



CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF

KENTUCKY

As Adopted May 20, 1943 With
Subsequent Amendments To and Including 2016

CONSTITUTION
Of the GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
Of KENTUCKY
NAME AND MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. This body shall be designated and known as the “Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kentucky”. (Amended September 18, 1995)

Its members are and shall be:

a) All its Past Grand Commanders, Past Deputy Grand Commanders, Past Grand Generalissimos, and Past Grand Captains General, so long as they remain members of a Constituent Commandery.

b) The Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General of each of its Constituent Commanderies.

c) Every Past Commander of its Constituent Commanderies and all such Past Commanders as may have demitted from other Jurisdictions and have been elected to membership by the Grand Commandery, so long as they remain members of a Constituent Commandery under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery.

d) All Knights Templar of other Grand Commanderies who have been elected honorary members. Such membership shall not confer the right to vote.

Provided, however, should any Constituent Commandery be indebted to the Grand Commandery for dues, fines, penalties, or assessments at the time of holding the annual conclave, the representatives of such Constituent Commandery shall not be permitted to take their seats in the Grand Commandery, or draw mileage or per diem for that year. (Amended May 22, 1956)

AUTHORITY

Section 2. It derives all its powers from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, the Constitution and Statutes and Rituals, to which its obedience is due. Its Officers and Members, their titles and designations, their duties and powers are such as have been, or may be prescribed by the Grand Encampment.

CONCLAVES

Section 3. (a) Stated: The Annual Conclave for the transaction of business shall be held on a date in September, at such places as may be determined by the four Dais Officers. (Amended September 1999)

(b) Special: Which may be called by the Grand Commander, and he shall call such Conclave upon the written request of a majority of the Constituent Commanderies. No business shall be transacted at such Conclave save that specified by the Grand Commander or set out in the request.

Section 3 (c) FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year for Grand Commandery accounts shall commence on July 1st and close on June 30th following, effective July 1, 1997. (Adopted September 16, 1996)

OFFICERS

Section 4. The officers of the Grand Commandery shall be:

- A Grand Commander
- A Deputy Grand Commander
- A Grand Generalissimo
- A Grand Captain General
- A Grand Senior Warden
- A Grand Junior Warden
- A Grand Prelate
- A Grand Treasurer
- A Grand Recorder
- A Grand Standard Bearer
- A Grand Sword Bearer
- A Grand Warder
- A Grand Sentinel
- A Assistant Grand Treasurer
- A Assistant Grand Recorder

The first four of whom and the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder shall be elected and installed, and the others shall be appointed by the Grand Commander and installed.

Nominations for office to be elected shall be made without comment. When more than one name is in nomination, the election shall be by ballot; if one name is in nomination, the election may be by acclamation.

Officers of Constituent Commanderies shall be elected at the Annual Conclave in June of each year. Officers cannot be elected at a Special Conclave. (Adopted May 17, 1965)

REPRESENTATION

Section 5. (1) Each Constituent Commandery shall be represented at each Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery by at least one of the following: the Commander, the Generalissimo, the Captain General, or an elected representative who shall be a permanent member of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, K.T., in person, as provided by law. After two consecutive failures to

be so represented at the Annual Conclave shall be cause for placing said Commandery on probation until the next Annual Conclave when said action shall be reported to and such further action as may be deemed proper may be taken by the Grand Commandery; and if such Constituent Commandery shall fail to be so represented at the next succeeding Annual Conclave, such failure shall be cause for, and the Grand Commander is hereby mandated to arrest said charter of said Commandery and such action shall be reported to the Grand Commandery at its next Annual Conclave for its action thereon.

(2) Who May Vote. All permanent members and those officers described in paragraph 1 of this section, if present, shall be entitled to one vote each, and no more, provided that no person shall have exceeding one vote. (Adopted September 18, 1967)

COMMITTEES

Section 6. (A) The standing Committees of the Grand Commandery shall be:

1. Committee on Credentials
2. Committee on Finance
3. Committee on Work
4. Committee on Jurisprudence
5. Committee on Necrology
6. Committee on Educational Foundation
7. Committee on Triennial Expense
8. Committee on Eye Foundation
9. Committee on Holy Land Pilgrimage (amended 2018)

The following Committee (Necrology and Work) shall consist of one member.

(1) All other committees, unless otherwise shown, shall consist of three members of the Grand Commandery.

(2) The Committee on the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, shall consist of five members, one member to be appointed each year by the Grand Commander for a term of five years. The Grand Recorder shall serve as Secretary/Treasurer of the Committee, but shall not be a member. The Committee shall elect all other officers.

(3) The Committee on Triennial Conclave shall consist of the Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, and the Grand Captain General, who shall be installed at the first Annual Conclave following a Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment. (Amended September 10, 1973)

(4) The Committee on the Knight Templar Eye Foundation shall consist of three members, one member to be appointed each year by the Grand Commander for a term of three years. (Amended September 16, 1974)

(5) Special Committees: The Grand Commander may appoint such special Committees as he may require or as required by action of the Grand Commandery.

(6) The committee on Holy Land Pilgrimage shall consist of three members, one member to be appointed each year by the grand Commander for a term of three years. He shall have general oversight practical workings of sending ordained Christian ministers, gratis, pilgrimages to the Holy Land for their spiritual enrichment and enlightenment, including the raising of funds to support the endeavor.

The committee shall create an endowment fund, the principle of which shall be preserved and shall not be used or appropriated except by the consent of three force of all members of the grand Commandery reported present at the annual conclave by the credentials committee, and only after written notice of such proposed appropriation shall be filed in the office of the Grand Recorder at least 90 days prior to said annual conclave and shall be included in the notice of the annual conclave. The committee shall be responsible for determining allocation of undersigned donations to pilgrimage expenses are deposit in the endowment fund. 75% of the earnings from the endowment fund in any year may be used by the committee to pay for the expenses associated with sending a Christian minister to the Holy Land. Unused funds may be held over for one year and then if not used, must be invested in the endowment fund. Such funds may also be used to cover expenses incurred in the administration of the fund; i.e. purchase of jewels, plaques, etc.

No member of the committee shall receive any pecuniary compensation or remuneration for services rendered to the committee.

The committee shall render to the grand Commandery at each annual conclave, and more often, if required, by it or the Grand Commander, a true and accurate account of its activities.

Upon the payment of fifty dollars (\$50.00) in a lump sum to the Holy Land Pilgrimage committee, the individual making such payment a certificate as a pilgrimage sponsor of the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage, along with a specially designed lapel pin. This contribution does not count toward any other award.

Upon the payment of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in a lump-sum to the Holy Land Pilgrimage committee, it shall issue to the body/organization making such payment and engraved plaque, or other suitable award, designating the recipient as a program sponsor of the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage. Subsequent donations by the same organization shall receive an additional placard to affix to the existing plaque.

Upon the payment of one hundred dollars (100.00) in a lump sum to the Holy Land Pilgrimage committee by an individual, it shall issue to the individual making such donation a specially designed T-shirt available only to donors. Subsequent donations the Pilgrim warrior/defender of the faith and will not receive a shirt.

Upon payment of five hundred dollars (500.00) in a lump-sum or in total donations to the Holy Land Pilgrimage committee, it shall issue to the individual or organization making such payment a plaque or other suitable award, designating the recipient as a Pilgrim warrior of the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage.

Upon the payment of one thousand dollars (1000.00) in a lump-sum are in total donations to the Holy Land Pilgrimage committee, it shall issue to the individual or organization making such payment a plaque or other suitable award, designating the recipient as a defender of the Christian faith of the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage. If a Kentucky Templar, a specially designed jewel will be awarded to be worn on the dress uniform. (amended 2018)

PERMANENT FUND

Section 7. The fund consisting of three thousand dollars, originally set aside as a Permanent Fund of the Grand Commandery, and such sums as have been heretofore or may be hereafter added thereto shall be held and invested by a Board of Trustees, consisting of five members: The Grand Commander and Grand Treasurer, ex-officio, and three other members of the Grand Commandery, one to be elected at each Annual Conclave and to serve for three years.

The Grand Treasurer shall serve as Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Permanent Fund.

Neither the Board of Trustees nor any member thereof shall receive any pecuniary compensation or remuneration for services in the investment or management of the Permanent Fund.

The Board of Trustees shall render to the Grand Commandery at each Annual Conclave, and more often, if required, by it or the grand Commander, a true and correct account in detail of all its receipts and disbursements, together with a descriptive inventory covering all of its investments and funds, and shall submit its books for examination by the Finance Committee.

None of the resources of the Permanent Fund shall be used or appropriated except by consent of three-fourths of all members of the Grand Commandery reported present at the Annual Conclave by the Credentials Committee. Written notice of such proposed appropriation shall be filed in the office of the Grand Recorder at least ninety days prior to said Annual Conclave and shall be included in the Notice of the Annual Conclave. (Amended May 22, 1956)

REPRESENTATIVES

Section 8. (a) The Grand Commander is authorized to issue certificates of appointment to distinguished Sir Knights of other Grand Jurisdictions to represent this Grand Commandery near their respective Grand Commanderies and to call upon those jurisdictions to return their evidence of Knightly courtesy.

(b) Representatives shall serve until they shall have failed to answer three consecutive roll calls.

QUALIFICATIONS OF PETITIONERS

Section 9. (a) Anyone who is a Master Mason, a Royal Arch Mason and a Royal and Select Master affiliated in a Lodge, Chapter and Council, or who is an affiliated Master Mason, and who has petitioned a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the Capitular degrees, and a Council of Royal and Select Masters for the Cryptic degrees (provided, however, that none of the Orders of Knighthood

shall be conferred upon said petitioner until he shall have received the Royal Arch Degree and the Royal and Select Master Degrees).

(b) And they shall further comply with the qualifications set forth in Section 177 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

It should be understood, however, that all further provisions of Section 177 of the Grand Encampment Constitution and Statutes, with particular reference to Paragraph [Section 177] (d) thereof which requires at least one year's residence within the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery within which is located the Constituent Commandery petitioned and for at least six months within the jurisdictions of such Constituent Commandery must be complied with. (Adopted May 22, 1962)

(c) **BALLOTING ON PETITIONS:** Petitions for the Orders of membership may be received and balloted on at Stated or Special Conclaves at which such petition or petitions are read in the Commandery, without dispensation from the Grand Commander. (Adopted May 17, 1965)

**THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION DIVISION
OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KENTUCKY
RULES AND PROCEDURES**

Section 10. The Committee should be known as the “Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky.” (a) It shall consist of five members to serve for five year terms of which one will expire each year, one member to be appointed each year at the time of the Annual Conclave by the incoming Grand Commander. The Grand Commander serving will make appointments to fill any vacancies for the unexpired portion of the term, and may replace any member of the Committee for cause, reporting his action to the Grand Commandery.

