



**GRAND CHAPTER OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS**



**GRAND COUNCIL OF
CRYPTIC MASONS**



**GRAND COMMANDERY OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR**

GRAND YORK RITE OF MISSOURI

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Date: April 10, 2024

To: Companions and Sir Knights of the Grand York Rite of Missouri
Honorable Guests & Distinguished Visitors

Subject: 2024 Missouri Grand York Rite Session Invitation

Companions and Sir Knights All:

On behalf of M.:E.:C.: Mark A. Bean, Grand High Priest, M.:I.:C.: Dr. Paul L. Daniels, Grand Master, and Sir Knight Kevin B. Sample, R.:E.: Grand Commander, you are cordially invited to attend the One Hundred Seventy-Seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the One Hundred Fifty-Eighth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, and the One Hundred Sixty-Third Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri. The presiding grand officers have planned an efficient business meeting schedule and several dining events for your enjoyment. The first ladies of the Grand York Rite of Missouri have planned some wonderful activities for your lady to enjoy. We hope you will enjoy your stay with us, and we look forward to greeting each of you in Springfield.

Hotel Reservations MUST be made by May 10, 2024

The joint Grand York Rite Sessions of Missouri will be held at the University Plaza Hotel in Springfield, Missouri, **June 6-9, 2024**. You may book your hotel reservations online at <https://reservations.travelclick.com/17728?groupID=4004441> or by calling 417.864.7333. Please be sure to mention the Grand York Rite when making your reservations. Room rates are \$124.00 per night for a single or double, plus tax. Hotel reservations **MUST** be made no later than **May 10, 2024**. We regret that we cannot guarantee space availability after that date. **ALL members and guests must make hotel reservations on their own.** If you experience any difficulties with making reservations, please contact this office immediately.

Event Meal Reservations MUST be made by May 10th, 2024

Meal reservations may be made online by going to www.moyorkrite.org and clicking on the 2024 Grand Sessions tab, through <https://2024gyr.eventbrite.com> or by completing the enclosed Meal Reservations Form and sending it together with the appropriate fees to the Grand York Rite Office no later than Monday May 10th, 2024. If special accommodations or dietary restrictions are required, please identify your needs to this office when you make your meal reservations. Those failing to make meal reservations in advance may not be afforded an opportunity to do so at the sessions due to planning and scheduling.

Distinguished Guest Registration MUST be made by May 10th, 2024

All Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, visiting Grand Lodge, Grand York Rite and Appendant Body Distinguished Guests who plan to attend and who wish to be introduced must complete a Distinguished Guest registration online by going to www.moyorkrite.org and clicking on the 2024 Grand Sessions tab or by completing the enclosed Distinguished Guest Registration Form and sending it to the Grand York Rite Office no later than May 29th, 2024. Missouri Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and visiting Distinguished Guests – Please take notice: **Failure to register properly will cause us to be unaware of your planned attendance, your full name and proper titles, and thus cause our inability to prepare for your proper introduction. This registration does NOT negate your need to register with the Credentials Committee as discussed below.**

All Missouri York Rite members MUST register with the Credentials Committee upon Arrival!

CREDENTIAL REGISTRATION: All Chapter, Council and Commandery voting delegates must register with the Credentials Committee (not the Grand Secretary/Recorder's Office) for the Grand Sessions. Organizations, officers, grand officers, past presiding officers and past presiding grand officers have NOT been properly represented, registered or recorded at past grand sessions due to their failure to register with the Credentials Committee. Here is a list of the voting delegates who must register. Check the schedule of events for registration times and location.

Chapter:	Council:	Commandery:
High Priest *	Master *	Commander *
King *	Deputy Master *	Generalissimo *
Scribe *	Principal Conductor of the Work *	Captain General *
Secretary	Recorder	Recorder
All Past High Priests	All Past Masters	All Past Commanders
Grand Chapter:	Grand Council:	Grand Commandery:
Grand Officers	Grand Officers	Grand Officers
DDGHPs	RDGMs	RGCs
DDGLs	RDGLs	
Past Grand High Priests	Past Grand Masters	Past Grand Commanders
Grand Representatives	Grand Representatives	Grand Representatives
Grand Committee Members	Grand Committee Members	Grand Committee Members

The officers designated by an asterisk (*) not able to attend in person may appoint any "Past Presiding Officer" of their respective Chapter/Council/Commandery as their proxy to represent them in the corresponding grand session meeting. Such proxy shall be in writing on a Credentials Registration Form and signed by the officer making the appointment.

The representation of organizations and attendance of officers cannot be accurately recorded if you fail to properly register. Registration for one organization does NOT automatically register you for any other organization. Plural members may register (using a separate form for each organization) for more than one Chapter/Council/Commandery if they are properly qualified and have made arrangements with those organizations. However, a sitting officer (delegate) may NOT proxy for another sitting officer (delegate). You should plan for this registration process before you show up in order to know who is registering for which office (if by proxy).

Additional Notice:

In accordance with the **By-Laws of Grand Chapter of Missouri, ARTICLE XII, Chartered Chapters, Section 104D.** *If at two consecutive Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapter, held after 1986, any chartered chapter shall not (1) be represented by any one of its High Priest, King or Scribe, or their legally appointed proxies, or (2) have in attendance a companion who is a member of the chapter appointed by action of the chapter to attend and who shall have exhibited satisfactory evidence of such appointment to the Committee on Credentials, or (3) have in attendance a Past High Priest who is a member of the Chapter, as determined by the Records*

of the Committee on Credentials, **the functions of the chapter are suspended.** (Adopted May 8, 1986, Amended May 14, 2009)

In accordance with the **By-Laws of Grand Council of Missouri, ARTICLE VII. Officers, SEC. 82. The Master.** *The Master has it in special charge to see that the By-Laws of his Council are duly observed, as well as statutes, rules and regulations of the Grand Council; that accurate records are made, and just accounts rendered; that regular returns are promptly made to the Grand Council, and that the annual dues are promptly paid. It is his duty to preside at all Assemblies of his Council, and he is responsible for the proper conduct of its affairs. **It is his duty, either in person or by proxy, to attend all Assemblies of the Grand Council,** and to see that the Recorder of his Council promptly discharges his duty in reference to Council returns, and dues. And he shall have authority to remove any officer of his Council, whose actions are such as to disturb the Craft or to interfere with its proper procedures, customs, and requirements.*

In accordance with the **Grand Commandery Laws and Regulations, ARTICLE VII, Officers Section 135. Duties of Commander. A.** *The Commander is specially charged to see that the By-Laws and Regulations of his commandery are duly observed, as well as the Constitution, Laws, Rituals and Rules of the Grand Encampment, and the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery; that accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered; that regular returns are made to the Grand Commandery, annually, and that the annual dues are promptly paid. It is his duty, together with the Generalissimo and Captain General, to attend all conclaves of the Grand Commandery. **A Commandery that is not represented at an Annual Conclave by at least one of the above officers, or his proxy, shall be placed on probation until the next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, if it fails to have representation at the second Annual Conclave, its Charter may be arrested.***

Fraternally and Most Respectfully,



Donald MacCormick, Grand Secretary/Recorder
Grand Chapter/Council of the State of Missouri



Roger D. Fleer, Grand Recorder
Grand Commandery of the State of Missouri

Welcome Ladies!

We are excited about the 2024 Missouri Grand York Rite Grand Session!

THE 3 AMIGOS INVITE YOU TO SPRINGFIELD

**GRAND COUNCIL
CRYPTIC MASONS
158TH ASSEMBLY**



**THURSDAY
JUNE 6**

**GRAND COMMANDERY
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
163RD CONCLAVE**



**FRIDAY
JUNE 7**

**GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
177TH CONVOCATION**



**SATURDAY
JUNE 8**

We hope each of you will attend and participate in this year's Ladies Program. We will be meeting in the University Plaza Hotel in Springfield, Missouri from Thursday, June 6, 2024, through Sunday, June 9, 2024. We have planned several events that we hope you will enjoy.

THURSDAY JUNE 6, 2024

On Thursday, June 6, 2024, the Ladies have planned an outing to nearby Ozark, Missouri. We will enjoy lunch at **Lambert's Café**, the home of the "thrown rolls". They serve country-style home cooking.



