

**CONSTITUTION, LAWS
& REGULATIONS
of the
GRAND COMMANDERY OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
of the
STATE OF UTAH**

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(SEAL)

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**TITLE I
CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY**

Section 1-1 POWERS AND DUTIES

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Utah derives its power from a certain Charter, issued August 10, 1910 by the Grand Encampment.*Section 33

Section 1-2 TITLE

The name of this Grand Commandery shall be "The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Utah".

Section 1-3 SEAL OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY

The Seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Utah is illustrated below.



Section 1-4 JURISDICTION

ADDED MAY 1990

The jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery shall be the territory comprising the State of Utah, within which territory it is the superior authority in Templar Masonry, subject only to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Utah.

Section 1-5 LAWS AND REGULATIONS

It shall have the power to adopt and amend, by two-thirds vote of those present and voting, a Constitution and such Laws and Regulations, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Statutes

of the Grand Encampment, or the Code of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Utah, as may be necessary for the good of the Order.

Section 1-6 NEW COMMANDERIES

It shall have exclusive power to form new Commanderies within its jurisdiction and that without the recommendation or consent of any Commandery, and to fix the fees therefore; and it shall have power to ordain and prescribe regulations for their government, and it may revoke any existing charter or dispensation.

Section 1-7 ASSESSMENTS

It shall possess authority to require from the several Commanderies within its jurisdiction, such proportion of the sums received by them for conferring the Orders, and also such sums in the form of Annual dues from the respective members, as may be necessary for the support of the Grand Commandery.

Section 1-8 GENERAL POWERS

It shall consider and do all matters and things appertaining to the good, well-being and perpetuation of Templar Masonry, but always subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the United States of America.

Section 1-9 CONTROVERSIES

It shall have power to assign the limits of jurisdiction of Commanderies within its own jurisdiction, and settle all controversies that may arise between them.

Section 1-10 REPORTS

The Grand Commandery, at its annual Conclave, shall review and consider all the official reports of its officers, and the proceedings of its constituent Commanderies for the preceding year.

Section 1-11 ACCOUNTS

It shall examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, and supervise the state and condition of the finances, and adopt such measures in relation thereto, as may be necessary to increase, secure and preserve the same, and also to insure the utmost punctuality on the part of every accounting officer in the safekeeping and paying over of the funds and property of the Grand Commandery.

Section 1-12 AMENDMENTS

AMENDED MAY 8, 2021

All proposed amendments to the Laws relating to Grand Commandery shall be submitted in writing to the Grand Recorder at least forty five days before the next annual communication. At least THIRTY FIVE days before such annual conclave of Grand

Commandery the Grand Recorder shall transmit to the Recorders of the several constituent Commanderies of this jurisdiction, and to the members of the Jurisprudence Committee of Grand Commandery, copies of any such proposed amendments.

All proposed amendments shall first be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for its opinion and report. Any proposed amendment, ruled by the Committee on Jurisprudence to be "not" in proper form, shall not be placed upon the floor of the annual conclave of the Grand Commandery, for vote, until said amendment shall have been put in proper form. Responsibility for "Proper Form" shall be with the author of the amendment.

The Committee on Jurisprudence shall advise the author, or authors, of proposed amendments, prior to the annual conclave, if such amendments are "not in proper form". After "proper form" is satisfied, if the amendment is then approved in annual convocation by a majority of the votes, then such amendment shall become effective. Grand Commandery may suspend the forgoing provisions by two-thirds vote at the Annual Conclave or a Special Conclave called for such Purpose.

TITLE II
LAWS RELATING TO THE GRAND COMMANDERY

Section 2-1 OF WHICH COMPOSED

Grand Commandery consists of the following members:

- (A) 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 and
- The Grand Captain of the Guard

The first four (4) together with the Treasurer and Recorder shall be elected by ballot and the others shall be appointed by the Grand Commander.

- (B) All Past Grand Commanders
- All Past Deputy Grand Commanders
- All Past Grand Generalissimos and
- All Past Grand Captains General, of this Grand Commandery, so long as they remain in good standing of Commanderies in good standing under this jurisdiction.

- (C) The Commander
- The Generalissimo and
- The Captain General of each Commandery in good standing under this Grand Commandery.

- (D) All Past Commanders of the Commanderies under this Grand Commandery, and such Past Commanders as may have demitted from

another jurisdiction and who shall have been elected to membership by any Commandery in this Grand Jurisdiction, so long as they remain members of Commanderies under this jurisdiction.

(E) All Knights Templar of other Grand Commanderies who have been elected Honorary Members. Such membership shall not confer the right to vote.

Section 2-2 TITLES

The honorary title of a Grand Commander is Right Eminent and the official title is Grand Commander. The honorary title of the Deputy Grand Commander is Very Eminent and official title is Deputy Grand Commander. The honorary title of the remaining officers of a Grand Commandery is Eminent.

Section 2-3 CONCLAVES

APPROVED MAY 2023

(A) The Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Utah shall be held during the Annual Sessions of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Utah who convene on the Second Friday and the following Saturday in May. The Time and Place of the Annual Conclave shall be determined during these sessions.

(B) The Sessions will be opened by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah (starting in 2024) then rotated each year in turn with the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery.

Section 2-4 SPECIAL CONCLAVES

Special Conclaves may be called by the Grand Commander, and it shall be his duty, upon the request of a majority of the Commanderies, directed to him in writing, to call a Special Conclave. No business shall be transacted at a Special Conclave except that specified in the original notice or summons.

Section 2-5 QUORUM

A quorum shall consist of nine (9) members entitled to vote therein, including an officer authorized to convene the same, provided three or more Commanderies are represented.

Section 2-6 RULES OF ORDER

Amended May, 2023

Rule 1: When the Grand Commandery has assembled, the Grand Recorder shall call the roll and if a constitutional number of members are present, the Grand Commandery shall be convened.

Rule 2: After the roll call, the proceedings of the preceding Conclave shall be read by the Grand Recorder, unless their reading is dispensed with; the Grand Commander shall announce the standing and session committees, to whom all papers then in the hands of the Grand Recorder, requiring such reference, shall at once be referred; the reports of the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Recorder, and Grand Treasurer shall then be presented and appropriately referred, in the order named.

Rule 3: After the business of the Conclave is thus begun, the regular order of each session during its continuance shall be as follows:

1st - Reading of the minutes of the last session.

2nd - Reception and action upon, or reference of, petitions, memorials and appeals.

3rd - Reports of Standing and Session Committees, and action thereon, the Committee on Jurisprudence having the preference.

4th - Motions, resolutions and other business.

Rule 4: All reports, petitions, memorials or appeals presented shall be in writing and in triplicate and shall be read before any action is taken thereon.

Rule 5: No motion to reconsider shall be entertained unless made during the same session when the question proposed to be reconsidered was decided and unless offered by one who voted with the majority upon the question.

Rule 6: When the day and hour shall have been named for the election of Grand Officers, such election shall, at that time, take precedence over all other business, unless the Grand Commandery, by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, shall otherwise direct. The final report of the Committee on Credentials shall be read before balloting proceeds.

Rule 7: At every Conclave, unless otherwise expressly provided by the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment, all questions (except amendments to these statutes) shall be determined by a majority vote of those present and voting. In case the votes are equally divided, the presiding officer shall cast the deciding vote.

Rule 8: Whenever the Commander, Generalissimo or Captain General of a Constituent Commandery is unable to be present at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, each of them may appoint a member of such Commandery to represent them at the Annual Conclave and the proxy so appointed shall be entitled to all privileges of the Officer who so appoints him. Such Proxies shall on or before the first session of the day of the Conclave at which the proxy is to be used, file the same with the Grand Recorder or with the Committee on Credentials.

The voting by proxy shall conform to Section 38 of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment and the decision of John Quincy Adams Fallon, GM (1874).

Rule 9: These rules may be suspended and may at any time be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting.

Rule 10: Robert's "Rules of Order Revised" will govern the parliamentary procedure, if not contrary to the laws of this Grand Commandery.

The Grand Commander shall exercise a watchful supervision over all the Commanderies under his jurisdiction and see that the Constitution, Statutes and Rituals of the Grand Encampment, and the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, are duly and promptly observed.

