

### **Resolution No. 2025-03**

#### TO AMEND SECTIONS 13 (I) OF THE CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF VIRGINIA REGARDING THE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

Whereas Section 13 (I) of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Virginia reads:

- (1) The Education Fund of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Virginia shall be combined with, maintained and governed by the Knights Templar Education Foundation of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. The Finance Committee shall be responsible for recommending submission of educational funds to the Grand Commander per section 13 D (1) as part of the proposed Budget for approval prior to announcement at the Stated Conclave.

Be it resolved that Section 13 (I) be amended to read:

- (1) The funds of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation – Virginia Division shall be held in a separate account of the Permanent Fund and maintained by the Grand Commandery Trustees. The disbursement of portions thereof as grants to the selected students shall be restricted to earnings of the Fund as to not reduce the principal.
- (2) The Educational Foundation Committee shall have the responsibility for the solicitation and collection of applications for educational grants through the Grand Recorder's Office, the evaluation of said applications, and selection of grant recipients to be approved by the Grand Commander prior to the end of his term of office. The grants shall be awarded in accordance with the Regulations and Standard Practice for the Knights Templar Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. The Committee shall keep the Grand Commander advised as to its work and make written report to the Grand Commandery at each Stated Conclave, which shall be approved by the Grand Commandery and printed in the proceedings.

Reasons why this resolution will be beneficial and necessary to the Grand Commandery:

As with the previous resolution, in 2019, the Grand Commandery approved Resolution 2019-2 to move the administration of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation Fund to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A.

Resolution 2019-2 provided in its explanation that "Should this action be found to no meet our needs in the future, the Grand Commandery could regain control and withdraw our funds from the Grand Encampment Fund." We have arrived at that position and should regain control of our funds.

At that time, Section 13 (I) was amended to reflect that the monies were being held and managed by the Grand Encampment.

With the passage of proposition to return the Knights Templar Educational Foundation Funds to the Grand Commandery of Virginia and give responsibility for the investment and management of said Funds to the Trustees, an additional amendment to Section 13 (I) is necessary.

Respectfully submitted by:

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