

For Grand Secretary/Recorder's
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GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF MINNESOTA FORMAT FOR PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES



Proposed resolutions must be received by the Grand Secretary/Recorder by April 15 to be included in the Advanced Proceedings and for distribution to the Jurisprudence Committee and Constituent Bodies.

DATE: **March 25, 2022**

1. York Rite Code to be changed: () Chapter/ () Council/ (**X**) Commandery

2. PORTION to be changed: (**X**) Constitution/ () Bylaws/ () Regulations

3. ARTICLE NUMBER: **N/A** ARTICLE NAME: **N/A**

4. SECTION NUMBER: **91** SECTION NAME (if any):
PRE-REQUISITE TO MEMBERSHIP

5. PARAGRAPH LETTER: **N/A** PARAGRAPH NAME (if any): **N/A**

6. SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER: **N/A**

7. SUB-SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER: **N/A**

8. REGULATION NUMBER:

(Sections 9 – 13 will require additional pages which should be typed and attached to this cover sheet.)

9. CURRENT WORDING OF SECTION TO BE CHANGED:

No Commandery shall confer the Orders of Knighthood upon anyone who has not previously received, in a lawful manner, the degrees of Master Mason, Royal Arch Mason and Council of Cryptic Mason, nor upon anyone who is not at the time a member in good standing of a lawful Masonic Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter and Council of Cryptic Mason. The petitioner for Orders must have resided within the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery for at least one year, and within the jurisdiction of the Commandery for at least six months prior to the date of the petition, except as otherwise provided in Section 69 hereof.

10. CURRENT WORDING WITH DELETIONS (Line out deletions):

No Commandery shall confer the Orders of Knighthood upon anyone who has not previously received, in a lawful manner, the degrees of Master Mason, Royal Arch Mason ~~and Council of Cryptic Mason~~, nor upon anyone who is not at the time a member in good standing of a lawful Masonic Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter ~~and Council of Cryptic Mason~~. The petitioner for Orders must have resided within the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery for at least one year, and within the jurisdiction of the Commandery for at least six months prior to the date of the petition, except as otherwise provided in Section 69 hereof.

11. CURRENT WORDING WITH ADDITIONS (Underline additions):

No Commandery shall confer the Orders of Knighthood upon anyone who has not previously received, in a lawful manner, the degrees of Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason and ~~Council of Cryptic Mason~~, nor upon anyone who is not at the time a member in good standing of a lawful Masonic Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter and ~~Council of Cryptic Mason~~. The petitioner for Orders must have resided within the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery for at least one year, and within the jurisdiction of the Commandery for at least six months prior to the date of the petition, except as otherwise provided in Section 69 hereof.

13. ENTIRE PARAGRAPH AS INTENDED TO READ IN THE CODE OF LAWS:

(Not necessary if entire paragraph is new and has been stated in 11 above.)

No Commandery shall confer the Orders of Knighthood upon anyone who has not previously received, in a lawful manner, the degrees of Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason, nor upon anyone who is not at the time a member in good standing of a lawful Masonic Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter. The petitioner for Orders must have resided within the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery for at least one year, and within the jurisdiction of the Commandery for at least six months prior to the date of the petition, except as otherwise provided in Section 69 hereof.

14. RATIONALE (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed):

The intention and motivation for this resolution is to help membership in Commandery. Period. The passage of this resolution would allow Commanderies to recruit members from the Royal Arch without the additional step/hurdle of becoming a Cryptic Mason. The states of Ohio, Michigan and Illinois have no Council prerequisite to becoming a Knights Templar.




The previous legislation making Council degrees and membership in a Cryptic Council compulsory for petitioners seeking entrance into the Knights Templar has not exhibited the marked improvement to membership within nor enhanced the benefits of membership in the Cryptic Council of Minnesota nor contributed to the York Rite Unity that it intended to create. It has succeeded in tying the fate of Commanderies and the Knights Templar of Minnesota to the declining numbers of Cryptic Council members.

Statistical analysis of membership abstracts from the years 2011 through 2020 of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, AF&AM have shown a 30.68% decrease in membership (-4325 members) during that nine year period from 14098 to 9773 total members (See attached report. The period from 2011 through 2020 is the most complete at this time and, therefore, is used in these numbers and percentages). The Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota had a net loss of 977 members or a 41.45% loss during the period of 2011 through 2020. The membership of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota had a net loss of 294 members or a 31.92% loss during the period of 2011 through 2020. The Knights Templar of Minnesota had a net loss of 783 members or a 46.28% loss during the period of 2011 through 2020, the same period as the Cryptic Masons. The author was not able to collect complete data for all bodies for the time periods shown – this can be updated later. The trends, however, are still evident in the numbers.

While Masonic membership continues to trend downward across all bodies, the attempt to influence improvement in Cryptic Council by way of Commandery legislation is not a proper use of Commandery law or rule; but more importantly it has not had the desired effect of leading to a mitigation of loss of members in Cryptic Council or promoting the benefits of membership in Council. To the contrary of the intent of the legislation, it has increased the negative impact of Masonic losses and magnified it with regard to membership in the Knights Templar of Minnesota. Hobbling one organization

15. PROPOSERS - PRINTED NAMES, SIGNATURE, OFFICE and CHAPTER/ COUNCIL/
 COMMANDERY

NUMBERS of submitting members. (NOTE: Must be signed by no less than three members of the Grand York Rite or by
 the High Priest, Illustrious Master, or Commander; or Grand Officer and attested under Seal.)

Terry CARSTENSEN		Past Commander	DAMASCUS	1
Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body	No.
Russel Bernard Lane		PAST COMMANDER	DAMASCUS	1
Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body	No.
TODD LBEK		EMINENT COMMANDER	DAMASCUS	7
Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body	No.
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body	No.

GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF MINNESOTA
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DATE:

1. York Rite Code to be changed: () Chapter/ () Council/ (x) Commandery
2. PORTION to be changed: (x) Constitution/ () Bylaws/ () Regulations
3. ARTICLE NUMBER: _____ ARTICLE NAME: _____
4. SECTION NUMBER: 11 SECTION NAME (if any): Powers and Duties
5. PARAGRAPH LETTER: _____ PARAGRAPH NAME (if any): _____
6. SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER: _____
7. SUB-SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER: _____
8. REGULATION NUMBER: _____
(Sections 9 – 13 will require additional pages which should be typed and attached to this cover sheet.)
9. CURRENT WORDING OF SECTION TO BE CHANGED:

Section 50. The Constitution, Laws and Regulations may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all the members in attendance at any Stated Conclave, provided notice of all proposed amendments is filed with the Grand Recorder ninety days previous thereto, in which case the Grand Recorder will serve copies of such proposed amendments on the members of this Grand Commandery by properly mailing the same at least sixty days before the Stated Conclave. In the absence of such notice, they may be amended by unanimous consent of all members voting at any Stated Conclave. Provided, however, that the proposed amendments may be modified or amended in any manner by the Grand Commandery while it is under consideration if such modification or amendment is germane to the proposed amendment.

