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PART ONE GRAND COMMANDERY

NAME

Sec. 501. This grand body shall be known and designated as "THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MICHIGAN."

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS

Election

Sec. 502. (1) All officers shall be elected at the Annual Stated Conclave except the Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Warder, Grand Sentinel, who shall be appointed by the Grand Commander for the ensuing year. While they shall be installed and entitled to wear the jewel of office, they shall have no official duties with the exception of filling the appropriate stations if the Grand Officers confer the Order of the Temple. They may be recognized at commandery functions and afforded Templar honors and courtesies. (Revised Sec. 502 (1) 1995, 96)

(2) The Grand Prelate shall not be elected at the Annual Stated Conclave. He shall be appointed by the Grand Commander and shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly appointed and installed.

Representation

(3) A Commandery which has not filed its Annual Reports and paid its dues to the Grand Commandery by the due date specified in Sec. 717 (5) & (21), and any Commandery whose charter is under arrest, shall not be entitled to representation at the Annual Stated Conclave, except by consent of the Grand Commandery. (Revised Sec. 502 (3) 2008)

(4) All members of the Grand Commandery must be registered with the Credentials Committee before they can vote or participate in the transactions of business at the Annual Stated Conclave. Any member desiring to vote in the election of officers at such Conclave must be registered no later than the opening hour of the session at which such election takes place.

Templar Year

(5) A Templar Year for any Commandery is the period from the close of the Annual Stated Conclave of that Commandery in April of one year to the close of its Annual Stated Conclave in April of the next year. (An Annual Stated Conclave can be held only in April. G.C. 1913, 30.)

(Templar Year ends at close of Annual Stated Conclave in April see Sec. 728 (3). G.C. 1921, 27, 67.)

Nominations

(6) Nominations may be made for any office in the Grand Commandery or in any Commandery in this jurisdiction. When more than one name is in nomination, the election shall be by ballot. When only one name is in nomination, the election may be by acclamation or by show of hands.

REPRESENTATIVES PROXIES

Sec. 503. Only the Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General of each Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery may be represented and vote by proxy. Such proxy must be a member of the Commandery to which his principal belongs; does not, by virtue of his delegated authority, become a member of the Grand Commandery; and shall produce and file with the Credentials Committee a written certificate of his appointment.

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ANNUAL STATED CONCLAVES

Sec. 504. The Grand York Rite Committee, which shall be composed of the Grand Council of the Grand Commandery, is empowered to coordinate the Annual Stated Conclave with the Annual Meetings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan.

Commencing with the end of the Annual Conclave held in the year 2006, the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan shall be held on the third Friday of August and the York Rite Committee shall determine the city in which the Annual Conclave shall meet. If the third Friday of August conflicts with the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, then the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan shall be moved to the fourth Friday of August. In case of emergency, the Grand Council of the Grand Commandery may change the place, time and date of the Annual Conclave.

(Revised Sec. 504 – 2001, 03, 06)

ACCOUNTING PERIODS

Sec. 505. (1) The Annual Return year (tax and financial statements) of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Michigan and all Commanderies owing allegiance to the Grand Commandery of Michigan shall begin April 1 of each year and close on March 31 of the following year.

(2) The membership count year and per capita collection year of the Grand Commandery of Michigan and all Commanderies owing allegiance to the Grand Commandery of Michigan shall begin on January 1 each year and close on December 31 of each year.

(3) The budget year for the Grand Commandery of Michigan shall begin on September 1 of each year and close on August 31 of the following year. The budget year for all Commanderies owing allegiance to the Grand Commandery of Michigan shall begin on April 1 of each year and end on March 31 of the following year.

(4) The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Michigan and all Commanderies, owing allegiance to the Grand Commandery of Michigan, shall file all tax returns timely and provide copies of all tax returns filed to the Grand Recorder or his designee within 30 days of filing. (Revised Sec. 505 – 2010)

CHARTER AND FEE

Sec. 506. (1) A fee of \$250.00 (Two Hundred fifty Dollars) shall accompany every petition for a dispensation or charter for a new Commandery. Should the petition be denied, the fee shall be returned. If granted by the Grand Commandery, the dispensation or charter shall be issued over the signatures of the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General, countersigned by the Grand Recorder, who shall affix the seal of the Grand Commandery. When a dispensation is succeeded by a charter, the fee first collected shall suffice for both. A dispensation granted by the Grand Commander shall be issued over his signature and private official seal.

Notice to other Commanderies

(2) The Granting of a dispensation by the Grand Commander, or a charter of dispensation by the Grand Commandery, is a legal notice to all Commanderies.

(The Grand Commandery, having deferred action on a petition for charter request of all petitioners, petition was allowed to be withdrawn and fee was refunded. Proc. G.C. 1921, p.25, 67.)

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Incorporation of Commanderies

(3) No Templar organization, other than the Grand Commandery, shall incorporate under the laws of the State of Michigan.

RANK OF COMMANDERIES

Sec. 507. The several Commanderies shall be numbered and take rank according to the dates of their respective charters.

FEES FOR THE ORDERS/ANNUAL DUES

Sec. 508. (1) No Commandery shall confer the Orders of Knighthood for less than \$40.00 (Forty Dollars) or fix the annual dues, payable in advance, at less than \$3.00 (Three Dollars).

(Fees for the Orders become property of the Grand Commandery as soon as the petition is formally received. Proc. G.C. 1912, p.91.)

Life Membership by Service

(2) A member who is in good standing in his Commandery, and has been a Knight Templar for 25 (Twenty Five) years and has reached 65 (Sixty Five) years of age, may be elected a Life Member, providing the payment of his dues has been continuous for the five years immediately preceding election to life membership. Thereafter, he shall pay such dues as shall be fixed for Life Members to the Commandery of which he is a member. However, such dues shall never exceed one-half of the amounts paid by members who do not hold life membership. Life Members shall not be exempt from the payment of special assessments voted by the Commandery, the Grand Commandery or the Grand Encampment. No Life or Emeritus Memberships heretofore obtained shall be invalidated hereby.

(Revised Sec. 508 (2) 2009)

(3) (repealed 1936, p.58.)

Revenue of Grand Commandery

(4) At the time of filing its annual report each Commandery shall pay a fee of \$12.50 (Twelve Dollars Fifty cents) for each Knight Templar created during the year (except for another Commandery); a fee of \$1.00 (One Dollar) for each demit issued during the year; annual dues of \$12.50 (Twelve Dollars Fifty Cents) for each member in good standing at the close of the fiscal year, except such Life and Emeritus Members as may be exempt under Section 508 (2), those knighted or affiliated during the year and members whose dues have been remitted by the Commandery; and any per capita assessment which is now or may hereafter be assessed by the Grand Encampment for all its members (both active and Life).

(Revised Sec. 508 (4) 1993, 2009)

(5) The assessment levied by the Grand Encampment is levied upon all members of a Constituent Commandery, both life and active. The phrase "members in good standing" shall include all whose membership has not been terminated under Grand Encampment Section 151. In addition, each Commandery shall pay to the Grand Commandery, with its annual return, beginning in 1957, an assessment of \$1.00 (One Dollar) per member for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. This includes Life and Emeritus Members, but exempts any member whose dues have been remitted due to inability to pay them and those holding Life Sponsor, Associate Patron, and Patron Certificates in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. The Recorder shall include in his annual return the names of all members whose dues have been remitted during the year, and all Life and Emeritus Members then living.

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(6)(a) Beginning on April 1, 1999 and Continuing for 10 (ten) years, each dues paying member shall be assessed \$5.00 (Five Dollars) to be paid concurrently with his annual Commandery dues. In accordance with Sec. 508 (2) Life Members shall not be exempt from payment of this assessment.

(b) A Sir Knight reinstated under an amnesty plan shall be exempt from the requirement to pay such \$5.00 (Five Dollars) assessment. However, the \$5.00 (Five Dollars) assessment shall be paid and included in the dues paid for a current year reinstatement.

(c) It shall be the responsibility of each Constituent Commandery to collect the assessment from its members and pay it over to the Grand Recorder when collected.

(d) The Grand Recorder shall pay over the assessment monies to the Grand Treasurer, to the account of the permanent Fund for care, custody and investment by its Board of Trustees.

(e) Each Sir Knight shall have the opportunity, during the first two years of the assessment program to pay the sum of \$40.00 (Forty Dollars) in advance and thereby be exempt from further payment under this assessment program.

(f) On March 31, 2009 the requirement to pay \$5.00 (Five Dollars) assessment as provided by this standing resolution shall expire.

(Revised – Added Sec. 508 (6) 1998)(Revised 2009)

POWERS AND DUTIES OF GRAND OFFICERS GRAND COMMANDER

Sec. 509. (1) The Grand Commander shall conduct official visitation to inspect or evaluate each Constituent Commandery in his jurisdiction either personally or by his personal representative, cause a complete report thereof to be placed in the hands of the Instructor General as soon as possible after the inspection is completed and report the results of said visitation and inspection, together with any recommendations, at the next Annual Stated Conclave of the Grand Commandery.

(2) Deleted 1994

Decisions / Rulings / Dispensations

(3) He shall place a full report of all decisions and rulings made and dispensations granted or refused by him in the hands of the Chairman and each Member of the Committee on Jurisprudence at least two weeks prior to the Annual Stated Conclave of the Grand Commandery.

(Revised – Sec. 509 (3) 1994)

Custodian of Bonds and Private Seal

(4) He shall be the custodian of all bonds of Officers of the Grand Commandery and the private official seal of the Grand Commander, and shall deliver them to his successor.

Report on full form openings

(5) He shall report to the Grand Commandery, at its Annual Stated Conclave, every Commandery that has failed to open in full form at least four times during the Commandery Year. See Section 714 (5).

(A Commandery may be reprimanded for failure to open in full form four times. Proc. G.C. 1914, p. 31.)

Special Reports from Commanderies

(6) Not Later than December 1 in each year, he shall require a special report from each Commandery which has not previously reported that it has read in open Commandery such portions of the Annual Proceedings of the Grand Commandery as are required to be read pursuant to Section 717, subparagraph (14). Any Commandery, from which such special report shall have been required, shall be penalized five points on its general average at inspection. (Proc. G.C. 1918, p. 74, 75.)

Installation

(7) All Officers of the Grand Commandery shall be installed into office in a formal ceremony for such purpose. Such installation may be conducted at a public ceremony. The incoming Grand Commander, as

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soon as he is elected, shall be charged with making suitable arrangement therefore, and for the appointment of the Installing Officer, Marshal and Prelate for such ceremony if prior appointments have not been made.

Honorary Membership

(8) Grand Commanders and Past Grand Commanders of other Grand Jurisdictions or representatives of Grand Encampment visiting this Grand Commandery may be elected to Honorary Membership upon recommendation of the Grand Commander and a majority of voting members present. Such membership shall not confer the right to vote.

DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER AND GENERALISSIMO

Sec. 510. The Deputy Grand Commander and Generalissimo shall be ex-officio members of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL

Sec. 511. The Grand Captain General shall be ex-officio Grand Marshall of Parades and Drills.

GRAND COUNCIL COMPOSITION

Sec. 512. The Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General shall constitute the Grand Council.

GRAND TREASURER

Sec. 513. (1) The Grand Treasurer shall have in charge all money and property belonging to the Grand Commandery and collect interest on deposits. He shall render to the Grand Commandery, at its Annual Stated Conclave and at such times as required by the Grand Council or Grand Commander, a true account of all money received and distributed by him. He shall carefully preserve and submit, as ordered, an inventory of all property belonging to the Grand Commandery entrusted to his keeping.

Insurance/Receipts

(2) He shall keep all property insured at the expense of the Grand Commandery. He shall take receipt for any portion thereof entrusted by him to a Commandery or an Officer of the Grand Commandery on the order of the Grand Commander and such Commandery or Officer shall be responsible for the safe return thereof to the Grand Treasurer.

Warrants for Money

(3) He shall pay out no money except on an authorized order signed by the Grand Commander and attested by the Grand Recorder.

Surety Bonds

(4) He shall give a good and sufficient surety company bond in such form and amount as the Grand Commandery, the Grand Council or the Grand Commander may from time to time require and approve, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office and the delivery of all funds, books and property in his hands to his successor when elected, installed and qualified to receive them. The premiums for all bonds of officers shall be paid by the Grand Commandery.

(5) Deleted 1994

Compensation

(6) For his services, he shall receive such compensation as the Grand Commandery shall determine.

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Fundraising

(7) The elected Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan are hereby authorized to engage in such fundraising efforts as may be required to support the development and implementation of programs designed to strengthen the viability of the Grand Commandery recruitment, membership retention, expended philanthropic efforts and the increased support of youth activities. Said funds shall be maintained in an account separate from the Operating Fund and the Permanent Fund. The monies in said account are to be used at the discretion of a minimum of a 2/3 affirmative vote of elected Officers of the Grand Officers. Fundraising efforts may include, but not limited to, solicitation of donations for return address labels, decals and the like.

