautions denied as no dispensation needed for lack of quorum.

Bylaw Amendments:

I approved five Bylaw Amendments throughout the year.

06/07/21 - Bartow Commandery No. 15 - Dues increase

06/10/21 - Crusader Commandery No. 44 - Change of date and time of Conclave

09/07/21 - Triangle Commandery No. 38 - Dues increase

09/07/21 - Bradford Commandery No. 43 - Change of date and time of Conclave

01/23/22 - Olivet Commandery No. 4 - Updates to reflect changes in Quorum, Election and Installation, Committees, Fees and Dues, Funds, and Annual Returns

Warrants:

As Grand Commander, I approved and signed eleven Warrants for the Grand Recorder totaling \$55,584.25, and denied one warrant for \$283.34

Awards:Knight Templar Cross of Honor

Paul James Mast

Meritorious Service Ribbon

Wendell E. Tomimbang

Todd M. Connor

Michael Leebove

Charles R. Jordan

Raymond S. Brownlee

Noble C. Wyninegar

Thomas E. Metcalfe, Jr.

Randell Brocius

Appointment of Grand Representatives:

I appointed the following Sir Knights as Grand Representatives to the following Grand Jurisdictions:

California	Charles Jordan
Missouri	Rusty Ludlam
Massachusetts/Rhode Island	Todd Connor

Visitations:

05/20/21 - Grand Court of FL Order of Amaranth 72nd Annual Session, Tampa, FL
05/30/21 - 05/31/21- Grand Lodge of Florida 192nd Grand Communication, Orlando, FL
06/04/21 - Jacksonville Scottish Rite, Jacksonville, FL
06/08/21 - Lake City Commandery No. 39 - Official Visitation, Lake City, FL
06/10/21 - Crusader Commandery No. 44 - Official Visitation, Fernandina Beach, FL
06/11/21 - 06/12/21 - Southeastern Department Conference, Mobile, AL
06/14/21 - Archer Lodge No. 197, Archer, FL
06/26/21 - Florida Rainbow Girls 75th Grand Assembly, Palm Harbor, FL
07/09/21 - Grand Masters Official Visitation District 7, Fort White, FL
07/10/21 - Grand Masters Official Visitation District 10, High Springs, FL
07/12/21 - Coeur De Lion Commandery No. 1 - Official Visitation, Pensacola, FL
07/18/21 - Florida DeMolay 88th Annual State Conclave, Daytona Beach, FL
07/22/21 - Oriental Commandery No. 9 - Official Visitation, Ormond Beach, FL
07/24/21 - Mobile Commandery No. 2, Mobile, AL - York Rite Festival
07/27/21 - St. Lucie Commandery No. 17 - Official Visitation, Ft. Pierce, FL
08/03/21 - Pilgrim Commandery No. 7 - Official Visitation, Gainesville, FL
08/14/21 - 08/18/21 - 68th Triennial Conclave Grand Encampment, Minneapolis, MN
08/26/21 - Tallahassee Commandery No. 12 - Official Visitation, Tallahassee, FL
09/13/21 - Archer Lodge No. 197, Archer, FL
09/15/21 - St Elmo Commandery No. 42 - Official Visitation, Ft. Walton Beach, FL
09/18/21 - Jacksonville Scottish Rite Reunion, Jacksonville, FL
09/24/21 - Tampa-Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 - Official Visitation, Tampa, FL
09/27/21 - St. John's Commandery No. 29 - Official Visitation, Panama City, FL
10/02/21 - District 1 & 6 Festival, Stuart, FL
10/07/21 - Chipola Commandery No. 22 - Official Visitation, Marianna, FL

