



Section V

CODE OF DUTIES & CONDUCT OF COMMITTEES AND REGULATIONS FOR ELEEMOSYNARY ACTIVITY FOR THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF WASHINGTON

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FOR
THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF
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1.0 PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Code and these Regulations is to define the duties and standards of conduct of chairmen, and members of the several Grand Commandery Standing and Special Committees, as well as the Grand Commandery representatives of both the Grand Encampment of the United States of America and the Washington Grand Commandery sponsored philanthropic, charitable, and endowment activities and the regulations pertaining thereto.

2.0 TEMPLAR RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE:

2.1 Organization and Structure: The Templar Religious Activity Committee shall have three members, one of whom shall be designated Chairman, and Grand Prelate as an ex-officio member, and shall be appointed at each annual conclave by the Grand Commander Elect to serve at his pleasure or until close of the next succeeding conclave. The Committee shall administer, implement and direct the specified duties and activities of the Grand and Constituent Commanderies.

2.2 Purpose and Duties: The purpose of the Templar Religious Activities Committee is to prepare a suitable toast to the Grand Master, if present, the Grand Commander and to the Commander of each Constituent Commandery and the response thereto by each specified officer. Toasts shall be given at a convenient hour and place, preferably in a regular

conclave and each year in the month of December near the birthday of Christ, during the month of the Crucifixion of Christ, and to initiate and give active leadership throughout our Christian Order to programs that will place proper emphasis upon individual Christian responsibilities, as well as obligations, and to give all possible assistance to the efforts and activities of the Necrology Committee, including assistance in visitation, condolences, bereavement and counseling of Fraters, their families and Widows.

3.0 COMMITTEE ON NECROLOY:

3.1 Organization and Structure: The committee on Necrology shall consist of one member, namely: the Grand Prelate, to be appointed at each annual conclave by the Grand Commander Elect to serve at his pleasure or until close of the next succeeding conclave. The Grand Prelate shall, with the assistance of the Templar Religious Activity Committee administer, implement and direct the specified duties and activities of the Grand and Constituent Commanderies, in addition to the individual duties of his office.

3.2 Purpose and Duties: The Grand Prelate shall prepare and give the invocation, benediction, grace as required at each conclave and with the assistance of the Templar Religious Activity Committee, organize visitation, condolences, bereavement and counseling of Fraters, their families and Widows, report the deaths of each Frater with suitable Memorial to the Templar dead and provide oversight and assistance to Constituent Commanderies.

4.0 COMMITTEE ON TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE:

4.1 Organization and Structure: The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence shall consist of three members, one of which shall be designated chairman, to be appointed at each annual conclave by the Grand Commander Elect to serve at his pleasure or until close of next succeeding conclave. The Committee shall consider all decisions upon questions of Templar Laws and Usage reported by the Grand Master, Committees, Officers and members of this Grand and its Constituent Commanderies.

4.2 Purpose and Duties: The purpose of the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence is to advise and render their opinions in writing to the Grand Commandery and all Constituent Commanderies, and their respective officers, as well as to Committees on legislative, judicial and executive functions, the prerogatives, powers and duties of the officers and members thereof in this Grand Commandery. The Committee shall prepare and

submit written opinions on all amendments or changes to the Constitution, By-Laws, Codes Statutes, Regulation, proposed Resolutions, Orders and Edicts to the Grand Commander and the Grand Recorder before they are submitted to the Conclave. The Committee shall provide advice, counsel, and implementation of required action for dereliction, violation or offense of Templar Law.

The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence shall be directly accountable to the Grand Commander and this Grand Commandery. The finding of fact and conclusions of the majority of members may be prepared and written for and on behalf of the Committee itself by the Committee Chairman or any member of the Committee. In the case of a different finding and conclusion than that of the majority of the Committee, a separate report shall be prepared by the dissenting member which shall become a part of the report submitted to the Grand Commander.

5.0 COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS:

5.1 Organization and Structure: The Committee on Grievances and Appeals shall consist of three members, one of which shall be designated chairman, shall be appointed at each annual conclave by the Grand Commander Elect to serve at his pleasure or until close of next succeeding conclave. The Committee shall consider grievances and appeals of individual Fraters of the Grand and Constituent Commanderies coming through the Grand Recorder to the Grand Master reviewing, as a body, all prior proceedings, and decisions and other relevant and material evidence to be put before it and render written findings of fact and conclusions of Templar Law to the Grand Master, the aggrieved Frater and to the Grand and Constituent Commandery.