(b) The Division Committee of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky shall meet annually after the close of the Annual Conclave to elect a Chairman. The Grand Recorder shall serve as Secretary/Treasurer of the Committee but shall not be a member of the Committee. The Committee may name such other officers and employees, not members of the Committee, as it may deem necessary for the successful administration of the funds.

(c) The Committee shall be bound by and function under the regulations and Standard Practice as adopted and promulgated by the Knights Templar Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment and by such other rules and regulations as may be hereafter adopted by the Grand Commandery of Kentucky and the Grand Encampment.

AMENDMENTS

Section 11. The Grand Commandery, upon the concurrence of three-fourths of its members present at any Stated Conclave, as reported by the Committee on Credentials, may revise, amend and alter this Constitution, provided, however, that a written copy of the motion so to revise, amend or alter, shall be filed with the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery at least three months before the

day on which the Annual Conclave is to be held at which such motion is to be considered, and a copy thereof shall be inserted in the Notice of the Annual Conclave and presented by the Grand Recorder to the Grand Commandery for consideration, otherwise, no such motion shall be considered; provided also, that if the Grand Recorder fails to give such notice, the proposed amendment may be called up by consent of three-fourths of the members present and acted upon as if said notice had been given; provided further, that with the unanimous consent of the members of the Grand Commandery present, any member may introduce such an amendment which may be considered and acted upon by the Grand Commandery

at said Conclave; provided further, that the proposed amendment may be modified in any manner by the Grand Commandery while it is under consideration if such modification is germane to the proposed amendment.

REPEALING CLAUSE

Section 12. All Constitutional provisions not included in this Constitution are hereby repealed.

REGULATIONS of the GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR of KENTUCKY COMPENSATION

Section 1. Past Grand Commanders, Grand Officers, Committees of the Grand Commandery, one representative from each Constituent Commandery, the highest in rank present, and the recorder of each Constituent Commandery, as reported by the Committee on Credentials, shall be paid for attendance at the Annual Conclave, twelve (\$12.00) dollars per day, and fifteen (.15) cents per mile going and returning to location of their respective Commanderies, the distance to be measured by the nearest traveled route provided no member shall receive mileage and per diem in more than one capacity; and provided, further that immediately preceding final adjournment of the Grand Commandery, the roll of members shall be called, and any member failing to answer thereat shall forfeit his mileage and per diem, unless he shall have been excused by the Grand Commander. (Amended September 1998)

Grand Commander

Section 1. (a) The Grand Commander shall be allowed his actual expenses to be paid upon presentation of proper vouchers, but in no event shall the amount exceed the sum of \$2,250 per year. (Amended September 1998)

Deputy Grand Commander

(b) The Deputy Grand Commander shall be allowed his actual expenses to be paid upon the presentation of proper vouchers, but in no event shall the amount exceed \$1,000 per year, and the Grand Generalissimo and the Grand Captain General shall be allowed their actual expenses to be paid upon presentation of proper vouchers, but in no event shall the amount exceed the sum of \$500 for each year. (Amended September 1998)

Section 2. The annual salary of the Grand Treasurer shall be (\$500) five hundred dollars. (Amended September 17, 1979)

Section 3. The annual salary of the Grand Recorder shall not exceed (\$4,000) four thousand dollars. (Amended September 15, 1986)

JURISDICTION

Section 4. All Constituent Commanderies shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners living in this state. (Amended September 15, 1980)

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

Section 5. When the Charter of a Constituent Commandery is surrendered or arrested, the members in good standing, upon payment to the Grand Commandery of their dues, shall be entitled to a certificate of Good Standing from the Grand Recorder, which shall have the effect of a demit. Whenever a Constituent Commandery shall become extinct, either by voluntary surrender or revocation of its charter, having members owing dues in excess of two years to said Commandery, the Grand Recorder may issue a Certificate of Good Standing to the said member upon the payment to him of not less than two years back dues plus dues for the current year. (Adopted May 20, 1958)

REVENUE

Section 6. The fee for a dispensation to form a new Commandery shall be one hundred (\$100.00) dollars and must be paid in advance. No fee shall be charged for a Charter.

Section 7. Constituent Commanderies shall pay the following fees and assessments annually to the Grand Recorder.

- (a) For every member of the Commandery as of June 30 each year the sum of \$18.50 per member, plus all fees and dues assessed by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. (Amended September 19, 2016)
 - 1.) One dollar and fifty cents, (\$1.50) of this amount shall be designated to support the bus trip to the Easter Sunrise Service of the Grand Encampment, wherever it may be held. (Amended September 19, 2016)
 - 2.) Fifty cents, (.50) of this amount shall be designated to support the Holy Land Pilgrimage. (Amended September 19, 2016)

(b) For each Knight Templar created, the Constituent Commandery of which he becomes a member shall pay to the Grand Commandery the sum of five (\$5.00) dollars, the same

to be sent to the Grand Recorder when the annual dues are remitted, which amount is to become a part of the General Fund.