(Added Sec. 513 (7) 1996)

GRAND RECORDER

Collect all Revenues / Custodian

Sec. 514. (1) The Grand Recorder shall collect and receive all revenues, except interest on deposits and on special funds, and pay them over to the Grand Treasurer taking receipt thereof. He shall be custodian of the Charter Seal, all books of record, documents, reports, blanks and library of the Grand Commandery, and deliver them to his successor. (Revised 1959)

Prepare Printed Proceedings and Records

(2) As soon after the Annual Stated Conclave as possible, he shall edit, index and promulgate the printed proceedings in cooperation with the Committee on Printing. Under the head of Chronology, in addition to the usual data heretofore published, he shall include the dates of the next ensuing Good Friday, Ascension Sunday, Easter Sunday, and any matter which the Grand Commandery may direct.

Distribute Proceedings

(3) He shall, annually, send a copy of the printed proceedings to each Officer of the Grand Commandery, each Past Grand Commander and each Chairman of a standing committee, and two copies to each Constituent Commandery. He may send copies to other permanent members of Grand Commandery upon request prior to September 1 following the Annual Stated Conclave. (Revised 1999)

Seals of Commanderies

(4) He shall see that every Commandery has a seal with the name and number thereof engraved thereon, an impression of which shall be deposited with and preserved by the Grand Recorder.

Report His Acts

(5) At each Annual Stated Conclave, he shall render a complete report of all his acts and transactions with Commanderies and report all Commanderies and Officers thereof who are delinquent in the performance of any duties prescribed in the Statutes and Regulations, or required of them by the Grand Commander or Grand Recorder.

Issue Report Blanks

(6) He shall prepare and send to the Recorders of the Commanderies in due time all necessary report blanks for any and all official reports and returns which they are required to make.

Distribute Amendments to Laws

(7) He shall have printed, annually; all of the amendments and resolutions made by the Grand Commandery and shall distribute them to all Officers, Past Grand Commanders, chairmen of standing committees and Constituent Commanderies to be used in keeping their copies of Templar Laws up to date. He also sends copies to other permanent members of the Grand Commandery upon request prior to September 1 following the Annual Stated Conclave. (Revised 1996, 99)

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Give Surety Bond

(8) He shall give a good and sufficient surety company bond conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

Compensation

(9) For his services, he shall receive such compensation as the Grand Commandery shall determine.

PERMANENT FUND/TRUSTEES

Fund Created

Sec. 515. (1) The Investment Fund shall consist of such sums as has been accumulated over the years, together with such additional sums as the Finance Committee shall recommend and the Grand Commandery during recess, the Grand Commander may transfer thereto. The income arising from the investment of this fund shall be added to the fund and invested by the Trustees. (Proc. G.C. 1929, p. 78)

Board of Trustees

(2) The Investment Fund shall be held and invested by a Board of Trustees consisting of five members. The Grand Commander and Grand Treasurer shall be members of this Board and respectively Chairman and Treasurer thereof. The remaining three Trustees shall be permanent members of the Grand Commandery. At each Annual Stated Conclave, one Trustee shall be elected by ballot for the term of three years; however, if only one name is placed in nomination, the election may be by acclamation. Vacancies on the Board of Trustees shall be filled by the Grand Commander's appointment until the next Annual Stated Conclave. Vacancies existing at any Annual Stated Conclave shall be filled by election by the Grand Commandery. An election to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term of the Trustee whose position has been vacated.

Transfer to General Fund

(3) The Grand Commandery during any Annual Stated Conclave may, following proper prior notice, transfer any or all funds of the Investment Fund to the General Fund. At any other time, no funds shall be withdrawn from the Investment Fund without the approval of the majority of the Board of Trustees thereof. Such funds shall be transferred to the General Fund.

Securities May Be Pledged

(4) If it becomes necessary, temporarily, to borrow funds to meet the expenses of this Grand Commandery, the Trustees are authorized to pledge any securities in the Investment Fund to insure the payment of any obligations of the Grand Commandery.

(Revised Sec. 515 (1,2,3,&4) 2008)

Secretary of the Board of Trustees

(5) The Board shall elect one of the members Secretary to keep permanent records of its transactions and report them in detail at each Annual Stated Conclave. The Grand Treasurer shall be eligible to serve as Secretary, if elected to do so.

Loans and Investments

(6) No member of this Board shall receive pay for his services. Investments of any assets of the organization may be made as follows, with a simple majority of the Board Members:

(a) In mutual funds rated four or more stars by the Morningstar Rating Service; single bonds rated AAA to BBB by Moody or Standard and Poor (banking investment grade); and/or stocks rated four to five stars by the Standard and Poor Rating Service.

(b) In savings deposits or certificates of deposit in regularly chartered banks. The provided deposits in any bank shall not exceed the amount insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

(c) The Trustees of the Permanent Fund may invest in bonds, certificates of deposit, money markets, savings accounts, stocks and mutual funds, and other instruments consistent with (a) above, which in their opinion are in the best interests of the Grand Commandery.

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(d) No more than 10% of the portfolio shall be invested in any one stock, bond, certificate of deposit, money order, or mutual fund.

(e) The portfolio shall be reviewed by the Board with an investment professional at least annually.

(f) Receipt of any asset other than those deemed acceptable in (a) shall be held for such period of time as may be deemed to be in the best interests of the Grand Commandery.

(g) Upon a majority vote of the Board, the Chairman and Treasurer or their successors shall be directed to, and shall have the authority to sell, assign or transfer any and all stocks, bonds or other investments registered in the name of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Michigan.

(Revised Sec. 515 (6) 1999)

Finance Committee to Audit Books

(7) The books, investments and reports shall always be open to inspection by the Finance Committee which shall annually audit and report on them.

CONTINGENT FUNDS

Sec. 516. (1) Sufficient sums shall be appropriated at each Annual Stated Conclave for contingent funds for the Grand Commander and the Grand Recorder, to be used by them in payment of the current expenses of their offices.

Reports

(2) At the following Annual Stated Conclave the Grand Commander and Grand Recorder shall report the amounts expended by them, respectively, and return the unused balance to the Grand Treasurer.

Sec. 517, 518. (Repealed 1920) **Sec. 519.** (Deleted 1994)(Delete PROC. G.C. 1917, 1932-1994)

JURISDICTION

Sec. 520 (1) The jurisdiction of the Commanderies of Michigan is concurrent throughout the State.
(Repealed Sec. 520 (2) 1959)

STANDING COMMITTEES

Sec. 521 (1) Within 30 days following the close of the Annual Stated Conclave, the Grand Commander shall appoint and promulgate through the Grand Recorder, the members of the following standing committees, who shall serve for one year and until their successors are appointed:

- (a) Chief Hospitaler.
- (b) Patriotic and Civic Activities, not to exceed three members.
- (c) Public Relations, not to exceed three members.
- (d) Delete – 1995.
- (e) Necrology and Religious Activities, three members.
- (f) Grand Commander's Service Awards, not to exceed five members.
- (g) Membership, not to exceed 12 members.
- (h) Holy Land Pilgrimage, three members.
- (i) Jurisprudence and Grievances, five members of whom the Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Generalissimo shall be junior members.
- (j) Instructor General
- (k) Finance, three members
- (l) Eye Foundation, three members

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- (m) Annual Stated Conclave, three members.
- (n) Triennial Encampment, three members.
- (o) Printing, three members.
- (p) Education Foundation, five members.
- (q) York Rite, not to exceed 12 members.
- (r) Credentials, three members in addition to the Grand Recorder who shall be ex-officio Chairman.
- (s) Uniforms, Regalia and Paraphernalia, three members.
- (t) Long Range Planning, five members.

(Delete Sec. 521 (1)(d) 1995) (Added Sec. 521 (1)(t) 1993) (Revised Sec. 521 (1)(t) 1998)

Special Committees

(2) The Grand Commander may at any time establish one or more special committees to act during the remainder of his term, with such title, purpose, duties and members as the Grand Commander shall determine; the Grand Commander shall appoint the members thereof.

Temporary Committees

(3) The following committees of three members each may be appointed by the Grand Commander from the representatives present at each Annual Stated Conclave to serve only during such Conclave:

- (a) Division and Reference.
- (b) Charters and Dispensations.
- (c) Next Place of meeting.
- (d) Resolutions.
- (e) Unfinished Business.
- (f) Such other special committees as may be required.

Grand Commander May Appoint Earlier

(4) Should occasion arise for the services of the last named committees before the first session of the Annual Stated Conclave, the Grand Commander is authorized and empowered to make such appointments as in his judgment may be necessary.

Vacancies in Committees

(5) Vacancies in any committee existing by reason of death, sickness, resignation or absence of a member shall be filled in like manner by appointment by the Grand Commander. A majority of any committee shall constitute a quorum. (As amended, G.C. 1918, p. 75, 115.)

Chief Hospitaler and Deputies

(6)(a) The Chief Hospitaler, subject to the approval of the Grand Commander, shall select not to exceed 11 Deputy Hospitalers, to be chosen for their special fitness and assigned to a district.

(b) The Hospitalers shall advise the Commanderies of causes and deserving cases for relief, recommend measures for alleviation thereof and keep in touch with the Hospitalers Committee of the Commanderies and aid in the organization of its relief work.

Patriotic and Civic Activities Committee

(7) This committee shall foster and supervise activities of a patriotic and citizenship nature, whether in peacetime or in wartime, and shall present its recommendations for civic responsibility by Knights Templar individually and collectively, compatible with the patriotic principles of Templary.

Public Relations Committee

(8) This committee shall study all existing public relations programs and procedures and recommend changes and improvements in public relations. It shall disseminate and promote approved public relations programs, and assist the Grand Commander in presenting material through the official publication medium and otherwise as the Grand Commander may direct. It shall disseminate and promote a public relations program approved by the Grand Commandery. The committee shall originate educational material.

(9) Delete – 1995

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Necrology and Religious Activities Committee

(10) This committee shall foster and supervise all religious activities, especially during the Annual Stated Conclave when it shall give the necrology report.

Grand Commander's Service Awards Committee

(11) This committee shall supervise the issuance of not more than one individual award for each Constituent Commandery per Templar Year. Such award shall be by authority of the Grand Commander. Nominations must be made by the Council of the Constituent Commandery of which the nominee is a member.

Membership Committee

(12) This committee shall, under the direction of the Grand Commander, formulate and execute policies and programs designed to stabilize and enlarge the membership of the Constituent Commanderies. As 532(1) of the Laws of Templar Masonry of Michigan and shall supervise the presentation thereof.

Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee

(13)(a) This Committee shall study and recommend to the Grand Council 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 re-inspiring them in their dedication to their ministry.

(b) The committee shall recommend to the Grand Council of the Grand Commandery ministers who should be considered. The Grand Council shall first approve the method of selecting the ministers and the ways and means by which this project is to be financed before the committee puts its program into effect. The number of ministers to be sent each year shall be determined by the Grand Council of the Grand Commandery based upon the amount of money available.

(c) Money to finance this project shall be solicited on a voluntary contribution basis and/or by such means and projects as may be approved by the Grand Council of the Grand Commandery. Funds shall be turned over to the Grand Treasurer, who shall hold them in an escrow account until authorized to release them by order of the Grand Commander, after the approval of the Grand Council of the Grand Commandery.

(d) This committee shall keep an accurate record of all money received and report the same to the Grand Commandery at the Annual Stated Conclave of the Grand Commandery, showing an account of all receipts and disbursements.

JURISPRUDENCE AND GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE

Sec. 522. The duties of the committee shall be those named in the Sections 97 and 111 of the Grand Encampment Statutes and adopted to the needs of the Grand Commandery. It shall meet on the day before the opening of the Annual Stated Conclave and at such other times as the Grand Commander may direct.

INSTRUCTOR GENERAL AND DUTIES

Sec. 523. (1) The Instructor General, with the approval of the Grand Commander, shall appoint not more than 11 Deputies, selected for their special fitness. The Instructor General and the Deputies constitute the Instruction Board.

Assignments and Duties

(2) The Instruction Board, with the approval of the Grand Commander, shall divide the State into zones and shall assign a Deputy to each zone. The Instructor General and the deputies shall visit the various Commanderies from time to time and give instruction in Templar etiquette, military formalities and

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ceremonies, ritual, floor work and matters of a kindred nature, together with any other matters that may be ordered by the Grand Commander.

Returns of inspections

(3) Returns of the inspections shall be made to the Instructor General, whose duty it shall be to analyze them and in kindly and Knightly manner initiate such measures or employ such methods as in his judgment will correct irregularities or improve existing conditions disclosed by such reports, or which shall otherwise come to his knowledge. To this end, the Instructor General, with the approval of the Grand Commander, shall hold such conferences with his Deputies and the Officers and members of the various Commanderies as may be deemed advisable.

