

**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF INDIANA**

**Laws of the
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar
of Indiana**

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TITLE

SECTION 400: This Grand Body shall be known and designated as “The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana.”

CONCLAVE

SECTION 402: The Grand Commandery shall hold a Stated Conclave annually; preferably, but not limited to, the last week of April or the first week of May; commencing at eight o'clock a.m. at a location to be determined by the Grand Commander with the consent of the committee on Templar Jurisprudence; and provided further that all invitations to hold the next Annual Conclave in any City shall be referred to the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence for its action and recommendation; and that the Grand Commander-elect shall appoint a Committee composed of five Knights Templar to make arrangements for the next annual Conclave; and that an appropriation shall be made from the funds of the Grand Commandery for the purposes of paying the expenses of said Annual Conclave; and that an accounting of said funds shall be made to the Grand Commander and the Grand Commandery. *(April 2019)*

ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL CONCLAVE

SECTION 404: It is the duty of each Constituent Commandery to be represented at each Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery by the Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General or their proxies as provided by law. *(See Grand Encampment Section 67)*

REPRESENTATION BY PROXY

SECTION 406: Any Representative of a Commandery to the Grand Commandery may appoint in writing, another member of said Commandery in his place and stead, as a Representative of such Commandery, but such proxy Representative does not thereby become a member of the Grand Commandery.

RULES OF ORDER

SECTION 408: After the convening of the Grand Commandery, the following rules of order shall be substantially observed.

SESSION:

1. Report of Committee on Credentials
2. The reading of the Journal by the Grand Recorder and action thereon by the Grand Commandery.
3. The announcement by the Grand Commander of the appointments of Committees.
4. Address and report of the Grand Commander.
5. Report of Committee on Jurisprudence referring different parts of the Grand Commander's Address to Special Committees.
6. Announcement of Special Committees.
7. Report of Committee on Credentials.
8. Report of the Grand Recorder.
9. Report of the Grand Treasurer.
10. Report of Committees.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Election of officers.
13. Unfinished business.
14. Miscellaneous business.
15. Appointment of committees by the Grand Commander-elect. *(April 2019)*

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DEBATE**

SECTION 410: No Knight Templar shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same subject, unless by special permission of the Grand Commander first obtained; provided, however, that the member who opens the debate may close it.

NOMINATIONS-ELECTIONS

SECTION 412: The elected officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana shall be:

1. Right Eminent Grand Commander
2. Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
3. Eminent Grand Generalissimo
4. Eminent Grand Captain General
5. Eminent Grand Senior Warden
6. Eminent Grand Junior Warden
7. Eminent Grand Treasurer
8. Eminent Grand Recorder
9. Three Grand Trustees

Each such officer shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana in lawful session.

Where more than one name is in nomination the election shall be by ballot and where one name is in nomination the election may be by acclamation.

In putting names in nomination, no nominating speeches shall be made further than to give the name of the nominee, his residence, his business, his church affiliation, and the Commandery of which he is a member.

The Eminent Grand Prelate shall be appointed by the newly elected Right Eminent Grand Commander prior to his installation.

All officers elected or appointed, shall be installed as soon after their election as practicable, and before entering upon the duties of their respective offices.

The Grand Commander may appoint an Eminent Grand Standard Bearer, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer, Eminent Grand Warder, and Eminent Grand Sentinel. The duties of such appointed officers shall be at the discretion of the Right Eminent Grand Commander. Their appointment shall terminate at the discretion of the Grand Commander or, if no such action is taken, at the adjournment of the Annual Conclave following their appointment. No Past Grand Rank shall accrue to a member by virtue of such temporary appointment. (April 2009)

DIGEST-ADVANCE REPORTS

SECTION 414: Within two weeks following the date of adjournment of a Grand Commandery Conclave, the Grand Commander shall require the Grand Recorder to prepare a complete digest and informative summary of all transactions of the Conclave, as a general order or bulletin, and provide a copy thereof to. (1) The Recorder of each constituent Commandery and (2) each officer and past officer of the Grand Commandery

The Grand Commander shall require the Grand Recorder to print the annual reports of the Grand Commander, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, and Educational Foundation Committee, in advance of the convening of the Grand Commandery and cause a copy thereof to be distributed to each member of that body registering for attendance upon the Conclave. Each of said officers and committees shall have a copy of their respective reports in the hands of the Grand Recorder for such printing and distribution not less than thirty days in advance of the date of the Annual

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Conclave at which said reports are to be presented. *(April 2016)*

DUTIES OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

SECTION 500: In addition to the prescribed in *Section 48* of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, the Grand Commander shall attend and preside over all Conclaves of the Grand Commandery, preserve strict order and discipline, put all questions and motions made and seconded, decide all questions of order, sign the proceedings of the Grand Commandery when properly drawn up, and in person or by proxy, duly constitute and dedicate newly chartered Commanderies, install the officers of the same and the officers of the Grand Commandery.

ANNUAL REPORT

SECTION 502: At each Annual Conclave, he shall make a written report to the Grand Commandery of his official acts and doings, and such other matters as he may deem necessary; provided that such report shall be provided to each member of the Jurisprudence Committee ten days prior to the Annual Conclave. *(April 2016)*

APPOINT COMMITTEES

SECTION 504: The Grand Commander shall appoint all of the committees required by the Laws of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana. Such appointments shall conform to all of the requirements of these laws pertaining to appointments of particular Sir Knights, Officers, or Past Officers, not excluding the committee on Jurisprudence. He may also appoint any other committees he may consider useful and appropriate. Unless otherwise provided, service on committees is at the pleasure of the Grand Commander. Notwithstanding any other provision of these laws, the Grand Commander may remove any member of a committee for cause in a manner consistent with laws and regulations applicable to officers. *(April 2004)*

TAKE POSSESSION OF EFFECTS OF DELINQUENT COMMANDERIES

SECTION 506: It is the special duty of the Grand Commander to take possession of the Charter and effects of any delinquent Commandery, the Charter of which may be arrested, and to hold the same subject to the order of the Grand Commandery.

APPOINT GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

SECTION 508: The appointment of all Grand Representatives from this Grand Jurisdiction shall be declared vacated in all cases where there have been two consecutive absences from roll call of any Grand Representative, unless the Grand Commander should decide to the contrary.

BONDS OF GRAND OFFICERS AND OFFICERS OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

SECTION 510: The Grand Commander shall see that the Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer, Treasurer of the Educational Foundation, Recorder and Treasurer of Constituent Commanderies be bonded, as may be required by the Grand Commandery, and he shall be custodian of such bonds; in case of malfeasance in office of any such officer he shall see that proper legal action is taken upon the bond given by such officer, provided, that the bonds required by Grand Officers and the Officers of constituent Commanderies may be in the form of a blanket bond covering all officers of the Grand Commandery and of its constituent Commanderies.

DUTIES OF GRAND TREASURER

SECTION 520: It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to attend the Conclaves of the Grand Commandery with the books, papers, etc., of his office, in order to make settlement with the Grand Commandery, and pay such orders as may be drawn upon him by the Grand Recorder.

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KEEP RECORD OF RECEIPTS

SECTION 522: It is the duty of the Grand Treasurer to receive all moneys from the hands of the Grand Recorder, and give his receipt therefor, making do entries of the same in a book to be kept for such purpose.

MAKE ANNUAL REPORT

SECTION 524: He shall, on the first day of each Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, report in writing a full account of all moneys received and paid out by him during the year, stating particularly the balance, if any, remaining on hand. At the expiration of his term of office, he shall deliver over to his successor all moneys, books, papers and other property that may be in his hands or under his control as such Grand Treasurer, or for which he is accountable.

DUTIES OF GRAND RECORDER

ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS NOTICES OF AMMENDMENTS

SECTION 540: The Grand Recorder, in addition to the duties prescribed by the Grand Encampment, shall attend all Conclaves of the Grand Commandery, keep a true and faithful record of its proceedings transcribing such proceedings at length in a book to be kept for that purpose, furnish a copy thereof and superintend the printing of the same immediately after the closing of each Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, and perform such clerical duties as may pertain to his office or may be required of him, which shall include the preparation and furnishing of correction slips to these BY-LAWS, one to be furnished each officer of the Grand Commandery, the Commander of each Constituent Commandery, and each member of the Jurisprudence Committee.

ANNUAL SETTLEMENT

SECTION 544: He shall have his books, papers, accounts, etc, present at each Annual Conclave in order for settlement with the Grand Commandery.

CHARTER RECORD, ETC.

SECTION 546: He shall keep a book in which he shall have recorded a copy of all Charters of new Commanderies that may be issued by authority of the Grand Commandery and procure and keep all other books and stationery necessary for his office and the use of the Grand Commandery.

COLLECT MONEYS

SECTION 548: He shall collect all moneys due the Grand Commandery and pay the same over to the Grand Treasurer within thirty days thereafter, taking his receipt therefor.

GET RETURNS FROM COMMANDERIES

SECTION 550: He shall receive the returns and make settlements with the several Commanderies, and lay the same, from time to time, before the Grand Commandery.

SEND PROCEEDINGS TO REVIEWER

SECTION 552: He shall receive and regularly transmit to the Reviewer, of the Grand Encampment, all reports, printed proceedings and matters pertaining to correspondence.

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SECTION 554: He shall, on first day of each Annual Conclave, report, in writing, a full and clear statement of all moneys received and paid over to the Grand Treasurer, all orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer, specifically stating the amount, if any, remaining unappropriated; all amounts due and unpaid from Commanderies, and the length of time any Commandery may not have been represented in the Grand Commandery

NOTICES OF SPECIAL CONCLAVES

SECTION 556: He shall issue notice to each Grand Officer, Past Grand Officer and to the Commander of each chartered Commandery of this Grand Jurisdiction of each Special Conclave of the Grand Commandery, at least ten days in advance thereof, which notice shall include the time and place where such Conclave is to be held and the business to be brought before the Grand Commandery at such Conclave.

WARRANTS AND SEAL

SECTION 558: He shall make out and sign all orders 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.

PROPERTY OF GRAND COMMANDERY

SECTION 560: He shall keep all books, jewels, charts, furniture and other property belonging to the Grand Commandery, that may not be placed in the hands of other Grand Officers, and at the expiration of his term of office shall deliver over to his successor all property, or other matters in his hands, belonging to the Grand Commandery.

TRANSMIT COPIES OF PROCEEDINGS

SECTION 562: He shall transmit to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment one printed copy of the proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Indiana each year. He shall notify each Past Grand Commander, each line officer of the Grand Commandery and each Recorder of a Constituent Commandery by electronic form of communication that a current digital file is available on the Grand Commandery web site that can be downloaded or printed off in hard copy form. A request for a hard copy may be submitted to the Grand Recorder for a nominal fee, based on cost of printing charges and postage. *(April 2019)*

TRANSMIT COPIES OF OUR STATUTES

SECTION 564: He shall transmit to the Grand Master, the Grand Recorder, and the Grand Reviewer of the Grand Encampment of the United States and each Past Grand Commander and each line officer of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, one copy of the Statues and Regulations adopted by this Grand Commandery; also one copy thereof to each Commander and Recorder of each constituent Commandery of the State of Indiana, the same to be transmitted by such officers to their respective successors in office at the time of their installation.

GENERAL

SECTION 566: He shall perform such other duties as may pertain to his office as Grand Recorder, together with those that may be assigned by the Grand Commandery.

