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Grand Commandery Returns Routine Bookkeeping



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**Data Processing
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Grand Encampment Membership Award



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Knights Templar Cross of Honor



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College of Honors

Knight Commander of the Temple

Companion of the Temple

Knight Grand Cross of the Temple

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Grand Commandery Annual Returns

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Section 41 Grand Commandery

(h): It shall, on or before July 1st of each year pay to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment such an amount as may be prescribed by the Grand Encampment as dues for each member of its Constituent Commanderies, as shown by the returns of such Grand Commandery as of December 31st.

NOTE -- AMENDED 2015

Amendment No. 2015-05
ADOPTED 2015

**Requires Grand Recorder to file Annual Returns
on prescribed forms**

**Assesses \$500 penalty for late, inaccurate or
incomplete Annual Returns**

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Section 52 Grand Recorder

It is the duty of the Grand Recorder...

(b) To forward to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, on or before the First Day of July of each year, the Annual Returns and Dues of the Grand Commandery.

NOTE -- AMENDED 2015

Amendment No. 2015-04
ADOPTED 2015

**Requires Grand Recorder to file Annual Returns
on prescribed forms**

**Assesses \$500 penalty for late, inaccurate or
incomplete Annual Returns**

**Requires Grand Recorder to forward required
forms within thirty (30) days
of Annual Conclave**

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**Recapitulation (Reporting) Period
January 1 – December 31**

**Due in Grand Encampment Office
on or before July 1**

NOTE -- PENALTY FOR LATE, INACCURATE OR INCOMPLETE RETURNS

**Electronic Reporting will be implemented
when ALL Commanderies are using MMS**

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**Knights Templar Eye Foundation
ASSESSMENT is part of your
Grand Commandery Returns to
Grand Encampment**

**DO NOT REMIT TO KTEF OFFICE
in Flower Mound, Texas**

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Grand Master Goodwin's Decision No. 11:

**RE: Orders, Address Changes, Status Changes,
Deaths, etc.**

**Each Commandery Recorder and Grand
Commandery Grand Recorder is responsible for
entering information...within 15 days of the
occurrence.**

Amendment No. 2015-06

ADOPTED 2015

**Requires Constituent (or Subordinate) Recorder
to issue a Grand Encampment Dues Card to all
Sir Knights of his Commandery**

**Bears Seal of the Grand Encampment and the
Attestation of the Grand Recorder of the Grand
Encampment**

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67th Triennial Conclave
Indianapolis, Indiana

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2018

Legislative Update

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***Memo sent to all
Grand Recorders***

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*Approval - Disapproval
of
Grand Master's Decisions*

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*Passage of
Proposed Amendment
2018-01*

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TEMPLAR
EXPANSION

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Sections 23 & 177

***Changes in Power and Authority of
MEGM and Qualifications of
Petitioners***

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*Passage of
Proposed Amendment
2018-05 as amended*

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QUORUM

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Section 66

A quorum of a Commandery consists of nine members entitled to vote therein, including an Officer authorized to open the same.

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Section 66 continued...

A Grand Commandery may by law provide for a lesser number for quorum purposes, **provided the number is no lower than five.**

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Section 66 now reads:

A quorum of a Commandery consists of nine members entitled to vote therein, including an Officer authorized to open the same. A Grand Commandery may by law provide for a lesser number for quorum purposes, provided the number is no lower than five.

Nelson Decision No. 1 - Quorum

Section 66 allows a Grand Commandery to reduce the number of Sir Knights necessary to constitute a quorum for conducting the business of the Commandery to a number less than nine but not less than five.

CONTINUED ON NEXT SLIDE

Nelson Decision No. 1 - Continued

A Grand Commandery may only implement this provision legislatively.

CONTINUED ON NEXT SLIDE

Nelson Decision No. 1 - Continued

Nine Sir Knights constitute a Commandery and are required to establish a Commandery or confer the Orders of Knighthood.

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*Passage of
Proposed Amendment
2018-09 as amended*

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CORDS
(PURPLE)

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Section 306

(b) The Jewel of Office of Past Grand Commanders may be worn suspended from a heavy, royal purple silk cord with swivel; the cord to have a tassel at the ends to be held together by sliding holders with rosette.

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*Passage of
Proposed Amendment
2018-10*

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Section 244

**Adds “SILVER” and changes “HALO” to
“RAYS” in description of embroidered
emblem on Commander’s shoulder boards**

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*Passage of
Proposed Amendment
2018-12*

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Section 114

MILEAGE & PER DIEM

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Shortens and clarifies

Section 114

*Payment of Mileage and Per Diem for
Grand Encampment Triennial Conclaves*

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Standing Resolution

1976 Master Ritual

(full English with limited distribution)

1979 Ritual (coded portions)

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Standing Resolution

Resolved, that the Right Eminent Grand Recorder, in association with the Committee on Ritualistic Matters, be directed to reprint and republish the Master Ritual correcting any minor scrivener's errors.

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*Standing Resolution
continued*

**This reprint will replace the 1976 Master Ritual
and the 1979 coded Ritual as the Official Ritual
of the Grand Encampment.**

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Grand Encampment Rituals

**Can be ordered only by Grand Recorders
(multiples of 10)**

**May be shipped and billed to
Constituent Commanderies**

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Recognition of
GE KT USA – PHA

Committee on Foreign Relations

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Does not automatically establish mutual recognition and visitation by the respective Grand Commanderies.

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**Each Grand Commandery may extend
recognition and/or visitation privileges by
legislative process...**

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**...based upon the rules and regulations
promulgated by the Grand Lodge of their
jurisdiction.**

Nelson General Order No. 4

GREECE

Invasion of Territory

Violation of Treaty of Amity
or Concordat of 1910

Nelson General Order No. 4

GREECE - CONTINUED

“I, as Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, hereby SUSPEND recognition of and fraternal relations with the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of Greece and Cyprus.”

Nelson General Order No. 5

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

is PRIORITY ONE

during the 68th Triennium

CONTINUED ON NEXT THREE SLIDES

Nelson General Order No. 5

MEMBERSHIP - CONTINUED

Every Grand Commander shall appoint a Membership Chairman and Membership Committee in each Grand Jurisdiction.

Every Eminent Commander shall appoint a Membership Chairman and Membership Committee in each Commandery.

Nelson General Order No. 5

MEMBERSHIP - CONTINUED

Membership Committees shall work with and implement those membership development initiatives advanced by the Grand Encampment's Committee on Membership.

Nelson General Order No. 5

MEMBERSHIP - CONTINUED

Membership Committees shall report their activities and progress to their appointing authority and the Grand Encampment's Committee on Membership periodically on forms developed for this purpose by the Grand Encampment's Committee on Membership.

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QUESTIONS?

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS

