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Grand Commanders' Program

To: All Past Grand Commanders, current Grand Officers, Committee Members, Officers and Sir Knights of all Constituent Commanderies within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa

Sir Knights, it is my pleasure to announce the Grand Commanders' Program for the Templar year of 2016 – 2017. This program has been designed to benefit Commanderies both large and small. My goals in the development of this program are as follows:

- New Sir Knights – my goal is 75 new Sir Knights
- Ritual and Tactics Instruction
- Participating in Templar Religious Observances
- Patriotic and Community Activities
- Contributions to our Knight Templar Eye Foundation charity
- Raising funds for the Holy Land Pilgrimage
- Timely reporting of membership activity to the Grand Recorder

By participating in this program, constituent Commanderies will be able to build comradery and enthusiasm among their members, make their Commanderies stronger, and earn some funds to use however your sir knights want to.

This program will run from June 4, 2016 to June 1, 2017. Application for monies earned under the Grand Commanders; Program must be received in the Grand Recorders' office by 6/10/17.

I urge each constituent commandery to participate in this program. Let's see who can show the most activities and earn the most funds!

Fraternally,

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2016 – Grand Commander's Program – 2017

This program will run from 2016 Grand Conclave (June 4, 2016) to the 2017 Grand Conclave (June 1, 2017). Applications for the money earned must be made to the Grand Recorder by June 10, 2017. To be eligible to receive money a Commandery **MUST HAVE** met **ALL** the **Required Items (noted in red)** and **had one new Knighting**, participated in the **Knights Templar Eye Foundation fund raiser program**, made a donation to the **Holy Land Pilgrimage fund**, must be **current with their reports and fees** to the Grand Recorder and finally must have **at least one DAIS Officer or their proxy at the 2017 Grand Conclave**.

1. **Reports and Representation:** *Goal is to receive ALL reports in a timely manner and have representation at Grand Conclave.*
 - A. Monthly reports must be received (either via email or USPS) in the Grand Recorder's office by the 10th of the month for nine (9) of the twelve (12) months. If the Grand Recorder's office receives nine (9) monthly reports, by the 10th, you will receive **\$10.00** for each monthly report. Telephone calls are not accepted for any changes, except for the last week of December and then you must **also** send the written report! **(Maximum of \$120)**
 - B. If all twelve monthly reports are received by the 10th of the month, you will receive a bonus of an **\$30.00. (1)**
 - C. Commandery and Grand Commandery dues and assessments shall be due and payable on the first day of February of each year for which said dues and assessments were levied, and the same shall become delinquent on the first day of March of the same year. (To be eligible for the 2016-2017 Grand Commander's Program the Annual Returns plus the entire fees must be in the Grand Recorder's office no later than February 1st.) If this requirement is met, the Commandery will receive **\$50.00**.
 - D. At least one dais officer or his proxy must be registered and in attendance at the 2017 Grand Conclave. If met, the Commandery will receive **\$25.00**.
 - E. The Commandery will receive **\$25** for each additional dais officer (or their proxy) and the recorder. **(Max \$75)**
 - F. If all dais officers (or their proxies) and the recorder attend, the Commandery will receive an additional bonus of **\$50**. **(Max \$50)**
2. **Membership:** *Goal of One More Knight Templar than Last Year.*
 - A. **\$75** for each Commandery showing no membership loss. **(\$75)**
 - B. **\$20** for each new Knighting. **(Maximum of 10 – Up to \$200)**
 - C. **\$5** for each reinstatement in a Commandery. The Reinstated Sir Knights must have been out of the Order for at least one year. **(Maximum of 10 – Up to \$50)**
3. **Inspection, Ritual and Tactics:** *Goal is to improve Ritual and Tactics in the local Commandery and increase the number of Schools, Inspections and Sir Knights attending.*
 - A. **\$100** for a Commandery having an Inspection.
 - B. Commandery holding a School of Instruction. *A signed registration sheet must be submitted for these monies.* **(Maximum one per year)**
 - a. **\$20** for Up to 5% of the membership attending.
 - b. **\$35** for 5% to 10% of membership attending.
 - c. **\$50** for Over 10% of membership attending.