10. CURRENT WORDING WITH DELETIONS (Line out deletions):

11. CURRENT WORDING WITH ADDITIONS (Underline additions):

Section 50. The Constitution, Laws and Regulations may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all the members in attendance at any ~~Stated~~ Conclave, provided notice of all proposed amendments is filed with the Grand Recorder ninety days previous thereto, in which case the Grand Recorder will serve copies of such proposed amendments on the members of this Grand Commandery by delivering ~~mailing~~ the same at least sixty days before the ~~Stated~~ Conclave. In the absence of such notice, they may be amended by unanimous consent of all members voting at any Stated Conclave. Provided, however, that the proposed amendments

may be modified or amended in any manner by the Grand Commandery while it is under consideration if such modification or amendment is germane to the proposed amendment.

It shall be the decision of the Current Grand Commander whether to address legislation in the Annual Stated Conclave, or to call a separate session at a different time, which shall conform to all laws required as such for Special Conclaves. The purpose of this Special Conclave shall be to address legislation only, and no other. Notification shall be given to all Commanderies 90 days in advance of the Annual Stated Conclave if no Legislation is to be considered during the session. In the event that Legislation shall be addressed during a Special Conclave, no registration fees shall be charged to Sir Knights participating as long as a suitable and free venue shall be found for the Special Conclave. Finally, the Legislative Special Conclave shall be allowed in a virtual setting, and voting taken using such method as shall be approved by the Grand Commander, Elected Grand Officers and the Jurisprudence Committee.

This legislation shall be immediately effective upon a positive vote.

12. ENTIRE PARAGRAPH AS INTENDED TO READ IN THE CODE OF LAWS:

(Not necessary if entire paragraph is new and has been stated in 11 above.)

13. RATIONALE (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed):

There has been much conversation in the state regarding the legislation section of the Grand Commandery Stated Conclave in June. This amendment allows for a special session to consider only the Legislative actions of this Body. In addition, the specific language about cost to participate is in direct response to concerns of the Sir Knights that paying to vote equates to a Pole Tax. Finally, the provision for a Virtual meeting, further reducing costs of the session shall be of benefit to the Sir Knights.

14. PROPOSERS - PRINTED NAMES, SIGNATURE, OFFICE and CHAPTER/COUNCIL/COMMANDERY NUMBERS of submitting members. (NOTE: Must be signed by no less than three members of the Grand York Rite or by the High Priest, Illustrious Master, or Commander; or Grand Officer and attested under Seal.)

Brian Dimatteo		Grand Recorder, GCMN		
Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body	No.
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body	No.
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1. York Rite Code to be changed: () Chapter/ () Council/ (X) Commandery
2. PORTION to be changed: (X) Constitution/ () Bylaws/ () Regulations
3. ARTICLE NUMBER: N/A ARTICLE NAME: N/A
4. SECTION NUMBER: 100 SECTION NAME (if any):
5. PARAGRAPH LETTER: N/A PARAGRAPH NAME (if any): N/A
6. SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER: N/A
7. SUB-SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER: N/A
8. REGULATION NUMBER:
(Sections 9 – 13 will require additional pages which should be typed and attached to this cover sheet.)
9. CURRENT WORDING OF SECTION TO BE CHANGED:

MINIMUM FEES, ANNUAL DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

Section 100. Each Constituent Commandery may fix the minimum fee for the Orders of Knighthood, but in no case shall it be less than Seventy-five Dollars, which shall be paid before the Order of the Red Cross is conferred; no part of the fee can be remitted directly or indirectly.

Each Commandery may fix the amount of its annual dues, but in no case shall such amount be less than Ten Dollars plus the Grand Commandery annual dues for each member. Dues shall be payable in advance on January 1st of each year and a proportional amount for the unexpired part of the Commandery year remaining after admission, to be determined by quarterly periods.

In addition to dues a Commandery has the right to levy and collect such per capita assessment, and any increase in Grand Commandery per capita assessment, as it may deem necessary, to defray its expenses without changing its by-laws for such increases.

10. CURRENT WORDING WITH DELETIONS (Line out deletions):
N/A

11. CURRENT WORDING WITH ADDITIONS (Underline additions):

MINIMUM FEES, ANNUAL DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

Section 100. Each Constituent Commandery may fix the minimum fee for the Orders of Knighthood, but in no case shall it be less than Seventy-five Dollars plus the cost of a life membership fee for the Grand Encampment Knights Templar Eye foundation at the time of petition, which shall be paid before the Order of the Red Cross is conferred; no part of the fee can be remitted directly or indirectly.

Each Commandery may fix the amount of its annual dues, but in no case shall such amount be less than Ten Dollars plus the Grand Commandery annual dues for each member. Dues shall be payable in advance on January 1st of each year and a proportional amount for the unexpired part of the Commandery year remaining after admission, to be determined by quarterly periods.

In addition to dues a Commandery has the right to levy and collect such per capita assessment, and any increase in Grand Commandery per capita assessment, as it may deem necessary, to defray its expenses without changing its by-laws for such increases.

12. ENTIRE PARAGRAPH AS INTENDED TO READ IN THE CODE OF LAWS:


(Not necessary if entire paragraph is new and has been stated in 11 above.)

As shown in Section 11

13. RATIONALE (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed):

14. PROPOSERS - PRINTED NAMES, SIGNATURE, OFFICE and CHAPTER/COUNCIL/COMMANDERY

NUMBERS of submitting members. (NOTE: Must be signed by no less than three members of the Grand York Rite or by the High Priest, Illustrious Master, or Commander; or Grand Officer and attested under Seal.)

