

**STATUES  
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OF THE  
  
GRAND COMMANDERY  
OF  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
OF  
NORTH CAROLINA**



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## CHAPTER 1

### TITLE

SEC.1-01. The title of this body is **THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF NORTH CAROLINA.**

### SUPREME LAW

SEC.1-02. The Supreme Law of this Grand Commandery is the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, as now in force and as may hereafter be adopted, together with such Statutes and Regulations, not in conflict therewith, which may from time to time be adopted by this Grand Commandery.

### OF WHOM COMPOSED

SEC. 1-03.1. Officers. No Sir Knight shall be eligible for elective or appointive office in this Grand Commandery who is not a resident of the State of North Carolina and a member in good standing of a Commandery in this jurisdiction: and Provided, no Sir Knight shall be eligible to election as Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo or Grand Captain General, who has not been Qualified as a member of this Grand Commandery under Section 1-03.D. (1989)

A. Elective Officers Grand Commander Deputy Grand Commander Grand Generalissimo Grand Captain General Grand Senior Warden Grand Junior Warden Grand Treasurer Grand Recorder Grand Recorder Emeritus Grand Standard Bearer Grand Sword Bearer Grand Warder.

B. Appointive Officers; Grand Prelate, Grand Sentinel, Chief Instructor-Inspector and District Commanders.

SEC. 1-03.2. Past Grand Commanders, Past Deputy Grand Commanders, Past Grand Generalissimos, and Past Grand Captains General, so long as they shall remain members of its Constituent Commanderies. (1980)

SEC. 1-03.3. Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General of each Constituent Commandery.

SEC. 1-03.4. Past Commanders of Constituent Commanderies Past Commanders who have demitted from other jurisdictions to affiliate with Constituent Commanderies in this Jurisdiction and have been elected to membership in this Grand Commandery, so long as they remain members of its Constituent Commanderies.

SEC. 1-03.5. Honorary Members, who have been elected by a two-thirds vote of the Grand Commandery, which membership does not entitle the privilege to vote or hold office.

SEC. 1-03.6. A quorum shall consist of nine members entitled to vote therein, including an officer authorized to convene the same, provided three or more Commanderies are represented.

(SAME WORDING, JUST REARRANGED ORDER AND NUMBERING)

## **CHAPTER 2**

### **STATED CONCLAVE**

SEC.2-01 The Stated Conclave of this Grand Commandery shall be held annually at such time and at such place as may have been decided at the previous Stated Conclave: Provided, That the Grand Commander, by and with the advice and consent of the Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, and Captain General, or any two of them shall have the power to change the time and place of holding the next Stated Conclave, when, in their opinion, circumstances demand it.

### **PROXIES**

SEC.2-02. The Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General of any Chartered Commandery, and no others, may vote by proxy, said proxy being at the time of service a member of the same Commandery as his principal and producing a properly authenticated certificate of his appointment.

### **REPORTS, ETC.**

SEC.2-03. At the Stated Conclave the Grand Officers shall make report in writing of their official acts. The several Constituent Commanderies shall make return of their work and membership, and promptly pay all dues accrued according to the rates hereinafter specified. The state of finances shall be examined, and such disposition be made in relation thereto as may appear necessary. All petitions for Warrants, and appeals from Constituent Commanderies or Sir Knights, shall be passed upon.

### **MAJORITY TO GOVERN**

SEC. 2-04. At every Stated or Special Conclave, each member of the Grand Commandery present in person or by proxy 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. Unless otherwise provided by Grand Encampment Law, all questions shall be decided by a majority vote of those present, and this shall apply to all Constituent Commanderies. (2016)

### **SPECIAL CONCLAVE**

SEC. 2-05. A Special Conclave may be called by the Grand Commander, but only upon written request of a majority of the Constituent Commanderies. (2016)

SEC. 2-05. 1. A minimum of thirty (30) days notice thereof, setting forth the time and place of holding the same, and the business to be transacted specified by the Grand Commander or set out in the written request of the Constituent Commanderies, shall be given by the Grand Recorder to all Grand Commandery line officers and to the Recorder of each Constituent Commandery. (2016)

SEC. 2-05. 2. A quorum being present, no business shall be transacted at a Special Conclave except that specified in the original notice given. (2016)

SEC. 2-05. 3. It is the duty of each of the Grand Commandery line officers to attend all Stated and Special Conclaves of the Grand Commandery. (2016)

## **POWERS AND DUTIES**

SEC. 2-06. The Grand Commandery at its Stated Conclave, shall be convened to review and consider all official reports of its officers, and transact such business as the welfare of the Order may require. It shall have power to adopt a constitution and such laws and regulations, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Encampment, as may be necessary for the good of the Order. (2016)

SEC. 2-06.1. No proposition for the amendment or repeal of an existing law or the enactment of any new law shall be entertained unless such proposition shall have been presented to the Grand Recorder not less than ninety (90) days prior to the Stated Conclave. He shall refer it to the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence for codification, and they shall return it to the Grand Recorder. It shall then be forwarded to the Constituent Commanderies thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the Stated Conclave for their information and review. (Refer to Section 12-02 & 12-03.) (2016)

SEC. 2-06.2. The Grand Commandery shall have exclusive power to form new Constituent Commanderies within its jurisdiction, and that without the recommendation or consent of any existing Constituent Commandery, and to fix the fee therefore; and it shall have power to ordain and prescribe regulations for their government, and it may revoke any existing Charter or Dispensation. (2016)

SEC. 2-06.3 The Grand Commandery 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. (2016)

SEC. 2-06.4 The Grand Commandery shall examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, 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. (2016)

SEC. 2-06.5 The Grand Commandery shall have power to assign the limits of jurisdiction of Commanderies within its own jurisdiction, and settle all controversies that may arise between them. (2016)

SEC. 2-06.6 The Grand Commandery shall, on or before July 1<sup>st</sup> each year, pay to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment such amount as prescribed by the Grand Encampment as dues for each member of its Constituent Commanderies shown by the annual returns of the Grand Commandery as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year concluded. (2016)

## **CHAPTER 3**

### **GRAND OFFICERS**

#### **GRAND COMMANDER**

SEC. 3-01. Among the duties of the Grand Commander shall be the following:

SEC. 3-01. 1. To maintain a watchful supervision over all the Commanderies in his Jurisdiction and to see that the Constitution, Statutes and Rituals of the Grand Encampment, and the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery are duly and promptly observed.

SEC. 3-01.2. To select the appointive officers and designate the personnel of standing and special committees whose appointment is not otherwise specified, such appointees to serve at his will and pleasure subject to replacement during his tenure of office. Should a vacancy by death or otherwise occur among the elective or appointive officers, or a committee chairman, he shall appoint a member of this Grand Commandery to act in such capacity until the next Annual Conclave of this Commandery. (1973)

SEC. 3-01.3. To grant during any recess of the Grand Commandery Dispensations for the formation of new Commanderies. No dispensations shall be issued unless the following requirements are met:

A. A petition by nine or more duly qualified Knights Templar.

B. The consent and recommendation of the nearest Commandery in that Jurisdiction, provided that if the new Commandery is to be located in a city having more than one Commandery, two of such Commanderies must consent and recommend and provided further that if the Commanderies in such city have concurrent jurisdiction, then all the Commanderies therein stationed must consent and recommend. A dispensation when issued shall be in force until the next annual conclave of the Grand Commandery.

SEC. 3-01.4. During any recess of the Grand Commandery to arrest the Charter or Dispensation of a Commandery or to suspend from office any Officer of the Grand 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.

SEC. 3-01.5. To call for an official meeting, visit and preside in any Commandery within his Jurisdiction and to 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 Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery. (2016)

SEC. 3-01.6. To grant Dispensations to Constituent Commanderies:

A. To hold Special Conclaves for the conferring of the Orders at places within their jurisdictions other than those named in their Charters, and

B. To permit them to receive petitions and ballot thereon at the same conclave or at Special Conclaves, after such notice, as he may deem proper.

C. In the event the Asylum of the Commandery has been destroyed or damaged to such an extent as to render it unfit for occupancy, to hold stated Conclaves at a place within its



Jurisdiction other than that named in the Charter, for the purpose of temporarily or permanently removing the Asylum of the Commandery, pursuant to the provisions of Section 217 of the Statutes of the Great Encampment.

SEC. 3-01.7. To appoint Past Grand Commanders, Officers of the Grand Commandery, or Past Commanders of Constituent Commanderies to represent the Grand Commandery within sister jurisdictions, such appointee to be known as "Grand Representative" and to serve at the pleasure of the Grand Commandery or until a successor is appointed.

SEC. 3-01.8. If Grand Representative of any Grand Commandery accredited to Grand Commandery of North Carolina shall be absent from three Annual Conclaves of this Grand Commandery consecutively, it shall be the duty of the Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery to advise the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery whose representative has thus been absent of the facts, and to recommend the appointment of another Grand Representative in the place of the one who has thus been absent from three Annual Conclaves consecutively.

SEC. 3-01.9. To divide the jurisdiction into such Districts as may best serve the Craft, and appoint over each District a District Commander, who shall be the immediate representative of the Grand Commander.

SEC. 3-01.10. The Grand Commander shall submit to the Grand Recorder, at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Stated Conclave, a copy of his report covering his decisions, recommendations, dispensations, and his other actions during the year. (2016)

#### **DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER**

SEC. 3-02.1. The Deputy Grand Commander in the event of the absence of the Grand Commander or his inability to perform the duties of his office shall act as Grand Commander. In the event of the death, permanent removal from the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery precluding the performance of the duties of his office, or the permanent disability of the Grand Commander, the Deputy Grand Commander shall succeed to the office and be regularly installed. At all other times he shall perform such duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Commandery or the Grand Commander.

SEC. 3-02.2. To visit, call for planning meetings, and preside (only in the absence of the Grand Commander) in any Commandery within his Jurisdiction and to give such instructions and directions as the good of the Order may require, in compliance with the Constitution, Statutes and Rituals of the Grand Encampment and the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery. (2016)

#### **THE GRAND GENERALISSIMO AND GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL**

SEC. 3-03. In case of the temporary absence or disability of their respective superiors, the Grand Generalissimo and the Grand Captain General shall perform the duties of their respective superiors.

In case of the advancement, death, permanent removal from the Jurisdiction precluding the

performance of the duties of office, or the permanent disability of their respective superiors, the Grand Generalissimo and the Grand Captain General shall severally succeed to the office of such superiors and be installed therein.

### **THE GRAND TREASURER**

SEC. 3-04. It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to receive from the Grand Recorder all moneys collected by him on account of the Grand Commandery, giving his receipt therefore, and deposit the same to the credit of the Grand Commandery, in some bank to be selected by the Chairman of the Finance Committee and himself; to have possession and custody of all funds and other securities belonging to the Grand Commandery; to pay out such sums of money from the said bank as may be ordered by the Grand Commandery on warrants drawn by the Grand Recorder.

SEC.3-04.1 He shall keep a true and correct record of all receipts and disbursements, in a book provided for that purpose, and shall at each Stated Conclave submit a detailed report, in writing, of the receipts and disbursements of his office, and show clearly the exact state of the treasury.

SEC. 3-04.2. He shall at any time, on demand of the Grand Commander or any duly authorized committees submit all books, papers, and records for examination.

SEC.3-04.3. He shall annually execute a bond in some Surety Company to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of North Carolina, to be approved by the Finance Committee, conditioned upon the faithful discharge of his duties, in such amounts as the Grand Commandery fixes, the premium of such bond to be paid by the Grand Commandery.

SEC.3-04.4. At the expiration of his term of office he shall deliver to his successor all books, papers, vouchers, moneys and other property of the Grand Commandery, which may be in his custody.

### **THE GRAND RECORDER**

SEC.3 05. It shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to attend all Conclaves of the Grand Commandery, keep a true and faithful record of its proceedings, furnish a copy thereof, and superintend the printing of the same immediately after the close of each Stated Conclave. He shall keep a book in which he shall have recorded all Charters for organizing new Commanderies that may be issued by authority of this Grand Commandery, and procure and keep all such other books and stationery necessary for his office and for the use of the Grand Commandery.

SEC. 3-05.1. He shall collect all moneys due the Grand Commandery and pay the same immediately over to the Grand Treasurer, taking his receipt thereof, and at the first session of each Stated Conclave, report in writing, to the Grand Commandery, a full and clear statement of all moneys received and paid over to the Grand Treasurer, specifically stating the amount, if any, remaining unappropriated; all amounts due and unpaid from Constituent Commanderies, keeping a ledger for that purpose; and the length of time any Commandery may not have been represented in the Grand Commandery.

SEC.3-05.2. He shall make out and sign all warrants on the Grand Treasurer. He shall keep the

Seal of the Grand Commandery and affix the same to all Charters, Dispensations, Communications, Records and other Documents proper to be sealed and certified. He shall from time to time regularly transmit to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, the Grand Recorders of the several Grand Commanderies and to the Constituent Commanderies of this Jurisdiction, one copy each; to the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, to each member of this Grand Commandery and to each Representative to and from this Grand Commandery, one copy each; and to such Masonic Libraries and Masonic periodicals as in his judgment may be the proper recipients thereof one copy each of the printed proceedings of this Grand Commandery.

SEC. 3-05.3. He shall furnish each Commandery duplicate blanks for annual returns, both to be filled, one to be returned to the Grand Recorder, the other to be retained by the Commandery, which blanks shall embrace such items as shall be necessary to compile the statistics of the Grand Commandery.

He shall receive the returns and make settlement with the Commanderies and lay the same annually before the Grand Commandery.

