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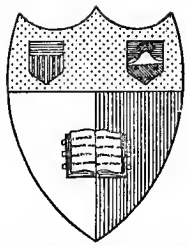

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OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY.

ARTICLE I.

TITLE.

SEC. 1. The title of this body is, "THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AND APPENDANT ORDERS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK."

HOW CONSTITUTED.

SEC. 2. The Grand Commandery is composed as follows:

1. The Grand Commander (whose style is Right Eminent).
2. The Deputy Grand Commander (whose style is Very Eminent).
3. The Grand Generalissimo (whose style, as well as that of the remaining officers, is Eminent).
4. The Grand Captain-General.
5. The Grand Prelate.
6. The Grand Senior Warden.
7. The Grand Junior Warden.
8. The Grand Treasurer.
9. The Grand Recorder.
10. The Grand Standard-Bearer.

11. The Grand Sword-Bearer.
12. The Grand Warder.
13. The Grand Lecturer.
14. The Grand Captain of the Guard.

All of whom shall be annually elected by ballot.

All Past Grand Masters, Past Grand Commanders; all Past Deputy Grand Commanders; all Past Grand Generalissimos, and all Past Grand Captains-General of this Grand Commandery, so long as they remain members in good standing of a Commandery under its Jurisdiction.

Also:

The Commander, Generalissimo and Captain-General of each warranted Commandery lawfully holding in this Jurisdiction.

Also:

The Past Commanders of the several Subordinates working under this Jurisdiction, so long as they remain members in good standing of a Commandery subordinate to this Grand Commandery.

The foregoing Officers and Past Officers shall be the only voters in this Grand Commandery. They shall have but one vote each on any question, except the Grand Commander, who, in case of a tie, may give the casting vote, and except the representatives of a Subordinate Commandery, either of whom in the absence of his associates may cast the whole number of votes to which the Commandery he represents may be entitled.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE.

SEC. 3. No Sir Knight shall be eligible to office in this Grand Commandery unless he be in regular standing in one of its Subordinates.

Any member of the Grand Commandery qualified as in the preceding paragraph, is eligible to any office in its gift.

POWERS.

SEC. 4. This Grand Commandery being supreme in all matters appertaining to its internal affairs, has the sole right to superintend and govern all Commanderies of Knights Templar within its Jurisdiction, which is co-extensive with the geographical limits of the State of New York. It has power to grant Dispensations and Warrants for forming and holding Commanderies of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders, and to extend or revoke the same; to enact Statutes and Regulations, to issue edicts, and to amend or repeal the same; to censure, suspend or erase Commanderies, and to try and discipline Commanders and Commanderies for wilful violation of its Statutes and Regulations or edicts; to finally decide all appeals from its Subordinates or their members, and to exercise all the rights of sovereignty within the limits of its Jurisdiction, subject to the provisions of its own Statutes and the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

All powers not specially delegated to the Subordinate Commanderies are inherent in, and reserved to, the Grand Commandery.

CONCLAVES.

SEC. 5. The Stated Conclaves of this Grand Commandery shall occur annually at such time and place as may have been decided at a previous Annual Conclave.

SPECIAL CONCLAVES.

SEC. 6. Special Conclaves may be called by the Grand Commander in any emergency which may appear to him to require the presence of the representatives, but no business can be transacted at a Called Conclave save that specified in the original summons.

REPORTS, DUES, ELECTION, ETC.

SEC. 7. At the Annual Conclave the Grand Officers shall make report, in writing, of their official acts. The several Subordinate Commanderies shall make return of their work and membership, and promptly pay all dues accrued according to the rates hereinafter specified. The state of the finances shall be examined, and such disposition be made in relation thereto as may appear necessary.

All petitions for Warrants, and Appeals from Subordinates or Sir Knights, shall be passed upon.

The Grand Officers shall be elected and installed, and all business necessary to the stability of the Order and harmony and prosperity of the Grand Commandery and its Subordinates shall receive attention.

The several Grand Officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be duly elected and installed.

POWERS AND PREROGATIVES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND COMMANDER.

SEC. 8. The Grand Commander has it in charge to exercise a watchful supervision over all the Subordinate Commanderies in this Jurisdiction, to see that the Statutes and Regulations of this Grand Commandery, as well as the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States, are duly and promptly observed and obeyed; he has power during the recess to grant Letters of Dispensation over his hand and private seal to a competent number of petitioning Sir Knights who have complied with the regulations on the subject hereinafter provided (Secs. 15, 35, 36); to form and open new Commanderies of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders within this Jurisdiction; to summon before him either or both of the Financial Officers of this Grand Commandery with their books and accounts, and to audit and examine the same whenever he shall deem it necessary; to call Special Conclaves of the Grand Commandery at his discretion; to preside at all Conclaves of the Grand Commandery, and when thus presiding, no appeal shall lie from his decision to the Grand Commandery, excepting on questions arising as to the construction of Edicts and Resolutions of the Grand Commandery; to convene, visit, and preside in any Subordinate Commandery in the Jurisdiction, and give such instructions and directions as the good of the Institution may require.

During the recess, to exercise all the executive powers of the Body, subject to revision at the suc-

ceeding Annual Conclave, among which may be mentioned the power to suspend from the functions of his office (for cause) any officer of the Grand or of a Subordinate Commandery; to suspend the warrant of a Commandery; to receive and accredit representatives from other Grand Commanderies in the United States, and to appoint representatives of this Grand Commandery near others in this Republic.

It is his duty to be present in person or by proxy at all meetings of the Grand Encampment.

DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER.

SEC. 9. The Deputy Grand Commander, in the event of the death, removal, or physical incompetency of his superior, shall act as the Grand Commander. At all other times he shall perform such duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Commander or the Grand Commandery.

It is his duty, either in person or by proxy, to attend all meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

GRAND GENERALISSIMO AND GRAND CAPTAIN-GENERAL.

SEC. 10. In the absence of their respective superiors, the Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain-General shall severally act as Grand Commander, in order, according to rank. At all other times they shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Grand Commandery or Grand Commander, and such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.

It is their duty, either in person or by proxy, to attend all meetings of the Grand Encampment.

GRAND TREASURER.

SEC. 11. The Grand Treasurer shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and expenditures passing through his hands; carefully number and file his vouchers, and annually (unless oftener required by the Grand Commander or Grand Commandery) make in writing a full statement of the same, together with the balance (if any) remaining in his hands, submitting, at the same time, his books and vouchers for the examination of the Grand Commandery, through a committee appointed for the purpose.

At the installation of his successor he shall deliver into his hands all books, papers, vouchers, and other property of the Grand Commandery which may be in his custody.

BONDS BY GRAND TREASURER AND GRAND RECORDER.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder shall each, before installation, give a bond and securities in such form and to such an amount as shall from time to time be determined by the Grand Commander, who shall judge and approve the sufficiency of such bond and securities, and who shall keep and preserve the same.

GRAND RECORDER.

SEC. 12. It shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to collect the revenue of this Grand Commandery and pay the same promptly to the Grand Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor; to make annual report in

writing of the amount thus collected; to keep a faithful record of the transactions of this Grand Commandery; to make, under the direction of the Grand Commandery, annual publication of the same, and to forward copies thereof to the Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, to the Grand Recorders of the several Grand Commanderies, the Grand Officers of this Grand body, and to the several Subordinate Commanderies as he may be directed; to have in custody the official seal of the body; to observe and execute such orders as may, from time to time, be issued to him by the Grand Commander or Grand Commandery, and to deliver to his successor in office all the books and other property of the Grand Commandery in his possession.

REMAINING OFFICERS.

SEC. 13. The remaining officers are to perform such duties as are traditionally appropriate to their several stations, or as may be assigned them from time to time by the Grand Commandery or Grand Commander.

WHO SHALL PRESIDE.

SEC. 14. In the event of the absence of the four principal officers of this Body from one of its Conclaves, the Past Grand Officers present shall be empowered to preside, according to rank and seniority of service.

SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

SEC. 15. Subordinate Commanderies are divided into two classes:

First—Commanderies under Dispensation acting by

authority of Letters of Dispensation issued by the Grand Commander.

Second — Warranted Commanderies having the sanction of a Warrant of Constitution issued by the Grand Commandery.

UNDER DISPENSATION.

Commanderies under Dispensation can only be formed on the petition of nine or more regular Knights Templar, who are required to pay their dues to the Warranted Commandery to which they have been attached up to the time of presenting the petition for a new Commandery, and to give notice personally, or in writing, to the mother Commandery of their intention to unite with the new Commandery, or if non-affiliated, to be in possession of an honorable discharge from their last affiliation.

NEW COMMANDERY MUST BE RECOMMENDED.

The petition must be recommended by the Warranted Commandery nearest the place where the proposed new Commandery is to be established, which recommendation must vouch for the regular standing of the petitioners, and that the Sir Knights named as Officers of the new Commandery are competent to confer the several Orders in a skilful and Knightly manner. If the new Commandery is to be stationed in a city where there is more than one Commandery, two of those located in such city must recommend the petition.

WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

No Dispensation can issue within three months previous to the Annual Conclave, nor can a Warrant be granted until the petitioners have exhibited their skill by labor under Dispensation.

POWERS OF COMMANDERY UNDER DISPENSATION.

Commanderies under Dispensation have power to confer the several Orders of Christian Knighthood; to admit members; to frame a Code of By-Laws for their own government, but not to discipline their members, or hold elections, or to be represented in the Grand Commandery.

