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**of**  
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## ARTICLE I

**Sec 501. NAME AND AUTHORITY**—This Grand Body shall be known as “THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF KANSAS.” It derives its powers from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and from its Constitution and Statutes, to which this Grand Commandery, its constituent Commanderies, and every Knight Templar within its jurisdiction owe fealty and obedience. Its Statutes and Regulations are intended to relate only to those matters of government that are expressly left to the discretion of the Grand Commanderies by the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment, and to matters falling properly within its power, concerning which the laws of the Grand Encampment make no provision. The Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, and these Statutes and Regulations constitute a complete code for the government of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas, and the Commanderies within its jurisdiction.

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 3, 33, 41.

Grand Enc. Stat. Sec 131.

**Sec 502. BUSINESS AND CHARITY**—The Grand Commandery shall not engage in any business of any character, nor shall it be a party to, or shareholder in, any partnership or corporation, nor shall it undertake the founding of any charitable or educational institution. It shall never render itself liable to pay any sum of money for any purpose, except for the necessary expenses attending the exercise of its proper functions as the governing head of Templary Masonry within its jurisdiction, nor shall it exercise any supervision or censorship over any association not included in or known to the original plan of the Order, or be the patron of any association predicated their membership either directly or indirectly on Templary, or claiming to be an auxiliary to the Grand Commandery. It may, nevertheless, encourage and foster associations organized for charitable purposes, and aid them, or any collective or individual charity within the limits of its resources to direct appropriations of money from its treasury by the Board of Control, but in no case in excess of the balance then on hand.

Grand Enc. Const. Sec. 41

**Sec 503. COMMON LAW OF MASONRY**—The Lodge is the foundation of all Masonic societies and its laws, reasonably construed, will ordinarily furnish the rules of action for any other society belonging to the Masonic system. In the absence of definite statutes promulgated by the Grand Encampment or the Grand Commandery, the general rules of jurisprudence in Masonry may be applied to special cases arising in the administration of the affairs of this Grand Commandery.

Grand Enc. Const. Secs 38, 39, 40, 68.

## ARTICLE II

**Sec 504. TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION**—The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas has exclusive original jurisdiction over Templar Masonry within the State of Kansas.

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 34, 63.

Grand Enc. Stat. Sec 147.

### ARTICLE III

**Sec 505. RULES OF ORDER**—Parliamentary rules should be observed but not strictly construed, nor authorize the previous question. They may be suspended by the Grand Commander in their application to any question, except a motion for adjournment. The Grand Commander may terminate any discussion when in his opinion its further continuance will not be attended with beneficial results, or is likely to disturb the harmony of the assembly.

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 38, 39, 40, 68.

### ARTICLE IV

**Sec 506. GRAND OFFICERS**—The officers of the Grand Commandery are: a Grand Commander, a Deputy Grand Commander, a Grand Generalissimo, a Grand Captain General, a Grand Senior Warden, a Grand Junior Warden, a Grand Prelate, a Grand Treasurer, a Grand Recorder, a Grand Standard Bearer, a Grand Sword Bearer, a Grand Warder, and a Grand Sentinel. They shall be elected, except the Grand Prelate, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Warder and Grand Sentinel, who shall be appointed by the Grand Commander. Nominations from the floor are permissible for the elective officers and when more than one name is in nomination the election shall be by ballot: if only one name is in nomination, the election may be by acclamation. ((1971)

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 35, 43, 44, 45, 46, 49, 50.

Grand Enc. Stat., Sec 136, 137, 138, 141, 142, 146.

**Sec 507. GRAND COMMANDER**—The Grand Commander at each Stated Conclave, shall present a report in writing of all his important official acts, making such recommendations as he may deem conducive to the general welfare and interest of Templar Masonry. He shall, in person or by his authorized representative, constitute all new Commanderies and conduct all public ceremonies, except as may be otherwise provided by law, performing such other duties as may be required by regulation or established usage, and authorize the payment of such incidental expenses not provided for in the regular appropriations for the current year.

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 36b, 39, 43, 46, 48, 49, 54, 55, 65b, 74f and g, 76, 80.

Grand Enc Stat. Sec 131, 145, 158, 166, 167, 177c, 196, 197, 210, 215, 217, 219, 234, Insignia of Rank 241c, Shoulder Straps, 243a, Jewel of, 262, Fig. 1.

**Sec 508. GRAND TREASURER**—The Grand Treasurer shall receive from the Grand Recorder all money belonging to the Grand Commandery, and shall deposit the same in a bank approved by the Board of Control to the credit of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas. He shall pay out such funds only on authorized orders, and perform such other duties as may be required by usage or law, making a report at each Stated Conclave of all receipts and disbursements, and exhibiting his accounts, vouchers, money, and securities to the Committee on Finance and Property. He shall also make a report at such time, during the recess of the Grand Commandery, as may be demanded by the Grand Commander or the Board of Control; and shall execute a surety bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum as the Board of Control may prescribe, the premium thereon to be paid by the Grand Commandery.

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 41f, 43, 46, 51, 55.

Grand Enc. Stat Sec. 241c, Insignia of Rank, Straps 243a, Jewel of, 262, Fig. 8.

**Sec 509. GRAND RECORDER**—The Grand Recorder shall keep an accurate record of the transactions of the Grand Commandery, and a roll of Commanderies, showing all things affecting their organization and membership, collect all moneys due the Grand Commandery, and promptly pay the same to the Grand Treasurer, making a report at each Stated Conclave, and exhibiting his accounts to the Committee on Finance and Property. He shall be the custodian of all equipment and other property of the Grand Commandery, and shall perform such other duties as may be required by law or usage, and shall execute a surety bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum as the Board of Control may prescribe, the premium thereon to be paid by the Grand Commandery.

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 41f, 43, 46, 52, 54, 55.

Grand Enc. Stat. Sec 150, 161, 169, 219, 233,

Insignia of Rank, 241c, Shoulder Straps, 243a, Jewel of, 262, Fig. 9.

**Sec 509a. SUSPENSIONS--DUTY OF GRAND RECORDER.**--At least thirty days prior to the Annual Conclave the Grand Recorder shall serve each member with a notice of his indebtedness, if any, to the Commandery. The notice may be served in person or by mail in a sealed envelope to his last known address.

At the Annual Conclave, the Grand Recorder shall have submitted to the Commandery Recorder a list of the names of all members whose dues are unpaid for the current year. The Eminent Commander, Commandery Recorder, or the Grand Recorder shall certify that each member has been served with the proper notice, or that same has been mailed, to his last known address. The Eminent Commander shall, upon affirmative vote of the Commandery declare any or all such members suspended from all the rights and privileges of Templar Masonry for non-payment of dues, the decree to become final at the close of the calendar year unless the amount of dues owing is paid; the record date of such suspension to be December 31<sup>st</sup>.

