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To: All Eminent Commanders and Recorders of Constituent Commanderies

It has come to my attention that some Commanderies have not complied with our constitution concerning article 19.03 and 37.302 for clarification of the proper uniform for installation and when you may apply the use of the Prelates Robe.

19.03. Installation of Officers

- c) Public Installations. Officers may be installed at a public ceremony; in which case the following provisions shall apply:
- (1) **The officers will appear in full Knights Templar uniform.**
 - (2) An Altar will be provided with an open Bible but there shall be no display of the Relics nor the Square and Compasses.
 - (3) The officers will enter in procession.
 - (4) The ceremony will open with an invocation by the Prelate.
 - (5) The Vow of Office will be taken by the officers in position under the sword tactics. LAWS and REGULATIONS 2018 GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF FLORIDA Page 36
 - (6) the prescribed Ten Questions will be omitted from the ceremony but shall be posed by the Installing Officer prior to the ceremony and in an informal conference.
 - (7) All the written “charges” to the various officers will be omitted, but the Installing Officer may address individuals or groups, using extemporaneous remarks.
 - (8) The ceremony will conclude with a benediction from the Prelate.
 - (9) [Optional] The ceremony may also conclude with the regular Flag Lecture from the Ritual prior to the benediction.

37.302. Dress Uniform; Specifications

- i) Prelate’s and Ceremonial Robes.

(1) Prelate’s Robe. The Regulation Robe of the Prelate of the Grand Commandery and of Constituent Commanderies shall consist of under-ropes, mantle or over- LAWS and REGULATIONS 2022 GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF FLORIDA Page 58 robes, stole and biretta according to Section 253 of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment.

(2) When Worn. The Prelate shall wear his Robes of Office while officiating in the conferring of the Orders and may wear them outside the Asylum when attending a Templar funeral or religious service. **At all other times, he shall wear the regulation Knight Templar Uniform of this Grand Jurisdiction and the jewel of his Office**

Therefore, it is my order that any Commandery that failed to comply with Article 19.03 of the Constitution install those Sir Knights that were improperly installed and report the same to your DDGC no later than the next 60 days.

Fraternally and Respectfully,

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Signed by direction Carl E. Gilmore