After lunch we will be touring the **Smallin Civil War Cave**. There is a one-hour guided tour of the cave on paved concrete paths with no stairs. This is a beautiful cave rich in natural beauty. It hosts several endangered species – none of which are dangerous. It has been used by Native American Indians, hunters, explorers, and Civil War soldiers. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a sweater or a light jacket to enjoy a bit of history.



Thursday evening, we will all enjoy a **Family Fiesta Fun Night** with a special welcome from The Three Amigos. We will enjoy a Tex-Mex Buffet with flour and corn tortillas, seasoned ground beef, Chicken Fajitas with peppers and onions, Baracoa Beef, Refried Beans, and all the fixings. For dessert we will have a choice of two types of cheesecake. Dress is casual Mexican Fiesta wear. So, bring your cowboy boots, sombreros, and ponchos. There will be a pinata and we will play a trivia game: Marvel versus DC Comics.

FRIDAY JUNE 7, 2024



On Friday, June 7, 2024, the **Ladies Luncheon** will be held in the hotel. We will all enjoy a soup and salad bar featuring chicken and rice soup and chicken salad sandwiches. Our Grand Ladies have planned for a special speaker. Ms. Winnie Tuckness, Regional Lower Midwest Area Coordinator, will tell us about the mission of Operation Christmas Child. This group travels around the world bringing the story of Jesus Christ to families and giving special Christmas Shoeboxes to children. This may be a program that your church or community group might want to support.

Friday evening will be the **Distinguished Guests Banquet**. *The theme is Mardi Gras* so bring your **most glamorous masks and party dresses**. Beads will be available at the door. We will enjoy Mardi Gras style music before and during dinner. After the Introduction of our Distinguished Guests, we will enjoy “Ignite the Night” and DJ Jacob Deck for Karaoke. We will have a dance floor so you can party all night long! (Or at least until the hotel turns out the lights!)



SATURDAY JUNE 8, 2024



On Saturday, June 8, 2024, get together with a few of the ladies and plan a trip to the many eclectic shops on Historic C Street. Springfield offers many unique restaurants where you can grab a bite for lunch. You might want to check out the Springfield Art Museum, the History Museum on the Square, or the Dickerson Park Zoo.

Saturday evening the **Grand York Rite Awards Banquet** will feature a Land and Sea Buffet with a Cash Bar. Dress is Masonic Black-Tie Formal so bring your favorite formal gown or pant suit. We will be entertained by the Springfield Symphony String Quartet. Please plan to join us for this gala event featuring special presentations and awards. The winners of the Special Raffles will also be announced.

On Sunday, June 9, 2024, please join us for a Religious Worship Service at 8:00 am followed by the Grand Officers' Breakfast at 9:00 am. Open to all.

We hope that each of you will be able to help in the Hospitality Room which will be in the Lake of the Ozarks Room across from the meeting rooms. We will also have tables for the Raffle Items in the Lobby area. Please sign up to help at both the Hospitality Room and the Raffle Tables.



Please register in the Hospitality Room and pick up your Ladies Gift!

Our Hospitality Room will provide an assortment of sodas and water. Please bring items for snacks like chips, pretzels, nuts, and fruits. You may want to include some fun-size candy bars for the chocoholics among us. “Little Debbie” style treats are always welcome. Homemade goodies never disappoint.

If you are not able to bring items for the Hospitality Room, please consider making a small donation to help cover the cost of the drinks and goodies.

We look forward to seeing each of YOU in Springfield in June!

Lady Sherrie Daniels, Lady Chris Yunick, and Ladies Tina Woolsey and Tara Ornsbey

GRAND YORK RITE OF MISSOURI
2024 Annual Grand Sessions
University Plaza Hotel, Springfield, Missouri

GRAND SESSION SCHEDULE
Subject to Change without Notice

- Report of the Grand Treasurer
Report of the Grand Recorder
11:00 a.m. **Election of the 2024-2025 Grand Council Officers**
Routine Business & Additional Committee Reports (as needed)
Report of the Election Committee
Acceptance of the Grand Council Officers Elect
Report of the Grand Master Elect – with Appointments
Report of the Committee on Time and Place
Address of the General Grand Master or Representative
Address of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri
11:45 p.m. **Grand Council Closed or Called from Labor until 3:00 pm**
12:00 p.m. **Lunch and Learn with a Presentation from Heather K. Calloway, Executive Director of University Collections at Indiana University, Preserving Fraternal and Religious Memorabilia and Collections (Kansas), Open to All**
1:30 p.m. **Order of the Silver Trowel (Colorado/Illinois)**
3:00 p.m. **Grand Council Resumes Labor** (concludes remaining business, if any)
Order of the Secret Vault
3:30 p.m. **Close of the 158th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri**
3:45 p.m. **Installation of the 2024-2025 Grand Council Officers, Open to All**
Pictures immediately following installation
6:00 pm. **Family Fun Night Fiesta with Dinner, Entertainment and Cash Bar – Open to All**
Piñata & Movie Trivia (Marvels vs. DC) (*Oklahoma/Kansas*)
8:30 p.m. **Grand Commandery Practice – Grand Line Officers (Colorado/Illinois)**
9:30 p.m. **“Old Buzzards” Meeting (Boardroom)**

Friday, June 7, 2024

- 6:30 a.m. **Red Cross of Constantine Breakfast – (Members Only)**
Others, Breakfast – On Your Own
7:00 a.m. **Registration (Credentials Committee) –**
Chapter and Commandery until 10:30 am (Lobby)
8:00 a.m. **Opening Ceremonies of 163rd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri and Reception of Distinguished Guests –**
Open to Ladies and Guests (*Colorado/Illinois*)
Roll Call of the 2022-2023 Grand Commandery Officers
Formation of the Honor Guard
Reception of the Regional Grand Commanders
Reception of the Past Grand Commanders of Missouri
Reception of the Out of State Grand Commandery Officers
Reception of the Grand Encampment Officers
Reception of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment or Representative & brief remarks
Reception of Grand Lodge Officers
Reception of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri & brief remarks

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- Presentation of Awards – Lewis & Clark, Honor Commandery Awards
Summary Address of the Grand Commander
Necrology: Part of the Grand Commander’s Address
Grand Chorister Presentation
Dismissal of the Ladies and the Non-Member Guests
- 9:30 a.m. **Formal Reconvening of the 163rd Annual Conclave of Missouri**
Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee
Report of the Committee on the Address of the Grand Commander
Report of the Jurisprudence Committee
Report of the Finance Committee
Report of the Grand Treasurer
Report of the Grand Recorder
Routine Business & Additional Committee Reports (as needed)
- 10:30 a.m. **Election of the 2024-2025 Grand Commandery Officers**
Report of the Election Committee
Acceptance of the Grand Commandery Officers Elect
Report of the Grand Commander-Elect with Appointments
Report of the Committee on Time and Place
Address of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment or his Representative
Address of Grand Master of Grand Lodge or his Representative
- 11:45 a.m. **Grand Commandery Called from Labor until 3:00 p.m.**
- 12:00 p.m. **Ladies Luncheon and Entertainment** (*John Q*)
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch Sponsored by Yeomen of York** – with Guest Speaker - Open to All (*Kansas*)
- 12:00 p.m. **Knights Templar Education Foundation Committee Lunch Meeting** – Committee Members only (*Oklahoma*)
- 1:30 p.m. **Past Commander’s Association** (*Colorado/Illinois*)
- 3:00 p.m. **Grand Commandery Resumes Labor** – (concludes remaining business, if any)
Presentation of Awards
- 3:45 p.m. **Installation of the 2024-2025 Grand Commandery of Officers**, Open to All
Pictures immediately following installation
- 6:00 p.m. **Distinguished Guests Banquet/Entertainment** – Open to All (*Oklahoma/Kansas*)
Mardi Gras Ball (Masks are encouraged) / Ignite the Night DJ with Karaoke
- 9:30 p.m. **“Old Goats” Meeting** (Past Grand High Priests) (*Oklahoma*)

Saturday, June 8, 2024

- 7:00 a.m. **KYCH Breakfast Meeting** – Members Only (*Kansas*)
Others, Breakfast – On Your Own
- 7:00 a.m. **Registration** (Credentials Committee) *Chapter Only– until 11:00 am (Lobby)*
- 8:30 a.m. **Annual Meeting of Palmyra Historical Chapter No. 2**
Open to All Royal Arch Masons (Colorado/Illinois)
- 9:00 a.m. **Grand Chapter Reception of Distinguished Guests**
Open to Ladies and Guests (Colorado/Illinois)
Introduction of the Grand Lecturer and the District Deputy Grand Lecturers
Introduction of the District Deputy Grand High Priests

