

RESOLUTION No. 2026-02

Resolution for the Consultation with and Concurrence of the Drill Team Committee Chairman When Revising Tactics and Ritual

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*, (GEKT C&S) states:

Tactics are under the control of the Grand Commandery but where tactics are prescribed by the ritual they must be observed. (1952, p 66 & 159, No. 7, Gaylord)

While the question of tactics is within the jurisdiction of the Grand Commanderies, the ritual shall be followed. (1922, p 27 & 280, No. 15, Orr, 1988 digest – 326 & 356)

AND WHEREAS, the “*Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Virginia*,” (GCKTVA C&S) Section 21 DIGEST states:

The Grand Commander shall establish and promulgate a Digest, which may consist of one or more volumes, and shall include the following:

Part I Constitution and Statutes

Part II Manual of Tactics

and such other parts of a generally timeless nature as the Grand Commander may, from time to time, deem appropriate.

AND WHEREAS, the GCKTVA C&S Section 13 STANDING COMMITTEES, (J) WORK states:

This Committee will be responsible for keeping the Manual of Tactics up to date.

AND WHEREAS, the GCKTVA C&S Section 13 STANDING COMMITTEES, (T) DRILL TEAM COMMITTEE states:

The Chairman shall have charge of administration and practical operation of the Drill Team Committee and Grand Commandery drill related activities.

AND WHEREAS, the GCKTVA C&S Section 23 (B) (1) GRAND AND DISTRICT INSTRUCTORS states:

The Grand Instructor General shall serve as the personal representative of the Grand Commander in matters pertaining to tactics and ritual, shall make recommendations to the Grand Commander as to the appointments of the several District Instructors, and coordinates the work and activities of the several District Instructors.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that matters pertaining to tactics and ritual that involve drill related maneuvers shall be in consultation with and have the concurrence of the Drill Team Committee Chairman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, GCKTVA C&S Section 23 (B) (1) GRAND AND DISTRICT INSTRUCTORS states:

The Grand Instructor General shall serve as the personal representative of the Grand Commander in matters pertaining to tactics and ritual, shall make recommendations to the Grand Commander as to the appointments of the several District Instructors, and coordinates the work and activities of the several District Instructors.

BE AMENDED to read as follows:

The Grand Instructor General shall serve as the personal representative of the Grand Commander in matters pertaining to tactics and ritual in consultation with and with the concurrence of the Drill Team Committee Chairman shall make recommendations to the Grand Commander as to the appointments of the several District Instructors, and coordinate~~-the~~ the work and activities of the several District Instructors.

Respectfully submitted,

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