5.2 Purpose and Duties: The purpose of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, sitting as one collective body, is to review findings of fact and conclusion of Templar Law and to hear such further testimony of relevant and material fact of aggrieved Fraters. The Committee shall advise and render their opinions and conclusions in writing to the Grand Commander who shall, upon the advice of the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, accept, ratify or reject the conclusions of the Committee and cause his Order or Edict to be issued through the Grand Recorder. The Committee on Grievances and Appeals shall be directly accountable to the Grand Commander and this Grand Commandery. The finding of fact and conclusions of the majority of members may be prepared and written for and on behalf of the Committee itself by the Committee Chairman or any member of the Committee. In the case of a different finding and conclusion than that of the majority of the Committee, a separate finding and conclusion shall be prepared by the

dissenting member which shall become a part of the report submitted to the Grand Commander.

6.0 AUDIT COMMITTEE :

6.1 Organization and Structure: The Audit Committee shall cause to be audited the books, accounts and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery committee representatives and trustees of both Grand Encampment and Grand Commandery and the Washington Grand Commandery sponsored eleemosynary, philanthropic, charitable and endowment activities, including the books, records and activities of the Finance and Investments Committee and of such Committees, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery as may have custody of any funds or property of the Grand Encampment, this Grand Commandery, and all Constituent Commanderies in this Jurisdiction sufficiently in advance of the convening of the Annual Conclave so that copies of such audit may be furnished the members of such Committee, the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master prior to the convening of such Conclave. It shall make up the expense bills and mileage rolls of such officers, members of Committees and others as are to be paid, and recommend such appropriations as may be necessary for the current expenses of the ensuing fiscal year. No appropriation of funds shall be made until the proposal therefor has been referred to the Committee on Finance and its report thereon made.

6.2 Purpose and Duties: The purpose of the Audit Committee is to review and compile certified audit reports into a meaningful consolidated report to be submitted to the Conclaves of this Commandery and to assure compliance with all Templar rules and practice of the Grand Commandery of Washington. The Committee shall advise and render their opinions and conclusions in writing to the Grand Commander. The Audit Committee shall be directly accountable to the Grand Commander and this Grand Commandery. The findings and conclusions of the majority of members may be prepared and written for and on behalf of the Committee itself by the Committee Chairman or any member of the Committee. In the case of a different finding and conclusion than that of the majority of the Committee, a separate finding and conclusion shall be prepared by the dissenting member which shall become a part of the report submitted to the Grand Commander.

7.0 FINANCE AND INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE:

7.1 Organization and Structure: The Finance and Investments Committee shall consist of four members, one of which shall be designated chairman, shall be appointed at each annual conclave by the Grand Commander Elect to serve at his pleasure or until close of next succeeding conclave. The Committee shall prepare and submit an operating budget, determine and recommend sources of income and investments. The members of the Finance and Investments Committee shall be fiduciaries and manage the investment of surplus assets as trustees of this Grand Commandery.

7.2 Purpose and Duties: The purpose of the Finance and Investment Committee is to manage the assets of the Grand Commandery of Washington and to assure that investments are in compliance with all Templar rules, limitations and practice of the Grand Commandery of Washington. The Committee shall identify and recommend sources of income and prepare operating budgets for the ensuing fiscal year, submit budgets for the next ensuing year, income and operations from investments to the Grand Conclave at the end of its term. The Finance and Investments Committee shall be directly accountable to the Grand Commander and this Grand Commandery. The findings and conclusions of the majority of members may be prepared and written for and on behalf of the Committee itself by the Committee Chairman or any member of the Committee. In the case of a different finding and conclusion than that of the majority of the Committee, a separate finding and conclusion shall be prepared by the dissenting member which shall become a part of the report submitted to the Grand Commander.

8.0 ASYLUM, RITUAL AND TACTICS COMMITTEE:

8.1 Organization and Structure: The Asylum, Ritual and Tactics Committee shall consist of three members, one of which shall be designated chairman, shall be appointed at each annual conclave by the Grand Commander Elect to serve at his pleasure or until close of next succeeding conclave.