(A) At each Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander shall present his Annual address, giving an account of his official acts during recess and the condition of Templar Masonry in this jurisdiction and recommend to the Grand Commandery such measures as he may deem necessary and expedient. On recommendations affecting Grand Commandery will be presented as a resolution, with proper time limitations for proposals and resolutions. A copy of this address shall be placed in the hands of the Committee on Division and Reference at least ten days before the Annual Conclave.

*Section 48

(B) He shall appoint all committees and all officers not made elective, and shall fill all vacancies which may occur in any of the elective offices, to serve during the pleasure of the Grand Commander, or until their successors shall have been elected and installed.

(C) He shall have the power and authority during the recess of the Grand Commandery, to grant Letters of Dispensation. Any such Dispensation shall be in force no longer than the next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery.

(D) He may during the recess of the Grand Commandery, arrest the Charter or, Dispensation of a Commandery, or suspend from the functions of his office any officer of the Grand Commandery or of a Constituent Commandery, but in no case shall such suspension affect the standing in the Order of such officer or his membership in the Commandery. The Grand Commander shall report his action in full to the next Conclave of the Grand Commandery for its final action.

(E) He may visit and preside in any Commandery within the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery and give such instructions and directions as the good of the Order may require, always adhering to the Constitution, Statutes and Rituals of the Grand Encampment and the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery.

(F) He may from time to time appoint Past Grand Commanders, officers of the Grand Commandery or Past Commanders to represent this Grand Commandery within sister Grand Jurisdictions, such appointees shall be known as Grand Representatives and serve at the pleasure of the Grand Commander or until a successor is appointed.

(G) He may recommend to the Grand Commanders of sister Grand Jurisdictions, eligible residents of this jurisdiction for appointment as Grand Representative near this Grand Commandery. If such appointees fail to attend three Annual Conclaves and are not excused by the Grand Commander, a replacement shall be recommended

(H) He shall see that the Grand Recorder promptly discharges the duties enjoined by Section 52 of the Statutes of the Grand

Encampment.

(I) He may appoint a Grand Inspector General, who shall perform all the duties implied in and pertaining to said office.

(J) The following Session Committees shall be appointed by the Grand Commander to serve at each Annual Conclave, viz.:

Committee on Credentials
Committee on Division and Reference
Committee on Necrology
Committee on Returns of Commanderies
Committee on Unfinished Business

Each Committee shall consist of three or more members and the first named shall be the Chairman. The Grand Commander shall appoint such committees at least forty five days prior to the Annual Conclave and the Grand Recorder shall immediately notify members of the committee of their appointments.

Section 2-8 (A) STANDING COMMITTEES

amended May 8, 2021

Before each Annual Conclave adjourns, or within thirty-days thereafter, the grand Commander elected at such Annual Conclave, shall appoint the following:

Standing Committees, viz.

- A Committee on Templar Jurisprudence
- B Committee on Grievance and Appeals
- C Committee on Knights Templar Educational Foundation
- D Committee on Fraternal Relations
- E Committee on Triennial Conclave
- F Committee on Utah York Rite Education Fund
- G Committee on Annual York Rite Sessions

Each Committee shall consist of three or more members and the first named shall be the Chairman, and shall serve for one year or until their successors have been appointed.

Section 2-8 (B) SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Special Committees may be appointed by the Grand Commander whenever he may deem it necessary.

- a Committee on Holy Land Pilgrimage
- b Committee on Youth Organizations

Section 2-9 COMMITTEE DUTIES STANDING AND SPECIAL

STANDING = A - Z

(A) **TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE** APPROVED MAY 1990

The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence shall be part of a joint committee, known as the Jurisprudence Committee that is made up of a chairman and one each Royal Arch Mason, Cryptic Mason, and Knight Templar. It shall consist of not less than four members. It shall meet prior to the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery

and consider all decisions upon questions of Templar Laws and usage reported by the Grand Commander and such other matters as may be referred to it by him or the Grand Commandery, and its conclusion shall be reported to the Grand Commandery. The Committee, when called upon, shall give opinions on the legislative, judicial and executive functions of the Grand Commandery, and the Constituent Commanderies, and on the prerogatives, powers and duties of the officers and members thereof. It shall advise upon all question of Templar Law and report upon all proposed amendments of TITLE I, II, III, IV of the Constitution, Laws, Regulations, and Standard form of by-laws for or pertaining to the Grand Commandery of Utah, or Constituent Commanderies in the jurisdiction of Utah, and all decisions of the Grand Commander as well as his Annual Report.

(B) FINANCE

AMENDED MAY 12, 1995 & MAY 8, 2021

The Finance Committee shall be a Joint Standing Committee of at least four (4) in number including a chairman. With one of the four being elected annually to a four year term. The election of this member shall be determined by a majority vote of the delegates present, held in the first body to open per Section 2-3 Conclaves (B) where a credentials report and roll call is taken to establish the eligible delegates. The initial term will be determined by elections of one each 1 year, 2 year, 3 year and 4 year members. The Grand High Priest, Grand Illustrious Master and Grand Commander will be an added part of this committee. The purpose of the committee is to manage the funds of the Grand York Rite Bodies. The actions of this committee shall be determined by majority vote of the finance committee. The ballots are to be counted as one person, one vote. The Grand Secretary-Recorder and Grand Treasurer will be ex-officio members for the purpose of record keeping, minutes, and information with no power to vote on actions of the finance committee.

They may by majority vote appoint a duly qualified outside financial advisor or financial institution for suggestions and advice. The finance committee shall hold and take title to all of the assets and funds of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery, with the exception of those funds held by the York Rite of Utah Foundation. They may co-mingle them, as long as they are spread on the books individually, as part of the Grand York Rite Funds except the general operating funds. They may loan and invest funds in such manner as the Grand Chapter, and/or Grand Council, and/or Grand Commandery may request from time to time, or in the absence of such specific direction, to the best of their judgement and ability in securities generally accepted by the Trust department of sound financial institutions. This may include but not be limited to United States Government Bonds, Treasury Bills, or other certificate of indebtedness, State and Municipal Bonds, Savings Accounts and Certificates and Corporate Bonds and Mutual Funds. A portion of these investments should be available in a timely manner transferable to pay the indebtedness of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery.

All actions taken by the Finance Committee shall be governed by the prudent man rule and with agreement of the majority. In case of a deadlock the duty shall fall to the Chairman for decisions.

They shall reinvest the interest and dividends or deposit to the General Fund amounts needed as circumstances warrant. They shall make a complete and detailed report of all assets and funds in their possession at each Annual Sessions, and shall annually

audit the books of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, and shall certify their findings at the Joint Portion of the Annual Grand York Rite Sessions.

They will also prepare and submit a budget for the ensuing year for each Grand York Rite body for action at the annual sessions.

Any item or items not covered herein shall be governed by the requirements of the Code and Trial Code of the Grand Lodge, F & A.M. of Utah and Masonic usage.

(C) GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS

APPROVED MAY 1990

The Committee on Grievance and Appeals shall be part of a joint Grand York Rite committee. It shall consist of not less than three members include a chairman which shall be a member of Grand Chapter, Grand Council or Grand Commandery with the other two members coming from the other two Grand bodies. This committee shall investigate all grievances submitted to it and report its conclusions and recommendations. It shall examine all trial records and appeals sent from Constituent Commanderies o Grand Commandery and shall consider and make recommendation to the annual conclave of Grand Commandery on all applications for restoration submitted to Grand Commandery after suspension or expulsion.

This committee shall make known, to any member who has a decision against him, the following sections of the Disciplinary Rules of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar U.S.A.:

Section 67 through 96 inclusive.

(D) EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE DIVISION

The Educational Foundation Committee Division of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the State of Utah shall consist of three members, one member to be appointed annually by the Grand Commander elected at such Annual Conclave, for a term of three years. This committee shall be governed by the "Regulations and Standard Practice of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America" and such amendments thereto as are legally adopted from time to time.

This committee may employ a Fiscal Agent as provided in the above "Regulations and Standard Practice" and pay him a monthly salary of fifteen (\$15.00) dollars. The Secretary and Treasurer of the Committee shall furnish and deposit with the Grand Commander, Corporate Surety Bond as provided for in Section ten (10) of the above "Regulations and Standard Practice".

(E) FRATERNAL RELATIONS

ADDED MAY 1990

The committee on Fraternal Relations shall be a joint committee, consisting of at least 3 members; 1 each from the separate Grand York Rite bodies, whose duties are to recommend to the presiding officers a Grand Representative to other Grand York Rite jurisdictions. They shall also make a written report on their actions at the Annual Grand York Rite Conclaves.