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DUTIES OF GRAND OFFICERS

SECTION 579: (433) The Duty of all other officers of the Grand Commandery shall be as are fixed by the Ritual and that may be fixed by the Grand Commandery and the Grand Encampment. *(April 2006)*

SEAL

SECTION 600: The Seal of the Grand Commandery shall consist of a circle, two inches in diameter, around the margin of which shall be engraved the words "Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, State of Indiana," and within the circle shall be delineated a nine-pointed star, in the center of which shall be a passion cross entwined by a serpent, with the words "In Hoc Signo Vinces," surrounding the cross.

FISCAL YEAR

SECTION 605: The fiscal year of the Grand Commandery shall begin on April 1st of year and close on March 31st of the following year.

REVENUES

SECTION 610: The revenues of the Grand Commandery shall consist of:

1. Fees for Charters issued to Commanderies within its jurisdiction, which shall be \$100.00.
2. A fee of \$20.00 for each Knight Templar created therein. *(April 2010)*
3. An annual per capita as approved each year at the preceding annual Grand Conclave, plus such annual per capita amount as shall from time to time be assessed by the Grand Encampment, KT, USA., upon each member thereof, and *(April 2006)*
4. All fees and dues that may be charged to or provided to be paid by the Commanderies and the members thereto to the Grand Commandery, all of which shall be paid on or before the 1st day of February each year; also said revenues shall consist of interest and profits on deposits and invested funds. Provided, that Commanderies may remit by vote at a Stated Conclave the dues of any member having attained a record of 50 years as a Knight Templar and the Commandery shall not be required to pay Grand Commandery dues upon such members whose dues shall be thus remitted. Nor shall the Commandery be required to pay to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation the assessment upon those members whose dues were remitted because of their inability to pay dues. *(Section 19 Grand Encampment 1961)* The Commandery shall be required to pay to the Grand Commandery the annual Knights Templar Eye Foundation assessment upon those members whose dues were remitted because of 50 years of membership. *(April 2006)*
5. A Commandery Under Dispensation, shall not be required to pay the Grand Commandery assessments for the membership thereof. *(April 2019)*

SECTION 611: An assessment equal to \$1.00 per member is hereby levied annually, upon each Constituent Commandery of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana as said membership may appear on the first day of January 1957, and the first day of January each year thereafter, the same to be collected from said Constituent Commanderies and payable to the Grand Recorder of this Grand Commandery and by him paid over to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States as provided by the rules governing said Eye Foundation Fund.

SECTION 612: The Purpose of the Permanent Investment Fund of this Grand Commandery is to partially finance the operations of this Grand Commandery.

The permanent and un-expendable portion of the fund shall be \$279,096.00 as of December 31, 2005 plus all per capita fees and contributions contributed to the fund after that date.

Each year, beginning with the 2007-2008 Grand Commandery year, the permanent fund shall transfer as necessary to the general fund, for operations, up to five percent (5%) of the fund effective December 31st of each year. Except that such transfer shall be limited to total return on investment earned (net income) and shall not include any of the

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unexpendable portions of the fund as described above, the previous calendar year end value of the permanent fund except that such transfer shall be limited as follows. The maximum annual transfer shall be no more than the amount that would reduce the permanent fund as of the previous calendar year end to the permanent, un-expendable balance of the fund. *(May 2016)*

Further, effective with the year ended December 31, 2020 the permanent and un-expendable portion of the fund shall be increased 2% per year to compensate for inflation. This commitment is made in exchange for a significant permanent and un-expendable contribution from the 67th Triennial Corporation to the fund. *(August 2020)*

SUPERVISE FINANCES

SECTION 620: The Grand Commandery shall supervise the condition of the finances, and adopt such measures in relation thereto, as may be necessary to increase, secure, and preserve the same, also to insure the utmost fidelity and punctuality on the part of every officer, in the safe keeping and paying of the funds delivery of the property of the Grand Commandery.

PREMIUMS ON BONDS

SECTION 625: The premium on all official bonds required by this Grand Commandery shall be paid out of the Treasury of the Grand Commandery on an order drawn thereon by the Grand Recorder and approved by the Grand Commander.

AUDIT OF BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS

SECTION 630: At the close of each fiscal year, the Grand Commander, the Grand Recorder, and the Grand Treasurer shall select a Certified Public Accountant to issue an audit, review, or compilation report on the financial statements of the Grand Commandery, together with any related reports. The Certified Public Accountant shall at a minimum be directed to, and shall perform, procedures to establish the existence at year-end of all cash and investments.

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GRAND RECORDER

SECTION 650: The Grand Recorder shall receive for his services as such, when faithfully performed, an annual salary as designated and adopted in the Annual Budget presented to each Annual Conclave. This is to be paid on his own order to be drawn upon the Grand Treasurer.

GRAND TREASURER

SECTION 651: The Grand Treasurer shall receive for his services as such, when faithfully performed, an annual amount as designed and adopted in the Annual Budget presented at each Annual Conclave.

GRAND COMMANDER

SECTION 652: The Grand Commander shall receive an amount as designed and adopted in the Annual Budget presented at each Annual Conclave, as is necessary to supplement in his expenses in the discharge of his duties as Grand Commander.

REPRESENTATIVES, ECT, AT GRAND ENCAMPMENT CONCLAVES

SECTION 654: The Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo and the Grand Captain General or their proxies are the official Representatives of this Grand Commandery and are required to attend the

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Triennial as such and will have all Transportation, Registration fees and Lodging paid from the Triennial Fund referenced in Section 725.

Each Past Grand Commander who shall be in attendance at, and representing this Grand Commandery, is responsible for their own Registration Fees and Lodging at the Triennial, and shall be entitled to receive from the funds in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Commandery a per diem as outlined in Section 725, also the further sum allowed by the IRS (Charitable Organization) per mile for each mile necessarily traveled by the most direct route from a place in Indiana going to and returning from such Conclaves. If the use of commercial transportation is used (flying, train, bus) will cover the cost of using "coach or economy",

PROVIDED, that a past officer of the Grand Commandery, who is already a member of the Grand Encampment, acting as a proxy for an officer of the Grand Commandery to the Grand Encampment shall not receive dual payments for per diem and mileage for attending the Conclaves of the Grand Encampment as such proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES AT THE FUNERAL OF GRAND OFFICER OR PGC

SECTION 655: Upon the death of any Grand Officer or any Past Grand Commander of this Grand Jurisdiction, the Grand Commander may, when being informed of such death, appoint two Past Grand Commanders who, with himself, shall represent the Grand Commandery of Indiana at the funeral of such deceased Sir Knight, and upon filing with the Grand Recorder an itemized account of expenses incurred by such representatives, the Grand Recorder shall draw warrants on the Grand Treasurer for the respective amounts, payable to said representatives.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FUND

SECTION 660: Whereas voluntary contributions to the W.M.A. Club (Willard M. Avery Club) were received from individuals to help finance the 54th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America convened at Indianapolis, Indiana, August 11-16, 1979:

Whereas the voluntary contributions were not needed to meet the expenses of the conclave as sufficient revenue was received from other sources:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that \$13,321.68 of the W.M.A. Voluntary contributions, plus any accrued interest thereon, be transferred for the use of the Membership Committee, and \$10,000.00 thereof be invested in a permanent fund to be known as the "W.M.A. Membership Development Reserve Fund" and the interest income derived therefrom be used only for membership development. *(Adopted 1980)* Be repealed:

And that the \$10,000 permanent portion of the Membership development fund be transferred to the Grand Commandery Permanent Fund and included as part of that permanent un-expendable fund. And that any expendable funds in the Membership fund (the amount in excess of \$10,000) be transferred to the general funds of the Grand Commandery. *(Adopted August 2020)*

PAST GRAND COMMANDER'S JEWEL

SECTION 675:

- (A) Each year at the Annual Stated Conclave of the Grand Commandery, the outgoing Grand Commander may be awarded a Past Grand Commander's jewel. The presentation of the jewel shall impress upon the recipient that the jewel is the property of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana and upon the termination of his membership therein is to be returned to that organization. (April 2009)
- (B) Each recipient shall sign a statement that the jewel is to be returned to the Grand Commandery of Indiana, and his wife will also sign. Jewels presently in use (1988) may be placed in the same category by the Past Grand Commander signing the same statement. The recipient has the privilege and right to purchase the Past Grand Commander's jewel at cost at the time of issue.

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FORM OF PAST GRAND COMMANDER'S JEWEL AGREEMENT

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana:

According to the Indiana Laws of Templar Masonry, the Past Grand Commander's jewel issued to me remains the property of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana and is to be returned to that organization upon the termination of my membership therein.

My wife and I both concur in this agreement and signify our acceptance to these terms by signing this agreement below.

Husband

Wife

Dated at __, Indiana, this _ day of __, 20

And that it be also provided that all Past Grand Commanders completing their terms of office after 1994 be asked to sign revised agreements. *(April 2009)*

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PLAN

SECTION 680:

Whereby Section 680 of the Indiana Grand Commandery Laws refers to the Life Membership Plan {LIFE ANNUITY MEMBERSHIP PLAN} of Indiana Commanderies was initiated as part of our laws in 1991 and whereas the final burden to the Commanderies continue to grow, and whereas the number of new members has decreased.

Be it resolved that Section 680 of the Indiana Grand Commandery Law discontinue enrollments effective April 25, 2014.

- (A) NAME OF PLAN. The name of this plan shall be "Life Membership Plan" of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana, hereinafter, sometimes referred to as the "plan."
- (B) QUALIFIED KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAY PARTICIPATE. Any Knight Templar in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year in a Commandery may become a participant in the plan. Such person is hereafter sometimes referred to as a "qualified Knight Templar".
- (C) ADMINISTRATION of the plan. The plan shall be administered by the Grand Trustees, in accordance with the provisions of the Grand Encampment and Indiana Statutes as a separate fund.
- (D) DETERMINATION OF PURCHASE PRICE. The purchase price shall be determined by multiplying the current Commandery dues times a factor, which is determined by the age of the qualified Knight Templar on December 31 of the year the application, is received by the Grand Recorder. The Commandery dues is defined as the amount of money collected yearly from each member of a Commandery, which includes a combination of the Commandery operating dues and the Grand Commandery per capita tax. The Commandery dues definition does not include special assessments for a Commandery. The Grand Commandery per capita tax

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will either include or exclude the \$1.00 Eye Foundation assessment, depending upon whether or not the applicant is a Life Sponsor in the Eye Foundation.