8.2 Purpose and Duties: The purpose of the Asylum, Ritual and Tactics Committee is to collect, review and disseminate to all Deputy Instructors and to each of the Constituent Commanderies of this jurisdiction all rules, regulations and ritualistic materials appertaining to asylum, ritual and tactics promulgated by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America to assure full, accurate and complete compliance therewith by all persons, elements and components of this Grand Jurisdiction.

9.0 PATRIOTIC AND CIVIL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

9.1 Organization and Structure: The Patriotic and Civil Affairs Committee shall consist of three members, one of which shall be designated chairman, shall be appointed at each annual conclave by the Grand Commander Elect to serve at his pleasure or until close of next succeeding conclave. The Committee shall be so structured so as to assign one member to Patriotic Affairs, one member to Civil and Civic Affairs and one member with the responsibility of program planning and coordination.

9.2 Purpose and Duties: The purpose of the Patriotic and Civil Affairs Committee is to promote the cause of patriotism, and civil and community affairs and event seek and actively engage and participate in local patriotic, civil and community events and activities throughout the jurisdiction of Knights Templar of Washington. It shall be the Committee, by and through each of the Constituent Commanderies to contact all local civilian military orders, all local civil governments and civic groups to seek ways and means to take part and participate. In addition thereto, the Patriotic and Civil Affairs Committee shall 1.) prepare and present programs providing awareness of patriotic ideals and the history of our Constitution and Declaration of Independence; 2.) provide teams to present the programs to youth groups such as, but not limited to, Order of DeMolay, Rainbow, Job's Daughters, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls and others; 3.) provide speakers to carry the message of the various programs that the Knights Templar sponsor, such as; The Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Knights Templar Education Foundation, to service clubs, youth organizations, parent associations and other similar groups; 4.) provide presentations of the history of the flag of the United States, how it was adopted and the stages of development from the original thirteen stars and stripes to the fifty star flag of today, 5.) encourage all Knights Templar to register and vote in all local, state and national elections and to be informed on all issues pertaining to the government of local, state and national policies and legislation, charging each Knight or Frater with the responsibility of setting an example to all individuals by obeying the laws himself.

10.0 PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

10.1 Organization and Structure: The Public Relations Committee shall consist of five members, one of which shall be designated chairman, shall be appointed at each annual conclave by the Grand Commander Elect to serve at his pleasure or until close of next succeeding conclave. The Public Relations Committee shall be organized so that one or more members shall be assigned to one of the several media groups, one or

more members shall be assigned to preparing news releases and suitable public publications, and one member shall be responsible to, by and through an appointed representatives of each of the Constituent Commanderies, to be a liaison between the Grand and Constituent Commanderies and local civic organization by periodically meeting with such organizations.

10.2 Purpose and Duties: The purpose of the Public Relations Committee is to make known the existence, activities and principles to the public at large through advertising and similar various vehicles, media, publications, new releases, announcements and the like. The Committee shall be responsible for advising the public of Grand and Constituent Commanderies events, the success of Knights Templar philanthropic pursuits and means and methods of taking advantage of such services, and Knights Templar participation in local patriotic, civic and civil.

11.0 COMMITTEE ON GRAND OFFICERS' REPORTS:

11.1 Organization, Structure and Duties: The Committee on Grand Officers' Reports shall consist of three members, one of which shall be designated chairman, shall be appointed at each annual conclave by the Grand Commander Elect to serve at his pleasure or until close of next succeeding conclave. The reports of the several Grand Officers shall be provided to the Committee as soon as it is appointed. The Committee shall forthwith recommend referring the various subject matters contain in the several Officers' Reports to the appropriate committee and make recommendations of actions to be taken on matters not referred to any committee.

12.0 COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL CONCLAVE AND FESTIVAL:

12.1 Organization, Structure and Duties: The Committee on Annual Conclave and Festival Committee shall consist of one member shall be appointed at each annual conclave by the Grand Commander Elect to serve at his pleasure or until close of next succeeding conclave. The Conclave and Festival Committee shall coordinate the planning and obtaining Facilities, Equipment, Housing, Catering and collateral services with representative of the other two York Rite Bodies.

13.0 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

13.1 Organization and Structure: The Credentials Committee shall consist of four members, one of which shall be designated chairman, and shall be appointed at each annual conclave by the Grand Commander Elect to serve at his pleasure or until close of next succeeding conclave.