WARRANTED COMMANDERIES.

OF WHOM COMPOSED.

SEC. 16. A Warranted Commandery is composed of

1. The Commander (whose style is *Eminent*).
2. The Generalissimo.
3. The Captain-General.
4. The Prelate.
5. The Senior Warden.
6. The Junior Warden.
7. The Treasurer.
8. The Recorder.
9. The Standard-Bearer.
10. The Sword-Bearer.
11. The Warder.
12. The Captain of the Guard.

And as many members as may be found convenient.

PRESENCE OF THE WARRANT.

The presence of the Warrant is indispensable to open a Commandery or transact business.

JURISDICTION OF A COMMANDERY.

The Jurisdiction of a Commandery extends to a point half-way to the nearest Commandery, in every direction. In towns and cities where there are two or more Commanderies, they have concurrent jurisdiction.

ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

The Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, Captain-General, Treasurer, and Recorder of Subordinate Commanderies, shall be elected annually, as hereinafter prescribed, and when such Officers have been duly installed, they shall hold their respective offices until their successors are duly elected and installed. The remaining Officers may be elected or appointed, as the Commandery may by its By-Laws provide. A vacancy in office can only occur by death, resignation, or removal from the State. The first three officers cannot resign.

POWERS OF A WARRANTED COMMANDERY.

A Warranted Commandery has power to decide for itself who shall be admitted to its membership by admission or affiliation; to confer the several Orders of Knighthood in accordance with the usages of the Order and the Regulations of this Grand Commandery; to exercise original jurisdiction in the trial and

discipline of all its members (save the Commander) and all non-affiliated Sir Knights and members of Commanderies under Dispensation within its Jurisdiction; to adopt a Code of By-Laws for its government, not in conflict with the provisions of these Statutes and Regulations; to provide for its current and necessary expenses by an assessment upon its members, payable annually or otherwise, and in case of default in the amount needed to defray its necessary expenses, to impose a special tax for the purpose; to affiliate Sir Knights created in other Commanderies; to grant dimits to its members, which may be done without a vote of the Commandery at a Stated Conclave, upon request made in the open Commandery, personally or in writing; *provided* his dues shall have been paid and no charges are pending against him; to be represented in the Grand Commandery, and to instruct its representatives therein, and, generally, to transact its business and regulate its private affairs, due regard being had for its own laws and those of the Grand Commandery.

TERMINATION OF A WARRANT.

The existence of a Commandery may be terminated by surrender of its Warrant, pursuant to a vote of a majority of all its members, duly summoned for the purpose, and provided that the minority be less than nine; or by the calling in of the Warrant by the Grand Commandery, after due trial, as a punishment for insubordination or willful infraction of the laws of the Grand Commandery, or those of the Order in general.

CONCLAVES.

SEC. 17. The Stated Conclaves of a Commandery are fixed by a provision of its By-Laws, but should occur at least monthly, and can only be held in the place designated in the Warrant, and particularly specified by regulation of the Commandery.

Special Conclaves may be called by the Commander at his discretion, but no business can be transacted save that specified in the summons. At Special Conclaves no petition for the Orders or affiliation can be received; nor can the ballot be spread for Candidates; nor can the funds of the Commandery be voted away.

QUESTIONS DECIDED BY A MAJORITY OF VOTES.

At every Conclave all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes. In case of a tie, the presiding Officer may give the casting vote.

No appeal shall lie to the Commandery from the decision of the Commander.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 18. The Commander has it in special charge to see that the By-Laws of his Commandery are duly observed, as well as the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery; that accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered; that regular returns are made to the Grand Commandery, and that the annual dues are promptly paid; it is his duty to preside at all meetings of his Commandery, and he is responsible for the proper conduct of its affairs; he

should be present in person, or by proxy, at all meetings of the Grand Commandery.

The duties of the remaining Officers are such as are traditionally appropriate to their several stations, or as may be more specially set forth in regulations and by-laws to that effect.

MEMBERS OF A COMMANDERY.

SEC. 19. The members of a Commandery are all Sir Knights who may be created therein, or who may affiliate therewith. In either case unanimous consent is necessary to the completion of the act of membership. Membership may be terminated: By voluntary dimission or by expulsion, after due trial, and a vote of the majority of the members present when the vote is taken; membership is suspended by the fact of a Sir Knight uniting in the formation of a Commandery under Dispensation, and dissolved by the granting of a Warrant to the new Commandery, unless the member give notice in writing, or personally in open Commandery, at or before the surrender of the Dispensation, of his intention to resume his former membership.

MEMBERSHIP IN ONE COMMANDERY.

A Sir Knight can be in active membership in but one Commandery at the same time.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

Honorary membership confers no positive rights, and is but the expression of a compliment by the Sir Knights. Any Sir Knight may, therefore, hold honorary membership in as many Commanderies as choose to confer that distinction upon him.

RIGHT TO VOTE.

It is the right of every member of a Commandery to be present at its Conclaves, and to vote on all questions before it.

OUGHT TO BELONG TO COMMANDERY.

Every Sir Knight ought to belong to a Commandery, and assist by his presence and contributions in maintaining its dignity and promoting its prosperity.

ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE.

Every member in good standing is eligible to any office in the gift of the Commandery, unless the By-Laws otherwise specially provide.

DISCIPLINE.

SEC. 20. Violations of the law of God, the law of the land, the laws of morality; willful violations of the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery or the By-Laws of a Subordinate, are offences against this Order, and subject the offender, after due trial, to such punishment as the degree of his offence may warrant.

GRADE OF PUNISHMENT.

In case of conviction, a majority vote will assess the punishment of any grade.

The grades of punishment are: First, reprimand; second, definite suspension; third, expulsion.

Suspension terminates by its own limitation, and no act of the Commandery is necessary to the complete

restoration of the Sir Knight at the termination of the period fixed by the sentence.

RESTORATION ON PETITION.

In case of expulsion, the delinquent Knight may be restored on petition, after due notice to the members, and by a majority vote. Such restoration does not restore him to membership, which can only occur by petition and unanimous vote.

RESTORATION ON APPEAL.

The Grand Commandery may on appeal or petition, terminate a sentence pronounced by a Subordinate Commandery, and when so terminated, in case of expulsion, he is restored to good standing only, and not to membership. When a sentence is reversed for irregularity in the proceedings or insufficient proof, the accused returns at once to the same standing he occupied before charges were preferred against him.

DEPRIVED OF MASONIC RIGHT.

When a Sir Knight after due process has been deprived of his Masonic right in a Lodge or Chapter, for some offence other than non-payment of dues, he thereby loses his standing as a Templar, and unless his Commandery cause him to be tried for the same offence, and pronounce sentence of its own authority, his reinstatement by the Lodge or Chapter restores him to his previous Templar standing.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 21. The Statutes can only be changed or amended every third year from the date of their adoption, and then only upon written notice, reducing to form the proposed amendments given at the Annual Conclave preceding that at which the vote is to be taken, and then by the concurrent vote of two-thirds of the members of the Grand Commandery present.

REGULATIONS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY.

ARTICLE II.

OF CANDIDATES.

SEC. 22. No Commandery in this Jurisdiction shall confer the Orders upon any one who is not a regular Royal Arch Mason, nor upon any one living within the Jurisdiction of another Commandery, unless the consent of the Commandery nearest the place of residence of the Candidate be first obtained, nor upon sojourners.

PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF JURISDICTION.

In the event of the violation of this interdict, the Commandery so offending shall be subject to Knightly discipline, and be required, upon demand, to pay over to the Commandery thus defrauded the amount of fees received for such admission.

FREE FROM PHYSICAL DEFECT OR BLEMISH.

SEC. 23. Candidates for the Order of Knighthood must be so far free from physical defect or blemish, as in the judgment of the Commandery to be able to receive and impart the necessary instruction of the Ritual.

PETITIONS.

Every petition for the Orders of Knighthood shall declare the Lodge and Chapter in which the petitioner received the degrees, and shall state whether he has or has not been previously rejected in a Commandery. It shall also declare that the petitioner is a firm believer in the Christian religion.

PETITIONS MUST BE SIGNED.

No petition can be received unless signed by the applicant in person, giving his full name, residence, and occupation. No petition can be received which is signed by more than one applicant. Each petition must be signed by two vouchers and recommenders who are members of the Commandery to which the petition is presented.

PETITION CANNOT BE WITHDRAWN.

When a petition is presented to a Commandery, it cannot be withdrawn, unless it shall appear that the Commandery has not jurisdiction over the petitioner.

REPORTS MUST NOT BE RECORDED.

The character of the report of a Committee of Inquiry, whether favorable or unfavorable, should never be recorded.

An unfavorable report does not dispense with the necessity of a ballot, which must be taken in all cases.

ACTED ON ONLY AT STATED CONCLAVES.

Petitions can be received and acted on only at Stated Conclaves.

No ballot can be had upon a petition until after it has been referred to a committee of three members of the Commandery and that committee has reported.

PETITION CANNOT BE BALLOTED ON IN LESS THAN FOUR WEEKS.

A petition cannot be balloted on until at least four weeks after it has been presented to the Commandery.

THE BALLOT.

SEC. 24. When a Commandery is about to ballot for a Candidate, every member present is required to vote, unless excused by vote of the Commandery, and there must be an unanimous vote to elect a Candidate.

BALLOT BEGUN MUST BE COMPLETED.