SEC. 3-05. 4. He shall have the responsibility of the distribution of Rituals within the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in North Carolina.

A. – E. OBSOLETE (2016)

SEC. 3-05.5. He shall annually execute a bond in some Surety Company to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of North Carolina, to be approved by the Finance Committee conditioned upon the faithful discharge of his duties, in such amount as the Grand Commandery fixes, the premium of such bond to be paid by the Grand Commandery.

SEC. 3-05.6. He shall perform such duties as may pertain to his office as Grand Recorder, together with such- as may be assigned to him by the Grand Commandery or the Grand Commander, and such as are traditionally appropriate to his station, and at the expiration of his term of office he shall deliver to his successors all books, papers, the seal and other property of the Grand Commandery which may be in his custody.

SEC. 3-05.7. The Grand Recorder shall inform the constituent Commanderies in writing not less than thirty days before the Annual Conclave of any proposed addition, deletion, or revision of the Statutes and Regulations of Grand Commandery, stating the current provision and the proposed amendment. Should such amendment be approved as provided in Sec. 12-02 or 12-03, he shall distribute the revised section to all holders of record of the Statutes and Regulations of Grand Commandery, and insert such revision into copies held in his office. (1973)

## **CHAPTER 4**

### **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

SEC. 4-01.1. The Board of Trustees shall consist of three members. At each Annual Conclave, Grand Commandery shall elect one member to the Board for a term of three years, to commence at the Annual Conclave elected. In case of a vacancy by death or otherwise, the Grand Commander shall appoint a Sir Knight to fill the unexpired term. The Chairman of the Board shall be selected in such manner as the Board may determine.

SEC. 4-01. 2. The Board of Trustees shall supervise the investment and reinvestment of the Permanent Fund of Grand Commandery.

## **COMMITTEES**

SEC. 4-02. 1. At each Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander shall appoint the following Committees as soon as practicable after installation:

### **CONSTITUTIONAL**

#### **1. Standing Committees**

- Finance
- Templar Jurisprudence
- Necrology
- Appeals and Grievances
- Charters and Dispensations
- History and Publications
- Membership
- Triennial Conclave
- Carson York Rite
- Religious Activities
- Patriotic and Civic Activities
- Public Relations
- Ritual and Tactics
- Templar Uniform
- Knights Templar Eye Foundation
- Knights Templar Educational Foundation

#### **2. Conclave Committees**

- Doings of Grand Officers
- Unfinished Business
- Credentials
- Time and Place
- Courtesies

#### **3. Special Committees**

These may be appointed by the Grand Commander at his discretion, with such powers and duties, as he may desire.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

SEC. Sec. 4-03. 1. The Committee on Finance shall consist of three members. It shall meet with the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, Grand Commander and Deputy Grand Commander

prior to the Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery, audit their books and accounts, and report to Grand Commandery. It shall prepare an annual budget of expenses, and shall evaluate all resolutions requiring expenditures of Grand Commandery funds. (2016)

A. All motions, resolutions or propositions involving expenditures of Grand Commandery funds shall, before becoming effective, be referred to and reported on by the Finance Committee for action by the Grand Commandery.

B. For the period January 1st to March 1st each year, one quarter of the budgeted amounts of the preceding year shall apply for expenses such as salaries, rent, insurance, office expense or supplies. Travel expense, or fixed charges falling due in that period. Payment shall be considered authorized by Grand Commandery unless ordered otherwise. (1964)

C. Total monies deposited in the Triennial Fund for delegate expense to a Triennial of Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA, shall equal the minimum round trip air fare, economy class, from North Carolina to the host city, plus \$50.00 per diem each day the Triennial is in session for national committeemen and Past Grand Commanders. Dais officers and the Grand Recorder shall receive actual subsistence cost plus travel indicated. The tourist class airfare shall be computed by averaging the fares between the host city and the North Carolina cities of Charlotte and Greensboro. Delegates are declared to be: dais officers, Grand Recorder, national officers or committeemen, and those Past Grand Commanders who desire to attend. (1989)

D. The Finance Committee shall authorize transfer to the Triennial Fund, a sum equal to one third the total amount required during each year of the Triennium. The total amount shall be determined when the location of the next Triennial is announced, and shall not be affected by changes in travel or accommodation costs in the interval.

E. No disbursement from the Triennial Fund for delegate expense shall be made until a signed voucher is filed with the Grand Recorder, listing the number of hours of each Triennial business session the delegate attended. Three quarters of the total number of hours of Triennial business sessions listed in the official program must be attended to qualify for reimbursement for travel and/or per diem allowance.

F. Delegates who receive travel or per diem allowances from Grand Encampment shall not be entitled to further allowance from Grand Commandery unless the allowance received is less than that authorized in this section. Special cases may be evaluated and adjusted. (1973)

G. Travel allowance for a registered delegate to attend a Triennial of Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States or America shall be the lesser of the following:

1. Tourist class air fare as computed in the preceding paragraph, or:
2. If travel is by automobile the sum of \$100.00 plus 30 Cents per mile one way from

the home of the delegate to the host city. (1997)

3. The Committee on Finance shall meet with the incoming Grand Commander for suggestions before compiling a budget for the ensuing year. The budget format shall be in long form without deficit financing, keeping expenditures within actual income.

SEC. 4-03. 2. The **Committee on Templar Jurisprudence** shall consist of three members, appointed at each Annual Conclave to serve until the close of the next Annual Conclave. It shall consider decisions involving Templar law and usage reported by the Grand Commander, including other legal matters referred to it by the Grand Commander or Grand Commandery, reporting its conclusions to Grand Commandery. When requested, it shall give opinions on the legislative, judicial and executive functions of Grand Commandery or constituent Commanderies, including the prerogatives, powers and duties of the officers and members thereof. It shall advise upon questions of Templar law. It shall report upon proposed amendments of Grand Commandery Statutes and Regulations. Standing Resolutions and Edicts, interpreting the effect of Grand Encampment law upon the same. It may present to Grand Commandery for consideration such recommendations or resolutions pertaining to Templar law found expedient or advisable.

SEC. 4-03. 3. The **Committee on Ritual and Tactics** shall consist of five members. At each Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander shall appoint one member to the Committee for a term of five years. In case of a vacancy by death or otherwise, the Grand Commander shall appoint a Sir Knight to fill the unexpired term. The Chairman of the Committee shall be selected in such manner as the Committee may determine. Its powers and duties shall be:

A. To preserve the ritual of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA adopted by Grand Commandery, together with such Tactics approved by Grand Commandery, as its official ritual and tactics and to make interpretations thereof for use by constituent Commanderies.

B. To formulate a program of instruction in ritual and tactics for approval of Grand Commandery, whereby continuous instruction of the officers of constituent Commanderies shall be established, and whereby the same forms and ceremonies will be used by all constituent Commanderies in this jurisdiction when conferring the several Orders.

C. To examine or cause to be examined, any number of Sir Knights on proficiency in the official ritual and tactics, and to certify those who fulfill such requirements as Certified Instructors. Certifications shall be for a term of five years, but may be terminated by the Committee for just cause. A Certified Instructor is authorized to instruct any constituent Commandery in this jurisdiction in the ritual and tactics in accordance with this section, together with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Committee from time to time.

D. There shall be a Chief Instructor-Inspector who, with the District Instructors-Inspectors under his direction, shall be the immediate contact between the Committee and

the constituent Commanderies for implementation of its rules and regulations, their efforts being supervised by the Committee. The Chief Instructor-Inspector shall be selected by the Committee and recommended to the Grand Commander for appointment. The Chief Instructor-Inspector may select any number of District Instructor-Inspectors appropriate to execute his program and recommend them to the Grand Commander for appointment. At the discretion of the Grand Commander, three Assistant Chief Instructors/Inspectors may be appointed to assist in the development of the program of the Committee.

### **CHIEF INSTRUCTOR-INSPECTOR**

SEC. 4-03.3 A. The Chief Instructor-Inspector shall be a Certified Instructor-Inspector well versed in the Law, Ritual and Customs of the Grand Commandery. He will meet and work in close harmony with the Grand Commander and the Committee on Ritual and Tactics.

1. He shall be nominated by the Committee on Ritual and Tactics and appointed by the Grand Commander, but he need not be installed. His term of office shall expire with that of the Grand Commander who appointed him.
2. Duties of the Chief Instructor-Inspector:
  - (a) He shall visit the Subordinate Commanderies when required, inspect their ritualistic work and shall, or through designated representatives, advise and instruct them therein, and see that they properly practice the Authorized Work of the Grand Commandery and correct their errors, and generally supervise and direct, advance and promote qualifications as Certified Instructor-Inspectors among the members in this jurisdiction.
  - (b) He shall, in conjunction with the Grand Capitular Lecturer and the Grand Cryptic Lecturer, arrange and conduct Area Schools of Instruction, taking care to provide necessary and needed Commandery instruction.
  - (c) He shall be subject to such direction as the Committee on Ritual and Tactics may from time to promulgate. (2000)

### **DISTRICT INSTRUCTOR-INSPECTOR.**

SEC. 4-03.3 B. The District Instructor-Inspector shall be a Certified Instructor-Inspector or a Sir Knight well versed in the Laws, Rituals, and Customs of the Grand Commandery, provided that any appointee not already a Certified Instructor-Inspector, shall be required to become "certified" by the date of the next Annual Conclave of this "Grand Commandery.

1. He shall be nominated by the Chief Instructor-Inspector and appointed by the Committee on Ritual and Tactics, but shall not become a member or an officer of the Grand Commandery by virtue of his appointment hereunder, and provided no appointment shall extend beyond the next annual conclave of the Grand Commandery. No such District Instructor-Inspector shall be installed or compensated for his services.

2. A District Instructor-Inspector who has served three consecutive years will not be eligible to succeed himself.
3. No more than two Grand Commandery Districts shall be assigned to a District Instructor-Inspector. He need not reside in any District assigned to him.
4. Duties of the District Instructor-Inspector will be:
  - (a) To promote qualifications as Certified Instructor-Inspectors by the members of the Commanderies in his District. As an initial effort, it is recommended that he urge each Commandery to provide:
    1. A member to qualify as a lecturer in the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross.
    2. A member to qualify as a lecturer in the Order of Malta.
    3. A member to qualify as a lecturer in the Order of the Temple, with the idea that each will eventually become a Certified Instructor-Inspector; with all work passed being attested by one (1) Certified Instructor-Inspector.
  - (b) To visit the Subordinate Commanderies when required, inspect their ritualistic work, advise and instruct them therein, see that they properly practice the Authorized Work of the Grand Commandery, correct their errors, and generally supervise, direct, advance and promote qualifications as certified Instructor-Inspector among the members of his District(s).
  - (c) To assist the Chief Instructor-Inspector in arranging and conducting Area Schools of Instruction in the ritualistic work in his Area as may be prescribed by the Committee on Ritual and Tactics.
  - (d) To cooperate fully with the District Commander of any District assigned to him.
  - (e) To file a written report with the Chief Instructor-Inspector and with the District Commander on the ritualistic work of each Commandery in his District, with such recommendations, as he may consider proper. This report shall be filed before January 15 annually.
  - (f) Upon a proposal by the Committee on Ritual and Tactics, approved by the Grand Commander, by a majority vote, may grant the honorary title of Past Instructor-Inspector to a Sir Knight who has heretofore serve, or may hereafter serve, three appointments as District Instructor-Inspector. (2000)



- (g) To collect and have in his possession a current copy of the NC Grand Commandery Statutes and Regulations, and the current By-Laws of the constituent Commanderies within his District. Furthermore, to review those By-Laws and to see that they are properly executed, remain current, comply with the NC Grand Commandery Statutes and Regulations and abide with Templar law. (2016)
- (h) To see that all Commanders and Recorders have and maintain accurate contact information, electronic mail (email) addresses and phone numbers, that is reflected in the Grand Commandery directory. (2016)

SEC. 4-03. 4. The **Committee on Knights Templar Eye Foundation** shall consist of three members. It shall have control of matters pertaining to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. of Grand Encampment in North Carolina, implement and direct fund raising activities for the benefit of the Foundation in the State, and actively promote the advancement of this great Templar philanthropy.

SEC. 4-03. 5. The **Committee on Knights Templar Educational Foundation** shall consist of five members. At each Annual Conclave the Grand Commander shall appoint a Sir Knight for a term of five years, to commence at the Annual Conclave appointed. In case of a vacancy by death or otherwise, the Grand Commander shall appoint a Sir Knight to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. The Committee shall preserve the Regulations and Standard Practices established by Grand Encampment Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Inc. (1969)

SEC. 4-03. 6. The **Committee on Membership** shall consist of three members. It shall consider matters affecting membership and suggest appropriate programs or procedures for strengthening it. When advisable, it shall submit recommendations to Grand Commandery for adoption.

SEC. 4-03. 7. The **Committee on Triennial Conclave** shall consist of three members. After each Triennial, it shall report on major legislation adopted. It shall note the location of the following Triennial, consult with the Grand Recorder to secure estimated attendance of authorized delegates, compute the estimated cost according to Sec. 4-03.1.d. and request the Finance Committee to include one-third such cost for budget in each of the three years covered by the triennial.

SEC. 4-03. 8. The **Committee on Templar Uniform** shall consist of three members, at least one of which shall have experience in preparing specifications for, and procuring uniforms. The Committee shall keep abreast of changing uniform requirements, rewriting specifications when needed.