A Commandery may, at the Annual Conclave, by a majority vote, remit the dues of any member. (2021)

**Sec 509b. OFFICIAL RECEIPT FOR DUES.**---No Commandery within this jurisdiction shall issue a receipt for dues. The Grand Recorder shall issue all receipts for dues on which form shall contain a printed or lithographed certificate with facsimile signature of the Grand Recorder and Logo of the Grand York Rite of Kansas and to the effect that the Commandery issuing the receipt is a lawfully constituted Commandery of Knights Templar, working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas. If the Knight is a member of a constituted Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas and /or a member of a constituted Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas, his membership of those bodies will also appear on the receipt for dues. The Grand Recorder shall also issue all receipts for dues received from the Grand Encampment of Knight Templar USA. (2021)

**Sec 510. BOARD OF CONTROL**—The Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General shall constitute a Board of Control, who may invest the surplus funds in approved securities making all investments in the name of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas, and shall make an annual report thereof. They may authorize the payment of emergent expenses not anticipated and not covered by regular appropriation.

**Sec 511. GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**—The office of the Grand Representative, with the rank of Past Grand Captain General, is hereby recognized. The Right Eminent Grand Commander may appoint a Grand Representative to each Grand Commandery acknowledging allegiance to the Grand Encampment, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Right Eminent Grand Commander or until a successor is appointed. It shall be the duty of the Grand Representative to report annually to the Right Eminent Grand Commander the condition of Templar Masonry in the Grand Jurisdiction to which they have been accredited. (2021)  
Grand Enc. Const. Sec 48g.

## ARTICLE V

**Sec 512. INSPECTORS**—The Grand Commander shall appoint Inspectors from the roll of the present and past Grand Officers, and Past Commanders of this jurisdiction, who shall serve as Grand Guards, who shall qualify themselves in the tactics and ritual. (1997)  
Grand Enc. Const. Sec 48b

**Sec 513 DISTRICTS** – This Grand Jurisdiction shall be divided into such districts as the Right Eminent Grand Commander feels appropriate. The boundaries of such districts and any changes therein shall be fixed by the Right Eminent Grand Commander . Any Commandery may be detached from its district and added to another to suit the convenience of the Grand Commandery Representative by order of the Right Eminent Grand Commander , and new Commanderies shall be attached to such district as the Right Eminent Grand Commander may designate.

Two or more Commanderies may gather together to confer Orders, or practice competitive drills or other activities. A Commandery which has a shortage of members for any given Conclave activity may invite other Commanderies to attend and participate. The host Commandery may invite the Right Eminent Grand Commander or his representative to attend.

A Grand Commandery Representative shall have the authority to order a visitation of any Commandery in his district at any time, and his order shall have the same force and effect as the order of the Right Eminent Grand Commander . He shall visit every Commandery in his district and report to the Right Eminent Grand Commander on its proficiency in ritual and tactics, condition of uniforms, paraphernalia, and records and on such other matters as may be required by the Right Eminent Grand Commander , on or before such date as the Right Eminent Grand Commander may designate.

A form signed by the Commander and Recorder of each Commandery must accompany the report of the visiting Grand Commandery Representative stating the condition of the paraphernalia, which may be reported as excellent, good, poor or unusable. (2021)

## ARTICLE VI

**Sec 514. STANDING COMMITTEES**— The Grand Commander immediately following his installation, shall appoint the members of the Standing Committees subject to change at his pleasure; the following consisting of three members each: (1) Credentials; (2) Reports of Grand Officers; (3) Finance and Property; (4) Chartered Commanderies and Commanderies U.D.; (5) Tactics and Ceremonies; (6) Jurisprudence; (7) Patriotic and Civic Activities; (8) Triennial Affairs; (9) Holy Land Pilgrimage; and (10) Membership as specified in Section 522a; and the following consisting of one member each; (11) Necrology; (12) Correspondence, and also one member plus any possible vacancies to the following which shall consist of five members and

whose term of appointment shall normally be for five years; (13) Educational Foundation. (2017)

**Sec 515. COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS**—The Committee on Credentials shall report the members present as follows: (1) Present Grand Officers; (2) Past Elective Grand Officers; (3) Grand Representatives; (4) Past Commanders; (5) Commanders, Generalissimos, and Captain Generals, or their proxies. The name of a member shall not be included more than once in the report, except as a Grand Representative or the Representative by Proxy of a Commander, Generalissimo, or Captain General.

**Sec 516. COMMITTEE ON REPORTS OF GRAND OFFICERS**—The Committee on Reports of Grand Officers shall be furnished with copies of the reports of the Grand Officers prior to the date for holding the Stated Conclave, allowing sufficient time for consideration, and it shall distribute the various subjects embraced in such reports to the appropriate Standing Committee for their consideration.

**Sec 517. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PROPERTY**—The Committee on Finance and Property shall audit the accounts of the Grand Commandery, examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, compare them with the original reports of the Commanderies, make up the expense bill of the Grand Officers and Chairmen of Committees, and recommend such appropriations, from the General Fund, as may be necessary to meet the current expenses for the ensuing year.

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 41f.

**Sec 518. COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED COMMANDERIES AND COMMANDERIES UNDER DISPENSATION**—The Committee on Chartered Commanderies and Commanderies Under Dispensation shall carefully examine such Annual Reports of Commanderies as may be referred to it by the Grand Recorder, noting all errors relating to the roll or changes in membership during the year, or to the annual taxes, reporting the same to the Grand Commandery with such recommendations as may be necessary or expedient. It shall also examine and report upon any matters relating to chartered Commanderies which may be referred to it by the Grand Commander, Grand Recorder, or Grand Commandery. It shall also examine the reports and returns from Commanderies Under Dispensation, noting particularly the nature and progress of the work, and shall report upon applications for Warrants of Constitution for new Commanderies.

**Sec 519. COMMITTEE ON TACTICS AND CEREMONIES**—The Committee on Tactics and Ceremonies shall consider and report to the Grand Commandery all matters with reference to drills, tactics and ceremonies. It shall prescribe the rules and regulations, including drill maneuvers and formations, with reference to competitive drills to be held at any Stated Conclave, appoint the Judges therefore and have charge thereof. It shall recommend such changes in the Drill regulations as it may deem necessary and advisable.

**Sec 520. COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE**—The Committee on Jurisprudence shall advise the Grand Officers, Grand Commandery and Committees upon all questions of Templar Law, considering and reporting upon all propositions for the amendment of the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery and upon all proposed standing or other regulations. It shall examine each transcript sent up on appeal and present to the Grand Commandery a brief review of the same. It shall likewise consider and report on any other

matters referred to it which do not properly come within the scope of the duties of any other committee.

**Sec 521 COMMITTEE ON PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES**—The Committee on Patriotic and Civic Activities shall foster and supervise patriotic and good citizenship activities on the part of the the Grand Commandery and its constituent Commanderies, whether in peace or in war, for the purpose of promoting the civic responsibility of Templary as an organization, collectively demonstrating the patriotic principles of Templary and for scheduling programs designed to promote the above objectives. (1966)

**Sec 522. COMMITTEE ON TRIENNIAL AFFAIRS**--The Committee on Triennial Affairs shall make suitable and necessary arrangements for the Grand Commandery, its officers and members thereof, when attending the Conclave of the Grand Encampment. The Chairman and members of the committee shall perform such other duties in connection with such arrangements for any Triennial Conclave, including the payment of expenses from any appropriated Grand Commandery Triennial Fund, as the Grand Commander may direct.