Instructor General's Report

(4) The Instructor General shall report at the Annual Stated Conclave on the activities of himself and staff and submit a summarized statement of the reports of the Inspecting Officers.

Additional Instruction

(5) Instruction to be given by the Instructor General or the Instruction Board touching any matter not previously approved by the Grand Encampment, Grand Master or Grand Commandery shall be approved by the Grand Commander before promulgation.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sec. 524. (1) This committee shall audit the accounts of the Grand Commandery; examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder and the Trustees of the permanent fund and such other committees, Officers or members of the Grand Commandery as may have possession of any funds or property of the Grand Commandery; and recommend such appropriations as may be necessary to meet the current expenses of the ensuing Templar Year. The Committee may require itemized statements of accounts and shall inquire particularly into the estimates for current expenses. No appropriation shall be made without reference to the committee and its report thereon.

(2) This committee shall immediately audit the accounts, books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder in the event of any of the following – retirement, change of office holder, removal from office, resignation or such other time as the Grand Commander may direct.

(Revised Sec. 524, 2007)

EYE FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

Sec. 525. This committee shall cooperate with and carry out the instructions of the Grand Encampment Committee, known as a Committee on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, help said committee carry out the purposes of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Inc., as set forth in Section 18.5 of the Grand Encampment Statutes. (Sec. 525. Repealed 1920 See G.E. 231-232)

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Sec. 526. This committee shall be responsible for the formulating, implementing and updating the Long Range Plan of the Grand Commandery. The committee will be composed of the Deputy Grand Commander as Chairman, the Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden. (Added Sec. 526. 1993, Revised Sec. 526. 1998)

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RESOLUTIONS TO BE IN WRITING

Sec. 527. All resolutions shall be in writing and referred to the proper committee, which shall promptly consider and report thereon, in writing, before action is taken by the Grand Commandery.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR CONCLAVES

Sec. 528. A guide. Order may be changed as occasion arises.

1. Distinguished guests received
2. Roll call of Officers, Past Grand Commanders and Representatives
3. Reading of minutes (unless approved without reading)
4. Grand Commander's report
5. Grand Recorder's report
6. Grand treasurer's report
7. Trustees and Permanent Fund report
8. Division and Reference report
9. Jurisprudence report
10. Instructor General's report
11. Finance report
12. Chief Hospitaler's report
13. Charters and Dispensations report
14. Necrology report
15. Uniforms, Regalia and Paraphernalia report
16. Next Place of Meeting report
17. Annual Stated Conclave report
18. Printing report
19. Education Foundation report
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(Revised Sec. 528. 1993)

AMENDMENTS

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Sec. 529. (1) At any Annual Stated Conclave, the Grand Commandery may amend or repeal any of the statutes by two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that every resolution shall have been presented in one of the following ways:

(2) If presented at one Annual Stated Conclave of the Grand Commandery, it shall lie over until the next succeeding Annual Stated Conclave.

(3) If proposed during the adjournment by a member of the Grand Commandery, it must be placed in the hands of the Jurisprudence Committee not less than three months prior to the date of the Annual Conclave at which it is to be considered. Not less than one month prior to the Stated Conclave, the Grand Recorder shall mail to all Officers and Past Officers of the Grand Commandery, and to the Commander and Recorder of each Constituent Commandery, a copy of all such amendments and also all proposed amendments lying over from the previous Annual Conclave. Should the Recorder fail to give such notice, the proposed amendments may be called up by a three-fourths vote of the members present and acted upon.

(Revised Sec. 529. (3) 1998, 1999)

(4) If proposed at an Annual Stated Conclave before noon of the first day, it may be acted upon with unanimous consent of the members present.

May be modified

(5) A proposed amendment, while under consideration, may be modified, but no modification shall be made which is not germane to the subject matter of the proposed amendment.

BALLOT EN BLOC PERMITTED

Sec. 530. If no objection is made by any member, the several Constituent Commanderies are authorized to ballot on two or more petitions for the Orders, affiliation or membership en bloc, provided, however, that if a black ball appears in any bloc ballot, each petition must thereon be balloted on separately. No additional ballot can be had if a black ball appears in any such separate ballot taken under this statute.

(G.C. 1929, 94, 101)

MERITORIOUS AWARD

Sec. 531. (1) Any Knight who has been a member of a Commandery for at least five years, who has never gained permanent membership in the Grand Commandery by having been elected and installed as Commander of a Commandery and who is not presently holding the office of Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Senior Warden, or Junior Warden in a Commandery, but has rendered highly distinguished service to his Commandery and Templary, is eligible to be recommended for the Meritorious Award. (Revised Sec. 531 (1) 2006)

(2) Only five Meritorious Awards may be granted in a Grand Commandery Year, and in that period, no Commandery shall have more than one of its members so honored.

(3) The Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General and Recorder, jointly, may instruct the Recorder to recommend a certain member of that Commandery to receive the award. The request shall be in writing and include a comprehensive recital of the distinguished service rendered by the selectee. The request shall be forwarded to the Grand Commander prior to May 1.

(4) The Council of the Grand Commandery shall constitute the Grand Commandery Committee on Meritorious Awards. This Committee shall consider the requests and other circumstances and report not more than five nominations to the Grand Commandery. The adoption of this report by Grand Commandery will constitute election of the nominees for Meritorious Awards. The Grand Recorder shall

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promptly prepare each Meritorious Award Certificate and forward it to the respective Constituent Commandery, unless because of unusual circumstances said Commandery instructs him to mail it elsewhere. Each Meritorious Award certificate shall be presented as an award by and in behalf of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, and, if practicable, at an especially planned conclave or public function of the Commandery.

(5) The Committee may nominate for the award a Sir Knight who in its opinion has rendered distinguished service to the Grand Commandery of Michigan, without making the request, but otherwise he must possess all the qualifications of eligibility.

(6) Sir Knights recommended by Commanderies but not nominated by the committee in that year may be resubmitted to receive consideration the following year.

MEMBERSHIP SHOULDER CORD AWARDS

Sec. 532. (1) Any Knight who, as a first line signer recommending favorable action, shall have after June 7, 1974, secured and received petitions of others for membership in one or more Commanderies in Michigan of which he is then a member, shall be entitled to receive from the Membership Committee of this Grand Commandery and, thereafter, to wear the following awards for having obtained in the aggregate the following number of such petitions, each of which has resulted in obtaining a new member for such Commandery:

(a) For three petitions: a white shoulder cord.

(b) For six petitions: a silver shoulder cord.

(c) For nine petitions: a gold shoulder cord.

(d) For fifteen petitions: a red shoulder cord.

(e) For twenty petitions: a red & white shoulder cord.

(f) For twenty-five petitions: a red & silver shoulder cord.

(g) For thirty petitions: a red & gold shoulder cord.

(h) For thirty-five petitions: a red & purple shoulder cord.

(i) For forty petitions: a purple & white shoulder cord.

(j) For forty-five petitions: a purple & silver shoulder cord.

(k) For fifty petitions: a purple & gold shoulder cord.

(l) For fifty-five petitions: a red, purple & silver shoulder cord.

(m) For sixty petitions: a purple, gold & silver shoulder cord.

(n) For sixty-five petitions: purple, gold, silver & white shoulder cord.

(2) A suitable certificate to be signed by the Grand Commander and Grand Recorder shall accompany the presentation of each of the foregoing awards.

(3) All awards given pursuant to this section shall be and remain the property of this Grand Commandery, and they shall be returned to it when the recipient either receives a subsequent award for additional petitions or ceases to be a Knight Templar. At the time that such award is presented, the Membership Committee shall obtain from the recipient a written agreement to return such award to the Grand Commandery.

(4) Any Knight Templar to whom a jewel has been awarded pursuant to this section as previously written shall have the right to continue to wear such jewel or to exchange it for a corresponding shoulder cord.

(Revised Sec. 532 (1) 1996)

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Sec. 533. (1) Every Knight Templar who has consummated a total of fifty years of membership in good standing in a Commandery or Commanderies, the last membership being in a Michigan Commandery, is eligible to receive a fifty year membership certificate.

(2) Knights Templar who have consummated a total of 60, 65, or 70 years of membership in a Commandery or Commanderies, the last being in a Michigan Commandery, are eligible to receive a similar certificate.

(3) The Grand Recorder shall determine the data from the records and forward each certificate to the respective Constituent Commandery, unless because of unusual circumstances said Commandery instructs him to mail it elsewhere. Each membership certificate shall be presented as an award by and in behalf of the Grand Commandery of Michigan and, if practicable, at an especially planned conclave or public function of the Commandery.

RITUALS

Sec. 534. (1) All Rituals of the Red Cross, Knight of Malta Malta, and Knight Templar are under sole supervision and control of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America and may be published and issued by it alone as provided by Sections 21 and 232 G.E. Statutes.

(2) Each Constituent Commandery may purchase as many new Rituals of the Order as it may desire through the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Michigan at the cost determined by the Grand Commandery of Michigan.

(3) A Constituent Commandery desiring to purchase new Rituals as provided herein may do so by requisition directed to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Michigan on a form to be furnished by him and tendering such sum of money as is currently determined by the Grand Commandery of Michigan. If the new Ritual is to replace one previously issued to said Commandery, the old Ritual shall be returned with the requisition.

(4) No lost or misplaced Ritual heretofore or hereafter issued to a Constituent Commandery shall be replaced until an intensive search has been made by the officers and members. If the Ritual cannot be found, a \$10.00 (Ten Dollars) fee for the lost Ritual shall be collected before said Commandery shall be relieved of further responsibility. In the event that a lost Ritual is later recovered and turned over to the Grand Recorder of Michigan, the \$10.00 (Ten Dollars) fee shall be returned to the Constituent Commandery. Any application for replacement of a lost or misplaced Ritual shall be accompanied by a certificate taken under oath from the person to whom said Ritual was issued, or his representative, as to the circumstances surrounding the loss. Forms are furnished by the Grand Recorder.

PAST GRAND COMMANDER'S JEWEL

Sec. 535. (1) Each year at the Annual Stated Conclave of the Grand Commandery, the outgoing Grand Commander may be voted to receive 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 Michigan, and upon his death is to be returned to the Grand Commandery.

(2) Each recipient shall sign a statement that the jewel is to be returned to the Grand Commandery of Michigan, and the wife will also sign. Jewels presently in use 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 Commander's jewel at the cost at the time of issue.

(3) The jewel shall be presented, after the new Grand Commander has been installed, by the President of the Past Grand Commanders' Association, or by a person of the outgoing Commander's choice.

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COMMANDERY #59 K.T., U.D.

Sec. 536. (1) The Grand Commandery is hereby authorized to establish by dispensation a commandery to which all Sir Knights of a Constituent commandery shall be assigned if their charter is arrested, surrendered, or in the event of a consolidation. Said commandery shall be designed as, Michigan Commandery #59, K.T., U.D. The officers of the Grand Commandery shall be its officers. Dues shall be the average of all other Constituent Commanderies dues in Michigan, but in no event shall such dues be more than those paid by the Sir Knight at the time of the charter being arrested, surrendered, or consolidated. Life Members shall pay only such assessments that are legislated by the Grand Commandery of Michigan and the Grand Encampment.

(2) Membership in Michigan Commandery #59 K.T., U.D. shall be limited to two (2) years. During the two year period, the Grand Officers, working with the Membership committee, shall contact each member and provide them information regarding the proper procedures for affiliation with a Constituent Commandery and motivation to do so. The dues paid to Michigan Commandery #59 K.T., U.D. shall be paid over to the Grand Treasurer each Templar Year. Michigan Commandery #59 K.T., U.D. shall continue by dispensation in General Order #1 until such time as a resolution shall be passed at an Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery dissolving Michigan Commandery #59 K.T., U.D.

(Sec. 536 added 1996)

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PART TWO CONSTITUENT COMMANDERY BYLAWS

Sec. 701. (1) This Code of Bylaws has been enacted by the Grand Commandery for use of all of the Constituent Commanderies of Michigan, and no other Bylaws for said Commanderies are permissible except that additions to these Bylaws may be made by the Commanderies by means of standing resolutions, effective only after said standing resolutions have been approved by the Grand Commandery. (see Sections 713 (2) and 744)

When General Laws Apply

(2) In all matters not specifically mentioned herein, the General Laws of the Grand Encampment and Grand Commandery shall govern when they are directly, or by natural inference and analogy, pertinent and applicable.