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- Introduction of the 2023-2024 Grand Chapter Officers
Brief Welcoming Comments by the Grand High Priest
Reception of the Past Grand High Priests of Missouri
Reception of the Out of State Grand Chapter Officers
Reception of the General Grand Chapter Officers
Reception of the General Grand High Priest or Representative & brief remarks
Reception of Grand Lodge Officers
Reception of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri & brief remarks
Presentation of Awards – Lewis & Clark, Chapter Achievement Awards
Summary Address of the Grand High Priests
Necrology: Part of the Grand High Priest’s Address
Grand Chorister Presentation
Dismissal of the Ladies and Non-Member Guests
- 10:15 a.m. **Formal Opening of the 177th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri**
- 11:00 a.m. Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee
Election of the 2024-2025 Grand Chapter Officers
Report of the Committee on the Address of the Grand High Priest
Report of the Jurisprudence Committee
Report of the Finance Committee Report of the Grand Treasurer
Report of the Grand Secretary
Routine Business & Additional Committee Reports (as needed)
Report of the Election Committee
Acceptance of the Grand Chapter Officers Elect
Report of the Grand High Priest Elect – with Appointments
Report of the Committee on Time and Place
Address of the General Grand High Priest or Representative
Address of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri or Representative
- 12:00 p.m. **Grand Chapter Closed or Called from Labor until 3:00 p.m.**
- 12:00 p.m. **Open Lunch** – Open to All (*Kansas*)
- 1:30 p.m. **Order of High Priesthood** (*Colorado/Illinois*)
- 3:00 p.m. **Grand Chapter Resumes Labor** (concludes remaining business, if any)
- 3:30 p.m. **Close of the 177th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri**
- 3:45 p.m. **Installation of the 2024-2025 Grand Chapter Officers**, Open to All
Pictures immediately following installation
- 6:30 p.m. **Open Seating for Banquet** – Grand Officers Line Up (*outside Oklahoma/Kansas*)
- 7:00 p.m. **Grand York Rite Banquet** – Cash Bar – Open to All (*Oklahoma/Kansas*)
Musical Accompaniment by the Springfield Symphony String Quartet

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Sunday, June 10, 2024

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship Service** – Open to All (*Arkansas*)
- 9:00 a.m. **Grand Officers Breakfast** – Open to all Past/Presents Grand Officers, Deputy/Regional Grand Officers, Distinguished/Out of State Guests, and their Ladies (*Kansas*)
- 10:00 a.m. **Hotel Post-Con Meeting** – open to 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Heads of Bodies and their Ladies (*Texas*)



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Date: April 10, 2024
To: Honorable Guests
Subject: **Visitor Amenities**

The joint Grand York Rite Sessions of Missouri will be held at the University Plaza Hotel in Springfield, Missouri, **June 6-9, 2024**. You may book your hotel reservations online at <https://reservations.travelclick.com/17728?groupID=4004441> or by calling 417.864.7333. Please be sure to mention the Grand York Rite when making your reservations. Room rates are \$124.00 per night for a single or double, plus tax. Hotel reservations **MUST** be made no later than **May 10, 2024**. We regret that we cannot guarantee space availability after that date. **ALL members and guests must make hotel reservations on their own.** If you experience any difficulties with making reservations, please contact this office immediately.

With respect to our visitors and distinguished guests, it is our custom to extend the following courtesies to our Visiting Dignitaries. It is our hope that you will plan to visit us during our Annual Grand Session, June 6-9, 2024 in Springfield, Missouri.

1. Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Missouri * (or his personal representative)
General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter (or his personal representative)
General Grand Master, General Grand Council (or his personal representative)
Grand Master, Grand Encampment (or his personal representative)
South Central Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest
South Central Regional Deputy General Grand Master
South Central Department Commander
Are entitled to: 2 nights lodging
* 4 nights lodging (Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Missouri only)
2 tickets to Friday Dist. Guest Banquet or Saturday GYR Banquet
1 ticket to Friday Ladies Luncheon

2. Presiding Grand High Priests (not representatives)
Presiding Grand Masters (not representatives)
Presiding Grand Commanders (not representatives)
Grand Secretaries/Recorders (not representatives)
Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Missouri (not representatives)
Are entitled to: 2 tickets to Friday Dist. Guest Banquet or Saturday GYR Banquet
1 ticket to Friday Ladies Luncheon

Regrettably, unless specifically identified, these courtesies are **not** transferable and unfortunately, we will be unable to accommodate those jurisdictions who do not reciprocate in kind. All other Companions, Sir Knights and Ladies are welcome to attend at their own expense.

If registering **online** for the above-described comp'd meals, please **DO NOT** include your comp'd meals so you do not have to pay for them when registering. Please contact Debbie Hanson at the Missouri Grand York Rite office directly and we will manually add your comp'd meals. Otherwise, please complete the enclosed Distinguished Guest and Meal Registration forms (for all other meals) and return both of these forms to our office **no later than May 10, 2024**.

Distinguished Guest Registration MUST be made by May 10, 2024

All Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, visiting Grand Lodge, Grand York Rite and Appendant Body Distinguished Guests who plan to attend and who wish to be introduced must complete a Distinguished Guest registration online by going to www.moyorkrite.org and clicking on the 2024 Grand Sessions tab or by completing the enclosed Distinguished Guest Registration Form and sending it to the Grand York Rite Office **no later than May 15, 2024**. Missouri Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and visiting Distinguished Guests – Please take notice: **Failure to register properly will cause us to be unaware of your planned attendance, your full name and proper titles, and thus cause our inability to prepare for your proper introduction. This registration does NOT negate your need to register with the Credentials Committee as discussed below.**

Each guest will be introduced once, and only once during the grand body meetings. **You will have to advise us ahead of time on the REGISTRATION FORM as to whether you will be introduced with the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Grand Commandery, or Grand Appendant/Concordant Body representatives.** We will include all other appropriate titles as they are provided to us on the REGISTRATION FORM. Therefore, if you are a sitting Grand High Priest and a Past Grand Commander, you will be introduced in the chapter group as such. If you don't register, we will not be able to know who you are, where you are from, and you will not be introduced.

When arriving to our session, all Distinguished Guests are requested to check-in at the Distinguished Guest Registration with the Missouri Grand York Rite Executive Assistant, Lady Debbie Hanson, who will make sure that you are properly registered and accounted for.

All "registered" distinguished guests of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council will be introduced in the appropriate grand body during the morning open session.

The following Select Distinguished Guests of the Grand Commandery will be received in the open portion of the Grand Commandery Conclave:

- Heads of Missouri Grand Chapter and Grand Council (Current and Most Jr.)
- Grand Representatives of Grand Commandery of Missouri to other jurisdictions and to (near) the Grand Commandery of Missouri from other jurisdictions (at seats)
- Grand Commanders of other Jurisdictions
- Past Grand Commanders of Missouri
- Department Commander of the Grand Encampment
- Grand Master of the Grand Encampment (or Representative); brief remarks
- Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri; brief remarks

Limited remarks of our guests will be offered during the business portion of Grand Chapter and Grand Council meetings. The Grand Commandery will invite remarks from the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment (or his Representative) and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri only.


Finally, the Distinguished Guests' Reception will be held on Friday evening. All Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery Distinguished Guests and their ladies will be introduced at this event. All are additionally invited to attend our Grand York Rite Banquet on Saturday evening. Please see the meal planning for a description of all events as well as appropriate dress.

We look forward to seeing you in Springfield, Missouri.