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 93 (7)

Grand Enc. Stat. Sec 103

**Sec 522a. COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP** - The Committee on Membership may consist at the discretion of the Grand Commander, of the Grand Standard Guard with the Grand Recorder as an ex-officio member. They shall promote and report to the Grand Commandery all membership activity on the part of the Grand Commandery and its constituent Commanderies. The Grand Recorder shall receive activity reports on any changes from each constituent Commandery Recorder on membership activity. The information shall be entered by the Grand Recorder into the Kansas membership database and the same to the database of the Grand Encampment. (2016)

**Sec 522b. COMMITTEE ON HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**—The Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee shall be charged and entrusted to study and recommend to the Board of Control of 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 shall recommend to the Board of Control of the Grand Commandery, Ministers who they believe should be considered for the trip to the Holy Land. The Board of Control shall first approve the method of selecting the Ministers and the ways and means by which this project is financed before the Committee puts its program into effect. The number of Ministers to be sent each year shall be determined by the Board of Control based upon the amount of money available each year for this purpose. Monies to finance this project shall be solicited on a voluntary contribution basis. Said funds to be turned over to the Grand Treasurer who shall hold the funds in an account until such time as he shall be authorized to release them by order of the Grand Commander – after the approval of the Board of Control. It shall be the 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. (1987)

**Sec 523. COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY**—The Committee on Necrology shall prepare a brief report relating to the dead of this jurisdiction, and with kindly reference to the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions, conveying to said jurisdictions fitting expressions of condolence.

**Sec 524. COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE**—The Committee on Correspondence shall review and report upon Proceedings of other Grand Commanderies, gleaned therefrom such matters as may be of general interest to Templarism.

**Sec 525. EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KANSAS**—The Education Foundation Committee shall organize and prescribe rules for its procedure and in accordance with a program on the new Regulations and Standard Practices formulated by the Grand Encampment, due to a lack of applications nationwide for loans, shall authorize and regulate scholarship grants to qualified students. The principal amount of our portfolio would not be reduced and expenses of operating the program would be lessened, the committee would administer the funds raised for the purpose indicated, making due report of their action at each Stated Conclave. (2006)

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 18

Grand Enc. Stat. Sec 104, 130

## Article VII

**Sec 526. STATED CONCLAVES**--The Stated Conclaves of this Grand Commandery shall be convened at a jointly held session with the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas and the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas, such meetings will conclude on the first Saturday of May each year., provided; however, that the Board of Control may, if it is impractical to hold the conclave on the above date and place, by three fourths (3/4) vote change the date of the Annual Conclave to another date and to a different place.

The Grand Commander, with the approval of a majority of the Board of Control, shall fix the hour for the convening of the Annual Conclave. At the time and place so designated the Grand Recorder or his assistant shall determine if a quorum is present and if so, the Grand Captain General shall organize the assembly for the reception of the Grand Commander and on his reception he shall properly convene this Grand Commandery. (2019)

**Sec 526a.** If the Board of Control changes the date or place of the Annual Conclave, it shall cause the Grand Recorder to mail notices, giving the date and place of the Conclave to each Commandery, at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of such Conclave. (1970)

**Sec 527. CONVENING**--The Grand Captain General shall congregate the members, clothed in Templar uniforms, in the Asylum, the officers wearing the insignia and jewels of their stations. Stated Conclaves shall be convened in ample form with the full prescribed ceremony.

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 37.

**Sec 528. QUORUM**--A quorum of the Grand Commandery shall include at least nine representatives from three or more Commanderies. If a quorum be not present at the opening of a Conclave, the Grand Captain General shall adjourn the assembly to an hour certain, and the Grand Commander may summon any of the absent members to attend. If, at any time after the Grand Commandery has been opened, it appears that a quorum is not present, all business must be suspended until a quorum is present.

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 37

**Sec 529 PROXIES**--Any one or all three of the first three officers of a Commandery may be represented by proxies, who shall be at the time of service an installed officer or Past

Commander of the Commandery he represents, producing a properly authenticated certificate of his appointment. One Sir Knight is entitled to one vote. (1989)

## **Article VIII**

**Sec 530 REVENUES OF GRAND COMMANDERY**--The revenues of the Grand Commandery shall be derived from Letters of Dispensation, per capita taxes, percentage on work and special assessments. The charge for Letters of Dispensation shall be ninety dollars, for Charters ten dollars, and the charge for a new Commandery to which no Letters of Dispensation have previously been issued, shall be one hundred dollars. The per capita tax shall be Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) effective January 1, 2016, plus dues and assessments set by Grand Encampment K.T.-the same to be due and payable with the Annual Report of the year for each member borne on the roll of the Commandery at the time of making the Annual Report. The per capita on the work shall be five dollars (\$5.00) for each Order of the Temple conferred. The amount available for the annual operating budget shall be Twelve dollars (\$12.00) with Three dollars (\$3.00) to be put in a "Perpetual Fund" of which only the interest may be used starting the 2009 budget year. No rebate shall be allowed by reason of the neglect of any member to pay his dues or because of any member being exempt from tax. Any motion for special assessment to replenish any fund of the Grand Commandery must be presented the morning of the first day of the Annual Conclave. (2015)

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 4

The per capita tax collected by the Grand Commandery and the Grand Encampment on a perpetual member shall never be more than the per capita tax in effect at the time the perpetual membership is purchased. (2002)

**Sec 530a. THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF KANSAS INVESTMENT FUND**--This fund shall consist of "Voluntary Donations" of \$25.00 and \$50.00 received from any and all interested participants. All money shall be deposited in an interest bearing account in the name of the fund and under the direction of the Grand Treasurer.

No money shall be withdrawn from this account until the year 1994 and thereafter and then only the interest can be withdrawn, never the principal. This interest money shall be made available to the Grand Commander to assist in financing the Grand Conclave.

For these donations the donor shall receive a certificate, Silver for \$25.00 and Gold for \$50.00 each being numbered and prepared by the Grand Recorder's office. Each certificate shall be presented by a Grand Commandery Officer in full uniform and at a Stated Conclave or public meeting. (1993)

**Sec 530b. THE PERPETUAL FUND**--This fund shall consist of an annual Three Dollars (\$3.00) collected from the per capita and all donations. All money shall be deposited in an interest bearing account in the name of the fund and under the direction of the Grand Treasurer.

No money shall be withdrawn from this account until the year 2009 and thereafter and then only the interest can be withdrawn, never the principal. This interest money shall be made available to the Grand Commandery of Kansas General Fund.



