

REPORT OF PAST GRAND COMMANDERS COMMITTEE  
ON THE ALLOCUTION OF THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and the Grand Commandery of Knights  
Templar of Virginia:

Your committee is humbled and honored of being able to review and comment on your Allocation to the 204<sup>th</sup> Stated Conclave reporting on your stewardship for the 2025-2026 Chivalric Year as the 152<sup>nd</sup> Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Virginia.

Our report is as follows:

We commend you for recognizing Lady Luz for her service as your partner and the huge amount of work behind the scenes to help you make your year a rousing success.

This committee applauds your efforts this year utilizing the Grand Commandery's core mission and values as defined in the Swords of Progress in the Long Range Strategic Plan. Your focus on Membership Enhancement, Ritualistic Proficiency, Fiscal Responsibility, Leadership Development, and Presence served as a catalyst to align with your theme, "Faithful To Our Vows." Your official visits to the districts were well attended as you requested to assign one of the Templar Orders to be conducted in full form. We also recognized the effort you put forth to communicate monthly to the membership by authoring a monthly newsletter and your call to action to the members to recommit to the ritual and tactics, support each other, more especially the incoming Grand Commander, and carry forward the Grand Commandery's standards with humility and purpose.

It is always important to the Fraternity to report the loss of all Sir Knights. We commend you for noting the extinguished tapers of thirty five (35) of our Sir Knights during the

Chivalric Year and your acknowledgement in ceremony after full form opening of this Stated Conclave. We appreciate you passing on condolences to the surviving Sir Knights, families, and friends those who are now missing have left behind.

We recognize your success in meeting the challenges you faced during your term of office. We commend you, the Grand Line Officers, and those Sir Knights who supported you behind the scenes with wise advice and counsel. We defer going into detail on these challenges to the Grand Commandery of Virginia in this report.

Decisions, General Orders, and Dispensations – Your three Decisions, one General Order, and forty-two Dispensations are found to be correct and valid and to be fully within your purview as Grand Commander under the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Commandery of Virginia and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA, Constitution, Statutes, Disciplinary Rules, Standing Resolutions, Ceremonies, Forms and Approved Decisions.

This committee recognizes the additional forty-five new Sir Knights this year. Although this number falls short of your intended goal, we recognize the quality and delivery of the ritual and tactics conducted during the year made a lasting impression on all forty-five new members as well as reignite the flame in those Sir Knight that witnessed the Orders.

We want to bring attention to the efforts made to provide oversight and internal controls regarding the fiscal responsibility of the Grand Commandery finances. The Grand

Recorder, Grand Treasurer, Committee Chairman on Finance, and Trustees need to work as a cohesive and transparent team to ensure all monies due the Grand Commandery are properly received, accounted for, and deposited in the appropriate accounts. These accounts should be regularly audited and reported to the Grand Officers throughout the year. Such work will provide all members with a level of confidence and accountability the Grand Commandery can withstand a successful external audit.

Visitations – You are to be commended for the number of visits to the Districts and individual Commanderies made during the Chivalric Year. Your use of visits during Regular Stated Commandery meetings and official visits on Saturday's will hopefully continue into the future as a means to increase participation by the various Sir Knights.

We commend you for the number of Other Masonic Bodies and Sister Jurisdictions you visited and congratulate you for forging the relationship with our fellow Knights Templar from the King Baldwin Grand Commandery, PHA.

Grand Commander's Theme – We admire you for your diligent study of the Holy Scriptures as well as our obligations in selecting "Faithful To Our Vows" as your theme. Representing this topic at each of your visits to reinforce who we are as Knights Templar and why it is important to be faithful. It defines what you exhibited as a Knight Templar and as our Grand Commander this Chivalric year.

Religious Observances – We applaud your recognition and staunch support of the various Religious Observances conducted and attended throughout the year.

You are to be commended for the support and representation on the Board of Governors of MAHOVA - Your Masonic Community. Few will ever have the opportunity to have this life changing experience.

Philanthropies – Your strong leadership was proven by the contributions to and current state of Virginia's support to the various Chivalric Philanthropies. In addition, the "Golden Flask" initiative and the use challenge coins as your personal charity this year proved to be very successful.

We congratulate you on the individual recognition of various individuals who supported you during the Chivalric Year.

Recommendations:

Continuing the effort to create and educate a cohesive Grand Line that appreciates and fully understand as Grand Commander they are equivalent to a CEO of a major corporation and needs to fully understand how to provide strategic vision, operational, and financial oversight with direction as well as make day-to-day operational decisions.

Continuing to analyze outcomes and develop next level actions in the Swords of Progress Long Range Strategic Plan with a focus on value added to recruit and retain membership. Improve proficiency in opening and closing commanderies in full form with duties, ritual, and tactics. Delivering programs that are beneficial, interesting and engaging to the Sir Knights. Members need, and deserve, a reason to remain fully engaged and active in the Order

Continuing to “inculcate the duties of charity and hospitality” in all that we do. This reinforces the servant leadership model of being the Christian arm of Masonry. Exemplify the virtues of the Order, be zealous and vigilant for the Order of Knighthood. Be the reason good men want to become a mason and a Knight Templar.

To the Sir Knights, we highly commend the Right Eminent Grand Commander for his faithful and efficient service to Virginia’s Templar Masonry and welcome him into the ranks of the Past Grand Commanders where he will continue to serve the Grand Commandery and Virginia’s Fratres as both a mentor and faithful servant.

Courteously,

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