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NO. _____, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

NAME AND NUMBER

Sec. 702. This Commandery was created by a Charter granted on the _____ day of _____, A.D. _____, A.O. _____, by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Michigan, and was constituted on the _____ day of _____, A.D. _____, A.O. _____. It shall be known and designated as _____ Commandery No. _____, K.T., stationed at _____ County of _____, Michigan.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Sec. 703. The Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Recorder shall be elected at the Stated Conclave in January or April in 2002. In 2003 and every year thereafter, the election of Officers must be held at the April Stated Conclave. The Prelate, Standard Bearer, Sword Bearer, Warder and Sentinel shall be elected at the same time, except that a Constituent Commandery may provide by standing resolution, duly passed by such Commandery and approved by the Grand Commandery, that such officers be appointed. The Guards shall be appointed. Nominations may be made for all elective offices. When only one name is in nomination, the election may be by acclamation. All appointive officers shall be appointed by the Commander in time for installation with the elective officers. (Revised Sec. 703. 1995, 2001)

STATED CONCLAVES

Sec. 704. (1) The Stated Conclave shall be held on the _____ (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th) _____ (day of week) of each month, except that when it should occur on one of the days of the Annual Stated Conclave of the Grand Commandery, on any legal holiday or on Good Friday or Maundy Thursday; then in that event, it shall be held on the _____ (2nd, 3rd, 4th) _____ (day of week) of that month. The hour of opening from November 1 to March 31, shall be _____ p.m. and from April 1 to October 31, shall be _____ p.m.

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Special Conclaves

(2) Special conclaves are governed by Section 65 of Grand Encampment Laws.

Joint Commandery, Chapter and Council Meetings

(3) A Commandery may, at Stated or Special Conclaves held for the transaction of business only, consider and transact business jointly with Chapters and Councils domiciled at the same location. At such conclaves, members of Chapters and Councils who are not Knights Templar may be admitted; provided, that in the event of an objection by Knight Templar to balloting on petitions for the Orders by all present, such petitions shall be considered only by members of the Commandery. At such Conclaves, following the prayer, the Commander may declare the Commandery open, for the transaction of business. (Revised Sec. 704 (3) 1996, 97)(Revised Sec. 704 (4) 1997)

Notices of Conclaves

(4) Notices of Conclaves shall be given all members, as provided in Section 717 (9). No Conclaves shall be held on Sunday, except to attend funerals or religious services.

(A Stated Conclave must be on a fixed date independent of the moon's phases. Proc. G.C. 1921, p.88.)

(Deleted Proc. G.C. 1913, Revision 1996)(See G.E., 1919,56,299.)

Sec. 705. (Repealed 1920.)

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Sec. 706. (1) All officers, elective and appointive, shall be installed in a formal ceremony. Such installation may be conducted at a public ceremony. The incoming Commander, as soon as he is elected, shall be charged with making suitable arrangements and for the appointment of the Installing Officer, Marshal, Prelate, and Recorder for such ceremony. Installation of all Officers, elected and appointed, shall occur no later than 21 days after the January or April Conclave in 2002. In the year 2003 and every year thereafter, the installation of officers must be held no later than 21 days after the April Conclave.

(2) The Grand Commander may, by dispensation, authorize the installation of any or all officers after the expiration of 21 days after the election of officer or officers pursuant to Grand Encampment Sections 72 and 76. (Revised Sec. 706 (1)(2) 1995, 2001.)

(3) (Repealed 1980)

(4) The Installing Officer shall also receive from the Recorder and deliver to the Commander-elect, taking his receipt on the blank furnished by the Grand Recorder, the copies of the Templar Laws issued to the Commandery and containing the Commandery's standing resolutions relative to the Bylaws, approved by the Grand Commandery.

(5) Immediately after installation, the Installing Officer shall fill out and sign the prescribed report, and forward it to the Grand Recorder.

(Installation must take place within the jurisdiction of the Commandery whose officer is installed. Proc. G.E. 1913, p.39, 222.)

VISITORS

Sec. 707. (1) All Sir Knights desiring to visit a Commandery shall be governed by sections 223 and 224 of Grand Encampment Statutes.

(2) All Voluntarily unaffiliated Knight Templar residing within this Grand Jurisdiction for six months are hereby excluded from the Asylum, all parades, processions, funerals and other gatherings.

(Amended Proc. G.C. 1915, p.85.)

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COUNCIL OF OFFICERS

Sec. 708. (1) The Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General constitute the Council, of which the Commander is Chairman. They shall investigate and report in writing, or appoint a committee of three members of the Commandery to investigate in writing, on the character of petitioners for the Orders or membership, which report shall state that the Council or members of the committee either know or have personally interviewed the petitioner. The Council shall also pass on uniforms, or appoint a special committee, or officer, to pass or report on uniforms.

(2) A majority of the Council, and of any committee, shall constitute a quorum.

(The Council cannot contract for uniforms without submitting the matter to the Commandery pursuant to Sec. 709. Proc. G.C. 1917, p.76, 77.)

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Sec. 709. A committee of three members, of which the Commander-elect shall be chairman, shall be appointed, not later than the night of his installation, to serve for one year and until their successors are appointed and qualified. It shall audit and report upon all bills and accounts quarterly. It shall approve or reject all bonds, examine the books and audit the annual reports of the Treasurer and Recorder and report thereon, with any recommendations deemed necessary, at the Annual Stated Conclave. Any motion or resolution appropriating more than _____ dollars shall be presented in writing, be referred to this committee and reported on not later than the next Annual Stated Conclave, before the Commandery shall act upon it. (Amended Proc. G.C. 1923, p.107.)

JURISPRUDENCE, RESOLUTIONS AND DISCIPLINE

Sec. 710. (1) The Commander shall appoint, not later than the Conclave at which he is installed, three members who, together with the Generalissimo and Captain General as ex-officio junior members, shall constitute a committee on Jurisprudence, Resolutions and Discipline. All formal motions or resolutions, which must be presented in writing (other than those appropriating money), shall be referred to this committee by the Commander if he has any doubt as to their legality or proper form. The Committee shall report on them not later than the next Annual Stated Conclave.

(2) Members of this committee shall acquaint themselves with all Templar Laws, Disciplinary Rules and Procedure, and advise the Commander at all times when requested or when they believe that faulty action is being, or has been, taken by the Commandery. With the Commander, they shall look after all trials and matters of discipline.

(3) The committee shall act whenever committee action is called for under any of the Rules of Discipline; except that, if necessary, by reason of distance, or otherwise, as possibly under Rule XIX and others, the Commander can appoint another committee or "commission" of Knights Templar, not necessarily members of this Commandery.

(4) The Commander shall not request advice, ruling or decision from the Grand Commander on any question, unless he and his committee have failed to agree on a clear and satisfactory answer.

(Duty of Commander and committee to study law and decide, if they can, before asking the Grand Commander. Proc. G.C. 1923, p.86.)

(It is the duty of the Commander to enforce all laws. Proc. G.C. 1913, p.102.)

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DUES

Assessment

Sec. 711. (1) Annual dues shall be assessed, spread and posted by the Recorder on March 1 of each year.

When Payable

(2) They shall become due and payable in advance at the Annual Stated Conclave in April immediately following.

When Delinquent

(3) They shall become delinquent if not paid by the Stated Conclave in May next following.

Report Delinquents

(4) If not paid by the Stated Conclave in July next following, the Recorder shall report all delinquent members and the accounts owing by each to the Commander.

Dues Committee

(5) Following his installation, the Commander shall appoint a Dues and Assessment Committee of three members to cooperate with the Commander and Recorder in the collection of Dues and assessments.

Dues Committee Actions

(6) The Commander shall supervise and determine whether it is advisable to remit the dues of a delinquent member because of illness, infirmity or financial inability and shall recommend to his Commandery the remission of dues whenever he deems it justified. If the Commander does not recommend the remission of dues of a delinquent member, he shall refer the matter to the Dues Committee to make a personal call upon such delinquent member, if possible. The committee report shall be reviewed by the Commander and reported to the Commandery. The process of suspension shall be undertaken only after the foregoing preliminary requirements have been met. Thereupon, the Commander shall order the Recorder to send either a certified or registered letter to the delinquent member at his last known address, giving official notice of intention to suspend, including the date and hour when the suspension proceedings will be brought before the Commandery for action. When suspension proceedings are brought before the Commandery, the Commander will first inform the Commandery of all pertinent facts and circumstances regarding the delinquent member and shall exhibit the return receipt of the certified or registered letter or unclaimed registered or certified letter before any action shall be taken.

Vote to Remit

(7) No dues shall be remitted nor shall any charges be preferred until the Commandery shall have authorized such action by its vote at a Stated Conclave.

Investigation Time Request

(8) The Commandery may, at the request of the committee, grant further time for investigation of special delinquent cases.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

Sec. 712. (1) The Commander may authorize by resolution or the Commander may appoint special committees for matters not otherwise provided for. The Commander may appoint auxiliary officers such as Commissary, Adjutant, Inspector, Organist, Chorister, Choir, alternates for Guards and Staff Officers, and other like appointments.

Hospitalers Committee

(2) Not later than the meeting at which he is installed, the Commander shall appoint a Hospitalers Committee of not less than three members, whose duty shall be to keep in touch with the needs of the

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members of the Commandery; to call such needs to the attention of the Commandery and its members; to investigate other causes and cases deemed worthy of relief and call them to the attention of the Commandery and its members; to administer in all relief as the Commandery may authorize; and to visit and procure others to visit the sick and provide them with flowers, fruit or other similar favors and attentions. The committee shall report annually in March to the Commandery what it has done during the year.

Eye Foundation Committee

(3) Following his installation, the Commander shall appoint a committee of three to be known as the Eye Foundation Committee. This committee shall carry out all orders and instructions of the Eye Foundation Committee of the Grand Commandery which may be issued in implementation of the purposes of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Inc., as set forth in Section 18 ½ of the Grand Encampment Statutes.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Board of Trustees

Sec. 713. (1) The Commandery may, by standing resolution, authorize a Board of Trustees, the personnel of which shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Stated Conclave. The Officers of the board and their powers, duties, obligations, terms of service and surety bonds shall be clearly fixed by said standing resolution and made effective as defined in Section 713 (2).

Provide Regulations

(2) A Commandery may, by standing resolutions adopted by a majority vote at a Stated Conclave, provide various regulations not already provided for in this code of Bylaws. However, such standing resolutions shall not nullify, repeal or amend any bylaw prescribed for all Constituent Commanderies in the state, or conflict with any statute of the Grand Commandery, or Grand Encampment. The form and procedure for instituting a standing resolution is shown in Section 744. Forms for this purpose shall be obtained from the Grand Recorder. A standing resolution shall become effective after approval by the Grand Commander. Written notice of the anticipated vote on a standing resolution must be made to all members of the Commandery at least 30 days prior to the vote. (Revised Sec. 713 (2) 2000)

COMMANDER

Custodian

Sec. 714. (1) The Commander shall be custodian of the Charter, Bonds, Rituals, Instruction Books and Templar Laws issued to his Commandery and must account for and deliver them to his successor when the latter is installed. Failure to do so shall constitute un-knightly conduct.

Special Conclaves

(2) He shall call a Special Conclave upon written request of five members of the Commandery, stating the object of the meeting.

Enforce the Laws

(3) He shall acquaint himself with all Templar Laws and the duties of all officers and committees and see that all comply and perform accordingly.

Answer Correspondence

(4) He shall promptly and fully answer all correspondence.

Open in Full Form

(5) He and the officers of his Commandery shall open in full form not fewer than four times during a Commandery Year. One such full form opening shall be during the annual inspection of his Commandery. (See note, Sec. 710.)(Duty of officers to learn duties of office. Proc. G.C. 1912, p. 86)

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(Use of titles is confined to official communications. Proc. G.E. 1913, p .54-5, 227.)(See Sec. 31, 54, 77.)

Insurance

(6) Every Commander shall place fire, extended coverage and vandalism insurance on Commandery properties when kept in the armories, anterooms, or precincts of the Commandery, to the amount not less than 80 percent of the actual cash value of said properties.

Appoint Committees

(7) He shall appoint, not later than the Conclave at which he is installed, the following committees consisting of not less than three members each:

- a) Audit (Sec. 709)
- b) Jurisprudence (Sec. 710)
- c) Dues and Assessments (Sec. 711 (5))
- d) Hospitalers (Sec. 712 (2))
- e) Eye Foundation (Sec. 712 (3))
- f) Uniform (Sec. 708 (1))
- g) Membership
- h) Education Foundation
- i) York Rite
- j) Patriotic and Civic Activities
- k) DeMolay
- l) Awards

Activity Report

(8) He shall, in conjunction with the Recorder of his Commandery, submit a completed Annual Activity Report covering the fiscal year ending March 31 to the Instructor General, no later than April 15.

Sec. 715. (Repealed 1920.)

TREASURER

Account for Money

Sec. 716. (1) The Treasurer shall receive all money collected by the Recorder or paid him for the Commandery, collect all interest on deposits and keep a true account thereof. He shall pay out only on order voted by the Commandery and signed by the Commander and Recorder. His books shall always be open for inspection by proper officers or committees. He shall report the condition of the treasury at the Stated Conclave each month and render a complete report for the year at the Annual Stated Conclave.