(c) All fees and assessments shall be paid to the Grand Recorder within thirty days after the due date of the final return for the year as provided in Section 13. (Adopted September 20, 1971)

(d) No dues or assessments shall be charged to any Commandery on account of a member thereof who is confined in an asylum for the insane, or one who is a resident of a long-term health care facility, or one who is Minister of the Gospel and who is wholly engaged in such, and not secular pursuits, if by the By-Laws of the Commandery, they are exempted from payment of Commandery dues, except such dues and assessments charged against said member in favor of the Grand Encampment. (Adopted September 20, 1976)

Section 8A. (1) Each Constituent Commandery shall operate its business upon a fiscal year basis, July 1st to June 30th next succeeding, EXCEPT in the matter of collection of its annual membership dues. All dues in each Constituent Commandery shall become due and payable on the first day of January of each year for one year in advance.

(2) Each Constituent Commandery shall have the books and records of the Recorder and Treasurer audited annually at the end of the fiscal year, such audit (unless made by a C.P.A.) shall be certified by the Finance Committee and a certified copy thereof forwarded to the Grand Recorder not later than August 15th of each year.

Section 8B. A Quorum of a Constituent Commandery shall consist of at least nine Sir Knights, of which no less than five shall be members of that Commandery, and shall include one Officer authorized to open the same. (amended 2018)

FEES

Section 9. No Commandery shall confer the Orders of Knighthood for a less sum than forty (\$40.00) dollars, and the fee must be paid in advance. The fee cannot be remitted directly or indirectly.

Section 10. Membership dues shall be such as may be provided in the By-Laws of Constituent Commanderies, which dues shall be for the annual period of January 1st through December 31st and shall be payable in advance on or before January 1st of each year.

A Commandery has the right to remit all or any portion of the dues for which a member may be in arrears. It cannot exempt a member from payment of dues except afore-provided in the section and to the extent provided for Life Members.

Section 11. It is the duty of the Treasurer:

(1) To receive all money from the Recorder, give receipt therefore, and pay it out, by consent of the Commandery, on warrant of the Commander, countersigned by the Recorder.

(2) To submit his books and vouchers for examination on or before June 30th annually and as required.

(3) To make his annual report not later than the final stated conclave in July annually.

(4) Any Constituent Commandery of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, may, by its By-Laws, provide that the offices of its Treasurer and Recorder may be consolidated into the one office of Recorder, and when so combined the Recorder shall assume and perform the duties of the Treasurer, as set forth in this section.

Section 12. It is the duty of the Recorder:

(1) To give notice of all conclaves, notice of special conclaves shall state the business to be transacted.

(2) To issue summons when directed by the Commander or Commandery.

(3) To record correctly all transactions of the Commandery.

(4) To collect all dues and assessments and other monies due the Commandery and promptly turn over the same to the Treasurer.

(5) To have in charge the seal of the Commandery and affix it to all papers requiring same.

(6) To report annually to the Grand Recorder the roll of officers and such other information as may be prescribed by the Grand Commandery and with said report remit the dues and fees to the Grand Recorder and the Grand Recorder sends the Grand Commander copies of all by-laws and resolutions adopted by the Commandery. (Adopted September 18, 1967)

RETURNS

Section 13. Each Constituent Commandery shall make periodical returns to the Grand Commandery in such form and at such times as may be prescribed by the Grand Recorder. Said returns shall include all data regarding all members, as well as those having received the Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta. The returns shall show all names in full.

INSPECTIONS

Section 14. (a) Each Constituent Commandery shall be subject to annual inspection by a Division Commander assigned by the Grand Commander. The annual inspection of each Constituent Commandery shall be scheduled on or before May 31st of each Templar year and completed on or before June 30th of each Templar year. The Grand Commander shall establish the minimum requirement for a satisfactory rating in General Order No. 1. (Amended September 1999)

(1) Reports of Inspection Officers must be completed and mailed to the Inspector General within ten days following date of inspection.

INSPECTOR GENERAL

Section 15. (a) The Grand Commander shall appoint an Inspector-General whose duties shall be to advise with the Grand Commander in the correct use of the Tactics and Interpretation of the Ritual, subject to the approval of the Grand Commander as to such interpretation of the Ritual or Tactics, and the decision of the Grand Commander shall prevail. The Inspector-General shall serve at the pleasure of the Grand Commander. He shall be allowed his actual expenses in connection with the duties of his office, and shall be allowed mileage and per diem for his attendance at the Annual Conclave, and all official notices shall be furnished him when issued. (Amended September 1999)

(b) The Inspector-General shall divide the state into not more than nine divisions, subject to the approval of the Grand Commander and shall appoint a competent Sir Knight in each division to act as Division Commander whose duties shall be to evaluate and instruct the Officers and Members of the Constituent Commanderies in his Division, in the proper use and interpretation of the Ritual and Tactics, subject to the provisions of paragraph (a) hereof.

(Amended September 2000)

FINES, PENALTIES AND ASSESSMENTS

Section 16. (a) Any Constituent Commandery failing to hold its annual inspections in accordance with the regulations and constitution for as much as two years (as reported at the Annual Conclave by the Inspector-General), the Grand Commander shall cause a rule to issue against said Constituent Commandery to show cause why its charter shall not be suspended or surrendered.