SEC. 4-03.9. The **Committee on History and Publications** shall consist of the Grand Recorder two members of Grand Chapter approved by the Grand High Priest, two members of Grand Council approved by the Grand Master, and two members of Grand Commandery approved by the Grand Commander. The Grand Recorder shall be secretary of the Committee. The initial appointments shall be for terms of one and two years; thereafter, one appointment for a period of

two years by the incoming Grand Officers. (1975.) The Committee shall:

- A. Complete a history of Grand Commandery from the beginning of the Order in North Carolina to date and cause it to be published when and as directed by Grand Commandery.
- B. Compile the current history of Grand Commandery at such intervals as may be deemed expedient.
- C. Edit the minutes of each Annual Conclave and, after careful proofreading, publish such transactions as may be proper.
- D. The Committee is not empowered to change, alter or abbreviate essential documents, except to purge them of unprintable secrets of the Order contained in the Grand Encampment ritual. (1993)
- E. The Grand Commander appoints the Chairman.

SEC. 4-03. 10. The **Committee on Charters and Dispensations** shall consist of three members. It shall examine and report on the books, work and methods of Commanderies under Dispensation and make appropriate recommendations. It shall consider and report on the issue and reissue of charters, including the arrest, suspension or revocation of charters.

SEC. 4-03. 11. The **Committee on Religious Activities** shall consist of three members and the Grand Prelate, ex officio. It shall initiate and give active leadership throughout our Christian Order in North Carolina to programs placing proper emphasis upon our individual Christian responsibilities, as well as the religious obligations of Templary.

SEC. 4-03. 12. The **Committee on Patriotic and Civic Activities** shall consist of three members. It shall foster and supervise activities of a patriotic or citizenship nature in peacetime and wartime and shall offer recommendations for civic responsibility to Knights Templar individually and collectively.

SEC.4-03.13 The **Committee on Public Relations** shall consist of three members. It shall arrange appropriate publicity for its programs; review existing public relations programs of Grand Commandery and Grand Encampment, recommending changes or originate new material for use in North Carolina, when approved by the Grand Commander, assisting him in its presentation.

SEC.4-03. 14. The **Committee on Appeals and Grievances** shall consist of three members. It shall consider any appeal or grievance referred to it, recommending to Grand Commandery expedient or advisable action when necessary.

SEC.4-03.15. The **Committee on Necrology** shall consist of three members. It shall report to Grand Commandery the deceased Sir Knights of this and other jurisdictions, offering suitable memorials in such form for printing in the Proceedings, as it shall determine.

SEC.4-03.16. The **Committee on Carson York Rite Library** shall consist of three members. It shall determine the funds needed by Oxford Orphanage and Masonic and Eastern Star Home to cover their requirements, and request the Finance Committee to include such funds in the annual budget.

SEC 4-03.17 The **Committee on Leadership Training** shall provide proper training for District Officers and Grand Commandery Line Officers on duties and responsibilities, and expectations of what to do if problems arise from most situations that may occur during their tenure. The Grand Commander shall appoint the Chairman.

- A. The Committee on Leadership Training shall hold at least 2 (two) training sessions a year. Time and place to be at the, discretion of the committee members. These meetings are to be for all District, and Grand Line Officers.
- B. Materials should include the District Officer Training Manual and leadership Training Seminar Manual that was developed by the Long Range/Strategic planning Committee.

SEC. 4-03.18 The **Committee on Strategic Planning** shall establish, under the direction of The Grand Commander, a unified strategic plan to build in perpetual plan maintenance to keep the Plan continuous and effective. The Grand Commander shall appoint the Grand Commandery Chairman of this committee. All Grand Commandery Line Officers and Past Grand Commanders are members of this committee.

#### **CONCLAVE COMMITTEES**

SEC.4-04. 1. The **Committee on Doings of Grand Officers** shall consist of three members. It shall review the report of the Grand Commander, referred to the Committee without motion; make distribution of matter contained therein to proper Committees for attention of Grand Commandery, and make such comment or recommendation pertaining to the report as seems appropriate.

SEC. 4-04. 2. The **Committee on Credentials** shall consist of three members who shall be in attendance at the Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery a sufficient time prior to opening that it may examine and approve credentials of representatives and members of Grand Commandery to report names, ranks, and Commandery represented. It shall prepare vouchers for reimbursement of mileage or other expenses of representatives and members authorized by Grand Commandery. Members of this Committee may receive compensation for their services as authorized by Grand Commandery.

Sec. 4-04(3) The **Committee on Time and Place** shall consist of three members and shall be the same in Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery and shall elect its own chairman. The Committee shall consider invitations to host the Annual Meetings and shall present their recommendation to the Grand Bodies in joint session. An invitation to host the Annual Meetings shall include the following information:

- A. Estimated cost per day of a room in the headquarters hotel.

- B. Seating capacity of the meeting room and where the meetings would be held.
- C. Cost of the meeting room,
- D. Number of rooms available in the headquarters hotel.
- E. Estimated cost per person for the Annual Banquet and where the Banquet would be held.
- F. Where the Divine Service would be held.
- G. Where the Grand Officers Reception would be held and estimated cost of the reception. (1994)

SEC.4-04.4. The **Committee on Courtesies** shall consist of three members. It shall take note of the valiant effort of the host community to provide for the current Annual Conclave, the individuals and groups, which make the event enjoyable, and offer the grateful thanks of Grand Commandery for their services.

SEC.4-04.5. The **Committee on Unfinished Business** shall consist of three members. It shall examine the Proceedings of previous Annual Conclaves, reporting any unfinished business to Grand Commandery for attention.

#### **REPORTS**

SEC.4-05. All Boards and Committees shall submit written reports to Grand Commandery no less than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Conclave on subjects required by these Statutes on subjects required by these Statutes or referred to them for consideration. (2016)

#### **ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION:**

SEC. 4-06. Electronic mail (email) shall be recognized as a valid notice for the dispatch of official correspondence among all officers and committee members within the jurisdiction. Furthermore, it is required that all officers and committee members have and maintain an accurate email address which must be submitted to the office of the Grand Recorder to be reflected in the current directory.

However, pursuant to Section 209 number 19, of the Grand Encampment Constitution titled “Notice and Service Thereof” is the exception to the above statute. (2016)

SEC. 4-07. The name “NC Grand Commandery” is the sole title for a Facebook account. This account is to be monitored by designated Grand Commandery officers, contain relative Templar content and be acceptable for the public domain. Constituent Commanderies are urged to utilize and interact with this page. (2016)

SEC. 4-08. The Grand Commandery shall have and maintain an updated internet website. (2016)

SEC. 4-09. The most current Statutes and Regulations document of the Grand Commandery must appear on the designated internet website. (2016)

## **CHAPTER 5**

## **REVENUE AND COMPENSATION--REVENUE**

SEC. 5-01. 1. The revenue of the Grand Commandery shall be derived from the following sources:

- a. For each Dispensation to form a new Commandery, which shall be accounted in full for a Charter if afterward granted, the sum of \$100.00.
- b. For each Knight Templar Order conferred the Commandery, whether chartered or under Dispensation, shall pay the sum of thirteen dollars (\$13.00).
- c. Each Constituent Commandery shall make an annual return to the Grand Commandery through the Grand Recorder, and shall pay with such return the sum twenty one dollars and ninety cents (21.90) for each member on its rolls as of December 31st each year, plus the amount of any increase in per capita tax that may hereafter be levied by Grand Encampment for membership therein. (2014)

SEC. 5-01. 2. Holders of Life Sponsors in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation are exempt from the assessment of \$1.00 for the benefit of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

SEC. 5-01. 3. A Constituent Commandery of Knights Templar shall not be required to pay per capita tax on members whose dues have been remitted by the Constituent Commandery upon certification of the full record of the action by the Constituent Commandery and the reasons thereof to the Grand Recorder. The names of the Sir Knights upon whom dues are remitted by the Constituent Commandery, and the reasons thereof must be set out in the Annual Returns to the Grand Commandery if waiver of per capita tax is requested.

SEC. 5-01. 4. The following will be considered good and sufficient reasons for the waiver of per capita tax by this Grand Commandery of Knights Templar:

- A. By reason of age or permanent disability, the member is not employed and does not have sufficient means to pay his Commandery dues.

- B. By reason of protracted illness or other disability during the year, or the severe illness of any of his dependents, causing unusual expense or loss of income, the member does not have sufficient income to pay his Commandery dues.
- C. By reason of inability to find employment though he be well, able and willing, and has made every effort to do so, the member of a Constituent Commandery does not have sufficient means to support himself and family and to pay his Commandery dues.

### **COMPENSATION**

SEC. 5-02. The expenses of the Grand Commander, the Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder and the Chairman of the Committee on Finance in attending the Conclaves of the Grand Commandery shall be paid. (1989)

SEC. 5-03. The Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder and the Chairman of the Committee on Finance shall receive for his services such compensation as shall be determined by the Grand Commandery.

SEC. 5-04. Obsolete.

SEC. 5-05. Obsolete.

SEC. 5-06. Obsolete.

SEC. 5-07. Deleted (1990)

SEC. 5-07. 2. Obsolete.

### **THE MERIT AWARD**

SEC. 5-07. 3. There is established and there shall be struck a medal to be known as The Merit Award of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of North Carolina, to be presented by the Grand Commander to any Knight Templar in good standing in this Jurisdiction, who in the opinion of the Grand Commander is deserving thereof because of distinguished service to or achievement in the cause of Templary. Not more than three Merit Awards shall be presented in any one term of a Grand Commander. The cost of the medal shall be borne by the Grand Commandery and no duplicate shall be provided at the expense of the Grand Commandery.

### **CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS MEDAL**

SEC. 5-07. 4. There is established a meritorious award to be known as Certified Instructor Medal, which shall be presented by the Grand Commander to each Sir Knight in good standing in this Jurisdiction, who is certified as Instructor by the Ritualistic Instruction Committee. The cost of this medal shall be borne by the Grand Commandery.

## CHAPTER 6

### COMMANDERIES BY-LAWS

SEC. 6-01. Every Commandery chartered by this Grand Commandery shall adopt By-Laws for its government: Provided, that they shall conform to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment and the Statutes and Regulations of this Grand Commandery. Such Commandery shall, in its By-Laws, fix the time of its Stated Conclaves, fees for the Order, the annual dues, the time for the election of officers, and such other provisions as may be deemed necessary for its government.

SEC. 6-01. 2. A Commandery may alter or amend its By-Laws, in accordance with the provisions of Section 131 of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment.

SEC. 6-01. 3. Before the By-Laws of a Constituent Commandery of Knights Templar shall become effective they must be approved by the Jurisprudence Committee and the Grand Commander and a true copy thereof filed in the office of the Grand Recorder. All Constituent Commanderies of this Grand Commandery that do not have an approved copy of their By-Laws on file in the Grand Recorder's office shall do so within ninety days after the passage of this Amendment.

Sec. 6-01. 4. The Stated Conclave of a Commandery shall be held at the time specified in its By-Laws, which shall require a Conclave at least once in each Month, at which all regular business of the Commandery should be transacted, Provided, that a Commandery may provide in its By-Laws for the omission of any Conclave in the months of July and August. (1993).

### SEAL

SEC. 6-02. Every Chartered Commandery must have a seal, and all official papers issued by the Commandery must be attested by an impression of the same.

### MINUTES

SEC. 6-03. At the close of every Conclave the minutes shall be approved. They shall be entered in the records before the next Stated Conclave, at which time the minutes should be read for information.

### SUNDAY

SEC. 6-04. No Conclave shall be held on Sunday for any purpose other than the burial of a deceased Knight, or uniting with a Lodge, at its invitation, in funeral services: Provided, that a Commandery may convene for public worship on Sunday when authorized so to do by Dispensation from the Grand Commander.

Sec. 6-01. 4. The Stated Conclave of a Commandery shall be held at the time specified in its By-Laws, which shall require a Conclave at least once in each Month, at which all regular business of the Commandery should be transacted, Provided, that a Commandery may provide in its By-Laws for the omission of any Conclave in the months of July and August. (1993).

## **FEES FOR THE ORDERS**

SEC. 6-05. No Constituent Commandery shall confer the Order of Knighthood for a sum less than fifty dollars (\$50.00), which said sum must accompany petition.

## **LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

SEC. 6-06: A Commandery may by its By-Laws provide for the election to life membership and exemption of Commandery dues of any of its members. However, a Commandery may elect a life member only for outstanding and meritorious service to Templary. Total life members in a Commandery shall at no time exceed 10% of its total membership. The Commandery shall not be exempt from the payment of dues and assessments to Grand Commandery on its life members. A proposal for life membership shall be in writing and recommended by at least three members of the Commandery and read at a stated Conclave. Election to life membership shall be by unanimous secret ballot at a subsequent stated conclave. (1977)

- A. A Commandery, after due reference to Committee and by unanimous ballot, at a subsequent Stated Conclave, may elect as an Honorary Life Member a member of another Commandery but such election does not confer the right to vote, nor does it create any liability for dues or per capita tax.
- B. A Commandery may provide in its By-Laws for the purchase of a Life Membership. Any such law must include (1) a requirement for payment of a minimum non-refundable Fee based on age as follows: Ages 21 to 40 inclusive, the sum of \$180.00; Ages 41 to 60 inclusive, the sum of \$165.00; Ages 61 and over, the sum of \$160.00. Proceeds from the purchase of Life Memberships shall be placed in an interest-producing Trust Fund separate from the operating funds of the Commandery, only the annual income from which may be added to the operating funds thereof. Should death *or other* cause terminate a Life Membership, any amount used to establish the Life Membership shall be retained in the Trust Fund.
- C. When a Commandery adopts a By-Law allowing the purchase of Life Memberships it may, if it so desires, accept installment payments thereon, PROVIDED, however, that for any year in which an installment payment is made the member must pay the regular annual dues in addition thereto. (1985)

## **DUAL MEMBERSHIP**

SEC. 6-06. A member of a Commandery in this jurisdiction may hold membership in another Commandery within this Jurisdiction, or in a Commandery within another Jurisdiction, which authorizes dual membership.