10/13/21 - Damascus Commandery No. 2 - Official Visitation, Jacksonville, FL
10/16/21 - Door to Virtue No. 87 KYCH, Jacksonville, FL
10/23/21 - Grand Commandery of Georgia Commandery, Invitation to Inspections of Waycross, Brunswick and Savannah Commanderies
10/26/21 - St. Augustine Commandery No. 10 - Official Visitation, St. Augustine, FL
10/27/21 - Springtime Commandery No. 40 - Official Visitation, Tarpon Springs, FL
10/28/21 - Palatka Commandery No. 5 - Official Visitation, Palatka, FL
11/02/21 - Pilgrim Commandery No. 7, Gainesville, FL
11/05/21 - William A. Bessant III Council 363 AMD - Annual Assembly, Gainesville, FL
11/06/21 - Gateway Council No. 51 Knight Masons, Jacksonville, FL
11/09/21 - Lake City Council No. 35, Lake City, FL
11/10/21 - Bartow Commandery No. 15 - Official Visitation, Avon Park, FL
11/16/21 - Gainesville Council No. 27, Gainesville, FL
11/17/21 - Springtime Commandery No. 40, Tarpon Springs, FL
11/18/21 - Olivet Commandery No. 4 - Official Visitation, Orlando, FL
11/19/21 - Sunshine Commandery No. 20 - Official Visitation, St. Petersburg, FL
11/20/21 - Northeast York Rite College No. 114, Jacksonville, FL
12/08/21 - Crestview Commandery No. 25 - Official Visitation, Crestview, FL
12/12/21 - Pilgrim Commandery No. 7 - Christmas Observance, Gainesville, FL
12/13/21 - Archer Lodge No. 197, Archer, FL
12/14/21 - Lake City Commandery No. 39, Lake City, FL
12/17/21 - Sunshine Commandery No. 20 - District 3 Christmas Observance
12/19/21 - Damascus Commandery No. 2 - Christmas Observance
12/28/21 - Lakeland/Winterhaven Commandery No. 21 - Official Visitation and Christmas Observance, Lakeland, FL
01/03/22 - Palm Beach Commandery No. 18 - Official Visitation/Installation of Officers, West Palm Beach, FL
01/04/22 - Pilgrim Commandery No. 7 - Installation of Officers, Gainesville, FL
01/08/22 - Archer Lodge No. 197 - Installation of Officers, Archer, FL
01/24/22 - Plant City Commandery No. 6 - Official Visitation and Installation of Officers, Plant City, FL
01/25/22 - Palatka Commandery No. 5 - Installation of Officers, Palatka, FL
01/25/22 - St. Augustine Commandery No. 10 - Installation of Officers, Palatka, FL
01/27/22 - Olivet Commandery No. 4 - Installation of Officers, Orlando, FL
02/07/22 - Melita Commandery No. 35 - Official Visitation, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
02/10/22 - Bradford Commandery No. 43 - Official Visitation, Middleburg, FL
02/19/22 - Northeast York Rite College No. 114, Gainesville, FL
02/22/22 - Taylor Commandery No. 28 - Official Visitation, Sanford, FL
02/25/22 - 02/26/22 - Grand York Rite of Alabama Grand Session, Birmingham, AL
03/03/22 - Trinity Commandery No. 16 - Official Visitation, Bradenton, FL

03/06/22 - Deputy Grand Commanders' Orientation Meeting, Lake City, FL
03/11/22 - 03/13/22 - Grand Encampment Special Conclave, Fort Wayne, IN
03/22/22 - Fort Myers Commandery No. 32 - Official Visitation, Fort Myers, FL
03/23/22 - Brevard Commandery No. 24 - Official Visitation, Cocoa Beach, FL
03/26/22 - District 7&8 Festival, Palatka, FL
03/28/22 - Miami Commandery No. 13 - Official Visitation, Hialeah, FL
04/02/22 - District 1&6 Festival honoring Companion Richard E. Lynn, MWPGM, Stuart, FL

RECOMMENDATIONS

Throughout the year, as plans are executed and business is transacted, it becomes apparent that there is always room for improvement.

To the Commanderies: In gaining new membership, be sure to reach out to all the Lodges in your Jurisdiction. There is no such thing as a "Tapped out Lodge". If you are assisting your Lodges, you are aware of any new potential that is coming in. Our membership comes solely from the Lodges. I'm unaware of any Lodges that 100% of the members are also York Rite Masons so there are opportunities out there. Let them know that we are here to work with them, not to supplant them. While new membership is important, current membership is equally important. Work on educational programs that will keep them interested and inspired. Reach out to inactive members as well to see what you can do for them and how you can get them to start coming back. Sometimes all it takes is a nudge in the right direction or an invitation to attend.