SEC. 25. The ballot for a Candidate should follow immediately upon the report of the Committee of Investigation, and once begun must be completed.

SECOND BALLOT.

SEC. 26. Should a negative ballot appear, the Commander before announcing the ballot may order a second, if no one participating in the first ballot have left the Asylum, but no more.

TIME ON REJECTED CANDIDATES.

SEC. 27. A rejected Candidate cannot again apply until after three months from the time of rejection, and not then in any other Commandery than that in which the rejection occurred, without its consent. A majority vote at a regular Conclave is sufficient to give consent.

APPLICATION OF REJECTED CANDIDATE.

In the case of a rejected applicant who applies at the end of three months after the rejection of his first petition, at least two weeks notice must be given before a new ballot can be had, but it is not necessary to appoint a new committee unless the Commandery so elect.

OBJECTION TO CANDIDATE.

SEC. 28. When a favorable ballot has been declared, it is still competent for any member of a Commandery at any time previous to the actual conferring of the Orders, to interpose an objection to the Candidate, which objection operates as a rejection, unless the objection is withdrawn, and the objector is not obliged to give his reason for his objection. When, however, he thinks fit to announce a reason, it is then in the discretion of the Commandery to decide as to its validity.

ON AN UNFAVORABLE CANDIDATE.

SEC. 29. When an unfavorable result of a ballot is announced, a Sir Knight voting a black ball is not obliged, nor can he be compelled to discover himself, but should he waive his right to secrecy, and declare an unworthy motive, he would be subject to discipline for abuse of the ballot.

CALL FOR RECONSIDERATION OF BALLOT.

SEC. 30. The right to call for the reconsideration of a favorable ballot lies with the Sir Knight desiring

it, and not in the discretion of the Commander or Commandery.

OF THE ORDERS.

SEC. 31. The rule of succession in conferring the Orders shall be as follows: 1. Knight of the Red Cross. 2. Knight Templar. 3. Knight of Malta.

BEING MAIMED NOT A BAR TO RECEIVING ORDERS.

SEC. 32. A Knight of the Red Cross having lost a limb, or being otherwise maimed, is not thereby debarred from receiving the remaining Orders.

FEE NOT LESS THIRTY DOLLARS.

SEC. 33. No Commandery can create a Knight Templar for a sum less than thirty dollars, to be paid in advance; and it is hereby declared unlawful to donate, directly or indirectly, to the newly-named Knight any portion of the amount paid by him as his fee.

MEMBERSHIP IN COMMANDERIES UNDER DISPENSATION.

SEC. 34. All Dispensations for holding Commanderies expire ten days previous to the time fixed for holding the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery. It is then incumbent on the members who work it to elect whether they will continue in the new Commandery, or return to the one from which they last hailed. Any Sir Knight desiring to resume his former membership, must give notice in writing to that effect to the new Commandery as well as the old one.

DUTIES ON EXPIRATION OF DISPENSATION.

SEC. 35. On the expiration of a Dispensation, it is the duty of the Recorder to forthwith make out a return of members and Orders conferred and forward the same with the amount of dues accrued, the Dispensation, and a copy of the By-Laws to the Grand Recorder, so that the same may reach him not later than the five days before the Annual Conclave.

REPRESENTATION.

SEC. 36. Every Commandery is entitled to be represented in the Grand Commandery by its Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain-General, or either of them, or in the event of their inability to attend, by proxy, who must be a member of the same Commandery as his principal, furnished with a duly authenticated certificate of his appointment.

NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SEC. 37. Each Commandery of fifty members, or less, is entitled to three votes in the Grand Commandery, and for each additional fifty members, one vote more, the Senior Officer, personally present, to cast the additional votes.

ANNUAL DUES MUST BE PAID.

SEC. 38. No Commandery is entitled to vote unless its annual dues be paid.

HOW COMMANDERY FORFEITS ITS WARRANT.

SEC. 39. A Commandery failing to make returns and pay dues for two consecutive years without rea-

sons satisfactory to the Grand Commandery, forfeits its Warrant; and it is hereby made the duty of the Grand Recorder to report such delinquent; and in the event of its failure to make reasonable excuse, the Grand Commander shall demand the Warrant and properties.

FEES AND DUES.

SEC. 40. The revenue of this Grand Commandery shall be derived from the following sources:

For every Dispensation to form and open a new Commandery, which shall be accounted in full for a Warrant if afterwards granted	$100.00
For every Companion created a Knight Templar in a Commandery in this Jurisdiction	$2.00
Each Commandery shall pay annually for each of its members	50

ENTITLED TO PAY.

SEC. 41. The Grand Officers, the Past Grand Masters, and Past Grand Commanders of this Grand Commandery, and one representative from each Subordinate Commandery in the Jurisdiction, shall receive from its funds at each Annual Conclave the regular fare charged by the most direct public conveyance to and from his residence, and five dollars per day for travel and attendance, allowing not more than one day each way for going and returning; but no representative of a Commandery shall be entitled to receive pay until the dues of his Commandery are paid.

ELECTIONS IN COMMANDERIES.

SEC. 42. The annual election of officers in the several Subordinate Commanderies in this Jurisdiction shall be held at the Stated Conclave next succeeding Good Friday, in each year. Every Sir Knight member in good standing of a Commandery is entitled to one vote at such elections. The vote must be by written ballot, and the successful candidates must have a majority of all the votes cast.

INSTALLATION.

SEC. 43. Officers of Subordinate Commanderies must be installed at or before the next Stated Conclave succeeding that of election, and they cannot be represented by a proxy.

SEC. 44. Any actual or Past Commander of a lawful Commandery is competent to install the officers of a Subordinate Commandery.

REMOVALS.

SEC. 45. A Commandery may not remove its place of meeting from the city, town, or village named in its Warrant, nor from one place to another in the same city, town, or village, unless by consent of two-thirds of the members present at a Conclave summoned for the purpose, of which, at least, ten days' notice has been given. Nor shall a removal from one city, town, or village to another be lawful, unless in addition to the vote aforesaid, the approval of the Grand Commandery or Grand Commander be obtained.

COLLECTION OF DUES.

SEC. 46. Every Commandery has a right to provide for the collection of dues from its members by a penalty less than suspension, but the process of striking from the roll is hereby forbidden.

SEC. 47. Any member of a Commandery refusing or neglecting to pay his dues for one year, shall, after ten days' notice, be subject to suspension by his Commandery, such suspension to cease upon payment of the dues to date of restoration.

QUORUM.

SEC. 48. No Commandery can be opened unless there be present the Warrant, one of the first three Officers, and at least eight other regular members of the Commandery.

UNLAWFUL CONCLAVES.

SEC. 49. The Order of Knights Templar being founded on the tenets of the Christian religion and the practice of Christian virtues, recognizes the obligation to abstain from labor on the Lord's Day. It is, therefore, hereby forbidden all Commanderies in this Jurisdiction to hold Conclaves on Sunday for any other purpose than the burial of the knightly dead.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

SEC. 50. At or before the close of each Annual Conclave, it shall be the duty of the Grand Commander, with the advice of his Council, to divide the Subordinate Commanderies of the Jurisdiction as may

be most convenient to the residences of the several Grand Officers (except the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder); and it shall be the duty of the several associate Grand Officers to visit, in the name of the Grand Commandery, at least once in each year, the Commanderies that may be assigned them, to confer with them and give them such wholesome advice and instruction as may appear judicious, and make report to the Grand Commander at least five days before the Annual Conclave. But nothing in this section shall be construed as conferring any additional powers upon the Grand Officers, the object of the visitation not being to interfere with the rights and prerogatives of the Subordinate Commanderies, but to promote harmony and good fellowship throughout the bounds of the Jurisdiction.

All Officers of the Grand Commandery of this State, and of the Grand Encampment of the United States, when visiting officially any Commandery within this Jurisdiction, shall be received under the CROSS OF STEEL, and conducted to the East.

In the opening ceremonies of every Commandery within this Jurisdiction, the Eminent Commander shall also be received under the CROSS OF STEEL.

TRIAL AND APPEAL.

SEC. 51. Whenever difficulties shall arise between a Commander and his Commandery, or one of its members, or between two Commanderies, or between members of different Commanderies, or between the Grand Commandery and one of its Officers, or a Subordinate Commandery under its Juris-

diction, and charges be preferred thereon, such charges must be:

1. Substantially in the form provided by this Grand Commandery; and,
2. Presented to the Grand Commandery if in session, or during recess to the Grand Commander.

CHARGES MAY BE DISMISSED.

SEC. 52. Upon the receipt of such charges, the Grand Commandery or the Grand Commander shall first ascertain whether upon their face they are of such nature as to subject the accused in case of conviction, to any grade of punishment known to the Order, and provided by Section 20 of the Statutes. If upon such examination they be found trifling and frivolous, they shall at once be dismissed; if otherwise, they shall be referred to a Commission, consisting of not more than five, nor less than three Sir Knights in regular standing, to hear, try, and determine the same, and their finding shall be conclusive, unless reversed upon appeal as hereinafter provided.

COMMISSIONS TO BE APPOINTED.

SEC. 53. When charges are preferred in a Commandery, and upon examination are found of a nature to be tried, it shall be the duty of the Commander, for the time being, to appoint not less than three disinterested Sir Knights Commissioners to hear the evidence in the case, and report their conclusions thereon to the Commandery, a majority of the members of which, present when such vote is taken, shall be

competent to pronounce a verdict, by the adoption, amendment, or rejection of the report made by the Commission, and such verdict shall be final until reversed on appeal.