## **DUES AND ASSESSMENTS**

SEC. 6-07. A Commandery has a right to levy and collect such annual dues and pro rata assessments as may be needed to pay the expenses of the Commandery. In the absence of any special law, a majority vote may determine the propriety of an assessment and the amount thereof; Provided, That a member of a Commandery may appeal to the Grand Commandery, if he feels aggrieved by such assessment and claims that it is a violation of Templar law.



## **ANNUAL RETURNS**

SEC. 6-08. 1. Each Constituent Commandery shall make an annual return to the Grand Recorder of all members on its rolls on December 31, and shall forward this return with such dues and fees as may be due the Grand Commandery, to the Grand Recorder, on or before the 31st day of January.

SEC. 6-08. 2. Failure to submit correct returns and remittances to the Grand Recorder on or before the first of February shall subject the Constituent Commandery to a penalty of ten per cent of the correct amount due, which penalty shall not be remitted by the Grand Recorder.

## **FISCAL YEAR**

SEC. 6-09. The fiscal year of the Constituent Commanderies shall be the same as the calendar year.

## **CERTIFICATES**

SEC. 6-10. The Grand Commandery shall provide a suitable certificate to be known as the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of North Carolina Twenty Five Year Continuous Membership Certificate, to be presented to Knights Templar, members of Commanderies under the jurisdiction of Grand Commandery, who have been Knights Templar in good standing continuously for twenty-five years or more, immediately preceding the date of the award.

SEC. 6-11. The Grand Commandery shall provide a suitable certificate to be known as the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of North Carolina Fifty Year Certificate, to be presented to Knights Templar, members of Commanderies under the jurisdiction of Grand Commandery, who have been Knights Templar in good standing for a total of at least fifty years or more preceding the date of the award. To entitle a Knight Templar to the Fifty Year Certificate, he must have been a Knight Templar in good standing for a total of at least fifty years.

SEC. 6-12. The Grand Commandery shall provide a suitable certificate to be known as the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of North Carolina Sixty Year Membership Certificate to be presented to Knights Templar, members of Commanderies under the jurisdiction of Grand Commandery, who have been Knights Templar in good standing for a total of at least sixty years or more preceding the date of the award. To entitle a Knight Templar to the Sixty Year Certificate, he must have been a Knight Templar in good standing for a total of at least sixty years. The membership need not be continuous. Adopted March 26, 1984.

## **USE OF HOLY BIBLE:**

SEC. 6-13. "The Holy Bible" shall be displayed at all Templar Conclaves, including the Grand Commandery and its Constituent Commanderies. This shall be under the direction of the Prelate. The Holy Bible shall be displayed on a stand, pedestal, or small altar in front of the Prelate's station on the floor of the Asylum, to the right and in front of the Generalissimo. It shall be placed with the top of the book to the East, opened to the Gospel of St. Matthew Chapter XXVIII, with a small wooden passion cross displayed on the right and the Square and Compasses displayed on the left thereon. Two crossed swords may also be displayed thereon. (2016)

## **NOTICE OF CONFERRAL OF THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE**

SEC 6-14. Prior to the any conferral of the Order of the Temple, the host Commandery must give a minimum fourteen day notice, of time, place, and expected number of candidates to the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Chief Instructor Inspector, District Commander, and the District Instructor. (2016)

## **CHAPTER 7**

### **OFFICERS**

SEC. 7-01. All Officers of a Constituent Commandery shall be elected or appointed at the Stated Conclave as fixed in its By-Laws for the election of officers, which Conclave shall not fall later than the first Stated Conclave in December each year, and shall hold and discharge the duties of their respective offices until their successors are duly elected or appointed and installed. The installation may take place at the same or at a subsequent Conclave as soon thereafter as practicable. (1973)

### **WHO CAN PRESIDE**

SEC. 7-02. In the absence of the Commander, the Generalissimo, and in the absence of both, the Captain General, and in the absence of all three, the Past Commanders, according to juniority of service, shall preside.

### **WHO CAN CONFER ORDERS**

SEC. 7-03. A Past Commander, when presiding in the absence of the Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General, may confer the Orders, and has all the power for the time being of the Commander.

### **THE COMMANDER**

SEC. 7-04. The Commander has it in special charge to see that the By-Laws of his Commandery are duly observed, as well as the Constitution, Statutes, Rituals, Rules and Edicts of the Grand Encampment, and the Statutes, Regulations and Standing Resolutions of the Grand Commandery; that accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered; that regular returns are made to the Grand Commandery, and that annual dues are promptly paid. It is his duty to preside at all Conclaves of his Commandery, and he is responsible for the proper conduct of its affairs.

### **TREASURER**

SEC. 7-05. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive from the Recorder all moneys collected by him on account of the Commandery, giving his receipt for same; to have possession and custody of all funds and other securities belonging to the Commandery; to pay out such sums of money as may be ordered by the Commandery on warrants drawn by the Recorder when approved by the Commander; to keep a true and correct record of all receipts and disbursements in a book provided for that purpose at the Annual Conclave and oftener, if desired, exhibit a full account of all receipts and expenditures, setting forth the exact financial condition of the Treasury.

### **RECORDER**

SEC. 7-06.1. The Recorder shall issue notices to attend the Stated and Special Conclaves; and in

the notice for Special Conclaves he shall, under the direction of the Commander, state the particular business to be transacted. He shall also issue summons when directed by the Commander or Commandery. He shall attend all Conclaves and keep correct minutes of all transactions of the Commandery.

SEC. 7-06.2. He shall collect and receive all dues or assessments and revenues of the Commandery, and shall promptly pay the same over to the Treasurer.

SEC. 7-06.3. He shall have charge of the seal of the Commandery and shall affix it to all papers requiring the same.

SEC. 7-06.4. He shall report annually, not later than January 31st, to the Grand Recorder, the roll of officers and members and such matters as may conduce to the general good of the Order, and he shall accompany said report with the amount of dues and fees due the Grand Commandery. He shall also regularly transmit to the Grand Commander and the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery, copies of all the By-Laws and Regulations adopted by the Commandery.

SEC. 7-06.5. He shall draw all warrants on the Treasurer. At the Annual Conclave, or oftener, if required, he shall submit a statement of funds received by him and submit his books for an examination.

SEC. 7-06.6 The Recorder of each Constituent Commandery shall maintain the appropriate membership updates in the electronic filing system prescribed by the Grand Encampment in a timely manner.

The Grand Secretary shall on the 10th day of the following month report to the Grand Commander the name of any Constituent Commandery that has not filed the monthly membership report. (1990)

### **OTHER OFFICERS**

SEC. 7-07. The duties of the remaining officers are such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations or as may be more specifically set forth in regulations to the effect.

### **DISTRICT COMMANDERS**

SEC. 7-07-1. The Grand Commander, with the consent of the Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo and the Grand Captain General, shall divide the State into such districts as in their judgment will best serve the interest of the Craft, and over each district there shall be appointed by the Grand Commander a District Commander, who shall serve during the will and pleasure of the Grand Commander.

a. Every District Commander shall be skilled in the standard work of Chivalric Masonry, and in the customs and usages of the Craft, he shall be a Commander or a Past Commander, and a member in good standing of some commandery in the District for which he is appointed, and shall receive a warrant of his appointment, signed by the Grand Commander and attested by the Grand Recorder.

b. Each District Commander shall have power and it shall be his duty:

- (1) To visit officially every Commandery in his district at least once during his term, if practicable.
- (2) To preside in each Commandery upon the occasion of his official visit; to examine its books and records, and see if they are properly kept; to inform himself of the number of members, and the punctuality of their attendance; to ascertain the state and condition of the Commandery in all respects; to point out any errors he may ascertain in their conduct and mode of working; and to instruct them in any particular wherein he shall find they may require or may desire information, and particularly to recommend attention to the moral and benevolent principles of Masonry, and caution in the admission of candidates, and to confer with them concerning nonaffiliated and demitted Companions and if he discovers in his district any Masonic error or evil, to endeavor to immediately correct the same by Masonic means, and if he judge it expedient, to especially report the same to the Grand Commander.
- (3) To take possession of the funds and property of any dormant or extinct Commandery in his district and transfer the same to the Grand Recorder.
- (4) To prepare a report as of January 1st, on the general conditions of Chivalric Masonry in his district and of his acts therein, with such particulars as he may deem necessary, including the name and numbers of the Commanderies in his district, not visited by him, together with the reasons thereof, and transmit such report to the Grand Commander on or before the first day of March.
- (5) To collect and have in his possession a current copy of the NC Grand Commandery Statutes and Regulations, and the current by-laws of the constituent Commanderies within his District. Furthermore, to review those by-laws and to see that they are properly executed, remain current, comply with the NC Grand Commandery Statutes and Regulations and abide with Templar law. (2016)
- (6) To see that all current Commanders and Recorders have and maintain accurate contact information, electronic mail addresses and phone numbers, that is reflected in the Grand Commandery directory. (2016)

#### **CANNOT BE FORCED TO ACCEPT**

SEC. 7-08. A Knight Templar cannot be forced to accept an office he is unwilling to fill.

#### **BONDS**

SEC. 7-09. The Recorder and Treasurer of each Commandery shall give surety bond for the faithful performance of their duties in such sum and upon such conditions as the Commandery may require. The premium for said bonds is to be paid by the Commandery. (1980)

#### **INSTALLATION**

SEC. 7-10. Each Officer of a Grand Commandery, and all constituent Eminent Commanders,

before entering upon the exercise of the duties of his office, shall take the following vow:

“I, (A. B.), do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution, Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Rituals of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and the Constitution, Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office to which I have been chosen to the best of my ability, and until my successor has been chosen and installed.” (2016)

SEC. 7-10.1 It is not necessary for a re-elected Officer to be installed, as he holds over by virtue of his former election and installation until his successor is installed. An Officer of the Grand Commandery cannot be installed by proxy, but if not present at the regular installation he may be installed by taking the oath of office in any Commandery, or in cases of emergency by taking such oath before a Past Commander. (2016)

SEC. 7-10.2. Upon installation, the Grand Commander and constituent Commanders must be provided with a current physical copy of the By-Laws of that respective Commandery, a Grand York Rite Directory, and the NC Grand Commandery Statutes and Regulations at the time of his installation. (2016)

## **CHAPTER 8**

### **PETITIONS, RENEWAL OF PETITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

SEC. 8-01. When a Knight Templar is rejected for affiliation, he may apply at a subsequent Stated Conclave by a new petition in regular form, and a Committee for Investigation must be appointed and the application shall in all respects be treated as though he had not previously petitioned the Commandery; or he may make application to any other Commandery in this Grand Jurisdiction.

SEC. 8-02. A Commandery may receive and ballot upon a petitioner for the Orders or for membership at a stated or special conclave without a dispensation from the Grand Commander, providing a committee of three members can through personal knowledge or examination testify to his qualifications for membership.

SEC. 8-03. A petitioner for the Orders or for membership shall have resided in the State six months. (2003)

SEC. 8-04. Continuous affiliation in Lodge, Chapter and Council is necessary to qualify a petitioner or maintain membership in a Commandery in this jurisdiction; Provided, Council affiliation is not required for a North Carolina Commandery membership existing prior to May 11, 1959. (1978)

## **CHAPTER 9**

## **DUES**

SEC. 9-01. Dues shall be collected from the members as the Commandery may determine in its By-Laws.

## **NON-PAYMENT OF DUES**

SEC. 9-02. Whenever a member shall fail to pay his dues at the time when the same becomes due and payable as fixed by the By-Laws, which shall not exceed two years, he shall be notified to appear and show cause why he should not be suspended.

SEC. 9-03. Such notice shall be served by the Recorder by delivering, or causing to be delivered by a Sir Knight, to the delinquent a copy of the same or by mailing it to him in a sealed envelope addressed to him at his present or last known place of residence, at least ten days prior to the time he is to appear.

SEC. 9-04. Should the delinquent fail to appear, and his dues still remain unpaid, or the same be not remitted for good cause, or the time for payment extended, the Commandery must take action by a majority vote of the members present.

SEC. 9-05. Payment of dues before the ballot is taken shall stop proceedings, and after suspension shall reinstate the Sir Knight if paid within one year of the date of suspension.

SEC. 9-06. When a Knight Templar has been suspended from his Commandery solely because of nonpayment of dues to the Commandery, he may be restored to membership on written application thereof and a majority vote at a stated Conclave and payment of such part of his dues in arrears as the Commandery may require. (Sec. 203, Statutes of Grand Encampment.)

## **CHAPTER 10**

### **CONCURRENT JURISDICTION**

SEC. 10-01. The territorial jurisdiction of each Commandery of Knights Templar in this State is limited to the territory within the State. (2003)

## **CHAPTER 11**

### **UNIFORMS**

**Section 11.** General Information. The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America recognizes four distinct uniforms, these specifically being Dress uniform, Fatigue uniform, Summer uniform, and Cap and Mantle. In compliance, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of North Carolina also recognizes the same. The official Templar uniform of an Officer or Member of a Constitute Commandery, or Officer of Grand Commandery shall be as described in Subsections (-01), (-02), (-03), (-04). A Commandery may designate uniforms to be worn for certain occasions, but uniforms used in public should be alike.