Brian K Dimatteo, PGC		Past Grand Commander	Grand Commandery _____	
Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body	No.
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body	No.
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Brian Dimatteo

Printed Name

Signature

Grand Recorder, GCMN

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2. PORTION to be changed: (x) Constitution/ () Bylaws/ () Regulations
3. ARTICLE NUMBER: _____ ARTICLE NAME: _____
4. SECTION NUMBER: 7 SECTION NAME (if any): Powers and Duties
5. PARAGRAPH LETTER: (a) PARAGRAPH NAME (if any): _____
6. SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER: _____
7. SUB-SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER: _____
8. REGULATION NUMBER: _____
(Sections 9 – 13 will require additional pages which should be typed and attached to this cover sheet.)
9. CURRENT WORDING OF SECTION TO BE CHANGED:
(a) It shall review at its Stated Conclave all reports of its officers and may review the proceedings of its constituent Commanderies.
10. CURRENT WORDING WITH DELETIONS (Line out deletions):
(a) It shall review at its ~~Stated~~ Conclave all reports of its officers and may review the proceedings of its constituent Commanderies.
11. CURRENT WORDING WITH ADDITIONS (Underline additions):
12. ENTIRE PARAGRAPH AS INTENDED TO READ IN THE CODE OF LAWS:
(Not necessary if entire paragraph is new and has been stated in 1 labove.)
13. RATIONALE (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed):

Given the issues during the Grand Encampment Special Conclave, it is believed that this section needed to be clarified and stated that any Stated Conclave is eligible for business.
14. PROPOSERS - PRINTED NAMES, SIGNATURE, OFFICE and CHAPTER/COUNCIL/COMMANDERY NUMBERS of submitting members. (NOTE: Must be signed by no less than three members of the Grand York Rite or by the High Priest, Illustrious Master, or Commander; or Grand Officer and attested under Seal.)

Brian Dimatteo

Printed Name

Signature

Grand Recorder, GCMN

Office

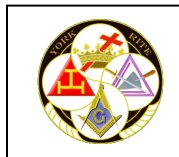
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2. PORTION to be changed: (x) Constitution/ () Bylaws/ () Regulations

3. ARTICLE NUMBER: ARTICLE NAME:

4. SECTION NUMBER: 7 SECTION NAME (if any): Powers and Duties

5. PARAGRAPH LETTER: (j)(k) PARAGRAPH NAME (if any):

6. SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER:

7. SUB-SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER:

8. REGULATION NUMBER:

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9. CURRENT WORDING OF SECTION TO BE CHANGED:

None

10. CURRENT WORDING WITH DELETIONS (Line out deletions):

11. CURRENT WORDING WITH ADDITIONS (Underline additions):

(j) The supreme legislative power of this Grand Commandery lies with Grand Commandery in Conclave assembled. When the Grand Commandery is not in Conclave assembled, the Grand Commander, with the approval of 2/3 of the Elected Grand Officers, in consultation have agreed with the Grand Commander, shall make decisions to be ratified during the next Conclave of the Grand Commandery.

(k) Provide recognition and rights of visitation to other Grand Commanderies, Grand Encampments or Great Pories Recognized by this Jurisdiction and recognized by the Grand Lodge of any jurisdiction recognized by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota. Such recognition will be granted by a 2/3 vote of the Grand Commandery when in Conclave assembled.

12. ENTIRE PARAGRAPH AS INTENDED TO READ IN THE CODE OF LAWS:

(Not necessary if entire paragraph is new and has been stated in 11 above.)

13. RATIONALE (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed):

Given the issues during the Grand Encampment Special Conclave, it is believed that this section needed to be clarified and stated that any Stated Conclave is eligible for business.

14. PROPOSERS - PRINTED NAMES, SIGNATURE, OFFICE and CHAPTER/COUNCIL/COMMANDERY NUMBERS of submitting members. (NOTE: Must be signed by no less than three members of the Grand York Rite or by the High Priest, Illustrious Master, or Commander; or Grand Officer and attested under Seal.)

Brian Dimatteo	_____	Grand Recorder, GCMN		
Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body	No.
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DATE:

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2. PORTION to be changed: (x) Constitution/ () Bylaws/ () Regulations

3. ARTICLE NUMBER: _____ ARTICLE NAME: _____

4. SECTION NUMBER: 9 _____ SECTION NAME (if any): Powers and Duties

5. PARAGRAPH LETTER: _____ PARAGRAPH NAME (if any): _____

6. SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER: _____

7. SUB-SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER: _____

8. REGULATION NUMBER: _____

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9. CURRENT WORDING OF SECTION TO BE CHANGED:

Section 9. The officers of the Grand Commandery shall be:

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

who shall be elected at the Conclave, with the exception of the Grand Prelate, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Warder, Grand Sentinel and, who shall be appointed by the Grand Commander.

10. CURRENT WORDING WITH DELETIONS (Line out deletions):

11. CURRENT WORDING WITH ADDITIONS (Underline additions):

Section 9. The officers of the Grand Commandery shall be:

- Grand Commander
- Deputy Grand Commander
- Grand Generalissimo
- Grand Captain General
- Grand Senior Warden
- Grand Junior Warden
- Grand Prelate
- Grand Treasurer
- Grand Recorder
- Grand Standard Bearer
- Grand Sword Bearer
- Grand Warder
- Grand Sentinel
- Grand Guard (up to 5)

who shall be elected at the Conclave, with the exception of the Grand Prelate, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Warder, Grand Sentinel and Grand Guard, who shall be appointed by the Grand Commander.

12. ENTIRE PARAGRAPH AS INTENDED TO READ IN THE CODE OF LAWS:

(Not necessary if entire paragraph is new and has been stated in 11 above.)

13. RATIONALE (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed):

Given the issues during the Grand Encampment Special Conclave, it is believed that this section needed to be clarified and stated that any Stated Conclave is eligible for business.

14. PROPOSERS - PRINTED NAMES, SIGNATURE, OFFICE and CHAPTER/COUNCIL/COMMANDERY NUMBERS of submitting members. (NOTE: Must be signed by no less than three members of the Grand York Rite or by the High Priest, Illustrious Master, or Commander; or Grand Officer and attested under Seal.)

