

The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas

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Subject: Report of the actions taken at the 158th Grand Conclave

To: The Grand Commandery Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Officers and Members of the Constituent Commanderies of Texas.

Greetings:

Sir Knights, many times after the Grand Conclave of The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas, I have been asked, "What happened at Grand Commandery?" "Who was elected?" "What changes were made?" This letter is a brief recap of the events and actions of the 158th Grand Conclave.

- All elected line officers advanced to their next station.
- Sir Knight Tom Snyder was elected Grand Treasurer.
- Sir Knight Jerry Kirby was elected Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer Emeritus.
- Sir Knight Gary Freedman was elected Grand Sentinel.
- Sir Knight John Kleinfelder was appointed Grand Prelate.
- Sir Knight Loyd Chance was elected Grand Recorder Emeritus.

The following changes were made to the Statutes and Regulations:

- Chapter 25A(Outpost) was deemed to be inconsistent with Grand Encampment, and was removed from our law book. In short, there are NO OUTPOSTS in Texas.
- Article 203 changed when annual returns are due. They were due February 1st, but are now due January 15th. Recorders, please take note!
- Article 205 changed to read "A Commandery failing to make returns as required by the preceding articles shall be subject to being declared ineligible for any awards presented by The Grand Commandery of Texas and knightly discipline".
- Article 255 of Section 4 changed who submits Form 990 to the IRS.
- Article 49 changed to allow a registration fee for the Annual Grand Conclave. The fee shall not exceed \$10.00, and shall be set by the

Committee on Finance. This fee will be returned to the Grand Commandery and will not be for the use of the host Commandery.

- Article 72 changed the manner in which we pay traveling expenses to Triennial Conclaves.
- Article 101 was changed so that the dues cards we receive from Grand Encampment to the “official” receipt for dues.
- Article 114 changed the manner in which we reimburse the Grand Officers for their travel.
- Article 277 changed to charge a \$10.00 reinstatement fee.
- Article 279 changed our fee from \$2.00 to 10.00.

Sir Knights, I encourage you to look up these Articles and review the changes. I hope this will help all our Sir Knights have a better understanding of the workings of this Grand Commandery. A committee is in place and is working to have a completely revised and updated law book available for adoption at the 159th Grand Conclave in Houston. We will all be able to enjoy the efforts of their hard work and will be able to more easily update our laws in the future.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or the Grand Recorder.

Let this Bulletin be read at the first conclave following its receipt.

In Christ's Name,

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Attest:

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