

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

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GENERAL ORDER NO. 9

REMOVAL OF GRAND RECORDER OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF BRASIL

February 28, 2020

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

GREETINGS:

Section 3 of the Constitution of The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, invests the Grand Encampment with "supreme legislative, judicial and executive power and jurisdiction" over the Templar Orders and the Grand, Constituent, and Subordinate Commanderies within its jurisdictions. Notwithstanding this fact, Sir Knight Paulo Curi, the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Brasil has established a "Supreme Council of the York Rite of the Federative Republic of Brasil," so called, naming himself as Chief Executive Officer, which purports to exercise sovereignty over the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Brasil, the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Brasil, and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Brasil. This attempt to usurp the sovereignty of the Grand Encampment violates the Grand Encampment Constitution and Sir Knight Curi's Templar Vows.

The Grand Recorder has consistently failed to timely file complete, accurate, financial and membership returns and other reports required by Section 41 of the Grand Encampment Constitution, thereby raising serious questions concerning the state of the membership and finances of the Grand Commandery of Brasil and its Constituent Commanderies. His malfeasance is, again, in violation of the Grand Encampment Constitution and the Sir Knight's Templar Vows.

Because of the foregoing violations, I, the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, do hereby remove Sir Knight Paulo Curi from the office of Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Brasil, with immediate effect, and order Sir Knight Curi to cease, and desist from, any and all activities pertaining to the membership, paraphernalia, finances, and affairs of the Grand Commandery of Brasil.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America at Bismarck, North Dakota, this twenty-eighth day of February 2020, A.O. 902.



Courteously,

Grand Master

Attest:

Grand Recorder