

**LAWS AND REGULATIONS
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF COLORADO**



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LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF COLORADO

PREAMBLE

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado, acknowledging its allegiance to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and accepting the Constitution and Statutes prescribed by that Grand Encampment, hereby enacts the following Laws and Regulations for the more perfect Government of its affairs:

NAME

SECTION 1. Name. The name of this Grand Commandery shall be "The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado." No group of Sir Knights shall unite or form any organization or association, and use as a title or portion of a title the words "Knights Templar" without the permission and sanction of the Grand Commander, and ratified by the Grand Commandery at a regular Conclave.

POWERS

SECTION 2. Powers. This Grand Commandery is a body of Knights Templar in which is inalienably vested the sole government and superintendence of Templar Masonry within the territorial limits of the State of Colorado, or as approved by this Grand Commandery, limited only by the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America..

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 3. Members. This Grand Commandery shall be composed of the following members:

1. Its officers, who shall be:
 - The Grand Commander
 - The Deputy Grand Commander
 - The Grand Generalissimo
 - The Grand Captain General
 - The Grand Senior Warden
 - The Grand Junior Warden
 - The Grand Prelate
 - The Grand Treasurer
 - The Grand Recorder

The Grand Standard Bearer
The Grand Sword Bearer
The Grand Warder
The Grand Sentinel

2. Each Past Grand Commander, Past Deputy Grand Commander, Past Grand Generalissimo and Past Grand Captain General, of this Grand Commandery, so long as he shall remain a member of a Commandery under its jurisdiction.

3. The Commander, the Generalissimo, and the Captain General, of each chartered Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery.

4. Each Past Commander of a Commandery chartered by this Grand Commandery, and each Past Commander of a Commandery of another jurisdiction who shall have affiliated with a Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery and who shall have been elected to membership in this Grand Commandery, so long as each shall remain a member of a Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery.

5. Any distinguished Knights Templar of another Grand Commandery, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, who may have been elected an honorary member of this Grand Commandery, without the right to vote, by a vote of two thirds of the members of this Grand Commandery present at a Stated Conclave.

6. Any Sir Knight by virtue of his appointment to serve on a Standing Committee shall become a voting member of the Grand Commandery.

SECTION 4. Election to Membership. When a Sir Knight is elected as a Dual or Plural Member of a Commandery in this jurisdiction and holds the rank of a Past Commander, he will become a voting member of this Grand Commandery for as long as he is a regular member of a Commandery in this jurisdiction. However, in the case of a Dual or Plural Memberships in two Commanderies in this jurisdiction he shall follow the rules of the Grand Encampment - One Man, One Vote.

SECTION 5. Stated Conclaves. The Annual Stated Conclave of the Grand Commandery shall be at the city and on the date selected by the Time and Place Committee appointed by the incoming Grand Commander at the previous annual Conclave. The date will be either the First Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday following the First Monday in September. This Committee will meet with like committees from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Colorado and Grand Cryptic Masons of Colorado to determine a mutually agreeable city and date for meeting on successive days.

SECTION 6. Special Conclaves. Special Conclaves of the Grand Commandery may be held upon call of the Grand Commander, at such times and places and for such purposes as he may designate in at least ten days written notice to all Commanderies under its jurisdiction; provided, that the Grand Commander may call Special Conclaves for the purpose of ceremony only, without giving such notice. It shall be the duty of the Grand Commander to call a Special Conclave of the Grand Commandery upon the request of a majority of the chartered Commanderies in this jurisdiction, directed to him in writing.

SECTION 7. Representatives of Commanderies. Each chartered Commandery shall be entitled to representation in the Conclaves of the Grand Commandery by its Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General, or any of such members who, as members of the Commandery, shall constitute its legal representatives therein.

SECTION 8. Proxies. The Commander, the Generalissimo, or the Captain General, of a chartered Commandery, may appoint in writing any member of his own Commandery to represent him as his proxy in any Conclave of the Grand Commandery. No other member of the Grand Commandery shall be represented by proxy.

SECTION 9. Constitutional Number. The Grand Commandery shall not be opened at any Conclave, nor shall any business be transacted therein, without the presence of representatives of at least three chartered Commanderies, except at a Conclave called for the purpose of ceremony only.

SECTION 10. Decision of Questions. Except as otherwise provided herein, or by the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand

Encampment, all questions coming before the Grand Commandery shall be decided by a majority vote of the members, or their legally appointed proxies, present and voting. In case the votes are equally divided, the presiding officer shall give the deciding vote.

SECTION 11. Voting. When a question is voted upon by ballot in the Grand Commandery, and in the election of its officers, each member of the Grand Commandery present shall be entitled to one vote in his own right and in one capacity only, and each individual present who holds the proxy of a representative of his Commandery shall be entitled to one vote for each such proxy that he holds; provided, that one who is a member of the Grand Commandery by virtue of his being an officer or a permanent member thereof, and who is also present as a representative, or the proxy of a representative, of his Commandery, may cast one additional vote as a representative of his Commandery and one additional vote for each representative whose proxy he holds.

SECTION 12. Minutes. The minutes of each Stated Conclave, and of each Special Conclave for the transaction of business, shall be prepared by the Grand Recorder and submitted to the Grand Commander, and, when approved by the Grand Commander, shall stand as a record of that Conclave.

OFFICERS

SECTION 13. Election and Appointment. At each Stated Conclave of the Grand Commandery the following officers shall be elected. The Grand Commander, the Deputy Grand Commander, the Grand Generalissimo, the Grand Captain General, the Grand Senior Warden, the Grand Junior Warden, the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Recorder. All other officers of the Grand Commandery shall then be appointed by the Grand Commander so elected.

SECTION 14. Eligibility. No one shall be eligible to election or appointment to, or continue to hold, any office in the Grand Commandery who is not a member in good standing of a Commandery under its jurisdiction, nor shall anyone be eligible to election or appointment to any office in the Grand Commandery, except the offices of Grand Prelate and Grand Sentinel, unless he shall be at the time a present or past Commander of same Commandery.

SECTION 15. Election. At any election of officers of the Grand Commandery such officers shall be elected by ballot, without nomination and a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. Blank ballots are not votes, and shall not be considered as such.

SECTION 16. Installation. The officers of the Grand Commandery shall be installed annually in person, except reelected or re-appointed officers, at the Stated Conclave at which they are elected or appointed; and they shall perform the duties of their respective offices until their successors are duly elected, or appointed, and installed.

SECTION 16A. Installation. At the option of the elected Grand Commander, such Installation may be open to all Sir Knights of the Order and their invited or nonMasonic guests. The ceremony of Installation shall be in conformity with the guidelines prescribed by the Custodian of the Work and none but a Present or Past Grand Commander shall be qualified to install the Grand Commandery Officers.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Grand Commander

SECTION 17. Powers and Duties. In addition to the powers and duties of the Grand Commander as prescribed by the Grand Encampment, he shall preside over all Conclaves of the Grand Commandery, put actions made and seconded, decide all questions of order, appoint all committees that may be created by the Grand Commandery unless the Grand Commandery shall order otherwise, and sign the proceedings of the Grand Commandery when properly drawn up.

He shall decide all questions of law or usage that may be submitted to him when the Grand Commandery is not in session, and his official decisions and edicts shall have the force of law until the next Stated Conclave of the Grand Commandery, and no longer, unless approved by the Grand Commandery.

He may authorize any member of this Grand Commandery to visit, and preside in any Commandery in this jurisdiction as his representative. He shall have the power to grant special dispensations to hold special elections or installations of officers

of Commanderies in cases of failure to elect or install at the time provided by law.

When a petition for the forming of a New Commandery is received by the Grand Commander, he must immediately place this request in the hands of the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, which committee shall, within thirty days, render to the Grand Commander, a complete written report of their conclusions, including ritualistic proficiency of the proposed officers, and that sections #30, #31, and #32 of the regulations for constituent Commanderies has been complied with. If the committee report is unfavorable, the Grand Commander shall not issue a Dispensation for the Institution of the Commandery in question.