Surety Bond

(2) He shall give a good and sufficient surety company bond, acceptable to the Audit and Finance Committee, in such sum as the Commandery shall determine, conditioned for the faithful performance of all his duties, for the prompt and full accounting for all money received by him and the delivery to his successor of all money in the treasury.

Bond Premium

(3) The premium for said bond, and for all bonds of officers, shall be paid by the Commandery. (Bonds of the Treasurer and Recorder should be payable to the Commandery by its name and number. Proc. G.C. 1928, p. 36, 67.)

Grand Commandery Bond

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-sections (2) and (3) above, the Grand Commandery shall secure, or cause to be secured, a blanket bond in the sum of \$2500.00 (Twenty Five Hundred Dollars), conditioned as set forth in sub-section (2), covering the Treasurers of all Constituent Commanderies in

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Michigan. The premium for said blanket bond shall be apportioned to each such Constituent Commandery and shall constitute an additional assessment against each Constituent Commandery, payable forthwith after notification. This sub-section (4) shall not prevent Constituent Commanderies from requiring an additional bond as provided in sub-section (2) above. This sub-section (4) also applies to the bonds of Recorders referred to in Section 717 (20).

RECORDER

Sec. 717. (1) The Recorder shall perform all the duties specified in the enactments of the Grand Encampment, Grand Commandery or his Commandery. (It is courteous for the Recorder to notify other bodies of suspension, but no law requires such notice. Proc. G.C. 1927, p. 39, 63.)

Minutes and Records

(2) He shall make his minutes and engross his records in compliance with the forms prescribed by the Grand Commandery.

Report Officers Elected

(3) Within 24 hours after the Annual Stated Conclave he shall mail to the Grand Recorder the names and post office addresses of the newly elected officers. Within 24 hours after the installation of officers he shall mail to the Grand Recorder the installing officer's Certificate of Installation, including report of having seen the Statutes of the Grand Encampment and Grand Commandery actually delivered to the Commander elect.

Report Vacancies in Office

(4) Within 24 hours after a vacancy occurs in any elective office in the Commandery, he shall notify the Grand Commander and Grand Recorder.

Annual Return to Grand Recorder

(5) The Annual Return for the fiscal year ending on March 31 called for in Section 74 (f) of Grand Encampment Statutes must be made on or before May 15. For failure so to do, the Commander and the Recorder, individually, shall be subject to Knightly discipline as specified in Sec. 502 (3).
(Revised Sec. 717 (5), 2008)

Report Restorations

(6) He shall include in such return the names of all members restored from suspension during the year and pay to the Grand Recorder the proper Grand Commandery dues for them, the same as for all members.

Report Other Data

(7) He shall include in such return the full names of all living Past Commanders, in the order of date of service; the names of Sir Knights who have died during the year; and all other data which the Grand Recorder calls for. (See Sec. 717 (8))

Further Reports

(8) He shall include in the Annual Report to the Grand Recorder the number and names of members whose dues have been remitted or paid by the Commandery, the number and names of those expelled, the number and names of those restored to membership, and the number and names of those restored to good standing only. (See Sec. 206 G.E.)

Notice of Conclave

(9) He shall notify the members of all Conclaves, Stated or Special, at least three days prior to such Conclave, except for funeral notices when one day is permitted.

Receipt from Treasurer

(10) Receipt must be taken for all money delivered by him to the Treasurer.

Answer All Correspondence

(11) He shall answer all correspondence promptly.

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Templar Laws in the Asylum

(12) He shall always keep in the Asylum, posted up to date, all the enactments of the Grand Encampment, Grand Commandery, and Commandery, and never permit them to be removed.

Custodian of Seal, Books, Etc.

(13) He shall be custodian of the Commandery Seal, Question Book, Burial Request Book and all Books of Record. He shall keep in the Asylum the Proceedings of the Grand Encampment and Grand Commandery, received by him from his predecessor, or from the Grand Recorder during his term of office, and deliver them to his successor, together with all other books, papers and property of which he is the custodian.

Read Annual Proceedings

(14) Not later than the Stated Conclave in May of each year, he, together with the Commander, shall cause to be read in open Commandery all portions of the Annual Proceedings of the Grand Commandery which directly apply to or affect this Commandery. This includes Inspection Reports and the like, together with the recommendations of the Grand Commander, the Jurisprudence Committee and Instructor General as contained in their reports, and the action of the Grand Commandery relative thereto, and such other portions as the Grand Commander may direct. Immediately after complying with the above requirements, he shall so notify the Grand Recorder. (Revised Sec. 717 (14), 2009)
(Duty of reading annual reports, etc., enforced. Proc. G.C. 1917, p. 23.)

Notify All Petitioners

(15) He shall notify all petitioners for the Orders or membership within 24 hours after action is taken by the Commandery. He shall embody Sec. 195 of Grand Encampment Statutes in the notices to all petitioners elected to receive the Orders.

Inspection Blanks

(16) He shall have all statistical data tabulated and inscribed in the Inspection Blanks prior to the arrival of the Inspecting Officer.

Conclave Notice

(17) Notice of Conclave shall state if petitions are to be reported and balloted upon, but not give names.

Special Assessment Notice

(18) For special assessments, notices must be mailed out to every member before a vote can be taken. (See Sec. 65 (b) G.E.)

Compensation

(19) He shall receive compensation as the Commandery shall determine.

Bond

(20) He shall give good and sufficient bond in the manner provided for the Treasurer. (See Sec. 716 (2))

Annual Activity Report

(21) He shall, in conjunction with the Commander, submit a completed Annual Activity Report, covering the fiscal year ending March 31, to the Instructor General no later than May 15. For failure to do so, the Commander and Recorder, individually, shall be subject to Knightly discipline as specified in Sec. 502 (3). (Revised Sec. 717 (21), 2008)

SENTINEL

Sec. 718. (1) The Sentinel shall guard the entrance to the Asylum, enforce quiet and order in the lobbies and anterooms, and allow nothing to occur in those quarters that can interfere with the solemnity and impressiveness of the work.

(2) If employed for that purpose and charged with those duties, he shall keep the property of the Commandery in good order; see that it be not injured, lost or mislaid; make the necessary preparations for all Conclaves; and attend to such other duties as may be assigned to or required of him by the Commander or Commandery.

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(3) He shall receive such compensation as the Commandery shall determine.

REMAINING OFFICERS

Sec. 719. The duties the remaining officers shall be such as are traditionally appropriate to their several stations, or such as may be assigned to them by the Commander or Commandery. All officers shall memorize their work and train themselves to render it in a natural and impressive manner without recourse to the ritual, except where reading is called for in the ritual. However, should a cast other than the officers be more proficient in the conferring of the Order of the Red Cross, the Order of Malta, or the Order of the Temple, it is recommended that such a team be used for these occasions, so that exemplification may be the finest.

Sec. 720. (Repealed, 1920)

INTOXICATING LIQUORS

Sec. 721. At no time shall the use of intoxicating liquors be permitted in the Asylum.

Sec. 722, 723, 724, 725. (Repealed, 1920)

CANDIDATES

Sec. 726. (1) Failure of a candidate to present himself for the Orders within 12 months after receiving his first written notice to appear for the conferring of the Order of Red Cross voids his election and the disposition of any fees paid or any deposit made shall be determined according to Sec. 726 (7).

(2) One constituted a Companion of the Order of the Red Cross who fails to appear to receive the remaining Orders within one year after having received the Order of Red Cross shall not be entitled to receive such remaining Orders unless by a favorable, secret and unanimous ballot of the Commandery. (See Sec. 195, G.E.)

(3) He shall also be barred from sitting in a Council of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross or in a Priory of Knights of Malta.

(4) After the Order of the Red Cross has been conferred, the Order of Malta may be conferred, in short form, at the same Conclave or at a subsequent Conclave of the Commandery provided, however, that the Order of Malta must be conferred before the Companion shall receive the Order of the Temple, and all within the period of one year.

(5) The Order of Knights Templar is declared to be a Uniformed Order.

(6) A Companion of the Red Cross or Order of Malta is not subject to dues until he has received the Order of the Temple, but shall always be subject to discipline for unmasonic or unknighthly conduct.

(7) Should an elected candidate die before receiving the Order of the Red Cross, the Commandery shall refund to his estate the fee for the Orders deposited with his petition and also the uniform deposit if it has not been ordered and he Commandery thus obligated. The same shall be done in case an elected candidate, for good and sufficient reasons proven, shall fail to present himself for the Order of the Red Cross within the year.

(Paragraph (1) is in conformity with Law of Grand Encampment. A candidate who has received the order of the Red Cross and failed to present himself for the remaining Orders within one year, must petition for advancement and Commandery must approve petition before he can go on. Such Companion remains under the jurisdiction of the Commandery which conferred Red Cross, no matter where he

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resides, and no waiver by the Commandery where he resides is required. Proc. G.E. 1919, p. 54 297; Proc. G.C. 1914, p. 40, 103; G.C. 1917, p. 31, 76; 1918, p. 49, 73; 1919, p. 19.)

(A Commander, being present, may allow or require any Knight to confer the Orders. Proc. G.E. 1919, p. 55, 299.)

(Orders cannot be conferred on Sunday. Proc. G.E. 1919, p. 56, 299.)

(Orders cannot be conferred on a clergymen or anyone else without payment for fees and uniform. Proc. G.C. 1913, p. 34. See Sec. 34; 81.)

(Until he has received the final Order, a candidate is not a member and cannot be charged dues, have a demit or transfer to another Commandery. Proc. G.C. 1917, p. 35, 76.)

(A candidate has procured a uniform when he has paid for the same. Proc. G.C. 1918, p. 19, 75.)

(The Commandery is the judge as to the "good and sufficient reasons" which will justify a return of fees. Proc. G.C. 1914, p. 37, 102.)

(A Companion of the Red Cross who has failed to present himself for the remaining Orders within the time limited by law, and who in meantime has changed his residence, is still the material of the Commandery which has conferred Red Cross and should petition for advancement therein, if he desires to become a member of the Order. Proc. G.C. 1924, p. 32, 69.)

Sec. 727. (Repealed, 1920.)

MEMBERSHIP

Transfer of Membership

Sec. 728. (1) A Knight Templar desiring to change his membership from one Commandery to another, either within this state or in another state, shall proceed as follows:

(2) If he has already taken a demit from his Commandery and later desires to acquire membership in another Commandery, he should file with the Commandery of his choice a petition for membership together with his demit. If he is elected, the Commandery shall retain the petition and the demit. If he is rejected, his demit shall be returned to him.

(3) If he desires to change his membership and be continuously affiliated, incurring no interruption in his Templar membership, he shall file with the Commandery in which he desires membership, a petition for membership, a certificate of good standing from the Recorder of his present Commandery and an application to his Commandery for demit. If he is elected to membership in the Commandery petitioned, the Recorder thereof will immediately forward said application for demit to the Commandery to which it is addressed. When the demit is received by the Commandery the Knight wishes to join, it shall be filled with his petition and the Sir Knight's name shall be entered as a member of that Commandery as of the date of the demit. (See G.E. Statutes, Sec. 80, 180 through 185 and 191 through 194.)

(4) This section shall in no wise be so construed as to impair the long established right of voluntary absolute demission under Section 192 of the Grand Encampment Statutes.

Demits

(5) A demit or a certificate of good standing asked for between March 1 and the close of the Annual Stated Conclave in April immediately following by a Knight Templar who is clear on the books and has no charges pending against him, shall relieve his requirement to pay the annual dues assessed and spread on March 1 for the following year. A member applying for a certificate of good standing shall pay three months dues in advance as provided in Sec. 194 of the Grand Encampment Statues. (See Sec. 503 (4).)

(A demit asked for at the Annual Stated Conclave of a Commandery relieves the petitioner from liability for dues for the year following. Proc. G.C. 1923, p. 107.)

(Dues assessed for a year in advance cannot be exacted if request for demit is presented during the current year for which dues have been paid. Proc. G.C. 1928, p. 42, 67.)

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Petition for Affiliation

(6) No petition for membership shall be received or acted upon unless the petitioner produces satisfactory evidence that he is an affiliated Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason in good standing, and that he honorably withdrew from the Commandery to which he last belonged or is a member in good standing of a Commandery in Michigan. Also, the petition must be accompanied by the regular affiliation fee of _____ dollars and a deposit of _____ dollars with which to procure the regulation uniform, or a certificate of the proper Inspecting Officer that said petitioner already has such a uniform, complete and in good condition.

(A uniform is "procured" when paid for by petitioner. Proc. G.C. 1918, p. 19, 75.)

Sign Roll of Membership

(7) Every Sir Knight, on becoming a member of this Commandery, either by receiving all the Orders or by affiliation, shall at once sign the Roll of Membership. As soon as he has definitely decided, he may register his wish as to Templar services in the Burial Request Book.

