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GENERAL ORDER NO. 2
September 30, 2015

To all Grand Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies within the Jurisdiction of, and holding Allegiance to, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

GREETINGS:

Your Grand Master and Trustees for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., at their annual meeting on August 7, 2015, in Buffalo, NY, renewed their plans to continue the Voluntary Campaign as an annual project for the humanitarian work of our Foundation.

The 47th Annual Campaign, which ended April 30, 2015, raised a total of $1,864,975. The next annual campaign period will extend from October 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016. I ask each loyal Templar to assist his Commandery to the best of his ability in the 48th Annual Voluntary Campaign. Consider the cause, not only the need.

Set a goal for this 48th Annual Voluntary Campaign; then make use of fundraising projects within your own Commandery to achieve that goal. Unite in shared Commandery programs of a Masonically-acceptable nature. It is vital to work together and to encourage the participation of your fellow Sir Knights. If we acquaint other Masons and the public with the work of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, we gain long-range public relations benefits as well as new sources of support.

The membership of each Commandery, on record as of April 30, 2016, based on the Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS) formerly known as York Rite Information System (YRIS) Voluntary Campaign Reports, will be the method used to determine per capita productivity and resulting award plaques.
Promotional and explanatory literature, report forms, and an order form will be mailed to each Recorder of each Grand, Constituent and Subordinate Commandery from the Eye Foundation office in Flower Mound, Texas.

Additional campaign materials are available on request from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, 1033 Long Prairie Rd., Suite 5, Flower Mound, Texas 75022-4230.

The General Committee for this 48th Annual Campaign consists of:

David J. Kussman, Chairman

The following are basic Campaign suggestions and specifications:

1. Hold Masonically-acceptable fundraising events in the period from October 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016.

2. Funds raised or contributed – including Life Sponsorships, Associate Patrons, Patrons, Memorials, and membership in the Grand Master’s and Grand Commander’s Clubs – will result in campaign credit for the individual Commanderies.

3. Per Capita at the end of the campaign – April 30, 2016 - will be based upon the Commandery Membership of active members as shown in the Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS) formerly known as York Rite Information System (YRIS).

4. The campaign closes April 30, 2016. An additional two weeks will be allowed for receiving final reports and remittances. Campaign credit cannot be given unless checks and reports are received in the Flower Mound office on or before May 15, 2016.

5. At the close of the Campaign appropriate recognition will be presented to:
   A. Each Commandery with a campaign productivity that equals or exceeds an average of $10.00 per member.
   B. The top-producing Subordinate Commandery based on “dollar returns”.
   C. First, Second and Third Place Grand Commanderies based upon per capita results of the constituent Commanderies within their respective jurisdictions.
   D. First, Second and Third Place Grand Commanderies based upon “dollar returns”; those turning in the three largest amounts of campaign funds, irrespective of per capita averages.

6. A certificate will be issued to each Commandery reaching $5.00 per member.

The following authorization comes from the Trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation:

Hereafter, any Grand Commandery and/or Constituent Commandery under the Jurisdiction of Grand Encampment (is) authorized to raise monies for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., by any or all usually accepted methods, provided the decision to hold a particular program be made in an Annual Conclave of a Grand Commandery and/or at an open Conclave of a constituent Commandery and that the net receipts be forwarded to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., within 30 days.

As Grand Master and President of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., I call upon each Sir Knight to actively support his Commandery projects. Your individual participation will reflect your Christian and Masonic concern.

Participation will provide the Foundation with financial funds needed to continue the research being done to cure pediatric eye disease; it will help to insure a larger Permanent Endowment Fund to perpetuate the work of the Foundation; it will give you and your fellow Sir Knights a vital program activity in which to share and participate; and it will continue to acquaint the general public with the meaning and purpose of Templary and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, at Bloomington, IN, this 30th day of September 2015, A.O. 897.

Courteously,

Grand Master

Attest:

Grand Recorder