(F) TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE

ADDED MAY 1990

The committee on Triennial Conclaves shall be a joint committee consisting of at least the three Presiding Grand Heads, who will make a written general report which should include any

legislative changes or additions that would affect the Grand York Rite bodies in the State of Utah.

(G) YORK RITE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION APPROVED MAY 1990 AMMENDED
MAY 2010

The committee on York Rite Educational Foundation will operate under its own Articles of Incorporation and By-laws, but it will be a joint Grand York Rite Committee with 10 members, consisting of three elected, during the Joint Grand York Rite Sessions, the Three Presiding Officers of these bodies, the three second in command of these bodies and the Grand Secretary Recorder. It shall meet just prior to Grand York Rite Sessions and it will make a written report at the York Rite Sessions.

(H) ANNUAL YORK RITE SESSIONS

The committee on the Annual York Rite Sessions will be a joint committee consisting of at least 7 members, including the heads of the Grand York Rite bodies, the heads of the host Constituent York Rite bodies along with the Grand King, Deputy Grand Master, and Deputy Grand Commander with the Grand Secretary/Recorder being the Chairman. The duties of said committee is to plan, organize and manage the Annual Grand Sessions, providing all necessary liaison and management to assure a functional and harmoniously run Grand York Rite Sessions.

SPECIAL = a through z

(a) HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE ADOPTED MAY 1989

This committee is composed of at least one (1) Grand Commandery Officer and the representative from each of the Constituent Commanderies; elected officers who will be responsible for the promotion and execution of one (1) fund raising activity annually, per Commandery, the proceeds of which will be held by the Grand Treasurer until such time as a candidate may be provided with funds to participate in the Grand Encampment Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Said Candidate to be agreed upon and determined by the then four elected Grand Commandery dais officers.

(b) MASONIC YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS ADDED MAY 1990

This committee shall operate as a joint Grand York Rite Committee and shall consist of at least 4 members; one each from each Grand York Rite body and a chairman. This committee will be responsible for the initiation, operation and activities of the program decided upon by its members with consent of the heads of the Grand York Rite bodies. The chairman of said committee shall make a written report at the annual Grand York Rite Sessions, of the activities and any moneys collected or disbursed.

Section 2-10 FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS AMENDED MAY 1991

A Knight Templar who, on his knighting date is a member in good standing of a Commandery in Utah, and has been a member in good standing of a Commandery recognized by this jurisdiction, for at least fifty (50) years, is entitled to a special pin, and a certificate or special dues card which will be furnished by the Grand Commandery.

Section 2-11 HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS APPROVED MAY 1997

Honorary Memberships will be granted to Grand Commanders of sister jurisdictions who attend the annual conclaves of the Grand

Commandery of Knights Templar of Utah.

Section 2-12 THE GRAND TREASURER

AMENDED MAY 1991

The Grand Treasurer shall pay all drafts on him ordered by the Grand Commander. He shall render to the Grand Commandery at its Annual Conclave a true and perfect account of his doings in that respect and an account of all moneys received and disbursed by him during the recess. He shall also carefully preserve and render, from time to time, an inventory of all property belonging to the Grand Commandery entrusted to his keeping.

Section 2-13 THE GRAND RECORDER

The Grand Recorder shall perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment.

*Section 52

Section 2-14 SURETY BOND

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary shall furnish Corporate Surety Bond in such form and sum as the Grand Commandery may direct, said Surety Bond to be retained in the custody of the Grand Recorder. The cost of said Bond shall be paid by the Grand Commandery.

Section 2-15 OTHER OFFICERS

AMENDED MAY 1990

The duties of the remaining officers (if duties are not specifically stated hereafter) as well as those above specified, shall be such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations, or assigned to them by the Grand Commander or the Grand Commandery, and conforming as near as may be to those of the corresponding officers of the Grand Encampment.

Section 2-16 TENURE OF OFFICE

The several Grand Officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall have been duly elected, or appointed and installed.

Section 2-17 ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE

AMENDED MAY 2002

No Knight Templar shall be eligible to any office of the Grand Commandery, except that of Prelate and Sentinel unless he shall be at the time a present or past Commander.

Section 2-18 APPEALS

AMENDED MAY 1991

During a Conclave an appeal may be made to the Grand Commandery from a decision of the Grand Commander. All other times the decisions of the Grand Commander shall have full force and effect, but they must be reviewed by the Grand Commandery at its next annual Conclave. If such decisions involving the Laws of the Grand Encampment or the Laws of the Local Commandery, an appeal lies to the Grand Commandery. An appeal may be taken to the Grand Encampment or the Laws of the Commandery, a sequential appeal should be made by chain of command beginning with the Grand Commandery. An appeal may be taken to the Grand Encampment from any decision or action of a Grand Commandery on questions arising as to the construction or effect of the Constitution, Statutes or

Rituals of the Grand Encampment.

Section 2-19 FINANCES

ADDED MAY 1990

The revenue of the Grand Commandery shall be derived from fees and dues charged as follows:

(A) For a Dispensation to form a New Commandery, One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

(B) For each Order of the Temple conferred, Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be paid by the Commandery of which the candidate receiving the Order shall thereupon become a member, provided that no fee shall be due the Grand Commandery for courtesy work done for Commanderies outside of Utah.

(C) Each Constituent Commandery shall remit to the Grand Commandery, at the time of making the Annual Returns, the assessed dues for each Sir Knight who was a member at the close of the fiscal year. For current amount, refer to last date on this subject in TITLE V Standing Resolutions.

(D) For the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, One Dollar (\$1.00) per member, or refer to *182 (a) (b) (C).

(E) For the Triennial Fund, Thirty-five cents (\$.35) per member.

(F) Such special assessments and fees as the Grand Commandery shall levy.

Section 2-20 REMISSION OF DUES

APPROVED MAY 1989

A Commandery may remit all or any part of the dues of any of its members; provided that Grand Commandery dues shall be paid by each Commandery upon all of its members.

Section 2-21 TRIENNIAL FUND

RESCINDED MAY 1993

Section 2-22 DRILL REGULATIONS

AMENDED MAY 2014

The Drill Regulations and Asylum Ceremonies used in this Grand Commandery and all constituent Commanderies in this jurisdiction shall be the Drill Regulations and Manual of Asylum Ceremonies as published by Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of America. (Ten man openings approved by this Grand Commandery may be used when conditions warrant).

The competitive Drill Regulations promulgated by the Grand Encampment shall be the Drill Regulations for all Competitive Drills.

Section 2-23 UNIFORM

SENTENCE ADDED MAY 1990

The Uniform of a Knight Templar of the State of Utah shall be that adopted by this Grand Commandery. Refer to the Code of Knight Templar Uniform Regulations of Utah.

Section 2-24 COMMANDERIES - FORMATION

* 151 - 168 inclusive

Section 2-25 AMENDMENTS

AMENDED AUGUST 2020 & RESCINDED MAY 8, 2021

Section 2-26 REFERENCE TO CODE OF GRAND LODGE

ADDED MAY 1990

Any item or items not covered herein by the Laws of the Grand Commandery or by the Statutes of the Grand Encampment shall be governed by the requirements of the Code of the Grand Lodge F.& A.M. of Utah.

Section 2-27 STATUTES MUST BE AVAILABLE

ADDED MAY 1990

Each Constituent Commandery shall own not less than three copies of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment, The Laws of the Grand Commandery of Utah, The Code of Knights Templar Uniform Regulations of Utah, and Tactics adopted by this Grand Commandery. One each shall be furnished the Commander, Generalissimo, and Recorder at the time of installation, together with a copy of the By-Laws of the Commandery.

Each Commandery shall own or have access to a copy of the Code of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Utah.

Section 2-28 PROCEEDINGS

ADOPTED MAY 2000

A record of the Grand Sessions of the Grand York Rite of Utah shall be printed annually.

A copy of said proceedings shall be sent to Grand Commandery Officers, Dias Officers of Local Chapters and the Office of each Chapter. The above mentioned Proceedings will be at no cost to those receiving them.