14.0 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

14.1 Organization and Structure: The Membership Committee shall consist of five members, one of which shall be designated chairman, shall be appointed at each annual conclave by the Grand Commander Elect to serve at his pleasure or until close of next succeeding conclave.

14.2 Purpose and Duties: (070) The purpose of the Membership Committee is to recruit new members and to actively pursue the retention of existing members. The Committee shall plan, devise and formulate each year plans, means and methods of maintaining and increasing the membership in the Constituent Commanderies of this Jurisdiction. The Membership Committee shall meet as expeditiously and conveniently as possible after its appointment and shall pursue any plans or methods previously formulated and create and amend such plans as it deems necessary. It shall prepare detailed quarterly reports of its acts and accomplishments submitting copies thereof with recommendations to the Grand Commander, the Grand Recorder, the Recorders of the Constituent Commanderies and each of the Deputy Instructors, and as a cumulative report at the next Stated Conclave of this Grand Commandery. The Committee shall to reduce to writing its means and methods that have been formulated and forward copies thereof to the Grand Commander, the Grand Recorder and the Recorder of each Constituent Commandery in this Grand Jurisdiction of its suggested plan and method for procuring petitions of prospective petitioners for the Orders of Knighthood, including a plan for the retention of members in Constituent Commanderies.

The Membership Committee shall collaborate, confer, and meet with, and keep well advised, the Deputy-Instructors appointed annually, or by interim appointments, by the Grand Commander, to aid him in the supervision, instruction, assistance and encouragement of each Constituent Commandery. It shall be the duty of the Membership Committee to confer with the respect committee counterparts of the other York Rite Bodies and coordinate its activities with them.

15.0 CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, STATUTES COMMITTEE:

15.1 Organization and Structure: The Constitution, By-laws, and Statutes Committee shall consist of three members, one of which shall be designated chairman, shall be appointed at each annual conclave by the Grand Commander Elect to serve at his pleasure or until close of next succeeding conclave.

15.2 Purpose and Duties: The purpose of the of the Constitution, By-Laws and Statute Committee shall be to review and assure that amendments and new statutes, codes, regulations or amendments thereto or to the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Commandery are in proper form, format and according to established process and procedures.

The Constitution of this Grand Commandery may only be amended by an affirmative vote of three fourths of the members of the members eligible to vote at a duly constituted annual Conclave and then only insofar as specific amendment in the form and format to an Article I through VIII pursuant Article IX thereof.

The By-Laws of the Grand Commandery may only be amended with regard to organization, operations, powers and authorities granted by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the eligible to vote at a duly constituted annual Conclave and then only insofar as specific amendment in the form and format to Sections 1.0 through 11.0 pursuant to Section 12.0 thereof.

Codes, statute, regulations, processes and procedures may be changed, amended, deleted, substituted or newly enacted by an affirmative vote of a simple majority of the members of the members eligible to vote at a duly constituted annual Conclave as set out in Section 3.0 *et seq* of the By-Laws of this Grand Commandery.

The Constitution, By-Laws, Statutes Committee shall review any new, amended or deleted statutes, codes, regulations or amendments to its constitution and by-laws submitted to from any Constituent Commandery, or the Grand Commandery at the time of the submission. They shall, within a period not more than 30 days from the time of receipt, render a decision as to the form and content of such submissions, submit the findings to the Constituent Commandery with their recommendation for approval. If disapproval is recommended, they shall prepare, as a part of the report to the Constituent Commandery, language that will suffice and be appropriate for the Grand Commander's approval. If agreed upon by a vote of the Constituent Commandery, the amended By-Laws change will then be submitted to the Grand Commander for his approval. He shall, within 15 days from the date of receipt, transmit such change and approval to the Grand Recorder, who will then attest to and send back to the Constituent Commandery the approved change."

16.0 CODE AND REGULATIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE:

16.1 Organization and Structure: The Code and Regulations Review Committee shall consist of three members, one of which shall be designated chairman, shall be appointed at each annual conclave by the Grand Commander Elect to serve at his pleasure or until close of next succeeding conclave.