He shall see that the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, or any other officer or member of a committee of the Grand Commandery who has in charge any of its funds, shall execute such official surety bonds as may be required by the Grand Commandery, of which bonds he shall be the custodian, and, in case of malfeasance in office of any such officer, or member of a committee, he shall see that proper legal action is taken upon the bond of such individual.

He shall appoint representatives of this Grand Commandery near other recognized Grand Commanderies, and receive and accredit representatives from such Grand Commanderies

He shall present at each stated conclave of the Grand Commandery a written address, setting forth all his official acts as Grand Commander, and such other matters as he may deem necessary for the consideration of the Grand Commandery, with such commendations for action as to him may seem desirable.

Grand Treasurer

SECTION 18. Duties. The Grand Treasurer shall have charge of all the funds and securities belonging to the Grand Commandery, except as otherwise provided herein. He shall give his receipt for all moneys received from the Grand Recorder, and shall deposit all funds under his control as Grand Treasurer in some secure incorporated bank or trust company in the name of "The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado," and secured by a depository bond. He shall not loan out any of the funds of the Grand Commandery in his possession except as ordered by the Grand Commander, or on approval of the Grand Commandery.

He shall pay all warrants drawn on him by authority of the Grand Commandery, and signed by the Grand Recorder and the Grand Commander, which warrants he shall cancel when paid.

He shall keep a just and accurate account of his receipts and disbursements as Grand Treasurer, and shall attend upon the Grand Commandery, or upon the Grand Commander, or any committee of the Grand Commandery whose duty it may be to act in relation to its fiscal concerns, with the books and documents relating to his office.

He shall, at each Stated Conclave of the Grand Commandery, submit a faithful report of his receipts and disbursements as Grand Treasurer in such form as the Grand Commandery may require, which shall be accompanied by the vouchers for all moneys paid out by him during the year, and satisfactory evidence that the cash balance as shown by such report is deposited in bank in the name of the "Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado," and that the securities representing the invested funds of the Grand Commandery entrusted to him are in his possession.

He shall give bond to the Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Colorado from some approved surety company, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office as herein specified in an amount to be determined annually by the Grand Commander, which amount shall not be less than one and one third times the amount in the treasurer to the credit of all funds entrusted to the Grand Treasurer, the premium for which bond shall be paid by the Grand Commandery. Such bond shall be subject to the approval of the Grand Commander and as to form by the Committee on Jurisprudence of the Grand Commandery, and shall be deposited with the Grand Commander for safekeeping.

He shall pay and deliver to his successor in office, or in case of his suspension or removal from office, to such person as may be designated by the Grand Commander or Grand Commandery, all funds, securities, evidences of debt, books, writings, and other property, of the Grand Commandery under his control, making all proper assignments when necessary.

Grand Recorder

SECTION 19. Duties. The Grand Recorder shall attend all the Conclaves of the Grand Commandery and duly record its proceedings.

He shall receive all moneys due to the Grand Commandery from every source, keep a correct account thereof, and pay them over promptly to the Grand Treasurer, taking his receipt therefore.

He shall at each Stated Conclave of the Grand Commandery submit a faithful report of the moneys received by him as Grand Recorder, with a tabulated statement of the receipts and disbursements of the funds of the Grand Commandery since the last previous Stated Conclave, together with a statement of any other facts that may be proper for the information of the Grand Commandery.

He shall receive and preserve all petitions, applications, appeals, returns of Commanderies, and other documents addressed or belonging to the Grand Commandery.

He shall keep a register of all Commanderies in this jurisdiction, and of their members, of all dispensations and charters for Commanderies, and of the returns of Commanderies.

He shall conduct the correspondence of the Grand Commandery under the direction of the Grand Commander. He shall keep the seal of the Grand Commandery, and shall sign, certify and seal all official documents emanating from that body.

He shall have made and printed any books or blanks which the Grand Commandery may require its Commanderies to obtain from him, and any other books and publications ordered to be published by the Grand Commandery, which books, blanks, and publications shall be paid for by warrants of the Grand Commandery. He shall have charge of all such books, blanks, and publications, including the printed Laws, Tactics, Manuals, and other publications of the Grand Commandery, and shall dispose of them for the Grand Commandery at such prices and upon such terms as the Grand Commandery shall prescribe.

At the end of each month, he shall compile a list of all suspensions, expulsions, and reinstatements, of members of Commanderies in this jurisdiction which shall have been reported to him by the several Commanderies in such month, and shall

transmit a copy thereof to each Commandery in this jurisdiction, together with any other information that may be of interest or value to the officers or members of the Commanderies.

He shall give bond to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado from some approved surety company, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office as herein specified, in an amount to be determined annually by the Grand Commander, which amount shall not be less than Five Thousand dollars, the premium for which bond shall be paid by the Grand Commandery. Such bond shall be subject to the approval of the Grand Commander, and as to form by the Committee on Jurisprudence of the Grand Commandery, and shall be deposited with the Grand Commander for safekeeping.

He shall deliver to his successor in office, upon the certificate of the Grand Commander that the latter is duly qualified to receive the same, all moneys, accounts, papers, books, and other property of the Grand Commandery in his hands or under his control.

Other Officers

SECTION 20. Duties. All other officers of the Grand Commandery shall perform such duties as by tradition or established customs appertaining to their respective offices, or as may be required by the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment, or the Laws and Regulations of this Grand Commandery, or as may be assigned by the Grand Commander.

COMMITTEES

SECTION 21A. Appointment. The Standing Committees of this Grand Commandery shall be appointed by the Grand Commander immediately after his installation. All Standing Committees shall consist of three Sir Knights except the Triennial Committee and the Knight Templar Eye Foundation Committee, which is hereinafter defined.

SECTION 21 B. Names and Duties of Standing Committees.

1. **On Jurisprudence**, whose duty it shall be to consider all propositions to revise, alter, or amend the Laws of the Grand Commandery, or the By Laws of Commanderies, as well as all

other matters in regard to Templar law or usage submitted to the Committee, and to report thereon to the Grand Commandery.

2. **On Finance**, whose duty it shall be to examine the books, accounts, and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, or of any other officer or committee of, the Grand Commandery having in charge or disbursing any of the funds of the Grand Commandery, together with any other accounts that may be referred to it, and, to report thereon to the Grand Commandery and also to make a full report before the close of the Stated Conclave on the financial condition of the Grand Commandery, with recommendations for the necessary appropriations for the ensuing year. It shall also be the duty of this committee to ascertain and report the amount to which any member of the Grand Commandery may be entitled on account of any allowance for his attendance at any Conclave of the Grand Commandery. All motions or resolutions calling for appropriation of any of the funds of the Grand Commandery, excepting such appropriations as are provided for by its laws, shall be referred to the Committee on Finance for report and recommendation thereon before final action is had thereon by the Grand Commandery,

3. **On Charters and Dispensations**, whose duty it shall be to examine the work, records, and Bylaws of Commanderies under dispensation, and all petitions for charters, and to report thereon to the Grand Commandery.

4. **On Appeals and Grievances**, whose duty it shall be to examine and report upon appeals and matters of controversy or grievance that may come before the Grand Commandery and be referred to this committee.

5. **On Correspondence**, to which shall be referred all the printed proceedings of other Grand Commanderies received by this Grand Commandery, and whose duty it shall be to review such proceedings and to make a report thereon to the Grand Commandery at the Stated Conclave, containing such facts and such opinions of the Committee as it may deem of interest to the Knights Templar of this jurisdiction, but this Grand Commandery shall not be responsible for or bound by such facts or opinions unless it shall expressly concur therein.