Fraternally and Most Respectfully,



Donald MacCormick, Grand Secretary/Recorder
Grand Chapter/Council of the State of Missouri



Roger D. Fleer, Grand Recorder
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**GRAND YORK RITE OF MISSOURI
ANNUAL GRAND SESSIONS
JUNE 6 – 9, 2024**

**DISTINGUISHED GUEST REGISTRATION & INTRODUCTION FORM
INCLUDING MISSOURI PAST GRAND OFFICERS**

University Plaza Hotel, Springfield, Missouri
417.864.7333

**YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS
NO LATER THAN MAY 10, 2024**

(Anyone planning on being introduced for anything must register on line at
www.moyorkrite.org 2024 Grand Session or complete this form)

Please complete all Information. Return Completed Form No Later Than **May 10, 2023**

(Type or Print Clearly – Black Ink Only)

Full Name: _____

Lady Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Grand Chapter Title(s):	
Grand Council Title(s):	
Grand Commandery Title(s):	
Grand Lodge Officer Title(s):	
Grand Appendant Body Title(s):	

Select which group you desire to be introduced with at the Friday Distinguished Guests' Reception and Banquet, check only one box. See Visitor Amenities for explanation:

Grand Chapter Grand Council Grand Commandery

Grand Lodge Grand Appendant Body

I plan on attending but will not be participating in any scheduled dining events

If you have any questions, please call or email the MGYR Office.
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**GRAND YORK RITE OF MISSOURI 2024 ANNUAL GRAND SESSIONS
MEAL PLANNING**

The Grand York Rite Banquet will be held on Saturday night and the Distinguished Guests Dinner will be held on Friday night. All State awards including Lewis & Clark Awards, Membership Recognition Awards, Achievement Awards, and Drill Competition Awards will be given out during the open portion of each daily session. Special Recognition Awards ONLY will be presented at the Grand York Rite Banquet on Saturday night.

Thursday, June 6 @ 7:00 a.m., Regional Officers Appreciation Breakfast - Invitation Only

Open to all 2023-2024 District Deputy Officers, Regional Officers, and Regional Grand Commanders.

- Type – Buffet
- Menu – Chilled Orange Juice, Farm Fresh Scrambled Eggs, County Fried Potatoes, Crispy Bacon or Country Sausage, Fresh Baked Biscuits and Gravy, Fruit Jams and Jellies, Honey, and Butter, Decaf and Regular Coffee and Hot Tea
- Price – No cost
- Dress – Business Dress
- Location – Kansas Room
- Restrictions – Invitation Only

Thursday, June 6 @ 12:00 p.m., Grand Council Lunch and Learn with a Presentation from Heather K. Calloway, Executive Director of University Collections at Indiana University, Preserving Fraternal and Religious Memorabilia and Collections.

- Type – Buffet
- Menu – House Salad Bar, Fettuccini Alfredo with Grilled Chicken Breast, Roasted Broccoli, Garlic Bread, Iced Tea, Decaf and Regular Coffee, and Water
- Price – \$35.00
- Dress – Business Dress
- Location – Kansas Room
- Restrictions – None, Open to All

Thursday, June 6 Grand York Rite Family Fiesta Fun Night with Cash Bar and Welcome from The Three Amigos @ 6:00 p.m. & Dinner @ 6:30 p.m.

- Type – Buffet
- Menu – Tex-Mex Sonora: Corn Tortilla Chips with Fire Roasted Salsa and Cilantro Pico de Gallo, Seasoned Ground Beef, Chicken Fajitas with Peppers and Onions, Barbacoa Beef, Refried Beans, Flour Tortillas and Crispy Corn Tortilla Shells, Sour Cream, Shredded Cheese, Sliced Ripe Olives, Shredded Lettuce, Diced Tomato, and Choice of two Desserts, Cheesecake with Cherry Topping or Turtle Cheesecake with Caramel, Chocolate and Pecans, Iced tea, Coffee (Regular and Decaf) and Water
- Price – \$45.00
- Dress – Casual Mexican Fiesta Wear
- Location – Oklahoma/Kansas Rooms
- Restrictions – None, Open to All

Friday, June 7 @ 7:00 a.m., Red Cross of Constantine Breakfast Meeting

- Type – Buffet
- Menu – Chilled Orange Juice, Farm Fresh Scrambled Eggs, County Fried Potatoes, Crispy Bacon or Country Sausage, Fresh Baked Biscuits and Gravy, Fruit Jams and Jellies, Honey, and Butter, Decaf and Regular Coffee and Hot Tea
- Price – \$30.00
- Dress – Business Dress
- Location – Kansas Room
- Restrictions – Members Only

Friday, June 7 @ 12:00 p.m., Yeomen of York Sponsored Lunch with Speaker and Presentation about Coyote Hill

- Type – Buffet
- Menu – Grilled Burgers and Brats with Buns, Sliced Lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes, Pickles, Sliced Onions, American Cheese Slices, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Iced Tea, Decaf and Regular Coffee, and Water
- Price – \$35.00
- Dress – Business Dress
- Location – Kansas Room
- Restrictions – None, Open to All

Friday, June 7 @ 12:00 p.m., Knights Templar Education Foundation Committee Lunch Meeting

- Type – Private Lunch
- Menu – Hotel provides limited menu of salads and sandwiches
- Price – Covered by KTEF
- Dress – Business
- Location – Board Room
- Restrictions – Members Only

Friday, June 7 @ 12:00 p.m. Ladies Luncheon with Operation Christmas Child

- Type – Private Luncheon
- Menu – Soup and Salad Bar: Chicken and Rice Soup; Seasonal Salad Bar (Iceburg Lettuce, Croutons, Cheese, Diced Hard Cooked Eggs, Bacon Bits, Cucumbers, Diced Tomatoes, with Assorted Dressings), Chicken Salad with Grapes and Almonds on Croissants, Chocolate Brownies and Sugar Cookies, Iced Tea, Decaf and Regular Coffee, and Water
- Price – \$30.00
- Dress – Christmas Theme or Business Casual
- Location – John Q Room
- Restrictions – None, Open to All Ladies

Friday, June 7 Cash Bar @ 6:30 p.m., Dinner @ 7:00 p.m. Distinguished Guests' Dinner with Mardi Gras Theme.

- Entertainment – DJ with Karaoke and Dance Floor
- Type – Plated Dinner
- Menu – Blackberry Glazed Pork Loin, Buttery Mashed Potatoes w/ Pork Gravy, Asparagus, Caesar Salad, Soft, Warm Rolls with Butter, Bread Pudding with Mardi Gras Colored Sugars and Crème Brulee, Iced Tea, Decaf and Regular Coffee and Water
- Price – \$55.00
- Dress – Formal – Mardi Gras Ball (Masks are Encouraged)
- Location – Oklahoma/Kansas Room
- Restrictions – None, Open to All

Saturday, June 8 @ 7:00 a.m., KYCH Sponsored Breakfast Meeting

- Type – Buffet
- Menu – Chilled Orange Juice, Farm Fresh Scrambled Eggs, County Fried Potatoes, Crispy Bacon or Country Sausage, Fresh Baked Biscuits and Gravy, Fruit Jams and Jellies, Honey, and Butter, Decaf and Regular Coffee and Hot Tea
- Price – \$30.00
- Dress – Business Dress
- Location – Kansas Room
- Restrictions – Members Only

Saturday, June 8 @ 12:00 p.m., Open Lunch

- Type – Buffet
- Menu – BBQ Picnic: Garden Salad with Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Carrots, and Croutons, Creamy Potato Salad, Pulled Pork with Molasses BBQ Sauce, Pulled Chicken with Molasses BBQ Sauce, Assorted Buns, Baked Beans with Bacon, Iced Tea, Decaf and Regular Coffee and Water
- Price – \$40.00
- Dress – Business Dress
- Location – Kansas Room
- Restrictions – None, Open to All

Saturday, June 8, Grand York Rite Banquet, 6:30 p.m. Meet and Greet with Cash Bar, 6:45 p.m. Introduction of Grand Officers, 7:00 p.m. Banquet

- Entertainment – Springfield Symphony String Quartet
- Type – Buffet
- Menu – Land and Sea Buffet: Chef Carved Prime Rib with Creamy Horseradish, Shrimp Creole Butter Sauce, Lump Crab Cakes, Linguini with Fresh Herbs and Olive Oil, Cheesy Grits with Bacon, Seasonal Vegetable Medley, Spring Greens with Shaved Fennel, Grapefruit and Orange Segments with Citrus Vinaigrette, Red Velvet Cake and Carrot Cake, Iced Tea, Decaf and Regular Coffee, and Water
- Price – \$80.00
- Dress – Masonic Black-Tie Formal – Tuxedo and Collars (no aprons) or Commandery Uniform for ALL Grand Officers. White dinner jackets optional. All others tuxedo or Dark Business Dress. Ladies Formal Dress.
- Location – Oklahoma/Kansas Rooms
- Restrictions – None, Open to All

Sunday, June 8 @ 9:00 a.m., Grand Officers' Breakfast

- Type – Buffet
- Menu – Chilled Orange Juice, Farm Fresh Scrambled Eggs, County Fried Potatoes, Crispy Bacon or Country Sausage, Fresh Baked Biscuits and Gravy, Fruit Jams and Jellies, Honey, and Butter, Decaf and Regular Coffee and Hot Tea
- Price – \$30.00
- Dress – Come dressed as you are, travel clothes welcome.
- Location – Kansas Room
- Restrictions – Open to all Missouri Grand York Rite Officers (past and present, elected and appointed) Deputy/Regional Grand Officers, Committee Members, Out of State Guests, your Ladies and families. Incoming Grand Officers will make brief comments about their plans for the upcoming year.