16.2 Purpose and Duties: The purpose of the Code and Regulations Review Committee shall be to review and assure that amendments and new statutes, codes, regulations or amendments thereto or to the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Commandery are in proper form, format and according to established process and procedures and in current compliance with the Constitution, By-Laws, Codes, Statutes Regulations, Resolutions and Edicts of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. Accordingly, this Committee shall submit a written report of it findings at each annual conclave

17.0 EDUCATIONAL GRANT/SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION:

17.1 ORGANIZATION

(073) Subject and in addition to Section 18, pages 6 and 7 of the Constitutions and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America the Trust Fund created by the Grand Encampment for the purpose of assisting worthy students to secure higher education, shall be designated and known as “The Knights Templar Education Foundation” The following committee, including oversight by the Board of Control as required by Section 3(f) of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, the following committee is established for this Grand Commandery of the State of Washington:

17.1.1 072(a)) The Educational Scholarship Foundation Committee of the Grand Commandery of Washington shall consist of five members to serve five year terms of which one will expire each year, one member to be appointed each year at the time of the Annual Conclave by the incoming Grand Commander, excepting an appointment made to fill a vacancy. The Grand Commander shall be an ex-officio member of this committee.

17.1.2 (72(b)) The duties of this committee shall be as prescribed by the Grand Encampment Knights Templar Education and Scholarship Foundation Committee, but the Grand Commandery is held responsible for the faithful performance of the duties prescribed.

17.1.3 (72 (c) The Grand Commandery of the State of Washington may call for a report at their pleasure. The Grand Commandery and Chairman of the Finance Committee shall likewise have the authority to call for a financial report, if in their judgment it is necessary.

17.1.4 (72(d) For additional information see Report of Knights Templar Education Foundation Committee submitted and/or adopted at last Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

17.2 **GRAND COMMANDERY REGULATIONS** (073(k) Subject to the Grand Encampment “Regulations and Standard Practice for the Knights Templar Education Foundation” Tenth Printing, August 1989:

17.2.1 (073(b)) The Grand Commandery of Washington shall provide a Committee to be known as “The Educational Foundation Committee,” through such committee shall administer the funds allocated to the Grand Commandery in accordance with the directions of the Grand Encampment and these regulations.

17.2.2 (073(c)) The funds allocated to the Grand Commandery for administration through their respective committees, being trust funds, such Grand Commanderies assume the legal status and obligation of Trustees.

17.2.3 (073(d)) The Committee shall consist of at least five members.

17.2.4 (073(e) Unless otherwise provided by the Grand Commandery action, the term of service of members of the committee shall be five years.

17.2.5 (073(f)) The committee shall annually designate a Chairman, Treasurer (who shall be members of the committees), a Secretary and such other employees and officers as the committee may deem necessary for the successful administration of the funds.

17.2.6 (073(g) All funds and resources of each committee shall be distributed in the following accounts:

17.2.6.1 General Scholarship Fund,

17.2.6.1.1 (073(h) The General Loan Fund shall consist of all cash and securities in excess of the Contingent fund requirements, and all Student Loans receivable, Furniture and Fixtures, Accrued Interest and all other assets.

17.2.6.2 Contingent Fund

17.2.6.2.1 (073(i) The Contingent Fund shall consist of a maximum of 90% of the interest collected on Student Loans during the previous calendar year and 50% of interest on Securities and Deposits

during the previous calendar year, to be transferred to the Contingent Fund, annually.

17.2.6.2.2 (073(j)) The Secretary shall pay by check from the Contingent Fund all authorized administration expenses of the Committee as fixed in the budget set up by the Finance Committee of the Grand Commandery and approved by the Grand Commandery, including salaries, traveling expenses, supplies, postage, etc.

18.0 YORK RITE LIFE MEMBERSHIP/MEMORIAL FUND:

18.1 ORGANIZATION Subject to Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America participation by this Grand Commandery of the State of Washington, including oversight by the Board of Control as required by Section 3(f) of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, this Committee is established for this Grand Commandery of the State of Washington.

18.1.1 (063(a)) Any member of a Constituent Commandery may be elected to life membership provided he has paid dues continuously for a period of not less than Thirty (30) years to said Commandery.

18.1.2 (063(b)) Life Memberships may be granted to an actual member of the Commandery, provided however, that where such life memberships are granted, said life members shall pay their Grand Commandery dues and all special assessments levied by the Grand Commandery of which he may be a member.