Members Attainment of Age	Factor
21-32	28
33-41	26
42-48	24
49-54	22
55-60	20 61-63
	17
64 and older	14

a. (Revised & effective April 30, 1999)

- (E) PAYMENT OF PURCHASE PRICE.** The purchase price of a Life Membership shall be paid in a single sum at the time of application.
- (F) REVISION OR DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAN BY GRAND COMMANDERY.** The Grand Commandery of Indiana may revise the purchase price or other provisions of the plan, or it may discontinue the plan, provided however, the purchase price or other provisions may not be revised or the plan discontinued for any existing fully enrolled participant, if the plan is in effect in the Grand Commandery of Indiana except as hereinafter noted, and any such revision or discontinuance of adoption of the plan by the Grand Commandery shall only be effective after filing a resolution with the Grand Recorder 60 days prior to the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, 30 days written notice thereof by the Grand Recorder to each Constituent Commandery Recorder, and adoption at the Annual Conclave by three-fourths, affirmative vote of those delegates present.
- (G) APPLICATION BY OR FOR A QUALIFIED KNIGHT TEMPLAR.** A qualified Knight Templar may purchase a Life Membership or any person or persons or any Commandery may purchase a Life Membership for a qualified Knight Templar, by submitting the following to the Commandery Recorder: A completed application, in duplicate, on a form prescribed by the Grand Trustees and by the required payment in full, as determined in Section d. The Commandery Recorder shall promptly transmit the duplicated application form, with the required payment, to the Grand Recorder.
- (H) EFFECTIVE DATE OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP.** Upon receipt by the Grand Recorder of the copy of the duplicated application form and the required payment, then the applying Knight Templar shall become a participant in the plan through the Grand Commandery. The Life must be purchased and submitted to the Grand Recorder on or before November 30 in order for the plan to go into effect the following year.
- (I) CERTIFICATION OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP.** Upon receipt of the full purchase price by the Grand Recorder, he shall issue a Certificate of Life Membership to the participant. Such certificate shall be signed by the Grand Commander, attested by the Grand Recorder under the seal of the Grand Commandery. The Grand Recorder shall forward such certificate to the Commandery Recorder for proper presentation.
- (J) DELIVERY OF PAYMENTS BY GRAND RECORDER TO GRAND TRUSTEES.** The Grand Recorder will receive only fully paid applications. All payments which he is authorized to receive shall be promptly delivered to the Grand Trustees.
- (K) PAYMENT BY GRAND RECORDER.** On payment of per capita to the Grand Commandery each year, after the year in which the participant became a member of the plan, the Grand Recorder shall rebate to the participant's Commandery the amount of the existing dues and assessments, as defined in Section (d). Once a qualified Knight Templar becomes a 50-year member of the Commandery, the Grand Recorder will stop

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payment of the existing dues to that Commandery from the Life Membership plan since the member's dues are automatically remitted. (April 2008)

- (L) PER CAPITA TAX OR DUES INCREASES OR DECREASES:** Future increases or decreases in the Grand Commandery per capita tax or participant's Commandery operating dues shall have no effect upon the payments made by the Grand Trustees to the local Commandery. If the local Commandery dues have changed after the applicant became a life member, the Grand Trustees will pay the amount of current Commandery dues, not the amount of the Commandery dues when the application became effective.
- (M) REFUNDS DISCIPLINARY ACTION** No refunds shall be made from the plan to any participant or to any other person, estate or any Commandery for any reason, as death, demit, expulsion, or suspension No participant shall be exempt from disciplinary action as provided in the Indiana Statutes. In the event of the suspension or expulsion of a participant, the Grand Trustees shall discontinue to pay to the participant's Commandery any amounts which would have been paid had the participant not been suspended or expelled Any participant who has been suspended and subsequently reinstated shall also have his Life Membership reinstated.
- (N) DUES CARDS** On or before January 1 of each year, the Recorder of a participant's Commandery shall issue a regular dues card without any special designation to the participant with a full paid membership, as long as he is in good standing in his Commandery.
- (O) PLURAL MEMBERSHIP IN ANOTHER INDIANA COMMANDERY** A qualified Knight Templar may purchase a Life Membership in any Commandery in which he holds regular membership, or he may purchase Life Membership in one Commandery and be a regular dues paying member in another Commandery.
- (P) TRANSFER OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP FROM COMMANDERY TO ANOTHER COMMANDERY** Upon written notification of the qualified Knight Templar to the Grand Recorder, a Life Membership in one Commandery may be transferred to a Life Membership in another Indiana Commandery in the event that two or more Commanderies consolidate, the Life Membership of the participant shall be transferred to the Commandery whose charter remains in effect.
- (Q) SURRENDER OF CHARTER** In the event of the surrender of a charter of a participant's Commandery, any amounts which would have been payable by the Grand Trustees to the participant's Commandery shall be paid to the Grand Commandery General Fund until the participant affiliates with another Indiana Commandery, after which date all future payments by the Grand Trustees will be made to the Commandery with which the participant has affiliated.
- (R) MEMBERSHIP IN A NON-INDIANA COMMANDERY** If a participant holds or acquires a membership in a non-Indiana Commandery, no payments shall be made by the Grand Trustees from the fund to such nonIndiana Commandery.
- (S) GRAND TRUSTEES TO ACCOUNT** It shall be the responsibility of the Grand Trustees to hold and administer such assets of the plan as may be transmitted to their keeping and to distribute earning in accordance with provisions of the plan The Grand Trustees shall maintain adequate records of the payments for each participant in the plan and may pay all necessary costs of such administration from earnings on assets held Provided, also, that should excess plan earnings be insufficient, costs of administration shall be paid from general revenues of the Grand Commandery The Grand Trustees are empowered to employ such persons or services as necessary for the administration of the plan without further approval from all standard accounting practices in the maintenance of the records of the plan, and the plan shall be audited annually by such outside accounting firm as may be approved by the Grand Commandery or the Executive Committee thereof At the annual Conclave, the Grand Trustees shall submit a written report of their administration of the plan together with the audit report.

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- (T) **GRAND TRUSTEES TO INVEST** Funds held by the Grand Trustees for the plan shall be invested so as to gain maximum return commensurate with absolute safety of principal and shall be limited to obligations of the United States Government or fully insured deposits of a commercial bank or savings and loan association domiciled in the State of Indiana.
- (U) **GRAND TRUSTEES TO DISTRIBUTE EXCESS REVENUE** In the event that the plan shall produce income in excess of the amounts actuarially necessary to meet projected plan obligations, the Grand Trustees may recommend to the Grand Commandery that amounts be distributed from the fund Provided, however, that such distributions shall be made only upon approval of the Grand Commandery at the Annual Conclave and provided further that an analysis to determine such excess funds shall be made and reported to the Grand Commandery at least every five years.
- (V) **GRAND TRUSTEES TO PRESCRIBE RULES AND REGULATIONS** The Grand Trustees may and shall prescribe such rules and regulations as shall be necessary or desirable for administration of the plan; provided that no such rules or regulations shall be in conflict or contrary to any express provision of the statutes, bylaws and regulations of the Grand Encampment, the Grand Commandery or civil law Such rules and regulations may be overridden only by two-thirds vote of official delegates at an Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery.
- (W) **GRAND TRUSTEES MAY DELEGATE;** The Grand Recorder shall have such authority and perform such duties with respect to the administration of the plan as are provided in the plan, and as may be delegated to him by the Grand Trustees, also, that nothing shall preclude the Grand Trustees from delegating both administration of the plan and investment of the plan assets to legally-chartered bank or trust company in a fiduciary capacity under the laws of the State of Indiana. *(April 2013)*

SECTION 700: COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

SECTION 705: The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence shall be composed of a Chairman and a minimum of four (4) members. It shall meet preceding the Annual Conclave and on such other days as may be necessary. *(April 2016)*

The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence shall examine all propositions to revise, alter or amend Templar Laws, ByLaws and General Regulations, as well as all questions of Templar Laws and usage; approve or reject the appointments made by the Grand Commander of Inspectors General and Deputy Inspectors General; assist the Grand Commander in fixing the time and place of holding the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery when necessary; consider all matters involved in the Grand Commander's address and report, and recommend the parts thereof that should be referred to special committees examine the Reports of the Reviewer and Inspector General and report its action to the Grand Commandery. *(April 2013)*

FINANCE COMMITTEE

SECTION 710: The Finance Committee shall be composed of three members who shall be appointed by the Grand Commander beginning with the year 1953. He shall appoint one member for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years. Upon the expiration of the term of each member so appointed, and each year thereafter, the Grand Commander shall appoint one member for a full term of three years. Said Committee shall, at the call of the Grand Commander, meet with the Grand Commander, the Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer, to consider matters pertaining to its duties as set forth heretofore. *(April 2013)*

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It shall be the duty of the Committee on Finance to carefully examine all claims for allowances, and appropriations, presented to the Grand Commandery; to investigate, consider and make recommendations upon all matters referred to it, affecting or relating to the finance of the Grand Commandery; to have general oversight of all matters affecting such finances and to make such recommendations from time to time therein as to such committee shall seem beneficial and appropriate, including the preparation of an annual budget to be presented at each Annual Conclave.

TRUSTEES

SECTION 715: Any securities or investments of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana, upon the majority action of the Trustees, may be sold, exchanged, or otherwise disposed of, and the Trustees shall have full authority to authorize the assignment of such investments as may be in registered form, and such Board of Trustees, acting with the Knight Templar Educational Foundation, Indiana Division, shall authority to sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of any such security or investments as may be the property of the Knight Templar Educational Foundation, Indiana Division, and to authorize the assignment of such securities and investments as may be in registered form.

The Trustees of the Grand Commandery shall be three in number and shall be elected for three-year terms with one being elected each year. Trustees shall have served as Grand Commander, provided however, that following the passage of this legislation (1990) no Past Grand Commander shall be elected who is at the time of his election serving as either Grand Recorder or Grand Treasurer. The Eminent Grand Recorder and the Eminent Grand Treasurer shall be full voting members by reason of their respective offices. These five (5) Sir Knights collectively shall constitute the Board of Trustees of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

SECTION 720: All matters of controversy and grievances brought before the Grand Commandery shall be referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, whose duty it shall be to examine into the same and report for the action of the Grand Commandery.

TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

SECTION 725: At the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, next succeeding the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, the incoming Grand Commander shall appoint a Triennial Committee, composed of three members. Said Committee shall be charged with the duties of creating a budget with the approval of the Grand Trustees, for making all necessary arrangements for quarters for the Grand Commander and the delegates thereof to the Triennial of the Grand Encampment and shall prepare and have in charge the receptions and entertainment given by the Grand Commandery during such Triennial and shall arrange for the necessary transportation going to and returning from said Triennial for the purpose of attending any Triennial Conclave. Each Commandry requesting assistance will be responsible for the cost of their transportation and their lodging and meals.

Said committee shall appoint one of its members as Treasurer thereof who shall be covered by the blanket bond of the Grand Commandery. At the Annual Conclave next succeeding a Triennial Conclave, said committee shall make a written report of its actions and file therewith an itemized statement of the moneys expended by it. The members of the Committee shall receive like mileage and per diem for attending the Triennial Conclave as is received by the representatives of the Grand Commandery, but no one shall receive both mileage and per diem as a member of a Grand Encampment Committee and as a the Grand Commandery Representative.

The voting delegates attending the Triennial shall receive a mileage allowance, shortest distance from their home at the rate allowed by the IRS (Charitable Organization) and a per diem of \$45.00 per day for attending the Triennial Conclave. If commercial transportation is used (flying, train, bus) will cover the cost of using "coach", "economy" if the Triennial city is of a 12-hour drive or more. But no one shall receive both mileage and per diem as a member of a Grand Encampment Committee and as a Grand Commandery Representative.

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CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

SECTION 730: The returns of the Commanderies and the credentials of the Representatives shall be referred to the Committee on Credentials, who shall report the name of each Representative and proxy present, with the name and number of the Commandery he may represent, together with the names of all Past Commanders, giving the names and numbers of their respective Commanderies, the names of all Past Grand Commanders and the name of all Grand Representatives in attendance.

VISITING SIR KNIGHTS COMMITTEE

SECTION 732: The Committee to examine and entertain Visiting Sir Knights shall perform the duties of their appointment according to the established usage of Templar Masonry.