**GRAND YORK RITE OF MISSOURI 2024 ANNUAL GRAND SESSIONS
MEAL RESERVATIONS FORM**

PLEASE SEE MEAL PLANNING DOCUMENT FOR MEAL DETAILS, RESTRICTIONS, & DRESS

Meal reservations may be made online by going to www.moyorkrite.org and clicking on the 2024 Grand Sessions tab or by completing this form and sending it with payment No Later Than May 10th, 2024

(Type or Print Clearly – Black Ink Only)

Name: _____ Lady's Name: _____

Cost of meals are per person. **Reservations are required.** If you do not have advance reservations, we may not be able to accommodate you.

Note: If you are entitled to a complimentary meal as defined only in the Visitor Amenities document, indicate the number of meals required and write "Comp" on the Total line.

Thursday Regional Officers Appreciation Breakfast (*Invitation Only*):

Thursday Smallin Civil War Cave Tour (*open to all*): Qty: _____ x \$ 30.00 Total: \$ _____

Thursday Grand Council Lunch and Learn with Special Presentor (*open to all*): Qty: _____ x \$ 35.00 Total: \$ _____

Thursday Grand York Rite Family Fiesta Night (*open to all*): Qty: _____ x \$ 45.00 Total: \$ _____

Friday Red Cross of Constantine Breakfast (*members only*): Qty: _____ x \$ 30.00 Total: \$ _____

Friday Yeomen of York Lunch and Charity Presentation (*open to all*): Qty: _____ x \$ 35.00 Total: \$ _____

Friday Ladies Lunch with Operation Christmas Child (*open to all*): Qty: _____ x \$ 30.00 Total: \$ _____

Friday Distinguished Guests Banquet & Reception (*open to all*): Qty: _____ x \$ 55.00 Total: \$ _____

Saturday KYCH Breakfast (*members only*): Qty: _____ x \$ 30.00 Total: \$ _____

Saturday Open Lunch (*open to all*): Qty: _____ x \$ 40.00 Total: \$ _____

Saturday Grand York Rite Banquet (*open to all*): Qty: _____ x \$ 80.00 Total: \$ _____

Sunday Grand Officers' Brunch (*open to all Grand/Past Grand Officers*) Qty: _____ x \$ 30.00 Total: \$ _____

Including District/Regional Grand Officers, Distinguished Guests and Ladies):

Grand Total: \$ _____

Identify medical or dietary restrictions: _____

Please make your check payable to "Grand York Rite of Missouri" and return with this form No Later Than May 10, 2024, to:

Grand York Rite of Missouri, 107 S. Williams Street, Fayette, MO 65248-1017

If you have any questions, please call the MGYR Office at 660.248.5100 or email at gyr@moyorkrite.org

2024 Grand Chapter Proposed Legislation

1. John Lambros Resolution No. 15
2. Article IX Section 45
3. Article IX Section 142
4. Article X Section 47
5. Article X Section 46
6. Article X Section 47 – E
7. Article XVIII Section 164 – G
8. Article II Section 9A
9. Article II Section 10
10. Article VI Section 1B
11. Article VI Section 30
12. Article III Section 20
13. Repeal of Standing Resolution No. 1
14. Officers Resolution No. 16

STANDING RESOLUTION NO. 15

Whereas, Right Excellent Companion John Samuel Lambros, Grand King of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri 2023-2024, has served the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri with particular dedication and sense of responsibility for many years, and

Whereas, Right Excellent Companion Lambros most assuredly would have progressed to the office of Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter for the 2024-2025 year, and

Whereas, he was taken from us and passed to his eternal home on November 15, 2023, and

Whereas, the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri will forever remember fondly his friendship, his kindness, his infectious joy and laughter, and his incredible sense of duty to the Craft, and

Whereas, his admirable and self-sacrificing example of honor and courage, placing the welfare of the Order above all personal ambition, will remain in perpetuity an inspiration to all who wear the apron of Missouri Capitular Masonry,

Therefore, be it resolved, that Right Excellent Companion John Samuel Lambros be posthumously invested with the rank and dignity of Honorary Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri, with all honors and privileges thereto appertaining.

Fraternally submitted,

Kevin M. Ritter, PHP, Springfield Chapter No. 15

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION

PROPOSAL No. 1

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE IX Revenues of the Grand Chapter

Section 45. *Royal Arch Foundation.* There is hereby created a Foundation to be known as the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri Foundation as the assignee and successor of the Bublitz Foundation Fund, the income from its investments to be used for religious, educational, and charitable gifts. All funds placed in the above named fund shall be separate and apart from the general fund of the Grand Chapter. The Investment Committee shall be charged with the control and management of the restricted base, as designated by the Finance Committee, in such ways as, in its judgment, is prudent and adheres to sound business principles, while balancing the total return in accordance with the specific Chapter fund needs. All warrants drawn against this account shall be signed by the Grand High Priest and the Grand Secretary, upon recommendation of the Finance Committee and shall be paid by the Grand Treasurer.

Statement of Purpose

It is the responsibility of the Finance Committee to determine exactly how this money will be spent in regard to the foundation's original intent. Any monies considered part of the restricted base or not distributed or apportioned should be placed to maximize their long-term return. The Investment Committee is best suited for making this determination.

Fraternally submitted,

Terry Coppotelli, PHP
Jim McManigle, PHP

Bellefontaine Chapter No.25
Bolivar Chapter No. 5

**sLEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION
PROPOSAL No. 2**

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)

**ARTICLE IX
Revenues of the Grand Chapter**

Section 44. Investments. ~~The Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and the Committee on Finance~~ The Investment Committee is authorized, for and in behalf of this Grand Chapter, and in the name of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri, to invest any surplus funds of the Grand Chapter in ~~an amount not less than one-half 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 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 Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and the Committee on Budget/Finance/Investment are is authorized, for and in behalf of this Grand Chapter, and in the name of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri, to invest any surplus funds of the Grand Chapter, in direct U.S. Government obligations, from time to time, as they may deem advisable, and from time to time sell, exchange, transfer, or reinvest such funds in direct U.S. Government obligations. such ways as, in its judgment, is prudent and adheres to sound business principles, while balancing the total return in accordance with the specific Chapter fund needs.~~

Statement of purpose

The Investment Committee is a specialized committee. There is no merit having a member of this committee based on the Grand Chapter office position they hold. All members of the Investment Committee should possess a knowledge of or acumen in financial matters. It must be assumed that the Grand High Priest will consider these qualifications when choosing these members. By his chair responsibilities, the chairman of the Finance Committee Finance should be knowledgeable in this area as well.

This does not mean the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, or for that matter any other companion can't be a member of this committee. It just means that there is no merit for making a blanket, standing appointment based on a Grand Chapter office held.

In addition, the added language regarding 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.

Fraternally submitted,

Terry Coppotelli, PHP
Jim McManigle, PHP

Bellefontaine Chapter No.25
Bolivar Chapter No. 5

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION
PROPOSAL No. 3

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE X
Standing Committees

Section 47. Duties of Committees

- I. The Committee of Investments. The committee will be comprised of at least three companions, preferably with a background or expertise in financial matters. One shall be the Chairman of the Finance Committee; the others who shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest. Their duties shall be to manage the surplus, foundation, endowment, and any other funds which may be allocated to them.

Statement of purpose

To set qualifications for members of the Investment Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

Terry Coppotelli, PHP
Jim McManigle, PHP

Bellefontaine Chapter No.25
Bolivar Chapter No. 5

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION
PROPOSAL No. 4

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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ARTICLE X
Standing Committees

Section 46. Standing Committees

I. Investments

Statement of purpose

The Investment Committee needs to be a standing, ongoing committee.

