



68<sup>TH</sup> TRIENNIAL  
CONCLAVE  
LEGISLATIVE  
ACTION

# AMENDMENTS TO GRAND ENCAMPMENT CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES

Section 85:

CONSTITUTION & RITUAL: 3/4 voting delegates present

STATUTES: 2/3 voting delegates present

Amendments filed with Grand Recorder at least three months  
in advance and to be included in the Notice of Conclave

# AMENDMENTS TO GRAND ENCAMPMENT CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES

## Section 29 – DUTIES OF THE GRAND RECORDER:

(e) To give notice of Triennial Conclave two months in advance...all proposed amendments to the Constitution, Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Rituals.

# NELSON Decision No. 1

## QUORUM

- Interpretation of 2018 legislation which amended Section 66--Quorum

# NELSON Decision No. 2

## RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

- Defined sojourners to apply only to Sir Knights in Commanderies under the Grand Encampment and not those in other Templar bodies and jurisdictions

# NELSON Decision No. 3

## MULTI-YEAR COMMITTEES

- Allows for multi-year, staggered committees IF ELECTED

# NELSON Decision No. 4

## MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

- Allows payment of mileage and per diem to Trustees

# 2021-01 ADOPTED Amendment No. 1

- Amends Section 18. The Educational Foundation.  
allows for the distribution of income and principal  
from the fund



# 2021-02 ADOPTED Amendment No. 2

- Amends Section 18 1/2. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

requires Trustees to retain membership in a Commandery  
eliminates exemption of dependent members

# 2021-02 ADOPTED Amendment No. 2

- Amends Section 23 (b). Grand Master.

grants Grand Master authority to fill vacancies on the  
Board of Trustees of the Knights Templar Eye  
Foundation

# 2021-03 ADOPTED Amendment No. 3

- Amends Section 104-1/2. The Eye Foundation.  
requires Trustees to retain membership in a Commandery

# 2021-04 ADOPTED Amendment No. 4

- Amends Section 52 (d)

requires Grand Recorder of a Grand Commandery to transmit proceedings to Grand Encampment in any format he may choose

# 2021-05 ADOPTED Amendment No. 5

- Repeals Section 214 and Section 215  
eliminates the requirement for a dispensation to appear in  
public

# 2021-06 ADOPTED Amendment No. 6

- Adds Section 36 (c). Conclaves.  
permits virtual Conclaves for Grand Commanderies

# 2021-07 ADOPTED Amendment No. 7

- Adds Section 65 (d). Conclaves.  
permits virtual Conclaves for Commanderies

# 2021-08 ADOPTED AS **AMENDED** Amendment No. 8

- Amends Section 259. Summer Uniform.
  - eliminates statutory dates for wearing summer uniform
  - allows Grand Commander to determine dating within his jurisdiction

**Amendment deleted “The Summer Uniform shall in no event be worn when conferring the Orders.”**



# 2021-09 ADOPTED Amendment No. 9

- Amends Section 66. Quorum.

requires the use of the SHORT FORM Knight Templar  
Opening (pages 98-99, 2019 Ritual) when less than  
nine Sir Knights are present

# 2021-10 ADOPTED Amendment No. 10

- Amends Section 235. Retention of Rank.

allows Sir Knight to retain rank as long as he retains membership in a Commandery

# 2021-11 ADOPTED Amendment No. 11

- Creates Section 237 (d). Retention of Honors.

allows for the retention of all honors and awards by a Sir Knight as long as he remains in good standing in a Commandery

# 2021-12 ADOPTED Amendment No. 12

- Amends Section 2 (a). Membership.

allows a Past Grand Commander to retain his membership  
in Grand Encampment as long as he is a member of a  
Commandery

# 2021-13 ADOPTED

## Amendment No. 13

- Amends Section 125. Continuance.

when a Grand Commandery become extinct, its  
Constituent Commanderies become Subordinate  
Commanderies

# 2021-14 ADOPTED

## Amendment No. 14

- Amends Section 190 (a).

allows a Sir Knight to hold elected office in multiple  
Commanderies, EXCEPT:

cannot be Commander in more than one Commandery

# 2021-15    ADOPTED

## Amendment No. 15

- Amends Section 204. Suspension or Expulsion.  
allows for Knight Templar Trial after acquittal in a  
prerequisite body

# 2021-16    ADOPTED AS **AMENDED** Amendment No. 16

- Adds Section 3 (c) and 176-1/2.  
allows for the creation of Holding Commanderies

**Amendment adds: ...or to create new Sir Knights “as normally required by Section 176.” in both sections.**



# 2021-17 ADOPTED

## Amendment No. 17

- Adds Section 3 (c) (2) and 176-1/2.  
allows for the creation of Special Purpose  
Commanderies

# 2021-18 ADOPTED AS **AMENDED** Amendment No. 18

- Adds Section 176 (d). Auxiliary Units.
  - allows for the formation of auxiliary units
  - defines rules for auxiliary units

**Amendment adds to subsection C the requirement of the approval of officers by the Grand Commander.**

# 2021-19      ADOPTED

## Amendment No. 19

- Amends Section 237 (b) (a) and (c). The Knights Templar Cross of Honor.

allows the awarding of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor to Grand Commandery officers who are not in the advancing line (Grand Prelate, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, etc.)

# 2021-20 ADOPTED Amendment No. 20

- Adds Section 260. Templar Apron.  
allows for the use of Templar Aprons

Requires Grand Commandery approval.

2021-21      **NOT ADOPTED**  
Amendment No. 21

ATTESTATION OF FAITH  
UNIFORM PETITION

2021-22 **NOT ADOPTED**

Amendment No. 22

RECOGNITION BY GRAND ENCAMPMENT

# 2021-23 ADOPTED

## Resolution No. 23

- Repeals 2012 Resolution No. 1 as amended by Vaught Decision No. 5

Recognizes the independence of the Great Priory of America,  
CBCS

# 2021-24 ADOPTED

## Amendment No. 24

- Amends Section 202. Forfeiture of Membership.

the suspension or expulsion in a prerequisite body is automatic upon notice from the prerequisite body



# 2021-25 ADOPTED AS **AMENDED** Amendment No. 25

- Amends Section 82, 149, and 177 (d).

Coast Guard, NOAA, and corrects NASA

**Amendment adds to Marine Corps.**

2021-26 **NOT ADOPTED**

Amendment No. 26

MEMBERSHIP IN AN UNRECOGNIZED MASONIC TEMPLAR  
ORDER

# 2021-27 ADOPTED

## Amendment No. 27

- Amends Section 114. Mileage and Per Diem.

adds Trustees to those entitled to mileage and per diem payment for attending Triennial Conclave of Grand Encampment

# 2021-28      ADOPTED

## Amendment No. 28

- Amends Section 93 and creates Section 106 (c).  
elevates Electronic Communications to standing  
committee and thus entitled to mileage and per diem