TEN DAYS BEFORE TRIAL.

SEC. 54. Charges must be served on the accused at least ten days previous to the trial, and for good cause the Commandery may grant a further reasonable delay.

SIR KNIGHT ABSENTING HIMSELF.

SEC. 55. Where a Sir Knight against whom charges are preferred, absents himself, or conceals his address so that charges cannot be served upon him personally, it shall be lawful for the Commander to cause a copy of the charges to be sent through the mail to his last known place of residence or business, and ten days thereafter to proceed with the hearing as though he were personally present.

COUNSEL MAY BE APPOINTED.

SEC. 56. Sir Knights under charges may be represented by counsel, at any stage of the trial, provided such counsel be a Sir Knight in good standing.

COPY OF APPEAL.

SEC. 57. After trial and sentence, the party against whom such sentence is pronounced, may within six months thereafter appeal to the Grand Commander or the Grand Commandery, as he may elect, but not to them jointly; the accused giving notice of inten-

tion to appeal, and furnishing to the opposite party a written copy of the grounds of his appeal within twenty days after such sentence.

SEC. 58. The Grand Commander is hereby ordered to hear and determine all appeals made to him, provided that no new evidence shall be introduced or heard on such appeal; that his authority shall only extend to the ordering of a new trial, and not to the amendment or alteration of the original finding; that immediately upon the rendering of his decision he shall notify the parties, and forward a copy of his decision in writing, together with all the papers in the case, to the Grand Recorder; and that such decision shall be conclusive on all parties until the next succeeding Conclave of the Grand Commandery, when a further and final appeal may be had.

EXPENSES OF TRIAL.

SEC. 59. The strictly necessary expenses of Commissions for the trial of cases referred to them, shall be paid by the Commandery, or one or all the parties litigant, as the Commissioners may determine, and in the case of individuals be charged and collected as dues.

UNIFORM.

SEC. 60. The uniform, banners, and equipments of Sir Knights and Commanderies in this Jurisdiction shall be in strict accordance with the Regulations of the Grand Encampment of the United States, adopted in 1862, more particularly set forth in the bill of dress appended to these Regulations.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 61. These Regulations may be amended at any Annual Conclave by the concurrent vote of two-thirds of the members of the Grand Commandery present when the vote is taken.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Grand Commandery shall be convened at ten o'clock (unless otherwise provided by vote) on the first day of the Annual Conclave, and the time for the remaining sessions may be fixed by vote.

2. At the order of the Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights shall repair to their respective posts.

3. It is incumbent on all Sir Knights to appear in the uniform of the Order.

4. The Grand Recorder shall call the roll of Officers and Representatives, and the Grand Commander fill all vacancies in the stations by *pro tem.* appointment, the representatives of the senior Commanderies having the preference.

5. The Grand Commandery shall be opened in Ample and Knightly form.

6. The Grand Recorder shall read the minutes of the previous Annual Conclave and all intervening Special Conclaves, unless, on motion, such reading be dispensed with.

7. The Grand Commander shall appoint the following Standing Committees, consisting of three members each:

I. On Credentials and Returns;
II. On Warrants and Dispensations;
III. On Books and Accounts;
IV. On Pay of Representatives;
V. On Appeals and Grievances;
VI. On Next Place of Annual Conclave;

VII. On Templar Jurisprudence;

VIII. On Correspondence.

All of which Committees, save the last two, shall be discharged by the closing of the Grand Commandery.

8. The Grand Commander shall deliver his annual address.

9. The Deputy Grand Commander and other Grand Officers shall report their official acts.

10. No motion or resolution involving the expenditure of money shall be passed until the same shall have been referred to and reported on by the Committee on Books and Accounts. The report of the Committee on Pay of Representatives is excepted from the application of this rule.

11. No Sir Knight shall speak more than twice to the same question unless by permission.

12. A motion to lay on the table is not debatable.

13. An amendment to an amendment may be entertained, but nothing further.

14. Votes are to be taken by show of hands, except in electing Officers, when written ballots are to be used.

15. A vote by Commanderies when asked for by a member and seconded by the representatives of five Commanderies shall be ordered, but it must be called for before the presiding officer has commenced taking the question.

16. These Rules of Order shall not be suspended except by unanimous consent, but may be amended at any time by a vote of two-thirds of all the members present.

17. All former Rules of Order inconsistent herewith are hereby abrogated.

CONSTITUTION

AND

CODE OF STATUTES

AND

DIGEST OF TEMPLAR LAW,

OF THE

GRAND ENCAMPMENT

OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

FOR THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

ARTICLE FIRST.

Of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

HOW CONSTITUTED.

SEC. 1. The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States is constituted as follows:

I. The Grand Master.
II. The Deputy Grand Master.
III. The Grand Generalissimo.
IV. The Grand Captain-General.
V. The Grand Prelate.
VI. The Grand Senior Warden.
VII. The Grand Junior Warden.
VIII. The Grand Treasurer.
IX. The Grand Recorder.
X. The Grand Standard-Bearer.
XI. The Grand Sword-Bearer.
XII. The Grand Warder.
XIII. The Grand Captain of the Guard.
XIV. All Past Grand Masters.
XV. All Past Deputy Grand Masters.
XVI. All Past Grand Generalissimos, and
XVII. All Past Grand Captains-General of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

The first nine of whom shall be elected by ballot, and the remaining four officers, tenth to thirteenth, inclusive, shall be appointed by the Grand Master.

LIKEWISE,

XVIII. All Grand Commanders.
XIX. All Past Grand Commanders.
XX. All Deputy Grand Commanders.
XXI. All Grand Generalissimos, and
XXII. All Grand Captains-General of each State Grand Commandery that acknowledges the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Each of the individuals above enumerated shall be entitled, when present, to one vote in all the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

LIKEWISE,

XXIII. The first three officers of each Commandery that holds its Charter immediately from the Grand Encampment of the United States.

These, or as many of them as may be present at any meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States, shall be entitled collectively to one vote.

All officers of the late General Grand Encampment shall rank and have all the privileges of members of equal rank as provided for herein.

No person shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Encampment of the United States, unless he shall be at the time a member of some Subordinate Commandery under the general or immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

PROXIES.

SEC. 2. The four officers named in Section I. of this Article; likewise, the first four officers of all State Grand Commanderies; likewise, the first three officers of all Subordinate Chartered Commanderies held under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States, may appear and vote by *proxy*; said proxies being at the time of service members of Subordinate Commanderies, and producing properly authenticated certificates of their appointment.

TITLES.

SEC. 3. The title and designation of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, is *Most Eminent Grand Master of Knights Templar.*

That of the Deputy Grand Master, *Right Eminent.*

Of the remaining officers of the Grand Encampment, *Very Eminent.*

MEETINGS.

SEC. 4. The stated meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States shall occur triennially on the second Tuesday of September, at such time and place as may have been previously designated by the Standing Committee, and approved by the Grand Encampment of the United States. Special Meetings may be called by the Most Eminent Grand Master, at his discretion. And it shall be his duty, upon the requisition of the majority of the State Grand Commanderies, to him directed in writing, to call special meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States. The Grand Officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be duly elected and installed. At the stated meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States, there shall be reviewed and considered all the official reports of its officers, and of the State Grand and Subordinate Commanderies, under its immediate jurisdiction, for the preceding three years. They shall proceed to elect by ballot the several officers of the Grand Encampment of the United States, save and

except a Grand Prelate, Grand Standard-Bearer, Grand Sword-Bearer, Grand Warder, and Grand Captain of the Guard, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master, to serve during the term of the office of the Grand Master making the appointment. To adopt such Rules and Edicts as may be necessary for the good of the Order. To examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder. To supervise the state and condition of the finances, and adopt such measures in relation thereto as may be necessary to increase, secure, and preserve the same, and also to insure the utmost punctuality on the part of every accounting officer in the safe keeping and paying over the funds and property of the Grand Encampment. To grant or withhold Warrants, Dispensations, and Charters for all new State Grand or Subordinate Commanderies. For good cause, to revoke pre-existing Warrants, Charters, or Dispensations. To assign the limits of the State Grand Commanderies, and settle all controversies that may arise between them. And finally, to consider and do all matters and things appertaining to the good, well-being, and perpetuation of the principles of Templar Masonry. No business shall be transacted at the called meetings, save that which was specified in the original summons. At every meeting, all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes, the presiding officer being entitled to one vote. In case the vote is equally divided, he has the casting vote. This Grand Encampment being a legislative body, acknowledging no superior, admits an appeal to be taken by any member from the decision of the chair on any question under consideration therein: *Provided*, however, that such appeal shall not be maintained unless two-thirds of all the members present shall vote therefor. That right is adopted for this Grand Encampment alone, and is not to be construed as establishing a precedent for the guidance of any other Masonic body.

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS.

The Grand Master.

SEC. 5. It is the prerogative and duty of the Grand Master, generally to exercise, as occasion may require, all the rights appertaining to his high office, in accordance with the usages of Templar Masonry. And as a part thereof, he shall have a watchful supervision over all the Commanderies, Grand and Subordinate, in the United States, and see that all the constitutional enactments, Rules, and Edicts of the Grand Encampment are duly and promptly observed. And that the Dress, Work, and Discipline of Templar Masonry everywhere are uniform.