TITLE III

REGULATIONS RELATING TO CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

Section 3-1 OF WHOM COMPOSED

A Commandery consists of the following officers:

The Commander
The Generalissimo
The Captain General
The Senior Warden
The Junior Warden
The Prelate
The Treasurer
The Recorder
The Standard Bearer
The Sword Bearer
The Warder
The Sentinel and Three Guards

And, of such Knights Templar as may be members thereof, the Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Treasurer and Recorder shall be elected by ballot and the remaining officers shall be elected or appointed by the Commander, as may be provided by the By-Laws of the Commandery.

Section 3-2 OBLIGATORY DAYS

The several Commanderies of this Jurisdiction shall assemble on Easter of each year and proceed in a body to such place of public worship as may be designated by the Commander for Divine Worship.

Other similar services may be held in observance of Ascension Sunday and Christmas.

Section 3-3 CONFERRING ORDERS

APPROVED MAY 1995

A Commandery shall not confer the Orders of Knighthood for a less sum than Forty Dollars (\$40.00) which shall be paid before the Order of Red Cross is conferred. No application therefore shall be received unless accompanied by such sum.

Section 3-4 CONCLAVES

(A) The stated Conclaves of every Commandery within this Jurisdiction shall be held at least four times a year at such place and hour as may be specified in its Charter or designated in its By-Laws.

(B) Any Commandery failing to hold at least one Conclave annually, forfeits all of its rights as a Commandery; whereupon it's Charter, with all of its property and effects, shall be surrendered to the Grand Commander subject to the order of the Grand Commandery.

8) Special Conclaves may be called by the Commander at his discretion, but no business shall be done at such called Conclaves except making arrangements for the funeral of a deceased Knight or the conferring of the Orders on a postulant previously elected, or that which is specified in the notice or summons.

Section 3-5 QUORUM

A quorum of a Commandery consists of nine (9) members, including an Officer authorized to open the same, however, five (5) members entitled to vote therein consists of a quorum to open and conduct business.

*Section 66

Section 3-6 JURISDICTION

Commanderies of this Jurisdiction shall have concurrent jurisdiction throughout the State.

Section 3-7 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers of a Chartered Commandery shall be held annually at the stated Conclave provided in its By-Laws and the officers then shall be installed not later than the next regular Conclave of such Chartered Commandery.

Section 3-8 SUCCESSION IN OFFICE

* Section 72

Section 3-9 SPECIAL ELECTION

If a vacancy shall occur in any of the offices, except when

there is a right of succession, the Grand Commander may authorize a special election to fill such vacancy upon written request to that effect by the Commandery.

Section 3-10 THE COMMANDER

(A) The Commander has it in special charge to see that the By-Laws and Regulations of the Commandery are duly observed, as well as the Constitution, Laws, Rituals and Rules of the Grand Encampment and the Constitution, Laws, and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, that accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered and that regular returns are made to the Grand Commandery annually and that the dues are paid promptly.

(B) The honorary title of the Commander of a Commandery is Eminent and the official title is Commander.

(C) It is his duty, together with the Generalissimo and Captain General to attend all Conclaves of the Grand Commandery; and it is the duty of these officers to attend the Conclaves of their Commandery.

(D) It is his duty as Commander of a Constituent Commandery to open, conduct and close his Commandery in accordance with the Drill Regulations and Asylum Ceremonies adopted by this Grand Commandery.

Section 3-11 TREASURER

AMENDED MAY 1991

The Treasurer shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment, the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Commandery and the By-Laws of the Commandery.

Section 3-12 RECORDER

(A) It is the duty of the Recorder to issue notice of Stated and Special Conclaves; and, in the notices for Special Conclaves, he shall, under the direction of the Commander, state the particular business to be transacted.

(B) He shall also issue summons when directed by the Commander or Commandery.

(C) To record all transactions of the Commandery.

(D) To collect all dues and to use every effort to prevent delinquency. When the dues of any member are delinquent for two years or more, the Commandery may direct the Recorder to notify the delinquent Knight of such fact, and also cite him to appear at a Stated Conclave of the Commandery, fixing the date (which shall not be less than thirty days from the date of service) and show cause why he should not be suspended for non-payment of dues. The service of such notice may be personal, that is, by delivery to him of a copy, a statement of which service shall be endorsed on the notice and returned to the Commandery duly signed by a Knight Templar. Or such service may be by Certified Mail, return receipt requested, sent by the Recorder. The service is completed when the Knight receives the copy or when the certified letter is duly mailed, addressed to the delinquent at his last known place of residence. In case of service by Certified Mail, the Recorder shall make a report thereof to the Commandery at the next Stated

Conclave. In case of service by either method, the same must be entered of record. If the dues of the delinquent member continue unpaid, and he fails to appear, or appearing fails to show sufficient cause for remission (of which the Commandery shall judge), the Knight may be suspended by a majority vote of the Commandery. A Knight so suspended who pays his dues within one year thereafter shall be thereby reinstated without action of the Commandery. If such payment is made after one year, he can be reinstated by petition therefor and a majority vote of the Commandery. If the Commandery refuse reinstatement, dues so paid shall be refunded to the delinquent. Dues shall not be charged during suspension.

(E) To have in charge the Seal of the Commandery, and affix it to all papers requiring the same.

(F) To submit his books for examination whenever required to do so by the Commandery or by the Grand Commandery.

(G) To promptly transmit to the Grand Commander and Grand Recorder copies of all the By-Laws and Regulations adopted by the Commandery.

(H) To transmit to the Grand Recorder, immediately after their Annual Conclave, a complete list of the elected and appointed officers together with their mailing addresses.

(I) **amended August 2020** To transmit to the Grand Recorder, on or before January 15th of each year, its Annual Returns, in such form as shall be prescribed by the Grand Commandery, covering the immediately preceding period January 1st to December 31st, both inclusive, together with all sums due the Grand Commandery.

(J) **ADDED MAY 1990** To see, at the Annual Installation of officers, that the newly installed Commander, Generalissimo, and Recorder have received or will receive from their predecessors, one copy each of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment, the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, and the By-Laws of the Constituent Commandery, as well as the Code of Knights Templar Uniform Regulations of Utah.

Section 3-13 SURETY BONDS

APPROVED MAY 1990

Recorders and Treasurers of the Constituent Commanderies shall furnish Corporate Surety Bonds in such form and sum as the Commander may direct, said Surety Bond to be retained in custody of the Grand Recorder. The cost of said Bonds shall be paid by the Commandery to the Grand Commandery.

Section 3-14 FEES

APPROVED MAY 1995

In each Commandery under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Utah, the fee of the Order of Companion of the Red Cross and Knight Templar, including the Knight of Malta, shall not be less than Forty Dollars (\$40.00). The fee may not be remitted directly or indirectly.

Section 3-15 UNIFORMS

(A) The purchase of a uniform by a candidate shall be optional with the candidate.

(B) Each and every officer of any Constituent Commandery, whether elective or appointive, shall be required to own or possess a dress uniform as prescribed in this constitution prior to his installation.

(C) Each Constituent Commandery shall maintain a unit, or units, equipped with full Templar uniforms, as prescribed by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Utah, to be worn at full form openings and the conferring of the Order of the Temple.

Section 3-16 ELIGIBILITY TO ORDERS

Anyone -

(A) Who is a Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason and Royal and Select Master, affiliated and in good standing in Lodge, Chapter and Council; or who is an affiliated Master Mason in good standing 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 Select Master Degree);

(B) Who is a firm believer in the Christian religion;

(C) Who is physically able to conform to the ceremonies of the Order or whose physical inability to do so shall have been waived by dispensation of the Grand Commander; and

(D) Who, immediately prior to the date of his petition, has resided for at least one (1) year within the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery, and for at least six (6) months within the jurisdiction of the Commandery to which the petition is addressed, or who is a sojourner on whom the Commandery having jurisdiction has waived such jurisdiction; or who is a member of the Active Army, or Navy, Air Force, U.S. Public Health Service, U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey and the National Aeronautical Space Agency of the United States and has been stationed within the territorial jurisdiction of the Commandery petitioned for at least six (6) months immediately prior to the date of his petition; and is eligible to petition for the Orders of Knighthood.

Section 3-17 QUALIFICATIONS NOT TO BE CHANGED

The Orders of Knighthood shall be conferred only upon candidates who possess the qualifications for membership fixed by the Statutes of the Grand Encampment.

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Section 3-18 SUCCESSION OF ORDERS

AMENDED MAY 1991

The Orders shall be conferred in the following succession: Red Cross, Knight of Malta and Knight Templar. The Order of Malta and/or the Order of the Red Cross, may be conferred either in full form or in short form.