Moneys in this fund may be commingled by the Grand Treasurer with moneys from the Grand Chapter and Grand Council Perpetual Funds for the purpose of obtaining better interest rates, but interest shall be prorated correctly to each fund. (2005)

**Sec 531. TRIENNIAL FUND.**--At each Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas shall budget and appropriate a sum of \$350.00, as a fund to be used for the expenses of the representatives of this Grand Commandery to the next succeeding Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment. The Grand Treasurer shall invest the funds upon receipt in short term investments of known safety and reliability, so that the fund will remain intact as a Triennial Fund until such time as it is needed for its intended use. (2014)

**Sec 531a. TRIENNIAL EXPENSE.**--The Triennial fund shall be shared by all voting members of this Grand Jurisdiction in attendance at the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment. The Grand Commandery shall reimburse all necessary expenses to attend and participate in the Triennial Conclave, upon submission of receipts for said expenses and upon approval of the Finance Committee Chairman, up to the balance of said fund. Upon 120 days following the Triennial Conclave the Grand Treasurer shall transfer any unused monies in this fund to the investment account for the Grand Commandery. Currently, titled Stifel Nichols/Jackson National Fund. (2014)

**Sec 532. DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS**--The Grand Treasurer shall not make any payment out of the funds in his possession, except on the order of the Grand Commander, countersigned by the Grand Recorder, and no order shall be drawn or paid which exceeds the total amount appropriated for the purpose for which it is drawn, unless approved by the Grand Commander or the Board of Control.

## ARTICLE IX

**Sec 533. SALARIES**--Annual Salaries shall be paid from the General Fund through the Grand York Rite Budget to the Grand Recorder and to clerical help, an amount to be determined by the combined Grand York Rite Committees on Finance and Property, and to be paid semi-monthly. (1979)

**Sec 533a. REIMBURSEMENTS--GRAND OFFICERS**-- An annual allowance shall be paid from the General Fund of the Grand Commandery: to the Grand Treasurer, \$200.00. The foregoing allowance to be paid when the duties have been completed.(2013)

**Sec.534. GRAND COMMANDER'S CONTINGENT FUND** – The Grand Commander shall be allowed the sum of \$1,500.00 per annum as a Contingent Fund for the Grand commander, to be used by him for paying expenses incurred in the performance of his office. This sum payable as reimbursement for the mentioned expense incurred as Grand commander upon receipt of receipts of said expenditures. A list of expenses must be submitted to the Grand Recorder's office for payment by April 1st each year or as a separate item attached to the Annual Report. Expenses to be incurred from the time of the Grand Commander's installation to April 1<sup>st</sup> the following year.(2019)

**Sec.534a. CONTINGENT FUND** – Deleted (2019)

**Sec 535. ALLOWANCES--COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**--This Statute was deleted by action taken at the 2006 Grand Conclave.

**Sec 536. OTHER ALLOWANCES**--This Statute was deleted by action taken at the 2000 Grand Conclave.

## ARTICLE X

**Sec 537. THE SEAL**--The Seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas shall be kept and used officially by the Grand Recorder. It shall be impressed upon all orders, summonses and commissions issued by order of the Grand Commander, and upon all dispensations, charters, and a facsimile of it on official receipts for dues. Its present design shall not be changed except by special order of the Grand Commandery.

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 52d.

Grand Enc. Stat. Sec 117f.

**Sec 538. RITUALS--PARAPHERNALIA BOOK OF A COMMANDERY--STATUTES--ASYLUM TACTICS**--The rituals promulgated by the Grand Encampment shall be strictly observed. (1997)

**Sec 539. DRILL REGULATIONS--ASYLUM TACTICS**--The Drill Regulations of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, are hereby adopted to be used exclusively for the use of this Grand Commandery and its constituent Commanderies for all outside drills, ceremonies and exercises. The Asylum Tactics promulgated by the Committee on Tactics and Ceremonies of this Grand Commandery, latest revised edition, shall be practiced by all bodies of Knight Templar for Asylum Ceremonies, excepting all movements in the Sword Manual and in the School of the Sir Knight now appearing and described in said Tactics shall be made to conform to the said Drill Regulations without any other change in said Asylum Tactics, to the end that uniformity may prevail in all our Drills and Ceremonies.

**Sec 540. FORMS FOR CEREMONIES**--The Rules and Forms for the private and public Ceremonies of the Order, not including the ceremonies prescribed by the rituals, are such as may be prescribed by the Grand Commandery, subject always to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Encampment.

Grand Enc. Stat. Sec 132, 145, 214, 215, 216.

**Sec 541. ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS**--The proceedings of all Stated and Special Conclaves shall be published and made available in digital form by the Grand Recorder as soon as practicable after the close of the Stated Conclave. The proceedings shall be distributed, one copy each to the Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment; one copy to each Grand Officer, Past Elective Grand Officer, Grand Representatives and Chairmen of Standing Committees; one copy to each Commandery and one copy to the Grand Recorder of other Grand Commanderies, plus one additional copy for the Grand Representative of that Grand Jurisdiction, if said Grand Representative attended the Annual Conclave reported in the proceedings. Printed copies will be available upon request at a charge to be determined by the Grand Recorder. (2019)

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 52c

**Sec 542. OFFICIAL JEWELS**--The Official Jewel adopted by the Grand Commandery for Commanders and Past Commanders shall be worn only by permanent members of this Grand Commandery. (1979)

**Sec 542a. MALTA JEWEL**--The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Kansas shall allow the 5/8" Malta Jewel authorized by the Grand Encampment to be used by the constituent Commanderies, each have to approve usage through their By-Laws. This small jewel will not be allowed on the regulation Templar Uniform and will in no way replace the standard jewel usage. Any Sir Knight who has a regular Templar Uniform must be presented a standard Maltese Cross by his Commandery. If no Templar Uniform is acquired the smaller lapel jewel, (to be worn on the pocket or lapel of the shirt or coat worn under the mantle) may be substituted for the standard Maltese Cross until such time that a regular Templar Uniform is acquired. (1993)

## **ARTICLE XI**

**Sec 543. PETITION FOR ORDERS**--The petition of every candidate for the Orders of Knighthood shall be made in the form prescribed in the Statutes of the Grand Encampment.  
Grand Enc. Stat. Sec 178,179.