To the Recorders: Be sure to stay up to date on MMS. If the orders are conferred on new membership, you have 15 days to input them into MMS. This is very important. New members cannot receive their Knight Templar Magazine or get their Grand Encampment dues cards to them until this is done. Per Capita is also calculated on your membership in MMS including Deaths, Demits and Reinstatements. It is very important that these numbers are correct.

To the incoming Grand Commander: It's always a good idea to have the District Instructors work in unison with the Committee on Work to improve the distribution of information to the Commanderies concerning the Tactics. Good work will always improve with good instruction. Another recommendation is to have the Investment Committee stay on top of the changes in our investments. While the investment gains

may be doing okay, it is always good to reevaluate our standings as the market fluctuates.

CONCLUSIONS

To Most Excellent Grand High Priest Robby Robertson, Most Illustrious Grand Master Allen Sorbie, and Most Worshipful Grand Master Jeffery Foster, it has been an honor working alongside you. It has been a very enjoyable year for me as I believe it has been for you as well. A long time back I learned that in any endeavor, you have to have fun doing it or it is just not worth it. You, my Brothers, have made it worth it more than you can know.

To the Grand Line Officers, District Deputies, District Instructors, and Committeemen, I wish to thank you for the job you have done. Your assistance throughout the year is what makes things less difficult for the Presiding Officer.

To the Sir Knights of the great State of Florida, you have made me feel welcome in every Commandery I have sat in Conclave with. Any call made for assistance in any form has been answered. It has truly been an honor to serve with each of you. Continue to keep up the hard work and dedication to the Craft that you have shown this year.

A special thank you to Sir Knights Carl Gilmore, Marvin Gerhard, Bob Burleson, and Paul Friend for all the endless phone calls made, emails sent or text messages sent at all hours of the day or night looking for assistance, advice or just to talk. Also to my almost constant traveling companions Rusty Ludlam and Thomas Metcalfe, for keeping me awake on my travels, keeping things interesting and making sure we all made it home at the end of the day. I know I am missing several others that were instrumental in helping but rest assured that your help was indeed appreciated.

Finally, but most important, to my wife Kieran, and my children Avery and Avonlea. You are my rock. I know that my travels throughout these last few years have been extensive and sometimes stressful. Without your support and understanding, none of this could have been possible. You have been there through the good times and the bad. You have always been there by my side with good advice, asking me if there is anything you can do to help, or helping me plan. You are my foundation and I am eternally grateful to have you in my life, leading me down the right paths or standing with me, to support me, when I err.

Once more, I thank you all for the support, and I look forward to many more years of success and growth within the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida.

Courteously,

Adam M. Bryan, KYCH

Right Eminent Grand Commander

Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights,

The 12 Florida State Supplements for the Knights Templar magazine were done as planned and for the most part, timely. The Grand Commander submitted copy for all 12 articles, the State Editor submitted formatted newsletters to the printer, for a portion of the year, in a timely manner and maintained creative freedom to communicate the goals as directed by our Right Eminent Grand Commander. Starting in September, we began submitting the articles to Dan Pushee for display on the web. This process improved the quality of our articles, by removing printer deadlines and making them more current in context.

The Right Eminent Grand Commander had clear goals and despite the pandemic, worked diligently to communicate and successfully achieve them. The REGC states he feels they were met by our constituent commanderies. Sir Knight Sheldon Arpad and I have already discussed plans for the upcoming year and expect great things to continue.

I wish to personally thank the following Sir Knights for their impact on me personally and in no particular order, but all of equal importance;

AJ Ahrens, Jeff Sklett, John Wermann, Brian Manne, Paul Ipolitto, Cory Underwood, Jeff Munz, Kirk Hinote and Tanner. Some great men, Bruce Reinartsen one of them, passed to that undiscovered country from whose borne no traveler returns. I look forward to our seeing these companions again and know they will be there.

