

The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas
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To: The Grand Officers, Past Grand Commanders,
Officers and Members of the Constituent Commanderies of Texas.

Greetings:

You are hereby notified that the following Resolutions have been received in this office for consideration of the Grand Commandery in its 168th Annual Conclave, to be held virtually, on April 16, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas,

Whereas, the Texas Knights Templar Educational Foundation is its own entity and is not held accountable to the Statutes and Regulations of The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas; and

Whereas, the Educational Foundation Committee is a part of this Grand Commandery and is subject to the rules as set forth in Articles 50, 51 and 52 of the Statutes and Regulations of The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas; and

Whereas, there are not less than four members of the Education Foundation Committee serving as Directors of the Texas Knight Templar Educational Foundation; and

Whereas, this can be interpreted as a direct conflict of interest.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved that Article 50 of the Statutes and Regulations of The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas be amended to read as follows.

Paragraph 1 No Change

Paragraph 2. No Change

Add paragraph 3

“No member of the Educational Foundation Committee of The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas shall serve both the Educational Foundation Committee and the Texas Knights Templar Educational Foundation, also, that the Educational Foundation Committee of The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas shall not meet in concurrent session with the Texas Knights Templar Education Foundation and all scholarships shall be separately awarded.”

Be it further resolved that this amendment be effective immediately following the close of this 168th Grand Conclave.

Respectfully submitted:

Dwight Phillips, Past Commander

Ruthven Commandery No. 2

Paul E. Wunsche, Past Commander

Melrose Commandery No. 109

RESOLUTION NO. 2

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas,

Whereas, Sir Knight Dozier Payne Gossett left a substantial amount of land to the Grand Commandery of Texas for proceeds to be donated to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation; and

Whereas, the Grand Officers executed the sale of this land in January 2020 and all proceeds were transferred to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation; and

Whereas, the Grand Commandery of Texas was credited for all Sir Knights in Texas to become Life Sponsors of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation; and

Whereas, in order to maintain 100% Membership as Life Sponsors and to continue to honor Sir Knight Gossett's generous donation.

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, that Article 305 be amended to include the following sentence:

“Each petitioner for the Orders, affiliation, and/or reinstatement shall, if elected, also pay all fees to become a Life Sponsor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation (KTEF), as shall be established and adopted by the KTEF Trustees, for each Commandery he petitions.”

Be it further Resolved, that Article 287 be amended to read as follows:

“An affiliation fee shall be collected for a member, should he be elected, which is strictly for the purpose for becoming a Life Sponsor of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. Only members of the Commandery petitioned shall vote on a petition of affiliation.

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Beaumont Commandery No. 38
Richard R. Jernigan, Past Commander
Worth Commandery No. 19

Fraternally,

Gary H. Freedman

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Grand Commander

Courteously,

Jerry N. Kirby

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Grand Recorder