Fraternally submitted,

Terry Coppotelli, PHP
Jim McManigle, PHP

Bellefontaine Chapter No.25
Bolivar Chapter No. 5

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION

PROPOSAL No. 5

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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**ARTICLE X
Standing Committees**

Section 47: Duties of Committees

E. *The Committee on Finance and Accounts* shall examine the financial statements of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and Examiner's report, and report upon the same. It shall also report upon all matters touching the finances of the Grand Chapter; and no appropriations shall be made without having been considered and reported on by this Committee. It shall be a committee of three consisting of the Grand King, Grand Scribe and Grand Captain of the Host. Each year, the Grand High Priest shall appoint one of the aforementioned three officers as the chairman for the ensuing year. All remaining elected Grand Chapter Line Officers shall be ex- officio members of the Committee. The committee shall be authorized to determine and identify the surplus funds of the Grand Chapter and make them available to the Investment Committee for placement in appropriate investments and securities.

Statement of Purpose

It is the responsibility of the Finance Committee to determine exactly how this money will be spent in regard to annual needs and budgeting. Any monies not distributed or apportioned in the budget should be placed to maximize their long-term return. The Investment Committee is best suited for making this determination.

Fraternally submitted,

Terry Coppotelli, PHP
Jim McManigle, PHP

Bellefontaine Chapter No.25
Bolivar Chapter No. 5

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION

PROPOSAL No. 6

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE XVIII

Dues

Section 164. Endowed Membership.

G. All monies received by the Grand Secretary from the constituent chapters for the purchase of Endowed Memberships shall be placed in the Endowed Membership Fund. The principal of this Endowed Membership Fund shall be invested ~~in a manner determined by the Governing Body~~ by the Investment Committee in such ways as, in its judgment, is prudent and adheres to sound business principles, while balancing the total return in accordance with the specific Chapter fund needs.

Statement of Purpose

It is the responsibility of the Finance Committee to determine the restricted base and the amount of annual return of endowed monies to be returned to the individual chapters. Any monies not distributed should be placed to maximize their long-term return, while still providing an income component for annual distribution. The Investment Committee is best suited for making this determination.

Fraternally submitted,

Terry Coppotelli, PHP
Jim McManigle, PHP

Bellefontaine Chapter No.25
Bolivar Chapter No. 5

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION

PROPOSAL No. 7

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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ARTICLE II
Grand Officers

Section 9A. Elective Officers. The elective officers of this Grand Chapter shall be a

Grand High Priest,

Grand King,

Grand Scribe,

Grand Treasurer

Grand Secretary

~~Grand Captain of the Host~~

~~Grand Principal Sojourner~~

~~Grand Royal Arch Captain~~

~~Grand Master of the Third Veil~~

~~Grand Master of the Second Veil, and~~

~~Grand Master of the First Veil.~~

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

Statement of Purpose

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

Fraternally submitted,

Donald MacCormick, PHP

Mark A. Bean, PHP

Kevin B. Sample, PHP

Kansas City Chapter No. 28

Columbia Chapter No. 17

Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 14

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION

PROPOSAL No. 8

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE II
Grand Officers

Section 10. *Appointive Officers.* The appointive officers of this Grand Chapter shall be a

Grand Captain of the Host,
Grand Principal Sojourner,
Grand Royal Arch Captain,
Grand Master of the Third Veil,
Grand Master of the Second Veil,
Grand Master of the First Veil,

Grand Chaplain,
Grand Sentinel,
Grand Organist,
Grand Chorister, and
Grand Lecturer.

They shall serve for one year under the Grand High Priest making the appointment. ~~They may succeed themselves by further appointment or may be elected to the progressive line as provided by Section 9.~~

Statement of Purpose

To democratize the election of Grand Officers and shorten the line.
Fraternally submitted,

Donald MacCormick, PHP
Mark A. Bean, PHP
Kevin B. Sample, PHP

Kansas City Chapter No. 28
Columbia Chapter No. 17
Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 14

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION

PROPOSAL No. 9

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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ARTICLE VI

Officers

~~Section 1. B. Nominations for Grand Master of the First Veil shall be entertained at the time called for the election of officers. Past Grand High Priests may collectively select a single individual and introduce that individual to the Grand Chapter by means of a brief, verbally presented biography. Each Chartered Chapter, legally represented and registered with the Credentials Committee, may select and introduce one Companion by means of a brief, verbally presented biography.~~ Availability. Any eligible member of this Grand Chapter desiring to serve in any elective office as provided in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri may, on or before the forty-fifth (45th) day prior to the Annual Assembly, file with the Grand Secretary a "Statement of Availability" for such office; containing a resume of his service to his Chapter(s) in which he holds or has held membership; his service to this Grand Chapter; 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 Secretary to all subordinate Chapters along with all Resolutions and/or Recommendations as required by this Grand Chapter. However, this Grand Chapter 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,

Donald MacCormick, PHP
Mark A. Bean, PHP
Kevin B. Sample, PHP

Kansas City Chapter No. 28
Columbia Chapter No. 17
Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 14

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION

PROPOSAL No. 10

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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ARTICLE VI
Grand Secretary

~~Section 30. *Standing Resolutions.* He shall print on replacement pages all the standing resolutions and amendments, as adopted, and shall mail a copy to each secretary, Past Grand High Priest and officer of the Grand Chapter of Missouri.~~

Statement of Purpose

All standing resolutions and amendments, when adopted are provided online for download by all.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald MacCormick, PHP

Kansas City Chapter No. 28

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION

PROPOSAL No. 11

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE II

Powers and Duties of the Grand High Priest

~~Section 20. *Representatives.* He may appoint representatives of this Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters and may receive and accredit representatives of such other Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter. When such a representative shall fail to attend the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter for two consecutive years, the Grand High Priest shall request the Grand High Priest of the jurisdiction which he represents to declare the position vacant and recommend some suitable companion to be his successor.~~

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 Chapter. The removal of this section of the Constitution and By-Laws will terminate the Grand Representatives Program.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald MacCormick, PHP

Kansas City Chapter No. 28

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION

PROPOSAL No. 12

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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Be It Resolved That: Standing Resolution No. 1 be repealed in its entirety.

Standing Resolution No. 1

~~Adopted May 14, 2004, Repealed June 8, 2024~~

~~**Be It Resolved That,** the funds of the Retirement Fund be disbursed to a newly created reserved fund in its entirety, still protected under section 501(c)(10) of the IRS Code. And, from which only the annual earned interest and dividends may be used for general fund purposes.~~

Statement of Purpose:

I proposed that Standing Resolution No. 1 be repealed. The former Retirement Fund was discontinued by legislative actions taken during the 2004 Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Missouri on May 14, 2004. 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:

Russell S. Hanson, PHP,

Columbia Chapter 17

STANDING RESOLUTION NO. 16

Whereas, the Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Grand Master of the 3rd Veil, Grand Master of the 2nd Veil having been previously elected to those stations by the Grand Chapter, 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 shall advance through each station as elected by the Grand Chapter. As the current Grand Master of the 1st Veil advances, the Office vacated shall become an appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald MacCormick PHP

Kansas City Chapter No. 28

2024 Grand Council Proposed Legislation

1. Article III Sec 18 (4)
2. Article III Sec 18 (11)
3. Article XVI Sec 140 (7)
4. Article XVIII Sec 142
5. ARTICLE I Section 5
6. ARTICLE I Section 7
7. ARTICLE I Section 8
8. ARTICLE I Section 11
9. ARTICLE II Section 20
10. ARTICLE II Section 11

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

PROPOSAL No. 1

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 18. Standing Committees, Duties of.

(4)

Grand Council Contracts. The execution of any contract by any officer or representative of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri with a duration of more than one (1) year or more or any contract obligating the Grand Council to expend one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in the aggregate, shall require the written approval by a majority of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Captain of the Guard and Grand Recorder. (Added 5/13/15, 7/8/18)

Statement of purpose

This corrects the spelling of the word “contract.”

Fraternally submitted,
Terry Coppotelli, PM
Donald MacCormick, PM

Jeremiah Council No. 48
Kansas City Council No. 45

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

PROPOSAL No. 2

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 18. Standing Committees, Duties of.