6. **On Necrology**, whose duty it shall be to report to the Grand Commandery suitable resolutions and memorials on deceased Knights Templar of this jurisdiction and other jurisdictions.

7. **On Grand Commander's Address**, to which shall be referred the annual address of the Grand Commander, and which shall report with all convenient dispatch its recommendations for division thereof and reference to appropriate committees of the Grand Commandery.

8. **On Credentials**, whose duty it shall be at the Conclaves of the Grand Commandery to examine the credentials of those claiming the right of membership or to seats in the Grand Commandery, and to report their names and qualifications to the Grand Commandery.

9. **Triennial Committee**. The Triennial Committee shall be composed of the four top Officers of this Grand Commandery, whose duty it shall be to attend if possible, the Grand Encampment Conclave, to represent this Grand Commandery at such Conclaves, to make arrangements, and obtain available travel information for the guidance of any Sir Knight from this jurisdiction who may wish to attend the Grand Encampment and to make housing reservations for any group that might be organized to attend. The four top Officers may draw on the Triennial Fund of this Grand Commandery, for round trip travel allowance not to exceed the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) each.

10. **Educational Loan Fund**. The duties of this Committee are irrevocably spelled out by the Grand Encampment Regulations.

11. **Patriotic and Civic Affairs**, whose duty it shall be to foster and supervise activities of a patriotic and civic nature, whether in peacetime or in wartime, and shall present its recommendations for civic responsibility by Knights Templar individually and collectively, compatible with the patriotic principals of Templary.

12. **Public Relations**, present to the communities of their Cities and State such news items to the press as may be proper and to inform proper inquirers about benefits from Knights Templar programs such as Educational Loans and Eye Foundation benefits. To promote interest in whatever civic program whose participation with may be directed by the Grand Commander such

as Public Schools Week, Religious Observances, DeMolay organization, and others as may seem proper, but in no case will participation in so called Public Fund Raising Drives be permitted.

13. **Eye Foundation**, whose duty it shall be to publicize to all Constituent Commanderies letters, personal appearances and contacts, to furnish all necessary admission forms and information to applicants, which may be had from the Recorders of the Commanderies or from any other source, to keep a complete record of all applicants, the admission or rejection thereof, and render an Annual Report to the Grand Commandery.

SECTION 21 C. Special Committees. Any number of Special Committees may be appointed by the Grand Commander, or created by motion at the Grand Commandery in Conclave, to promote or serve the interest of Templary in this Grand Jurisdiction.

A Sir Knight serving on a Special Committee shall not, by serving on any such committee, become a voting member of this Grand Commandery.

A Special Committee may consist of any number of Sir Knights always guided by either an appointed Chairman, or the Grand Commander, or the Grand Commander may permit any Committee to elect their own chairman.

A Special Committee shall only serve during the Templar year in which it was appointed and its continuation into the next Templar year can only be determined by the succeeding Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander may remove any Committee member for failure to perform his assignment or for cause.

REVENUES AND FUNDS

SECTION 22. Sources of Revenue. The revenues of this Grand Commandery shall be derived from the dues, fees, and assessments of its constituent Commanderies; from fees charged for charters, dispensations, certificates, and other instruments issued by its authority; from the funds, uncollected dues, and proceeds of property of defunct Commanderies; from the sale of publications; from the interest and income from its investments or

other source, and from such other sources as may be provided for in these laws.

SECTION 23. Dues and Fees. The following dues and fees shall be paid to the Grand Commandery:

Every chartered Commandery shall pay annually, as dues, for each of its members, as shown by its annual returns, \$20.00 plus the Grand Encampment Per-Capita(\$9.00),\$29.00 total and \$1.00 for Eye Foundation. Members who have purchased Life Sponsorship or Patron certificates in the Eye Foundation are exempt the \$1.00. Every Commandery working under dispensation shall pay annually, as dues, for each of its members, except those whose membership in any Commandery in this jurisdiction has not been severed, \$29.00 plus the Grand Encampment Per-Capita and \$1.00 for Eye Foundation. Members who have purchased Life sponsorship certificates or Patron certificates in the Eye Foundation are exempt the \$1.00. Every Commandery, whether chartered or working under dispensation, shall pay, as fee, for each Companion who shall have received the Order of Red Cross by the authority of such Commandery \$5.00. **((9/04/2014))**

For each dispensation and charter for a new Commandery, there shall be paid \$100.00

For each special dispensation granted by the Grand Commander there shall be paid \$5.00 at the time the dispensation is requested.

SECTION 24. Collection of Revenues. Unless otherwise provided by these laws, all revenues of the Grand Commandery shall be paid direct to the Grand Recorder.

SECTION 25. Funds. The funds of the Grand Commandery shall be kept in four Funds: the General Fund, the Triennial Fund, the Educational Loan Fund, and the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund. The funds in the General Fund, the Triennial Fund, and the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund shall be in charge of the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery. The funds in the Educational Loan Fund shall be in charge of the Educational Loan Fund Committee of the Grand Commandery. Twenty-five per cent of the revenues of the Grand Commandery derived from annual dues of Commanderies, and all special assessments levied by the Grand Commandery for the benefit of Triennial Fund, shall be placed and kept in the Triennial Fund. Provided that when the total amount in the

Triennial Fund shall have reached the sum of Twelve Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00) any additional funds in the Triennial Fund shall be transferred to the General Fund. Assessments for the Educational Loan Fund collected by the Grand Commandery from the Commanderies, and other items of revenue intended for the Fund, shall be placed first in the General Fund and shall then be paid over to the Educational Loan Fund Committee of the Grand Commandery by warrant on the General Fund. All other revenues of and contributions to the Grand Commandery shall be placed and kept in the General Fund.

SECTION 26. Disbursement of Funds. The General Fund and the Triennial Fund shall be disbursed only through checks drawn upon the Grand Treasury, signed by the Grand Treasurer, or by the Grand Recorder, for such amounts and for such purposes as are specified in the Laws of the Grand Commandery, or as may be designated in a duly adopted resolution of the Grand Commandery. The Educational Loan Fund shall be disbursed under such regulations as may be adopted by the Educational Loan Fund Committee of the Grand Encampment.

ALLOWANCES

SECTION 27. For Grand Commander. The Grand Commander shall be allowed such sums toward his traveling and personal expenses incurred in the necessary discharge of his duties of his office, as recommended by the Finance Committee and adopted in the Annual Budget.

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

SECTION 28. Reports. The report of every Committee of the Grand Commandery shall be submitted in writing at the Grand Conclave. No later than July 30th allowing sufficient time for reproduction and distribution. Any and every resolution or any proposition offered for consideration of the Grand Commandery shall be submitted in writing to the Grand Recorder not later than April 1st, and mailed by the Recorder, to every Constituent Commandery not later than April 15th. **(9/7/2012)**

SEAL

SECTION 29. Seal. The seal of this Grand Commandery shall be that adopted at the first Conclave of this Grand Commandery, on March 14, 1876.

LAWS PERTAINING TO COMMANDERIES

New Commanderies

SECTION 30. Petition for Dispensation. A petition for a dispensation to form a new Commandery shall be in the form required by the Grand Commandery or Grand Commander, and shall be accompanied by a demit or certificate of good standing for each of the petitioners, and a fee of \$100.00 which amount, if a charter shall subsequently be granted to such Commandery, shall include the fee for charter.

SECTION 31. Petition to Grand Commander. If the petition for a dispensation to form a new Commandery shall be addressed to the Grand Commander, it shall be signed by at least nine Knights Templar in good standing whose residence is within the territorial jurisdiction of the proposed new Commandery and, in addition to the other requirements herein before enumerated, shall be accompanied by a recommendation from the chartered Commandery nearest the location of the proposed new Commandery, provided, that if such new Commandery is to be held in a city where two or more Commanderies are stationed, the recommendation of all such Commanderies in such city shall be obtained and shall accompany the petition.