Among his special duties and prerogatives are the following:

[To appoint the Prelate and the Grand Captain of the Guard at the triennial meetings of the Grand Encampment]. "To appoint a Grand Prelate, Grand Standard-Bearer, Grand Sword-Bearer, Grand Warder, Grand Captain of the Guard to serve during the term of the office of the Grand Master making the appointment." To call special meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States. To visit and preside at any Commandery, Grand or Subordinate, in the United States, and give such instruction or directions as the good of the Order may require, always adhering to the Ancient Landmarks. To cause to be executed, and securely to preserve and keep, the official bonds and securities of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder. To grant Letters of Dispensation during the recess of the Grand Encampment, for the institution of new Commanderies, such Dispensations to be in force no longer than the next triennial meeting of that body, and promptly to notify the Grand Recorder of the issuing of said Letters of Dispensation. To approve and grant Warrants during the recess of the Grand Encampment for the institution of State Grand Commanderies in States, Districts, or Territories, where the same have not been heretofore established. To manage and control the contingent fund.

The Deputy Grand Master.

The Deputy Grand Master, in the event of the death, removal, or physical incompetency of his superior, shall act as the Grand Master. At all other times he shall perform such duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Encampment or the Grand Master.

The Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain-General.

In the absence of their respective superiors, the Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain-General shall severally act as Grand Master, in order, according to rank. At all other times they shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Grand Encampment, or such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.

The Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Treasurer, unless otherwise directed by the Grand Encampment, shall invest from time to time all such moneys as may come to his hands, belonging to the Grand Encampment, over and above the sum of three hundred dollars, in such way as he may judge most to the interest of the Grand Encampment, but subject to call on thirty days notice. And the same shall be at his command on the first day of September preceding the triennial meeting of the Grand Encampment. He shall render to the Grand Encampment, at its triennial meetings, a true and perfect account of his doings in this respect, together with an account of all moneys received, the earnings thereon accrued from investments, and the amounts disbursed by him during the vacation. Likewise, a copy of the same to the Grand Master, by the first day of September preceding the triennial meeting, to the end that the Grand Master may make such suggestions on account thereof as he may deem necessary. He shall pay all drafts drawn upon the contingent fund by the Grand Master. He shall carefully preserve, and render from time to time, as ordered, an inventory of all property belonging to the Grand Encampment entrusted to his keeping.

The Grand Recorder.

The Grand Recorder shall collect and receive all the revenues of the Grand Encampment, and pay over the amount to the Grand Treasurer whenever it reaches the sum of one hundred dollars. He shall render annually to the Grand Master and to the Grand Treasurer copies of his accounts of all moneys received and expended by him, — naming the sources from which they were received,— bringing up said accounts to the first day of September. Likewise, to the Grand Encampment, triennially, a general account of the same. He shall forward to each newly constituted Commandery, immediately upon receiving official notice that a Dispensation has issued, a copy of this Constitution, together with whatever Rules and Edicts are in force. He shall report to the Grand Encampment, on the second day of each triennial meeting, the names of those Commanderies working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment which have not complied with the requisition to furnish him with its full triennial historical and financial returns for the use of the Grand Encampment. He shall report annually, on the first day of September, to the Grand Master, the names of those Commanderies working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment which have not complied with the requisition to furnish him with its full annual historical and financial returns for the use of the Grand Master. He shall open and keep a "Book of Templar Masonry," in which shall be entered, in appropriate columns, the following subjects:

A REGISTER OF COMMANDERIES,— to contain,

1. The date of issuing every Warrant for a Grand Commandery.

2. The date of issuing every Dispensation, and —

3. The date of issuing every Charter for a Subordinate Commandery. Granted by authority of the Grand Encampment since its origin (1816).

4. The Roll of Officers of the Grand Conclave of the

Royal, Exalted, Religious, and Military Order of Masonic Knights Templar in England and Wales (1791).

5. The Roll of Encampments [and Priories], Officers, cers, and Members, of the "Provincial Grand Conclave of Canada" (1855–67), [and of the "Grand Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and the Hospital, for the Dominion of Canada," 1868–].

A REGISTER OF MEMBERSHIP.

1. The Roll of Officers of the Grand Encampment, with their terms of service, etc., since the origin of the same.

2. The Roll of Officers and Members of the Grand Commanderies, terms of service, etc., from the organization of each.

3. The Roll of Officers of the Subordinate Commanderies working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment. With all the current changes resulting from dimissions, suspensions, expulsions, and deaths.

HISTORICAL DATA,

Tending to lighten up the history of Templar Masonry in the United States.

OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT AND COMMANDERIES.

1. To collect and bind in orderly volumes, a copy of all the Proceedings of the Grand Encampment since its organization.

2. To collect and bind in orderly volumes, copies of all the Proceedings of Grand Commanderies, from the organization of each.

3. To collect and bind in orderly volumes, copies of the By-Laws of all the Grand Commanderies.

4. To collect and bind in an orderly volume, impressions of the Seals of all the Grand Commanderies.

OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

1. To collect and bind in orderly volumes, copies of the

By-Laws of all the Subordinate Commanderies working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

2. To collect and bind in an orderly volume, impressions of the Seals of each Subordinate Commandery working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment. And to make a triennial report of his official acts.

6. *The Remaining Officers.*

The duties of the remaining officers of the Grand Encampment are such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations, or such as may be assigned them by the Grand Encampment.

The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Generalissimo, and the Grand Captain-General are severally authorized to visit and preside in any Commandery of Knights Templar throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, and to give such instructions and directions as the good of the Institution may require, always adhering to the Ancient Landmarks.

In the event of the absence of all the four principal officers of the Grand Encampment, the Past Grand Officers, according to rank and seniority of service, shall be empowered to preside.

The Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder shall severally give bond and securities, in such form and to such an amount—but not less than double the estimated triennial receipts by either—as shall from time to time be determined by the Grand Master, who shall judge and approve the sufficiency of such bonds and securities, and who shall keep and preserve the same.

Any Grand Officer, save as above excepted, coming into the receipt of moneys or property belonging to the Grand Encampment, shall forthwith remit the same to the Grand Recorder.

ARTICLE SECOND.

Of the State Grand Commanderies.

HOW CONSTITUTED.

SEC. 1. Whenever there shall be three or more Subordinate Chartered Commanderies instituted or holden under this Constitution, in any one State, District, or Territory, in which a Grand Encampment has not been heretofore formed, a *Grand Commandery* may be formed, after obtaining the approval of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. Its jurisdiction shall be the territorial limits in which it is holden. A State Grand Commandery consists of the following members, the first nine of whom shall be elected by ballot, and the remaining four officers—tenth and thirteenth inclusive—shall be elected or appointed, as the Grand Commandery may direct:

I. The Grand Commander.
II. The Deputy Grand Commander.
III. The Grand Generalissimo.
IV. The Grand Captain-General.
V. The Grand Prelate.
VI. The Grand Senior Warden.
VII. The Grand Junior Warden.
VIII. The Grand Treasurer.
IX. The Grand Recorder.
X. The Grand Standard-Bearer.
XI. The Grand Sword-Bearer.
XII. The Grand Warder, and
XIII. The Grand Captain of the Guard.

LIKEWISE,

XIV. All Past Grand Commanders [and Grand Masters].
XV. All Past Deputy Grand Commanders [and Deputy Grand Masters].
XVI. All Past Grand Generalissimos, and
XVII. All Past Grand Captains-General of the same Grand Commandery, so long as they remain members of the Subordinate Commanderies under the same territorial jurisdiction.

LIKEWISE,

XVIII. The Commander.

XIX. The Generalissimo, and

XX. The Captain-General of each Subordinate Commandery working under the same Grand Commandery.

LIKEWISE,

XXI. All Past Commanders of the Subordinate Commanderies working under the same Grand Commanderies, so long as they remain members of Subordinate Commanderies under the same territorial jurisdiction.

Each of the individuals enumerated in this section shall be entitled, when present, to one vote in all the proceedings of the State Grand Commandery.

No person shall be eligible to any office in a State Grand Commandery unless he shall be at the time a member of some Subordinate Commandery working under the same Grand Commandery.

The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island is recognized as holding jurisdiction over both those States.

PROXIES.

SEC. 2. Any officer specified in Section 1 of this Article, save and except Past Commanders, may appear and vote *by proxy*, said proxy being at the time of service a member of the same Subordinate Commandery as his principal, and producing a properly authenticated certificate of his appointment.

TITLES.

SEC. 3. The title and designation of the Grand Commander of a State Grand Commandery, is *Right Eminent.*

That of Deputy Grand Commander, *Very Eminent.*

Of the remaining officers of the Grand Commandery, *Eminent.*

MEETINGS.

SEC. 4. The stated meetings of a State Grand Command-

ery shall occur annually, at such time and place as said Grand Commandery in its discretion may direct. Special meetings may be called by the Grand Commander at his discretion. The several Grand Officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be duly elected and installed. At the stated meetings of each Grand Commandery there shall be reviewed and considered all the official reports of its officers and of the Subordinate Commanderies within its jurisdiction for the preceding year. They shall proceed to elect by ballot the several officers of the Grand Commandery: *Provided*, that the Grand Standard-Bearer, the Grand Sword-Bearer, the Grand Warder, and the Grand Captain of the Guard, may be elected or *appointed*, as the Grand Commandery may direct. To adopt such Rules and Edicts. subordinate to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States, as may be necessary for the good of the Order. To examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder. To supervise the state and condition of the finances, and adopt such measures in relation thereto as may be necessary to increase, secure, and preserve the same, and also to insure the utmost punctuality on the part of every accounting officer in the safe keeping and paying over the funds and property of the Grand Commandery. To grant or withhold Dispensations and Charters for all new Commanderies. For good cause, to revoke any pre-existing Charter or Dispensation. To assign the limits of Subordinate Commanderies within its own jurisdiction, and settle all controversies that may arise between them.