None of the Orders may be communicated except as provided in Section 23(i), Grand Encampment.

Section 3-19 PETITIONS

All petitions must be on a form approved by the Grand Commandery. A petition signed by more than one petitioner shall not be received.

Section 3-20 WITHDRAWAL OF PETITION

A petition may be withdrawn by the petitioner at any time before ballot.

Section 3-21 PETITION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

AMENDED MAY 1991

A petition, whether for Orders or Membership, shall be referred to a committee of three (3) members of the Commandery, who shall know or personally interview the petitioner, and who shall report in writing as to whether the prayer of the petitioner should be granted. No ballot shall be taken until a report has been made. Only the fact of a report being made, and not its character, shall be entered in the Minutes of the Commandery.

Section 3-22 DUAL MEMBERSHIP

(A) A Knight Templar may be admitted to dual membership in any Commandery, regardless of his residence, but cannot be an officer of more than one Commandery at the same time.

(B) Dual membership may be in two Commanderies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Utah, and may be in two Commanderies in separate jurisdiction if the laws of both Grand Commanderies so provide.

(C) Dual membership may be in any Subordinate Commandery or in any Constituent Commandery under a Grand Commandery whose law so provides. A petition for Dual Membership must be accompanied by a certificate of good standing issued by the Commandery of which the petitioner is a member.

(D) Grand Lodge Code Section 3-6-3 and 3-12-3.

Section 3-23 BALLOT

(A) Every member present when a ballot on a petition is taken is required to vote unless excused by the commander.

(B) An unfavorable report from the Committee does not dispense with the necessity of a ballot.

(C) The ballot upon a petition for the Orders must be secret and unanimous. The reason for casting a black ball or cube cannot be disclosed or inquired into.

(D) Two or more petitions, whether for the orders or Membership, regularly presented, may be balloted upon at one time. If such ballot is unanimous each petitioner should be declared elected. If not, there must be a ballot upon each petition separately, or a large number of petitions may be divided into smaller groups. In case any such group does not receive a unanimous ballot, each petition in the group must then be balloted upon separately. The Commander may order a re-ballot upon any petition before the result has been announced and before any member

of the Commandery has left the Asylum.

(E) The doors of the Asylum must be closed and guarded before balloting begins and until it is entirely finished.

Section 3-24 REJECTED PETITIONS

A rejected petitioner for the Orders, if still residing within the jurisdiction of the Commandery petitioned, may again petition after the expiration of six (6) months, but shall not petition any other Commandery until the expiration of three (3) years after such rejection unless the consent of the Commandery by which he was rejected is given by unanimous ballot.

Section 3-25 NOT PROCEEDING AFTER ELECTION

(A) Failure of a Candidate to present himself for the Orders within twelve (12) months after receiving notice of his election voids the election, and any fee paid shall be forfeited unless otherwise decided by vote of the Commandery.

(B) One constituted a Companion of the Order of the Red Cross who fails to appear to receive the remaining Orders within one year after having received the Order of the Red Cross shall not be entitled to receive such remaining Orders unless by a favorable, secret and unanimous ballot of the Commandery.

Section 3-26 OBJECTIONS TO CANDIDATE AFTER BALLOT

(A) A Member of a Commandery in Good Standing, whether or not present when the ballot was taken, may object to the conferring of the Order of the Red Cross upon an elected Candidate, and cannot be required to disclose his reason therefore. The objection may be made either in open Commandery or to the Commander, and is equivalent to rejection by ballot, and the Orders shall not be conferred. The fact that objection was made, and not the name of the objector, shall be reported and entered upon the Minutes, but such objection may be withdrawn before it has been so entered.

(B) Except, as provided in Section 189 and 195 of Grand Encampment Statutes, any companion of the Order of the Red Cross is entitled to receive the remaining Orders unless found unworthy after trial on charges duly preferred. No member of the Commandery, whether or not present when the ballot was taken, shall prevent or delay the conferring of the remaining Order or Orders by a mere objection.

Section 3-27 DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

(A) The dues of the members of each Commandery shall be such as provided in its By-Laws. The Commandery may suspend any member who shall be delinquent in the payment of dues for a period of two (2) years, unless remitted as provided in Section 3-12 (D) of these Statutes.

(B) It may also determine and levy extra assessments as may be necessary by reason of extraordinary expenses and for costs within the range of Templar observances or celebrations and for the good of the Commandery or of the Order; provided that assessments for celebrations or social entertainments cannot be enforced against members not participating in them.

Section 3-28 FORFEITURE OF MEMBERSHIP AND REINSTATEMENT

*201 to 209, inclusive

Section 3-29 DEBITS AND AFFILIATION

Affiliation in Council is necessary to qualify a petitioner for membership in this Jurisdiction.

*191 to 193, inclusive

Section 3-30 APPEALS

No appeal shall lie to the Commandery from a decision of the Commander. When the decision involves the construction or effect of the Constitution, Statutes or Rituals of the Grand Encampment, or the Laws of the Grand Commandery, or the By-Laws of the Commandery, an appeal may be taken to the Grand Commandery by Constituent Commandery, but, pending the decision of the appeal, such ruling of the Commander shall be in full force and effect.

Section 3-31 USE OF MASONIC NAME AND EMBLEMS

Code of Grand Lodge of Utah, Sections 3-5-9 and 3-5-10.

Section 3-32 AMENDMENTS

ADOPTED MAY 1993

(A) All proposed amendments to TITLE III should be handled exactly as the amendments for TITLE II Section 2-25.

(B) By-Laws of Constituent Commanderies will be adopted for their government not inconsistent with TITLE I, II, and III of the Grand Commandery Knight Templar of Utah. By-laws adopted by the Constituent Commanderies shall NOT become effective until approved by the Grand Commander or the Grand Commandery

Section 3-33 DISPLAY OF THE HOLY BIBLE

The Holy Bible shall be displayed at all Templar Conclaves under the direction of the Prelate. Unless otherwise provided ritualistically, the Holy Bible shall be displayed on the Prelate's Lectern, opened to the 28th Chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel, and a small wooden cross shall be displayed thereon.

NOTE: Paragraphs marked (*) indicate a reference to a section in the current edition of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America. The above Constitution, Laws and Regulations have been prepared by referring to the 1965 Edition along with various changes, amendments, additions and deletions that have taken effect from 1965 to and including 1990 at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Utah and the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the various Triennials that have taken place up to and including 1988.

Section 3-34 FUNERALS SERVICES

* Section 220

TITLE IV

STANDARD FORM OF BY-LAWS FOR CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

BY-LAWS

COMMANDERY NO. _____

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF UTAH

ARTICLE I

Name and Time of Meetings

Amended May 1991

Section 1. This Commandery shall be known as _____
Commandery No. _____, Knights Templar of the State of Utah, and shall work under the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America and the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Utah, insofar as they apply to Constituent Commanderies.

Section 2. There shall be at ten Stated meetings held jointly on the ____ of the month ____ at p.m. The Commandery will be in charge of opening and closing three of the meetings as necessary the Annual meeting. The Commandery may be dark during the months of ____ and _____.

Section 3. The Commander may call a Special Conclave upon due notice by General Order whenever proper and there is, in his judgment, any necessity therefore.

ARTICLE II

Officers and Elections

Section 1. Officers prescribed by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar shall be elected, and together with the appointive officers, shall be installed at the Stated Conclave in _____.

Section 2. The Commander may declare any officer under his appointment vacant, for neglect of duty. Succession in office shall be governed by Sections 72 and 76 of the Grand Encampment Constitution and Statutes.

ARTICLE III

Duties of Officers

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Commander to preside at every Conclave, preserving order and decorum; to see that the Constitution, Statutes, and Rituals of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Utah, the By-Laws of this Commandery, and the ancient customs of Free Masonry are duly observed and enforced. He shall arrange for the appropriate conferring of the Orders, the proper observance by this Commandery of the three Annual Observances of Knights Templar, and attend with the Generalissimo and Captain General the Conclaves of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Utah.

Section 2. When the Commander is absent, or in case of his inability to act, his powers and prerogatives shall vest in the Generalissimo and in succession to the Captain General. These officers and the wardens shall also perform their customary duties and those assigned by the Commandery and the Commander.