**Sec 543.5 QUALIFICATIONS OF PETITIONERS**--(a) Anyone who is a Master Mason, Royal Arch Mason and Select Master Mason affiliated in a Lodge, Chapter and Council or who is an affiliated Master Mason, and who has petitioned both a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the Capitular Degrees and a Council of Royal and Select Masters for the Cryptic Degrees, (provided, however, that none of the Orders of Knighthood shall be conferred upon said petitioner until he shall have received both the Royal Arch degree and the Select Master degree); (b) who is a firm believer in the Christian religion; and (c) who is physically able to conform to the ceremonies of the Order or whose physical inability to so conform shall have been waived by dispensation of the Grand Commander is eligible to petition for the Orders of Knighthood. This section 543.5 to become effective January 1, 1979, and will not require anyone who has received the Orders of Knighthood previous to January 1, 1979, to become a Select Master. (1978)

**Sec 544. PETITIONS--RECEPTIONS--REFERENCE**--The Petition for the Orders of Knighthood, or an Application for Membership, shall be read in open Commandery, and unanimous consent shall be required for its reception. If for any cause, the Commandery refuses to receive a Petition, such refusal shall not operate as a rejection and the petitioner may renew his petition at any time. If the Petition or Application be received, the Commander shall refer it to an investigating committee of three members, selected by him from the body of the Commandery, only when requested by a member in good standing in the Commandery acting upon the petition. The report of this committee must be in writing. Only the fact of the report being made, and not its character, shall be entered on the minutes, unless the report be that the Commandery is without jurisdiction in which case it shall be entered at length, and the petition shall stand as though it had not been received. The report on an Application for Membership shall not be made until the applicant, if he resides within the jurisdiction of the Commandery shall have visited it, or, if he resides without such jurisdiction, shall have been vouched for. A petition may be withdrawn by the Petitioner at any time before the ballot. (1997)

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 79, 80, 82.

Grand Enc. Stat. Sec 147, 148, 149, 159, 160, 177 to 187 incl., 189, 190, 191, 193, 194, 195, 199, 200.

**Sec 545. FILING OF PETITION AFTER REJECTION**--A rejected Petitioner for the Orders, if still residing within the jurisdiction of the Commandery petitioned, may again petition after the expiration of six months, but shall not petition any other Commandery until the expiration of six months after such rejection. (1979)

**Sec 546. BALLOT ON PETITIONS**--A ballot may be ordered separately on each Petition or Application as soon as the report of the investigating committee, when requested, has been read or it may be taken en masse on any number of petitions, but if one or more negative votes appear, the petitions must be balloted separately. The ballot is under the supervision and control of the Commander, and may be inspected only by himself, Generalissimo and Captain General. No proposition shall be entertained for the postponement of the ballot or for its reconsideration. The Commander shall declare the results. The ballot must be secret and sacred. The Petitions for the orders or for membership may be received and balloted on at the Stated or Special Conclave at which said petition or petitions are read in the Commandery, without dispensation from the Grand Commander. There must be a unanimous ballot to elect a candidate or an applicant. (1997)

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 48a, f, 80.

Grand Enc. Stat. Sec 180-185 incl., 195.

**Sec 547. FEES FOR ORDERS**--No Commandery shall confer the Orders of Knighthood for less than Forty dollars, which shall be paid before the Order of the Red Cross is conferred, and which fee cannot be remitted, directly or indirectly. (1971)

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 81

Grand Enc. Stat. Sec 134, 195.

**Sec 548. TIME FOR ORDERS--FEES RETURNED**--A Petitioner who has been elected to receive the Orders of Knighthood shall be required to present himself for the Orders within twelve months after receiving notice of his election, and upon his failure to do so, his petition must again be presented and action taken, as on original petitions. If the petitioner shall make any deposit as prerequisite to receive the Orders, and he shall be rejected, or barred therefrom by objection after acceptance, such deposit shall be returned. (1997)

Grand Enc. Stat. Sec. 195

**Sec 549. ORDERS BY REQUEST**--A Commandery may confer the Orders upon a candidate elected by another Commandery to receive them, at the request of such other Commandery.

Grand Enc. Stat. Sec 221.

**Sec 550. ORDER OF CONFERRAL**--The Orders shall be conferred in the following succession: Red Cross, Knight of Malta and Knight Templar. The Order of Red Cross and Order of Malta may be conferred in short form.

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 83.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **OFFICERS OF COMMANDERIES**

**Sec 551. COMMANDER**--The powers and privileges of the Commander are such as have been accorded to him by usage. He should maintain his authority with dignity, and may close the door of his Commandery against anyone who shall neglect to obey his orders, temporarily depose any officer, and appoint some other person to perform the duties of said office, and for good cause may suspend any officer of his Commandery from office; but such

suspension shall not be for more than one month, unless charges be preferred against such suspended officer. He has it in special charge to see that By-Laws are properly observed, as well as the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Encampment and of the Grand Commandery; that accurate records are kept, and just accounts rendered; that reports are made to the Grand Commander and Grand Recorder.

It is his duty to see that regular reports are made to the Grand Commandery, and the annual dues promptly paid; to preside at all meetings of his Commandery, when present, and conduct such ceremonies of the Order as may be properly observed by the body under his command, and shall promptly answer all communications received by him from the Grand Commander and Grand Recorder. He shall attain proficiency in the rituals, and shall instruct other officers in their respective duties, that they may intelligently perform their work.

He shall pay homage to the first four officers of the Grand Encampment and Grand Commandery, and attend, either in person or by proxy, all the Conclaves of the Grand Commandery.

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 35b, 64, 65b, 67, 71a,72, 77, 78.

Grand Enc. Stat. Sec 143, 185, 228, 229, 241d.

Jewel of, Grand Enc. Stat. Sec 262, Fig. 1.

Shoulder Straps of, Grand Enc. Stat. Sec 244a.

Uniform of, Dress, Grand Enc. Stat. Sec 250a.

Fatigue, Sec 251a, d; Cape, Sec 252a.

**Sec 552. GENERALISSIMO AND CAPTAIN GENERAL**--The Generalissimo and Captain General shall exercise such powers, and perform such duties, as by the unwritten laws of Templar Masonry appertain to their offices. They shall support and assist the Commander in the discharge of his duties and endeavor to attain such proficiency in the rituals as may qualify them to instruct the members of their Commandery.

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 35b, 64, 67, 72, 78.

Grand Enc. Stat. Insignia of Rank, Sec 241d;

Jewel of Office, Sec 262, Figures 3 & 4;

Shoulder Straps of, Sec 244c & d; Uniform of,

Dress, Sec 250c & d; Fatigue, Sec 251 c & d.

**Sec 553. TREASURER**--The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all moneys and property of the Commandery, keep a fair account of the money and a list of the property, and annually, or more often, if required, make a full report, to the Commandery, of all moneys received or paid out, subsequent to his last report, producing authorized vouchers for his disbursements. He shall not pay out any money except on the order of the Commander, with the consent of the Commandery. (2021)

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 64, 73, 74d, 75,78.

Grand Enc. Stat. Jewel of Office, Sec 262, Fig 8;

Uniform of, Dress, Sec 250e; Fatigue, Sec 251c.

**Sec 554. RECORDER**--The Recorder shall collect all moneys due the Commandery, keep a fair account thereof, immediately pay the same to the Treasurer, endorsing all evidences of payment to the order of the Treasurer, and take his receipt therefor. He shall annually, or oftener if required, make full report of all moneys collected and turned over to the Treasurer showing from whom or on what account such moneys were collected. He shall keep an account with the members of the Commandery, and annually, or oftener if required, report all members

in arrears for dues or special assessments, or in default of obedience to any summons. He shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Commandery, issue all notices and summonses, conduct the correspondence, and be the custodian of the records, books, papers and seal of the Commandery.

Grand Enc. Const. 64, 74, 75, 78.