PAYROLL COMMITTEE

SECTION 734: Removed (*April 2013*)

COMMITTEE ON COMPETITIVE DRILLS

SECTION 736: The Committee on Competitive Drills shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Grand Commander for a term of one year. It shall be the duty of this Committee to encourage and assist Constituent Commanderies to organize and train drill teams; to invite the participation of such drill teams in competitive drills; to organize and conduct competitive drills in connection with annual Conclaves to prepare appropriate drill schedules for the several classes of teams to be entered in the competition to recommend qualified persons for appointment as judges of competitive drills; to procure, with the approval of the Grand Commandery, suitable trophies and to award the same to drill teams who achieve the highest scores in the competitive drills; to encourage and assist drill teams who have proven their qualifications in state competition, to enter the competitive drills conducted by the Grand Encampment in connection with its Triennial Conclaves It shall be the purpose of this committee to stimulate greater interest in Templar Masonry by increasing the proficiency and skill of Officers and Knights through active participation in Templar drills

UNFINISHED BUSINESS COMMITTEE

SECTION 738: It shall be the duty of the Committee on Unfinished Business to examine and report from the journal of the previous Annual Conclave all such matters as were then pending and undetermined.

NECROLOGY COMMITTEE

SECTION 740: The Committee on Necrology shall consist of three members to be appointed for one year. The Grand Prelate shall be its chairman. It shall prepare and submit to the Grand Commandery suitable memorial to the dead of this and other Grand Jurisdictions.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS COMMITTEE

SECTION 745: The Committee on Dispensations and Charters shall examine the reports and returns from Commanderies working under Dispensation from the Grand Commander or the Grand Commandery, noting particularly the nature and progress of their work It shall report upon all applications to the Grand Commandery for Dispensations or Charters and for the restoration of Dispensations or Charters which may have been arrested. It shall also report upon all matters referred to it, connected with the general subject of Dispensations and Charters.

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BY -LAWS COMMITTEE**

SECTION 747: The committee on By-Laws shall consist of three members of which the Grand Recorder shall be one and it shall be the duty of said Committee to revise the "Sample By-Laws for Commanderies" which appear In the Laws of the Grand Commandery in the light of all amendments to the Laws of the Grand Encampment or of the Grand Commandery by which they may be affected and said Committee shall review all of the By-Laws of Constituent Commanderies on file in the office of the Grand Recorder and recommend to the several Constituent Commanderies such amendments thereto as may be needed to make said By-Laws conform to the Laws of the Grand Encampment and of the Grand Commandery , and said Committee shall also consider any new By-Laws or Amendments thereto that may be hereafter adopted by Constituent Commanderies and make their recommendations as to their approval or disapproval to the Grand Commander.

TEMPLAR UNIFORM COMMITTEE

SECTION 750: The Committee on Templar Uniforms shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be line Officers, and it shall be its duty to give consideration to all matters and questions concerning Templar uniforms which may arise either within the Grand Commandery or within any of the Constituent Commanderies and to report as to its findings and to make such recommendations concerning the same as it may deem proper to the Grand Commander or the Grand Commandery.

YORK RITE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

SECTION 752: In accordance with recommendation made to, and approval given by the Grand Commandery at its annual Conclave held in May of 1951, there shall be appointed each year, a York Rite Coordinating Committee, consisting of four members who shall be the Grand Commander, the Deputy Grand Commander, the Grand Generalissimo and a Past Grand Commander, It shall be the duty of this Committee to work with like committees created by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, said Committee to constitute a joint Committee on York Rite Coordination The object of said Committee shall be understood to be, to promote and coordinate the interests of the Grand and Constituent bodies of Capitular, Cryptic, and Chivalric: Masonry in the State of Indiana and to encourage cooperative action by and between these respective bodies. *(April 2006)*

COMMITTEE ON PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES

SECTION 754: The Committee on Patriotic Activities shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Grand Commander for a term of one year. It shall be the duty of this Committee to sponsor and promote within the Grand Commandery and the Constituent Commanderies of this Grand Jurisdiction activities of a patriotic nature in cooperation of and under the supervision of the Patriotic Activities Committee of the Grand Encampment which was authorized and established at the Triennial Conclave held in San Francisco in September 1949.

The purpose of this Committee shall be to accomplish whether in peace or war, the patriotic duty of Templary demonstrating to the world that its patriotism is evidenced by work as well as faith.

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 756: This Committee shall be composed of a chairman and committee appointed by the Grand Commander consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than fifteen (15) members, which committee shall be entrusted to study, recommend and implement ways and means for the purpose of furthering the membership of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in Indiana.

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RITUAL AND TACTICS COMMITTEE

SECTION 758: The Ritual and Tactics Committee, to be appointed each year by the Grand Commander, shall consist of five members who shall be selected because of their proficiency in the Ritual and Tactics and for their ability as interpreters of and instructors in the ritualistic work of the Order of Knights Templar Members of this Committee should be Line Officers or Past Grand Commanders. However, it shall be the prerogative of the Grand Commander to appoint as a member of this Committee, any Knights Templar who possesses the qualifications herein set forth.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to conduct an annual school of instruction for inspecting officers of the Grand Commandery; to arrange for group schools of instruction for officers of Constituent Commanderies; to give consideration to and make recommendations for proposed changes in the Asylum Tactics; to answer questions relative to interpretation of the Ritual in accordance with interpretation or decisions of the Grand Encampment; to propose and recommend to the Grand Commandery, methods, practices and procedures to be employed in the inspection of Constituent Commanderies; to design, develop and establish systems and forms for the use of Inspecting Officers in recording and reporting all pertinent data in connection with their inspections.

COMMITTEE ON LONG RANGE PLANNING

SECTION 760: The Committee on Long Range Planning shall consist of nine members and shall contain the Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, and Grand Recorder The other six members shall contain three Past Grand Commanders and three other Templars, regardless of rank or title in the Order, and such six members shall be appointed for terms of three years; provided that in Templar Year 1999-2000, two shall be appointed for one year, two for two years and two for three years. *(Revised and adopted on April 30, 1999)*

The purpose of the committee shall be to study current and long-range trends within the fraternity and specifically within Indiana; to develop and recommend long range plans for the improvement and advancement of Templary; to the end that the order may be strengthened and perpetuated for future generations.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

SECTION 762: The Committee on Publicity and Public Relations shall be appointed by the Grand Commander. In the selection of the members, each of the existing Battalions shall be represented, and in addition, the members will be assigned to endeavor to represent each of the existing York Rite Groups. It shall be the duty of this committee to (April 2005):

- 1) Cooperate with the Grand Chapter and Grand Council to obtain and/or develop materials that describe and promote York Rite Masonry
- 2) Develop news releases on philanthropies and other appropriate topics that could be used by local Commanderies.
- 3) Develop materials that describe and promote our Grand Commandery philanthropies.
- 4) Obtain and show what is available in existing publications from the Grand Encampment and other jurisdictions.
- 5) Distribute such materials throughout the year, with special emphasis **for** Battalions and Group meetings. 6) Provide at least one item as a promotion or news release monthly to the Knight Templar Magazine.

The appointed Editor of the Indiana Supplement to the Knight Templar Magazine shall be an ex-officio member of this committee.

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EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

SECTION 780: The Educational Foundation Committee shall consist of five members to serve five-year terms of which one will expire each year, one member to be appointed each year at the time of Annual Conclave by the incoming Grand Commander. The Grand Commander serving will make appointments to fill any vacancies for the unexpired portion of the term and may replace any member of the Committee but shall not be a member of the Committee. It shall be the duty of this Committee to administer the business of the Educational Foundation in accordance with the rules and regulations established by the Grand Encampment Educational Foundation, and under the direction of the Grand Commandery.

Committee shall review applications for Scholarship grants for students attending an Indiana Credible College/University and request a distribution of the funds from the Grand Encampment. Student applicants must be a Daughter, Son, Granddaughter, Grandson of an Active Indiana Knight Templar.

Applications are to be provided online and filled out and mailed to Committee Secretary on or before a date determined by the committee each year.

Stepchildren also fall into the qualified applicants. The Committee Chairman will report all actions to the Grand Conclave each year. *(April 2025)*.

COMMITTEE ON KNIGHT TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

SECTION 782: The Eye Foundation Committee shall consist of six members, one of whom shall be the Grand Recorder who shall act as Secretary and Treasurer of the Committee. The other five shall serve five-year terms; one of which shall expire each year, such member to be appointed each year at the time of the Annual Conclave by the incoming Grand Commander. Provided, however, that in 1991 the Grand Commander, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, shall appoint five members whose terms shall expire one in 1992, one in 1993, one in 1994, one in 1995, and one in 1996, thereby establishing the rotation of members. The Grand Commander serving will make appointments to fill any vacancies for the unexpired portion of such vacancy and may replace any member of the Committee for cause, reporting such action to the Grand Commandery. The Chairman of the Committee shall be named from within the Committee membership each year by the Grand Commander. In addition, the Grand Commander shall each year appoint a Chairman for the Voluntary Campaign. Such Chairman may or may not be a member of the Committee; but if he is not, then he shall be an ex-officio member.

The duties of the Committee shall be to promote the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., in every way possible and to encourage the Constituent Commanderies and individual Sir Knights to contribute to the works of the Foundation. It shall set goals for giving, assist in the collection of funds, publicize the Foundation in the Masonic and secular press and work with Constituent Commanderies to find and assist worthy recipients of the Foundation's aid. *(1991)*

COMMITTEE ON HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

SECTION 784: The Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee shall be composed of five regular members to serve five year terms; one of which shall expire each year, such member to be appointed to serve each year to the time of the Annual Conclave by the incoming Grand Commander; provided, however, that in 1991, the Grand Commander, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, shall appoint five members whose terms shall expire one in 1992,

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one in 1993, one in 1994, one in 1995, and one in 1996, thereby establishing the rotation of members. The Grand Commander serving will make appointments to fill any vacancies for the unexpired portion of the term and may replace any member of the Committee for cause, reporting his action to the Grand Commandery. The Chairman of the Committee shall be named from within the Committee membership each year by the Grand Commander. The Committee shall select from within its number a Secretary-Treasurer each year. In addition, all Former Grand Prelates of the Grand Commandery of Indiana shall serve as ex-officio members of the Committee but shall have full voting rights insofar as relates to the selection of the Pilgrim Ministers to be chosen each year. This Committee shall be entrusted to study and recommend to the Grand Commandery ways and means to send ordained Christian Ministers, gratis, to the Holy Land for the purpose of furthering their education and to assist in re-inspiring them in their dedication to their ministry.

The Committee (including ex-officio members) shall select from applicants recommended on official forms by the Constituent Commanderies, the minister (s) who shall go on the Pilgrimage. The Grand Commander shall approve such selections. The number of ministers to be sent shall be determined by the amount of money available each year for this purpose.

Monies to finance the Holy Land Pilgrimage shall be solicited only on a voluntary basis. It shall be the duty of the Committee, however, to arrange to publicize the fund-raising efforts, to set voluntary quotas for Constituent Commanderies, and to engage in such other efforts as may be necessary to carry out the spirit and purpose of the Pilgrimage.

It shall be the further duty of this Committee to keep an accurate record of all monies received by them and to report the same to the Grand Commandery at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, showing an account of all receipts and disbursements. *(1991)*

BY-LAWS OF COMMANDERIES

SECTION 800: It is the duty of each Commandery to adopt a code of By-laws, for its special regulation and government, and such Commandery has the right to revise, alter or amend the same as may be provided therein, provided such By-laws, revisions, alterations or amendments shall be submitted to the Grand Commander, for his approval, subject to review of the Grand Commandery.

