

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

Greetings:

You are hereby notified that the following Resolutions have been received in this office for consideration of the Grand Commandery in its 164th Annual Conclave, to be held in League City, Texas, on April 21, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas,

Whereas, Articles 189 and 191 of the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas are similar; and

Whereas, Articles 189 and 191 both reference Section 176 of the Constitution, Statutes, Disciplinary Rules, Standing Resolutions, Ceremonies, Forms, and Approved Decisions of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America; and

Whereas Article 189 Failure to Hold Conclaves now reads:

“A Commandery that fails to hold a Conclave for twelve consecutive months, or to Knight a single candidate within such period, shall be placed on probation for the period of one year, and if thereafter it fails to hold a Conclave for the next twelve consecutive months or to Knight a single candidate within such period, its Charter may be arrested;” and

Whereas Article 191 Failure- Penalty now reads:

“A Commandery failing to meet for twelve consecutive months forfeits all its rights as a Commandery and its Charter may be arrested;” and

Whereas Article 191, is in conflict with Section 176, of the Constitution, Statutes, Disciplinary Rules, Standing Resolutions, Ceremonies, Forms, and Approved Decisions of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America; Now

Therefore, Be it Resolved that Article 191 of the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas be Repealed.

Fraternally Submitted,
Jack M. Harper II
Past Commander, Waco Commandery #10

RESOLUTION NO. 2

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas,

Whereas, The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas is facing declining revenues; and

Whereas, the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas has not been able to fund expenditures of travel for the Templar Instruction Committee for many years; and

Whereas Article 197 Conclaves for Drills and Instruction currently reads:

“It shall be the duty of the Commanders of Commanderies to hold Conclaves for Drills and Instruction at least four times each year. Said Conclaves shall be opened with full ceremony, and with rehearsal of duties as adopted by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. If a Conclave for Drill and Rehearsal is held on the same date as a Stated Conclave, the Stated Conclave shall be conducted and Commandery closed, then the Special Conclave for Drill and Rehearsal shall be opened with full ceremonies and conducted using the Drill Regulations and Manual of Asylum Ceremonies prepared and adopted by the Grand Commandery K.T. of Texas. The Recorder of the Commandery shall report the date of, the attendance at, and the record of the Drill and Orders Rehearsal; and such reports shall be included in the Annual Returns of the Commandery. The drill exercises at these Special Conclaves shall include the formation of the lines for reception, rehearsal and cuts, formation of the Triangle, and sword manual and marching as laid down in the Manual of Drill Regulations and Asylum Ceremonies of the Grand Commandery. In addition, instruction in and rehearsal of the conferral of at least one of the Orders of Templary shall be conducted at each such Special Conclave, using the Ritual of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. in conjunction with the Manual of Asylum Ceremonies of this jurisdiction; and where the Ritual and Manual differ, the Manual of this Jurisdiction shall control. If special assistance is requested by a Commandery, a member of the Committee on Templar Instruction for the District in which the Commandery is situated shall attend, on mutually satisfactory dates, at least one Special Conclave for Drill and/or Rehearsal held by the Commandery and shall assist the Commandery, its officers and its instructors in conducting the Drill and/or Rehearsal of the Orders. Expenses in the amount of the nearest actual mileage traveled by such Committee member from his home Commandery to one Special Conclave at each Commandery within the District and return shall be paid to such member by this Grand Commandery at the rate of twenty (0.20) cents per mile, and such mileage paid shall constitute the total sum payable to such Committee member for such travel and attendance at such Special Conclave at each Commandery. The Special Conclaves for Drill and Instruction shall be in addition to and independent of the Schools of Instruction held by the Grand Officers in each such District;”

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that Article 197 of the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas now read:

“It shall be the duty of the Commanders of Commanderies to hold Conclaves for Drills and Instruction at least four times each year. Said Conclaves shall be opened with full ceremony, and with rehearsal of duties as adopted by the Grand

Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. If a Conclave for Drill and Rehearsal is held on the same date as a Stated Conclave, the Stated Conclave shall be conducted and Commandery closed, then the Special Conclave for Drill and Rehearsal shall be opened with full ceremonies and conducted using the Drill Regulations and Manual of Asylum Ceremonies prepared and adopted by the Grand Commandery K.T. of Texas. The Recorder of the Commandery shall report the date of, the attendance at, and the record of the Drill and Orders Rehearsal; and such reports shall be included in the Annual Returns of the Commandery. The drill exercises at these Special Conclaves shall include the formation of the lines for reception, rehearsal and cuts, formation of the Triangle, and sword manual and marching as laid down in the Manual of Drill Regulations and Asylum Ceremonies of the Grand Commandery. In addition, instruction in and rehearsal of the conferral of at least one of the Orders of Templary shall be conducted at each such Special Conclave, using the Ritual of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. in conjunction with the Manual of Asylum Ceremonies of this jurisdiction; and where the Ritual and Manual differ, the Manual of this Jurisdiction shall control. If special assistance is requested by a Commandery, a member of the Committee on Templar Instruction for the District in which the Commandery is situated shall attend, on mutually satisfactory dates, at least one Special Conclave for Drill and/or Rehearsal held by the Commandery and shall assist the Commandery, its officers and its instructors in conducting the Drill and/or Rehearsal of the Orders. ~~Expenses in the amount of the nearest actual mileage traveled by such Committee member from his home Commandery to one Special Conclave at each Commandery within the District and return shall be paid to such member by this Grand Commandery at the rate of twenty (0.20) cents per mile, and such mileage paid shall constitute the total sum payable to such Committee member for such travel and attendance at such Special Conclave at each Commandery.~~ The Special Conclaves for Drill and Instruction shall be in addition to and independent of the Schools of Instruction held by the Grand Officers in each such District.”

Fraternally Submitted,
Jack M. Harper II
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Fraternally,
John C. Elkinton
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Grand Commander

Courteously,
Jerry N. Kirby
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Grand Recorder