Grand Enc. Stat. Sec 150, 194, 229, 233:

Jewel of Office, Sec 262, Fig 9; Uniform of Dress, Sec 250e, Fatigue, Sec 251 c & d

**Sec 555. SURETY BOND**--The Treasurer and Recorder shall be required by the Commander to execute a surety bond, as provided by law, in an amount commensurate with the funds in his charge or handled by him. The bond premium shall be paid by the Constituent Commandery.

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 75.

**Sec 556. OTHER OFFICERS**--All other officers of the Commandery whose duties are not herein specifically defined shall perform such duties as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations, or may be allotted to them by the Commander, Commandery or Grand Commander.

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 43, 48d, 69, 70, 72, 77, 78

Grand Enc. Stat. Uniform of, Dress, Sec 250e;

Fatigue, Sec 251e; Jewels of Office, Sec 262.

**Sec 557. VACANCIES**--In case of the death, inactivity or the permanent removal from the jurisdiction of the Commandery of any Officer thereof, the Grand Commander may authorize a special election to fill the vacancy; and if any elective officer be elected to fill the vacancy, then the office held by him shall immediately become vacant, and shall be filled by an election at the same Conclave, Provided, that removal from the territorial jurisdiction of the Commandery does not make the officer ineligible to continue to hold office unless such removal interferes with his regular attendance or prevents the proper performance of his duties. (1978)

**Sec 558. ELECTION AND INSTALLATION**--The Elective Officers of a Commandery are a Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer and Recorder, and they shall be chosen by ballot at the Annual Conclave of each Commandery in November or December of each year, beginning in November 1987. The other officers shall be appointed by the Commander. All officers shall be installed before the annual report is made, and not thereafter, except by authority of the Grand Commander. (1987)

Vow of Office--Grand Enc. Const Sec 70.

Election--Grand Enc. Stat. Sec 136-139.

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 64.

Installation--Grand Enc. Stat. Sec 143-146.

**Sec 558a. FISCAL YEAR**--The fiscal year of this Grand Commandery, from and after February 28, 1980, shall be March 1, of each year to the last day of February of the next calendar year. (1979)

**Sec 558b. ANNUAL CONCLAVE**--The Annual Conclave of each constituent Commandery in this Grand Jurisdiction shall be held on the first meeting in November or December of each year. (1997)

**Sec 559. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS**--Every Commandery shall have a committee on Finance and Auditing, consisting of three members to be appointed by the Commander, whose

duty it shall be to examine and audit the accounts and records of the Commandery for the preceding fiscal year, up to and including the final day of that fiscal year, December 31<sup>st</sup>, and submit a full report in writing within 60 days thereafter, which report shall be signed by the committee and spread in full on the minutes. (1997)

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 74g.

### ARTICLE XIII

**Sec 560. MEMBERSHIP**--The members shall perform such duties as may be required of them by general usage, or assigned to them by the order of the Commandery or Commander. They shall conform to and obey the laws of their country, be humane, charitable and just to their neighbors and to all men, with due reverence to God. They shall observe the moral law, support and enforce the regulations of Templar Masonry, defend, maintain and extend the honor of its name; observe and obey the lawful orders of those who have been chosen to govern them, paying due respect to the constituted authorities, and each for himself sustain the character of an obedient and magnanimous Templar.

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 64.

Grand Enc. Stat. Sec. 175, 182, 185 incl., 192, 198. 199, 200.

**Sec 560a. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**--A Commandery by unanimous ballot, may elect as an Honorary member a member of another Commandery, but such election does not confer the right to vote, nor does it create any liability for dues. (1997)

**Sec 560b. DUAL MEMBERSHIP**-- A Knight Templar belonging to a Commandery in this jurisdiction may affiliate with a Commandery in another Grand Jurisdiction, as a dual member, if the laws of that Grand Commandery so provide. A Knight Templar belonging to a Commandery in another Grand Jurisdiction, may affiliate with a Commandery in this Grand Jurisdiction as a dual member, if the laws of the Grand Commandery so provide. (1973)

**Sec 560c.** A petition for dual membership must be accompanied by a Certificate of Good Standing issued by the Commandery of which the petitioner is a member. A dual member is entitled to all the rights and privileges of full membership in both Commanderies, and is subject to all dues and assessments of both Commanderies. (1997)

**Sec 560d.** Multiple membership in the several Commanderies of Kansas is permitted the same privileges and restrictions as Sec. 560c above. (1976)

**Sec 561. CONTINUOUS AFFILIATION--TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP**--If a member wishes to change his membership and be continuously affiliated, he may file his petition with the Commandery in which he desires membership, and with a Certificate of Good Standing, from the Recorder of his Commandery under the seal thereof showing that his dues have been paid three month in advance and shall file a written application to his Commandery for a Dimit. If he is elected to membership in the Commandery petitioned, the Recorder thereof shall immediately forward said application for Dimit to the Commandery to which it is addressed, and when the Dimit is received it shall be filed with the petition and the Sir Knight's name shall be entered as a member of the Commandery petitioned, as of even date with the Dimit. If the petitioner be rejected the Certificate of Good Standing and application shall be returned to him.

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 48f, 2, 80.

Grand Enc. Stat. Sec 128, 190, 191, 194.

**Sec 562. DIMIT, CERTIFICATE**—An applicant need not state his reasons for dimission therefore. He may make his request orally or in writing at any Stated Conclave. The Commander shall order the granting of such dimit unless the member applying therefor be at the time an elective officer of the Commandery, have charges pending against him, or be under pecuniary liability to the Commandery. When the application is granted, the Recorder shall record the transaction in the minutes and give to the applicant a certificate of such dimission, showing that he was in good standing and that his Commandery dues were paid to date. (2011)

**Sec 562a. DIMITS, OTHER BODIES**—The issuance of a dimit from a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons or a Council of Cryptic Masons will require a dimit from a Commandery of Knights Templar to be issued. (2011)

**Sec 562b. DIMIT, LIMITATIONS**—The right under a dimit shall continue for life. A dimit is a resignation of membership. A Sir Knight holding a dimit has no Masonic rights in the Commandery of Knights Templar. He is not eligible to visit or sit in a Commandery of Knight Templar and is not entitled to Knights Templar services at burial. He is not entitled to aid or charity. His only right is to petition a Commandery of Knights Templar for Membership. To be eligible to be reinstated to a Commandery of Knights Templar and he must be a member in good standing of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and a member in good standing of a Council of Cryptic Masons. (2011)

**Sec 563. KNIGHTLY BURIAL**--A Knight Templar being at the time of his death affiliated and in good standing, is entitled to the honors of Knightly Burial by his Commandery. A sojourner being at the time of his death affiliated and in good standing, is entitled to the honors of Knightly Burial.. When an affiliated sojourner is buried, a report of the fact should be made to his Commandery. When one Commandery gives Knightly Burial to a member of another, and pays the expenses or part thereof, no lawful claim exists in favor of the Commandery making such expenditures, nor should the latter, in its report, make any reference to such expenditures. The Commandery may do escort duty if requested, or attend the funeral of a Knight Templar conducted by his Lodge or any other recognized Masonic Body.