COMMANDERY SEAL

SECTION 801: Every Commandery holden under this Jurisdiction shall have a seal, with a number and name engraven thereon, an impression of which shall be deposited with the Grand Recorder.

COMMANDERY NAME

SECTION 802: Subsequent to the adoption of this regulation no Commandery may adopt the name of a living person. *(April 2004)*

ASSESSMENTS BY COMMANDERIES

SECTION 805: Each and every Commandery has the right to assess and collect from its members such monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual contributions and such assessments as may be necessary to pay the dues to the Grand Commandery, defray the expenses of the Commandery and keep up its charity funds; the penalty for the nonpayment of dues is indefinite suspension All such assessments or dues, however, must be provided for in the Bylaws of the Commandery, or order by the Grand Commandery.

Section 806: (a) Commanderies shall include in their by-laws the first stated conclave in June as the designated meeting at which dues of the Commandery shall be discussed and the amount set. The amount of these dues shall include the

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amount determined by each Commandery for their operation plus the amount set by the Grand Commandery for the Grand Commandery General Fund and the Grand Encampment Assessment, plus \$1.00 for all non-life or higher sponsors of the Eye Foundation.

All dues and assessments are payable in advance and must be collected when due or considered in arrears.

(b) Dues are chargeable to all Knights Templar in good standing and end on the date that his membership is terminated, or when he becomes a fifty-year member.

(c) within ten (10) days following the June stated conclave the Recorder of the Commandery shall forward to the Grand Recorder the amount the membership of the Commandery shall be charged for the following year dues. Any Commandery failing to forward the information to the Grand Recorder in that time frame the last recorded dues shall apply. *(April 2018)*

COMMANDERY OFFICERS TIME FOR ELECTION: INSTALLED: TENURE

SECTION 810: The election of officers of a Commandery must be held at the last Stated Conclave of such Commandery next preceding the close of each calendar year; and all officers, when elected, must be installed according to forms adopted by the Grand Encampment, as soon after their election as practicable, and before entering upon the duties of their respective offices; and they shall then hold their respective offices until their successors shall be duly elected and installed.

SECTION 812: All officers of a constituent Commandery must be elected by the Commandery, except the Prelate who may be elected by the Commandery or appointed by the Commander, except the Standard Bearer, Sword Bearer, Warder and Guards who shall be appointed by the Commander. Nomination may be made for all officers to be elected by the Commandery.

DUTIES

SECTION 814: The duties of all officers of the Commanderies within the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of the State of Indiana shall be such as fixed by the Ritual and Laws of the Grand Encampment, by the Laws of the Grand Commandery and such By-laws as may be adopted by the Commanderies, respectively.

SECTION 816: The Recorder and Treasurer of each constituent Commandery shall make a report at each Stated Conclave of the receipts and disbursements of all cash for the period, upon forms approved by the Grand Commandery, and it shall be the duty of the Eminent Commander to see that this provision of the Laws is carried out, and that such report becomes a part of the minutes of each Stated Conclave.

BUSINESS MUST BE TRANSACTED IN Knight Templar.

SECTION 820: All business of the Commandery shall be transacted in an open Commandery of Knights Templar.

JURISDICTION OF COMMANDERIES

SECTION 825: Petitions for the Orders may be received by any Commandery in the State of Indiana regardless of place of residence of petitioner within the State of Indiana; also, a Commandery may accept a petition without waiver if it is the Commandery whose asylum is located nearest to the petitioner's place of residence, irrespective of the Grand Commandery boundaries.

CONFERRING THE ORDERS

SECTION 830:

(A) In addition to other requirements (See 1958 Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America; Chapter XI, Sections 177 to 193 inclusive, Pages 45 to 49), a petitioner in this

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Grand Jurisdiction must be affiliated with a regular Council of Royal and Select Masters or have petitioned same, but before the Orders of the Commandery can be conferred upon said petitioner, he must have had the Royal and Select Master Degree conferred upon him.

- (B) A candidate for Knighthood may be admitted to all Orders in this Grand Jurisdiction after a single favorable ballot covering all.
- (C) Provided that in conferring of Orders, music cannot be rendered except by members of the Order.
- (D) A petition for the Orders of Membership may be balloted on at the stated or special Conclave at which such petition or petitions are received and read in the Commandery without dispensation from the Grand Commander. The petition shall be referred to a Committee of Three Members of the Order, only when requested to do so by a member in good standing in or personally interview the petitioner, and who shall report in writing as to whether the prayer of the petitioner shall be granted. No ballot shall be had until a report has been made. Only the fact of the report, being made, and not its character shall be entered on the minutes of the Commandery.
- (E) Dual Membership may be held within the Jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery as provided by section 190 (a) and 190 (b) of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment Knight Templar of the United States of America.
- (F) Dues should be paid and are due in each Commandery and the member can be a dais officer in only one Commandery at a time.

RITUALS

SECTION 835: *Deleted April 28, 2017*

ANNUAL REPORTS OF COMMANDERIES

SECTION 840: It shall be the duty of the Recorder of each Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, before the 1st day of January in each and every year, *to enter into the Masonic Membership Solutions the following:*

- (A) A list of the officers elected and installed for the ensuing year (following the installation).
- (B) A list of the Sir Knights created during the preceding year giving date each order received was conferred.
- (C) Names and dates of those who may have been reinstated during the year.
- (D) Names and dates of those admitted by affiliation.
- (E) The name and date of any who may have died during the year.
- (F) The name and date of any who may have been suspended for non-payment of dues.
- (G) The name and date of any who may have been suspended or expelled for other causes.
- (H) The name of those whose dues were remitted by reason of their inability to pay the same. By US mail or email received by the Grand Recorder before the 1st day of January in each year. (*April 28, 2017*).

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SECTION 841: Each Recorder shall on or before the first day of February pay the fees, dues, and other billings due the Grand Commandery for such year. Each Constituent Recorder shall also file prior to March first a Financial Report for the preceding year with the Grand Recorder.

Failure to file such form or pay fees, dues and other billing due the Grand Commandery at the proper time shall result in a fine to the Commandery of \$2.00 for each day the report is late. The fines due and payable because of delinquent filings shall be billed and paid at the end of the year along with other fees and dues. (*April 28, 2017*)

FAILURE TO PAY DUES TO GRAND COMMANDERY

SECTION 842: Should any Commandery fail or refuse to pay the sums specified and at the time specified in the foregoing statute, to the Grand Commandery, for its use, the same shall be reported by the Grand Recorder to the next Annual Conclave, and the charter of such Commandery may be arrested, or such other discipline or penalty shall be imposed as the Grand Commandery shall determine proper and expedient No representative from such Commandery shall be permitted to take his seat as a member of the Grand Commandery until the return to be made by the said Commandery has been regular made out and filed, and the annual dues shall have been paid, except by the consent of the Grand Commandery on a vote taken, and should such delinquency continue for a space one year, the charter, funds and other property of such delinquent Commandery shall become forfeited to the Grand Commandery.

INSPECTION OF COMMANDERIES APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES OF INSPECTION

SECTION 851: Commanderies of this Grand Jurisdiction shall be inspected annually under the direction and control of the Grand Commander, who may, subject to the approval of the Committee on Jurisprudence, appoint one competent Sir Knight to make *some or* all of the inspections at a salary, *which shall be set in the Annual Budget of this Grand Commandery*, which shall include his expenses, or the Grand Commander may assign a *Grand Officer* to each of the *Battalions* as now constituted and established, to make such inspections, who shall receive his actual expenses only. The duties of such inspector shall be to inspect, correct errors and give such instruction and information immediately after inspection, as the inspector may deem necessary and in accordance with the interpretation of the ritual and tactics as provided by the Grand Encampment. Such inspector shall make a report to the Grand Commander immediately after each inspection; provided that in the event any inspector shall be unable to perform his duties as such, then the Grand Commander shall appoint another competent Knight Templar his stead as such inspector. (*April 2006*)
It shall be the duty of each Commander to assemble his Commandery for inspection at such time as may be designated by the inspector It is further provided that the Grand Commander may from time to time call such school or schools of instruction as may seem fit and proper and require the attendance of such inspectors thereat.

TIME FOR INSPECTION

SECTION 852: The Grand Commander shall annually fix the time for holding inspections in each Commandery.

SUMMONS

SECTION 895: No Summons issued to the members of a Commandery shall be considered a "due Summons," except such as require such members to appear to transact the business and work of the Commandery at a specified time within the Asylum of the Commandery.

TEMPLAR COMMUNICATIONS INTERDICTED

SECTION 896: All Templar communications are interdicted between any Commandery working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery and any Commandery or member of such that may be formed, opened or

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holden in any State, District or Territory without a Dispensation or Charter from the Grand Commandery having jurisdiction or from the Grand Encampment of the United States.

APPEAL

SECTION 897: Should any member of a Commandery or a Sir Knight, against whom a decision may be made, feel himself aggrieved by any such decision, he may appeal therefrom to this Grand Commandery, at any time within one year from the date of such decision, and upon his giving notice in writing to the Commandery of his intention to take such appeal, it shall be the duty of the Recorder of such Commandery to immediately make out and forward to the Grand Recorder a full and complete transcript of the entire matter in the case in which the appeal is taken. Such appeal does not suspend the judgment appealed from.

UNIFORM

SECTION 900: The purchase of a uniform by a candidate for the orders is optional. Every officer of all Constituent Commanderies shall be required to possess, at the time of his installation, a dress uniform or ceremonial robe as prescribed for his rank and to retain such uniform while holding his office. No Commandery shall appear in public unless clothed in the uniform prescribed by the Grand Commandery of Indiana, except for attendance at religious services or funerals.

INTENTION CLAUSE

SECTION 901: It is the intention that this section shall void the use of the "old style high collar uniform" except for those Sir Knights who own and utilize such uniform. No candidate for the Orders who is Knighted after April 1983, shall be knighted in, or shall thereafter appear in such style uniform. The long coat with lapel collar may continue to be worn. It is the further intention of this section that the coat as described in **Section 910** is now and shall hereafter be the style of coat to be purchased and worn by Indiana Templars. (April 2006)

SECTION 902: The Standard Templar Uniform for Knight Templar of Indiana is as follows:

COAT

SECTION 910: The Templar Dress Coat shall be three (black metal of cross and crown) button, double breasted coat, to close with three buttons of the same design, and to be of black clothing material (a ten to ten and 1/2 ounce tropical of 45% wool and 55% dacron, is recommended). The coat shall have no outside pockets, but may have two lower straight flaps, no openings, stitched on outside edges to give appearances of pockets and a left breast pocket welt one inch wide and six inches long to provide a space of fastening a Commandery jewel of office and/or other permitted Commandery jewels. It shall have two inside breast pockets, one on each side. At the wearer's left side under the simulated pocket flap if used, [on in the same location,] a four-inch horizontal opening shall be provided to allow sword belt chains or slings to be worn on a concealed belt or trouser waist belts. Coat to be 100% lined with black lining material, sleeve linings to be either plain black or white lining material, with a shield in each sleeve, and armholes piped with lining material. Edges to be single stitched. Length of coat shall be one-inch below wearer's crotch line. The coat is to have roll collar with peak lapels, three inches wide at the peak. On the point of the collar, one-half inch above the lapel seam and one-half inch from outside edge of collar shall be a one-inch cross of appropriate rank.

The sleeves to be finished with three [black buttons of cross and crown design on each cuff and with a cross 1 1/2 to 2 inches in size appropriate to rank in the center of the sleeve measured from side to side. All crosses worn on the Templar Uniform may be of bullion, nylon, or metallic composition.

