



GRAND COMMANDERY



KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

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Synopsis of Triennial

The 68th Triennial was opened by Most Eminent Grand Master Jeffery Norman Nelson on Monday August 16th. After a morning of Introductions, the first tiled session began at 1:00 pm. After the Grand Master Allocution was given the floor was opened for Proposed Amendments to the Constitution. Most of these amendments did not affect the local Commanderies. I will touch on those that affect Indiana Commanderies and the Grand Commandery of Indiana

- **PUBLIC APPERANCES IN UNIFORM**
 - Sections 214 & 215 Repealed in their entirety.
- **SUMMER UNIFORMS**
 - Section 259. Each Grand Commandery may, in its discretion, adopt the uniform herein described in, making use of the optional sections as it chooses. ~~Further this uniform may only be used for the period beginning with Memorial Day and continuing through Labor Day.~~ The Grand Commander of each jurisdiction may set the dates for the wearing of Summer Uniforms in his jurisdiction. The Grand Encampment Officers may wear the Summer Uniform on appropriate occasions. The Summer Uniform in no event be worn when conferring the Orders.
 - *Added words and punctuation are underlined. Deleted words and punctuation are struct through.*
- **SHORT FORM OPENING RITUAL**
 - The following is added to Section 66 Quorum
 - If a Commandery is permitted to be opened with less than nine members and there are not nine or more Sir Knights present, the Short Form Opening in the 2019 Ritual shall be used.
- **OFFICES IN MULTIPLE COMMANDERIES**
 - Section 190(a) was amended to read as follows
 - A Knight Templar may be admitted to membership in any Commandery regardless of his residence ~~but cannot~~ and may be a dais an elected officer in more than one Commandery at the same time, provided he may not be Commander of more than one Commandery at the same time.
 - *Added words and punctuation are underlined. Deleted words and punctuation are struct through.*
- **TEMPLAR APRON**
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Proposed Amendment 2021-20

**Proposed by S.K. Jack M. Harper, II, P.G.C. (Texas)
And Sir Knight Jeremy C. Vaughn, P.G.C. (Idaho)**

TEMPLAR APRON

Whereas, many Sir Knights have expressed enthusiasm for resuming use of a Templar Apron.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Grand Encampment *Statutes* **be amended** by a new Chapter, consisting of two new Sections, as follows:

CHAPTER XXII

APRONS

Section 260. It is permissible for Grand Encampment Officers and members of Grand, Constituent, and Subordinate Commanderies to wear an apron with Templar Uniforms as described in Sections 247, 248, 250, 250a, 251, and 259 as follows:

- A. Traditional Apron. A Traditional Templar Apron shall conform substantially in design to the images below. It shall be trimmed in gold for Sir Knights of the rank of Commander or Past Commander and above, and in silver for Sir Knights below the rank of Commander. A Traditional Templar Apron may only be worn in an Asylum or other private setting where only Knights Templar are present.



- B. Contemporary Apron. A Contemporary Templar Apron shall conform substantially in design to the image below. It shall be trimmed in gold for Sir Knights of the rank of Commander or Past Commander and above, and in silver for Sir Knights below the rank of Commander. A Contemporary Templar Apron may be worn in both private and public settings. It is permissible to manufacture an apron so that it is reversible with the Traditional Apron on one side and the Contemporary Apron on the other.



- C. Grand Encampment Officers may wear such aprons and others, as deemed appropriate, from time to time, by the Grand Master and in accordance with his directions. and
- D. If a Sir Knight appears in uniform in a tyled, Masonic Lodge, he shall wear such apron as is in accord with local Masonic custom or approved by the presiding officer.

Section 261. A Grand Commandery may provide for the wearing of a Templar Apron in its Uniform Regulations similar to those in Sections 260 A, B and C. A Grand Commandery may specify with which of its authorized uniforms a Templar Apron may be worn.”

Respectfully submitted,

Jack M. Harper, II, P.G.C. (Texas)
Jeremy C. Vaughn, P.G.C. (Idaho)

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- As of the present date, aprons are not authorized to be worn with any uniform in Indiana. This will need to be addressed by passing legislation changes to our Grand Commandery Laws at our next Grand Conclave in April.
- **Election of Grand Encampment Officers for the next Triennial**
 - Sir Knight Michael Burke Johnson – Most Eminent Grand Master
 - Sir Knight David Joseph Kussman – Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master
 - Sir Knight Jeffery A. Bolstad – Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo
 - Sir Knight Jack M. Harper, II – Right Eminent Grand Captain General
 - Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker – Right Eminent Grand Recorder
 - Sir Knight Bobby Blackman Simmons – Right Eminent Grand Treasurer
 - Sir Knight Martin R. Trent, Past Grand Commander of Ohio was appointed as the East Central Department Commander

This Bulletin shall be read at the first Stated Conclave of each Constituent Commandery following its receipt and be made a part of the minutes.

Given under my hand and seal this 23rd day of August 2021, A.O. 903.

Edward E. Fodrea, KCT, Grand Commander

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