(One who has demitted from his Commandery can rejoin it only by petition for affiliation. Proc. G.C. 1912, p. 88.)

(A member of one Commandery may change to any other if he wishes. Proc. G.C. 1912, p. 88; 1914, p. 41, 103.)

(A Commandery may, if original is lost, issue a duplicate demit. It should be marked "duplicate." Proc. G.E. 1913, p. 38, 222.)

(One remains a member until a demit is asked. Proc. G.C. 1915, p. 32, 83; 1917, p. 34, 76.)

Balloting

(8) Petitions for Orders or for membership may be received and balloted on at the Special or Stated Conclave at which such petition or petitions are read in Commandery without dispensation from the Grand Commander, provided that the provisions of Section 708 (1) and Section 717 (9) Grand Commandery Laws and Section 65 Grand Encampment Statutes have been complied with.

Dual Membership

(9) A member of this Commandery may also be an active member of one other Constituent Commandery of this jurisdiction, or of one of the Subordinate Commanderies of the Grand Encampment, or of one of the Constituent Commanderies of another Grand Commandery whose laws so provide or of a Commandery owing allegiance to a recognized foreign sovereign jurisdiction whose laws so provide. 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 rights and privileges of full membership in both Commanderies. A dual member may be elected or appointed to any station in a Commandery to which he belongs, except that he may not hold a Dias office in more than one (1) Commandery at a time. Dias officers are defined as Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General. Loss of active membership by action of either Commandery shall cause loss of membership in both Commanderies; provided, however, a dual member may demit from either Commandery. (Revised Sec. 728 (9), 2002)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 729. In accordance with the provisions of Sec. 508 (2), the annual dues for Life Members shall be _____ dollars, except that there shall be no change in the amount of dues required from those to whom life or emeritus memberships have heretofore been granted.

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HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

Sec. 730. (1) Honorary members may be elected in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 198 of Grand Encampment Statutes.

(An Honorary member is not a visitor. His presence at a Conclave cannot be objected to. Proc. G.E. 1913, p. 40, 323.)

(Repealed Sec. 730. (2) and (3), 1959)

STANDING

Sec. 731. (1) Standing is affected by suspension or expulsion from Lodge or Chapter, by voluntary non-affiliation in Lodge or Chapter for six months and by conviction of unmasonic or unknighly conduct.

(2) It is the duty of every Sir Knight to remain in good standing in Lodge and Chapter. If suspended or expelled from either, it is his knightly duty to inform the Commander or Recorder of the fact at once. If he demits or withdraws from either Lodge or Chapter and desires to remain permanently unaffiliated therein, he must ask for demit from the Commandery within six months or become liable to suspension or expulsion under Sec. 201 of Grand Encampment Statutes. His standing in the Commandery remains technically good until charges of voluntary non-affiliation for six months in Lodge or Chapter are preferred against him. At any time prior thereto he is entitled to a demit as per Section 192.

(3) It is the duty of every member to answer, on his honor as a Knight and Mason, all questions relative to his affiliation in either Lodge or Chapter and produce his receipts for dues last paid therein, or a certificate of good standing from the Secretary thereof, whenever requested by the Commander or Recorder. Failure or refusal to comply with any of the above requirements shall constitute un-knightly conduct.

(Repealed Sec. 731. (4), 1936)

FEES AND DUES

Fees for the Orders

Sec. 732. (1) The fee for the Orders of Knighthood shall be not less than \$40.00 (Forty Dollars).

Affiliation Fee

(2) The fee for affiliation shall be _____ dollars.

Uniform fee

(3) The fee for complete uniform shall be the actual cost thereof.

Petition Fee

(4) Not less than one half of the fees or the Orders shall accompany the petition. The remaining fees for the Orders shall be paid before the Order of the Red Cross is conferred. The uniform shall be procured or paid for before the candidate receives the Order of the Temple, unless the Commandery has, by standing resolution, provided that the purchase of a uniform by a candidate is optional.

Annual Dues

(5) The annual dues shall be _____ dollars, payable in advance. (Amended Proc. G.C. 1936, p. 59.)

Notice of Dues

(6) Notice of dues, together with statement of unpaid dues and assessments, if any, shall be promptly mailed by the Recorder on March 1 and shall contain a copy of this section pertaining to dues and assessments.

(Repealed Sec. 732. (7), (8), (9), and (10), 1936, p. 60.)

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(Fees are property of the Commandery from the time the petition is formally received. Proc. G.C. 1912, p. 91.)

(Dues are payable in advance at the Annual Stated Conclave. Proc. G.C. 1912, p. 88.)

(Where application for transfer of membership was made by petition for affiliation in February and petition was granted at the Stated Conclave in March, the petitioner was not liable to his old Commandery for dues payable at the Annual Stated Conclave in April. Proc. G.C. 1913, p. 34.)

(Fees must accompany petitions. Proc. G.C. 1916, p. 100.)

(Bylaws cannot be approved unless they show the separate fees for Orders, affiliation and uniform. Proc. G.C. 1917, p. 77; G.C. 1918, p. 50, 73, 74.)

(An assessment is a liability of a member the same as dues. Proc. G.C. 1919, p. 20.)

(See note, Sec. 84.)

(Repealed Sec. 733, 734, 735, and 736, 1920.)

UNIFORMS

Sec. 737. (1) The uniform of a Knight Templar is that prescribed in Sec. 801 of the appendix.

(2) Each Constituent Commandery may, by standing resolution, provide that the purchase or acquisition of a uniform by a candidate shall be optional, notwithstanding any of the provisions of the Laws of Templar Masonry of Michigan. However, every officer of all Constituent Commanderies shall be required to own and possess at the time of his installation, a dress uniform as prescribed for his rank and to retain such uniform while holding his office. In addition, each Constituent Commandery shall at all times maintain a unit or units composed of at least six active non-officer members, equipped with full Templar dress uniforms, who shall be available for Asylum escort, triangle guard duty, conferring the Order of the Temple and such additional requirements as the Commandery may determine. No Commandery shall appear in public unless clothed in the uniform prescribed by the Grand Commandery. The adoption of a standing resolution as permitted by this section shall not directly or by implication repeal any sections of the Laws of Templar Masonry of Michigan but such standing resolutions shall have the effect of suspending and rendering inoperative such sections in conflict therewith while the standing resolution is in effect.

Uniform required

(3) Every petitioner for the Orders must procure the complete uniform before he can receive the Order of the Temple. Subject to Sec. 737 (2).

Uniform approval

(4) All uniforms, or parts of uniforms, required by these Bylaws shall be procured through the Council, or its duly appointed representative. No uniforms, or parts thereof, shall be accepted by the Commandery without the approval of the Captain General or other officer designated by the Council for that purpose.

Must not be Loaned

(5) No member of this Commandery shall sell, loan, give or hire the use of the uniform of any of the Orders of Masonic Knighthood, or any portion of such uniform, to any person or persons whomsoever, except it be to a Sir Knight in good standing and membership, and then only to be used in a lawful Conclave or assemblage of Sir Knights of the Order.

May Be Sold

(6) No Sir Knight of this Commandery shall sell or dispose of his uniform or any part thereof, except that it be replaced in 90 days, and if not so replaced, he shall be amenable to knightly discipline. However, with the consent of the Council of his Commandery, any Sir Knight who is physically incapacitated for active service may sell his uniform to the Commandery or to any member thereof.

(Repealed Sec. 737 (7), (8), (9), 1974.)

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Unlawful to Wear

(10) It shall be un-knightly conduct for a Knight Templar to appear in uniform, either dress or fatigue, in a place where intoxicating liquors are sold.

(The matter of requiring or dispensing with a uniform is exclusively in the hands of the Grand Commandery. Proc. G.E. 1919, p. 59, 303.) (See note, Sec. 708.)

(A candidate has "procured" a uniform when he has paid for same. Proc. G.C. 1918, p. 19, 75.)

DRILL

Sec. 738. (1) Governed by Sections 214 through 216 of Grand Encampment Statutes.

Duty to Drill

(2) It is an essential and knightly duty of every officer and member of this Commandery to perfect himself in Templar drill, so that he may be able to perform any evolution; issue or obey every command with ease, rapidly and correctness; and present a creditable appearance in public.

Drill Tactics

(3) All drill and floor work shall be in accordance with the Drill Regulations of the Grand Commandery.

Competitive Drills

(4) This Commandery shall not engage in any competitive drills where prizes are offered except:

(a) That it may enter into competitive drills at Triennial Encampments;

(b) That it may enter into competitive drills between drill teams within a Commandery or between Commanderies. (Revised (4)(b), 2000)

(A Commandery squad or Knight may not appear in uniform for exhibition without dispensation. If unorganized, they may so appear in the Temples without dispensation. Proc. G.C. 1918, p. 47, 73.)

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sec. 739. The Commandery will comply with the standing resolutions of the Grand Commandery and fittingly observe Christmas, Good Friday, Ascension Day, or Easter services. It will also desist, during the Lenten Season, from such social entertainments or diversions as are interdicted by the Church and good society. The attendance at Devine services on these occasions, and such other days as the Commandery may direct, shall always be by the Commandery as a body and in full dress Templar uniform.

(Repealed Sec. 740. 1920.)

RULES OF ORDER

Sec. 741. The usual rules for government of Masonic bodies shall govern this Commandery in all cases not especially provided for in these Bylaws, or in the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery.

The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Reading of records
2. Reading and referring of petitions
3. Report of Council on petitions
4. Balloting
5. Presentation of bills and accounts
6. Communications
7. Audit and Finance report
8. Delinquent Dues and Assessments report
9. Jurisprudence, Resolutions and Discipline report

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10. Trustees report
11. Other standing committees' report
12. Special committees' report
13. Recorders financial report
14. Treasurers report
15. Unfinished business
16. New business
17. Work or drill

CODE IN EFFECT

Sec. 742. This revised code shall become effective when adopted by the Grand Commandery, except that all standing resolutions heretofore adopted by the Constituent Commanderies and approved by the Grand Commandery shall remain in full force and effect until they shall be changed in accordance with this code.

Sec. 743. All Laws heretofore enacted, adopted or approved, which are in conflict with this revision and re-enacted code, are hereby repealed.

Sec. 744. Form for standing resolution to amend Commandery Bylaws. (See next page)

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STANDING RESOLUTION

See sections 508, 704, 709, 713, 728, 732, 742, 743, etc.

Note: Three copies of the resolution shall be sent to the Grand Commander for his approval and reference to the Grand Commandery. After being confirmed by the Grand Commandery at the Annual Stated Conclave, the Grand Recorder will certify and return the original. When received, the Grand Recorder will paste it into the Templar Law on the first unoccupied blank page provided therefore, noting the page at the proper place on the Bylaw amended.

Whereas: _____

Resolved: _____

Certificate of Adoption

Sir Knight _____ Grand Commander,

At a Stated Conclave of _____ Commandery, No. _____,

Located at _____, Michigan, _____, 20____

After full and free discussion, the foregoing standing resolution was adopted.

Seal of Commandery

_____ Commander

_____ Recorder

Approved and sent to Grand Commandery

_____ Grand Commander

Approved and adopted by the Grand Commandery at its Annual Conclave

Seal of the Grand Commandery

_____, 20____

Attest _____ Grand Recorder

(Note: If standing resolution is too long to be properly engrossed on one page, used additional sheets of exact size of form with certificate of adoption at bottom of last page.)

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PART THREE APPENDIX

UNIFORMS AND REGALIA

Articles Named

Sec. 801. (1) The regulation uniform of a Knight Templar shall consist of a chapeau, chapeau cover, dress coat, trousers, belt, sword and scabbard, gloves and Malta Jewel. Optional with each Constituent Commandery are a fatigue cap cover, Red Cross cover for fatigue cap, fatigue coat, cape, and summer parade uniform. Optional with each Knight are suit case and sword case.

(Revised Sec. 801 (1), 2000)

Full Dress Uniform

(2) The full dress uniform shall consist of chapeau, dress coat, trousers, belt, sword and scabbard, gloves, Malta Jewel and white collar, all as prescribed, together with black shoes and black hose.

(3) (Repealed 1977)

Dress Coat

(4) The long style dress coat may be worn by any member of the Grand Commandery or of its Constituent Commanderies, except the officers of the Grand Commandery.

(5) The short style coat shall be worn by the officers of the Grand Commandery. It may be worn by any Past Grand Commander at his election and any member of a Constituent Commandery which has adopted and approved a standing resolution to the effect that wearing of the short style dress coat by its members is optional. For the purposes of uniformity in appearance, at least all of the officers of a Constituent Commandery adopting such a standing resolution are expected to be wearing the short style dress coat at or before inspection following the effective date of such resolution.