(b) In not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, the Inspector-General shall report to the Grand Commandery the name of the Constituent Commandery so in arrears, and the Grand Commander shall issue his rule, a response to which shall be made in writing by the delinquent Constituent Commandery at the Annual Conclave. (Adopted May 20, 1958)

LIFE MEMBERS

Section 17. Each Constituent Commandery may adopt a By-Law provided that members who are and shall remain in affiliation in Lodge, Chapter and Council, upon the payment of a fixed sum of money in cash at one time, and not less than twelve times annual dues, may become Life Members and thereafter be exempt from the payment of annual dues to the Commandery.

No Life Membership heretofore issued shall be invalidated. No Life Membership will exempt the member from payment of his Grand Commandery or Grand Encampment dues and assessments.

DUAL MEMBERSHIP

Section 18. (a) A Knights Templar in good standing in a Commandery of Knights Templar in this Grand Jurisdiction, or in a Commandery of Knights Templar of a sister Grand Jurisdiction, whose obedience is to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, which does not forbid dual or plural membership, may apply for affiliation to any other Commandery of

Knights Templar, or he may join in the application for the formation of a new Commandery of Knights Templar in this Grand Jurisdiction, and if such Commandery of Knights Templar be formed, he may retain his former membership and also his new membership, but shall thereupon and thereafter pay all dues and assessments required by each Commandery of Knights Templar and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership in each Commandery of Knights Templar. (Adopted September 19, 1966)

(b) Petitions for dual membership will be completed on a special form titled "Petitions for DUAL MEMEBERSHIP ONLY", said blank petitions to be furnished by the Grand Recorders office. The petitions will be in two parts, the original to be retained by the Constituent Recorder, the duplicate to be mailed to the Grand Recorder, along with the Grand Encampment report on which the dual member is picked up. (Amended September 17, 1979)

DISPENSATION FOR NEW COMMANDERY

Section 19. (a) Whenever a dispensation has been granted to form a new Commandery, the Commandery so formed shall not be issued a charter until the second Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery following the granting of the dispensation, and not then until the Grand Commandery has satisfied itself that the Commandery has a suitable asylum properly furnished, and that the officers thereof can properly and proficiently confer the several Orders.

(2) For the purpose of the preceding section the Grand Commander, the Deputy Grand Commander and the Grand Recorder shall constitute a committee to quality such Commandery for a charter. (Amended May 18, 1959)

COMMANDERY LOCATION

Section 20. When in the opinion of the Grand Commandery to be determined at its Annual Conclave, it would appear to be for the Good of the Order to change the location of a Constituent Commandery from one city to another, upon application therefore, the Grand Commandery may amend the Charter of such Constituent Commandery by substituting another city for holding its Conclaves.

UNIFORM

Section 21. (a) Subject to the requirements of the Grand Encampment, the purchase of a uniform shall be optional with the candidate. (Amended May 16, 1955)

(b) No member of a Commandery in this Grand Jurisdiction shall be eligible to nomination, election or installation as an officer in his Commandery who is not the owner of, and in possession of a regulation Templar Dress Uniform.

(c) Each Constituent Commander shall maintain a unit, or units, equipped with full templar uniforms as prescribed by Section 21 of the Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, to be worn at full form openings and the conferring of the Order of the Temple. (Added by Amendment May 17, 1955)

GRAND COMMANDER'S JEWEL

Section 22. (a) This Grand Commandery may present to the retiring Grand Commander upon the completion of his term of office a Past Grand Commander's Jewel.

(b) Any Knight Templar who, as a first line signer recommending favorable action, shall have after June 30, 1984, secured and presented petitions for new members in one or more Commanderies in Kentucky of which he is then a member may be awarded a Membership Award Cordon as follows:

- For three petitions: a White Shoulder Cord
- For six petitions: a Silver Shoulder Cord
- For nine petitions: a Gold Shoulder Cord
- For fifteen petitions: a Red Shoulder Cord
- For twenty petitions: a Red and White Should Cord
- For twenty-five petitions: a Red and Silver Shoulder Cord
- For thirty petitions: a Red and Gold Shoulder Cord
- For thirty-five petitions: a Red and Purple Shoulder Cord

All such Awards shall be secured from the Grand Recorder and remain in the property of this Grand Commandery, and they shall be returned to it when the recipient either receives a subsequent Award for additional petitions, ceases to be a Knight Templar, demits, or is deceased.

The Shoulder Cords in the colors and specifications set forth shall be made of braided cord with a loop which is to be attached to a button sewed on top of the coat three and one-half (3 1/2) inches from the shoulder seam, with the cord being at the wearer's left of the button on his uniform.

The wearing of the Membership Award is optional; but, if worn, it shall be worn only on a Commandery uniform. Only one such award shall be worn at any time by any Sir Knight; and that one is the latest Shoulder Cord that has been presented to him. (Adopted September 17, 1984)

All Division Commanders are entitled, after three years of continuous service and at their own expense, to wear a set of shoulder straps/boards with a blue background designating them as a "Past Division Commander". The blue shoulder cord will only be worn during his tenure or appointment as a Division Commander.

The Aide to the Grand Commander may wear, at the Grand Commander's expense, a red shoulder cord with only one drop at his right shoulder. This cord will only be worn during his term of appointment.