### **DRESS UNIFORM**

**Sec. 11-01.** The Dress uniform is the official Commandery uniform for use in all public and

religious ceremonies and asylum work.

**Sec. 11.01.1. For Commanders:**

**Coat**

The uniform shall be a three-button, double-breasted sack coat, to close with three buttons, and to be of black clothing material. (As a substitute, a five-button double-breasted frock coat may be used, length to extend to one inch above the knee, otherwise conforming to same standards as sack coat.) Coat buttons to be 36 ligne, black in color, with Knight Templar cross and crown. It shall have no outside pockets, but shall have two lower straight flaps, no openings, stitched on outside edges to give the appearance of pockets, and a left breast pocket welt to provide a space for fastening a Commandery jewel of office and/or other permitted Commandery jewels. It shall have two inside breast pockets, one on each side. At wearer's left side, near the simulated pocket flap and his waist line, a four-inch horizontal slit opening with zipper closing, to allow sword belt chains or slings to be worn on concealed belt or on trouser waist belt. Coat to be lined with plain black lining material. Length of coat shall be one inch below wearer's crotch line. Coat to have roll collar with peak lapels, three inches wide at peak. The sleeves to be finished with an appropriate cross in the center of the front of the cuffs, measuring from side to side and two inches from the cuff bottom. Owner's Commandery to be identified by gold bullion appliquéd "N.C." and Commandery number in one-half inch block letters on matching material over left breast pocket welt. (Gold Mylar or gold colored metal letters may be substituted.)

**Shoulder Straps**

As prescribed in Section 244 (a) of Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Encampment. Shoulder straps to be located one inch from the arm seam and centered on top of the shoulder.

**Sleeve Crosses**

The emblem on the coat sleeve shall be the Passion Cross of bright red silk velvet, embroidered on each edge with one row of either No. 26 gilt or real gold bullion embroidery, three-sixteenths of an inch in width, with open rays between the arms of the Cross alternately in either No. 25 and No. 26 gilt or real gold bullion embroidery. The Cross, including embroidery, to be two inches in height; Cross arm to be one and one-third inches long; center of the Cross between edges of embroidery to be three-sixteenths of an inch wide (No twisted bullion at the several corners or angles of the Cross.); or of gold metal with enameled red center, one inch in height and five-eighths inch in width. Gold Mylar may be used as an alternate to gold bullion.

**Trousers**

The trousers shall be of black of standard military cut, without ornamentation or cuffs, and of material matching the coat.

**Chapeau**

A military chapeau shall be trimmed with black silk velvet binding, and white ostrich plume, so arranged that the plumes shall show at the edges distinctly and the end of the plume shall not extend beyond the chapeau more than three inches, the length and width to be in proportion to the size of the Sir Knights. Front and rear peaks of chapeau to extend four and one-fourth inches from the head; side of chapeau to be beveled, being an inch smaller at the top than at the head; diagonally across the peaks, both front and back, a band of gold plated wire lace, fifteen lignes

wide of vellum pattern (No. 1962); in front a gilt or gold plated tassel, half round in shape with bright bullions and dull head; on the left side a rosette, oval in shape, five inches in height by four inches in width, composed of not less than thirty-three satin points, in single fold, on top of which so as to display said points to the distance of one-half an inch from the edge, is laid one row of pleated satin ribbon, in folds from one-eighth to one-fourth of an inch wide, and on top of this is laid an oval black silk velvet rosette (outlined with gilt jaceron cord), three and one-fourth inches in height by two and five-eighths inches in width, thus displaying the pleated satin ribbon around the edges of said velvet rosette to a distance of from three-eighths to one-half inch. On the velvet oval shall be the Passion Cross, the upright arm three inches and the transverse arm two inches, of bright red silk velvet, bordered by No. 26 gilt or real gold embroidery one-fourth of an inch wide, leaving the velvet exposed in the center to the width of five-sixteenths of an inch. Said Cross to have at the points of intersection alternate rays of No. 26 and No. 27 gilt or real gold bullion embroidery in open pattern. (No twisted bullion at the several corners of angles of the Cross.) Gold Mylar may be used as an alternate to gold bullion.

### **Sword and Scabbard**

The sword shall be thirty-four to forty inches in length, inclusive of scabbard, with helmet head at pommel, straight cross guard with Cross and Crown ornamentation at juncture and Templar Cross at extremities, metal scabbard, and white grip. The scabbard to have three hard metal mountings, two metal rings at upper and one at lower mount, and with medium ornamentation of knights and trophies at the scabbard throat, ring attachments, and toe. The white grip may be ornamented in front with monogram of owner, and opposite side with the Passion Cross with rays. All metal, excepting blade, to be gold plate. Blade may be etched with owner's name.

### **Belt**

The belt shall be of red grain leather, one and three-fourths inches wide, mounted with a lace, woven of gold plated wire and red silk, one and five-eighths inches wide with colors in parallel stripes, four of gold and three of red, the red stripes to be of equal width and the gold stripes to be five/thirty-seconds of an inch wide. The belt clasped with gold plated belt plate of pattern hereinafter described, and to have three slings of red grain leather on which to hang the sword, each seven-eighths of an inch wide, two short and one long, upon which shall be mounted a lace of the same material as of the belt, three-fourths of an inch wide, consisting of two stripes of gold, each five thirty-seconds of an inch wide, and one of red. The slings to be suspended by gold plated clasps from a leather strap, fastened to the inside of the belt; each sling to have lengthening buckles and heavy gold plated swivels at the lower ends. On the second sling at the lower edge of the belt to be placed a gold plated rigid sword hook.

The belt plate shall be rectangular in shape two by three inches in size, of hard metal, with one-eighth inch polished raised beveled edge, without ornamentation whatsoever except the face stippled in vermicelli pattern, dull finish. In the center of the plate shall be the Passion Cross of hard enamel, bright red in color; perpendicular arm of Cross one and one-fourth inches; transverse arm seven-eighths of an inch; said Cross to be with rays between the arms, and over it shall be displayed in semi-circle the words "In Hoc Signo Vincas", in black block style letters in relief, with polished face. The plate is to be attached to the belt with a French fastener, and the return end of the belt is to be held in place by a sliding loop of red grain leather, one-half inch in width.



### **Shirt**

Plain white with turned down collar. Collar to be free standing with no buttons.

### **Necktie**

Black, without ornamentation.

### **Gloves**

Buff colored, of leather or cloth.

### **Hose (Socks)**

Black.

### **Shoes**

Black leather, without ornamentation.

### **Sec. 11-01.2. For Past Commanders:**

The entire full dress uniform for Past Commanders shall be the same as that for Commanders, except that the shoulder straps shall be as prescribed by Section 244 (b) of Constitution and By-Laws of Grand Encampment.

### **Sec. 11-01.3. For Generalissimos during incumbency in office:**

#### **Coat**

The uniform shall be a three-button, double-breasted sack coat, to close with three buttons, and to be of black clothing material. (As a substitute, a five-button double-breasted frock coat may be used, length to extend to one inch above the knee, otherwise conforming to same standards as sack coat.) Coat buttons to be 36 ligne, black in color, with Knight Templar cross and crown. It shall have no outside pockets, but shall have two lower straight flaps, no openings, stitched on outside edges to give the appearance of pockets, and a left breast pocket welt to provide a space for fastening a Commandery jewel of office and/or other permitted Commandery jewels. It shall have two inside breast pockets, one on each side. At wearer's left side, near the simulated pocket flap and his waist line, a four-inch horizontal slit opening with zipper closing, to allow sword belt chains or slings to be worn on concealed belt or on trouser waist belt (see note below). Coat to be lined with plain black lining material. Length of coat shall be one inch below wearer's crotch line. Coat to have roll collar with peak lapels, three inches wide at peak. On the points of the collar, one-half inch above lapel seam and one-half inch from outside edge of collar, shall be an appropriate cross. The sleeves to be finished with an appropriate cross in the center of the front of the cuffs, measuring from side to side and two inches from the cuff bottom. Owner's Commandery to be identified by silver bullion appliquéd "N.C." and Commandery number in one-half inch block letters in matching material over left breast pocket welt. (Silver Mylar or silver metal letters may be substituted.)

#### **Shoulder Straps**

As prescribed in Section 244 (c) of Constitution and By-Laws of Grand Encampment;

#### **Sleeve Crosses**

The emblem on the coat sleeves shall be the Passion Cross of bright red silk velvet, embroidered on each edge with on row of No. 26 silver plated bullion embroidery; the Cross of the same dimensions as for Commanders, except it shall have no rays (No twisted bullion at the several corners or angles of the Cross.); or of white metal with enameled red center, one inch in height and five-eighths inch in width. Silver Mylar may be used as an alternate to silver bullion.

#### **Chapeau**

The same as for Commanders, except that there shall be side lace of any kind whatsoever, and on the rosette shall be a bright red silk velvet Passion Cross.

#### **Sword and Scabbard**

Same as for Commanders except all metal trimmings shall be silver plate.

#### **Belt**

The belt shall be of red grain leather, one and three-fourths inches wide. The belt clasped with silver plated belt plate of pattern hereinafter described, and to have three slings of red grain leather on which to hang the sword, each seven-eighths of an inch wide, two short and one long. The slings to be suspended by silver plated clasps from a leather strap, fastened to the inside of the belt; each sling to have lengthening buckles and heavy silver plated swivels at the lower ends. On the second sling at the lower edge of the belt to be placed a silver plated rigid sword hook.

The belt plate shall be the same as for Commanders, except that the plate shall be of white metal or silver plate and the Passion Cross without rays between the arms of the Cross.

#### **Balance of Full Dress Uniform**

Trousers, shirt, shirt, gloves, hose and shoes shall be the same as those described for Commanders.

#### **Sec. 11-01.4. For Captains General during incumbency in office:**

The entire full dress uniform for Captains General shall be the same as for Generalissimos except the shoulder straps, which shall be as prescribed by Section 244 (d) of Constitution and By-Laws of Grand Encampment.

#### **Sec. 11-01.5. For Sir Knights and Officers below the rank of Captain General:**

The entire full dress uniform for Knights and Officers below the rank of Captain General shall be the same as for Generalissimos, except that the shoulder strap shall be omitted and the following described Baldric may be optionally worn:

#### **Baldric**

The Body of the Baldric shall be four inches in width, the center of white moiré antique or watered material bordered on each side with black velvet one inch in width; over the seam where the velvet joins the white center shall be a single strip of silver lace one-fourth inch wide. On the center and front of the baldric a white metal star of nine points; in the center of the star the Passion Cross without rays, the center of which is lined or filled with bright red velvet, surrounded by the motto, "In Hoc Signo Vinces"; said star to be three and **three-fourths inches**

in diameter. The ends of the Baldric shall be held in place by metal clasp or fastener, so that the point of intersection shall be six inches from the lower ends of Baldric; on the outer side, at point of intersection, a white metal plate, in the shape of a Templar Cross. Baldric shall be lined with green throughout its entire width and length. The shoulder seam on the outside of the Baldric shall be covered, on the white center only, with a single strip of silver wire lace one-fourth inch wide. The Baldric shall be worn from the right shoulder to the left hip.

**Sec. 11-01.6. For Grand Commandery Officers:  
Coat**

As prescribed in Section 11-01.1.

**Shoulder Straps**

As prescribed in Section 244 (a) of Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Encampment.

**Sleeve Crosses**

The emblem on the coat sleeve shall be the Templar Cross of bright red silk velvet, embroidered on each edge with one row of either No. 26 gilt or real gold bullion embroidery, three-sixteenths of an inch in width, with open rays between the arms of the Cross alternately in either No. 25 and No. 26 gilt or real gold bullion embroidery. The Cross, including embroidery, to be two inches in height and width (No twisted bullion at the several corners or angles of the Cross.); or of gold metal with enameled red arms, one inch in height and width. Gold Mylar may be used as an alternate to gold bullion.

**Chapeau**

A military chapeau shall be trimmed with black silk velvet binding, and white ostrich plume, so arranged that the plumes shall show at the edges distinctly and the end of the plume shall not extend beyond the chapeau more than three inches, the length and width to be in proportion to the size of the Sir Knights. Front and rear peaks of chapeau to extend four and one-fourth inches from the head; side of chapeau to be beveled, being an inch smaller at the top than at the head; diagonally across the peaks, both front and back, a band of gold plated wire lace, fifteen lignes wide of vellum pattern (No. 1962); in front a gilt or gold plated tassel, half round in shape with bright bullions and dull head; on the left side a rosette, oval in shape, five inches in height by four inches in width, composed of not less than thirty-three satin points, in single fold, on top of which so as to display said points to the distance of one-half an inch from the edge, is laid one row of pleated satin ribbon, in folds from one-eighth to one-fourth of an inch wide, and on top of this is laid an oval black silk velvet rosette (outlined with gilt jaceron cord), three and one-fourth inches in height by two and five-eighths inches in width, thus displaying the pleated satin ribbon around the edges of said velvet rosette to a distance of from three-eighths to one-half inch. On the velvet oval shall be the Templar Cross, the arms being 2 and one-half inches square, of bright red silk velvet, bordered by No. 26 gilt or real gold embroidery one-fourth of an inch wide. (No twisted bullion at the several corners or angles of the Cross.) Gilt flat gold bullion tassel placed between front folds of chapeau. Gold Mylar may be used as an alternate to gold bullion.