NOTE: No outside belt to be worn with this uniform, Scabbard to be supported by two short leather slings with hook snaps at bottom and a loop at top to be worn over trouser belt and through the slot in the coat, or an over the

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shoulder style sling to be worn under the coat and under the tie to drop through the same sword slot in the coat as the belt type slings. Either style straps or sling will have snaps according to rank (gold or silver).

SECTION 912: Optional State of Indiana abbreviations and Constituent Commandery numeric lapel insignia designations may be worn on the respective lapels of the Templar Dress Coat one and one-half inches below the point intersecting the lapel peak (notch) and collar seam, and one and one-half inches in from the outside edge of the lapels, there shall be two metal bars with tie-tack fasteners arranged as follows:

For Grand Commandery Officers and Past Grand Commanders each lapel shall have a gold-colored two-pronged metal bar with the letters "IN" (abbreviation for Indiana) one-half inch high. In placing the lapel insignia, the point one and one-half inches below the peak and one and one-half inches from the outside edges of the lapel, represents the actual center (vertically and horizontally) for positioning the respective bars. The optional bars are to be pinned on a straight horizontal line with the bottom lines of the bars parallel with the ground, not with the edges parallel to the edges of lapels.

For all members of a Constituent Commandery the right lapel shall have a gold colored two-pronged metal bar with the letters "IN" (abbreviation for Indiana) one-half inch high, silver colored for Sir Knights below the rank of Commander, and gold colored for the rank of Commander and Past Commander. The left lapel shall have two-pronged metal bar with the appropriate Commandery number (one or two digits), one-half inch high, silver colored for Sir Knights below the rank of Commander, and gold colored for the rank of Commander and Past Commander. See section above for positioning instructions of the optional lapel insignia bars.

IDENTIFICATION BAR

SECTION 914: For Grand, Past Grand, or Constituent Commandery Officers and Sir Knights, an optional name identification bar may be worn on the Standard Templar Uniform of Indiana.

The name bar shall be worn on the right breast of the Standard Templar Uniform of Indiana, centered and horizontal with the welt of the left breast. *(1993)*

MEMBERSHIP AWARD CORDONS

SECTION 916: Any Knight Templar who, as a first line signer recommending favorable action, shall have after May 2, 1980, secured and presented petitions of others for membership in one or more Commanderies in Indiana of which he is then a member, a new member for such Commandery; shall be eligible to receive:

For three petitions:	White Shoulder Cord
For six petitions:	Silver Shoulder Cord.
For nine petitions:	Gold Shoulder Cord
For fifteen petitions:	Red Shoulder Cord
For twenty petitions:	Red and White Shoulder Cord
For twenty-five petitions:	Red and Silver Shoulder Cord
For thirty petitions:	Red and Gold Shoulder Cord
For thirty-five petitions:	Red and Purple Shoulder Cord
For forty petitions:	White and Purple Shoulder Cord
For forty-five petitions:	Silver and Purple Shoulder Cord
For fifty petitions:	Gold and Purple Shoulder Cord
For fifty-five petitions:	Green and White Shoulder Cord <i>(1993)</i>
For sixty petitions:	Green and Silver Shoulder Cord
For sixty-five petitions:	Green and Gold Shoulder Cord
For seventy petitions:	Green and Red Shoulder Cord
For seventy-five petitions:	Blue and White Shoulder Cord
For eighty petitions:	Blue and Silver Shoulder Cord

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For eighty-five petitions:	Blue and Gold Shoulder Cord
For ninety petitions:	Blue and Red Shoulder Cord
For ninety-five petitions:	Blue and Purple Shoulder Cord
For one hundred petitions:	Black and White Shoulder Cord

To qualify, the petitioner must receive the Order of the Temple and thereby become a member of an Indiana Commandery. If a Sir Knight signing such as a petition is not a member of the Commandery to which such petition is presented it must be recommended by two other Sir Knights who are members of the Commandery.

All awards presented in accordance with this program shall remain the property of the Grand Commandery of Indiana and shall be returned to it when the recipient receives a subsequent award for additional petitions, ceases to be a Knight Templar or is deceased.

Shoulder cords in the specified colors shall be a braided cord with a loop. The loop shall attach to a black button sewed on top of the left shoulder of the coat of a Standard Templar Uniform and three and one-half (3 1/2) inches from the shoulder seam. Such awards are worn on the left shoulder and under the sleeve and only one award shall be worn at any time by any Sir Knight. That award being the latest Shoulder Cord that has been presented to him.

Sir Knights obtaining One-Hundred and three (103) or more petitions may receive a white cord and thus begin to progress again through the award sequence above while retaining the black and white cord which in such cases shall still be worn on the left shoulder but over and outside the sleeve.

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

JEWELS

SECTION 920: Only Templar jewels are to be worn on the Templar Uniform. Meritorious Jewels, Badge of Commanderies and Malta Jewel shall be worn on the left breast welt, placed in the order named and spaced 1/8" apart. If the Malta Jewell only is worn, it shall be centered horizontally on the welt. The top of jewel/jewels are to be even with the top edge of the welt. Jewels of office may also be worn suspended from a black neck cord or silver chain. United States Armed Forces Service Bar as applicable to active military veterans shall be centered above jewels worn. *(April 2007)* Sir Knights, who have been awarded the Distinguished Service Award may wear a service bar of white bearing a gold star thereon in lieu of the approved jewel. If worn, it shall be centered above jewels worn. If worn in conjunction with the United States Armed Forces Service Bar, then the two service bars shall be centered above jewels worn. *(1992)*

Provided also, that the jewels of the officers and Past Grand Commanders of this Grand Commandery may be worn on a collar of a design as may from time to time be approved, while appearing in civilian dress and representing the office to which the wearer had been duly elected or appointed. *(April 2019)*

Provided also, that the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana, may wear as a part of his official uniform, the double red cordon for the Grand Commander's Jewel.



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The Jewel of the Office of Past Grand Commander may be worn suspended from a heavy, royal purple silk cord with swivel; 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. *(April 2022)*

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

SECTION 920 (a) (Resolution No.3.)

In order to promote certain advantages for the welfare of the Grand Commandery in general, the Constituent Commanderies and Sir Knights in particular, there is hereby submitted to this Grand Commandery Conclave a proposal to establish a "DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD" for the Grand Commandery of Indiana.

- (A) The award should be presented only in consideration of loyal and devoted service to the Commandery.
- (B) That it should be considered as the highest individual award that can be given by the Grand Commandery, in order that the recipient of the award can feel highly honored in receiving it Therefore great care should be exercised in the selection of the nominees for the award.
- (C) It should not be considered as a steppingstone to receiving the Knight Templar Cross of Honor awarded by the Grand Encampment nor should it be considered as a deterrent or substitute for the Knight Templar Cross of Honor. The DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery while the Knight Templar Cross of Honor is under the jurisdiction of the Most Eminent Grand Master and the Grand Encampment.
- (D) The number of awards should be limited in order that it will not be common and detract from its prestige and significance.

Be it resolved that an award to be known as the "DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD" to be established by the Grand Commandery of Indiana to be conferred upon members, who, by distinguished service to Templary are worthy of such an award the recipients to be selected and the award to be presented as follows:

- (A) The recipient must be a member of a Commandery in good standing.
- (B) The Eminent Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General, will together, present the nominations from members suggested by their Commandery. The nominations shall be on forms to be provided by the Grand Recorder Said nominations shall be forwarded to the Grand Commander no later than March 1 of each year The Grand Commander may appoint the Grand Recorder and the Special Activities Committee to assist him in the selection of the recipients. *(April 2013)*
- (C) Those chosen to receive the award shall be made known by the Grand Commander at the Grand Commandery Conclave each year. The names of the nominees to receive the award shall be kept, strictly confidential, until announced by the Grand Commander. *(April 2013)*
- (D) The award shall be limited to two (2) members from each Commandery in Indiana each year following the adoption of this resolution.
- (E) The award is to be presented to the recipient by the Eminent Commander of the recipient's Commandery. Such presentation shall be at a Stated or special called conclave. It is strongly recommended that such

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presentation conclave be opened to the public, visitors and friends and be performed with proper ceremony and Sir Knights present wearing uniforms.

- (F) The award shall consist of a jewel engraved with the words "DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD," Grand Commandery of Indiana, with the name of the recipient and date of award engraved on the back, In addition thereto, an appropriate certificate of the award shall be prepared, signed by the Grand Commander and attested to by the Grand Recorder In addition, the signature of the Eminent Commander and attested to by the signature of the Recorder of the Commandery. (April 2013)
- (G) The design of the jewel and certificate recommended by the Special Activities Committee shall be the same in Commanderies and under the control of the Grand Commandery of Indiana. Sir Knights who have been awarded the Distinguished Service Award, may wear a service bar of white bearing a gold star thereon in lieu of the approved jewel. (Adopted 1992)
- (H) The cost of the jewel, certificate and engraving shall be borne by the Commandery of which the recipient is a member (Adopted 1977)
- (I) The Grand Commander shall have the prerogative to award no more than five (5) Distinguished Service Awards during his term to Templars who have rendered outstanding service to him personally or to the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana. These awards shall have no bearing or effect upon nomination quotas of individual Commanderies, and the cost shall be born out of personal funds or funds allocated to the Grand Commander. (Adopted 1978) (April 2013)

Addendum A:

In order to recognize service given to the Grand Commandery or constituent Commanderies of Indiana, above that which can be expected of a non-member, this addendum to resolution No.3 is hereby submitted to this Grand Commandery Conclave to establish a "Distinguished Service Award for Friends of the Grand Commandery."

The award may be given to ladies or non-Knights Templar who have performed outstanding service to our fraternity. The jewel shall be of two types depending on if the recipient is male or female.

- (A) The Eminent Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General, will together, present the nomination from members suggested by their Commandery. The nominations shall be on forms to be provided by the Grand Recorder. Said nominations shall be forwarded to the Grand Commander no later than March 1 of each year. The Grand Commander may appoint the Grand Recorder and the Special Activities Committee to assist him in the selection of the recipients. (April 2013)
- (B) Those chosen to receive the award shall be made known by the Grand Commander at the Grand Commandery Conclave each year. The names of the nominees to receive the award shall be kept strictly confidential until announced by the Grand Commander. (April 2013)
- (C) The award shall be limited to one (2) from each Commandery in Indiana, each year, following the adoption of this addendum.
- (D) The award is to be presented to the recipient by the Eminent Commander of the nominating Commandery. Such presentation to be at a called conclave. Such presentation shall be open to the public, visitors and friends, and be performed with proper ceremony; with Sir Knights wearing Templar uniforms.
- (E) The award, if presented to a lady, will consist of a jewel with suitable fastener on back to be worn by a Lady. If the award is to be presented to a male, the award will be a lapel pin. In addition, thereto, an appropriate certificate of the award shall be prepared and signed by the Grand Commander and attested to by the Grand Recorder. Also, the signature of the Eminent Commander and attested to by the Recorder of the Commandery.

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The jewel and certificate shall be the same for all Commanderies and under the control of the Grand Commandery of Indiana. (April 2013)

- (F) The cost of the jewel and certificate shall be borne by each Commandery presenting a nomination. The Grand Recorder will bill each Commandery for the cost. (*Adopted 1998*)

MASONIC SERVICE AWARD RESOLUTION

SECTION 920 (b) (RESOLUTION No.8) the Masonic Service Award, shall be similar in size and design to the United States Armed Forces Service Bar. It will have four vertical colored stripes; blue, red, purple and white, in that order from the wearers left to right, thus placing the white stripe closest to the center of the coat. (April 2007).

