

Transcribed By-Laws
Calvary Commandery No. 8 Knights Templar

Article 1
Officers and Members

Section 1: The officers of this Commandery shall be a Commander (whose title is eminent), a Generallissimo, a Captain General, a Senior Warden, a Junior Warden, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Recorder, a Prelate, a Standard Bearer, a Sword Bearer, a Warder, a Sentinel, three guards, and three Trustees

Section 2: Every Knight Templar named in the dispensation by authority of which this Commandery was first opened, or who have affiliated therewith, and every Companion who has received the several Orders of Knighthood therein, shall, while in good standing, be members of this Commandery.

Article 2
Conclaves

Section 1: Four Stated Conclaves for the transaction of regular business shall be held each calendar year according to a schedule established as set forth below. The First Wednesday of a month at 7:00 PM is the customary date of stated meetings, but it may be moved as necessary. Stated Meeting dates, times, and locations (Winslow Lodge, Chalcedony Lodge, or White River Lodge) shall be decided upon by a vote of the Sir Knights at a stated meeting of a Winslow York Rite Body during the previous year. All members shall be notified of the meeting locations prior to the beginning of the year by U.S. Mail. During the year, a location, date and time may be changed by a vote of Sir Knights at a Stated Communication and by giving a 21-day notice to all members by email, U.S Mail, and though websites. E-mail is highly encouraged for all meeting times and locations. (Revised April 2019)

Section 2: Special Conclaves may at any time be ordered by the Commander or Commandery at Winslow Lodge, Chalcedony Lodge, or White River Lodge for emergent business or for conferring Orders with a 21-day notice to members.

Article 3
Elections and Appointments

Section 1: The officers of this Commandery, except the Prelate, Standard Bearer, Sword Bearer, Warder, Sentinel, and guards shall be chosen annually, by ballot, at the stated Conclave in the month of April, and shall occupy their respective stations until their successors in office shall have been chosen and installed.

Section 2: The Prelate, Standard Bearer, Sword Bearer, Warder, Sentinel, and guards shall be appointed by the Commander, and shall occupy their respective stations during his pleasure.

Section 3: A Board of Trustees, consisting of three members, shall be elected, from among the members of this Commandery, at the Stated Conclave in April. Each Trustee shall have a three-year term ending on alternating years.

Article 4 Duties of Officers

Section 1: The Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, shall perform such duties as are prescribed in the Statutes and Orders of the Grand Commandery, and as traditionally appertain in their respective stations.

Section 2: The Treasurer shall receive all monies from the Recorder, giving his receipt therefor, shall keep a just and accurate account thereof, and shall pay same when directed by the Commandery, upon the orders of the Commander, countersigned by the recorder. He shall annually at the Stated Conclave when officers are elected, present a full report of the receipts and disbursements, to that date; and shall report upon the condition of the finances at such other times at the Commander or Commandery shall direct. He shall, within Fifteen days after election, give bond to the Commander in with sum and with such sureties as shall be satisfactory to that officer, conditioned for the faithful performance of his office.

Section 3: The Recorder, in addition to the duties as prescribed in the Statutes and Orders of the Grand Commandery, shall issue all notices of Conclaves, transmit all notices, rejections, suspensions, expulsions or restorations to the Grand Recorder, shall affirm the seal of the Commandery, with authority; shall announce the names of such members as may then be one year in arrears for dues; shall annually, a the report of his receipt, and of all business appertaining to his office, to that date; and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Commandery or Commander. He may receive such compensation for his services as the Commandery shall direct. He shall, within fifteen days after election, give bond to the Commander in such sum and with such sureties as shall be satisfactory to the office, conditioned for the faithful performance of this duties.

Section 4: The Sentinel, in addition to the customary duties of his Station, shall make proper preparation for the several Conclaves; shall serve all notices, summonses, or orders placed in his hands by the Recorder, and shall perform such other duties as by required by the Commandery or the Commander. He may receive such compensation as the Commandery shall direct.

Section 5: The other officers shall perform such duties as traditionally appertain to their respective stations, and such other duties as by be assigned by the Commander.

Section 6. The Trustees shall acquire title to , and have charge of all property, both real and personal, belonging to this Commandery, and hold same in trust, and shall conduct all contracts and other papers necessary for the management or control of the funds, investments, and all other property of this Commandery.