18.1.3 (063(c)) A member of any Constituent Commandery may become a Life Member on the payment of the following minimum schedule and be thereby exempt from all dues except such special assessments as may be levied by the Grand Commandery or the Commandery of which he may be a member.

Age 21 to 24 inclusive, 24 times the annual dues payable 24 to 29 inclusive, 22 times the annual dues payable 30 to 34 inclusive, 20 times the annual dues payable 35 to 39 inclusive, 18 times the annual dues payable 40 to 44 inclusive, 16 times the annual dues payable 45 to 49 inclusive, 14 times the annual dues payable 50 to 54 inclusive, 12 times the annual dues payable 55 to 59 inclusive, 10 times the annual dues payable 60 to 64 inclusive, 8

times the annual dues payable 65 and over,
6 times the annual dues payable

18.1.4 (063(d)) The Constituent Commanderies adopting a Life Membership Plan shall create a Life Membership Fund in which there shall be deposited all monies received for Life Memberships. All monies deposited in this Fund shall be placed at interest and such interest may be transferred to the general funds of the Commandery each year, and no part of the principal shall be used except by unanimous consent of all members present after due notice has been given of such proposal; provided however, that any action taken by the Commandery tending to lessen the principal of said Fund must be submitted to and be approved by the Grand Commandery before such action can become effective.

18.1.5 (063(e)) No Life Memberships heretofore issued shall be invalidated by reason of this By-Law.

18.2 (064) The Grand Commandery joins with the other York Rite Bodies in Grand Jurisdiction of Washington to establish a Life Membership/Memorial Program under the corporate laws of the State of Washington. The Life Membership/ Memorial Foundation shall be administered by a Board of Trustees elected from each Grand York Rite Bodies consisting of three (3) elected Trustees and the Grand Commander as per the By-Laws of the Foundation. The first year three (3) trustees are to be elected for one (1) year, one (1) for two (2) years, one (1) for three (3) years and thereafter one (1) for three (3) years. Provisions of the Grand Commandery's participation are as follows:

18.2.1 (364A) No Commandery shall adopt any Life Membership Plan except the Plan adopted by the Grand Commandery in May of 1986.

18.2.2 (064B) Life membership plans existing in the Commandery prior to May 1986, may continue to operate as before and may be amended, with the amendment becoming effective upon approval of the Grand Commander. No amendment shall deprive the holder of any life membership's invested legal rights there under.

18.2.3 (064C) Any member in good standing of this Jurisdiction may purchase a life membership through the Life Membership/Memorial Program and thereby be relieved from further payment of dues, but not assessments.

18.2.4 (064D) A Commandery may collect and retain from each applicant for a life membership, in addition to the price thereof, his regular dues for the first year of enrollment in the Life Membership/Memorial Program.

18.2.5 (064E). The Commandery member paying the required fee of 15 times the Commandery dues shall receive a Life Membership Certificate. However, in no event shall the fee be less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Also, he shall receive annually, a paid up dues card.

18.2.6 (064F) The holder of a life membership certificate may voluntary transfer to another Commandery of this Grand Jurisdiction, whereupon the Secretary of the Memorial fund shall cause to be transferred on the books of the Life Membership/Memorial Fund, to the credit of the new Commandery, the fees for the holder's life membership.

18.2.7 (064G) The holder of a life membership certificate in a Commandery which becomes dissolved shall, upon affiliation with another Commandery in this Grand Jurisdiction, have his life membership transferred in the same manner as for a voluntary transfer.

18.2.8 (064H) All money in the Life Membership/Memorial fund to the credit of two or more Commanderies which consolidate shall be combined to the credit of the consolidated Commandery.

18.2.9 (064I) A holder's life membership rights shall not be transferred if he demits to any other Grand Jurisdiction. The fees paid for his life membership shall remain in the Life Membership/Memorial Fund to the credit of his former Commandery.

18.2.10 (064J) The holder of a life membership certificate is subject to all the laws, rules and regulations as provided in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Commandery of Washington and loss of membership by suspension or expulsion shall automatically abrogate his life membership and any claim to any portion of any monies paid for such life membership. The Commandery of which he was last a member shall continue to receive the income from such funds.

18.2.11 (064K) A Commandery shall adopt a scale of prices which, at its option, may be larger than the minimum as specified here-in-under.

