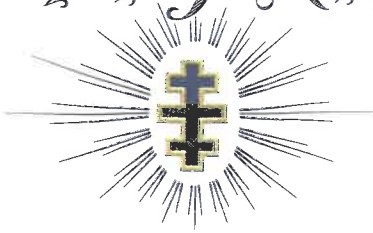


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Decision No. 2, Series 2019-2021

Residency Requirement

January 15, 2020

DECISION

A petitioner for the Orders, who does not reside within the Territorial jurisdiction of the Commandery, is, with limited exceptions, ineligible to receive the Orders without a waiver of jurisdiction from the Commandery or other Templar body having Territorial jurisdiction over the petitioner's place of residence. A petitioner who received the Orders despite such ineligibility was illegally Knighted and never became a Knight Templar. The provisions of Section 82, Sojourners, apply only to Grand Commanderies and Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies under the Grand Encampment. When the petitioner's residence is outside the Territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, the requirement for a prior waiver of jurisdiction from the Great Priory or other Templar body within whose jurisdiction he resides is absolute.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeffrey N Nelson", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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