Brian Dimatteo		Grand Recorder, GCMN		
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2. PORTION to be changed: (x) Constitution/ () Bylaws/ () Regulations
3. ARTICLE NUMBER: _____ ARTICLE NAME: _____
4. SECTION NUMBER: 11 SECTION NAME (if any): Powers and Duties
5. PARAGRAPH LETTER: _____ PARAGRAPH NAME (if any): _____
6. SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER: _____
7. SUB-SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER: _____
8. REGULATION NUMBER: _____
(Sections 9 – 13 will require additional pages which should be typed and attached to this cover sheet.)
9. CURRENT WORDING OF SECTION TO BE CHANGED:
Section 11. No Knight Templar shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Commandery, except that of Grand Prelate, unless he shall be at the time a member thereof.
10. CURRENT WORDING WITH DELETIONS (Line out deletions):
11. CURRENT WORDING WITH ADDITIONS (Underline additions):

Section 11. No Knight Templar shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Commandery, except that of Grand Prelate and Grand Guard, unless he shall be at the time a member thereof.
12. ENTIRE PARAGRAPH AS INTENDED TO READ IN THE CODE OF LAWS:
(Not necessary if entire paragraph is new and has been stated in 11 above.)
13. RATIONALE (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed):

Given the issues during the Grand Encampment Special Conclave, it is believed that this section needed to be clarified and stated that any Stated Conclave is eligible for business.
14. PROPOSERS - PRINTED NAMES, SIGNATURE, OFFICE and CHAPTER/COUNCIL/COMMANDERY NUMBERS of submitting members. (NOTE: Must be signed by no less than three members of the Grand York Rite or by the High Priest, Illustrious Master, or Commander; or Grand Officer and attested under Seal.)

Brian Dimatteo _____

Grand Recorder, GCMN

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1. York Rite Code to be changed: () Chapter/ () Council/ (X) Commandery
2. PORTION to be changed: (X) Constitution/ () Bylaws/ () Regulations
3. ARTICLE NUMBER: N/A ARTICLE NAME: N/A
4. SECTION NUMBER: 14(i) SECTION NAME (if any): GENERAL DUTIES OF OFFICERS
5. PARAGRAPH LETTER: N/A PARAGRAPH NAME (if any): N/A
6. SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER: N/A
7. SUB-SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER: N/A
8. REGULATION NUMBER:
(Sections 9 – 13 will require additional pages which should be typed and attached to this cover sheet.)
9. CURRENT WORDING OF SECTION TO BE CHANGED:

Section 14. The Grand Commander shall have the following specific powers and duties but the enumeration shall not be deemed a limitation thereof: [...]

10. CURRENT WORDING WITH DELETIONS (Line out deletions):

11. CURRENT WORDING WITH ADDITIONS (Underline additions):

(i) Aides and Assistants. The Grand Commander may appoint such Aides and Assistants as he may deem necessary in order to assist him or his staff to carry out their responsibilities. Such Aides or Assistants shall not be installed, shall not have rank, and shall not be entitled to honors other than those to which they are otherwise entitled.

12. ENTIRE PARAGRAPH AS INTENDED TO READ IN THE CODE OF LAWS:

(Not necessary if entire paragraph is new and has been stated in 11 above.)

13. RATIONALE (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed):

To ensure both a continuity of operations for the Grand Commandery (in the case of an Assistant Grand Recorder, Assistant Grand Treasurer, or Assistant Recorder-Treasurer) or to support ongoing projects, directives, or special tasking of the Grand Commander, the Grand Commander should be granted clear

constitutional authority to name aides and/or assistants to support the ongoing operations of the Grand Commandery and Templary in Minnesota

14. PROPOSERS - PRINTED NAMES, SIGNATURE, OFFICE and CHAPTER/COUNCIL/COMMANDERY NUMBERS of submitting members. (NOTE: Must be signed by no less than three members of the Grand York Rite or by the High Priest, Illustrious Master, or Commander; or Grand Officer and attested under Seal.)

Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body	No.
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appointment signed by his principal. Unless otherwise provided herein or by Grand Encampment law, all questions shall be decided by a majority vote of all votes cast.

12. ENTIRE PARAGRAPH AS INTENDED TO READ IN THE CODE OF LAWS:

(Not necessary if entire paragraph is new and has been stated in 11 above.)

13. RATIONALE (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed): As the Grand Encampment allows any voting member of Grand Commanderies to carry proxy votes to Grand Encampment conclave so our Grand Commandery should allow any voting member of a constituent commandery to carry a proxy vote.

14. PROPOSERS - PRINTED NAMES, SIGNATURE, OFFICE and CHAPTER/COUNCIL/COMMANDERY NUMBERS of submitting members. (NOTE: Must be signed by no less than three members of the Grand York Rite or by the High Priest, Illustrious Master, or Commander; or Grand Officer and attested under Seal.)

SK David Dumonceaux	_____	VE Deputy Grandmaster	_____	_____
Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body	No.
SK Alan MacKenzie	_____	E Grand Generalissimo	_____	_____
Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body	No.
SK Brian Dimatteo	_____	E Grand Recorder	_____	_____
Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body	No.

GRAND HONOR GUARD COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION

Section 107.

The Grand Commandery Honor Guard Committee (Honor Guard, herein) is a standing committee. It will consist of members appointed annually by the Grand Commander upon recommendation of the Honor Guard membership. The Grand Commander shall appoint three administrative officers to the committee, with one appointed as Chair of the committee with the operating title of Captain, one appointed as Assistant Chair with the operating title of Sergeant Major, and one appointed as secretary-recorder with the operating title of Sergeant. The members of the Honor Guard Committee will submit a roster of duly screened and qualified Sir Knights, upon a unanimous vote of the Honor Guard as a whole, to the Grand Commander for appointment to committee membership. Those qualified Sir Knights will have passed the Honor Guard committee uniform skills-based entrance standards test. The committee shall have the authority to add additional duly qualified Sir Knights or may move a member to inactive status for cause. Removal of a standing member shall be either by a majority vote of the committee or by order of the Grand Commander. The Honor Guard shall meet quarterly for administrative and planning purposes; and more frequently as needed to address any deployment, logistical, or administrative issues that may arise.

FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES

Section 107.1

The Honor Guard will be responsible for:

1. Knights Templar Funeral Ceremonies
2. Knights Templar and Masonic funeral honor/casket/ramp guard detail
3. Flag presentation ceremonies
4. High-profile drill and ceremony events
5. Training Instruction on Drill and Ceremony for requesting Commanderies or Sir Knights
6. Training and instruction of prospective candidates for the Honor Guard
7. Review of Drill and Ceremony standards for testing Honor Guard candidates and for the Grand Commandery at-large, as requested
8. Other additional duties as may be assigned by the Grand Commander, The Officers of Grand Commandery assembled, or as deemed prudent by the Captain of the Honor Guard with the permission of the Grand Commander.