And finally, to consider and do all matters and things appertaining to the good, well-being, and perpetuation of Templar Masonry, but always subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the United States. No business shall be transacted at the *called* meetings save that which was specified in the original summons. At every meeting, all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes, the presiding officer, for the time being, being entitled to one vote. In case the votes are equally divided, he shall also give the casting vote. No appeal shall lie to the Grand Commandery from the decision of the Grand Commander.

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS.

The Grand Commander.

SEC. 5. The Grand Commander of a State Grand Commandery shall have a watchful supervision over all the Subordinate Commanderies under his jurisdiction, and see that all the constitutional enactments, Rules, and Edicts of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and of his own Grand Commandery, are duly and promptly observed. He shall have the power and authority, during the recess of his Grand Commandery, to grant Letters of Dispensation to a competent number of petitioners—nine or more—residing within his jurisdiction, and possessing the constitutional qualifications, empowering them to form and open a Commandery. Such Dispensations to be in force no longer than the next annual meeting of his Grand Commandery. But no Letters of Dispensation for constituting a new Commandery shall be issued, save upon the recommendation of the Commandery in the same territorial jurisdiction nearest the place of the new Commandery prayed for. He may call special meetings of his Grand Commandery at his discretion. During the recess of his Grand Commandery, he may suspend from the functions of his office any officer of the Grand or Subordinate Commandery, or arrest the Charter or Dispensation of a Commandery; but in neither case shall such suspension effect the standing in the Order of such officer, or his membership in the Commandery. And he shall report his action in full therein to the next Conclave of the Grand Commandery for its final action. He may visit and preside at any Commandery within the jurisdiction of his Grand Commandery, and give such instructions and directions as the good of the Order may require, but always adhering to the Ancient Landmarks. It is his duty, either in person, or by proxy, to attend all meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

The Deputy Grand Commander.

The Deputy Grand Commander, in the event of the death, removal, or physical incompetency of his superior,

shall act as the Grand Commander. At all other times he shall perform such other duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Commander or the Grand Commandery. It is his duty, either in person or by proxy, to attend all meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain-General.

In the absence of their respective superiors, the Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain-General shall severally act as Grand Commanders, in order, according to rank. At all other times they shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Grand Commandery, or such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations. It is their duty, either in person or by proxy, to attend all meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

The Grand Recorder.

The Grand Recorder shall make an annual communication to the Grand Recorder of each of the other Grand Commanderies, likewise to the Grand Master and the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States. Said communication to embrace the roll of Grand Officers, and such other matters as may conduce to the general good of the Order. He shall forward to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, on or before the first day of August, of each year, the Annual Returns and Dues for his Grand Commandery, as required in the provision of Art. Fourth, Sec I. He shall also regularly transmit to the Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States copies of all the By-Laws and Regulations adopted by his Grand Commandery. The duties of the remaining officers, as well as those above specified, shall be such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations, or allotted to them by the Grand Commandery, and corresponding as near as may be to those of the corresponding officers of the Grand Encampment of the United States. In the event of the absence of all four principal officers of the Grand Commandery, the Past Grand Officers, according to the rank and seniority of service, shall be empowered to preside.

ARTICLE THIRD.

Of Subordinate Commanderies.

HOW CONSTITUTED.

SEC. 1. Each State Grand Commandery shall have exclusive power *to constitute new Commanderies* within its jurisdiction. During the recess of the Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander shall have the power to grant *Letters of Dispensation* to a competent number of petitioners, nine or more, possessing the constitutional qualifications, and residing within its territorial jurisdiction, empowering them to form and open a Commandery for a term of time not extending beyond the next stated meeting of the Grand Commandery. The Grand Encampment of the United States shall have exclusive power to constitute new Commanderies within any State, District, or Territory, wherein there is no State Commandery regularly formed under the authority of the Grand Encampment of the United States. During the recess of the Grand Encampment, the Grand Master shall have power to grant Letters of Dispensation to a competent number of petitioners, nine or more, possessing the constitutional qualifications, and residing within said unappropriated State, District, or Territory, empowering them to form and open a Commandery for a term of time not extending beyond the next stated meeting of the Grand Encampment of the United States. A Subordinate Commandery consists of the following members:

I. The Commander.
II. The Generalissimo.
III. The Captain-General.
IV. The Prelate.
V. The Senior Warden.
VI. The Junior Warden.
VII. The Treasurer.
VIII. The Recorder.
IX. The Standard-Bearer.
X. The Sword-Bearer, and
XI. The Warder.

LIKEWISE,

XII. As many members as may be found convenient for work and discipline.

Each of the individuals enumerated in this section shall be entitled, when present, to one vote in the proceedings of the Subordinate Commandery.

TITLES.

SEC. 2. The title and designation of the Commander of a Subordinate Commandery, is *Eminent*.

MEETINGS.

SEC. 3. The stated meetings of a Subordinate Commandery shall occur at least semi-annually, at such time and place as may be specified in the Charter, or designated in the By-Laws of the Commandery. Special meetings may be called by the Commander at his discretion. The several officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors be duly elected and installed. No business shall be performed at the *called* meetings, save that which was specified in the original summons. At every meeting, all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes, the presiding officer, for the time being, being entitled to one vote. In case the votes are equally divided, he shall also give the casting vote. No appeal shall lie to the Subordinate Commandery from the decision of the Commander.

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS.

The Commander.

The Commander has it in special charge to see that the By-Laws of his Commandery are duly observed, as well as the Constitution, Rules and Edicts of the State Grand Commandery, and of the Grand Encampment of the United States. That accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered. That regular returns are made to the Grand Encampment or Commandery, annually, and that the annual dues are promptly paid. He may call special meetings of

his Commandery at his discretion. It is his duty, together with the Generalissimo and Captain-General, either in person or by proxy, to attend all meetings of his Grand Encampment or Commandery.

The Recorder.

It shall be the duty of the Recorder of every Subordinate Commandery, working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States, to report annually to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, up to the first day of August, the Roll of his Officers and Members, and the Working Roll of his Commandery; and to accompany the same with the amount of dues to the Grand Encampment of the United States. For failure herein, the Commandery so offending shall be subject to Knightly discipline. In the event of the absence of all the three principal officers of the Commandery, the Past Commanders, according to rank and seniority of service, shall be empowered to preside.

ARTICLE FOURTH.

Miscellaneous.

FEES, DUES, AND FINANCES.

SEC. 1. The State Grand Commanderies, in such manner as they may respectively determine, shall annually collect and pay to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, an amount equal to five cents for each Sir Knight returned as a member of their respective Subordinate Commanderies, at the meeting of the Grand Commandery preceding August the first in each year.

This fund, with the Returns of the Grand Commandery, as required in Article Second, Section 5, Division 4, (1), (2), (3), shall be forwarded to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment on or before the first day of August in each year. The fee for instituting a new Commandery shall not be less than ninety dollars. For every Knight Templar created in any Commandery, holden by Dispensation or Charter, whilst under the immediate jurisdiction of

the Grand Encampment of the United States, there shall be paid two dollars into the treasury of the Grand Encampment of the United States. The Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States shall receive ten dollars as his fee for each Charter issued, and five dollars for endorsing, under the seal of the Grand Encampment of the United States, the extension of a Dispensation. The State Grand Commanderies, respectively, shall possess authority, upon the institution of new Commanderies within their respective jurisdictions. To require from the several Commanderies within their respective jurisdictions, such proportions of the sums received by them for conferring the Orders. Likewise, such sums, in the form of annual dues from their respective members, as may be necessary for supporting the Grand Commandery. No Subordinate Commandery shall confer the Orders of Knighthood for a less sum than twenty dollars.

There shall be a Contingent Fund of three hundred dollars, placed to the credit of the Most Eminent Grand Master, on the books of the Grand Treasurer, at the close of each triennial session, out of which the Grand Master shall reimburse himself for his necessary cash expenses in the performance of his constitutional duties, and make a triennial report of the same to the Grand Encampment. There shall be appropriated at each triennial session of the Grand Encampment of the United States a sufficient sum to be used by the Grand Recorder to meet the current expenses of the secretariat, of which he shall render an account at the succeeding session.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

Royal Arch Masons only eligible to the Orders.

SEC. 2. 1. No Commandery, Grand or Subordinate, shall confer the Orders of Knighthood upon any one who is not a regular Royal Arch Mason, according to the requirements of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

Order of Succession.

2. The rule of succession in conferring the Orders of

Knighthood shall be as follows: 1. The Knight of the Red Cross. 2. Knight Templar [and Knight of Malta].

Commandery to have Dispensation or Charter.

3. Every Commandery working in a State, District, or Territory where there is a Grand Commandery, shall have a Dispensation or Charter from said Grand Commandery. And no Commandery hereafter to be formed or opened in such State, District, or Territory, shall be deemed legal without such Charter or Dispensation.

Without Charter, all Templar Communication Forbidden.