I also thank Sir Knight Dan Pushee, without whom it wouldn't be, for his support and patience.

In Hoc Signo Vincas,
S.K. Gary R. Roane

Grand Commandery Membership Goals for the 69th Triennium

Please fill out all boxes in the SHADED BOXES and send the completed form to the GE Membership Chairman (Bill Garrard) This report must be returned to the GEKT Membership Committee NLT 12/31/2021

Membership Goals for the State/Commonwealth of: Florida

RECRUITMENT:

According to MMS, our jurisdiction Knighted the following numbers over these years:

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
103	123	123	232	260	284	116	91	82	166

Using the values above, we agree to a GOAL of Knighting these many members:

FM: 09/01/22 TO: 12/31/22	FM: 01/01/23 TO: 12/31/23	FM: 01/01/24 TO: 06/30/24	Total GOAL Knightings 09/01/22 to 06/30/24	
80	155	90	325	<<< Measured Value

RETENTION:

According to MMS, the Departures our jurisdiction experienced during the following years are:

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
210	85	172	476	295	306	150	219	266	301

Using the values above, our GOAL is to reduce our Voluntary Departures by the following numbers:

FM: 09/01/22 TO: 12/31/22	FM: 01/01/23 TO: 12/31/23	FM: 01/01/24 TO: 06/30/24	Total GOAL Departures 09/01/22 to 06/30/24	
50	125	25	200	<<< Measured Value

REINSTATEMENT:

According to MMS, our jurisdiction Reinstated the following numbers over these years:

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	AVG
18	5	12	22	47	23	18	13	24	21	20

Using the values above, we agree to a GOAL of Reinstating these many members:

FM: 09/01/22 TO: 12/31/22	FM: 01/01/23 TO: 12/31/23	FM: 01/01/24 TO: 06/30/24	GOAL Reinstatement 09/01/22 to 06/30/24	
10	25	30	65	<<< Measured Value

By placing the name of the Sir Knights installed at the time this was submitted in the box below, each of you agrees with the GOALS listed above and will work diligently to meet them

Grand Commander
Adam M. Brown

Deputy Grand Commander
Sheldon H. Hoad

Grand Generalissimo
Robert M. Sullivan

Grand Captain General
Frank J. Garrard

Submitted to the Grand Encampment Membership Chairman on this date:

Send to: wagarrard1@gmail.com

Finance and Budget Meeting met at 4210 Oklahoma Ave in Tampa, Florida.

The records were reviewed and to be found in order.

Our thanks to our Treasurer Robert St. John for his tireless efforts.

Respectfully submitted:

Sheldon Arpad, Chairman

Rusty Ludlam,

Adam Bryan

Time and Place

The Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Florida will meet Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at the Lake Marriott Hotel located at 1501 International Parkway, Lake Mary, Florida 32746.

The Banquet will be held on Sunday. Schedules have already been organized for this event

Respectfully submitted Sheldon Arpad for the Grand Commandery of Florida

Triennial Convention

The Triennial convention of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar was held at Minneapolis Marriott City Center the 13-19th of August 2021.

In attendance were Adam Bryan, Sheldon Arpad, Paul Friend, David Aponte, Henry Adams

Respectfully submitted by:

Sheldon Arpad Chairman

Rusty Ludlum

Richard Brook

Ronald Naumowicz

Membership

There will be new projections and goals for this upcoming year.

Covid has run its course and we are moving forward to another positive and building strong year!

Our thanks to those Sir Knights who helped initiate through the pandemic.

(Enclosed/Attached are projections.)

Submitted:

Sheldon Arpad, Chairman

Rusty Ludlum

Ronald Naumowicz

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Names were submitted to Emmett Mills, Grand Encampment Chairman for the Holy Land Pilgrimage.

Unfortunately, these names will need to hold until both the USA and Israel lift the travel restrictions. We look forward to this situation coming to an end and we may once again send ministries to the Holy Land.

We should take great pride in this endeavor.

Sheldon Arpad, Chairman

Ron Parks

Rusty Ludlum

Brian Poole