**Belt**

The belt shall be of red grain leather, one and three-fourths inches wide, mounted with a lace, woven of gold plated wire and red silk, one and five-eighths inches wide with colors in parallel

stripes, four of gold and three of red, the red stripes to be of equal width and the gold stripes to be five/thirty-seconds of an inch wide. The belt clasped with gold plated belt plate of pattern hereinafter described, and to have three slings of red grain leather on which to hang the sword, each seven-eighths of an inch wide, two short and one long, upon which shall be mounted a lace of the same material as of the belt, three-fourths of an inch wide, consisting of two stripes of gold, each five thirty-seconds of an inch wide, and one of red. The slings to be suspended by gold plated clasps from a leather strap, fastened to the inside of the belt; each sling to have lengthening buckles and heavy gold plated swivels at the lower ends. On the second sling at the lower edge of the belt to be placed a gold plated rigid sword hook.

The belt plate shall be rectangular in shape two by three inches in size, of hard metal, with one-eighth inch polished raised beveled edge, without ornamentation whatsoever except the face stippled in vermicelli pattern, dull finish. In the center of the plate shall be the Templar Cross of hard enamel, bright red in color; and over it shall be displayed in semi-circle the words "In Hoc Signo Vinces", in black block style letters in relief, with polished face. The plate is to be attached to the belt with a French fastener, and the return end of the belt is to be held in place by a sliding loop of red grain leather, one-half inch in width.

#### **Balance of Full Dress Uniform**

Trousers, shirt, shirt, gloves, hose, shoes, sword and scabbard shall be the same as those described for Commanders.

#### **Sec. 11-01.7. For Past Grand Commanders:**

##### **Coat**

As prescribed in Section 11-01.1.

##### **Shoulder Straps**

As prescribed in Section 244 (a) of Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Encampment.

##### **Sleeve Crosses**

The emblem on the coat sleeve shall be the Templar Cross of royal purple silk velvet, embroidered on each edge with one row of either No. 26 gilt or real gold bullion embroidery, three-sixteenths of an inch in width. The Cross, including embroidery, to be two inches in height and width (No twisted bullion at the several corners or angles of the Cross.); or of gold metal with enameled purple arms, one inch in height and width. Gold Mylar may be used as an alternate to gold bullion.

##### **Chapeau**

A military chapeau shall be trimmed with black silk velvet binding, and white ostrich plume, so arranged that the plumes shall show at the edges distinctly and the end of the plume shall not extend beyond the chapeau more than three inches, the length and width to be in proportion to the size of the Sir Knights. Front and rear peaks of chapeau to extend four and one-fourth inches from the head; side of chapeau to be beveled, being an inch smaller at the top than at the head; diagonally across the peaks, both front and back, a band of gold plated wire lace, fifteen lignes wide of vellum pattern (No. 1962); in front a gilt or gold plated tassel, half round in shape with bright bullions and dull head; on the left side a rosette, oval in shape, five inches in height by

four inches in width, composed of not less than thirty-three satin points, in single fold, on top of which so as to display said points to the distance of one-half an inch from the edge, is laid one row of pleated satin ribbon, in folds from one-eighth to one-fourth of an inch wide, and on top of this is laid an oval black silk velvet rosette (outlined with gilt jaceron cord), three and one-fourth inches in height by two and five-eighths inches in width, thus displaying the pleated satin ribbon around the edges of said velvet rosette to a distance of from three-eighths to one-half inch. On the velvet oval shall be the Templar Cross, the arms being 2 and one-half inches square, of royal purple silk velvet, bordered by No. 26 gilt or real gold embroidery one-fourth of an inch wide. (No twisted bullion at the several corners of angles of the Cross.) If desired, gold bullion representation of vine and berry on a band of velvet may be affixed in place of gold vellum lace on chapeau sides. Gilt flat gold bullion tassel placed between front folds of chapeau. Gold Mylar may be used as an alternate to gold bullion.

### **Belt**

The belt shall be of red grain leather, one and three-fourths inches wide, mounted with a lace, woven of gold plated wire and royal purple silk, one and five-eighths inches wide with colors in parallel stripes, four of gold and three of purple, the purple stripes to be of equal width and the gold stripes to be five-thirty-seconds of an inch wide. The belt clasped with gold plated belt plate of pattern hereinafter described, and to have three slings of red grain leather on which to hang the sword, each seven-eighths of an inch wide, two short and one long, upon which shall be mounted a lace of the same material as of the belt, three-fourths of an inch wide, consisting of two stripes of gold, each five thirty-seconds of an inch wide, and one of purple. The slings to be suspended by gold plated clasps from a leather strap, fastened to the inside of the belt; each sling to have lengthening buckles and heavy gold plated swivels at the lower ends. On the second sling at the lower edge of the belt to be placed a gold plated rigid sword hook.

The belt plate shall be rectangular in shape two by three inches in size, of hard metal, with one-eighth inch polished raised beveled edge, without ornamentation whatsoever except the face stippled in vermicelli pattern, dull finish. In the center of the plate shall be the Templar Cross of hard enamel, purple in color; and over it shall be displayed in semi-circle the words "In Hoc Signo Vincas", in black block style letters in relief, with polished face. The plate is to be attached to the belt with a French fastener, and the return end of the belt is to be held in place by a sliding loop of red grain leather, one-half inch in width.

### **Balance of Full Dress Uniform**

Trousers, shirt, shirt, gloves, hose, shoes, sword and scabbard shall be the same as those described for Commanders.

### **FATIGUE UNIFORM**

**Sec. 11-02.** The Fatigue uniform is for wear on occasions where the Dress uniform would not be appropriate or inconvenient, such as drill practice, informal visitations, ritual work other than the Order of the Temple, and Commandery functions designated by the Commander.

#### **Sec. 11-02.1. For Commanders and Past Commanders:**

##### **Coat**

The uniform shall be a four-button single-breasted coat, to close with four buttons, and to be of

black clothing material. (As a substitute, the dress uniform three-button, double-breasted sack coat, otherwise conforming to same standards, may be used.) Coat buttons to be 36 ligne, black in color, with Knight Templar cross and crown. It shall have no outside pockets, but shall have two lower straight flaps, no openings, stitched on outside edges to give the appearance of pockets, and a left breast pocket welt to provide a space for fastening a Commandery jewel of office and/or other permitted Commandery jewels. It shall have two inside breast pockets, one on each side. At wearer's left side, near the simulated pocket flap and his waist line, a four-inch horizontal slit opening with zipper closing, to allow sword belt chains or slings to be worn on concealed belt or on trouser waist belt (see note below). Coat to be lined with plain black lining material. Length of coat shall be one inch below wearer's crotch line. Coat to have roll collar with peak lapels, two inches wide at peak. The sleeves to be finished with an appropriate cross in the center of the front of the cuffs, measuring from side to side and two inches from the cuff bottom. Owner's Commandery to be identified by gold bullion appliquéd "N.C." and the Commandery number in one-half inch block letters on matching material over left breast pocket welt. (Gold Mylar or gold metal letters may be substituted.) (NOTE) No outside belt is to be worn with this uniform. Existing belts worn with the dress uniform may be worn under coat by removing long chain, the scabbard to be suspended from the two short chains extending through slit in coat; or from two short slings of black leather with hook snaps at bottom and a loop at top may be worn over trouser belt and through slit in coat to suspend scabbard.

#### **Shoulder Straps**

Optional on fatigue uniform. If worn, shall be as prescribed in Section 244 (a) of Constitution and By-Laws of Grand Encampment.

#### **Sleeve Crosses**

As prescribed in Section 11-01.1.

#### **Cap**

The cap shall be a bell-crown or military-style (Pershing) cap of black material; with rigid standing front, flaring rim, and black band. Visor to be of black patent leather. The front strap to be flat and to be of gold wire lace attached at the corners of the visor by gold cross and crown Knights Templar buttons. Between the crown and brim of the cap, a band of gold wire lace, and on front of cap to be a Passion Cross of bright red silk velvet, embroidered on each edge with one row of No. 26 gilt or real gold bullion embroidery, three-sixteenths of an inch in width with open rays between the arms of the Cross alternately in No. 25 and No. 26 gilt or real gold bullion embroidery. The Cross, including embroidery, to be two inches in height; cross arm to be one and one-third inches long; center of the Cross between edges of embroidery to be three-sixteenths of an inch wide. (No twisted bullion at the several corners or angles of the Cross.) Gold Mylar may be used as an alternate to gold bullion. Alternately, Cross may also be gold metal with enameled red center.

#### **Balance of Fatigue Uniform**

Trousers, shirt, necktie, gloves, hose and shoes shall be the same as those described for the Full Dress Uniform.

**Sec. 11-02.2. For members and officers below the rank of Commander:**

### **Coat**

The uniform shall be as prescribed for Commanders. Owner's Commandery to be identified by silver bullion appliqué N.C. and Commandery number in one-half inch block letters on matching material over left breast pocket welt. (Silver Mylar or silver metal letters may be substituted.) (NOTE) Neither baldric nor an outer belt is worn with this uniform. If a sword is worn, belt worn may be worn under coat with the scabbard to be suspended from the two short chains extending through slit in coat; or from two short slings of black leather with hook snaps at bottom and a loop at top to be worn over the shoulder and through slit in coat to suspend scabbard.

### **Shoulder Straps**

Optional on fatigue uniform. If worn, shall be as prescribed in Section 244 (a) of Constitution and By-Laws of Grand Encampment.

### **Sleeve Crosses**

As prescribed in Section 11-01.3.

### **Cap**

The cap shall be a bell-crown or military-style (Pershing) cap of black material; with rigid standing front, flaring rim, and black band. Visor to be of black patent leather. The front strap to be flat and to be of silver wire lace attached at the corners of the visor by silver cross and crown Knights Templar buttons. On front of cap to be a Passion Cross of bright red silk velvet, embroidered on each edge with one row of No. 26 silver bullion embroidery, three-sixteenths of an inch in width between the arms of the Cross alternately in No. 25 and No. 26 silver bullion embroidery. The Cross, including embroidery, to be two inches in height; cross arm to be one and one-third inches long; center of the Cross between edges of embroidery to be three-sixteenths of an inch wide. (No twisted bullion at the several corners or angles of the Cross.) Silver Mylar may be used as an alternate to silver bullion. Alternately, Cross may also be silver metal with enameled red center.

### **Balance of Fatigue Uniform**

Trousers, shirt, necktie, gloves, hose and shoes shall be the same as those described for the Full Dress Uniform.

### **Sec. 11-02.3. For Grand Commanders and Grand Commandery Officers:**

#### **Coat**

As prescribed in Section 11-02.1.

#### **Shoulder Straps**

Optional on fatigue uniform. If worn, shall be as prescribed in Section 244 (a) of Constitution and By-Laws of Grand Encampment.

#### **Sleeve Crosses**

As prescribed in Section 11-01.6.

#### **Cap**

The cap shall be the same as that prescribed for Past Commanders. The visor to have a row of

gold bullion oak leaves and acorns extending from the sides and along the leading edge of the visor, terminating at center of visor. Between the crown and brim of the cap, a band of gold wire lace, and on front of cap to be a Templar Cross of bright red silk velvet, embroidered on each edge with one row of No. 26 gilt or real gold bullion embroidery, three-sixteenths of an inch in width. The Cross, including embroidery, to be two inches in height and width. (No twisted bullion at the several corners or angles of the Cross.) Gold Mylar may be used as an alternate to gold bullion. Alternately, Cross may also be gold metal with enameled red arms.

#### **Balance of Fatigue Uniform**

Trousers, shirt, necktie, gloves, hose and shoes shall be the same as those described for the Full Dress Uniform.

#### **Sec. 11-02.4. For Past Grand Commanders:**

##### **Coat**

As prescribed in Section 11-02.1.

##### **Shoulder Straps**

Optional on fatigue uniform. If worn, shall be as prescribed in Section 244 (a) of Constitution and By-Laws of Grand Encampment.

##### **Sleeve Crosses**

As prescribed in Section 11-01.1.

##### **Cap**

The cap shall be the same as that prescribed for Grand Commandery Officers. Between the crown and brim of the cap, a band of gold wire lace, and on front of cap to be a Templar Cross of royal purple silk velvet, embroidered on each edge with one row of No. 26 gilt or real gold bullion embroidery, three-sixteenths of an inch in width. The Cross, including embroidery, to be two inches in height and width. (No twisted bullion at the several corners or angles of the Cross.) The Cross may also be gold metal with enameled purple arms. If desired, gold bullion representation of vine and berry on a band of velvet may be affixed in place of gold vellum lace around cap. Gold Mylar may be used as an alternate to gold bullion. Alternately, Cross may also be gold metal with enameled purple arms.

#### **Balance of Fatigue Uniform**

Trousers, shirt, necktie, gloves, hose and shoes shall be the same as those described for the Full Dress Uniform.

##### **Cape**

**Section 11-03.** The Cape may be worn in lieu of an overcoat with either Templar Dress or Fatigue Uniform as follows:

#### **Sec. 11-03.01. For Commanders and Past Commanders:**

The cape shall be of black beaver, kersey, or melton, cut three-quarters full, and extending to the tips of the fingers in natural position; box collar one and one-fourth inches stand and two inches fall at back of neck, increasing to two and one-half inches at the end of collar; to fasten with a



hook and eye at end of collar, and closing over breast with two black prunelle buttons, size 28; the corners of collar and cape to be cut square, edges to be finished plain or stitched raw. Lining of the cape to be bright red in color. On the ends of the collar shall be the Passion Cross, with rays, three-fourths of an inch in height, either in gold metal, or gold bullion. Gold mylar may be used as an alternate to gold bullion.