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR UNIFORM

DRESS COAT

Section 23. The coat for all officers and Sir Knights shall consist of a double-breasted black coat, to close with three black K.T. metal buttons in each row. The buttons are to be so spaced vertically that when a belt is worn, the belt will be between the lower pair of buttons and the middle pair of buttons, and shall not cover any of the buttons. Three small K.T. metal buttons on each sleeve. No

lettering on the coat. The coat may have a left breast pocket welt to provide a space for fastening permitted Commandery jewels. A horizontal slit opening with a zipper closing may be provided beneath the left pocket flap for the use of a belt strap.

For Past Grand Commanders, Grand Commandery Line Officers, Commanders, and Past Commanders, crosses on sleeves appropriate to rank and bordered with gilt or real gold bullion. The bottom of the sleeve crosses to be two inches from the cuff. The Passion Cross with solid rays, size two inches. Size of Templar Cross, one and one-half inches. Metal sleeve crosses, size one inch, may be used in lieu of the fabric types. Grand Encampment regulation shoulder straps and buttons will be either black or gold.

For all Sir Knights below the rank of Commander: Red Passion Cross, size two inches, with silver colored thread or real silver bullion border on sleeves, two inches from cuff. Metal sleeve crosses, size one inch, may be used in lieu of the fabric types. Generalissimo, Captain General, and Prelate shall wear Grand Encampment regulation shoulder straps. All buttons will be either black or silver.

CHAPEAU

The chapeau shall be the standard military chapeau, trimmed with black binding with two black side plumes and one white top plume, and with oval rosette and appropriate cross on left side.

For Past Grand Commanders, Grand Commandery Line Officers, Commanders, and Past Commanders: With diagonal gilt slashing on both sides, front and rear; gilt tassel in front; cross appropriate to rank bordered with gilt or real gold bullion on left side; Templar Cross to be two and one-half inches in size, and Passion Cross with solid rays to be three inches.

Past Grand Commanders may replace the gilt slashing with velvet slashing having the vine leaf and berry design in gilt or real gold bullion.

For all other Sir Knights: With diagonal silver slashing on both sides, front and rear; silver tassel in front; red Passion Cross bordered with silver colored thread or real silver bullion on left side; no rays; three inches.

The width of the top plume, in all cases, shall be at least seven inches.

TROUSERS

For all officers and Sir Knights: To be made of a black clothing material. Standard cut without stripe or ornamentation of any kind.

GLOVES

Gloves shall be buff-colored.

SHOES AND HOSE

Shoes and socks shall be black.

SHIRT, COLLAR, AND TIE

The shirt shall be plain white and turned down collar. The tie shall be black four-in-hand to tie full. Bow ties shall not be worn with the uniform under any circumstances.

BELT

For Grand Commandery Line Officers, Commanders and Past Commanders: The belt shall be red enameled or patent leather strap, one and seven-eighths inches wide fastened with a gold-plated or gilt rectangular metal buckle, two inches high and three inches long with a cross thereon appropriate to rank over which shall be the motto: IN HOC SIGNO VINCES. For Grand Commandery Line Officers, the red Templar Cross; for Commanders and Past Commanders, the red Passion Cross with rays. The strap is to be trimmed over its entire width with metal and silk woven lace of gilt and red, known as Artillery Lace, four bands of gilt and three bands of red. Two riders of red leather and gilt lace, one each side of the buckle. No metal riders of any description on the belt. Three gold-placed barrel chains supported by slides on the inside of the belt, two of said chains being short, and the third chain in the rear of the belt being long with a swivel and snap at the lower end of each chain. No hooks of any kind on the chains or on the belt, provided, however, that a Constituent Commandery may adopt the belt strap for use in lieu of the regulation belt described in this paragraph. (Amended September 17, 1979)

For Past Grand Commanders: Same as above, except that the leather strap shall be black leather; the lace shall be gilt and purple; the cross on the belt buckle shall be a purple Templar Cross; the riders shall be black leather and gilt lace. A belt strap may be used in lieu of the regulation belt described in this paragraph. (Amended September 17, 1984)

For officers and Sir Knights below the rank of Commander: The leather strap shall be black; the buckle and chains shall be silver-plated; the silk woven lace shall be silver and black, four bands of silver and three bands of black. Two riders, one each side of the buckle, shall be black leather and silver lace. The cross on the buckle shall be a red Passion Cross without rays, over which shall be the motto: IN HOC SIGNO VINCES. No hooks on chains or belt. Provided, however, that a Constituent Commandery may adopt the belt strap for use in lieu of the regulation belt described in this paragraph. (Amended September 17, 1979)

FATIGUE CAP

For all officers and Sir Knights: The fatigue cap shall be what is known as the standard Pershing cap and shall be a black cloth. The front strap shall be a flat band of lace. Two small K.T. metal buttons, one on each side.

For Past Commanders, Grand Commandery Line Officers, Commanders, and Past Commanders: The buttons shall be gilt and the strap shall be gilt lace. The band around the entire cap shall be of gilt or gold lace. The cross on the front of the cap shall be appropriate to rank: For Past Grand Commanders, purple Templar Cross, gilt or real gold bullion; for Grand Commandery Line Officers, red Templar Cross, gilt or real bullion; for Commanders and Past Commanders, red Passion Cross, gilt or real gold bullion, with solid rays. Size of the Templar Cross to be two inches. Height of Passion Cross to be two inches.