SECTION 32. Request for Recommendation. A request for the recommendation of a new Commandery shall be presented to the Commandery from which the recommendation is desired, at a Stated Conclave and shall be laid over for consideration until at least the next Stated Conclave, and each member of the Commandery to which the request for recommendations is presented shall have timely notice, by mail or personal service, of the nature of such request.

SECTION 33. Fee for Charter. The fee for a charter issued by the Grand Commandery shall be \$100.00, provided, that if the Commandery to which the charter shall be granted shall have been first organized under dispensation, and shall have paid the fee of \$100.00 for such dispensation, no farther fee shall be required for the charter.

SECTION 34. Returns. On or before August 31 a Commandery under dispensation shall forward to the Grand Recorder its dispensation, two copies of its annual returns, its books of records, and two copies of its proposed Bylaws, together with its other papers; and the sum of one dollar for each of its members, except those whose membership in another Commandery in this

jurisdiction has not been severed, and the further sum of five dollars for each Companion who shall have received the Order of the Red Cross by the authority of the Commandery working under dispensation. In the event that in any year the Stated Conclave of the Grand Commandery shall be held on any other date than that provided for in these Laws, then such Commandery under dispensation shall forward all the foregoing described returns to the Grand Recorder not later than twenty days before the time of holding the Stated Conclave of the Grand Commandery in that year.

RELATIONS WITH THE GRAND COMMANDERY

SECTION 35. Annual Returns. Every Commandery shall annually make full returns to the Grand Commandery, showing the names of its members; all changes in membership; all work done; and such other facts as the Grand Commandery may require, for the year ending June 30.

SECTION 36. Form of Returns. The Annual Returns of each Commandery shall be made on blanks furnished by the Grand Recorder. Such returns shall show the full names of the officers and the number of members on June 30th; and shall also show the names of all those who received any order by the authority of such Commandery, the names of those admitted to membership by affiliation or reinstatement, and the names of those whose membership was terminated by death, demit, suspension, or expulsion, with the date of the respective facts, for the period from July 1 to June 30, both inclusive.

SECTION 37. Annual Dues and Fees. Each chartered Commandery shall pay annually to the Grand Commandery the sum of \$20.00 dues, plus the Grand Encampment Per-Capita of \$9.00 or \$29.00 total and in addition, the further sum of \$1.00 for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Members who have purchased Life Sponsorship Certificates or patron or Associate patron Certificates except Dual and plural members in the Eye Foundation, are exempt the \$1.00. These sums to be paid for each member of such Commandery as reported on the Annual Returns, and the further sum of \$5.00 for each Companion who shall have received the Order of Red Cross by authority of such Commandery during the year, together with such further sums as

may be necessary to meet any assessment levied by the Grand Commandery under its jurisdiction. (9/7/2012) (09/

SECTION 37A. Annual Dues and Fees. The Grand Commandery will remit to each chartered Commandery for each of its living Life Members, an amount equal to the difference between the current dues per member and the dues per member for the year in which his Life Membership contribution was made. The Colorado York Rite Life Memorial Fund will send with its annual distribution a statement for each chartered Commandery and for the Grand Commandery showing Life Members, years of contribution, and the amount to be remitted, which amount shall be shown as an adjustment to the total dues in the chartered Commandery's annual return.

SECTION 38. Delivery of Returns. The annual returns of each Commandery shall be delivered to the Grand Recorder, and all the dues, fees, and assessments required by these Laws shall be paid to him on or before July 1st.

SECTION 39. Membership changes. The Recorder of each Commandery shall forward a report to the Grand Recorder of each suspension or expulsion from membership, and each reinstatement to membership, in such Commandery as prescribed by the Grand Encampment.

SECTION 40. Reporting Names of Officers. Immediately after the annual election of officers in each Commandery, the Recorder shall forward a report to the Grand Recorder showing the names and addresses of the officers elected and appointed for the ensuing year.

SECTION 41. Arrest of Charter. The charter of a Commandery may be arrested or suspended by the Grand Commander or Grand Commandery at any time, should the interests of the Order require it.

SECTION 42. Revocation of Charter. The Grand Commandery may revoke the charter of a Commandery for disobedience to the laws, regulations, rules, edicts, or orders of the Grand Commandery; or whenever in the judgment of the Grand Commandery the condition of the Commandery as to discipline or otherwise is such that its longer existence is detrimental to the interests of Templar Masonry. If a Commandery shall fail to make

its annual returns, or to pay its dues and fees, or assessments, at the time specified in these Laws; or if it shall fail to meet for twelve consecutive months, or if for two consecutive years it shall fail to be represented in the Annual Conclaves of the Grand Commandery, its charter shall be subject to arrest and revocation.

SECTION 43. Property of Extinct Commandery. Within one month after the arrest, surrender, or revocation of the charter of a Commandery, the last Commander, Treasurer, and Recorder of such Commandery shall deliver to the Grand Recorder the charter, books, papers, jewels, and funds of such Commandery, together with an inventory thereof, and of any other property owned by such Commandery, accompanied by a certified list of all the members of such Commandery in good standing at the time, with a statement of the amount of dues owing by each member.

SECTION 44. Certificates of Standing. Any member of an extinct Commandery in good standing at the time the Commandery ceased to exist shall, upon application in writing to the Grand Recorder, be entitled to a certificate from the Grand Commandery setting forth the facts in relation to the dissolution of such Commandery and his standing, provided, that his dues to such Commandery have been paid up to the date of the surrender or revocation of the charter; or, provided that he pay such dues to the Grand Recorder, which certificate shall have the force and effect of a demit. No member of a Commandery whose charter has been surrendered or revoked shall be admitted to membership in any other Commandery, or be entitled to the benefits of Templar Masonry until he shall have received the certificate above described.

OFFICERS

SECTION 45. Annual Election. The Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Treasurer, and Recorder of each chartered Commandery shall be elected annually, at the last Stated Conclave prior to June 30; and all other officers of the Commandery shall then be chosen as provided by the Bylaws of the Commandery. Membership in a Commandery is necessary to

constitute eligibility to election or appointment to any office in such Commandery; provided that any Knight Templar in good standing may be appointed Sentinel.

SECTION 46. Manner of Elections. The method of voting for officers shall be by the use of written ballots. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect, and blank ballots shall not be counted. No one shall solicit votes for himself or for another for any office; no nomination for any office shall be made, and no officer shall be elected by motion or resolution.

SECTION 47. Installation of Officers. All Officers of a Commandery of Knights Templar, Elected or Appointed, shall be installed in person in open Conclave at the Conclave at which the Annual Election of Officers is held or at a Stated or Special Conclave of the Commandery, or at a Commandery open to Commandery members and their invited or non-Masonic guest at the option of the Elected Commander of the Commandery, as soon as practicable after the Annual Election but not later than August 31 unless by Special Dispensation of the Grand Commander. They shall perform the duties of their respective offices until their successors are elected, or appointed, and installed. The installation ceremony shall be in conformity with the guidelines provided by the Grand Encampment, and none but a present or Past Commander shall be qualified to install the Officers of a Commandery.

SECTION 48. Duties of Officers. The duties of the officers of a Commandery are such as appropriately attach to their respective offices, as set forth at their installation, and as prescribed by the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment, by the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, and by the Bylaws of such Commandery.

SECTION 49. Bond of Officers. The Treasurer and Recorder of each Commandery shall be required to give bond for the faithful discharge of the duties of their respective offices in such amount, manner, and form as may be fixed by the Bylaws of such Commandery.

TRANSACTIONS

SECTION 50. Bylaws. It is the duty of each Commandery to adopt a code of Bylaws for its special regulation and government; and it may amend such Bylaws in the manner provided therein; provided, that no such amendment shall become effective until approved by the Grand Commander, subject to final approval by the Grand Commandery. A Commandery shall not suspend its Bylaws, or adopt a motion or resolution nullifying or diminishing any of its Bylaws.