4. All Masonic communication, as a Templar, is interdicted between any Commandery working under the general or special jurisdiction of this Grand Encampment, or any member thereof, and any Commandery or member of such, that may be formed, opened, or holden in such State, District, or Territory, without such Charter or Dispensation.

Sojourner not eligible to the Orders.

5. It shall be deemed irregular for any Commandery to confer the Orders of Knighthood, or either of them, upon any sojourner, whose place of residence is within any State, District, or Territory, in which there is a Commandery regularly at work, until the consent of the Commandery having territorial jurisdiction is first obtained.

Discipline for Violation of Rule 5.

6. In the event of the violation of this interdict, the Commandery so offending shall be subject to Knightly discipline, and be required upon demand, to pay over to the Commandery thus defrauded the amount of fees received for such admission.

Vow of Office.

7. The officers of every Commandery, Grand and Subordinate, before entering upon the exercise of their respect-

ive offices, shall take the following obligation, viz.: "I (A. B.), do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America."

Proxies may Constitute.

8. The Grand Master of this Grand Encampment may issue his proxy to any Knight Templar in regular standing, authorizing him to constitute a Subordinate Commandery which has received a Charter; and any Commandery thus constituted shall be deemed regularly constituted. [It has been the custom under the Regulations, for the Grand Master to appoint a present or Past Grand Officer to constitute a Grand Commandery which has received his Warrant.]

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 3. The Grand Encampment shall be competent, upon the concurrence of three-fourths of its members present at any stated meeting, to revise, amend, and alter this Constitution: *Provided*, one day's previous notice of such motion to amend be given, and a particular time be set to take the vote thereon.

In all other cases, any proposed amendment shall lay over until the next stated meeting of the Grand Encampment, when a concurring vote of two-thirds shall be necessary to adopt such alteration, amendment, or revision.

RULES OF ORDER.

Reading of the Minutes.

SEC. 4. 1. After the ceremony of opening the Grand Encampment, it shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to read the minutes of the last Triennial Session, unless such reading be dispensed with; and at the resumption of business in each successive sitting, the minutes of the preceding one shall also be read.

Committee on Credentials.

2. A Committee on Credentials, consisting of three Sir

Knights, shall be appointed by the Grand Master, to report at the opening of the next sitting.

Reports of Grand Officers.

3. After the report of this committee, the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Generalissimo, and the Grand Captain-General, will successively read the reports of their doings during the preceding three years. These reports shall be referred to the Standing Committee on the Doings of the Grand Officers, who may recommend the apportionment of such parts thereof to special, or to such other of the standing committees, as they may deem necessary.

Standing Committees.

4. The Standing Committees shall be:

(1.) A Committee on the Doings of the Grand Officers.
(2.) A Committee on Finance.
(3.) A Committee on Dispensations and New Commanderies.
(4.) A Committee on Unfinished Business.
(5.) A Committee on Grievances.
(6.) A Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.
(7.) A Committee to designate the place of the next Triennial Meeting.

The report of these committees shall be heard in order, except the last one, which shall report on the last day of the meetings of the Grand Encampment.

New Business.

5. While the several committees are preparing their reports, the new business may be acted upon; and if any subject is brought forward requiring a reference to any standing or special committee, it shall be so referred forthwith. All committees shall make it a point to report as soon as convenient after their appointment.

Speak but Once.

6. No Sir Knight shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same subject, except to explain the meaning of some of his remarks, *unless* it be by special permission of the Grand Encampment first obtained.

Electing Officers.

7. The Grand Encampment shall proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing three years, immediately after the opening of the first sitting, on Thursday following the commencement of the Triennial Meetings.

Exemplification of the Work.

8. It shall be the duty of the Grand Master, at each Triennial Meeting, if time permit, to cause an exemplification of the work appertaining to the Orders of Knighthood to be exhibited before the Grand Encampment; and also, to correct, officially, all irregularities and discrepancies that exist.

A true and faithful copy of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, with the amendments at the date hereof.

Attest: THEODORE S. PARVIN, *Gr. Recorder.*

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CODE OF STATUTES

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DIGEST OF TEMPLAR LAW.

I. Appeal.

(1.) *Right of Appeal.*

An expelled or suspended Knight has the right of appeal to his Grand Commandery. Who may appeal.

(2.) *Effect of Appeal.*

1. An appeal taken from expulsion, or indefinite suspension, does not suspend the judgment appealed from. In other cases an appeal operates as a *supersedeas.* Effect of an appeal.

2. If the judgment appealed from be reversed, the Knight who was under discipline is thereby restored to good standing and membership in his Commandery. Effect of reversal of judgment.

3. A Grand Commandery, upon an appeal, may modify the judgment of its subordinates. Grand Commandery may modify judgment.

4. If a Grand Commandery shall restore an expelled or suspended Knight to good standing merely, the Grand Recorder shall give a certificate to that effect. Certificate granted to restored Knight.

5. An appeal taken and abandoned, leaves the judgment in full force. Appeal abandoned.

(3.) *Appeal, how Heard.*

Appellant may appear.

1. A Grand Commandery acting upon an appeal may admit the appellant to argue his own case, although he may have been expelled by his Commandery.

May appear by counsel.

2. An accused may be represented by counsel at all stages of the trial: *Provided*, such counsel shall be a Knight Templar in good standing.

(4.) *Appeal from the Grand Commandery.*

When appeal to Gr. Encampment allowed.

A decision of a Grand Commandery is final, and no appeal to the Grand Encampment can be taken, *unless* the decision involves a construction of the Constitution, Edicts, or Statutes of the Grand Encampment.

(5.) *Appeal from Assessments.*

See title "*Assessments.*"

II. Absentees — Rights of.

Right of absentees.

A member of a Commandery has the right to know all the transactions at the conclaves of his Commandery, whether affecting himself or not.

III. "Adjourn"— Grand Bodies do.

Adjourn.

The Grand Encampment, and Grand Commanderies "*adjourn.*"

IV. Assessments.

May be Levied.

Assessments may be levied.

1. A Commandery, Grand Commandery, and the Grand Encampment, respectively, has the right to levy and collect such *pro rata* assessments as may be needed to pay the expenses of the body.

Majority vote determines.

2. In the absence of any special law, a majority vote may determine the propriety of an assessment and the amount thereof: *Provided*, however, a mem-

ber of a Subordinate Commandery may appeal to his Grand Commandery, if he feels aggrieved by such assessment, and claims that it is in violation of Templar law. Appeal to Gr. Commandery.

V. Ballot.

(1.) *To be Secret.*

The ballot upon a petition for the Orders, or for membership, must be secret, and it must be sacred; and it can be taken only at a stated conclave, unless by written permission of the Grand Commander. Ballot secret —when taken.

(2.) *Who is to Vote.*

Every member present when a ballot is taken is required to vote, unless excused by the Commandery before the balloting has commenced. All to vote.

(3.) *When it may be Repeated.*

An Eminent Commander, upon good cause shown, may order one re-ballot, before the result of the ballot has been recorded, and before any member of the Commandery has left the asylum. Second ballot —when had.

(4.) *Objections to.*

See title "*Objection after Ballot.*"

VI. Business — Where and when Transacted.

All business of the Commandery must be transacted in the asylum, and at a stated conclave; or at a special conclave, due notice of such conclave and of the business to be transacted, having been given to each member of the Commandery. Arrangements for the funeral of a Knight may be made, and the Orders may be conferred, at special conclaves. Business. When and where transacted.

VII. Burial.

(1.) *Ritual for.*

Burial ceremony of 1859.

When a Knight is buried by his Commandery, the burial ceremony approved by the Grand Encampment in 1859 must be observed.

(2.) *Right of.*

Unaffiliated not entitled to burial honors.

An unaffiliated Knight Templar is not entitled to the honors of Knightly burial.

(3.) *When by Lodge.*

Escort duty.

A Commandery may perform escort duty at the burial of a Knight by his Lodge, when so requested.

VIII. Ceremonies.

See title "*Ritual.*"

IX. Charter.

(1.) *Necessity of Warrant of Grand Master.*

Warrant necessary.

1. A Grand Commandery cannot be constituted without the Warrant of the Grand Master, although the Grand Encampment has authorized its formation.

Charter required.

2. A Subordinate Commandery cannot be constituted without a duly executed Warrant or Charter.

(2.) *Loss of.*

Loss of, supplied.

If a Commandery should lose its Charter, the Grand Commander can authorize it to hold conclaves and transact business, by issuing an order setting forth the facts; which order shall have the effect of a Charter until a duplicate shall be issued by the Grand Commandery.

(3.) *When it may be Surrendered.*

Charter, when surrendered.

No Commandery can surrender its Charter so long as there are nine members of the Commandery who desire and are able to work under said Charter, according to the regulations of the Grand Commandery.

(4.) *When Surrendered or Arrested, Status of Members.*

When the Charter of a Commandery shall have been surrendered or arrested, the members thereof in good standing shall, upon payment of their dues to the Grand Commandery, be entitled to a Certificate of such good standing from the Grand Recorder having charge of the books and effects of the Commandery: *Provided*, however, in case of the arrest of the Charter, the Grand Commander may suspend, and the Grand Commandery may prohibit the issuing of such certificates to those whose actions or neglect of duty may have caused the arrest of the Charter.

Status of members when surrendered.

(5.) *Surrendered and Restored.*

1. A Charter surrendered or arrested cannot be granted to form a new Commandery, but may be restored to the former members in good Templar standing, who are unaffiliated.