- C. Commandery attending a School of Instruction other than your own. *Signed registration sheet must be submitted for these monies. (Maximum of 1)*
 - a. **\$15** for Up to 5% of the membership attending.
 - b. **\$25** for from 5% to 10% of membership attending.
 - c. **\$40** for over 10% of membership attending.
 - D. **\$25** for each speaking part, and **\$10** for non-speaking parts, when assisting other Commanderies, you are not a member of, in conferring the Order of the Temple. **(Maximum of \$100)**
 - E. **\$25** for a Commandery holding an education program, with at least 9 Sir Knights present. *Signed registration sheet must be submitted to receive these monies. (Maximum of \$50)*
4. **Observance and Friendship Nights:** *Goal is to increase Commandery Public activities.*
- A. **\$25** for a Commandery holding a **Public**, or participating with another Masonic Body in a **Public** Christmas Observance.
 - B. **\$25** for a Commandery holding a **Public**, or participating with another Masonic Body in a **Public** Easter Observance.
 - C. **\$25** for a Commandery holding a **Public**, or participating with another Masonic Body in a **Public** Ascension Service or the Commandery attending a church of the Commander's choice for an Ascension Service.
 - D. **\$25** for a Commandery holding a York Rite Friendship Night, to which non-York Rite Masons are in attendance. **(Maximum of \$25)**
5. **Masonic Cooperation:** *Goal to assist other Masonic Bodies.*
- A. **\$50** for a Commandery having a minimum of four Sir Knights present, in full Uniform, to assist in the forming of the lines for a Grand Lodge Cornerstone Ceremony. Maximum of (3 per Commandery Year) **\$150**.
 - B. **\$25** for a Commandery that co-sponsors a Friendship Night with a Symbolic Lodge, Scottish Rite or Shrine, to which non-Masons are invited. (Maximum of 1) **\$25**.
 - C. **\$25** for a Commandery presenting the flag or escort for an installation of Symbolic Lodges officers at a public or Masonic Event. (Maximum of 2) **\$50**
 - D. **\$25** for a Commandery presenting the flag at a Masonic event. (Maximum of **two**)
6. **Patriotic or Civic Activity**
- A. **\$25** for a Commandery presenting the flag at a public event. (Maximum of 2 = **\$50**)
 - B. **\$25** for a Commandery participating in a VFW or American Legion related type of activity. Must be at least four (4) Sir Knights in attendances. Name of the event and Sir Knights participating must be submitted. Maximum of **\$50**
7. **Knights Templar Eye Foundation:** *Goal is to increase "Iowa's Contribution".*
- A. The Grand Commandery will match dollar for dollar for money collected as **PUBLIC** fundraising activities for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. *Funds must be received by Iowa Knights Templar Eye Foundation Chairman, Richard A. Zummak (or his designee) prior to May 1, 2017. Verification of the public fundraising event must be attached to your request for Grand Commanders Program funds. (Maximum of \$750)*
 - B. For each new Sir Knight who becomes a life member of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation (donation of \$30), the Commandery will receive **\$15**
 - C. For each new member of the Grand Commanders' Club of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation (donation of \$100), a Commandery will receive **\$25**
 - D. For each new member of the Grand Masters' Club of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation (donation of \$1,000 or more), a Commandery will receive **\$50**
8. **Holy Land Pilgrimage Collections:** *Goal is to restart the Pilgrimage Program, obtain funding and to send a qualified Clergyperson to the Holy Land.*
- A. **\$25** for a Commandery making a donation of \$100 for the Holy Land Pilgrimage. Donations should be made payable to the Holy Land Pilgrimage and sent to the Grand Recorders' Office.
 - B. **\$50** for a Commandery making a donation of \$250 or more to the Holy Land Pilgrimage. The Grand Commander will make a personal donation of \$50 to the Holy Land Pilgrimage.
9. **Assistance to the Needy:** *Goal to feed the hunger, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted.*
- A. **\$25** for a Commandery holding a food drive with donations going to a homeless shelter or similar type of organization. *A description of activity and sir knights participating must be submitted*
 - B. **\$25** for a Commandery holding a clothing or blanket drive with donations going to a homeless shelter or similar type of organization. *A description of activity and sir knights participating must be submitted.*