SECTION 51. Asylum. A Commandery shall not change its regular place of meeting, or hold any conclave in any other than its regular place of meeting, without the consent of the Grand Commander. A Commandery may remove its Asylum from one location to another by a vote of a majority of its members present at a Stated Conclave, after due notice of the proposed change, and if the action of the Commandery shall be approved by the Grand Commander.

SECTION 52. Business. All business of a Commandery shall be transacted in an open Commandery of Knights Templar.

SECTION 53. Summons. No summons issued to the members of a Commandery shall be considered a due summons except one that requires such members to appear to transact the business and work of the Commandery at a specified time within the Asylum of the Commandery.

SECTION 54. Public Observances. A Commandery may assemble on Christmas Day, Easter Day, Ascension day, or the Sunday preceding or following Ascension Day, in its Asylum or some place of public worship, and observe the day in a proper manner; and upon such occasions it may appear in public in full Templar uniform without a special dispensation therefore. The Recorder of each Commandery that may observe any of such days shall immediately thereafter report the fact to the Grand Commandery, giving the number of Knights Templar in attendance and a brief description of the ceremonies.

SECTION 55. Indebtedness. No Commandery shall incur indebtedness beyond the amount of ten dollars per member without like consent of the Grand Commandery or the Grand Commander.

SECTION 56. Funds. A Commandery shall not appropriate or donate any of its funds for any other than strictly Masonic or charitable purposes. No Commandery shall at any time dispose of its funds, or any part thereof, by general distribution among its members.

SECTION 57. Prohibited Transactions. A Commandery, as such, shall not present a petition to the civil authorities, or take part in municipal, state or national affairs; nor shall any Knight Templar do so in an official Templar capacity. No Knight Templar shall circulate in any Commandery, or in the rooms adjacent to where a Commandery is being held, any petition concerning any matter not strictly Masonic; nor shall the Commander of a Commandery permit the circulating of such a petition in such places. No Commandery shall sponsor or endorse any organization not strictly Masonic. No Commandery shall conduct or engage in any entertainment or form of amusement for profit, or for which a charge is made. No Commandery shall issue or officially endorse, any letter or document to any person or organization, to be not used for business or begging purposes, nor entertain begging letters from any source, unless authorized to do so by the Grand Commandery or the Grand Commander.

SECTION 58. Rituals and Books. The Commander of each Commandery, upon his installation, shall receive the Grand Encampment Laws, Rules, Regulations, Statutes and Rituals, the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Colorado and a copy of the By-Laws of his Commandery, giving his receipt therefore. This receipt shall be transmitted to the Grand Recorder forthwith, immediately after installation, and before the first Stated Conclave of his Commandery, the newly installed Commander shall have a meeting of all elected and appointed officers to study, and familiarize all concerned with the requirements of these publications.

SECTION 59. Seal. Each Commandery shall have a seal, with the name and number of such Commandery engraved thereon, an impression of which shall be deposited with the Grand Recorder.

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 60. Withdrawal from Membership. A member of a Commandery is entitled to a demit, without a vote of the Commandery, upon request in writing, signed by the member,

presented in open Commandery; which request shall be laid over for action until the next Stated Conclave provided, that all his indebtedness to the Commandery shall have been paid and that no charges are pending against him; and this severs his membership whether a certificate is issued or not. Un-affiliation in Commandery forfeits all rights in the Commandery and Grand Commandery during such period of non-affiliation.

SECTION 61. In Lodge, Chapter and Council. Membership in Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter, and Council of Cryptic Masons shall be prerequisite to membership in a Commandery; provided, however, that anyone whose petition for membership in a Commandery prior to September 30, 1964, has been received by a Commandery, such petitioner, or member who is already a Knight Templar, cannot be considered as subject to Council Prerequisite. When a member of a Commandery has been suspended or expelled from his Lodge, Chapter, or Council for any reason he shall, after opportunity for a hearing with respect to the facts of such suspension or expulsion only, be suspended or expelled, as the case may be, from his Commandery, upon notice to him of not less than ten days, that such action will be taken.

SECTION 62. NonAffiliation in Lodge, Chapter, or Council. Voluntary non affiliation in lodge, Chapter, or Council, for a period of six months, shall deprive a Knight Templar of his membership in a Commandery; excluding any Sir Knight who was a member of a Commandery prior to September 30, 1964, his Council requirement cannot be enforced. When a nonaffiliated, has made no effort to be reinstated in the prerequisite Bodies, and so proved at a Templar Trial, and judgment rendered, he shall be suspended or expelled as the case may be, in his Commandery.

SECTION 63. Restoration. When a member of a Commandery has been suspended or expelled from his Commandery solely because of his suspension or expulsion from his Lodge, Chapter, or Council, or because of his voluntary non affiliation in his Lodge, Chapter, or Council, his restoration in such lodge, Chapter, or Council, as the case may be, shall entitle him to restoration in his Commandery, provided notice of application for restoration shall be presented at a stated Conclave prior to the one at which such restoration is to be had.

DUES

SECTION 64. Dues and Assessments. Each Commandery shall have the right, only by provision therefore in its Bylaws, to assess, and collect annual or annual dues, and such assessments, as may be necessary to pay its dues, fees, and assessments to the Grand Commandery, defray the expenses of the Commandery, and keep up its charity fund.

SECTION 65. Payment of Dues. Dues to a Commandery begin to accrue from the date of membership is acquired, and in the absence of any exemption by the provisions of the Bylaws, or remission by action of the Commandery, continue until membership shall have been terminated. Dues to a Commandery, and assessments upon members thereof, are payable at the time provided therefore by its Bylaws, and become in arrears one day after the date thus fixed for the payment thereof.

SECTION 66. Remission of Dues. The accrued dues, or assessments, of any member of a Commandery may be remitted, in whole or in part, for good cause, by a majority vote of the members of such Commandery present at any Stated Conclave. This remission of dues does not relieve the Commandery from the payment of all Grand Commandery dues and assessments.

SECTION 67. Non Payment of Dues. Whenever, the dues of a member of a Commandery shall be in arrears to the amount of two years dues, the Recorder shall notify the Commandery of the fact, who shall at the next Stated Conclave, order the Recorder to serve notice on the delinquent to appear at a designated subsequent Stated Conclave and show cause why he should not be suspended for the nonpayment of dues. Such notice shall be served by the Recorder at least twenty days before the date on which the delinquent is required to appear by delivering it in person, or causing it to be delivered by a Knight Templar, or by sending it by registered mail to the last known place of residence of the delinquent. If at the Conclave designated in the notice, the dues of such delinquent that are in arrears have not been paid, or remitted for good cause, or the time or payment thereof extended by vote of the Commandery, the Commander, upon proof of notice, and the fact of indebtedness as shown by the books of the Recorder, shall put the question: "Shall _____ be suspended from membership in this Commandery for the nonpayment of dues?" which shall be determined by written ballot; and, if a majority of the members present vote "No," no further action shall be taken in the case for a period of at least six months

thereafter. The word dues and assessments required to be paid to a Commandery by a member thereof, as provided in its Bylaws.

SECTION 68. Reinstatement. A Knight Templar suspended from membership in a Commandery for the nonpayment of dues shall be reinstated to membership therein by the payment within one year after his suspension of all arrearage of dues up to the date of his making such payment, or the Commandery may, by a majority vote of its members present at any Stated Conclave, remit the whole or any part of the arrearage, and thereby reinstate him to membership. If a Knight Templar shall remain suspended from membership in a Commandery for more than one year for the nonpayment of dues, he can be reinstated to membership only by a majority vote of the members of such Commandery present at a Stated Conclave, after he has paid all dues he owned to the Commandery at the time of his suspension, and has made proper application in writing, provided, that the Commandery may, by a majority vote of its members present at any Stated Conclave, remit part or all of such dues, and then consider his application for reinstatement.