**Sec. 11-03.02. For Generalissimos, Captain-Generals, Officers, and Sir Knights:**

The cape shall be of black beaver, kersey, or melton, cut three-quarters full, and extending to the tips of the fingers in natural position; box collar one and one-fourth inches stand and two inches fall at back of neck, increasing to two and one-half inches at the end of collar; to fasten with a hook and eye at end of collar, and closing over breast with two black prunelle buttons, size 28; the corners of collar and cape to be cut square, edges to be finished plain or stitched raw. Lining of the cape to be black in color. On the ends of the collar shall be the Passion Cross, with rays, three-fourths of an inch in height, either in silver metal, or silver bullion. Silver mylar may be used as an alternate to silver bullion.

**Sec. 11-03.03. For Grand Commanders and Grand Commandery Officers:**

The cape shall be of black beaver, kersey, or melton, cut three-quarters full, and extending to the tips of the fingers in natural position; box collar one and one-fourth inches stand and two inches fall at back of neck, increasing to two and one-half inches at the end of collar; to fasten with a hook and eye at end of collar, and closing over breast with two black prunelle buttons, size 28; the corners of collar and cape to be cut square, edges to be finished plain or stitched raw. Lining of the cape to be bright red in color. Collar crosses to be the Templar Cross of bright red silk velvet bordered with a row of No. 26 gold bullion embroidery; the Cross to be one inch in height, outlined in jaceron. (No twisted bullion at the several corners or angles of the Cross.) Gold mylar may be used as an alternate to gold bullion.

**Sec. 11-03.04. For Past Grand Commanders:**

The cape shall be of black beaver, kersey, or melton, cut three-quarters full, and extending to the tips of the fingers in natural position; box collar one and one-fourth inches stand and two inches fall at back of neck, increasing to two and one-half inches at the end of collar; to fasten with a hook and eye at end of collar, and closing over breast with two black prunelle buttons, size 28; the corners of collar and cape to be cut square, edges to be finished plain or stitched raw. Lining of the cape to be royal purple in color. Collar crosses to be the Templar Cross of royal purple silk velvet bordered with a row of No. 26 gold bullion embroidery; the Cross to be one inch in height, outlined in jaceron. (No twisted bullion at the several corners or angles of the Cross.) Gold mylar may be used as an alternate to gold bullion.

**SUMMER UNIFORM**

**Sec. 11-04.** The Summer uniform is prescribed for wear between the period beginning with Memorial Day and continuing through Labor Day. It may be worn in the manner prescribed for the Fatigue uniform. If worn in public, it is not to be worn mixed in a formation or procession with other types of uniform.

**Sec. 11-04.01. For Commanders:**

**Shirt**

White shirt with short sleeves, of military style having shoulder epaulets and two flap pockets, one on each breast.

#### **Necktie**

Black, without ornamentation and secured with a gold-colored metal tie clasp.

#### **Belt**

Black web material, with a gold clasp buckle.

#### **Hose (Socks)**

Black.

#### **Shoes**

Black leather, without ornamentation.

#### **Breast Jewels**

An enameled bar with ribbons representing the Order of the Temple, the Order of Malta, and the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, in said order, shall be worn immediately above and centered on the left pocket.

#### **Name Badge**

The name badge shall be of gold-colored metal, one half inch high and two inches in length. The badge shall have the wearer's full name in black letters centered on the badge, and shall be worn immediately above and centered on the right pocket.

#### **Collar Insignia**

Gold metal letters "NC", one inch in height and worn centered on the right collar; gold metal number of Commandery, one inch in height and worn centered on the left collar, parallel to the top of the collar and set back one-fourth inch from the collar edges.

#### **Shoulder Insignia**

A metal bar, one and one-half inches high and three-fourths inch wide of green color and edged by a gold border, with a silver Passion Cross centered; worn centered on each shoulder epaulet, bottom of Passion Cross facing the front edge of epaulet.

#### **Cap**

The cap shall be a military-style (Pershing) cap of white material; with rigid standing front, flaring rim, and black band. Visor to be of black patent leather. The front strap to be flat and to be of gold wire lace attached at the corners of the visor by gold cross and crown Knights Templar buttons. On front of cap to be a Passion Cross with rays, of gold colored metal, two inches in height and one and one-half inches in width, center enameled red.

#### **Sec. 11-04.02. For Past Commanders:**

#### **Shoulder Insignia**

A metal bar, one and one-half inches high and three-fourths inch wide of red color and edged by a gold border, with a silver Passion Cross centered; worn centered on each shoulder epaulet,

bottom of Passion Cross facing the front edge of epaulet.

**Balance of Summer Uniform**

Trousers, shirt, necktie, belt, collar insignia, cap, hose and shoes shall be the same as those described for Commanders.

**Sec. 11-04.03. For Generalissimos:**

**Collar Insignia**

White metal letters “NC”, one inch in height and worn centered on the right collar; white metal number of Commandery, one inch in height and worn centered on the left collar, parallel to the top of the collar and set back one-fourth inch from the collar edges.

**Shoulder Insignia**

A metal bar, one and one-half inches high and three-fourths inch wide of green color and edged by a silver border, with a silver Pascal Lamb and Square centered; worn centered on each shoulder epaulet, bottom of Square facing the front edge of epaulet.

**Cap**

The cap shall be a military-style (Pershing) cap of white material; with rigid standing front, flaring rim, and black band. Visor to be of black patent leather. The front strap to be flat and to be of black leather; strap attached at the corners of the visor by white cross and crown Knights Templar buttons. On front of cap to be a Passion Cross, of white colored metal, two inches in height and one and one-half inches in width, center enameled red.

**Necktie**

Black, without ornamentation and secured with a silver-colored metal tie clasp.

**Belt**

Black web material, with a silver clasp buckle.

**Balance of Summer Uniform**

Trousers, shirt, necktie, cap, hose and shoes shall be the same as those described for Commanders.

**Sec. 11-04.04. For Captain-Generals:**

**Shoulder Insignia**

A metal bar, one and one-half inches high and three-fourths inch wide of green color and edged by a silver border, with a silver Cock and Level centered; worn centered on each shoulder epaulet, bottom of Level facing the front edge of epaulet.

**Balance of Summer Uniform**

Trousers, shirt, belt, collar insignia, cap, hose and shoes shall be the same as those described for Generalissimos.

**Sec. 11-04.05. For Sir Knights and Officers below the rank of Captain General:**

**Shoulder Insignia**

None.

**Balance of Summer Uniform**

Trousers, shirt, necktie, belt, collar insignia, cap, hose and shoes shall be the same as those described for Generalissimos.

**Sec. 11-04.06. For Grand Commandery Officers:**

**Collar Insignia**

Gold metal letters “NC”, one inch in height and worn centered on the right collar; gold metal letters “KT”, one inch in height and worn centered on the left collar, parallel to the top of the collar and set back one-fourth inch from the collar edges.

**Shoulder Insignia**

A Templar Cross, one inch high and wide of red color and edged by a gold border worn centered on each shoulder epaulet.

**Cap**

The cap shall be a military-style (Pershing) cap of white material; with rigid standing front, flaring rim, and black band. Visor to be of black patent leather. The front strap to be flat and to be of gold wire lace attached at the corners of the visor by gold cross and crown Knights Templar buttons. On front of cap to be a Templar Cross of gold colored metal, two inches in height and width, arms enameled red.

**Balance of Summer Uniform**

Trousers, shirt, necktie, belt, cap, hose and shoes shall be the same as those described for Past Commanders.

**Sec. 11-04.07. For Grand Commanders:**

**Cap**

The cap shall be a military-style (Pershing) cap of white material; with rigid standing front, flaring rim, and black band. Visor to be of black patent leather. The visor to have a row of gold bullion oak leaves and acorns extending from the sides and along the leading edge of the visor, terminating at center of visor. The front strap to be flat and to be of gold wire lace attached at the corners of the visor by gold cross and crown Knights Templar buttons. On front of cap to be a Templar Cross of gold colored metal, two inches in height and width, arms enameled red.

**Balance of Summer Uniform**

Trousers, shirt, necktie, collar and shoulder insignia, belt, cap, hose and shoes shall be the same as those described for Grand Commandery Officers.

**Sec. 11-04.08. For Past Grand Commanders:**

**Shoulder Insignia**

A Templar Cross, one inch high and wide of purple color and edged by a gold border worn centered on each shoulder epaulet.

**Cap**

The cap shall be the same as that prescribed for Grand Commanders. On front of cap to be a Templar Cross of gold colored metal, two inches in height and width, arms enameled purple.

### **Balance of Summer Uniform**

Trousers, shirt, necktie, collar insignia, belt, hose and shoes shall be the same as those described for Grand Commandery Officers.

### **CAP AND MANTLE UNIFORM**

**Sec. 11-05.** The Cap and Mantle is only approved for asylum work in the conferring of the Orders. It is not approved for public ceremonies. There should be no mixing of Dress uniforms and Cap and Mantles during the working of asylum ceremonies.

**Sec. 11-05.01.** Templar Mantle: In general, the mantle shall be of the style worn by medieval Templars and by members of the Sovereign Great Priories. It shall consist of white material, with hood, reaching to approximately twelve inches from the floor and ornamented as follows:

1. For members of the Order below the rank of Commander: The mantle shall be of white; the hood to be lined with silky white material, the Passion Cross in bright red, nine inches in height, on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with white cords and white tassels.
2. For Commanders and Past Commanders: The mantle shall have a single red ribbon, one inch wide, stitched one half inch from the outer edge; the hood to be lined with a similar red material; the Passion Cross in red with gold rays, nine inches in height, on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with red cords and red tassels.
3. For Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers entitled to permanent rank: The mantle shall have the ribbon of a Past Commander and an additional red ribbon one half inch wide, stitched one half inch from said ribbon; the Templar Cross in red, nine inches in height, on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with red cords and red tassels.
4. For the Grand Commander: The mantle shall have a single red ribbon, two inches wide, stitched one inch from the outer edge; the hood lined with a similar material; the Templar Cross in red, nine inches in height on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with red cords and red tassels.
5. For Past Grand Commanders: The mantle shall have a single purple ribbon, one and one half inches wide, stitched three-quarters of an inch from the outer edge; the hood lined in purple with similar material; and the Templar Cross in purple material on the left breast; nine inches in height, the mantle to tie closely around the neck with purple cords and purple tassels.

**Sec. 11-05.02.** Templar Cap: In general, the cap shall be of design and specifications of the style worn by the Sovereign Great Priories, three inches in depth and very slightly flared at the top.

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

2. For Past Grand Commanders: The cap shall be of purple velvet (or silk) with purple Templar Cross.
3. For all Ranks: The Cross shall be two inches high.

**Sec. 11-05.03.** Commandery Badge: The distinctive badge of a constituent Commandery shall be worn on the right breast of the mantle. The badge will be no less than five inches or more than eight inches high. The badge of the Commandery shall be superimposed upon the Malta Cross, or the Malta Cross shall be incorporated within the Commandery badge. The design shall be approved by the Grand Commandery Committee on Jewels and Uniforms. No jewels shall be worn on the mantle.

**Sec. 11-05.04. Sword and Scabbard:** The sword and scabbard shall conform to the regulations of the Grand Commandery.

**Sec. 11-05.05. Sword Sling:** The sword shall be suspended, when required to be worn, on a sling to be worn over the right shoulder, of black leather one and one half inches wide, of tailored or adjustable length according to the height of the Sir Knight, to terminate in two straps with snaps to fasten to the two upper rings of the scabbard.

## **JEWELS**

**Sec. 11-06.** Only Templar Jewels are to be worn on the Templar Uniform. Jewels of office, meritorious jewels, badges of Commanderies, Malta and Red Cross jewel may be worn on the left breast, placed in the order named, from the wearer's right to left.

**Sec. 11-06.01.** All Officers of the Grand Commandery and of Constituent Commanderies shall wear the Jewel of their respective office during incumbency in office.

**Sec. 11-06.02.** Jewels should be neatly displayed and aligned when worn on the Templar uniform, centered immediately below the left breast pocket welt. The number of jewels worn is at the wearer's discretion, but must include the Malta jewel and jewel of office, if applicable.

**Sec. 11-06.03.** Order of Precedence of Templar jewels is, and shall be, as follows:

1. The Grand Encampment Cross of Honor (breast jewel)
2. Jewel of Office
3. Past Jewel(s) of Office
4. Meritorious Jewels
5. Commandery Jewel
6. Malta Jewel
7. Red Cross Jewel

**Sec. 11-06.04.** The Instructor jewel shall be awarded to a Knight Templar upon completion of the certification requirements for an Instructor-Inspector. It is classified as a meritorious jewel in order of precedence.

**Sec. 11-06.05.** Commemorative and local Commandery award jewels, such as the Grand

Commandery of North Carolina Centennial jewel, Knight Crusader of the Cross jewel, or drill jewels; are classified as meritorious jewels in the order of precedence.

**Sec. 11-06.06.** The Veteran jewel may be worn by those members of the Order who have served in the Uniformed Branches of the Armed Forces of the United States or are holders of the Cold War Recognition Certificate. The jewel to be in a ribbon-style format consisting of stripes colored black, white, blue, white, and red from center to edge. Jewel will be worn centered above other jewels on left side. It is classified as a meritorious jewel in order of precedence.



**Sec. 11-06.07.** The jewel of a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina may be worn suspended from a heavy royal purple silk cord; the cord to have a tassel at the ends to be held together by sliding holders with rosette; the cord to have a total length of sixty-four inches. The cord shall be obtained at the expense of the individual.

