

2024 Grand Commandery Proposed Legislation

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LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE

PROPOSAL No. 1

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE GRAND
COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ
AS FOLLOWS:**

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**ARTICLE I
The Grand Commandery**

Section 3. Of Whom Composed. The Grand Commandery consists of the following members:

- A. The Grand Commander
- The Deputy Grand Commander
- The Grand Generalissimo
- The Grand Captain General
- The Grand Senior Warden
- The Grand Junior Warden
- The Grand Prelate
- The Grand Treasurer
- The Grand Recorder
- The Grand Standard Bearer
- The Grand Sword Bearer
- The Grand Warder
- The Grand Sentinel

of whom the following shall be elected by ballot:

- The Grand Commander
- The Deputy Grand Commander
- The Grand Generalissimo
- The Grand Captain General
- ~~The Grand Senior Warden~~
- ~~The Grand Junior Warden~~
- ~~The Grand Standard Bearer~~
- ~~The Grand Sword Bearer~~
- ~~The Grand Warder~~

who shall constitute the successive elective line, and

- The Grand Treasurer
- The Grand Recorder.

A majority of the votes shall elect, and such elected officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are installed.

The following officers shall be appointed:

The Grand Senior Warden

The Grand Junior Warden

The Grand Standard Bearer

The Grand Sword Bearer

The Grand Warder

The Grand Prelate

The Grand Sentinel

and they shall serve one year under the Grand Commander making the appointment.

Statement of Purpose

To democratize the election process and shorten the Grand Commandery Line.

Fraternally submitted,

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Kevin B. Sample, PC

Kansas City Commandery No. 10

Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE

PROPOSAL No. 2

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**ARTICLE II
The Grand Officers**

Section 21. Election of Officers. Election of Officers of the Grand Commandery shall be held at each Annual Conclave, at an hour to be announced in the official notice. Any eligible member of this Grand Commandery desiring to serve in any elective office as provided in the Laws and regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri may, on or before the forty-fifth (45th) day prior to the Annual Conclave, file with the Grand Recorder a “Statement of Availability” for such office; containing a resume of his service to his Commandery or Commanderies in which he holds or has held membership; his service to this Grand Commandery; and a photo, if available.

Such “Statement of Availability” shall be published on the Grand York Rite Website, Social Media, and shall be forwarded by the Grand Recorder to all subordinate Commanderies along with all Resolutions and/or Recommendations as required by this Grand Commandery. However, this Grand Commandery may elect any eligible member whether or not he has previously submitted such statement of availability.

Statement of Purpose

To democratize the election of Grand Officers and shorten the line.

Fraternally submitted,

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Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67.

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE

PROPOSAL No. 3

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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ARTICLE II The Grand Officers

~~Section 27. H. H. Appoint and commission representatives of the Grand Commandery near the other Grand Commanderies and receive and accredit representatives from such other Grand Commanderies, who must be permanent members of the Grand Commandery. When the representative of any Grand Commandery near the Grand Commandery of Missouri fails for two successive years to attend the conclave of this Grand Commandery without giving a satisfactory explanation to the Grand Commander, he shall notify the Grand Commander of the jurisdiction concerned.~~

Statement of Purpose

The Grand Representatives Program has not been active for several years, and the vast majority of the Grand Representatives do not visit their designated jurisdiction nor report to the Grand Commandery. The removal of this section of the Constitution and By-Laws will terminate the Grand Representatives Program.

Fraternally submitted,

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Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE

PROPOSAL No. 4

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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ARTICLE III

Section 34. *Committees*

D. Investment Committee consisting of five or more members, one of whom shall be the Chairman of the Finance and Accounts Committee, two of whom shall be appointed by the Grand Commander, with the stipulation that the members so appointed shall possess a background in financial matters, and two or more others appointed by the Grand Commander. The duties of this Committee shall be the control and management of the surplus funds and others as made available of this Grand Commandery in such a way as, in its judgment, is prudent and adheres to sound business principles. ~~The Committee shall invest any surplus funds of the Grand Commandery in an amount not less than one quarter of all investments in obligations of the United States, or in the securities or accounts fully insured or guaranteed by the United States or an agency of the United States, except for those received by gift or bequest which may be retained in kind. The remainder may be invested in mutual funds, common stock or equal securities in nationally known corporations traded on the New York Stock Exchange, and rated "A": or better by Standard and Poore's or Moody's or by some equally well recognized investment rating service. The investment servicing company selected by the Committee shall invest the funds in a "fiduciary manner." The Committee is authorized, for and on behalf of this Grand Commandery, and in the name of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, to invest any surplus funds of the Grand Commandery as they may deem advisable, and from time to time sell, exchange, transfer, or reinvest such funds as described in this section. The Committee shall submit a preliminary report to the Grand Commandery to be included in the preliminary proceedings by the deadline set by the Grand Recorder. (Amended 06/01/23) and in keeping with guidelines established in the Missouri Revisor of Statutes Section 402.132 and 402.134.~~

Statement of purpose

The amount of assets placed in a specific investment is not necessary. The old language chose an arbitrary percentage of the surplus funds and locks the committee into taking a position regardless of what prevailing market condition and climate may call for. A committee that is qualified will make the proper allocations based on what is appropriate at the given time. This also allows the Grand Commandery to utilize the Investment Committee for guidance with Education Foundation Commandery Endowment funds.

Fraternally submitted,
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Ascalon Commandery No. 16
St. Graal Commandery No. 12

**LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE
PROPOSAL No. 5**

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**ARTICLE IV
*Revenue and Compensation***

Section 41. Financing.

~~C. Grand Commandery General Fund Endowment. That an endowment fund be established in the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri to make available at any future time a partial source of funds which may be used for general fund purposes. This fund shall be invested as per the direction of the Investment Committee. The right is reserved to amend, modify or repeal any or all parts of this section for any reason. (Adopted 05/19/06, Amended 06/01/23, Repealed 06/07/2024)~~

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

I propose that Section 41, Paragraph C be repealed. The former Retirement Fund was discontinued by legislative actions taken during the 2006 Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Missouri on May 19, 2006. Since that date, the former Retirement Fund money has become known as the Special General Fund money. During the passing years the Special General Fund money has not always been invested with the earned gains being used for General Fund purposes. Therefore, it is now time to convert all of the Special General Fund money into General Fund money and discontinue the using Special General Fund as a separate fund label.

Fraternally Submitted
SK Russell S. Hanson, PC

St. Graal Commandery No. 12

STANDING RESOLUTION NO. 13

Whereas, the Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, and Grand Warder having been previously elected to those stations by the Grand Commandery, and

Whereas, each would normally advance through each station to the Grand East, and

Whereas, those Offices are now appointed stations.

Therefore, be it resolved, that each elected Officer currently elected shall advance through each station as elected by the Grand Commandery. As the current Grand Warder advances through each station, the Office vacated shall become an appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

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