Grand Enc. Stat. Sec 214, 216, 220; Funeral Service

#### **ARTICLE XIV**

**Sec 564. ASSESSMENT AND REMISSION**--Each Commandery has the right to levy and collect such Annual dues as may be necessary to create a revenue for its support, and to require each member to pay annually, or oftener, the specified tax levied and fixed by its By-Laws. It may, at a Stated Conclave, assess a special tax when necessary to meet emergent expenses and charities. The dues for any member for long and faithful service, of not less than fifty years or for inability to pay the same, or for any other cause which may be just and equitable, may be remitted, and if any member shall state in open Commandery that he cannot pay his dues without manifest injury to his family, and such a statement shall be vouched for by two members, his dues shall be remitted.

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 41e,h, 74d, f

Grand Enc. Stat Sec 133, 151, 175, 198, 199, 208.

**Sec 564a. PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP**--The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas shall establish a Perpetual Membership Program which shall make available to each



member in good standing in any constituent Commandery in Kansas the voluntary prepayment of a Perpetual Membership fee in lieu of Annual Dues. (2002)

**Sec 565. COMMANDERY DUES--PAYABLE IN ADVANCE-SUSPENSION--** Commandery dues shall be payable in advance and shall be delinquent if not paid on or before January 1 of each year. If same are not paid by the date of the Annual Conclave in November or December thereafter, the member shall be suspended on that date to be effective as of December 31 thereafter. (1997)

**Sec 565a. SUSPENSIONS--DUTY OF RECORDER---**At least thirty days prior to the Annual Conclave the Recorder shall have had each member served with a notice of the date of the Annual Conclave, and his indebtedness if any, to the Commandery. The notice may be served in person or by mail in a sealed envelope to his last known address.

At the Annual Conclave, the Recorder shall submit to the Commandery a list of the names of all members whose dues are unpaid for the current year. The Eminent Commander , Commandery Recorder, or the Grand Recorder shall certify that each member has been served with the proper notice or that same has been mailed to his last known address. The Eminent Commander shall, upon affirmative vote of the Commandery, declare any or all such members suspended from all the rights and privileges, for non-payment of dues. The decree to become final at the close of the calendar year unless the amount of dues owing is paid; the record date of such suspension to be December 31<sup>st</sup>.

A Commandery may, at the Annual Conclave, by a majority vote, remit the dues of any member. (2021)

**Sec 565b. REMISSION - EXPULSION - SUSPENSION - RESTORATION --** A Commandery may, for good cause, at the Annual Conclave by majority vote, remit the dues of any member.

Any member who is expelled from a prerequisite body shall be expelled by his Commandery, the effective date to be the date of expulsion from the prerequisite body.

Any member who is suspended from a prerequisite body shall be suspended from his Commandery, the effective date to be December 31.

If a member under suspension for nonpayment of dues only, shall pay the amount of indebtedness to the Commandery (including current year's dues) by the last day of June following the date of suspension, the Recorder shall announce such payment, and the member shall be restored to membership without further action. The date of restoration shall be the date of said suspension. If more than six months have elapsed he must petition his Commandery for Restoration and the petition must show payment of current year's dues. If the suspension was for any other cause, the petition shall show a laudable effort to correct the wrong.

Anyone applying for restoration or reinstatement in a Commandery must be a member of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and a Council of Cryptic Masons and must retain his membership in both to retain his membership in his Commandery. (2002)

## ARTICLE XV

**Sec 566. JURISDICTION OF COMMANDERIES**--All Commanderies shall have concurrent jurisdiction over candidates within this Grand Jurisdiction. No rejected petitioner may petition any other Commandery without the consent of the Commandery by which he was rejected, Provided, however, the Commandery in which he was rejected shall lose jurisdiction after a six month waiting period. (1978)

Grand Enc. Const 41g, 48c, 82.

Grand Enc. Stat, Sec 147, 148, 196, 190, 210, 222.

**Sec 567. WAIVER OF JURISDICTION**--The Grand Commander after considering distances and convenience and finding no objection from the Commandery nearest the residence of those desiring to petition for the Orders of Knighthood, may waive jurisdiction over candidates residing in Kansas who can more conveniently receive the Orders of Knighthood in a Commandery out of state. (1985)

## ARTICLE XVI

**Sec 568. COMMANDERIES UNDER DISPENSATION**--The Conclaves of a Commandery Under Dispensation are not designated Stated or Special, but are all business Conclaves. The minutes of each Conclave shall recite the place and time it was held, and show the officers present, the petitions received, and the action thereon, and Orders conferred. The Letters of Dispensation shall be returned at the time designated therein to the Grand Recorder, with a full transcript of the proceedings and such other facts as the Grand Recorder may require.

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 48c, d, 60.

Grand Enc. Stat. Sec 107, 113 1/2b, 150 to 161 incl.

**Sec 569. LETTERS OF DISPENSATION**--The petition for Letters of Dispensation for a new Commandery shall be signed by each petitioner, with his first and last name written in full. The Grand Commander may at any time add to the petition the names of any Sir Knights, who shall henceforth possess all the rights and privileges of original petitioners, and for good cause may drop the names of any Sir Knights from said petition. Each petitioner shall show opposite his signature on the petition, the name and location of the Commandery with which he is affiliated, or from which he is dimitted. The Grand Recorder shall immediately after receiving the petition, notify each Commandery whose membership may be affected that one or more of its members, giving names in full, have joined in a petition for a new Commandery, stating its location.

Grand Enc. Const Sec 29c, 48c, d, 60.

Grand Enc. Stat. Sec 107, 113 1/2b, 124, 150 to 161 incl.

## ARTICLE XVII

### MISCELLANEOUS

**Sec 570. CHARTER**---The petition for a Charter for a new Commandery shall be signed by each petitioner, as prescribed by law, and shall constitute the original roll of membership; and such Charter shall be engrossed on parchment, for which the Grand Recorder shall receive an engrossing fee to be determined by the Grand Recorder. When any Charter shall be mutilated,

lost or destroyed, the Grand Commander may, on proof of such fact, authorize the Grand Recorder to issue an attested copy thereof, under seal. When a Commandery is suspended, or its Charter revoked, the Commander shall forthwith transmit the Charter to the Grand Recorder or deliver it to such person as the Grand Commander may designate. Each Commandery may, if it so desires file its Charter in the archives of the Grand Commandery and receive in exchange a certified photographic copy from the Grand Recorder. (2021)

Grand Enc. Const Sec 41d, 48d.

Grand Enc. Stat. Sec 113 ½ b, 124, 163, 164, 169., 171 to 176 incl. 218, 219.

**Sec 571. SEAL**--Each Commandery shall provide an Official Seal, which shall bear some Templar device, with the name and number of the Commandery, and date of its Charter.

Grand Enc. Stat. Sec 117h, 150, 194, 228, 229.

