



## The Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America

December 16, 2016

To: AMD Grand Superintendents and Grand Officers  
From: Larry Tucker  
Re: Red Branch of Eri

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Venerable Brother Pushee III,

The delegates to the 2016 AMD Grand Council Session overwhelmingly approved changes to the administrative policies for the Red Branch of Erie. To summarize:

- Grand Council approval is no longer required for Man-at-Arms, Esquire, Knight or Knight Commander. Elevation to these grades simply requires Council action and becomes effective upon submittal of the Passing Fee to Grand Council.
- Certificates and regalia appropriate to each grade will be provided by the Grand Council for presentation to those advanced to these respective Grades.
- The sash has been eliminated as a required part of the regalia for each Grade. Sashes for each Grade will be available for purchase as an option, so long as supplies last.
- The dues or membership card has been eliminated.
- The Degree for Knight Commander may now be conferred by any elected or appointed officer of the Grand Council. The ritual for the Degree is available from the Grand Secretary. Properties for the Degree may be crafted locally, or may become available in a kit from the Grand Secretary.

Please address your questions to Past Grand Sovereign Master Bill Miller at [wasgig@comcast.net](mailto:wasgig@comcast.net).

It is expected that these changes will promote the growth of the Red Branch of Erie in our jurisdiction.

Fraternally,

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Sovereign Grand Master

Attest:

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Grand Secretary

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