

# NOTICE OF LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEMS OF THE 66<sup>TH</sup> TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE

All Official Actions and Decisions of Most Eminent Grand Master Goodwin were approved by the voting delegates in session.

The following proposed Amendments to The Constitution, Statutes, Ritual and Disciplinary Rules of The Grand Encampment were passed:

Proposed Amendment No. 2015-01 relating to ALTERNATE HEAD COVER  
Proposed Amendment No. 2015-02 relating to OFFICE DESIGNATION FOR CAP & MANTLE UNIFORMS  
Proposed Amendment No. 2015-04 relating to DUTIES OF GRAND COMMANDERY GRAND RECORDERS  
Proposed Amendment No. 2015-05 relating to GRAND COMMANDERY RETURNS TO GRAND ENCAMPMENT  
Proposed Amendment No. 2015-06 relating to COMMANDERY DUES CARDS

One additional proposed Amendment was passed. As this was not previously distributed, a copy is included with this missive.

Proposed Amendment No. 2015-07 relating to GRAND PRELATE OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT

The following proposed Amendment was not passed:

Proposed Amendment No. 2015-03 relating to BALLOTING ON PETITIONERS

In addition to those items included in the legislative call through the Notice of Conclave, the actions of the Most Eminent Grand Master and the Grand Encampment relative to the recommendations of the Committee on Dispensations and Charters are summarized below.

**Charters were granted to the following Subordinate Commanderies:**

Erasmus Commandery No. 1 of Austria  
Michel De Montaigne Commandery No. 2 of Austria  
Heinrich Von Morspach Commandery No. 3 of Austria  
BENTO GONÇALVES Commandery No. 4 of Brazil  
BANDEIRANTE FERNÃO DIAS PAES LEME Commandery No. 5 of Brazil  
GRÃO PARÁ Commandery No. 6 of Brazil  
MATO GROSSO DO SUL Commandery No. 7 of Brazil  
ALFERES TIRADENTES Commandery No. 8 of Brazil  
MARCO ZERO DO EQUADOR Commandery No. 9 of Brazil  
PADRE DOM BOSCO Commandery No. 10 of Brazil  
PARAIBA Commandery No. 11 of Brazil  
El Salvador Commandery No. 1 of El Salvador  
Peru Commandery No. 1 of Peru  
Paraguay Commandery No. 1 of Paraguay

**Dispensations granted for the formation and subsequent Chartering of the following Grand Commanderies:**

Brasil (note spelling of Brazil)  
Austria

The Charter of the Grand Commandery of Mexico remains suspended.

## GRAND RECORDERS:

Your attention is particularly directed to Goodwin Decision No. 11, and Amendments 2015-04, 2015-05, and 2015-06. These were contained in the Notice of Conclave and reprinted in the Advance Copy of Proposed Legislation.

**Proposed Amendment No. 2015-07**  
**Proposed by Duane L. Vaught, PGC (Indiana)**

**Permanent Rank for Past Grand Prelates of Grand Encampment, Insignia and Honorary membership in Grand Encampment**

To Grand Master and members of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar:

Whereas Emeritus status may be granted to those who have served as Prelate in Grand, Constituent and subordinate Commanderies but not Grand Encampment and

Whereas service as Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment entails significant effort and commitment including services such as leading the Easter Service, writing Knight Templar magazine articles and other duties and

Whereas the three year term of office represents a long sustained commitment.

I therefore move that Section 2 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar

Currently reads:

Section 2. Its members are and shall be:

- (a) All Past Grand Commanders of Grand Commanderies;
- (b) The Grand Commander, the Deputy Grand Commander, the Grand Generalissimo, and the Grand Captain General of each of the Grand Commanderies;
- (c) The Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General of each of the Subordinate Commanderies;
- (d) The Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment;
- (e) All Knights Templar from other sovereign Grand Jurisdictions who, at any Triennial Conclave, have been elected honorary members. Such election, however, shall not confer the right to vote.

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- (f) If not otherwise a member of the Grand Encampment, any Knight Templar having membership in a Commandery under the authority of the Grand Encampment who has served as Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment for a period of time necessary to obtain permanent rank. Such persons will have status as honorary members of Grand Encampment.

And that Section 235 of the statutes of the Grand Encampment that

Currently reads:

Section 235. One who has filled by installation and term of service, the office of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General or Department Commander in the Grand Encampment; Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo or Grand Captain General in a Grand Commandery; or Commander in a Commandery; shall retain the title of the highest office attained by him in the Grand Encampment, Grand Commandery and Commandery, with the word, "Past" immediately preceding and qualifying the official title. Past rank is limited to the offices named in this section, and may include the Administrative Offices as authorized in Section 43 and 55 of the Constitution provided that the provisions of this section shall apply to all Department Commanders who have served their terms of office" prior to the 49th Triennial Conclave. Provided that an officer who is installed and thereafter dies during his term of office shall be entitled to be considered as having filled his term of office.

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And that section 241 that

Currently reads in part:

Section 241. The emblem to be used or worn on the uniforms of the various Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment, Grand Commanderies, Subordinate and Constituent Commanderies to denote the rank of such person in the Order shall be as follows:

(b) For all other Officers of the Grand Encampment, the Patriarchal Cross of a style such that the lower arm of the cross is longer than the upper arm and each arm is to be equally spaced along the vertical axis of the cross.

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And that section 242 that

Currently reads in part:

Section 242. The Shoulder Straps of Officers and Past Officers of the Grand Encampment shall be as follows:

(c) For Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Generalissimos, Past Grand Captains General, Past Grand Treasurers, Past Grand Recorders, and Past Department Commanders: The same as for officers of the Grand Encampment and at the foot of the cross, narrowwise of the strap, the initials of the office respectively shall be embroidered of silver bullion in old English characters, as follows: P.D.G.M. (Past Deputy Grand Master, P.G.G. (Past Grand Generalissimo), P.G.C.G. (Past Grand Captain General), P.G.T. (Past Grand Treasurer), P.G.R. (Past Grand Recorder), and P.D.C. (Past Department Commander).

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Courteously submitted

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