(6) Long style dress coat for all Knights below the rank of Commander is a single breasted black uniform broadcloth or tropical worsted frock coat, the skirt to extend to within one inch of the knee, with one and one-quarter inches in height or of such height as will permit the head to turn freely, shall hook in front at the seam. The sleeves are to be finished with such stitching to represent cuffs, three and one-half inches deep, parallel with the lower ends of the sleeves. There shall be nine three-quarter inch diameter black velvet ball buttons on front of coat, equally spaced, and two on back seams at height of the waist. There shall be three buttons same as above, except one-half inch diameter, on each cuff, spaced one inch apart.

(7) Appropriate crosses according to rank, the bottoms of which are three and one-half inches from the ends of sleeves, shall be on the cuffs of the coat. See Section 801 (38-42). A belt hook shall be sewed in the waist seam of the coat, directly over the left hip.

(8) For Commanders, Past Commanders, and Past Grand Commanders, the coat shall be the same as above described except made double breasted with two rows of buttons, nine in each row equally spaced, with the distances between the rows being approximately five and one-half inches at the top and four inches at the bottom.

(9) The short style coat shall be a three button double breasted sack coat of black material. Recommended material is a 10 to 10 ½ ounce tropical of 45 percent wool and 55 percent Dacron or 10 ounce 100 percent wool tropical worsted. Two rows of three buttons each shall be equally spaced vertically and approximately five inches apart horizontally (when buttoned). The buttons shall be black and made of metal, plastic or composition with the Cross and Crown in the center and the motto of the Order in circle around the outside edge. The coat shall have no outside pockets but shall have two lower

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straight flaps without openings stitched on outside edges to give the appearance of pockets, and a left breast welt one inch wide and six inches long to provide space for fastening a Commandery jewel of office and/or other permitted Commandery jewels. Welt shall be located so that the right edge is even with the outer edge of left lapel. Coat shall have one inside breast pocket on wearer's right side. At wearers left side, immediately under and centered with the simulated pocket seam, shall be a four-inch horizontal slit (stitched) opening (zipper closure optional) to allow sword belt chains or slings to be worn on concealed belt or on trouser waist belt. Coat shall be not less than three-eighths lined with black or white lining material, sleeve linings to be of either plain black or white lining material, with a shield in each sleeve, and armholes piped with lining. Edges shall be single stitched with no buttons on coat sleeves. Appropriate crosses according to rank, the bottoms of which shall be three and one-half inches from ends of sleeves, shall be on the cuffs. The coat shall extend to one inch below wear's crotch line and be the same distance from the ground in front and back. Coat shall have roll collar with peak lapels three inches wide at peak.

(10) Neither baldric or outside belt is to be worn with the short style dress coat. Existing belts worn with the long style dress coat may be worn under the short dress coat by removing the long chain. The scabbard may be suspended from the two short chains extended through the slit in coat or from two short black leather slings with gold trim (silver trim for Sir Knights below rank of Commander), with hook snaps at bottom and a loop at the top worn over the trouser waist belt and through slit in coat.

(11) Sleeve crosses and shoulder straps (epaulets) shall remain the same and be worn in the same locations on the short dress coat as prescribed for the long dress coat. (See sub-sections 16 & 18)

(12) 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-tac fasteners as follows:

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

(b) For all members of a Constituent Commandery, the right lapel shall have a two-pronged metal bar with the letters "MI" (abbreviation for Michigan) one-half inch high, silver colored for Knights below the rank of Commander and gold colored for Commanders and Past Commanders. The left lapel shall have a two-pronged metal bar with the applicable Commandery number (one or two digits), one-half inch high, silver colored for Knights below the rank of Commander and Gold colored for Commanders and Past Commanders. For pinning of lapel insignia, see instructions in sub-section (a).

Chapeau

(13) The chapeau shall be regulation black beaver or velvet, gossamer body trimmed with black-velvet ribbon binding. Front and rear peaks shall extend four and one-half inches from the head with sides beveled so that chapeau is one inch narrower on top than head. Lining shall be black satin. There shall be one white and two black ostrich plumes, the white uppermost, arranged so that the black plumes shall show distinctly at the edges or, optionally, one white plume and no black plumes. In either case, the white plume shall extend not more than three and one-half inches beyond the rear peak of the chapeau. For all Knights below the rank of officers of Grand Commandery, there shall be a rosette on the left side, oval in shape, five inches in height by four and one-quarter inches in width, constructed as follows: The outline and base shall consist of not less than 26 satin points in a single fold, on top of which, so as to display said points to the distance of one-half inch from the edge, shall be laid one row of plaited black satin ribbon in folds of from one-eighth to one-quarter inch wide. On top of this shall be laid a black velvet oval three and three-eighths inches in height by two and five-eighths inches in width,

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thus displaying the plaited satin ribbon around the edges of said velvet oval to a distance of five-sixteenths of an inch. On the velvet oval shall be a cross in accordance with Section 801 (38-42).

(14) For Commanders and Past Commanders, the chapeau shall be as above described except that it shall be trimmed with a band of gilt or gold plated wire lace, 15 lignes (one and three-eighths) wide with two vellums (No. 1962), diagonally across each side of each peak. On the upper side of the front peak shall be a gilt or gold-plated tassel, half-round in shape with bright bullions and dull head.

(15) For Officers of the grand Commandery, the chapeau shall be same as for Commanders and Past Commanders except that the rosettes on the left side shall be circular instead of oval, five inches in diameter over the ends of the satin points. Templar Cross shall be in accordance with Sec. 801 (38-42).

(16) For Past Grand Commanders, the Chapeau shall be same as for officers of the Grand Commandery except that, in lieu of gilt or gold lace, slashings shall be made of black velvet one and one-half inches wide, edged top and bottom with rope pattern of embroidered in No. 26 gilt or real gold bullion, between which shall be embroidered in No. 26 and No. 27 gilt or real gold bullion, a laurel and olive wreath in vine, leaf and berry. Templar cross shall be in accordance with section 801 (38-42).

Chapeau Cover

(17) The chapeau cover shall be made of white, transparent, waterproof material.

Fatigue Cap

(18) For all Knights below the rank of Commander, the fatigue cap shall be Pershing style and made of black silk or material matching uniform, three and three-eighths inches in height at front. Diameter of top shall be 10 ¼ inches for a size seven and shall be one-eighth of an inch larger or smaller per size from a size seven. Top shall be of one piece edged with a wire welt covered with same material as top. Top of cap shall be lined with oiled silk. The crown is to be made of four pieces with seams at center front and center back and center of each side. The front center pieces shall be one and seven-eighths inches wide from welt to band. Cap shall be ventilated by two black enamel eyelets on each side. Band of cap shall be one and seven-eighths inches wide and stiffened with buckram, with one-quarter inch of same black material as used in top showing at bottom edge. Remainder of band shall be covered with one and five-eighths inch black rayon braid. Band shall have genuine leather sweat band perforated. Visor, made of black patent leather with a green under visor, shall be two and one-quarter inches wide at front center dropping at a 45 degree angle. Front of cap shall have a single black patent leather front strap one-half inch wide with two loops attached to cap at both ends with silver pronged buttons bearing Knight Templar emblem. In center of cap in front shall be a Passion cross in accordance with Sec. 801 (38-42).

(19) For Commanders, Past Commanders and officers of the Grand Commandery, the fatigue cap shall be as described above except that instead of the black rayon braid band between the lower welts there shall be a band of gilt or gold-plated wire lace 18 lignes (one and five-eighths inches) wide with two vellums (No. 1962) stitched on leather, with two loops of the same pattern attached at the corners of the visor by two gold-plated buttons bearing Templar emblem. In the center of the cap in front shall be a cross in accordance with Sec. 801 (38-42).

(20) For Past Grand Commanders, the fatigue cap shall be same as for officers of the Grand Commandery except hat in lieu of the gilt or gold lace band between the lower welts, there shall be a band of black velvet one and one-half inches wide, edged and embroidered the same as the slashings for chapeaus for Past Grand Commanders. The Templar Cross shall be in accordance with Sec. 801 (38-42).

(20a) Optional fatigue cap for all Sir Knights is the summer uniform navy frame or garrison cap with navy serge cover instead of the white cotton cover. The cape device worn shall be in accordance with the regulations governing the wearing of the summer uniform cap. Reference Sec. 801 (18-20).

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Belt

(21) For all Knights below the rank of Commander, the belt shall be of black grain leather one and three-quarter inches wide, mounted with lace woven silver plated wire with black rayon one and five-eighths inches wide. Colors shall be in parallel strips, four of silver and three of black, with the black strips of equal width and the silver strips five thirty-seconds of an inch wide. Optionally, the lace may be woven entirely of silver-colored and black rayon, the numbers and widths of strips to be as specified above. There shall be two short chains to support the sword and a third chain extending from center back of belt ample in length to permit attachment to lower ring of scabbard, except when the Knight is mounted on horseback, this chain shall then be attached to the link which supports the rear short chain to the belt.

(22) For Commanders, Past Commanders, and officers of the Grand Commandery, the belt shall be same as above, except woven of gilt or gold-plated wire and black rayon, or optionally, of gold-colored and black rayon. Belt for Past Grand Commanders shall be same as for Grand Commandery except three strips of royal purple rayon instead of black rayon.

Buckle

(23) Buckle shall be oval in shape. For all Knights below the rank of Commander, it shall be nickel plated. For all Knights below the rank of officers of the Grand Commandery, the face of the buckle shall be a Passion Cross of hard, red enamel. Commanderies may also have name and number on face of buckle.

(24) For Commanders, Past Commanders, and officers of the Grand Commandery, and Past Grand Commanders, the buckle shall be gold-plated.

(25) For officers of the Grand Commandery, the center of the face of the buckle shall show the Templar Cross in red. Near the edge the words, "Grand Commandery of Michigan", shall be shown.

(26) For Past Grand Commanders, the buckle shall be the same as for Grand Commandery except that the Templar Cross shall be purple.

Sword and Scabbard

(27) The sword shall have a straight, two edged, rapier-type, nickel-plated, steel blade three-quarters of an inch wide at the guard, of suitable length for the height of the Knight, determined from the position of parade rest. The sword shall have a white grip, helmet guard at pommel or plain pommel-straight cross guard and metal chain from the pommel to one end of the cross guard. For Knights below the rank of Commander, the pommel, chain, and cross guard shall be nickel-plated.

(28) For Knights below the rank of Commander, the scabbard shall be nickel plated steel with three nickel plated hard metal mountings and two metal rings at the upper and one at the lower mount. The sword and scabbard may be acquired and owned by and remain the property of a Constituent Commandery and loaned to Knights below the rank of Commander upon a suitable written declaration (form to be supplied by the Grand Recorder) and to be returned to such Commandery upon demand or when no longer actively used. A Constituent Commandery shall determine its own policy of acquiring such equipment. Nothing herein shall prevent a Knight from acquiring his own sword and scabbard.

(29) For Commanders, Past Commanders, officers of the Grand Commandery, and Past Grand Commanders, sword and scabbard shall be as described above except that the pommel, chain and cross guard of the sword shall be gold-plated and the scabbard shall be made of gold-plated brass.

Gloves

(30) Gloves shall be of buff-colored cloth or leather material. Revised Sec. 801 (30) 1996

Shirt Collar

(31) Shirt collar shall be white linen, standing, close military, to show one-quarter inch above coat collar.

Trousers

(32) Trousers shall be black uniform broadcloth or tropical worsted without ornamentation.

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Fatigue Coat

(33) The lapel-type fatigue coat for officers and Sir Knights of Constituent Commanderies, below the be black broadcloth or tropical worsted, square cut, form fitting and have peaked lapel collar and have two lower patch pockets with square flaps. It shall be one-quarter lined with one inside pocket; body lining of black rayon and sleeve lining of gray rayon. Shoulder loops shall be of same material as coat, sewed down flat up to the button.

(34) The abbreviation "MICH" shall be embroidered in No. 26 silver bullion embroidery, in one-half inch block style letters on the right lapel of coat. The abbreviation "NO" and the number of the Commandery (NO.28), shall be embroidered in the same style of bullion embroidery on the left lapel. The embroidery on the lapels shall be in a straight line.

(35) The coat shall extend in length to the top of the inseam of the trousers. The sleeves shall be finished with a row of one-half inch rayon braid parallel with and three and one-half inches from the lower ends of sleeves. There shall be no buttons on sleeves. The buttons on front of coat and shoulder loops shall composition Knight Templar buttons with the Cross and Crown in the center and motto of the Order in circle around the outside edge of button.

