



Herman E. Duncan Grand Council & Commandery State of Oklahoma and Jurisdiction

To: Grand Council & Commandery Officers, District Deputies
Eminent Commanders, Thrice Illustrious Masters
Sir Knights & Companions

From: The Office of the REGC, Sir Knight Frank Fields

Subject: Demit In Process

Date: 9 October 2020

Greetings Sir Knights,

There seem to be a great deal of misinformation about our Demit In Process. Let me take some time to share with you a few items that require our attention. Our current procedures can be found in The Herman E. Duncan Grand Council & Commandery Constitution & Bylaws dated 1 June 2015.

First, we must not forget that in order to be a member in good standing under the auspices of the Herman E. Duncan Grand Council & Commandery, Jurisdiction of Oklahoma, you must also be a member of an Oklahoma Jurisdiction Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons and also be a member of an Oklahoma Jurisdiction Ancient Craft Lodge. This found under Article V Composition, Section 2. and Article XXIV Conferring Degrees, Membership and Suspension, Section 7.

ARTICLE V, SECTION 2. The above-named officers shall be members of this Grand Council and Commandery as long as they remain members in good standing in some subordinate Council and Commandery, in the Holy Royal Arch and in the Ancient Craft with in this Jurisdiction. (With special note to members of Alaska PHA Jurisdiction, please see letter from Right Eminent Grand Commander)

ARTICLE XXIV, SECTION 7.

A Sir Knight or Companion belonging to any subordinate Council or Commandery in this Jurisdiction, in order to retain his membership, must be a member in good standing of a Blue Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter. P.H.A., of this Jurisdiction.

The Articles to reference for Demits are found under Article XVIII Subordinate Councils & Commanderies, Sections 4 & 5.

SECTION 4. RECEIVED BY DEMIT

No Council or Commandery in this Jurisdiction shall receive a Companion or Sir Knight into membership from any other Council or Commandery until he produces a demit from the subordinate Council or Commandery of which he was a member. If such Council or Commandery has ceased to exist, he must produce official documentation. Once produced the Right Eminent Grand Commander, only has the authority to approve such Demits.



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SECTION 5. RIGHT OF DEMIT

A member in good standing with his Council or Commandery, and against whom there is no charge pending may be demitted on written application made by himself. When demitted he voluntarily renounces all claims to the benefits of that subordinate Council or Commandery organization.

Remember, in order to process a Demit properly, the Grand Council and Commandery requires a copy of the members Demit to be sent in with the Petition for membership. A Patent will not be issued unless a Petition is received.

District Deputies will brief this communication to the Thrice Illustrious Masters and Eminent Commanders in their Districts and in turn they will cause this letter to be read their next regular communication.

Under the Steel,

Original Signed

Frank Fields

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Right Eminent Grand Commander