

**GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR**

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**GENERAL ORDER NO. 3 – REVISED, SERIES 2021-2024**

**SPECIAL CONCLAVE OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT**

**November 1, 2021**

*To all Grand Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies within the Jurisdiction of, and holding Allegiance to, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.*

GREETINGS:

Some Grand Commanderies have expressed an intention to request a Special Conclave of the Grand Encampment. While Section 4 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*, 2019 Edition, requires the Grand Master to call a Special Conclave at the request of no less than nine (9) Grand Commanderies, it makes no provision for the expenses associated with a Special Conclave.

At the 68th Triennial Conclave, a Budget for the operation of the Grand Encampment during the 69th Triennium was approved and adopted. The Budget contemplated, and made provision for, expenses of the 69th Triennial Conclave to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 2024, but not for any Special Conclave(s).

The business of a Special Conclave is necessarily limited. Section 85 of the Constitution is quite clear that changes to the Constitution, Statutes, and Rituals can only be considered at the Stated Conclave. Per Section 24, the same holds true for Decisions of the Grand Master. In short, most of the matters included in the proposed agenda for a Special Conclave cannot be addressed there. Given the limited scope and the fact that the proposed matters have been amply discussed in the Department Conferences, it seems only reasonable that the expenses of any Special Conclave be borne by the Grand Commanderies requesting it.

Notwithstanding the limited utility of a Special Conclave, should nine requests for it be timely received, in order to minimize the associated expenses, the Grand Master will Call the Special Conclave in conjunction with the East Central Department Conference in March 2022, in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America at Crowheart, Wyoming, this first day of November 2021, A.O. 903.



Courteously,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael B. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Grand Master

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lauren E. Jacka". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Grand Recorder