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TO: Elected and Appointed Grand Officers; Past Grand Officers; Division Commanders; Officers and Members of the Constituent Commanderies of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania:

**DECISION NUMBER ONE for 2019-2020**

**DESIGNATION AND HONORS OF A PAST DIVISION COMMANDER**

It has come to my attention, both recently and throughout the past few years, that there have been some irregularities in the use of the title and wearing of the accoutrements of a Past Division Commander, which are contrary to what is stipulated in the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. This deviation has caused some consternation and confusion within the ranks.

Section 41 of the Constitution states, in part, that “The Administrative Officers, hereafter known as Division Commanders, ... may, after serving for a period of three years or more, retire from office, being entitled only to the honors of the office.”

Further, Section 133 states, in part, that “One who has filled by installation and term of service, the office of ... Division Commander, shall retain the title of the highest office attained by him in the Grand Commandery, with the word "Past" immediately preceding and qualifying the official title.”

And, Section 136 (d) states, in part, “In addition, a Past Division Commander is permitted to wear a red fourragere.” (The common term for the fourragere being “cords.”)

It is my decision, therefore, that only those Sir Knights, in good standing, who have served the full term of office of three or more years as a Division Commander may be referred to as a Past Division Commander and wear the red “cords” on their uniform. All others who have served a lesser period of time must refrain from using those honors, whether or not they were afforded the privilege in the past.

Richard F. Muth,  
Grand Commander

Attest: Douglas M. Rowe,  
Grand Recorder