The Captain of the Honor Guard will be responsible for:

1. Calling meetings of the Honor Guard
2. Setting an agenda and presiding over Honor Guard meetings
3. Ensure that Honor Guard members are properly equipped or supplied with Honor Guard-specific uniform items and that members are prepared to deploy for Honor Guard activations or assistance.
4. Maintain open lines of communication with the Grand Commander, Grand Recorder, and Grand Treasurer.
5. Inform the Grand Commander of any changes to the membership of the Honor Guard Committee
6. Report all expenditures promptly to the Grand Recorder for applicable reimbursement.
7. Assist the Sergeant Major in instructing and inspecting the drill and ceremony capabilities of Honor Guard members and any potential candidates for the Honor Guard.
8. Submit quarterly reports of all Honor Guard activities to the Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Recorder.

9. Planning logistics, tactics, and personnel deployment for any Honor Guard activation; or assigning a deployment Commander to oversee and conduct these tasks for individual deployments.

The Sergeant Major of the Honor Guard will be responsible for:

1. Assisting the Captain in the performance of his duties as needed and, in his absence, assume command.
2. Maintain, refine, instruct, and inspect the drill and ceremony capabilities of the Honor Guard members and potential candidates for the Honor Guard.
3. Develop drill tactics to address unique or variable factors involved in the execution of duties by the Honor Guard when deployed and the training of newly assigned members.
4. With the Captain, develop and maintain a standardized testing methodology for measuring candidates' skill, aptitude, and abilities against minimum standards required for Honor Guard members and deployments.
5. Research possible additional training opportunities, if applicable, for the Honor Guard and Honor Guard members; and present such findings to the committee when in session.
6. Call the Honor Guard's in-service/continuing training sessions to train and ensure ongoing operational standards and skills maintenance of Honor Guard members for any regular, special, or foreseeable deployment operation requirements.

The Sergeant of the Honor Guard will be responsible for:

1. Recording minutes of Honor Guard meetings and submitting minutes to the Captain, and he to the Deputy Grand Commander for quarterly reporting.
2. Distribute consent agendas and prior meeting minutes to committee members before quarterly meetings, to include summaries of activities or special meetings since their last report.
3. Receiving and presenting the names and pertinent information to the Committee of any Sir Knight seeking consideration as a candidate for the Honor Guard.
4. Keep a record of dates for when a member joined the Honor Guard, trainings, and responses to service or deployment.

All members of the Honor Guard will be responsible for:

1. Attend meetings of the Honor Guard and respond to calls for Honor Guard deployments.
2. Maintaining operational skill efficiencies in drill and ceremony, sword drill, marching, funeral honors team, casket guard, ramp guard, flag presentations, and calling drill commands.
3. On limited notice, be prepared to respond to Honor Guard deployments for funerals, memorials, or similar duties.
4. Keep and maintain a uniform of the highest standard in complete working order, and report all equipment needs to the Captain of the Honor Guard as soon as possible.
5. Assist the Captain in researching and conducting outreach of equipment and uniform vendors to outfit the Honor Guard to achieve the best return on expenditures.
6. Engage in outreach efforts to inform Sir Knights, their families, Freemasons, and others of the duties and services the Honor Guard can provide.

HONOR GUARD UNIFORM REGULATIONS

Section 107.2

The uniform of the Grand Commandery Honor Guard shall be the same uniform prescribed for all current Grand Commandery Officers, including the use of the Templar Cross insignia, with the following additions,

variations, or exclusions. Members of the Honor Guard shall be allowed wear of the Honor Guard uniform at any event or activity that calls for the wear of a Knights Templar uniform, with exception to members of the Honor Guard who are a cast member for the conferring the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, Order of Malta and the Mediterranean Pass, and the Order of the Temple; unless otherwise directed by the Grand Commander.

CLASS A HONOR GUARD UNIFORM

UNIFORM COAT:

Section 107.2.1

Specifications for short type dress coat:

A six-button double-breasted coat, form-fitting, extending just below the crotch, with peaked lapels; without shoulder straps or loops, black metal hooks, or pocket flaps. All buttons to be black with Templar design. Coat to be made of not less than 10 ounces black all wool tropical worsted cloth or comparable material. Vent in back extending from waistline to bottom with 3-1/2" overlap.

BALANCE OF UNIFORM

Section 107.2.2

TROUSERS: To be black and of the same material as the coat, without outside stripes or ornamentation.

SHIRT: White dress shirt with pointed collar and button-up placket. French cuff shirts with templar-related cufflinks are not allowed, except for the use of the bowtie/dinner/mess dress variant of the uniform, as described below.

TIE: Plain, black, four-in-hand, or half-Windsor-knotted tie.

GLOVES: Cotton gloves shall be worn as a part of the uniform and shall be white for use during non-funerary or non-memorial deployments or activities. For all deployments involving casket guard, ramp guard, funeral honors team, or any other memorial-based deployment, black cotton gloves shall be worn

SOCKS: Black, non-athletic type socks

SHOES: Black low quarter lace-up oxford-style, ankle/chukka boot, lace-up or pull-on boot, with the ability to take polish and be shined. Use of metal "cheater bars" for the heels of the footwear shall be permitted.

USE OF UNITED STATES NAVAL UNIFORM ALLOWED

Section 107.2.3.

The use of a United States Navy NCO/CPO or Officer's dress blues uniform may substitute for items prescribed in Section 107.2.1

MESS DRESS/FORMAL UNIFORM VARIANT FOR CLASS A HONOR GUARD UNIFORM

Section 107.2.4

When deployed as a unit at a formal/"black-tie" or dining event in uniform, all Honor Guard members are to implement entire and consistent wear of following

BOW TIE: a bow tie, solid black in color, made of silk or equal quality material.

SHIRT: A plain-front, white dress shirt with a full fold-down pointed collar capable of taking shirt studs and cufflinks.

SHIRT STUDS: U.S. military black onyx studs with gold backing, or similar.

CUFFLINKS: U.S. military or similar black onyx studs with gold backing, or Commandery/Templar-related cufflinks with a gold backing may be worn.

WHEN ATTENDING AS A SOLE MEMBER: an individual Sir Knight of the Honor Guard may implement the Mess Dress uniform variant with the Honor Guard Captain's approval to attend an event in uniform, provided that the Grand Commander has granted permission for attendance in uniform, if applicable within this Constitution.

HONOR GUARD UNIFORM VARIANTS - CURRENT MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING ONLY:

107.2.4.1

Former members of the Honor Guard shall not have the privilege to utilize any uniform contained in section 107, unless otherwise stated within.

