



The Grand Commandery

Knights Templar of Virginia

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DECISION No. 3

BONDING OF GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS

August 25, 2022

Whereas, the CONSTITUTION, STATUTES, DISCIPLINARY RULES, STANDING RESOLUTIONS, CEREMONIES, FORMS AND APPROVED DECISIONS OF THE Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America states,

OFFICIAL BONDS Section 75. Recorders and Treasurers of Commanderies shall give bond for the faithful performance of their duties under such regulations as the Grand Commandery may enact for Constituent Commanderies and the Grand Encampment for Subordinate Commanderies.

The intent of Section 75 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment is that Recorders and Treasurers of Commanderies shall be bonded, and that such bonding is intended to be mandatory. This provision, however, is not self-executing. It is to be executed under such “regulations” as the Grand Commandery may enact for Constituent Commanderies of their jurisdictions. In cases where Grand Commanderies have failed to enact such regulations, the Grand Commander, under Sections 48(a) and (e) of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, has authority to require that Recorders and Treasurers be bonded, and under Section 48(d) has authority to enforce his order so requiring. (1937, p 43 & 347 No. 4 Norris), and

Whereas, the CONSTITUTION, STATUTES, DISCIPLINARY RULES, STANDING RESOLUTIONS, CEREMONIES, FORMS AND APPROVED DECISIONS OF THE Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America states,

POWERS AND DUTIES Section 41. Each Grand Commandery has the following powers and prerogatives, but the enumeration shall not be construed as a limitation thereof:

- b) It may adopt such Constitution, Laws, Rules, and Regulations as are not inconsistent with the Constitution, Statutes, Rules, and Regulations of the Grand Encampment and as it may deem necessary for the good of the Order, and

Whereas a fidelity bond is a form of insurance protection that covers the Grand Commandery for losses that are incurred as a result of fraudulent acts by specified individuals, and

Whereas, fraud is defined as wrongful or criminal deception intended to result in financial or personal gain in goods, services, securities, and all forms of tender and includes but is not limited to fraudulent acts such as cheating, swindling, artifice, deceit, deception, theft, embezzlement, conversion, subterfuge, stratagem, wile, ruse, and kickbacks.

Therefore, I, Romulo M. Capuno, by the authority in Section 48 CONSTITUTION, STATUTES, DISCIPLINARY RULES, STANDING RESOLUTIONS, CEREMONIES, FORMS AND APPROVED DECISIONS OF THE Grand Encampment and Section 8 (A) CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES of the Grand Commandery of Virginia in me vested as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar do hereby order that fidelity bonds be obtained annually, the expense of such being budgeted and paid for by the Grand Commandery, for the officers and committee chairmen of this Grand Commandery as named here:

Grand Commander
Deputy Grand Commander
Grand Generalissimo
Grand Captain General
Grand Treasurer
Assistant Grand Treasurer
Grand Recorder
Assistant Grand Recorders
Trustees
Chairman of the Committee on Finance
Chairman of the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee
Chairman of the Baldwin-Brown Fund
Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee
Chairman of the Eye Foundation
Others as deemed necessary by the Grand Commander

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Virginia, on this 25th Day of August, 2022, A.O. 904. All true and courteous Knights will take due notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly.

Courteously,



Romulo M. Capuno, KCT
Grand Commander



Attest:



Major G. Stephenson, III, KTCH/KCT
Grand Recorder