(11) Investment Committee

A committee consisting of three companions preferably with a background or expertise in financial matters shall form the Investment Committee. One of whom shall be the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Accounts; the other two shall be appointed by the Grand Master. They shall be charged with the control and management of the surplus funds of this Grand Council in such ways as such, in its judgment, is prudent, and adheres to sound business principles, while balancing the total return in accordance with the specific Council fund needs.

Statement of purpose

This is a specialized committee. There is no merit having a member of this committee based on the Grand Council position they hold. All members of the Investment Committee should possess a knowledge of or acumen in financial matters. It must be assumed that the Grand Master will consider these qualifications when choosing his appointments. By his chair responsibilities, the chairman of the Committee on Finance and Accounts should be well versed in this area as well. The phrase “in such ways as, in its judgment, is prudent and adheres to sound business principles” is further defined in the revised statutes of Missouri.

Fraternally submitted,

Terry Coppotelli, PM
Donald MacCormick, PM

Jeremiah Council No. 48
Kansas City Council No. 45

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

PROPOSAL No. 3

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE XVI.

Endowed Membership (Renamed 5/19/05)

SEC. 140. Endowed Membership.

7. All monies received by the Grand Recorder from the constituent Councils for the purchase of an Endowed Membership shall be placed in the Endowed Membership Fund. ~~The principal of this Endowed Membership Fund shall be invested in a manner determined by the Governing Body but not less than one-half of the principal must be in obligations of the United States or in securities or accounts fully insured or guaranteed by the United States or an agency of the United Constitution and By Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri States. The remainder may be invested in common stock or equity securities in nationally known corporations traded on the New York Stock Exchange.~~ The Investment Committee shall be charged with the control and management of the surplus funds of this Grand Council in such ways as such, in its judgment, is prudent, and adheres to sound business principles, while balancing the total return in accordance with the specific Council fund needs.

Statement of Purpose

It is the responsibility of the Committee on Finance and Accounts to determine exactly how they will structure the annual return of monies to the individual councils. Any monies not distributed should be placed to maximize their long-term return. The Investment Committee is best suited for making this determination.

Fraternally submitted,
Terry Coppotelli, PM
Donald MacCormick, PM

Jeremiah Council No. 48
Kansas City Council No. 45

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

PROPOSAL No. 4

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE XVIII

Grand Council Charity Endowment Fund in Memory of Bruce Harmon Hunt

SEC. 142. *Grand Council Charity Endowment Fund in Memory of Bruce Harmon Hunt.*

There is hereby created a foundation to be known as the Grand Council Charity Endowment Fund in Memory of Bruce Harmon Hunt, the income from its investments to be used for religious, educational, and charitable gifts. All funds placed in the above named fund shall be separate and apart from the General Fund of the Grand Council. The Investment Committee shall be charged with the control and management of the restricted base, as designated by the Finance Committee, in such ways as, in its judgment, is prudent and adheres to sound business principles, and in keeping with guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of Missouri Section 402.132-134.

Statement of Purpose

It is the responsibility of the Committee on Finance and Accounts to determine exactly how these monies will be utilized. Any monies not utilized should be placed to maximize their long-term return. The Investment Committee is best suited for making this determination.

Fraternally submitted,

Terry Coppotelli, PM
Donald MacCormick, PM

Jeremiah Council No. 48
Kansas City Council No. 45

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

PROPOSAL No. 5

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)

**ARTICLE I.
Assemblies of the Grand Council**

SEC. 5. Grand Officers, Elective and Appointive. The elective officers of this Grand Council shall be a

Grand Master
Deputy Grand Master
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Grand Treasurer
Grand Recorder ~~and~~

~~Grand Captain of the Guard.~~ A majority of the votes cast shall elect, and all such elected officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and installed. The appointive officers of this Grand Council shall be a

Grand Captain of the Guard,
Grand Conductor of the Council,
Grand Marshal,
Grand Steward,
Grand Chaplain,
Grand Sentinel,

Grand Organist and Grand Chorister. They shall serve for one year under the Grand Master making the appointment, and such appointment shall in no way be construed to be prerequisite to election to any elective office at some future time.

Statement of Purpose

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

Fraternally submitted,

Donald MacCormick, PM
Dr. Paul L. Daniels, PM
Kevin B. Sample, PM

Kansas City Council No. 45
Nevada Council No. 65
Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

PROPOSAL No. 6

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE I.

Assemblies of the Grand Council

SEC. 7. Grand Officers, How Elected. The elective officers of this Grand Council shall severally be elected by ballot, and by a majority of all the votes cast for that purpose, at each Annual Assembly of this Grand Council. Should there only be one Companion in nomination for each elective office, the election may be by acclamation.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald MacCormick, PM
Dr. Paul L. Daniels, PM
Kevin B. Sample, PM

Kansas City Council No. 45
Nevada Council No. 65
Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

PROPOSAL No. 7

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE I.

Assemblies of the Grand Council

SEC. 8. Grand Officers, How Appointed. The appointive officers of the Grand Council shall be appointed by the Grand Master. ~~with the approval of the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.~~

Statement of Purpose

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Fraternally submitted,

Donald MacCormick, PM
Dr. Paul L. Daniels, PM
Kevin B. Sample, PM

Kansas City Council No. 45
Nevada Council No. 65
Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

PROPOSAL No. 8

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)

**ARTICLE I.
Assemblies of the Grand Council**

SEC 11. Availability. Any eligible member of this Grand Council desiring to serve in any elective office as provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masters of the State of Missouri may, on or before the forty-fifth (45th) day prior to the Annual Assembly, file with the Grand Recorder a “Statement of Availability” for such office; containing a resume of his service to his Council or Councils in which he holds or has held membership; his service to this Grand Council; 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 Councils along with all Resolutions and/or Recommendations as required by this Grand Council. However, this Grand Council may elect any eligible member whether or not he has previously submitted such statement of availability.

Statement of Purpose

To further democratize the election process and allow those worthy Companions a mechanism to step forward and serve.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald MacCormick, PM
Dr. Paul L. Daniels, PM
Kevin B. Sample, PM

Kansas City Council No. 45
Nevada Council No. 65
Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

PROPOSAL No. 9

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 20. Reports, ~~Must Be in Writing. The reports of all the committees shall be submitted in writing, typewritten on sheets approximately 8 1/2x11 inches.~~ should be submitted electronically in Word, PDF, or any other editable electronic format. All reports must be submitted to the Grand Recorder at least 45 days prior to the Annual Assembly. They are to be printed and distributed by the Grand Recorder to each registrant at the Annual Assembly. It is acknowledged that some reports due to their nature cannot be completed and made available until the date of the Annual Assembly, and this will be permitted by recommendation of the Grand Master. (Amended 5/2/97)

Statement of Purpose

Committee reports are already submitted electronically to the Grand Recorder, this brings the bylaws inline with reality.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald MacCormick, PM
Dr. Paul L. Daniels, PM
Kevin B. Sample, PM

Kansas City Council No. 45
Nevada Council No. 65
Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

PROPOSAL No. 10

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 11. The Grand Master, Powers and Duties.

~~(2) He may appoint and commission Representatives of this Grand Council near other Grand Councils, and may also receive and accredit Representatives from such other Grand Councils, who must be permanent members of this Grand Council. When a representative shall fail to attend two consecutive Annual Assemblies of the Grand Council, the Grand Master shall request the Grand Master of the jurisdiction he represents to declare the position vacant, and recommend and appoint a suitable companion to be his successor.~~

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 Council. The removal of this section of the Constitution and By-Laws will terminate the Grand Representatives Program.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald MacCormick, PM

Kansas City Council No. 45

2024 Grand Commandery Proposed Legislation

1. ARTICLE I Section 3
2. ARTICLE II Section 21
3. ARTICLE II Section 27 H
4. ARTICLE III Section 34 D
5. ARTICLE IV Section 41 C
6. Standing Resolution No. 13

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:**

(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)

**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,

Donald MacCormick, PC

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

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

(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)

**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,

Donald MacCormick, PC
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. 3

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

(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)

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,

Donald MacCormick, PC
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. 4

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

(Deletions appear in ~~strike-through~~, additions appear underlined)

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,
Terry Coppotelli, PC
SK Russell S. Hanson, PC

Ascalon Commandery No. 16
St. Graal Commandery No. 12

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

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

(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)

**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,

Donald MacCormick, PC
Kevin B. Sample, PC

Kansas City Commandery No. 10
Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67

GRAND CHAPTER

INSTRUCTIONS

Credentials Registration forms may be completed prior to Grand Session by any member planning to attend, but must be presented in person at the Credentials Committee Registration Table. **USE ONLY ONE FORM PER CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP.**

A Credentials Registration form must be completed by each appointed proxy. The appointing officer must complete the Proxy portion.