PETITIONS

SECTION 69. Reception of Petitions. Petitions for the orders or for membership may be received and balloted on at a Stated or Special Conclave at which such petition or petitions are read in the Commandery, without dispensation from the Commander.

SECTION 70. Jurisdiction. All Commanderies in Colorado shall have concurrent jurisdiction over petitioners for the Orders, or for affiliation.

SECTION 71. Reference to Committee. Membership in the prerequisite Bodies of Masonry should be sufficient proof that the petitioner is qualified to receive the Orders of the Commandery, and that it need not be referred to a Committee. (Grand Encampment, August 1921, 1991)

SECTION 72. Petitions for Orders. A Petition to receive the Orders of Knighthood shall be in the form required by the Grand Encampment Regulations.

SECTION 73. Fee for the Orders. The Orders of Knighthood shall not be conferred by any Commandery for a fee of a less aggregate

sum than forty dollars, at least one half of which fee shall accompany the petition, and the remainder shall be paid before the Order of the Red Cross is conferred. No written or verbal promise to pay shall be accepted in lieu of the fee, nor shall any Commandery, directly or indirectly, refund such fee or any part thereof.

SECTION 74. Petition for Membership. A Knight Templar may petition for, and be admitted to membership in any Commandery in this jurisdiction; regardless of his residence but no Knight Templar shall be an active member of two Commanderies at the same time. A petition for membership shall be in the form required by the Grand Commandery, and shall be accompanied by a demit from the Commandery of which the petitioner was last a member, or the equivalent of such a demit.

SECTION 75. Dual or Plural Membership. A Knight Templar who is in good standing whether in a subordinate or Constituent Commandery may be admitted to Dual or Plural Membership in any Commandery in this jurisdiction. A petition for Dual or Plural membership must be accompanied by a Certificate of Good Standing issued by the Commandery of which the petitioner is a member, if from another jurisdiction, or a current dues card if from Colorado. A dual or plural member is entitled to all the rights and privileges of full membership, but cannot be a Dais Officer in more than one Commandery at the same time. A dual or plural member is subject to all dues and assessments of all Commanderies. A petition for dual or plural membership must be acted upon in the manner prescribed by the Bylaws of the Commandery to which the petition is addressed.

SECTION 76. Conditional Election. Any Knight Templar, otherwise qualified, who is a member of a regular Commandery, may present his petition for membership to a Commandery of which he is not a member; and, in lieu of a demit, accompany his petition with a certificate of good standing, under seal, from the Recorder of the Commandery of which he is a member, showing that the dues of the petitioner have been paid up to at least three months in advance of the date when his petition is presented, together with a written application for a demit from the Commandery of which the petitioner is a member. If the petitioner shall be elected to membership in the Commandery petitioned, the Recorder thereof shall immediately forward such application for a demit to the Commandery of which the petitioner is a

member, and when the demit is received, shall file it with the petition, and enter the Sir Knight's name as a member of the Commandery petitioned, as of even date with the certificate of demit. If such demit shall not be received within ninety days after the ballot, the conditional election herein provided for shall be null and void, and the Recorder shall forthwith notify the petitioner accordingly, and return to him the receipt of dues submitted with his petition.

SECTION 77. Ballot. The ballot upon a petition for the Orders or for membership shall be unanimous in order to elect, and it must be secret. The reason for casting a blackball cannot be disclosed or inquired into. One ballot upon a petition for the Orders, if favorable, shall elect the petitioner to receive all the Orders of Knighthood.

SECTION 78. Rejected Petitioner for Orders. A rejected petitioner for the Orders of Knighthood shall not be entitled to any other information save that he was rejected; and any Knight Templar who shall communicate to him any information as to who was present, or who advocated or opposed his admission, shall be subject to charges, and upon conviction expelled from the Order. It shall be the duty of the Commander or Recorder of each Commandery to publish this statute to his Commandery whenever a petition for the Orders shall be voted upon by his Commandery.

SECTION 79. Renewal of Petition. The petition of one who has been rejected for the Orders cannot be renewed until the expiration of at least six months after such rejection, if residing in the jurisdiction of the Commandery petitioned. If the petitioner applies to any other Commandery, his petition cannot be acted upon at any time within three years after his rejection, without the consent by unanimous ballot of the Commandery by which he was rejected. When a petitioner for membership shall have been rejected by a Commandery he may petition again to that or any other Commandery at any time thereafter.

UNIFORM

Section 80. Uniform of Knight Templar. The Uniform, Dress or Fatigue, shall be the Uniform Regulation as adopted by this Grand Commandery as follows:

Section 81A. Uniform of a Knight Templar. The uniform of every Knight Templar, who is a member of a Commandery under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado, shall be as hereinafter specified and described. .

COAT

The Templar Dress coat shall be a three button, double breasted sack coat, to close with three buttons and to be of black clothing material. The lining of coats shall be black. The two inch appropriate embroidered cross will be worn on the outside of the sleeve cuff, one inch from the bottom edge and in the outside center of the cuff. Insignia to be worn on coat sleeve: Knights and officers below the rank of Commander will wear the red Passion Cross embroidered in Silver, Commanders and Past Commanders will wear the red Passion Cross with rays, embroidered in Gold. Officers of the Grand Commandery will wear the red Templar Cross on red velour, embroidered Gold. Past Grand Commanders will wear the red Templar Cross on royal purple velour embroidered in Gold.

TROUSERS

Trousers: for all uniforms to be made of the same material as the coat, bottoms to be plain.

SHIRT

Plain white, with turned down collar, worn with black four-in-hand tie. Button-down collars are not permitted.

SWORD

Sword and Scabbard, from Section 250 of the Grand Encampment regulations. The sword shall be from thirty four to forty inches in length, inclusive of scabbard, with helmet head at the pommel, straight cross guard, in metal scabbard. The scabbard to have three hard metal mountings, two metal rings at upper and one at lower mounts. The Scabbard and Sword for all Sir Knights below the rank of Commander shall be silver; the grip of the sword shall be black with an inlaid silver Passion Cross on one side. The sword grip of Commanders and Past Commanders to be white. All metal shall be Gold plate or Gold color. Officers of the Grand Commandery and Past Grand Commanders will

wear the same Sword and Scabbard, as worn in their Commander years.

BELT

Any suitable belt capable of supporting the above described swords is permissible for the Short Uniform Coat, and is to be worn inside the coat.

CHAPEAU

Chapeau: For Knights and Officers below the rank of Commander. The military chapeau, trimmed with black binding, two black and one white ostrich plumes, red velvet Passion Cross on left side, bordered with silver edge on black silk velvet rosette trimmed with satin edging. The front and rear peaks of chapeau to be extended four and one-fourth inches from head. Sides of chapeau to be beveled, being one inch smaller at the top than at the head. For Commanders and Past Commanders; the same as for Sir Knights, except, the cross shall be a gold embroidered Passion Cross with Rays, on red velour or velvet. For Officers of the Grand Commandery: the same as for Sir Knights, except, the cross shall be a Gold embroidered Templar Cross on red velvet background. For Past Grand Commanders: The same as for Grand Commandery Officers, except, the Gold embroidered Templar Cross shall be on a Royal Purple background. Gold slashing both front and back and half round tassel placed between the front folds of the chapeau are optional.

GLOVES

Gloves: Shall be buff colored, of lisle thread or chamoisette.

CROSSES and JEWELS

SECTION 81A. Crosses and Jewels. Crosses and Jewels: To be strictly in accordance with Section No 301, of the Grand Encampment Regulations for Grand Commanderies and Constituent Commanderies. (9/10/2015)

The Grand Encampment Regulations further provide that certain other jewels or emblems may be worn on the breast, such as drill corps membership, meritorious badges, and some others, as per regulation, all to be worn in their proper places. If a Commandery has a Drill Corps, it shall be regulated by the Drill Corps

regulations and Manual, of the Grand Commandery of Colorado and the regulations of the Grand Encampment.