Past Grand Commanders may replace the gilt or gold lace band with a band of black velvet, embroidered with the vine leaf and berry design in gilt or real gold bullion.

For all Sir Knights below the rank of Commander: The buttons shall be silver and the strap shall be silver lace. The band around the entire cap shall be black braid, not velvet. The cross on the front of the cap shall be the red Passion Cross, silver colored thread or real silver bullion, without rays.

SWORD

A straight sword, with metal scabbard, the scabbard having three metal rings, two at the upper mount and one at the middle mount; sword to have a straight cross-guard; a helmet head; a white grip or hilt etched in front with the monogram of the owner and on the opposite side with the Passion Cross. There shall be no chain from pommel to cross-guard. The guard shall be devoid of curved ends. The blade shall not exceed nineteen millimeters in width. The sword shall be 34 to 40 inches in length, inclusive of scabbard. Scabbards shall contain no emblem other than recognized emblems of the Order.

For Past Grand Commanders, Grand Commandery Line Officers, Commanders and Past Commanders: Scabbard and all metal parts of the sword, except the blade, to be gold-plated. Past Grand Commanders and Grand Commandery Line Officers may replace the Passion Cross with the Templar Cross on the grip.

For all Sir Knights below the rank of Commander: Scabbard and all metal parts of the sword, except the blade, to be nickel or silver-plated.

The purchase of a sword by a Sir Knight is optional, except that all officers must be equipped with a sword, purchased either by themselves or by the Commandery, as the Commandery may decide. Each Commandery must have sufficient swords in its possession to equip the triangle guard, the Prelate's escort and the floor team in the full form opening, but in no case, less than twelve regulation swords.

Section 24. Each Constituent Commandery shall have at least four (4) Full Form Knight Templar Openings during the year. The dates on which these Full Form Knight Templar Openings will be held shall be reported to the Grand Commander as he may require. (Adopted September 28, 1981)

AMENDMENTS

Section 25. The Grand Commandery, upon the concurrence of two-thirds of its members present at any Stated Conclave, as reported by the Committee on Credentials, may revise, amend and alter these Regulations.

REPEALING CLAUSE

Section 26. All statutes, laws and regulations heretofore enacted, adopted or approved in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

MODEL BY-LAWS

_____ Commandery No. _____

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

_____, KENTUCKY

NAME

Section 1. This Commandery is known and designated in its Charter as

_____ Commandery No. _____, Knights Templar,
stationed at _____, Kentucky.

AUTHORITY

Section 2. It derives all its powers from the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kentucky, its Constitution and Regulations and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United Sates of America, its Constitution and Statutes. Its officers and members, their titles and designations, their duties, and powers are such as have been or may be prescribed by the Grand Commandery or the Grand Encampment.

CONCLAVES

Section 3. The Stated Conclaves of this Commandery shall be held on the of each month.

Section 4. Special Conclaves may be called by the Commander or, in his absence, by the Generalissimo or in the absence of both, the Commander and Generalissimo, by the Captain General at his discretion. But at a Special Conclave, no business shall be transacted except that specified in the original notice or summons.

The hours of opening of all Stated Conclaves shall be at _____ pm. All calls for Special Conclaves shall state the hour for which called.

OFFICERS

Section 5. The Officers of this Commandery shall be elected at the Annual Conclave in each year and hold their offices until their successors are elected and installed. All Sir Knights nominated and elected for office shall have complied with the Uniform Regulations.

Section 6. Nominations for office shall be made from the floor without comment. The election shall be made by ballot, and it shall require a majority of all votes cast to secure an election. When only one name is in nomination, the election may be by acclamation.

Section 7. Every Officer must show proficiency in attendance and ritualistic work of his office during the year. This must be done at Annual Inspection without use of ritual, or advancement in office will be denied such officer at the following election of officers, sickness or emergency alone being a lawful excuse.

Section 8. The Treasurer and Recorder shall make and place their annual reports in the hands of the Finance Committee at least one week prior to the Annual Conclave.

The Recorder shall also transmit to the Grand Commander and Grand Recorder, copies in duplicate of all By-Laws and Amendments adopted by the Commandery.

The Treasurer shall receive as compensation the sum of (\$) dollars for the year.

The Recorder shall receive as compensation the sum of (\$) dollars for the year.

Section 9. The Sentinel shall receive as compensation the sum of

(\$) dollars.

DUES

Section 10. The annual dues of members shall be (\$) dollars,

payable in advance on or before the of each year, and no member shall be exempt from payment of dues.

Any member may be suspended from all the rights and privileges of the Order for non-payment of dues when he shall be in arrears for one (1) year; provided he has been notified of his arrears and summoned to appear at a Stated Conclave to show cause why he should not be suspended, said notice to be sent by registered or certified mail to the last address furnished the Recorder by such member. (Amount of Dues Optional)

REMISSION OF DUES

Section 11. The Commandery may at any time, should it deem the cause sufficient, remit the dues of any member.

AFFILIATION

Section 12. Affiliation in Lodge, Chapter and Council is essential to membership in the Commandery. (Reference, Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Commandery and the Constitution and Statues of the Grand Encampment.)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Section 13. Any Sir Knight of this Commandery may become a life member and be exempt from all dues except such assessments as the Grand Commandery and/or the Grand Encampment may impose; on payment of

dollars, the same to be paid in one amount.