CLERGICAL VARIANT FOR CLASS A UNIFORM

Section 107.2.5

A Sir Knight elected Prelate of a constituent Commandery or appointed as Grand Prelate, or who is a former Prelate or Grand Prelate Emeritus, who is also an ordained clergyman or seminarian of the Christian faith, may substitute the use of a clerical shirt or collar in accord with their liturgical office, as appropriate, in lieu of the uniform shirt and tie prescribed above when conducting chaplaincy duties or affairs as part of the Honor Guard.

GRAND OFFICER EMBLEMS AND COLORS ALLOWED ONLY

Section 107.3.1

A member of the Honor Guard shall not wear any shoulder boards or straps, collar devices, sleeve, cap device or adornments, belt, belt buckle, or other items specific to a Past Grand Commander, Past Grand Prelate, or any other office other than a current Grand Officer when deployed and conducting duties as a member of the Honor Guard, excepting for circumstances as outlined in section 107.12

EMBLEMS

Section 107.3.2

The emblem to be used or worn on the uniforms of the Grand Honor Guard shall be the Templar Cross, scarlet in color.

SHOULDER STRAPS

Section 107.3.3

The Shoulder Straps of the Grand Honor Guard of the Grand Commandery shall be bright red, silk velvet, two inches wide by four inches long, with one row of gold bullion embroidery, three-eighths of an inch wide, with the Templar Cross, one-inch square, of gold bullion embroidery in the center of the strap. Gold Mylar may be used as an alternative to gold bullion.

SLEEVE AND COLLAR EMBLEMS

Section 107.3.4

Neatly attached, bullion crosses and insignias may be worn with the above coat for shoulder and sleeve insignia. Metal crosses and insignias shall be used for collar insignia

SLEEVE EMBLEM:

Section 107.3.5

1 1/2" from the bottom of the sleeves shall be a Templar Cross of red silk velvet, bordered with eight single rows of 26 gilt or gold bullion embroidery, three-sixteenths of an inch wide, with the outside measurements of said cross including embroidery to be 1 1/2" square. Direct sleeve embroidery of the emblem that adheres to the spirit of the historical emblems shall be acceptable.

COLLAR EMBLEM

Section 107.3.6

On the collar of the coat shall be a 1" Templar Cross, composed of metal, in gold and scarlet, with a red glass or fine gem affixed in the center.

LAPEL EMBLEM – STATION INSIGNIA

Section 107.3.7

On the lapel of the coat shall be the station insignia of the Grand Honor Guard, which shall not exceed 1 1/2" in diameter. The Grand Honor Guard may select its own style of insignia by a majority vote of its own membership and with final permission of the Grand Commander if brought forth for his approval. Selection of said insignia shall be in accord with, and guided by, the spirit and tenets of the Order of the Temple. Former members of the Honor Guard shall not have the privilege of continued wear of the Honor Guard insignia.

If a Grand Officer who is entitled to different station brass is also a member of the Grand Honor Guard, and entitled to the insignia of the same, it is left to the discretion of the Grand Commander which insignia takes precedent for wear on that Sir Knight's uniform, with preference given to the Honor Guard station insignia.

SERVICE STRIPES

Section 107.4

One stripe is authorized for every three (3) years of membership in the Order, with a maximum number of ten (10) stripes worn. A member may add the next service stripe due six (6) months in advance of their unit anniversary. Membership need not have been continuous.

SERVICE STRIPES – HOW COMPOSED

Section 107.4.1

A goldenlite, rayon-embroidered diagonal stripe, 3/16-inch-wide and 1–5/16 inches long, on a black or midnight blue background that forms a 3/32– inch border around the stripe. All Sir Knights are authorized to wear the service stripes. U.S. Army Dress Blues service stripes are acceptable for use in this manner.

SERVICE STRIPES – HOW WORN

Section 107.4.2

The service stripes are worn centered on the outside bottom half of the left sleeve on the Dress Uniform Coat. The service stripe is placed at an angle of 45 degrees with the lower end toward the inside seam of the sleeve, one-half inch above the emblem, with centerline of the stripe(s) centered on the sleeve. in line with the center of the sleeve emblem outlined in Section 107.3.5. For each additional three years of honorable service, another service stripe is added above and parallel to the first stripe, with a 1/16- inch space between stripes. Wear of the Honor Guard service stripes by past/former members of the Honor Guard may be permitted by a one-time decree of the Grand Commander.

WEAR OF JEWELS ON UNIFORM

Section 107.5

All Officers of the Grand Commandery and Constituent Commanderies shall wear the jewel of their respective office during incumbency in office. Only Templar Jewels are to be worn on the Templar Uniform. Jewels of office, meritorious jewels, badge of Commanderies, Malta, and Red Cross jewel may be worn on the left breast, placed in the order named, from the wearer's right to left. A Drill Corps badge qualifies as a Templar Jewel. Jewels should be affixed to a ribbon drape, and a military-style ribbon rack used to hang said drapes from the uniform coat.

Jewels, except for the Knight Commander of the Temple (due to lack of a breast jewel for this distinction) and any Grand Encampment breast badge-style commendations, are worn in the order of precedence from the wearer's right to left, in one or more rows, with 1/8-inch space between rows. No more than three medals are worn in any one row, and no more than one row worn unless the number of constitutionally required jewels required exceeds three worn at a time. Sir Knights will not start a second row unless they are authorized to wear four or more

medals. Jewels will not overlap within a row. When more than one row of jewels is worn, the second row is positioned so that the jewel pendants on the row below are visible. The second row will either contain the same number of medals or less than the row below. The top row of medals is centered over the row immediately below.

Jewels are to be centered on the left breast pocket and with the top edge of the jewel drapes even with the top of the pocket lip.

ORDER OF MALTA JEWEL REQUIRED

Section 107.5.1

All Sir Knights shall wear the jewel for the Order of Malta as one of their selected jewels.

JEWELS – SUCCESSION OF PRIORITY ON UNIFORM

Section 107.5.2

Jewels are worn in the following descending order named, centered on the left breast atop the breast pocket: Knights Templar Cross of Honor jewel, Honorary Grand Officer/Past Grand Commander/Grand Prelate Emeritus jewel, Current Grand officer's jewel, Grand Commandery Meritorious Service Medal jewel, Current/Past/Honorary Constituent Commandery officer's jewel Commandery Merit Badge, Order of Malta jewel, Illustrious Order of the Red Cross jewel.