#### **LANYARDS**

**Sec. 11-07.** A lanyard is authorized as a means of recognition of an active District Officer and the Inspector-General during the term of his incumbency. The lanyard will consist of one triple braid, twenty-four inches in length with two single cords and a gold colored ferrule two and one-half inches in length, cord to be one-fourth inch in diameter; and with appropriate loops or means for attachment. Lanyard will be attached to the left shoulder, point of attachment under or inboard of the shoulder strap, and with the braided section passing under the left arm and the single cords on the outside of the arm, ferrule hanging to the front of the arm.

**Sec. 11-07.01. For District Commanders:**

A flag red lanyard.

**Sec. 11-07.02. For District Inspectors:**

A yellow lanyard.

**Sec. 11-07.03. For Inspector-General:**

A gold lanyard.

#### **BADGES**

**Sec. 11-08.** Badges (patches) are authorized on the Templar uniform as specified in Section 11-08.

**Sec. 11-08.01.** A badge depicting the flag of North Carolina shall be worn centered on the left sleeve two inches below the shoulder seam.

**Sec. 11-07.02.** A Grand Encampment Triennial badge may be worn centered on the left sleeve two inches above the sleeve cross. Additional badges may be worn in a row above the initial Triennial badge. In the case of a large number of badges (6 or more), the badges may be worn in

rows of two centered on the left sleeve, starting two inches above the sleeve cross.

## CHAPTER 12

### PREVIOUS STATUTES AND REGULATIONS REPEALED

SEC. 12-01. All Statutes, Regulations and Laws, heretofore adopted, which are in conflict with these Statutes and Regulations, are hereby repealed.

### AMENDMENTS

SEC. 12-02. These Statutes and Regulations may be amended at any Annual Conclave by an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members present and voting, provided:

1. That if they shall have been revised by order of the Grand Commandery, the revisions may be adopted by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting, seriatim, then the whole by a two thirds vote.
2. That any proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing stating the current provisions and the proposed amendment. To the Grand Recorder's Office not less than ninety days before the Annual Conclave.
3. That the Grand Recorder shall inform the Constituent Commanderies in writing not less than thirty days before the Annual Conclave, stating the current provisions and the proposed amendment, and
4. That they shall have been read at the Annual Conclave and referred to and reported on by the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence. (1971)

SEC. 12-03. Standing Resolutions may be adopted, amended, or deleted at any Annual Conclave by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting, provided such shall have been read in open Conclave, referred to and reported on by the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence.

### STANDING RESOLUTIONS

#### **Resolution No. 1 COMMISSION ON YORK RITE UNITY**

RESOLVED: That the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of North Carolina join in the establishment of a Commission on York Rite Unity, by authorizing the appointment of a committee of three members, by the Grand Commander, to unite with three members each from the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in North Carolina and The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina.

PROVIDED FURTHER, That the Commission on York Rite Unity shall elect its own chairman, prepare plans for the closer union of the three York Rite Bodies, and recommend any necessary action that will enlarge and improve the development of York Rite Masonry in North Carolina.

#### **Resolution No. 2. DUES CARDS**

Be it Resolved, That the Grand Commandery, the Grand Council, and the Grand Chapter, unite



in the adoption of a joint or single dues card, which will certify to the holder's membership in all three York Rite Bodies, to be used only at those locations, which have all three Bodies and have the same person as Secretary-Recorder. (1968)

**Resolution No. 3. YORK RITE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Be it Resolved, That a York Rite Scholarship Fund be established by the three Grand York Rite Bodies of North Carolina; the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, hereafter referred to as Grand Chapter; the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in North Carolina, hereafter referred to as Grand Council; and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of North Carolina, hereafter referred to as the Grand Commandery.

The Fund is known as the North Carolina Grand York Rite Scholarship Fund, hereafter referred to as the Scholarship Fund.

That this Scholarship Fund be created for the purpose of assisting selected graduates of Oxford Orphanage, Oxford, North Carolina to continue their education beyond the High School level.

That the sense and purpose of this Resolution is to help worthy High School graduates of Oxford Orphanage to acquire a College Education; but that nothing herein contained or stated shall preclude the Scholarship Fund Committee from awarding pursuits other than strictly College Training; and that it would be preferable to allocate funds to one student in an amount to be sufficient and meaningful, rather than to spread the funds over several students and not achieve an effective aid and purpose for any one student.

That a Scholarship Fund Committee, hereafter referred to as the Committee, consisting of five members be selected to administer the Scholarship Fund; one each to be elected from the Grand Chapter, the Grand Council, and the Grand Commandery; and that the first member elected shall serve for a term of three years; the second member elected shall serve for a term of two years; and the third member elected shall serve for a term of one year; and that each year thereafter, one member shall be elected by the respective Grand Body for a period of three years.

That the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Grand Treasurer of the Grand York Rite Bodies shall be ex officio members of the Committee.

That these two persons, together with the three elected members shall constitute the entire Committee.

That within ninety days after adoption of this Resolution the Committee shall assemble, elect their own Chairman, and other officers, whom it deems necessary, promulgate rules, policies and guidelines for the effective conduct of its business, consistent with this Resolution.

That the Committee shall have the power to receive contributions, invest same, and otherwise manage and administer this Scholarship Fund.

Those contributions may be accepted from any donor, but contributions may be solicited only from the membership and organizations of the York Rite of Freemasonry.

That contributions made to this Scholarship Fund, together with accrued earnings thereto, shall constitute the entire Scholarship Fund.

That only the earnings from contributions made shall be used to assist graduates of Oxford Orphanage to continue their education.

That when in the opinion of the Committee, earnings accruing to the Scholarship Fund are of sufficient amount, the Committee shall request the Administrative Officers of Oxford Orphanage to furnish a list of not less than three worthy graduates, from which list the Committee shall interview and select one or more worthy students to whom it may award scholarships in such amounts, and for such periods of time, as the Committee shall determine.

That the Committee shall, annually, render a report of its activities, and the status of the Scholarship Fund, to the Grand Chapter, the Grand Council and the Grand Commandery.

**Resolution No. 4. Obsolete.**

**Resolution No. 5. GREAT SMOKIES ASSEMBLY OF YORK RITE MASONS**

WHEREAS, The Grand Council has promoted a program of Summer Assemblies for more than 37 years, such programs in the beginning being strictly Council Programs, but more recently have become subjects of interest to Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery, and

WHEREAS, Grand Council has had the responsibility of promoting and financing these Summer Assemblies through the years, and

WHEREAS, Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery have for the last several years joined in the promotion of the principle of York Rite Unity in this Grand Jurisdiction to the extent, which has grown to be admired throughout the Nation, now

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery enter into a rotating sponsorship of the Great Smokies Assembly of York Rite Masons, beginning with Grand Commandery sponsorship in 1974, by Grand Chapter sponsorship in succession. HOWEVER, sponsorship does not mean that the Summer Assembly is to be conducted as Convocation of Grand Chapter, an Assembly of Grand Council or a Conclave of Grand Commandery. At the appointed hour the Presiding Officer of the Sponsoring Body shall call the meeting to order and proceed with the regular order of business or program. (1981)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the finances for the year be shared equally by the three Grand Bodies, including the cost of any repairs or additions to the Masonic Marker and at Black Camp Gap. (1995)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the rotation of responsibility for these Summer Assemblies shall in no way change the general format of these Summer Assemblies. It shall continue to be held in the Waynesville area of the Great Smoky Mountains; the program shall begin on the

second Sunday in July and continue through the following Monday and Tuesday; it shall include a pilgrimage to the Masonic Marker at Black Camp Gap; its programs shall promote York Rite Masonic Unity in this Jurisdiction, but more especially be designed to encourage and invite participation by other states to the end that the Summer Assembly may enjoy a vast concourse of Masonic scholars where ideas may be shared and genuine fellowship experienced by everyone. The above format of the Summer Assembly may be changed only by resolution proposed at an Annual Meeting of these Grand Bodies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the direct responsibility of the Summer Assembly Programs be invested in a Summer Assembly Committee consisting of four members, the Grand Secretary/Recorder, plus one appointee by the Grand High Priest, one appointee by the Illustrious Grand Master, and one by the Grand Commander.

Chairman of the Committee shall be invested in the appointee of the sponsoring body for the year involved. Also the Grand Presiding Officer of the sponsoring body shall be ex officio chairman. (1973)

**Resolution No. 6. AUTHORITY TO SELL AND/OR ASSIGN SECURITIES**

At the Annual Conclave of The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of North Carolina duly called and held in Asheville, North Carolina, on the 5th day of March, 1974, Quorum being present, it was on motion:

At the Annual Assembly of The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in North Carolina duly called and held in Asheville, North Carolina, on the 5th day of March, 1974, Quorum being present, it was on motion:

RESOLVED: That the following officers, namely, the Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Permanent Fund, acting jointly, be and hereby authorized and empowered to sell, assign and transfer any and all stocks, bonds, evidences of interest and/or indebtedness, rights, and options to acquire or to sell same, and all other securities, Corporate or otherwise, standing in the name of, or belonging to The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of North Carolina in any capacity. Adopted

**Resolution No. 7. "CANDIDATES FOR GRAND LINE OFFICES"**

Constituent Commanderies desiring to offer a member for election to the official line of Grand Commandery shall submit an outline of the qualifications of their candidate to the office of the Grand Recorder no later than December 15 prior to the Annual Conclave of the year involved, provided: the candidate shall have been endorsed by his constituent Commandery at a Stated Conclave in advance of the proposal. The outline shall be prepared upon forms furnished by the Grand Recorder, who shall distribute copies to all constituent Commanderies no later than 28 days before the Annual Conclave. The constituent Recorders shall bring the proposal before their membership no later than the stated Conclave immediately preceding the Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery. This Resolution shall not be considered as electioneering for office, which is prohibited. It is to assist selection of qualified officers. Further, in case of a vacancy by death or otherwise in Grand Commandery Line during the interval between December 15 and the

Annual Conclave, the Resolution shall not apply in filling such vacancy. (1978)

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**Resolution No. 8. "UNAFFILIATED AND NON-AFFILIATED KNIGHT TEMPLAR"**

Grand Commandery recognizes no distinction between the terms unaffiliated and nonaffiliated. If a Knight Templar is not a member of a regular constituent Commandery, he is nonaffiliated and not entitled to the rights, benefits or privileges of a Knight Templar. His only right shall be to apply for restoration in a regular Commandery. He shall not visit a constituent Commandery in this jurisdiction even though he may hold a proper Demit. Adopted March 28, 1983

**Resolution No. 9. "DEGREE OF KNIGHT CRUSADER OF THE CROSS"**

WHEREAS the Degree of Knight Crusader of The Cross is a beautiful and impressive Degree containing many valuable lessons, and  
WHEREAS this Degree is available in several States to Commanders and Past Commanders of the Order,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that since we now have the necessary information to start conferring the Order on those eligible to receive it, that the Grand Commandery of North Carolina authorize us to proceed as rapidly as possible to begin conferring this Order. In granting this authority, the Grand Commandery is not obligated in any way to any expense for the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Initiation Fee will be \$25.00, and all proceeds above actual expenses be sent to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, and that any Installed Commander or Past Commander be eligible to receive this Degree.

Each Constituent Commandery shall make an annual return to the Grand Commandery through the Grand Recorder, and shall pay with such return the sum of ten dollars and ninety cents (\$10.90) twenty one dollars and ninety cents (21.90) for each member on its rolls as of December 31st each year, plus the amount of any increase in per capita tax that may hereafter be levied by Grand Encampment for membership therein. (2004) (2014)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Grand Commandery of Florida remains the sole Copyright holder of the Order. Adopted March 28, 1983. (Fee increased March 27, 2006)

**Resolution No. 10 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (OBSOLETE)**

**Resolution No. 11**

**NORTH CAROLINA YORK RITE AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE**

Be it RESOLVED, That there be and there established, and shall be struck a medal to be awarded for exceptional service to the York Rite of Freemasonry be it awarded to a Royal Arch Mason, A Royal and Select Master or a Knights Templar and said medal to be known as "THE

YORK RITE AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE.”

That said medal may be awarded to local York Rite Masons, who have rendered exceptional service, it be as a member of a Degree Team, Property Man, Director of Degrees, or one who has proven himself for other devoted service. The local York Rite Body to determine the number of awards to be presented each.

The medal to be at the cost of the local bodies presenting them.

**Resolution No. 12 HUNTLEY/SPEIDEL TROPHY & AWARDS (2004)**

That the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of North Carolina establish and maintain a Wilbert F. Huntley Award and a Frederick G. Speidel Award. The Commandery with the highest total points each year will be the recipient of the Wilbert F. Huntley Award and the Commandery with the greatest increase of points from the previous year will be the recipient of the Frederick G, Speidel Award.

That a Trophy and Awards Committee of the three members be appointed at each annual Conclave to promote and administrate the Awards. The Grand Commander will appoint the Chairman.

That the Finance and Budget Committee provide an amount of funds to purchase the trophies and certificates.

Note: A Scoring Criteria instruction sheet is attached to explain the method to determine the recipients.

A motion was made by Kirby Matthews, Deputy Grand Commander, which was seconded and passed to add the following to the “Scoring Criteria”: 5 Points for newly Certified or Re-Certified Instructor-Inspectors.

Resolution adopted (2004)

**Resolution No. 13 PER CAPITA INCREASE**

SEC. 5-01.1.C.. Each Constituent Commandery shall make an annual return to the Grand Commandery through the Grand Recorder, and shall pay with such return the sum twenty one dollars and ninety cents (21.90) for each member on its rolls as of December 31st each year, plus the amount of any increase in per capita tax that may hereafter be levied by Grand Encampment for membership therein. (2014) (The payment of this amount of per capita is effective for the year ~~2005~~ 2015, payable in January, 2016.) (2014)