18.2.12 (064L). An applicant may at his option, in order to enlarge the account of his Commandery or as a memorial, contribute a larger sum than is required.

18.2.13 (064.M). The Recorder of each Constituent Commandery shall forward to the Secretary of the Memorial fund the name of each life member and the fees for same. The Memorial Fund Secretary will record this name and

the amount of the fee in a permanent record for the Life Membership/Memorial Foundation.

18.2.14 (064N) The interest earnings from the Life Membership/Memorial Fund will be distributed by the Foundation to the participating York Rite Body based on their Fund share. As per the Foundation's By-Laws, a percentage of the earnings will be retained to manage the Fund, not to exceed 1%. O. A life membership may be granted or awarded to an actual member of a Commandery upon payment of the required fee by the Commandery or any person.

19.0 WASHINGTON YORK RITE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION:

19.1 ORGANIZATION

(096.) This Grand Commandery joins with the other York Rite Bodies in the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington to establish the Washington York Rite Educational Foundation for the dissemination of true Masonic light and knowledge to our less informed brethren and, as funds are available, the general public. The Foundation shall be governed by a board of Trustees composed of three Trustees elected for overlapping terms of office from each of the Grand Bodies. There shall initially be elected one Trustee for one year, one Trustee for two years and one Trustee for three years. Thereafter, one Trustee shall be elected each year. Provisions for the participation by this Grand Commandery are as follows:

19.1.1 (096.1) The Trustees shall adopt By-Laws for the government of the Washington York Rite Foundation, including, but not limited to, the offices of President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer.

19.1.2 (096.2) The Trustees shall be responsible for the selection and acquisition of material for resale.

19.1.3 (096.3) The Trustees shall appoint executive agents to accomplish for sale and distribution of materials. Executive agents need not be Trustees of the Foundation.

20.1.4. (096.4) The Trustees are authorized, when funds are adequate and the financial base of the Foundation will not be adversely affective, to make free distribution of materials which in their judgment is desirable.

19.1.5. (096.5) Initial provision of financial support will be made by separate resolution. No regular provision for financial support of the Foundation by the Grand Commandery is made. The trustees shall request augmentation of the financial assets of the Foundation from the three Grand Bodies when necessary by resolution on a case basis.

19.1.6. (096.6)The Trustees shall audit the accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer annually.

19.1.7. (096.7)The Trustees shall submit a report of the activities of the Foundation to each of the Grand Bodies at the annual Grand Sessions thereof.

19.1.8. (096.8)If only one of the Grand Bodies adopts corresponding resolution submitted in such other Grand Body, the Foundation shall be established as an official activity of that Grand Body and the Grand Commandery of Washington

20.0 HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE:

20.1 (07(10))This Committee shall be composed of three members who shall be charged to study and recommend to the Grand Commandery, ways and means to send Ordained Christian Ministers, gratis, to the Holy Land for the purpose of furthering their education and to assist in re-inspiring them in their dedication to their Ministry.

20.2 The Committee shall recommend to the Grand Commander, Ministers who they believe should be considered for the trip to the Holy Land. The Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General shall determine the ways and means by which this project is to be funded, before the Committee puts the program into effect.

20.3 Monies to finance the project shall be solicited on a voluntary contribution basis and or by such Masonically acceptable means and projects as may be approved by the Grand Commander and monies from the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund as per Section 055, item (f)

20.4 A life membership card will be issued to each member paying ten (\$10.00) dollars in one payment to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund.

20.5 Except for the annual assessment of one (\$1.00) dollar, which is due to the Grand Commandery with each annual return. Life membership of ten (\$10.00) dollars are to be sent to the Grand Recorder within (90) days of receipt, to be deposited in the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund.

21.0 KNIGHT TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation is established by Section 181/2 of the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar of the United States of America and is operated through a separate non-profit corporation pursuant to the laws of the State of Illinois. Each Knight is assessed One Dollar (\$1.00) per year, save and except those holding an Eye Foundation Life Sponsors only for the

Commandery in which he purchased the Life Sponsorship or a Knight who is a Patron or Associate Patron of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. The Foundation may solicit and receive gifts from any source to augment finds.

The Grand Commandery and the Constituent may appoint a representative or a Committee to collect funds in support of the Foundation and to screen and assist persons wishing to obtain assistance in eye research, surgical treatment, hospitalization and correction of strabismus in children.