Section 3. The Recorder shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Commandery, keep a correct account with each member, and receive all moneys due to the Commandery and pay the same over to the Treasurer; shall issue notices and summonses whenever required to do so, shall communicate to the Grand Recorder all rejections, suspensions, expulsions and reinstatements, and make such reports as are required. He shall have charge of the Seal, books, papers and records belonging to the Commandery and shall deliver them over to his successor whenever called upon; shall report to the Commander in _____ of each year a statement of all unpaid balances; shall make reports to the Commandery as required; shall inform all committees of their appointment and the purpose for which they are appointed; shall perform such other duties as the Commander and Commandery may designate. In consideration of such duties he shall receive such compensation as the Commandery may determine.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive from the Recorder and deposit in the Commandery's checking account all moneys belonging to the Commandery; pay all bills authorized by the Commandery by check signed by the Commander and countersigned by the Treasurer or Recorder, or signed by such other members of the Commandery as shall be designated; and shall keep a correct account of receipts and disbursements and make a full report thereof at the Annual Conclave in _____ of each year and as required.

Section 5. The Sentinel shall tyle all Conclaves of the Commandery and shall serve notices and summonses when required to do so; shall see that the Asylum is properly equipped and the furniture is in good and proper condition for the holding of Conclaves at the appointed time; and shall perform such other duties pertaining to his office as may be required. He shall receive such compensation as the Commandery may determine.

Section 6. **AMENDED MAY 1990** The Treasurer and Recorder, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall each give a surety bond running through the Commandery to the Grand Commandery, conditioned upon the faithful discharge of the duties of the office, in such sum and form as the Grand Commandery may designate. The premium therefore is to be paid out of the funds of the Commandery to the Grand Commandery.

ARTICLE IV

Committees

Section 1. The Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General shall constitute a standing committee for the purpose of extending charity to distressed Masons, their wives, widows and orphans, and shall cooperate with like committees of other Masonic Bodies.

Section 2. The Finance Committee of three members appointed by the Commander shall carefully examine the books and accounts of the Treasurer and Recorder prior to the annual conclave in _____ of each year, and report upon them to the Commander at such Conclave; also as to the condition of the property of the commandery, the state of its funds, and shall make such other and further reports and perform such other duties as the Commandery or Commander may direct.

Section 3. Other committees may be appointed by the Commander.

ARTICLE V

Triangle Guard

Section 1. At least twelve designated Sir Knights, together with all elected and appointed officers ex-officio, shall constitute the active Triangle Guard of this Commandery. Past Commanders and other Sir Knights specially so designated shall be Honorary Members of the Triangle Guard, while others so designated shall constitute the Active and Inactive Reserves.

Section 2. At an annual meeting called for that purpose, active members of the Triangle Guard shall elect a First Officer, a Second Officer, an Armorer and an Adjutant, who shall function in such capacities for the ensuing year. Meetings of the Triangle Guard shall be held from time to time on call of the First Officer, or Second Officer in his absence, attested by the Adjutant, or by order of the Commander attested by the Recorder.

Section 3. The duties of the Triangle Guard shall be to assist in the opening and closing of the Commandery in Full Form, in the conferring of the Order of the Temple, in the annual observance of Christmas, Easter and Ascension Sunday, and on other special occasions.

Section 4. The Commandery shall maintain the Triangle Guard Armory, and shall provide for the twelve designated members and members of the Active Reserve, a suitable sword, belt, chapeau, gloves and insignia, to be issued by the Armorer for each member, such equipment promptly to be returned to the Commandery upon retirement. The Armorer shall also issue keys to designated private lockers to each member of the Triangle Guard, and shall preserve and store in reserve unissued items of uniforms and equipment.

ARTICLE VI

Dues

Section 1. The dues of each member of this Commandery shall be _____ Dollars and _____ cents per annum, payable on or before January 1st of each year. Newly created members of this order shall pay pro-rata dues of _____ cents for each month remaining in the current year after their Knighting.

Section 2. A life membership in this Commandery may be granted when good and sufficient reason exists. Such action must be on a motion duly made and seconded and passed by a majority vote of the members present at a stated conclave of the Commandery.

Section 3. This Commandery may remit the dues of a member for good and sufficient reasons by a majority vote of those present at a stated conclave of the Commandery.

Section 4. No appropriation of any of the funds of this Commandery shall be made at any other than a stated conclave, except for charitable purposes.

ARTICLE VII

Petitions

Section 1. All petitions for Orders and for membership shall be referred to a committee of three members of the Commandery, which committee shall make careful inquiry into the character and qualifications of the candidate and report thereon.

Section 2. The fee for the Orders of this Commandery shall be _____ Dollars, which sum shall accompany the petition.

Section 3. A petition for the Orders or for membership must be acted upon within three months after it is presented, except in the case of the petitioner's death or removal from the Jurisdiction, in which event the fee will be returned.

Section 4. Should the applicant be elected and fail to come forward for advancement within one year, his fee shall be forfeited and nothing further can be done in the case, unless for good reasons the Commander otherwise directs.

Section 5. Should the applicant be rejected, the deposit fee shall be returned to him.

Section 6. By dispensation of the Grand Commander, petitions may be voted upon in the same Conclave in which they are presented.

ARTICLE VIII

By-Laws, Amendments, Etc.

Section 1. All members of the Commandery are required to sign the By-Laws upon receiving the Order of the Temple or upon affiliation.

Section 2. These By-Laws may be amended or altered upon notice in writing filed with the Recorder at a Stated Conclave. The Recorder shall give written notice of the proposed amendment or alteration by mail to each member of the Commandery at least fifteen days before the next Stated Conclave. At the next Stated Conclave after the notice of amendment or alteration is received, the same shall be voted upon, and, if two-thirds of the members present and voting concur, shall be adopted subject to approval by the Grand Commander.

ARTICLE IX

Order of Business

The order of business at Stated Conclaves shall be:

1. Reading of Minutes
2. Reports of Committees
3. Reception of Petitions
4. Balloting
5. Unfinished Business
6. New Business
7. Conferring of Orders

This will certify that the above By-Laws were regularly

adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the Conclave of _____ Commandery No. _____ held _____, _____, 19____. Commander

Attest:

Recorder

The above By-Laws of _____ Commandery No. _____ of Knights Templar of the State of Utah, are hereby approved.

Date _____ 19____.

Grand Commander

Attest:

Grand Recorder

TITLE V
STANDING RESOLUTIONS
FROM 1965 TO PRESENT
of the
GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF UTAH

MAY 1990 New formatting was implemented by the Committee on By-Laws appointed by the Grand Commander and the Standing Resolutions Section was added to give an historical record of the various changes to the Constitution - Laws - Regulations that effect this body.

MAY 1965 FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

A recommendation by the Grand Commander duly seconded and approved by the voters to start an Awards Program for Fifty Year members of a pin and certificate or a special dues card was instituted. The Finance Committee recommended and the voters approved a Sterling Silver Pin and Certificate or a Special Dues Card for 50-Year members be approved. Inserted as TITLE II, Section 2-10, in 1989

MAY 1967 HONORARY MEMBERS

Honorary Memberships will be granted to Grand Commanders of sister jurisdictions who attend the annual conclaves of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Utah. (Add to TITLE II Section 2-11) at the time of reformatting in 1989.

MAY 1968 PER CAPITA

The Committee on Finance proposed and the voters approved a raise in per capita of \$.85 or a total of \$2.20. Section 2-19 (C) will read: For each Knight Templar reported a member on the Annual Returns of a Constituent Commandery, Two Dollars and Twenty Cents.

MAY 1970 PER CAPITA

The Committee on Finance proposed and the voters approved a raise in per capita of \$.40 or a total of \$2.60.

Section 2-19 (C) will read: For each Knight Templar reported a member on the Annual Returns of a Constituent Commandery, Two Dollars and Sixty Cents.

MAY 1972 CONCLAVES

It was proposed and the voters approved that the date of the Annual Sessions, be changed to First Monday in May (TITLE II, Section 2-3).

MAY 1977 PER CAPITA

The Committee on Finance proposed and the voters approved a raise in per capita of \$.50 or a total of \$3.10. Section 2-19 (C) will read: For each Knight Templar reported a member on the Annual Returns of a Constituent Commandery, Three Dollars and Ten Cents.

MAY 1979 CONCLAVES

It was proposed and the voters approved that TITLE II, Section 2-3 be changed to read as follows:

The Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Utah shall be held during the Annual Sessions of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Utah who convenes on the First Monday and the following Tuesday in May. The Time and Place of the Annual Conclave shall be determined during these sessions.