The Masonic Service Award may be worn to signify diligent and dedicated support and service to Templary, together with similar support and service to those York Rite bodies prerequisite and necessary to Templar Membership. (*Adopted 2001*)

PAST COMMANDER'S ASSOCIATION JEWEL

SECTION 920 (c): (RESOLUTION 9) the accepted member's jewel or past knight commander's jewel of that organization is authorized to be worn on the standard dress uniform. (*Adopted 2001*)

SECTION 920 (d) (RESOLUTION No. 10) WEARING OF JEWELS

A person may not simultaneously wear more jewels than can be fit in a single line in the appropriate place on the standard Templar Uniform. For many Sir Knights this entails choosing which jewels to wear or omit. Any jewels that are worn should be in the following sequence from the wearer's right to left. The wearer's right is the edge closest to the center of the uniform front.

Centered above the jewels, a Sir Knight may wear approved service bars. Only three bars may be worn in a row, but multiple rows are permitted. Service bars should be worn in the order listed from the top rows down and from the wearer's right to left. Thus, if multiple rows are worn, the highest ranked bars are in the top row.

JEWELS

- 1 **Jewels of Office**
 - a) Grand Commandery Office
 - b) Past Grand Commander
 - c) Grand Prelate Emeritus
 - d) Knight Templar Cross of Honor
 - e) Grand Encampment Membership Jewel
 - f) Constituent Commandery Office
 - g) Past Commander
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- 3 **Meritorious jewels**
 - a) Past Commander's Association
 - b) Distinguished Service Award
 - c) Triennial Drill Bars
 - d) State Drill Bars

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- 5 **Commandery Badges**
 - a) Grand Commandery Badge
 - b) Constituent Commandery Badge
 - c) Commandery Badge
 - (Actual membership)
 - (Honorary membership)
- 6 **Malta Jewel**
- 7 **Red Cross Jewel**
- 8 **Service Bars** (Adopted 2001)
 - a) Armed Forces Service Bar
 - b)
 - c) Distinguished Service Award
 - d) Ritualistic Award (April 2013)
 - e) Indiana Templar Academy

7. **Grand Encampment Eye Foundation Crusaders Cross:** It shall be worn on the right side of standard uniform one inch above the line across from the top of pocket welt. Or if a optional name tag is worn one inch above the name tag. *(April 2022)*

SHIRT

SECTION 926: The shirt shall be a white dress shirt consisting of a cotton or cotton blend fabric. The collar will be plain versus button-down, snap-tab, or collar pin types. The weave of the fabric will be plain rather than a patterned weave. The shirt can be either long or short sleeved.

NECKTIE

SECTION 928: The tie shall be standard plain black four-in-hand or of a ready-tied variety. The fabric shall be plain with no pattern.

TROUSERS

SECTION 930: Trousers will be of the same clothing material as coat, of standard military cut, and without cuffs and ornamentation.

HOSE

SECTION 932: The hose shall be black.

SHOES

SECTION 934: The shoes shall be a plain rounded toe black laced oxford or similar styled boot without ornamentation.

GLOVES

SECTION 936: Gloves shall be buff colored or white.

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CHAPEAU**

SECTION 940: For Sir Knights, the chapeau shall be black regulation style for Knights Templar. There shall be placed on the left side of the chapeau a rosette of silk velvet and silk ribbon, with an embroidered silver bullion or Mylar passion cross, with or without rays. The color of the filling of the cross shall be red. The chapeau to be trimmed with two black plumes and one duplex white top plume, to extend three inches beyond the rear peak of the chapeau and to be not less than six and three-quarters of an inches in width. For Commanders and Past Commanders, the same except that on the rosette there shall be an embroidered raised gold bullion or gold Mylar passion cross with rays. The color of the filling of the cross shall be red. There shall be gold slashing one and one-half inches in width on both sides, front and back and gold tassel or front peak. For Grand and Past Grand Officers, the same as for Commanders except that the rosette shall be an embroidered gold bullion or gold Mylar Templar cross with filling color of red or purple appropriate to rank.

The Grand Commandery of Indiana adopts a military Pershing style black dress cap, which may be worn in lieu of the chapeau.

A military Pershing style black dress cap shall be of the following description:

For Past Grand Commanders: military Pershing style dress cap with black top, black band, and black visor with one row of gold oak leaves and acorns, purple Templar Cross 2 ¼ inches square, fixed to the front of the black band and a gold chin strap attached with gold buttons.

For Grand Commander: Same as above except for the red Templar Cross.

For Grand Commandery officers: Same as above except plain black visor.

For Commanders and Past Commanders: Same as above except with a 1 3/8 x 2-inch red Passion Cross trimmed in gold with rays.

For all other Sir Knights: Same as above except using a red Passion Cross trimmed in silver with a silver chin strap attached with silver buttons.

The decision to wear either a chapeau or the military style Pershing cap shall be made by each Knight. (Adapted April 25, 2026)

SWORD

SECTION 945: Straight, narrow blade, 19 m. Pattern, thirty-four to forty inches in length, inclusive of scabbard; pommel shall be helmeted head of Knight with visor closed and plume on top, best of steel blade etched with Knight Templar emblems and Owner's name. Grip to be of black ebony with silver passion cross one inch in length inlaid flush with the surface or white imitation ivory with etching of cross on one side and monogram of owner's name on the other side. The cross hilt shall be straight solid pattern without chain. The Scabbard shall be of steel heavily nickelplated, with heavily silver-plated, clean-cut emblematic mountings and without etchings.

For Commanders and Past Commanders, the sword shall be the same as for Sir Knights, except that all metal parts shall be heavily gold plated, the grip to be of white imitation ivory, with etching of cross on one side and monogram of owner on the reverse side.

For Grand and Past Grand Commanders, the sword shall be the same for Commanders except that the Templar Cross shall be used instead of the Passion cross.

SHOULDER STRAPS FOR DIAS OFFICERS

SECTION 950: Grand Commandery Officer Shoulder Boards: shall be of red silk velvet, one and three-quarter to two inches wide by four inches long, bordered with one row or two rows of embroidery of gold bullion or mylar

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1/4 to 3/8 inch wide with a one-inch square Malta cross (with or without a jewel) embroidered in gold bullion or mylar that shall be in the center.

Past Deputy Grand Commander's, Past Grand Generalissimo's and Past Captain Generals are eligible to wear the Red Grand Commandery shoulder boards as long as they have completed that term of office.

Past Grand Commander Shoulder Board shall be of purple silk velvet, one and three-quarter to two inches wide by four inches long, bordered with one row or two rows of embroidery of gold bullion or mylar 1/4 to 3/8 inch wide with a one-inch square Malta cross (with or without a jewel) embroidered in gold bullion or mylar that shall be in the center.

Grand Prelate Emeritus or Past Grand Prelate's Shoulder Boards shall be either the Red Grand Commandery Shoulder Boards with the gold embroidered Malta cross with or without the letters of GPE in gold embroidery below it or with an embroidered set of gold triple triangles with the letters GPE in gold embroidery under them.

Constituent Commandery Shoulder Boards: Eminent Commander: During his incumbency in office – Emerald green silk velvet, one and three-quarter to two inches wide by four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery of gold bullion or mylar 1/4 to 3/8 inch wide. A Passion Cross embroidered of silver bullion or mylar, in the center; Cross to be one and one-half inches in height, Cross arm to be in proportion to height of Cross.

Generalissimo: During his incumbency in office - the same color as for Commander, with Square surmounted with the Paschal lamb in place of Passion cross.

Captain General: During his incumbency in office - the same color as the Commander, with Level surmounted with the Cock in place of the Passion cross.

Past Commanders: The same as for Eminent Commanders, except that the color shall be of bright red and the passion cross be embroidered with gold bullion or mylar with rays shall be in the center. *(April 2022)*

CAPE FOR SIR KNIGHTS, GRAND OFFICERS AND PAST GRAND OFFICERS

SECTION 955: Cut circular, with fly front, closed with plain black button Black Velvet collar. No crosses on collar. Collar fastened with hook and eye in front. No loop at collar. The cape to be made of black cloth, lined with fine black satin. On the left breast a silver or gold cross according to rank, size four inches square.

For Grand Officers - Same as above except Templar cross on the breast of red silk velvet and lined with red silk.

For Past Grand Commander - Same as above but with Templar Cross being purple silk velvet and lined with purple silk. *(April 2022)*

TEMPLAR APRON

Section 956: A Traditional Templar Apron shall conform substantially in design to the image below. It shall be trimmed in gold for Sir Knights of the rank of Commander or Past Commander and above, and in silver for Sir Knights below the rank of Commander.

A. A Traditional Templar Apron may only be worn in an Asylum or other private setting where only Knights Templar are present.

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B. Contemporary Apron. A Contemporary Templar Apron shall conform substantially in design to the image below. It shall be trimmed in gold for Sir Knights of the rank of Commander or Past Commander and above, and in silver for Sir Knights below the rank of Commander. A Contemporary Templar Apron may be worn in both private and public settings. It is permissible to manufacture an apron so that it is reversible with the Traditional Apron on one side and the Contemporary Apron on the other.



C. If a Sir Knight appears in uniform in a tiled, Masonic Lodge, he shall wear such apron as is in accord with local Masonic custom or approved by the presiding officer.

D. Each Constituent Commandery must hold a vote at a stated conclave for or against the adoption of this resolution for the entire commandery. *(April 2022)*

COSTUME FOR PRELATE

SECTION 960: The costume for Prelate shall consist of underrobe, Mantle or overrobe, Stole and Biretta, as follows:

Underrobe - is to be made on yoke and to button behind. The sleeves are to be fashioned with a band at the wrist and puffed or fashioned like a Bishop's sleeve, with a straight standing collar. Underrobe to be made throughout of white material, lined with white. No ornamentation or underrobe.

Mantle of Overrobe - Mantle to be made with flowing sleeves and with hood at back, lining of hood to be white. Hood to be trimmed around edge with black girdle, by means of which mantle is fashioned in front. The overrobe or Mantle is to be ornamented on left breast with Passion cross with upright arm of cross approximately seven inches in height, with transverse arm in proportion. Cross to be red material, edged with silver. Cross without rays.

Stole – is to be in single piece made with a circular collar fastening behind, edges of Stole to be trimmed with silver lace and with silver fringe across bottom, stole to be made of white satin or other white material, lined with white. The Stole is to be ornamented with three passion crosses, graduated in size, the crosses to be made of red material, edged with silver, crosses to be without rays.

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Biretta – is to be made of black material with black tassel. On the front of Biretta shall be the Prelate's jewel of office in silver.

COSTUME FOR PRIOR (Order of Malta)

Robe for Prior - Surcoat of red material with a Maltese cross (eight pointed) on the breast. A long flowing black cloak or mantle, with a Maltese cross (eight pointed) on the left side of breast. The mantle is fastened with a white cord with a heavy tassel. The cap is red, with a band of white fur or ermine around it, and a Maltese cross in front. The gauntlets are black with silver trimmings, top boots, sword and belt.

COSTUME FOR CHAPLAIN (Order of Malta)

The Chaplain's Costume shall consist of an underrobe, overrobe, Stole, and Biretta. The underrobe shall be of white material without ornamentation, made on yoke to button behind, sleeves plain, straight standing collar.