Please print this page and complete the applicable portions. Bring the entire page to the Grand Session and present it at the Credentials Committee Registration Table.

DO NOT CUT OUT THE FORM – DO NOT FOLD THE FORM

REGISTRATION FORM

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

(Present to Committee on Credentials)

Name (print in full): _____

Name of Chapter: _____ No. _____

Rank of Office: _____

Proxy for HP, K, or Scribe: _____

Chairman of Committee on: _____

Grand or Past Grand Office: _____

Grand Representative, State of: _____

Past High Priest of: _____ Chapter No. _____

PROXY

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

(Present to Committee on Credentials)

I hereby appoint _____

of _____ Chapter No. _____

my proxy at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri.

High Priest, King, or Scribe (Appointing officer must sign)

CHAPTER SEAL REQUIRED FOR PROXY ONLY

**DO NOT MAIL – PRESENT IN PERSON
TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY – BLACK INK ONLY**

GRAND COUNCIL

INSTRUCTIONS

Credentials Registration form may be completed prior to Grand Session by any member planning to attend, but must be presented in person at the Credentials Committee Registration Table. **USE ONLY ONE FORM PER COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP.**

A Credentials Registration form must be completed by each appointed proxy. The appointing officer must complete the Proxy portion.

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REGISTRATION FORM

GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

(Present to Committee on Credentials)

Name (print in full): _____

Name of Council: _____ No. _____

Rank of Office: _____

Proxy for IM, DM, or PCW: _____

Chairman of Committee on: _____

Grand or Past Grand Office: _____

Grand Representative, State of: _____

Past Master of: _____ Council No. _____

PROXY

GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

(Present to Committee on Credentials)

I hereby appoint _____

of _____ Council No. _____

my proxy at the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri.

Ill. Master, Dep. Master, Prin. Cond. Work (Appointing officer must sign)

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED FOR PROXY ONLY

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TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY – BLACK INK ONLY**

GRAND COMMANDERY

INSTRUCTIONS

Credentials Registration form may be completed prior to Grand Session by any member planning to attend, but must be presented in person at the Credentials Committee Registration Table. **USE ONLY ONE FORM PER COMMANDERY MEMBERSHIP.**

A Credentials Registration form must be completed by each appointed proxy. The appointing officer must complete the Proxy portion.

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REGISTRATION FORM

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI
(Present to Committee on Credentials)

Name (print in full): _____

Name of Commandery: _____ No. _____

Rank of Office: _____

Proxy for EC, Gen, or CG: _____

Chairman of Committee on: _____

Grand or Past Grand Office: _____

Grand Representative, State of: _____

Past Commander of: _____ Commandery No. _____

PROXY

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI
(Present to Committee on Credentials)

I hereby appoint _____

of _____ Commandery No. _____

my proxy at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri.

Commander, Generalissimo, or Capt. General (Appointing officer must sign)

COMMANDERY SEAL REQUIRED FOR PROXY ONLY

**DO NOT MAIL – PRESENT IN PERSON
TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY – BLACK INK ONLY**

**PETITION FOR THE
ORDER OF THE HIGH PRIESTHOOD OF MISSOURI**

**TO THE MOST EXCELLENT PRESIDENT, OFFICERS AND EXCELLENT
COMPANIONS OF THE ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD OF MISSOURI,**

I, (Print FULL Name) _____
First Name Middle Name (no initials) Last Name

have been duly elected and installed as High Priest of my Chapter and I respectfully petition that I may be set apart, anointed, and solemnly consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood, in accordance with the usages and forms of your Order. I understand that this is an honorary degree which is conferred on all duly installed High Priests and Past High Priests of the Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in the State of Missouri, subject only to the order's petition, election, and by-laws.

(Sign) Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Chapter Name: _____ No. _____ Jurisdiction: _____

Excellent Companion,

There are no dues connected with the Order, but it is necessary to fix a \$60.00 fee to pay for the expense of holding the Convention and to pay for the Bible and Lifetime Membership Card, which are furnished when you complete the conferral.

You may regard this letter as an invitation to petition the Order to receive the degree at the next Communication of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri. Filing the petition acknowledges the receipt of said letter and indicates your intention to participate in the conferral. This information enables us to know how many will be receiving the degree.

In order to avoid the delay of having to stand in line to file your petition, as has been the case, you are asked to sign and return this petition, accompanied by your personal check to the Excellent Recorder at the address below. You may, however, present your petition in person in case of a late decision to be present. We would appreciate having it, if at all possible, before the Convocation. It enables us to have your Bible and Membership Card inscribed beforehand.

Faternally,

Terry D. Coppotelli - Recorder/Treasurer
206 Ladera Lane, Washington, MO 63090

Make Check for \$60.00 payable to: Order of High Priesthood of Missouri

For the use of the Excellent Recorder only:

Petition Received: _____ Fees received: Ck No.: _____

Degree Received: _____ Bible: Patent: Membership Card:

PETITION
for
THE ORDER OF THE SILVER TROWEL
STATE OF MISSOURI

*To the Illustrious Master, Wardens and Companions of
the Order of the Silver Trowel, State of Missouri*

COMPANIONS: The undersigned hereby petitions for the Order of the Silver Trowel, State of Missouri. If elected, the petitioner promises a cheerful compliance with the Constitution, Laws, Rules and Customs of the Order, and faithfully promises not to unlawfully reveal the secrets of the Order, even though as a result of such actions his membership therein may cease.



Full Name: _____ My Age: _____

Place of Birth: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I am now a member in good standing of:

_____ Lodge No. _____ A.F.&A.M., State of _____

_____ Chapter No. _____ R.A.M., State of _____

_____ Council No. _____ R.&S.M., State of _____

I was regularly elected and installed Illustrious Master of _____

Council No. _____, R. & S. M., located at _____ for the
year _____.

Date: _____

(Sign Name in Full)

We, the undersigned Illustrious Companions, members of The Order of the Silver Trowel, State of Missouri, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with the above named petitioner and we vouch for the correctness of the statements in his forgoing petition. We freely recommend him. His petition is worthy of favorable consideration.

MAIL PETITION TO:

Roger D. Fleer, Secretary/Treasurer
2312 Southbend Dr.
Washington, MO 63030-3719

Phone: (636) 239-7394
Email: fleerroger@gmail.com

\$60.00 fee must accompany this petition.

APPLICATION
For Membership
MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF PAST COMMANDERS
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

*To the Officers, and Sir Knights of
the Missouri Association of Past Commanders*

SIR KNIGHTS: I, the undersigned, do hereby apply for membership in the Missouri Association of Past Commanders. If elected, I promise a cheerful compliance with the Constitution, Laws, Rules and Customs of the Association, and faithfully promise not to unlawfully reveal the secrets of the Association, even though as a result of such actions my membership therein may cease.

Full Name: _____ My Age: _____

Place of Birth: _____, _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Address: _____ Occupation: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____ - _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Email: _____@_____

I am now a member in good standing of:

_____ Lodge No. _____ A.F.&A.M., State of _____

_____ Chapter No. _____ R.A.M., State of _____

_____ Council No. _____ R.&S.M., State of _____

_____ Commandery No. _____ K.T., State of _____

I was regularly elected and installed Commander of _____

Commandery No. _____, K.T., located at _____

for the year _____.

Date: ____/____/____

(Sign Name in Full)

Vouched for and recommended by: (**PRINT NAMES**)

Past Commander

Past Commander

Application to be accompanied by a fee of \$20.00 in advance which will secure for you a membership card and Association Jewel.

MAIL APPLICATION TO:

David R. Phillips
Secretary/Treasurer
1319 W Lindberg St
Springfield MO 65807
(417) 434-5449
david@davidrphillips.org

Date Returned

\$20.00 fee must accompany this petition.

Chk #: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Make Checks payable to: Missouri Association of Past Commanders