HONORARY JEWELS

Section 107.5.3

The holder of an honorary title shall be privileged to wear the jewel to which such honorary title applies, provided that such jewel must bear specific notation of the honorary title.

PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION JEWEL

Section 107.5.4

The commonly accepted jewel of the Past Commander's Association of Minnesota, or that of the Past Commanders Association of another jurisdiction, may substitute the jewel of a Commander or Past Commander at the wearer's discretion and shall be worn with the same succession of priority as a Commandery Merit Badge.

MERITORIOUS AWARDS, WEARING THEREOF AND PROHIBITION FROM WEARING SAME

Section 107.5.5

All recipients of meritorious awards shall wear the emblem of said award on their Uniforms. No member shall wear the emblems of meritorious or service awards unless he has attained or earned the proper mark of distinction of such emblems.

KTEF CRUSADERS CROSS

Section 107.5.6

Wear of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation (KTEF) Crusader's Cross, granted for philanthropic activity to the KTEF, is permissible for wear on the Honor Guard Uniform. The Crusader's Cross shall be worn on the right breast of the uniform coat.

KTEF MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Section 107.5.7

The KTEF Membership award shall be worn on the uniform coat's right breast, in accordance with its status as a Grand Encampment award.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR AND KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE

Section 107.5.8

Wear of the collar/neck ribbons for the Knight Templar Cross of Honor and the Knight Commander of the Temple, in accordance with Grand Commandery of Minnesota protocols on placement, shall be allowed in lieu of wearing a breast jewel. The wear of a breast jewel and the corresponding collar/neck ribbon for the same award simultaneously shall not be allowed.

WEAR OF OTHER GRAND ENCAMPMENT OR OTHER GRAND COMMANDERY JURISDICTION COMMENTATIONS

Section 107.5.9

Other commendations awarded by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar shall be worn by the recipient Honor Guard on the right breast of the uniform coat, centered on the breast, and parallel with the jewels on the left side of the coat, and descending from there, as needed. The wear of any commendation from another Grand Commandery Jurisdiction shall be worn in accordance with that jurisdiction's regulations, provided they do not conflict with those of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota

NAMEPLATE – COMPOSITION AND WEAR THEREOF

Section 107.6

The uniform nameplate for the Honor Guard uniform shall be composed of metal, plastic, or composite, with white lettering on a black field, one (1) inch in height, and three (3) inches wide. The nameplate shall have three (3) lines of lettering, with the uppermost line of lettering in a font size at least double that of the second line, with the first line stating the Sir Knights name (full first name, middle initial, full last name, and suffix as applicable), with the second line stating GRAND HONOR GUARD, and the third line stating GRAND COMMANDERY OF MINNESOTA. The nameplate is to be worn directly above, and centered with, the jewels on the uniform.

ADOPTION OF THE VETERAN SERVICE AND YORK RITE LEADERSHIP UNIFORM BARS

Section 107.7

The use of the commonly accepted Veterans Service and York Rite Leadership recognition bars shall be adopted for use within the Grand Commandery Honor Guard

VETERAN SERVICE BARS – QUALIFICATIONS FOR WEAR

Section 107.7.1

To qualify to wear a Veteran Service Recognition Bar, the Sir Knight must be a current active member or veteran of the active, reserve, or national guard components of the United States Army, United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard, or the United States Air Force; with corresponding active duty, reserve, national guard, or veteran's identification verifying service, or U.S. Form DD-214 verifying service.

YORK RITE LEADERSHIP BARS – QUALIFICATIONS FOR WEAR

Section 107.7.2

To qualify to wear a York Rite Leadership Recognition Bar, the Sir Knight must currently or previously have held and successfully completed a term as Master of a Craft Lodge, High Priest of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Illustrious Master of a Council of Cryptic Masons, and Commander of a Commandery of Knights Templar.

VETERAN SERVICE AND YORK RITE LEADERSHIP BARS – HOW WORN

Section 107.7.3

The Veteran Service and/or York Rite Leadership bars are to be worn centered and directly above the nameplate. If both bars are present, they shall be worn side by side, with the Veteran Service bar taking the position innermost toward the center of the Sir Knight's chest.

GRAND HONOR GUARD SCROLL TAB AND SSI:

Section 107.8

All Sir Knights of the Grand Honor Guard will wear the prescribed Honor Guard scroll tab, which is to be made of a gold or yellow border and lettering on a red field, with the words "HONOR GUARD" prominently displayed. Additionally, the use of the standard Honor Guard scroll tab of the United States Marine Corps is acceptable for usage. It shall be worn centered on the left sleeve, 1/2 inch below the top of the shoulder seam, on the coat of the dress uniform. Wear of the Honor Guard scroll tab shall be strictly restricted to current and former Grand Commandery Honor Guard members.

GRAND HONOR GUARD SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA (SSI)

Section 107.8.1

DESIGN OF SSI:

Section 107.8.1.1

The Honor Guard may design a unique SSI for their uniforms. The design shall be voted upon by the Honor Guard and submitted to the Grand Commandery for approval. This design shall adhere to all tenets of Templary and the spirit of the same, without causing any scandal or disharmony among the Order. The SSI shall be no larger than 3-1/2 inches wide and 4 inches in height. Wear of the Honor Guard SSI shall be strictly restricted to current and former Grand Commandery Honor Guard members.

HOW WORN, IF ADOPTED:

Section 107.8.1.1

The Grand Honor Guard SSI, if adopted, shall be worn 1/4 inch below the Honor Guard scroll tab.

TEMPLAR SWORD BELT AND BUCKLE

Section 107.9

The belt shall be of black grain leather, one and three-fourths inches wide, mounted with a lace, woven of plated wire and silk, or of materials of equal quality, with colors in parallel stripes of plated and silk, the silk stripes to be of equal width as the plated stripes. The belt clasped with a plated belt buckle with a pattern hereinafter described, and to have either three slings of black grain leather on which to hang the sword, two short and one long, upon which shall be mounted a lace of the same material as of the belt; or metal chains of a plated barrel style, or chains historically worn within the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota. The slings or chains are to be suspended by clasps from a leather strap, fastened to the inside of the belt; each sling to have lengthening buckles and heavy plated swivels at the lower ends. If chains are in use, the chains may be suspended from the belt using plated metal belt slide mounts that are, or have been, historically worn within the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota. The belt buckle shall be rectangular in shape, two by three inches in size, of hard metal, with a one-eighth-inch polished raised beveled edge, without ornamentation except the face stippled in vermicelli pattern. In the center of the buckle shall be a cross of hard enamel, suitable to the status and rank of the wearer, with polished face. The buckle is to be attached to the belt with a French fastener, and the return end of the belt is to be held in place by a sliding loop, or optional metal plated belt slide if chains are in use.