**Sec 572. ASYLUM**--A Commandery shall meet in some secure place suitable for its work, and may occupy a hall with another society which has for its purpose the mental and moral elevation of man. It shall be equipped with paraphernalia, working tools and furniture necessary for the proper execution of Templar work. The Asylum shall be kept in order for the comfort of the members and visitors, and no one shall indulge in any amusement therein which may give offense to any person.

Grand Enc. Stat Sec 162, 217.

**Sec 573. CONCLAVES**--The Conclaves of a Commandery are either Stated or Special. Stated Conclaves are those which are required to be held at regular times for the transaction of business and conferring the Orders; Special Conclaves are those which are called for some specific purpose at irregular times for conferring the Orders, holding drills, performing ceremonies, and conducting trials, and for no other purpose whatsoever, except for an election held under a Special Dispensation. A Commandery may be required to assemble in Conclave by any one of the first four officers of the Grand Commandery, by the Inspecting Officer of the district in which the Commandery is located, or by a Past Commander duly authorized. If a quorum be not present, the Captain General shall so inform the Commander, who may, in his discretion summon any or all of the members to attend the Conclave forthwith.

Grand Enc. Const Sec 65a, b, 67, 74a, 80. Grand Enc. Stat Sec 87, 169, 176, 217.

**Sec 573a. Quorum** --A quorum for a Stated Conclave shall consist of nine (9) members, with no less than five (5) members entitled to vote therein, including an Officer authorized to open the same. (2019) Per change to Grand Encampment Section 66 statutes at the 67<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conclave.

**Sec 574. BY-LAWS**--Any Commandery may adopt a code of By-Laws for the proper government of Templar Masonry therein, and within its jurisdiction, for the management of its business, subject to the approval of the Grand Commandery, or Grand Commander during the recess of the Grand Commandery, subject to review at the next succeeding Conclave of the Grand Commandery. It may amend, repeal or make additions thereto when two-thirds of the members present at a Stated Conclave shall so order by their vote, provided that such proposition to amend, repeal or to add additional By-Laws shall have been submitted in writing at a previous Stated Conclave, and subject to the approval thereof as above provided.

Grand Enc. Const 71a, 74f.

Grand Enc. Stat. 131, 135, 168.

**Sec 575. RULES AND FORMS OF PROCEDURE**--The Rules and Forms of Procedure in matters of discipline, in controversies between Commanderies, and for trials and punishments, are subject to such regulations as the Grand Encampment may provide, or the Grand Commandery prescribe. The general rules applicable to Masonic discipline, not in conflict with the Regulations of the Grand Encampment, may be used in this jurisdiction.

Grand Enc. Stat. Sec 209      See Disciplinary Rules, Grand Enc. Stat.

**Sec 576. FORMS AND RECORD BOOKS**-- Forms are available by download as required by the Grand Recorder. (2021)

**Sec 577. ANNUAL REPORT**---An Annual Report in such form as the Grand Recorder may prescribe, shall be made for each Commandery by its Recorder, showing the names of the officers and members of the Commandery, and all changes in membership, and also the Orders conferred, the date of each and on whom conferred. The report shall be made as of December 31<sup>st</sup> and transmitted to the Grand Recorder on or before January 15<sup>th</sup>, together with any special assessments. Any Commandery failing to comply with both requirements shall not be entitled to representation in the Stated Grand Conclave following such failure, and the Grand Recorder shall not issue credentials for such representation. (2021)

**Sec 578. UNIFORMS**--The members of the Commandery shall be clothed when on duty, in Templar uniform. Each Officer, when on duty, shall bear the insignia of his rank, as prescribed by the Grand Encampment, and be clothed in the Templar uniform and equipment adopted by this Grand Commandery. No one shall be permitted to appear on duty in public, or in any procession or take part in any parade or other public ceremony, except for church attendance and funerals, who is not, at the time, in Templar uniform. The uniform as adopted by this Grand Commandery and shown in the proceedings of its 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave, May 12, 1954, and as further adopted and set forth in the Appendix of the Statutes of this Grand Commandery, 1927, shall be the prescribed uniform of this Grand Jurisdiction. In lieu of the regulation Templar uniform, a constituent Commandery may adopt the use of the Cap and Mantle as described in the addenda to the 1987 Edition of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, Section 41 (i), A, B, C, D, and E as their official uniform. These can be worn for all Templar occasions, provided that when appearing in public, the entire Commandery must be dressed in like manner--either in Uniform or all in Cap and Mantle. Each commander shall be charged with the duty of seeing that no uniform is purchased by any member of his Commandery, which is not strictly in conformity with every detail of the provisions of the regulations of dress and equipment of this Grand Jurisdiction and the Grand Encampment. (1991)

Proceedings, Annual Conclave, Grand Commandery of Kansas, 1954

Appendix of Statutes, Grand Commandery of Kansas, 1927.

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 3, 41i, 62.

Grand Enc. Stat. Sec 214, 215, 216, 216a, 244.

**Sec 579. OFFENSES BY COMMANDERIES**--Any Commandery which shall act with contumacy to the authority of the Grand Commander or Grand Commandery, depart from the original plan and purpose of this Order of Christian Knighthood, be willfully disobedient to the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, neglect to conform to its own By-Laws in the conduct of its business, neglect to meet in Stated Conclave for twelve consecutive months, neglect to make an Annual Report to the Grand Commandery, or fail to conform to the authorized rituals, tactics and drill, shall be guilty of an Offense Against the Body of Templar Masonry, and on due trial and conviction, shall be punished by suspension for a definite period,

or forfeiture of its Charter, and of all its records, money and property to the Grand Commandery.

Grand Enc. Const. Sec 41d, 48d.  
Grand Enc. Stat. Sec 171 to 176 incl.

### **ARTICLE XVIII**

**Sec. 580. AMENDMENTS**--These Statutes or any section or clause thereof may be amended or repealed or added to only at a Stated Grand Commandery Conclave in the following manner: Any proposed amendment or repeal or addition shall be submitted to the Grand Recorder in writing at least 45 days before the Stated Grand Conclave, and at least 30 days prior to such Conclave the Grand Recorder shall transmit a copy of each such proposal to the Recorder of each constituent Commandery and it will also be printed in the Advance Report for presentation at the Annual Conclave. If the proposal is approved as to form by the Jurisprudence Committee, and is carried by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided, however, that any proposal properly submitted may be amended from the floor if germane to the question under discussion and carried by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, it shall then become law with the printing of the Annual Proceedings or 120 days after the stated Grand Conclave whichever event comes first, at which time the Grand Recorder will notify each constituent Commandery, all Grand Officers, all Past Grand Commanders and all Grand Commandery Committee Chairmen of all newly enacted legislation concerning these Statutes. (1998)

Grand Enc. Const., Sec 41b, 52c.

### **ARTICLE XIX**

**Sec 581. REPEALING CLAUSE**--All Statutes and Regulations heretofore enacted, adopted or approved, and not included in the foregoing, with the exception of the Appendix pertaining to the Uniform as set out in the Statutes of the Grand Commandery of Kansas, 1927, are hereby repealed.