(36) For Commanders and Past Commanders of Constituent Commanderies, the fatigue coat shall be as described above except on the shoulder loops, one-half inch from the sleeve seam, shall be embroidered a Passion Cross one and one-half inches in height by one and one-eighth inches in width, in accordance with Sec. 801. (38-42)

(37) For Grand Commandery Officers, the fatigue coat shall be as described above except on each shoulder shall be embroidered a red Templar Cross one and one-half inches in height and width, bordered with one row of No. 26 bullion embroidery five thirty-seconds of an inch wide. Below the Templar Cross shall be placed three-eighths inch guilt embroidered letters designating the office. A red Templar Cross one and one-half inches in height and width, bordered with one row of No. 26 guilt bullion embroidery five thirty-seconds of an inch wide, the lower edge of cross to rest on stitching, shall be on each cuff along with three black buttons. On left breast shall be pinned a bar with the word "MICHIGAN" in three-eighths inch gold block letters.

(38) For Past Grand Commanders, the coat shall be the same as for Grand Commandery officers except that all crosses shall have purple centers, with no lettering underneath.

Crosses

(39) All Knights below the rank of Commander shall wear the Passion Cross in silver bullion, without rays, and with bright red velvet center. Commanders and Past Commanders shall wear the Passion Cross in guilt or gold bullion, with rays, and with bright red velvet center. Officers of the Grand Commandery shall wear the Templar Cross in guilt or gold bullion with bright red velvet center. Past Grand Commanders shall wear the Templar Cross in guilt or gold bullion with royal purple velvet center.

(40) The Passion Cross for the sleeves of the dress coat for all Knights below the rank of officers of the Grand Commandery and for the shoulder loops of the fatigue coat for Commanders and Past Commanders shall be one and one-half inches in height by one and one-eighth inches in width, bordered with one row of No. 26 bullion embroidery one-eighth inch wide, the velvet center exposed to the width of five thirty-seconds of an inch. The Passion Cross for the chapeau shall be three inches in height by two inches in width, bordered with one row of No. 26 bullion embroidery one-quarter inch wide, the velvet center exposed to the width of one-quarter inch. The Passion Cross for the fatigue cap shall be two inches in height by one and one-half inches in width, bordered with one row of No. 26 bullion embroidery five thirty-seconds of an inch wide, the velvet center exposed to the width of three-sixteenths of an inch. Around the outside edges of each Passion Cross, shall be a row of jaceron.

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(41) The Templar Cross for the sleeves of the dress coat, the shoulder loops and sleeves of the fatigue coat, and the fatigue cap shall be one and one-half inches in height and width, bordered with one row of No. 26 bullion embroidery five-thirty seconds of an inch wide. The Templar Cross for the chapeau shall be two and three-quarters inches in height and width, bordered with one row of No. 26 bullion embroidery three-sixteenths of an inch wide. The bullion embroidery on the Templar Cross shall be bordered on each edge, outside and inside, by a row of jaceron.

(42) As options, silver-colored and gold-colored rayon may be substituted for silver and gold bullion, respectively, for the borders of any of the crosses, the widths of the borders to be as above specified.

Cape

(43) Capes shall be made of black beaver, kersey or melton, cut three-quarters full and reaching to the tips of the fingers when the arm is extended, with roll collar of black velvet three inches wide. The lining shall be black, without ornamentation. The cape shall fasten in front with hook and eye ends of the collar and be closed over the breast with three black buttons covered by a fly and double mohair frogs five and one-half inches below collar seam.

(44) For Commanders and PastCommanders, the cape shall be as above described except that there shall be bright red velvet Passion Cross on outside of the cape over the left breast, the right edge of the cross to be four and one-half inches from the edge of the cape and the top of the cross shall be four inches long by seven-eighths of an inch wide, the transverse bar shall be two and three-quarters inches long by seven-eighths of an inch wide.

(45) For Officers of the Grand Commandery, the cape shall be same as for Commanders and Past Commanders except that the cross on the left breast shall be a bright red velvet Templar Cross, three and three-quarters inches in height and width. For Past Grand Commanders, the cape shall be the same as for officers of the Grand Commandery except that the Templar Cross shall be made of royal purple velvet.

Shoulder Straps

(46) Shoulder straps in accordance with Grand Encampment regulations shall be worn on the dress coat and on the old style, single-breasted fatigue coat with standing collar, if and when said coat is worn, by all Grand and Past Grand officers, and by the Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General and Past Commanders of each Commandery.

(47) The Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General of each Constituent Commandery may wear on each shoulder loop of the double-breasted, lapel-type fatigue coat below the cross, if any, the letters "E.C.", "GEN", or "C.G." designating the office held by the wearer. The letters shall be block type, three-eighths of an inch in height, either in the form of embroidery or a removable pin. For Commander, the embroidery shall be in gilt or gold-colored rayon, or the pins shall be gold-plated. For Generalissimo and Captain General, the embroidery shall be in silver-colored rayon, or the pins shall be silver-plated.

Malta Jewel

(48) The Malta jewel, with or without a black enameled metal bar at the top, shall be worn on the dress coat. On a single-breasted coat, it shall be worn on the left breast, opposite and about two inches from the third button from the top; on a double-breasted coat, it shall be worn in the center and contiguously below the coat collar.

Shoulder Cords

(49) The shoulder cords presented to Sir Knights by the Membership Committee in the colors specified in Sec. 532(1) shall be made of braided cord with a loop which is attached to a button sewed on top of the shoulder of the coat three and one-half inches from the sleeve seam, with the cord being at the wearer's left of the button on his uniform.

(50) The wearing of the Membership Award is optional, but shall be worn only on a Commandery uniform. Any Sir Knight shall wear only the latest award that has been presented to him.

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Jewels

(51) No jewels, badges or other emblems except those pertaining to Templarism shall be worn on the Templar uniform. Knights who have rendered actual service in the United States Armed Forces during a period of war may wear the Services Bar prescribed for Knights Templar. This bar, when worn, shall be located on the breast immediately above the Malta jewel. The Grand Commander's Service Award Bar shall be located on the breast immediately above the Malta Jewel or immediately to the wearer's right of the Service Bar. The Grand Commander's Service Award Bar shall be a metal bar, 3/8 inch by 1 3/8 inch in size, white enamel inset with one silver-star within. Authorized jewels are: jewels of office (past and present), meritorious jewels, Badges of Commanderies, the Malta Jewel and the Red Cross Jewel. Officers of the Grand Commandery and Constituent Commanderies shall wear the jewel of their respective office while an incumbent in that office, the design of the jewels of office shall also conform to Grand Encampment specifications. The meritorious Award Jewel of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Michigan shall be approximately one inch by four inches in size and of gold-tone or gold-plate metal with appropriate inscription.

All previous recipients of the Grand Commander's Service Award and the Meritorious Award may purchase these bar/jewels from the Grand Recorder at their expense. (Revised (51)1993,2000)

(a) On the short style coat, all jewels shall be worn on the left breast welt. The jewels shall be spaced 1/8 inch apart with the top of the jewels even with the welt. If only the Malta Jewel is worn or if the jewels do not occupy the entire welt, it/they shall be centered horizontally on the welt. They are to be worn in the following order from the wearer's right to left:

K.T.C.H. Jewel

Past Grand Commander Jewel

Grand Commandery Officer's Jewel

Past Commander's Jewel

Commandery Officer Jewel

Grand Commandery Meritorious Award Jewel

Commandery Jewel (includes drill corps badges and G.E. drill badges)

Malta Jewel

Red Cross Jewel

The wearing of the Malta Jewel is mandatory. It is suggested that no more than three Jewels be worn at one time.

(b) On the long style double-breasted coat the jewel of office or Past Commanders Jewel shall be worn in the center contiguously below the collar. Other jewels shall be worn in the sequence stated in (51a) starting in the center with the top of the first jewel on line with the third button. The remaining jewels shall be worn to the wearers left of the first jewel, one-eighth of an inch apart, tops of the jewels even on the horizontal line.

(c) On the long style single-breasted coat the jewel of office shall be worn on the left breast, two inches from the buttons, and the top of the jewel on a horizontal line with the third button. Other jewels shall be worn one-eighth of an inch apart, tops of jewels even on the horizontal line in the order stated in (51a).

(d) For Grand, Past Grand or Constituent Commandery Officers and Sir Knights, an optional metallic name bar may be worn on the standard Templar Uniform of Michigan. The name bar shall be worn on the right breast of the standard Templar Uniform of Michigan, centered and horizontal with the welt on the left breast. The name bar shall be only obtained from the office of the Grand Recorder for uniformity. (Added (51d) 1997)

Shirt

(52) Shirt for the fatigue coat and short style dress coat shall be a plain white shirt with turned-down collar.

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Tie

(53) Tie for the fatigue and short style dress coat shall be a military style black four-in-hand tie without ornamentation.

Summer Uniform

(54) The summer uniform shall consist of a garrison cap, white short-sleeve pilot's shirt with epaulets and two flap pockets on the breast, black trousers, belt, sword and scabbard, black shoes and black hose. The appearance of a Sir Knight in summer uniform shall be permitted at parades and civic activities, drill exhibitions and drill competitions and Stated Conclaves held between April 1st and October 31st or when the ambient temperature exceeds 85 degrees Fahrenheit. The summer uniform is not to be worn for the conferral of the Order of the Temple. (Added (54)2000, Revised 2004, 2005)

Cap

(55) The cap shall be a regulation U.S. Navy CPO or Officers frame r garrison cap. The cap shall have a black headband and visor with white top. The chin strap and buttons shall be regulation silver for all Sir Knights below the rank of Commnder and gold for all Sir Knights with 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

(56) The metallic cap device shall be worn centered above the cap headband and shall consist of a two and one-quarter inch Templar Cross for Past Commanders, the same Templar Cross in red for Grand Commandery Officers, a one and three-eighths inch Passion Cross with red center surrounded by gold rays for Past Commanders and Commanders, and a one and three-eighths inch Passion Cross with red center surrounded by silver edging, without rays of light, for all other Sir Knights.

Shirt

(57) The white shirt, short sleeve, of military style with shoulder epaulets and two flap pockets, one on each breast, shall be worn. The shirt shall be worn without neckwear and with top button undone and the collar tips spread. If undergarment is worn with the shirt, it shall not show in the "V" line of the shirt of the collar below the neck.

(57a) 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 letters conforming to Sec 801 (51d).

(57b) 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 Commandery jewels. The metal bar shall contain three black panels, each surrounded with a silver line. Each of the panels shall be one-half inch wide by one inch long. On the wearer's left most panel shall be centered a miniature Red Cross Jewel, on the center panel shall be centered a miniature Malta Jewel, and on the right-most panel shall be a Maltese Cross with the Templar Motto thereon. The military service bar, when worn, shall be located on the breast immediately above the Malta Jewel. (Revised (57b) 2006)

Shoulder Insignia

(58) 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 one and one-half inch wide colored grosgrain ribbon shoulder loop shall be worn around each epaulet and under the appropriate cross and centered thereon.

(a) For Past Grand Commanders, it shall be a purple metal Templar Cross surrounded by a gold line and measuring one inch by one inch. The shoulder loop shall be of purple color. (Revised 2005)

(b) For Grand Commandery Officers, it shall be a red metal Templar Cross surrounded by a gold line and shall be one inch by one inch. The shoulder loop shall be red in color. (Revised 2005)

(c) For Past Commanders, it shall be a red metal Passion Cross surrounded by a gold line and rays and shall be one inch by three-quarters inch. The shoulder loop shall be of red color. (Revised 2005)

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(d) For Commanders, it shall be a red metal Passion Cross surrounded by a gold line and rays and shall be one inch by three-quarters inch. The Shoulder loop shall be of green color. (Revised 2005)

(e) For other Commandery Dias Officers (Generalissimo, Captain General and Prelate), it shall be a Passion Cross surrounded by a silver line and without rays and shall be one inch by three-quarters inch. The shoulder loop shall be of green color. (Revised 2005)

(f) For all other Sir Knights, it shall be a red metal Passion Cross surrounded by a silver line and without rays and shall be one inch by three-quarters inch. The shoulder loop shall be of silver color. (Revised 2005)

Shirt Collar Insignia

(59) For Past Grand Commanders and Grand Commandery Officers shall be two die cut gold metal state insignia (MI) to be worn one on each collar tip. For Past Commanders and Commanders shall be one die cut gold metal state insignia (MI) and one 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 and the Commandery Number shall be worn on the wearer's left. The 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 one and three-quarters inch back from the tip. Both the collar insignia will appear to be parallel to the floor with the top button of the shirt worn undone.

Trousers

(60) Trousers shall conform to Sec. 801 (32).

Belt

(61) The preferred belt is a standard military black web belt with gold metal buckle for the Commanders and higher in rank and a 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

(62) The preferred method of wearing the scabbard shall be a black leather frog or black leather belt sling with two 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 uniform. (Revised 2004)

Sword and Scabbard

(63) Sword shall conform to Sec. 801 (27-29).

Gloves

(64) Gloves shall conform to Sec. 801 (30).

Hose

(65) Hose shall be plain black without adornment.

Shoes

(66) Shoes shall be plain-toed, black, military low-quarter shoes. Boots may be worn but must exhibit the same appearance as the preferred low quarter shoes.

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