The belt shall be in black silk and gold wire, with gold-plated hardware, and a gold buckle adorned with an equal-armed Templar Cross that is hard-enamel and bright red in color.

HEADGEAR

Section 107.10

Garrison or Pershing Hat

The Grand Honor Guard shall wear a Military Style Naval Dress Cap, with a black top, black band, and black high-gloss visor with no adornments. Upon the cap shall be a metal red Templar Cross cap device 2 ¼ inches square, with a red glass or fine gem affixed in the center, affixed to the front of the peak of the cap, and a gold chin strap attached with gold Knights Templar buttons. The cap may be a Bancroft 200 PCW or a similar design. The Honor Guard may choose to implement the use of the USMC officer's chin strap upon the cap. The Honor Guard shall not wear the common bicorne chapeau. Former members of the Honor Guard shall not have the privilege to continue the wear of the Honor Guard-prescribed headgear unless adopted for all Sir Knights of this jurisdiction.

HONOR GUARD UNIFORM SHOULDER CORD

Section 107.11

Current and active members of the Honor Guard shall wear a red or scarlet, over-the-epaulet double-braided shoulder cord atop the left shoulder, and under the arm, of the uniform coat affixed immediately inside of the shoulder board immediately adjacent to the "inside" edge of the shoulder board closest to the collar. Former members of the Honor Guard shall not have the privilege of continued wear of the Honor Guard shoulder cord. However, the use of the Honor Guard shoulder cord by candidates who are supporting an Honor Guard deployment or activity may be allowed with permission by the Captain of the Honor Guard.

LOOP CORD ADDITIONS

Section 107.11.1

The Honor Guard Captain and the Honor Guard Sergeant Major shall wear a red or scarlet loop cord in addition to the above shoulder cord, resting on the outside of the shoulder of the coat. The Captain shall wear a double loop cord, and the Sergeant Major shall wear a single loop cord.

HANG CORD ADDITIONS

Section 107.11.2

In addition to the above shoulder cord, the active founding members of the Grand Commandery Honor Guard at the time of the adoption of this provision (namely, Sir Knights John Helcl, James Henderson, Gerald Zierdt, Clinton Christensen, inclusive) shall wear a scarlet, single-knot hang cord, adorned with a brass tip as a mark of meritorious service to the Honor Guard. The hang cord shall be suspended parallel to the shoulder cord on the innermost edge towards the Sir Knight's chest and shall not suspend lower than the bottom reach of the shoulder cord.

PAST GRAND COMMANDER'S UNIFORM VARIANT

Section 107.12

EMBLEMS

Section 107.12.1

When not deployed as a member of the Honor Guard, an Honor Guard member who has earned the status of a Past Grand Commander or Honorary Past Grand Commander may wear the shoulder boards or straps, collar devices, sleeve, cap device or adornments, belt, belt buckle, or other items specific to a Past Grand Commander; while also retaining the privilege of wearing the Honor Guard station brass, and the Honor Guard tab scroll.

SHOULDER CORD, LOOP CORD ADDITION, AND HANG CORD ADDITION

Section 107.12.2

When not deployed as a member of the Honor Guard, an Honor Guard member who has earned the status of a Past Grand Commander or Honorary Past Grand Commander shall wear Honor Guard shoulder cord, loop cord addition, and hang cord addition to which they are entitled, colored in concord purple.

PAST GRAND COMMANDER'S UNIFORM VARIANT- WEAR AT CONCLAVE ALLOWED

In attending any Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota, or while traveling on behalf or representing of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota, an Honor Guard member who has earned the status of a Past Grand Commander or Honorary Past Grand Commander may wear the entirety of the Past Grand Commander's uniform variant as outlined. The wear of this variant by those entitled is also allowed when deployed to any Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota as a member of the Honor Guard.

12. ENTIRE PARAGRAPH AS INTENDED TO READ IN THE CODE OF LAWS:

(Not necessary if entire paragraph is new and has been stated in 11 above.)

13. RATIONALE (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed):

The Grand Honor Guard of the Grand Commandery has been operating since 2014 without provisions of operations, and has done so annually only by a Grand Commander's dispensation of every year. This legislation provides a committee-based order of operations and confirmed uniform code for the Honor Guard

14. PROPOSERS - PRINTED NAMES, SIGNATURE, OFFICE and CHAPTER/COUNCIL/COMMANDERY NUMBERS of submitting members. (NOTE: Must be signed by no less than three members of the Grand York Rite or by the High Priest, Illustrious Master, or Commander; or Grand Officer and attested under Seal.)

<u>SK James Henderson, KCT</u> Printed Name	<u>Electronically Submitted</u> Signature	<u>Past Grand Captain General, GCKTMN</u> Office
<u>SK David Dumonceaux</u> Printed Name	<u>Electronically Submitted</u> Signature	<u>Deputy Grand Commander, GCKTMN</u> Office
<u>SK Gerald Zierdt, KCT</u> Printed Name	<u>Electronically Submitted</u> Signature	<u>Grand Captain General, GCKTMN</u> Office
<u>SK Brian Dimatteo, KTCH, KCT</u> Printed Name	<u>Electronically Submitted</u> Signature	<u>Past Grand Commander, Grand Recorder, GCKTMN</u> Office
<u>SK R. James Luchsinger, KCT</u> Printed Name	<u>Electronically Submitted</u> Signature	<u>Past Grand Commander, GCKTMN</u> Office
<u>SK Clinton Christensen</u> Printed Name	<u>Electronically Submitted</u> Signature	<u>Grand Standard Bearer, GCKTMN</u> Office
<u>SK Terry Christiansen, KTCH, KCT</u> Printed Name	<u>Electronically Submitted</u> Signature	<u>Grand Sword Bearer, GCKTMN</u> Office
<u>SK Philip Bodle</u> Printed Name	<u>Electronically Submitted</u> Signature	<u>Grand Warder, GCKTMN</u> Office
<u>SK John E. Helcl, II</u> Printed Name	<u>Electronically Submitted</u> Signature	<u>Grand Prelate Emeritus, Past Gr. Generalissimo, GCKTMN</u> Office