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### **General Order No. 5**

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To all Grand Commandery Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Eminent Commanders, Generalissimo's, Captain Generals & Sir Knights of Constituent Commanderies;

Greetings Sir Knights:

This General Order 5 is to be read at the first Stated Conclave after it's receipt.

#### **General Order No. 5 Election of Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General at 2012 Grand Sessions**

The Grand Commandery (GC) elected positions of Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General will be elected from qualified GC members who file for either or both of these positions by January 31, 2012. There will be no nominations from the floor unless no eligible members have filed for the positions.

Grand Commandery members are defined in the WA GC Constitution, Section I, Article V and again in the WA GC Bylaws, Section II, Subsection 4.0. Honorary members are not eligible.

If only one name files for one of either of these positions, the sir knight will be elected by acclamation. If two or more file for the position, the election will be by secret ballot and continued until one has a majority of the legal ballots cast. The Grand Generalissimo will be elected first and that elected sir knight will become ineligible for election to the Grand Captain General. The Grand Captain General will be elected in a similar manner as the Grand Generalissimo from those who filed for the Grand Captain General.

Proper filing is defined in WA GC Bylaws, Section II, Subsection 3.8.11 c.) and briefly states the qualified sir knight submits a one page resume setting out his qualifications, his service to each his Craft Lodge, his Royal Arch Chapter, his Council and his Commandery. He also includes a black and white close-up photograph and a short statement of his objective and goals for the specific office.

The WA GC Bylaws state that the filing must be mailed to the Grand Recorder and received by January 31<sup>st</sup>. A few years ago there was much discussion as to whether emails were acceptable. It was decided that they were, so email filing will be accepted so long as it is filed by 2359 hour on January 31, 2012. Likewise, snail mail filings will be accepted if the postmark on the envelope is prior to or on January 31, 2012. Any email or snail mail having February dates, or later, will be illegal and not accepted.

The elected Grand officers must have a Class A uniform and a sword with scabbard.



S.K. Donald J. Beck, Right Eminent Grand Commander