Knights Templar Recognition Bar for Veterans

1. The Knights Templar Recognition Bar for Veterans is permitted to be worn by any Veteran who served in the United States Armed Forces, insofar as such a Sir Knight is (a) on active service in the United States Armed Forces or (b) honorably discharged from the same. No Sir Knight not currently on active service in, or honorably discharged from, the United States Armed Forces may wear the Knights Templar Recognition Bar for Veterans except as provided for in paragraph 2 of this subsection. The Knights Templar Recognition Bar for Veterans is to be worn centered, one-half inch above the jewels depending from the left breast pocket. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term “United States Armed Forces” shall be the Armed Forces as statutorily defined by 10 U.S.C. § 101 (a)

(4):

United States Army
United States Marine Corps
United States Navy
United States Air Force
United States Coast Guard

2. The Knights Templar Recognition Bar for Veterans may be worn by Veterans serving in, or by Veterans who have served in, the Military, Uniformed Services, National Clandestine Services, or their equivalent, of the United States, or the equivalent military services of another nation state or sovereign power if:

(a) Said nation state or sovereign power is recognized by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of Colorado, and;

b) The Veteran Sir Knight submits a formal request detailing active service in, or the dates of service in, the particular branch of the Military, Armed Forces, Uniformed Services, or their equivalent services, to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado for review. Upon approval by the Grand Commander thereof, said Veteran Sir Knight will be permitted to wear the Knight Templar Recognition Bar for Veterans (7/9/2012)

3. Knights Templar Recognition Bar for Meritorious York Rite Service. A bar denoting meritorious service to the York Rite may be worn by those Sir Knights so honored for their service by the York Rite. The meritorious service bar is to worn immediately to the left of the Knights Templar Recognition Bar for Veterans. A bar denoting meritorious service to the York Right of Freemasonry shall consist of a single bar divided into four equal quadrants with the colors White, Purple, Red, and Blue. The order of these colors are as stated when looking at the bar. Should the individual be recognized for his service to the York Rite of Freemasonry it shall entitle him to purchase such bar and wear it on his Black Class "A" uniform jacket as denoted above.(9/10/2015)

SHOULDER STRAPS

The Shoulder Straps of Officers and Past Officers of a Grand Commandery shall be as follows:

(a) For the Officers of a Grand Commandery, during their incumbency in office:

Bright red, silk velvet, two inches wide by four inches long, with one row of gold bullion embroidery, three-eighths of an inch wide; The Templar Cross, one inch square, of gold bullion embroidery in the center of the strap. Gold Mylar may be used as an alternate to gold bullion.

(b) For Past Grand Commanders:

The same as for Officers of a Grand Commandery except that the color of the Shoulder Strap shall be royal purple.

The shoulder straps of Officers and Past officers of Constituent Commanders shall be as follows:

(a) For Commanders:

Emerald green silk velvet, one and three-fourths inches wide by four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery, of gold bullion, three-eighths of an inch wide, the Passion Cross with a halo embroidered of silver bullion in the center; Cross to be one and one-half inches in height; cross arm to be in proportion to height of Cross. Gold Mylar may be used as an alternate to gold bullion.

(b) For Past Commanders:

The same as for Commanders; except that the color of the shoulder strap shall be bright red.

(c) For Generalissimos during incumbency in office:

The same as for Commanders, except that the Square surmounted with the Paschal Lamb, shall be used instead of the Passion Cross.

(d) For Captains General during incumbency in office:

The same as for Commanders except that the Level surmounted with the Cock, shall be used instead of the Passion Cross.

(e) For Captains General who have retired after six full years of service in office, and who have not attained a higher office:

The same as for Captains General except that the color of the shoulder straps shall be bright red.

(f) For Treasurer:

Emerald green silk velvet, one and three-fourths inches wide by four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery, of gold bullion, three-eighths of an inch wide, the cross keys embroidered of silver bullion in the center; Gold Mylar may be used as an alternate to gold bullion.

(g) For Recorder:

Emerald green silk velvet, one and three-fourths inches wide by four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery, of gold

bullion, three-eighths of an inch wide, the Crossed quills embroidered of silver bullion in the center; Gold Mylar may be used as an alternate to gold bullion.

(h) For Prelates during incumbency in office:

The same as for Commanders except that the triple triangle with small Passion Cross in the center shall be used instead of the Passion Cross.

(i) For Prelates who have retired after six full years of service in office and who have not attained a higher office:

The same as for Prelates, except that the color of the shoulder straps shall be bright red.

(j) For Sir Knights below the rank of Captain General or serving as Prelate:

Black silk velvet be one and three-fourths inches wide by four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery, of silver bullion, three-eighths of an inch wide, the Cross silver bullion in the center; Cross to be one and one-half inches in height; cross arm to be in proportion to height of Cross. Silver Mylar may be used as an alternate to Silver bullion.

In all cases the Sir Knight filling any position above shall wear the rank shoulder straps of the highest office held.

(Revised at the Grand Commandery Grand Session, 09/07/2018)

SHOES

The shoes; on every occasion, and with all uniforms, Full Dress, or Fatigue coat and cap, must be plain black lace-up.

FATIGUE COAT

The Templar fatigue uniform coat: Coat; for Past Grand Commanders, United States Navy style, double breasted sack coat of black serge or mohair with shoulder loops of the same material. Coat to have three flat cloth covered or Templar buttons on each side, and a row of three smaller buttons on underside of sleeve cuff. An embroidered or metallic Gold Templar Cross of purple centered on each shoulder loop. For Grand Commandery Officers, the same as for Past Grand Commanders, except the emblems to be gold and red. For Past Commanders; the same as for Grand Commandery Officers, except the emblem to be the Passion Cross. For Officers of Commanderies, and Sir Knights,

coat as described, except, the Passion Cross will replace the Templar Cross, and all emblems to be Silver instead of Gold. No black braid to be used to distinguish the cuff. No belt shall ever be worn with the Fatigue Coat.

CAP

Caps: The preferred fatigue cap is the Regulation Naval Officers Garrison Cap with White or black cover and Gold Chin Strap. For the Grand Commander and Past Grand Commanders, one row of oak leaves and acorns embroidered with gold tone threads on visor. All others below the rank of Grand Commander, the plain black visor. On the front and in the center shall be a Gold embroidered or metallic Templar Cross of Purple, approximately two and one half inches overall. For Grand Commandery Officers; the same as for Past Grand Commanders, except, the background of the Templar Cross, shall be bright red instead of purple. This will also be the regulation for Commanders, except Passion Cross will be used. For Officers and Sir Knights below the rank of Commander, the same as described above, except, the Passion Cross instead of the Templar Cross will be used, and silver instead of Gold. This fatigue cap may be worn with the Black Class "A" uniform in all settings provided all members of each division is wearing the same cap. (Revised at the Grand Commandery Session, 09/07/2018)

Section 81B. Caps and Mantles. Caps and Mantles are authorized as Class A Uniforms for opening and closing Commanderies and for the Order of the Temple in all Commanderies.

The following is herein designated as proper design of the caps and mantles now permitted as an alternative to the uniform in the opening and closing of the Commandery and in the conferral of the Order of the Temple:

TEMPLAR MANTLE:

In general, the mantle shall be of the style worn by Medieval Templars and by members of the Sovereign Great Priorities. The mantle shall be worn over a dark suit or tuxedo or a Templar Fatigue uniform with an appropriate plain white shirt and appropriate black tie. It shall consist of white material, with hood,

reaching to approximately twelve inches from the floor and ornamented as follows:

For Members Of The Order Below The Rank of Commander:

The Mantle shall be of white; the hood to be lined with silky white material; the Passion Cross in bright red, nine inches in height, on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with white cords with white tassels.