MAY 1979 FINANCE COMMITTEE

It was proposed and the voters approved that TITLE II, Section 2-9 be changed to read as follows:

A Representative of this Grand Commandery shall be appointed to the Grand York Rite Finance Committee whose duty shall be to examine all accounts and financial matters and to make a full report thereon before the close of the Annual Conclave. They will also recommend a budget for the ensuing year. NOTE: In reformatting of the laws and regulations in 1989 the number of this resolution was changed to; Section 2-9 (A)

MAY 1979 FINANCES

It was proposed and the voters approved that TITLE II, Section 2-19 (C) be changed to read as follows:

Each Constituent Commandery shall remit to the Grand Commandery, at the time of making the Annual Returns, the assessed dues for each Sir Knight who was a member at the close of the fiscal year.

MAY 1980 PER CAPITA

The Per Capita amount as listed on page 25 of the proceedings shows an amount of raise of \$.25 or a total of \$3.35. No report has been found to trace where this amount was voted on but according to the records the total is as shown.

MAY 1982 CONCLAVES

It was proposed and the voters approved that TITLE II, Section 2-3 be changed to read as follows:

The Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Utah shall be held during the Annual Sessions of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Utah who convenes on the Second Friday and the following Saturday in May. The Time and Place of the Annual Conclave shall be determined during these sessions.

MAY 1982 PER CAPITA

The Committee on Finance proposed and the voters approved a raise in per capita of \$.70 or a total of \$4.05.

MAY 1986 - 1987 PER CAPITA

According to the reports of the Finance Committee the Per Capita amount seems to be \$5.00 which would be an increase of \$.95, but there is no record of a vote in the 1983 to 1987 proceedings.

MAY 1987 TRIENNIAL FUND

The Committee on Finance proposed and the voters approved at Note B Budget Report to raise the maximum amount of Triennial Travel Allowance from \$300.00 to \$350.00, with the Grand Secretary getting \$175.00.

MAY 1988 PER CAPITA

The Committee on Finance proposed and the voters approved a raise in per capita of \$.50 or a total of \$5.50.

MAY 1989 TRIENNIAL FUND

The Committee on Finance proposed and the voters approved a raise in the per capita to the Triennial Fund by \$.10 or a total of \$.35 cents.

MAY 1989 TRIENNIAL FUND

The Committee on Finance proposed and the voters approved Budget Proposal #2 to raise Triennial Fund Allowance for Grand Recorder to \$350.00, and not to exceed \$350.00.

MAY 1989 DUES REMISSION

It was proposed and the voters approved TITLE II, Section 2-20 to read as follows:

A Commandery may remit all or any part of the dues of any of its members; provided, that Grand Commandery dues shall be paid by each Commandery upon all of its membership.

MAY 1989 HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

It was proposed and the voters approved the addition of a new special committee known as the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee (TITLE II, Section 2-8). The duties of this committee are listed in (TITLE II, Section 2-9 (c)).

MAY 1990 JURISDICTION

It was proposed and the voters approved Title I, Section 1-4 to have added and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Utah.

MAY 1990 LAWS AND REGULATIONS

It was proposed and the voters approved Title I, Section 1-4 to have inserted after Encampment, or the Code of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Utah.

MAY 1990 SURETY BONDS

It was proposed and the voters approved Title III, Section 3-13 to have the Surety Bonds be retained by Grand Recorder and cost of said bonds be paid by Commandery to Grand Commandery.

MAY 1990 STANDARD FORMS DUTIES OF OFFICERS

It was proposed and the voters approved Title IV Article III Section 6 to read as follows: The Treasurer and Recorder, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall each give a surety bond running through the Commandery to the Grand Commandery, conditioned upon the faithful discharge of the duties of the office, in such sum and form as the Grand Commandery may designate. The premium therefore is to be paid out of the funds of the Commandery to the Grand Commandery

MAY 1990 SURETY BOND

It was proposed and the voters approved Title II, Section 2-14 to read as follows:

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder shall furnish Corporate Surety Bond in such form and sum as the Grand Commandery may direct, said surety Bond to be retained in the custody of the Grand Recorder. The cost of said Bond shall be paid by the Grand Commandery.

MAY 1990 UNIFORMS

It was proposed and the voters approved Title II, Section 2-23 to add a new sentence "Refer to the Code of Knights Templar Uniform Regulations of Utah. And by reference to this document it was instituted as the Uniform Regulation Code for Knight Templar in the state of Utah.

MAY 1990 AMENDMENTS

It was proposed and the voters approved Title II, Section 2-25 to be renumbered and titled Amendments and explains how the By-Laws of Grand Commandery are to be processed and took effect at the end of the May 1990 Annual Grand Sessions.

MAY 1990 REFERENCE TO CODE OF GRAND LODGE

It was proposed and the voters approved Title II, Section 2-26 to be renumbered and titled Reference To Code of Grand Lodge and to read as follows: Any item or items not covered herein by the Laws of the Grand Commandery or by the Statutes of the Grand Encampment shall be governed by the requirements of the Code of the Grand Lodge F.& A.M. of Utah.

MAY 1990 STATUTES MUST BE AVAILABLE

It was proposed and the voters approved Title II, Section 2-27 is added and read as follows:

Each Constituent Commandery shall own not less than three copies of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment, the Laws of the Grand Commandery of Utah, the Code of Knights Templar Uniform Regulations of Utah, and Tactics adopted by this Grand Commandery. One each shall be furnished the Commander, Generalissimo, and Recorder at the time of installation, together with a copy of the By-Laws of the Commandery.

Each Commandery shall own or have access to a copy of the Code of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Utah.

MAY 1990 RECORDER

It was proposed and the voters approved Title III, Section 3-12 (J) to have added: as well as the Code of Knights Templar Uniform Regulations of Utah.

MAY 1990 TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE

It was proposed and the voters approved Title II, Section 2-9 (A) to explain the duties of the Jurisprudence committee, of whom composed and a minimum number in said committee.

MAY 1990 GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS

It was proposed and the voters approved Title II, Section 2-9 (C) to explain the duties of the Grievance and Appeals committee, of whom composed and a minimum number in said committee.

MAY 1990 FORMAT AND TITLE V STANDING RESOLUTIONS

It was proposed and the voters approved the following:

1) A loose leaf format be utilized in printing and publishing The Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Utah, and;

2) That a TITLE V - Standing Resolutions - be adopted, and include all changes made since 1964 through the present 1990 and into the future, and be inserted in numerical order after Title IV.

MAY 1990 YORK RITE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

It was proposed and the voters approved Title II, Section 2-9 (G) to explain the duties of the York Rite Educational Foundation of who composed and a minimum number in said committee.

MAY 1990 FINANCES

It was proposed and the voters approved Title II, Section 2-19 (C) to have added a second sentence which reads as follows: For current amount, refer to last date on this subject in Title V Standing Resolutions.

MAY 1990 FINANCES

It was proposed and the voters approved Title II, Section 2-19 (D) to read as follows: For the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, One Dollar (\$1.00) per member, or Refer to *182 (a) (b) (c).

MAY 1990 COMMITTEES STANDING AND SPECIAL

It was proposed and the voters approved Title II, Section 2-9 be reformatted with upper case letters for standing committees and lower case letters for special committees. The number sequence should coincide with Title II, Section 2-8.

MAY 1990 FRATERNAL RELATIONS

It was proposed and the voters approved Title II, Section 2-

9 (E) to explain the duties of the Fraternal Relations committee, of whom composed and the minimum number in said committee.

MAY 1990 TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE

It was proposed and the voters approved Title II, Section 2-9 (F) to explain the duties of the Triennial Conclave committee, of whom composed and the minimum number in said committee.

MAY 1990 ANNUAL SESSIONS

It was proposed and the voters approved Title II, Section 2-8 (H) to add a standing committee to be known as the Committee on the Annual Sessions and Section 2-9 (H) to explain the duties of the Annual Sessions committee, of whom composed and the minimum number in said committee.

MAY 1990 YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

It was proposed and the voters approved Title II, Section 2-8(B) to create a special committee to be known as the Committee on Youth Organizations and Section 2-9 (b) to explain the duties of the Youth Committee, of whom composed and the minimum number in said committee.

MAY 1991 FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

It was proposed and the voters approved Title II, Section 2-10 be amended to read Special Pin as well as rewording the qualifications to receive said award or pin.