Article 5

Application for Membership

Section 1: All Applications to this Commandery for the Orders of Knighthood, or for affiliation, shall be made in writing on the form prescribed by the Grand Commandery; and shall if received, be referred to a committee of three, who shall report thereon at the first Stated Conclave, unless further time be granted.

Section 2: Upon Reception of the report of a majority of such committee, the appointment shall be balloted for, and it shall require a unanimous vote to elect. The Commander may, provided there be only one black cube cast, order a second ballot, when, if a black ball is cast the applicant shall be declared rejected.

Section 3: When the applicant shall be rejected, the fee accompanying the application shall be at once returned to him; and when one who has been elected to receive the orders shall neglect to present himself for the purpose within twelve months after receiving written notice thereof his election shall be void and his fee may be forfeited to the Commandery.

Section 4: Applicants for affiliation, who are accepted by Ballot, shall within thirty days from date they are notified of their election, obtain for themselves a complete uniform conforming to the Arizona Specification provided they do not already possess a uniform from another jurisdiction or state.

Article 6 Of Fees and Dues

Section 1: The fee for the Orders of Knighthood in this Commandery shall be Sixty dollars plus any Grand Commandery per capita assessments and shall accompany the application, the applicant to provide himself a uniform to Arizona Specifications. No member, without uniform, to be eligible for office in this Commandery. (Revised April 2017)

Section 2: There shall be no fees for affiliation with this Commandery.

Section 3: The dues of each member of this Commandery shall be twenty dollars plus any per capita assessments by the Grand Commandery of Arizona, due January first of each year; no member shall be eligible to any office or to vote at any election when in arrears for dues. The dues and per capita payment for new Knights Templars may be prorated by quarter. (Revised April 2017)

Section 4: Any member of this Commandery who shall be one year in arrears, shall be notified thereof, by order of the Commandery, and if said dues shall not be paid at or before a stated time, or sufficient reason be given for non-payment, he may, by vote of the Commandery, be suspended from all the rights and privileges of the Order.

Section 5: Any member of this Commandery, suspended for non-payment of dues, may be restored to good standing by a majority vote after the payment of all arrearages, and a unanimous ballot will restore him to membership also.

Section 6: The fee for a Life Membership will conform to the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Arizona.

Article 7 Committees

Section 1: The first three officers of this Commandery shall constitute a Standing Committee, whose duty it shall be to report any unknighly conduct on the part of any of its members; to reconcile, if possible any differences which may exist among or between them, and to receive and examine applications for assistance from Sir Knights, their widows and orphans, and if found worthy, afford relief as their immediate necessities may require, not exceeding 250 dollars, at any one time. (Revised April 2017)

Section 2: An auditing committee shall be appointed immediately after installation of officers, whose duty it shall be to audit the bills and accounts against the Commandery, before presentation to the Commandery by the Recorder.

Section 3: At the Stated Conclave for the election of officers, a committee shall be appointed to examine the books of the Treasurer and Recorder, and such committee shall make written report at the next Stated Conclave.

Section 4: All committees shall be appointed by the Commander, unless otherwise ordered by the Commandery, and shall present their reports in writing.

Article 8 Withdrawals

Section 1: Any member of this Commandery in good standing with exception of the first three officers () may withdraw therefrom upon payment of the all dues, and giving notice of such withdrawal at a Stated Conclave.

Article 9 Unlawful Revelations

Section 1: Any member of this Commandery, or Knight within this Jurisdiction, who shall be so unmindful of his duties as improperly to reveal any of its transactions, may after due trial and by a majority vote, of the Commandery, be suspended, or expelled.

Article 10 Order of Business

Secton1: The order of business, at each stated Conclave shall be as follows:

- (a). Reading of the minutes of preceding Conclaves.
- (b) Reception of Reports and action thereon.

- (c) Reception and reference of applications.
- (d) Unfinished and miscellaneous business.
- (e) Conferring of degrees.

Article 11
Amendments

Section 1: The By-Laws may be amended, so far as relate to times of meetings and the amount of fees and dues, at any Stated Conclave, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that notice of such amendments shall have been given at the stated meeting next preceding; but such amendments shall have no effect until approved by the Grand Commandery or Grand Commander, and notices thereof shall be immediately given to the Grand Recorder.

Transcribed 9/18/2016 by Frank Edens

Adopted

Commander

Attest

Recorder

Approved

Right Eminent Grand Commander

Attest

Very Eminent Grand Secretary