The overrobe shall be long, flowing black mantle with a white Maltese cross (eight pointed) on left breast. The mantle is fastened with a white twisted cord with heavy tassels; lining of white material.

The Stole shall be of white satin or other material lined in white. It is to be in a single piece and with a circular collar fastened behind, edged in white gilt lace, with gilt fringe across bottom, three black Maltese crosses, graduated in size on the front.

The Biretta is to be made of black material with black tassel. On front a white Maltese cross.

CEREMONIAL ROBES

SECTION 975: A constituent Commandery may provide and use ceremonial clothing of Templar Cap and Mantle of the style worn by medieval Templars and by members of the Sovereign Great Priories. This clothing may, be choice and vote of a constituent Commandery, be used as the official uniform for all occasions, provided, however, that when appearing in public, the entire Commandery must be dressed in like manner either all in uniform or all in Cap and Mantle.

TEMPLAR MANTLE

SECTION 978: 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.

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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 in red with a similar material; the Templar Cross in red, nine inches in height on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with red cords 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 a 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.

TEMPLAR CAP

SECTION 980: The Templar cap shall follow the design and specifications of the style worn by the Sovereign Great Pories, 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 of appropriate 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.

COMMANDERY BADGE

SECTION 982: The distinctive badge of a constituent Commandery shall be worn on the right breast of the mantle. The badge will be no less than five inches or more than eight inches in height. The badge of the Commandery shall be superimposed upon the Malta Cross, or the Malta Cross shall be incorporated within the Commandery badge. The design shall be approved by the Grand Commandery Committee on Jewels and Uniforms.

The mantle badge approved for use by all Constituent Commanderies in the Grand Commandery of Indiana, and in accordance with the rules of the Grand Encampment, is of the following design:

The badge shall be seven inches from top to bottom and left to right. The central part of the badge shall be superimposed on a Maltese Cross of white with the cross outlined in gold. The center portion shall be a stylized belt and buckle of black, outlined in gold, and with the word "INDIANA" in stylized lettering and also in gold, centered on the top of the belt. The interior of the belt shall be black. The center portion within the belt shall be a Paschal Lamb outlined in black and with a halo of white and gold. The pole, carried by the Lamb, shall be of gold and topped with a gold Maltese Cross. The banner borne by the Lamb shall be of white, having thereon a red cross. The background behind the Lamb and banner shall be of pale blue.

This shall not preclude any Commandery from adopting a mantle badge of their own design which is in conformity with the rules of the Grand Encampment and approved by the Uniform Committee of the Grand Commandery. (1993)

UNDER APPAREL

SECTION 984: During the conferring of the Order of the Temple, a white tunic may be worn under the mantle and reaching to the knees; to be fastened at the back or invisibly in the front. The Tunic shall bear a Latin Cross of red reaching from two inches below the neck to two inches from the hem of the skirt. (OR) Regular black Templar clothing as prescribed by Indiana regulation (OR) dark business suit with white dress shirt and black tie, (OR) a white long-sleeved dress shirt, black tie, black trousers and in all cases with black belt, black shoes and hose. Gloves as in Section 936) shall be worn.

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SWORD/SLING**

SECTION 986: The sword shall, and scabbard shall conform to the regulations of the Grand Encampment. 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, traps with snaps.

JEWELS OF OFFICE

SECTION 988: Jewels of office may be worn suspended from a black neck cord or silver chain. No ornamentation or Templar Jewels, other than the Commandery Badge, shall be worn on the mantle.

FATIGUE COAT

SECTION 990: The Knight Templar fatigue coat shall be of the same material as the uniform coat, having a doublebreasted design with three buttons, two buttons to button (total of 6 large front buttons) and a long roll without a button hold. The coat shall be square cut, no vent in back, arm shields, 1/2 lined and peaked lapels. The length of the coat shall be cut to 1 inch below the wearer's crotch line. There shall be three small buttons on each sleeve. The buttons are to be metal with cross and crown design (black) in two sizes, 7/8 inch for the front and 1/2 inch for the sleeves.

(Pockets) There shall be two lower imitation pockets with square pocket flaps. Under the left pocket flap shall be a zipped sword slot. On the left breast shall be an imitation pocket with a weld where the word "Indiana" shall be embroidered in gold Mylar 1/2 inch high. There may be inside breast pockets on either side.

(Sleeve Crosses) Sleeve crosses according to rank shall be sewed on center and one inch from end of sleeve. The crosses may be 1-1/2 or 2 inches, of bullion or Mylar. There shall be shoulder epaulets 1/2 sewed down with (one) 1/2-inch black cross and crown button. Crosses are according to rank and 1 inch high to be sewed on the sewed down portion of the epaulets. The sleeves are to be lined. This coat is to be worn only with prescribed fatigue cap, see section (j) and no outside belt or sword.

FATIGUE CAP

SECTION 992: The Knight Templar fatigue cap shall be a bell crown or perishing cap of black cloth, lined with a leather sweat band, black braid, and metal side buttons and silver lace front strap. The passion cross on the front may be of silver bullion, silver Mylar, or silver metal either 1-1/2 to 2 inches high. The cap will be equipped with drooping visor.

For Commanders and Past Commanders, the same cap is prescribed except the buttons and strap are gold. The cross may be gold bullion, gold Mylar, or gold metal, 1-1/2 to 2 inches high. Same style visor

For Grand Officers the same regulations apply as for the E. C. or P. C., except the braid band will be gold. The cross may be a Templar cross of gold bullion, gold Mylar, or gold metal with red background.

For Past Grand Commanders the same regulations apply as for Grand officers except the cross will be of Templar design with a purple background. Past Grand Commanders may have the option of changing the gold band to the vine and berry design.

SUMMER UNIFORM

SECTION 993:

GENERAL

- (A) The summer attire will consist of a white garrison cap, white short-sleeve pilot's shirt with epaulets and two (2) flat pockets on the breast, black necktie, black trousers, black belt, sword & scabbard together with black

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shoes and black hose. The appearance of a Sir Knight in public shall be permitted at parades and civic activities, drill exhibitions and drill competitions and Stated and Special Conclaves held between Memorial Day and Labor Day, and at the discretion of the officer in charge of the detail. **The summer attire is not to be worn for the conferral of the Order of the Temple.**

CAP

- (B) The cap shall be a regulation U.S. Navy CPO, Officers frame or garrison cap. The cap shall have a black headband and visor with a white top. The chin strap and buttons shall be regulation silver for all Sir Knights below the rank of Commander and gold for all Sir Knights with the rank of Commander or higher. The visor shall be plain black for all Sir Knights below the rank of Grand Commander and shall have a single row of acorns and oak leaves in gold for the rank of Grand Commander and Past Grand Commander.

CAP DEVICE

- (C) The metallic cap device shall be worn centered above the cap headband and shall consist of a 2-1/4" (inch) Templar Cross in purple for Past Grand Commanders, the same Templar Cross in red for Grand Commandery Officers, a 1-3/8" (inch) Passion Cross with a red center surrounded by gold rays for Past Commanders and Commanders, and a 1-3/8" (inch) Passion Cross with red center surrounded by silver edging and without rays of light for all other Sir Knights.

SHIRT

- (D) The shirt shall be a white, short sleeve, of military style with shoulder epaulets and two (2) flap pockets, one on each breast, consisting of a cotton or cotton blend fabric. The collar will be plain versus button-down, snap tab, or collar pin types. The weave of the fabric will be plain rather than a patterned weave.
- Pinned over the center of the wearer's right pocket flap and with the bottom edge touching the top flap seam shall be an optional gold metal name badge with the wearer's full name in black letter conforming to SECTION 914.
 - Pinned over the center of the wearer's left pocket flap and with the bottom edge touching the top flap seam shall be a metal bar representing the three (3) Orders of the Commandery. The metal bar shall contain three (3) black panels, each surrounded with a silver line. Each of the panels shall be 1/2" (inch) wide by 1" (inch) long.

SHOULDER INSIGNIA

- (E) A Cross shall be worn in the center of each shoulder epaulet with the long axis of the Cross following the shoulder line, and the base of the Cross toward the outside of the shoulder. In each case, a 1-1/2" (inch) wide colored grosgrain ribbon shoulder loop shall be worn around each epaulet and under the appropriate Cross and centered thereon.
- **For Past Grand commanders**, it shall be a purple metal Templar Cross surrounded by a gold line and shall be 1"x 1" (inch). The shoulder loop shall be of purple color.
 - **For Grand Commandery Officer**, it shall be a red metal Templar Cross surrounded by a gold line and shall be 1"x 1" (inch). The shoulder loop shall be of red color.
 - **For Past Commanders**, it shall be a red metal Passion Cross surrounded by a gold line and rays and shall be 1"x 1" (inch). The shoulder loop shall be of red color.
 - **For Commanders**, it shall be a red metal Passion Cross surrounded by a gold line and rays and shall be 1"x 3/4" (inch). The shoulder loop shall be green.
 - **For other Commandery Dias Officers (Generalissimo, Captain General and Prelate)**, it shall be a red metal Passion Cross surrounded by a silver line and without rays and shall be 1"x 3/4" (inch). The shoulder loop shall be of green color.
 - **For all other Sir Knights**, it shall be a red metal Passion Cross surrounded by a silver line and without rays and shall be 1"x 3/4" (inch). The shoulder loop shall be of silver color.

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- (F) For Past Grand Commanders and Grand Commandery Officers shall be two (2) die cut gold metal state insignia (IN) to be worn one on each collar tip. For Past Commanders and Commanders shall be one (1) die cut gold metal state insignia (IN) and one (1) die cut gold metal Commandery Number. For Sir Knights, both collar insignia shall be the same as for Commanders except the color shall be silver. The state insignia shall be worn on the wearer's right collar and the Commandery Number shall be worn on the wearer's left collar. These insignia shall be worn centered on an imaginary line which bisects the angle of the collar tip and the center of the pins shall be located 1-3/4" (inch) back from the tip. Both collar insignia will appear to be parallel to the floor.

TROUSERS

- (G) The trousers will conform to **SECTION 930**.

BELT

- (H) The preferred belt is a standard military black web belt with gold metal buckle for the Commanders and higher in rank and silver metal buckle for Sir Knights below the rank of Commander. Optionally, a plain black leather belt shall be permitted with either gold or silver metal buckle as would be appropriate to the rank indicated.

SWORD SLING

- (I) The preferred method of wearing the scabbard shall be a black leather frog or black leather belt sling with two (2) clips for attaching the scabbard rings and worn over the wearer's belt on the left side of the body. Optionally permitted shall be only the white, over the shoulder sling. Old style Commandery belts and chain are not permitted with the summer attire.

SWORD & SCABBARD

- (J) Sword and Scabbard shall conform to **SECTION 945**.

NECKTIE

- (K) Necktie shall conform to **SECTION 928**.

GLOVES

- (L) Gloves shall conform to **SECTION 945**.

HOSE (M)

- Hose shall conform to **SECTION 932**.

SHOES (N)

- Shoes shall conform to **SECTION 934**.

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 995: These Statutes may be altered or amended at any Annual Conclave by the members present, such proposed alteration or amendment having first been submitted in writing and the referred to and reported upon by the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence.

REPEALING CLAUSE

SECTION 996: All laws heretofore enacted, adopted or approved are hereby repealed

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STANDING RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION 5: RIGGIN RESOLUTION (Removed April 2013)

RESOLUTION 6: HOOLIHAN RESOLUTION (Removed April 2013)