MAY 1991 APPEALS

It was proposed and the voters approved Title II, Section 2-18 to be amended to follow a chain of command procedure for filing claims.

MAY 1991 FORMS FOR CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

It was proposed and the voters approved Title IV, Article 1 Section 2 be amended and the third sentence will read "This Commandery May be dark during the months of _____ & " .

MAY 1991 GRAND TREASURER

It was proposed and the voters approved the rewording of the first sentence of Title II, Section 2-12 to read "The Grand Treasurer shall pay all drafts ordered by the Grand Commander."

MAY 1991 ANNUAL RETURNS OF RECORDER

It was proposed and the voters approved Title III, Section 3-12 (I) to adjust the deadline for Recorders to transmit Annual Returns to be, on or before April 10th each year.

MAY 1991 PETITION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

It was proposed and the voters approved Title III, Section 3-21 to change the word had to the word taken in the second sentence.

MAY 1991 SUCCESSION OF ORDERS

It was proposed and the voters approved an amended proposal to Title II, Section 3-18 to include permission for a short form to the conferring of Order of Malta. The name of this section was changed from Order of Succession to Succession of Orders, and the third paragraph was made to refer to the correct section of 23 (i) of the Grand Encampment Statutes when communicating these orders.

MAY 1993 PROCEEDINGS

It was proposed and the voters approved the following:
TITLE II Section 2-28 be added to provide for the printing and distribution of Annual Proceedings.

MAY 1993 GRAND COMMANDER RECOMMENDATIONS

It was proposed and the voters approved the following:
TITLE II Section 2-7 (A) Add PARAGRAPH TWO on recommendations affecting Grand Commandery will be presented as a resolution, with proper time limitations for proposals and resolutions.

MAY 1993 RENUMBER FUNERAL SECTION 3-32 to 3-34

It was proposed and the voters approved the following:
To renumber this Section to enable the insertion of TITLE III Section 3-32 AMENDMENTS to correspond numerically with the Grand Chapter and Grand Council.

MAY 1993 AMENDMENTS

It was proposed and the voters approved the following:
TITLE- III LAWS RELATING TO CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES Section 3-32 be inserted and read exactly as in the Chapter and Council By-Laws.

MAY 1993 TRIENNIAL FUND

It was proposed by the Finance Committee and the voters approved the following:
The full amount of the Triennial Fund Expense was rescinded and reallocated to the Per Capita Fees. This brings the total amount of Per Capita at this time to \$5.85.

MAY 1993 PER CAPITA

It was proposed verbally and the voters approved the following:
Raise in Per Capita fifteen cents more (.15 cents) to a total of Six Dollars (\$6.00).

MAY 1994 PER CAPITA

It was proposed verbally and the voters approved the following:
Raise in Per Capita one dollar more (\$1.00) to a total of Seven dollars (\$7.00). This amount is to be paid 03/31/95.

MAY 1995 FEES

Realizing that the Fee schedule did not coincide with Grand Encampment Statutes, the Grand Commander issued a General Order To amend Regulations Relating to Constituent Commanderies, Title III

Section 3-3 CONFERRING ORDERS, and Title III Section 3-14 FEES. To show a sum of not less than Forty Dollars (\$40.00).

MAY 1995 UNIFORM CODE

A written proposal was voted on and passed by majority vote as follows with explanation in Utah Code of Uniform Regulations for Knights Templar of Utah:

FATIGUE CAP: A Templar Fatigue Cap shall be authorized for wear at all occasions except those specifically requiring the Dress uniform.

MAY 1995 FINANCE COMMITTEE DUTIES

It was proposed by written resolution of the Ad Hoc Committee for definition of the Finance Committee functions, and adopted by majority vote that TITTLE II COMMITTEE DUTIES STANDING AND SPECIAL Section 2 - 9 (B) be amended as of May 12, 1995.

MAY 1997 GRATUITIES

It was proposed as part of the Joint Finance Committee Report and was passed by majority vote that the Gratuities list to visiting dignitaries at Grand Sessions be amended to read as follows: The Personal Representative of Grand Commander must be a current dias officer in the body he is representing.

MAY 1997 PER-CAPITA

The following was proposed as part of the written Joint Finance Committee Report and was passed by majority vote: The per-capita dues for the Grand Commandery be increased by \$1.00 dollar. The per-capita dues will be (\$8.00) for the Grand Commandery.

MAY 1997 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following was proposed as part of the written Joint Finance Committee Report and was passed by majority vote: A decision by York Rite Jurisprudence Committee sets the finance committee to a total of seven (7) people 4 elected trustees and the elected heads of the three bodies.

MAY 2000 PROCEEDINGS

It was proposed in writing and adopted by a majority that Section 2-28 be amended by deletion of some recipients as per page 56 of the 2000 proceedings.

MAY 2002 PER-CAPITA

It was proposed by the Finance Committee at the Joint Sessions and approved by majority vote to increase Per-Capita by \$.50 in the Grand Commandery. Section 2-19 (C) will read: For each Knight Templar reported a member on the Annual Returns of a Constituent Commandery (\$8.50) Eight Dollars and Fifty Cents.

MAY 2002 YORK RITE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

It was proposed by the Finance Committee at the Joint Sessions and approved by majority vote to Accept the amended by-laws and to place them as an appendix to the Utah Grand York Rite Regulations

and By-Laws.

May 2003 UNIFORM CODE

It was written and proposed by the Grand Commander and approved by a majority vote that a summer uniform consisting of a short sleeved white shirt w/eplits, black pants, black shoes and fatigue cap can be worn between April 15 and October 15 of each year.

May 2004 PER-CAPITA

It was proposed by the Finance Committee at the Joint Sessions and Approved by majority vote to increase the Per-Capita by \$1.50 in the Grand Commandery. Section 2-19(c) will read: For each Knight Templar reported a member on the Annual Returns of a Constituent Commandery (\$10.00) Ten Dollars.

May 2007 PER-CAPTA

It was proposed by the Finance Committee at the Joint Sessions and Approved by majority vote to increase the Per-Capita by \$5.00 in the Grand Commandery. Section 2-19(c) will read: For each Knight Templar reported a member on the Annual Returns of a Constituent Commandery (15.00) Fifteen Dollars.

MAY 2010 COMMITTEES

It was proposed at the Joint Session and approved by majority vote to add the three Second in command of each body to the York Rite Educational Foundation Committee.

May 2014 DRILL REGULATIONS

It was proposed and approved by majority vote to change the drill regulations, forms and asylum ceremonies to use the regulations forms and asylum ceremonies as published by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of America.

May 2018 QUORUM

It was proposed and approved by majority vote to amend the quorum required. This amendment was made to be in keeping with changes made by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

August 2020 - Recorder

It was proposed and approved by majority vote to change the date that Annual Returns are due to the Grand Recorder from April 10th to January 15th of each year. It was also approved to change the reporting year to January 1st through December 31st.

August 2020 - Amendments

It was proposed and approved by majority vote to correct 2-25 Amendments where to bring it in line with the Joint Committees bylaws of Utah Grand York Rite bodies.

MAY 2021 Standing Committees

It was proposed and approved by two-thirds vote to change Title II Section 2-8 (A) Special Committees to remove the Finance

Committee from the listing of Standing Committees where the committee members are appointed by the Grand High Priest.

MAY 2021 Finance Committee

It was proposed and approved by two-thirds vote to change Title II Section 2-9 (B) FINANCE regarding the timing for the vote of Finance Committee members from occurring during the Joint Session to occurring during the first meeting where credentials and roll call are performed.

MAY 2021 Per-Capita

It was proposed by the Finance Committee and approved by majority vote to change the per-capita to \$7.00 + Grand Encampment per-capita fees.

MAY 2021 Amendments

It was proposed and approved by two-thirds vote to amend Section 1-12 to be written as Section 2-25 and delete Section 2-25 as these Section 1-12 specifies the procedure to make changes and Section 2-25 also specifies the procedure but in a more detailed manner.

May 2023 Amendments

It was proposed and approved by two-thirds vote to amend Section 2-6 RULES OF ORDER, Rule #8 to eliminate the provision allowing for attending Constituent Body Officers to carry the proxy of non-attending Constituent Body Officers which was found to be in violation of Grand Encampment regulations.

May 2023 Amendments

It was proposed and approved by two-thirds vote to amend Section 2-3 CONCLAVES to remove reference to Joint Sessions.