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DECISION No. 4

Approval and Distribution of the Manual of Tactics and Asylum Ceremonies – Revised May 25, 2022 August 30, 2022

WHEREAS the Grand Encampment Constitution and Statutes has full authority over the Ritual, the question of tactics are under the control of the Grand Commandery, except where tactics are prescribed by ritual they must be observed.

AND WHEREAS the Grand Encampment Constitution and Statutes indicates A Grand Commandery need not submit its Manual of Tactics and Drill to the Grand Master or the Grand Encampment for approval before its adoption, publication, and use, the Manual must conform to the ceremonies and floor movements indicated in the Ritual.

AND WHEREAS the Grand Commandery Constitution and Statutes provides in Section 13, (J) the Committee on Work, to be responsible for keeping the Manual of Tactics up-to-date.

AND WHEREAS the Grand Commandery Constitution and Statutes Section 23 (B) (1) empowers the Grand Instructor General to serve as the personal representative of the Grand Commander in matters pertaining to Tactics and Ritual.

AND WHEREAS discrepancies were identified between the Manual of Tactics and the Grand Inspector General Inspection (GIG) Log Form during the official visits of the Grand Commander to the Districts in 2021. It was discovered there were multiple versions of the Manual of Tactics (2017, 2020, & 2022) being taught to the Sir Knights that did not conform to the GIG Inspection Log Form used for evaluating the Full Form Opening and Receiving the Grand Commander to the District.

AND WHEREAS the nine (9) Districts were not being evaluated consistently with the GIG Inspection Log Form due to multiple versions of the Manual of Tactics being taught, thus causing questions with the recognition and awarding of the top performing District at the Stated Conclave.

AND WHEREAS the Grand Commander requested the Chairman of the Committee of Work to solicit input from the various District and Assistant District Instructors and ensure all previous adopted legislative actions were included and produce an updated revision of the Manual of Tactics for the 2022-2023 chivalric year.

AND WHEREAS numerous inconsistencies were discovered in the tactics and commands during this review process and that corrections were made to standardized and align the tactics, commands, and responses throughout the manual based on previous legislative actions adopted through Resolutions during the Stated Conclaves. These adopted Resolutions were then applied throughout the manual.

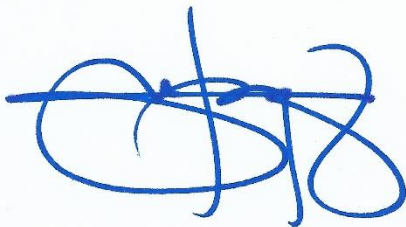
AND WHEREAS the Committee of Work completed the review and developed an updated version, May 25, 2022, of the Manual of Tactics and was electronically distributed to the constituent commandery Recorders and District Instructors for implementation.

AND WHEREAS the Grand Inspector General updated the Inspection Log Form based on the May 25, 2022, updated version of the Manual of Tactics for consistent evaluation and scoring of the Districts performance during the Grand Commander Official Visit.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Romulo M. Capuno, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Virginia, and in accordance with Section 13 (J), Constitution and Statutes of Grand Commandery of Virginia, direct this **Manual of Tactics, May 25, 2022**, replace all previous versions and be the only version authorized for use by the Committee on Work, Grand and Deputy Grand Instructor General, Grand and Deputy Grand Inspector General, District Instructors, Assistant District Instructors, Commandery Instructors/Directors of Work, and Area Schools for instruction.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Virginia, on this 30th 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:



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Grand Recorder