For Commanders and Past Commanders: The mantle shall have a single red ribbon, one inch wide, stitched one-half inch from the outer edge; the hood to be lined with a similar red material; the Passion Cross in red with gold rays, nine inches in height, on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with red cords with red tassels.

For Grand Officers And Past Grand Officers Entitled To Permanent Rank: The mantle shall have the ribbon of a Past Commander and an additional red ribbon one-half inch wide, stitched one-half inch from said ribbon; the hood lined in red with a similar material; the Templar Cross in red, nine inches in height, on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with red cords with red tassels.

For The Grand Commander: The mantle shall have a single red ribbon, two inches wide, stitched one inch from the outer edge; the hood lined in red with a similar material; the Templar Cross in red, nine inches in height on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with red cords with red tassels.

For Past Grand Commanders: The mantle shall have a single purple ribbon one and one-half inches wide, stitched three quarters of an inch from the outer edge; the hood lined in purple with a similar material; and the Templar Cross in purple, nine inches in height on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely about the neck with purple cords and purple tassels.

GLOVES:

Gloves shall be of a pure white cotton material.

TEMPLAR CAP:

The Templar cap shall follow the design and specification of the style worn by the Sovereign Great Pories, three inches in depth and very slightly flared at the top.

For All Members Of The Order Below The Rank Of Past Grand Commander: The cap shall be of bright red velvet (or silk) and the cross displayed on the front of the cap shall be appropriate to rank red Passion Cross for members below the rank of Commander; red Passion Cross with gold rays for Commanders and Past Commanders; and red Templar Cross for all Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers entitled to permanent rank.

For Past Grand Commanders: The cap shall be of purple velvet (or silk) with purple Templar Cross.

For All Ranks: The Cross shall be two inches in height.

BADGES

Commandery Badge: The distinctive badge of a Constituent Commandery shall be worn on the right breast of the mantle. The badge will be no less than five inches or more than eight inches in height. The badge of the Commandery shall be superimposed upon the Malta Cross, or the Malta Cross shall be incorporated within the Commandery badge. The design shall be approved by the Grand Commandery committee on Jewels and Uniforms.

Knight Commander Of The Temple And Grand Commander Of The Temple Badge. The embroidered badge of a Knight Commander of the Temple or of a Grand Commander of the Temple shall be worn on the left breast in the center of the appropriate cross.

No other ornamentation, Templar jewels or recognition shall be worn on the mantle.

TEMPLAR JEWEL OF OFFICE: The jewel of office will be worn on a ribbonet. Green for Commandery Officers; Red for Past Commanders and Grand Officers; Purple for Past Grand Commanders.

SWORD AND SCABBARD: The sword and scabbard shall conform to the regulations of the Grand Encampment.

SWORD SLING: The sword shall be suspended, when required to be worn, on a sling to be worn over the right shoulder, of black leather, one and one-half inches wide, of tailored or adjustable length according to the height of the Sir Knight, to terminate in two straps with snaps to fasten to the two upper rings of the scabbard.

Section 81C - Summer Uniform. A summer uniform is authorized as Class A uniforms for opening and closing Commanderies, it is not to be used for the Order of the Temple in all Commanderies. Further this uniform may only be used for the period beginning with Memorial Day and ending with Labor Day. The Officers of a Commandery will either make use of the Summer Uniform, Cap and Mantle, or the Regulation Uniform, but may not use a combination of uniforms (no mixing).

Pants: Plain black as prescribed

Shirt: White shirt, short sleeve, of military style with shoulder epaulets and two flap pockets, one on each breast.

Tie: Black tie optional at the discretion of the Senior Office present

Sword and Belt: As prescribed.

Shoes: As prescribed

Name Badge: The name badge shall be of metal, gold color, ½ inch wide by 2 inches long, with the full name of the wearer in black letters to be worn centered above the wearer's right pocket.

Malta Jewel: A Malta Jewel shall be worn centered over the wearer's left pocket

Option: A metal ribbon bar, representing Commandery Jewels, to be worn centered over the wearer's left pocket. The metal bar shall contain three black panels, each surrounded with a silver line, each panel ½ inch high and 1 inch wide. On the left panel shall be centered a miniature Red Cross Jewel, on the center panel shall be centered a miniature Malta Jewel, and on the right panel shall be a Templar Cross with a Crown and Cross in the center.)

Shoulder Insignia: For Grand Commandery officers: A Red Templar Cross, 1 inch square surrounded by a gold line, to be worn in the center of each epaulet. For Past Grand Commanders: The same except the color shall be purple. For Past Commanders, Commanders, Generalissimos, and Captains General: A metal bar, 3/4inch by 1- 1/2 inch of green or red surrounded by a gold or silver line as appropriate to the office, with appropriate emblems of their rank as currently prescribed, to be worn centered on each epaulet. These are miniatures of currently prescribed shoulder straps.

Collar Insignia: (Optional) For Grand or Past Grand Commandery Officers, shall be ½ inch gold cut out letters with the abbreviation of the State (no periods) to be worn on the wearer's left collar, an ½ inch gold " K T "cut out letters (no periods) on the right collar For Commanders and Past Commanders, ½ inch gold State Abbreviation as above on the left collar with ½ gold cut out Commandery number on the right collar. Sir Knights below the rank of Commander are the same as Commander or Past Commander except the color shall be silver. These insignia are to be worn centered on the collar and parallel with the top edge and set back ¾ inch from the leading edge of the collar.

Cap: For Past Grand Commanders; Military style Naval Garrison Cap with white top, black band, and black visor with one row of gold oak leaves and acorns, metal purple TEMPLAR Cross, 2 ¼ inch square, fixed to the front of the black band and a gold chin strap attached with gold buttons. For Grand Commander: Same as above except with red Templar Cross. For Grand Commandery Officers: Same as Grand Commander except with plain black visor. For Commanders and Past Commanders: Same as above except with a 1 ¾ inch by 2 inch red metal Passion Cross trimmed in gold with rays. For all other Sir Knights: Same as above except using a red metal Passion Cross trimmed in silver and a silver chin strap attached with silver buttons. (adopted 9/9, 2004)

Section 82. Uniform at Conclave of Grand Commandery. The officers and members of the Grand Commandery shall wear the approved Templar uniform at the Conclaves of the Grand Commandery, unless excused by the Grand Commander.

Section 83. Uniform at Conclaves of Commandery. At the Conclaves of Commanderies the officers shall wear the approved Templar uniform.

Section 84. Uniform in Public. No Knight Templar within this jurisdiction shall wear or permit to be worn, his Templar uniform or any portion thereof, upon any public or social occasion, except he be in the line of his Commandery, or under command or orders of his superior officers, and any Knight Templar offending against the provision of this law, either in letter or spirit, shall be disciplined by the Commandery within whose jurisdiction the offense shall have been perpetrated.

AMENDMENTS

Section 85. To Laws. These Laws may be amended in one of two ways; First, by a two thirds favorable written ballot of the members of the Grand Commandery, or their legally appointed proxies, present and voting at a Stated Conclave of the Grand Commandery, after the proposed amendment shall have been presented in writing to the Grand Recorder, by a member of the Grand Commandery by April 1st previous to such Conclave, and copy thereof shall have been mailed by the Grand Recorder to each officer of the Grand Commandery and to each chartered Commandery at least by April 15th previous to such Stated Conclave. Second; by the unanimous vote of the members of the Grand Commandery, or their legally appointed proxies, present and voting at an Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, after the proposed amendment shall have been presented in writing, to the Grand Commandery by a member thereof.

Section 86. Conflict Disclaimer. Anything contained in these By-Laws in conflict with the Constitution, Laws, Statues, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America is hereby declared null and void.

