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March Decision No. 2

Re: Interpretation of Section 272 of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

To: All Sir Knights subject to the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania within and without the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania wherever so dispersed; and more particularly the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.

Greetings:

The following shall Constitute a Decision of the Grand Commander and shall be cited as March Decision Number 2.

It is imperative to the proper operation of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania that the provisions the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania (the "Constitution") be interpreted uniformly.

There has been considerable confusion regarding the interpretation of Section 272 of the Constitution, particularly with respect to the meaning of the phrase "transmit to the Grand Recorder" and the date on which a Commandery's annual return and payment is deemed to have been transmitted to the Grand Recorder.

It is especially important that Section 272 of the Constitution be interpreted uniformly as failure to comply with such Section results in the imposition of penalties pursuant to Section 273 of the Constitution.

Accordingly, so as to provide a uniform interpretation of Section 272 of the Constitution, the phrase "transmit to the Grand Recorder" from this date forward shall be interpreted as follows:

For purposes of Section 272 of the Constitution, a Commandery's annual return and payment shall be deemed to have been transmitted to the Grand Recorder on the date that such annual return and payment shall have been received in the hands of the Grand Recorder.

This Decision shall be read *in full* at each of the three Stated Conclaves of a Constituent Commandery under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania immediately following its receipt by such Commandery's Recorder, and the entire March Decision Number 2 entered in full upon or attached to the Records of such Commandery.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania this 10th day of January 2012 Anno Domini / 894 Anno Ordinis.

S.K. John K. March, Grand Commander

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S.K. Douglas M. Rowe, Grand Recorder

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