Life members shall remain affiliated in Lodge, Chapter and in Council.

FEES AND MEMBERSHIP

Section 14. The fees for conferring the Orders of Knighthood in this

Commandery shall be (\$) dollars. A fee of (\$) dollars

must accompany the petition, and the remainder shall be paid before any of the Orders shall be conferred. (The minimum fee \$40.)

The Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Commandery require that all fees must be paid in cash. Notes or promises to pay must not, under any circumstances, be taken. No part of the fee shall be remitted, directly or indirectly.

PETITIONS

Section 15. Every petitioner for the Orders of Knighthood shall make application on forms prescribed by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, Constitution and Statues, and be recommended by two members of this Commandery. When the petition is received, it shall be referred to a committee of three members, who shall scrupulously investigate the character and fitness of the applicant and report at the Conclave as directed by the Commander, whereupon the ballot shall be necessary for admission.

Section 16. Petitions for the Orders of Membership can neither be received nor acted upon, except at Stated Conclaves, and no petitions can be balloted on in less than two weeks from its reception; provided the Commandery may authorize the presentation of a ballot upon such petition at the same Stated or Special Conclave.

Section 17. Any Companion having been elected to receive the Orders of Knighthood, who shall fail to present himself within twelve months from receipt of a written notice, shall forfeit so much of the fee accompanying the petition as the Commandery may declare.

DEMIT

Section 18. Any Sir Knight, in good standing, is entitled to a demit without vote of the Commandery when free from arrears for dues, and if no charges are pending against him; provided request in writing signed by the applicant therefore, is presented in open Commandery.

COMMITTEES

Section 19. There shall be a Finance Committee chosen as the Commandery may declare, whose duties are to audit the various bills and accounts against the Commandery, or that may be referred to them, as properly and as practicable, and report on same before they are paid. The Finance Committee shall also examine the books and accounts of the Treasurer and Recorder immediately before and present their report at the Annual Conclave, and copy of such audit shall be submitted to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery with the Annual Returns of the Commandery, and this report to be certified too by the Committee.

Section 20. The three principal officers shall constitute a Charity and Visiting Committee. Their duties are to extend such necessary attention and relief as conditions may warrant. All applications for relief shall be referred to them, and they may be authorized to draw on the funds of the Commandery for such amounts as the Commandery may declare.

Section 21. All other committees shall be appointed by the Commander, unless otherwise ordered by the Commandery.

UNIFORMS

Section 22. The Uniform regulations of the Grand Encampment and the Grand Commandery of Kentucky shall apply to the membership of the Commandery.

SINKING FUND

Section 23. The Commandery may, under such rules and for such purposes as it may deem proper, establish a Sinking Fund. Permanent Investment Fund or Kindred Saving Fund. Such accounts shall be examined annually by the Finance Committee together with such securities as the same may be invested in. Report shall be made to the Commandery at the Annual Conclave.

VOTE

Section 24. At all Conclaves of the Commandery each member present shall be entitled to one vote, except that the presiding officer shall vote only in case of a tie, when he shall decide the issue. All questions submitted shall be decided by a majority vote of those present.

Section 25. Amendments to these By-Laws must be presented in writing and read at a Stated Conclave when they shall be called up for action, and if approved by a two-thirds vote of the members present, shall become part of same. (Note: Other Sections of By-Laws that are not in conflict with the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky and the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment, may be added to this form of By-Laws as local conditions require.)

RULES OF ORDER

1. Whenever a Council of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross or Commandery is about to be opened, the members shall observe profound silence. No Sir Knight shall be permitted to move from his place in the Council Chamber or the Asylum during the progress of the work, except for the furtherance of same.

2. The rules for conducting business shall be the same as ordinarily govern Knights Templar as laid down in the Constitution and Statues of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Kentucky.

3. The Order of business shall be as follows:

- (1) Opening
- (2) Reading of the minutes
- (3) Petitions and action thereon
- (4) Reports of Committees
- (5) Unfinished business
- (6) New business
- (7) Conferring of the Orders or Drill

(8) Closing

4. Every Sir Knight shall stand when he speaks and shall address himself to the presiding officer with due sign, respect and decorum. He shall confine himself to the subject under discussion and shall not be interrupted while speaking unless for breach of order.
5. No member shall speak more than once until every member desiring to speak on the question shall have spoken, and no member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission from the Commander.
6. If any Sir Knight is called to order for transgressing these rules, and is guilty of a second offense of the same nature, the Presiding Officer may peremptorily order him to leave the Commandery or the Conclave.
7. No question shall be put to a vote unless it has a second, and it shall not be open for discussion until stated by the Commander or Presiding Officer. The question shall be determined by a vote as required by the Statues.
8. Every member, when the question is put, shall vote thereon, unless for special reasons he shall be excused, and the vote on any question shall be taken by ballot at the request of three members.
9. Every resolution shall be reduced to writing.
10. Smoking shall not be permitted nor indulged in while the Orders are being conferred.
11. These rules of Order may be suspended at any Conclave by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, entitled to vote.
12. Any amendment to the Rules of Order must be presented in writing and read at a Stated Conclave. At the next Stated Conclave it may be called up, and, if agreed to by two-thirds of the members present, entitled to vote, shall become part of same.