Charter surrendered may be restored.

2. In this case, it is not proper to constitute the Commandery again.

Not to be constituted.

X. Commanderies.

(1.) *Requisites for Forming.*

1. A Dispensation, Warrant, or Charter to form a new Commandery cannot be granted except upon a petition of at least nine Knights Templar in good standing.

When a charter may issue.

2. Petitioners for a new Commandery need not dimit from other Commanderies.

Dimit not necessary.

See title "*Membership*—(2.) *Petitioners, etc.*"

3. The petition for a Dispensation must have endorsed upon it the recommendation of the Commandery nearest the location designated for the new one.

Recommendation required.

4. If the new Commandery is to be stationed in a

When more than one may be required.

city where there is more than one Commandery, two of those located in such city must recommend the petition.

See title "*Meetings*—(1.) *Where held.*"

(2.) *Traveling Commanderies.*

Traveling Commandery not allowed.

No Dispensation, Warrant, or Charter can be granted to organize a traveling or itinerant Commandery.

(3.) *Under Dispensation.*

Commandery U. D. not constituted.

A Commandery under dispensation cannot be constituted.

(4.) *Extinct Commanderies cannot be Revived.*

Extinct.

When a Commandery U. D. ceases to exist, it cannot be revived.

(5.) *Officers of, not to be Elected or Installed.*

Cannot elect officers.

Its officers cannot be elected or installed.

(6.) *Cannot be Represented.*

Nor be represented.

It cannot be represented in a Grand Body.

(7.) *Jurisdiction of.*

Jurisdiction of.

Except as above specified, it has the same rights and powers as a chartered Commandery.

(8.) *Status of Knights Created in.*

Knights created in—status of.

Knights created in a Commandery U. D. are members thereof, and sustain the exact relation to that Commandery and to other Templars which is sustained by those Knighted in chartered Commanderies.

(9.) *How Affected by the Formation of Grand Commanderies.*

When it transfers its allegiance.

When a Grand Commandery is formed in a jurisdiction in which there is a Commandery U. D., the latter comes at once under the authority of the former, and should report to it, and obtain from it

or its Grand Commander a continuance of its Dispensation.

(10.) *How Created.*

1. A Commandery is created by the grant of a Charter, which is the proper evidence of the fact, and becomes effective only when the Commandery shall have been constituted under it. Commandery —how created.

See title "*Charter*—(1.) *Necessity of Warrant of Grand Master.*

2. No Commandery shall be constituted until it is provided with a suitable asylum, properly furnished. Asylum required before constitution.

3. When constituted, report thereof should be made to the Grand Master or Grand Commander (as the case may be) and the Grand Recorder. Report to be made.

(11.) *Officers of—When to be Installed.*

1. The officers can only be installed after the Commandery shall have been duly constituted in the presence of at least nine of its members. Officers installed.

2. The officers of a Commandery which has not been constituted are not members of the Grand Commandery, and cannot vote therein, although the Charter of their Commandery has been issued. Officers, when not members of Gr. Commandery.

(12.) *Duty when Grand Commandery is Formed.*

Upon the formation of a Grand Commandery, it is the duty of every Subordinate within its jurisdiction to enroll itself under such Grand Commandery, have its Warrant or Charter endorsed thereby, and to obey its Constitution and Statutes. Grand Commandery jurisdiction over all Subordinates.

(13.) *Can belong to no other Grand Commandery.*

A Subordinate Commandery cannot be under the authority of, or belong to, any Grand Commandery but the one having jurisdiction over the State or Territory in which it is located. State jurisdiction recognized

(14.) *Failure to Meet — Effect of.*

Failure to meet.

A Commandery failing to meet for twelve consecutive months, forfeits all of its rights as a Commandery, and its Charter should be arrested.

(15.) *Dissolution of a Grand Commandery—Effect of.*

Dissolution of Gr. Commandery.

If a Grand Commandery should dissolve, its Subordinates do not for that cause cease to exist; but pass at once under the immediate authority of the Grand Encampment.

(16.) *When may Appear in Public.*

When Commanderies may appear in public.

1. Commanderies shall not appear in public, as such, without permission of the Grand Commander, except upon funeral occasions.

2. When Commanderies appear in public, in their own State or out of it, they are under the immediate authority of the Grand Commander, if he chooses to assume the command. If he is not present, the officer upon whom under the Constitution his duties devolve, may act in his place. But all are under the authority of the Grand Commander in whose jurisdiction they may, at the time, be.

Who commands in public.

(17.) *Commanderies Illegal.*

See title "*Illegal Commanderies.*"

(18.) *Jurisdiction of.*

See title "*Jurisdiction.*"

(19.) *How Conclaves Terminate.*

Subordinate Commanderies close.

Subordinate Commanderies "close," — they do not "call off" or "adjourn."

See title "*Adjourn.*"

(20.) *Warrant must be Present.*

See title "*Warrant.*"

(21.) *Uniform of.*

See title "*Uniform.*"

XI. Confer Orders—Who can.

In the absence of the Eminent Commander, the Generalissimo, and in the absence of both, the Captain General, may confer the Orders of Knighthood, or authorize a Past Commander to do so, in his presence.

Who may confer orders.

XII. Costume.

See title "*Uniform.*"

XIII. Dub and Create.

See title "*Confer Orders,*" *ut supra.*

XIV. Debate—How closed.

When the presiding officer wishes the debate to close, he rises; and that ends the discussion.

Debate—how closed.

XV. Dimits.

(1.) *How Granted.*

A member of a Commandery may receive a dimit without a vote of the Commandery, at a stated conclave, upon request made in the open Commandery: *Provided*, his dues shall have been paid, and no charges are pending against him.

Dimit—how granted.

(2.) *Effect of.*

See titles "*Rank*—(2.) *Of Officers*, 4;" "*Burial*—(2.) *Right of.*"

XVI. Elections.

(1.) *How Held.*

All elections, in all Templar bodies, must be by ballot.

Election by ballot.

(2.) *Blanks Void.*

Blanks are not votes, and cannot be considered as such in the elections of officers.

Blanks void.

XVII. Eminent Commander.

(1.) *How Suspended.*

Eminent Commander—how suspended.

An Eminent Commander may be suspended by his Grand Commander, or the officer acting as such, in his own State, or out of it with his Commandery; and this suspension continues until revoked by the Grand Commander, or reversed by trial. But suspension from office does not affect his membership in his Commandery.

(2.) *Trial of.*

Trial of.

An Eminent Commander cannot be tried by his own Commandery, but by the Grand Commandery, and by the Grand Encampment where there is no Grand Commandery.

XVIII. Extinct Commanderies.

(1.) *How may become so.*

See titles "*Commanderies*—(14.) *Failure to Meet;*" "*Charter*—(4.) *When Surrendered,*" etc.

(2.) *How Revived.*

See title "*Charter*—(5.) *Surrendered and Restored.*"

(3.) *Revived, not to be Constituted.*

See title "*Charter*—(5.) *Surrendered and Restored.*"

(4.) *Status of Members of.*

Status of members in extinct Commanderies.

When a Commandery has ceased to exist, its members may join another Commandery, upon petition, and certificate from the Grand Recorder of the State holding the Charter and papers of the extinct Commandery, that his standing therein was good when said Commandery ceased to exist.

See title "*Charter*—(4.) *When Surrendered,*" etc.

(5.) *Charter, when it may be Surrendered.*

See title "*Charter*—(3.) *When it may be,*" etc.

XIX. Expulsion or Suspension.

(1.) *By Commandery—Effect of.*

The suspension or expulsion of a Knight by his Commandery deprives him of all the rights and privileges of Knighthood, so long as the judgment remains in force.

Effect of suspension.

(2.) *By Lodge or Chapter.*

1. Expulsion, or suspension from his *masonic rights* by his Lodge or Chapter, deprives a Knight of all rights and privileges in his Commandery, and of all intercourse with the Order.

By a Lodge or Chapter.

2. In such case, a certificate of the Lodge or Chapter, of its action, must be filed with the Recorder of the Commandery, and a minute should be made of the reception of such certificate, and of its legal effect, to-wit: that the Knight is thereby divested of his Knightly rank and of all its privileges.

Certificate of, required.

3. The certificate from the Lodge or Chapter must show not only the fact of suspension or expulsion, but also that the body had jurisdiction.

What certificate must show.

4. If a certificate of the facts cannot be obtained from the Secretary of the Lodge or Chapter, they may be proved by oral testimony; and the same entry should be made as required in paragraph 2.

Its absence provided for.

5. When the expulsion or suspension is made or confirmed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter, as the case may be, the Commandery cannot go behind the record or adjudicate upon the question of jurisdiction.

Confirmed by Grand Lodge.

(3.) *How Removed.*

1. A Knight who has been expelled by his Commandery may be restored by a two-thirds vote to good standing.

Expulsion—how removed.

2. If suspended by his Commandery, a majority vote will restore to good standing.

Suspension—how removed.

3. In either case of suspension or expulsion by

How restored to membership.

his Commandery, the Knight can be restored to membership only upon petition and unanimous ballot.

When certificate required.

4. When the suspension or expulsion from the Commandery was the result of suspension or expulsion by Lodge or Chapter, a certificate of his restoration in the body which disciplined him will restore the Knight to good standing and membership.

Definite suspension — how restored.

5. In case of definite suspension, the restoration of the Knight to his Lodge or Chapter restores him to Knightly standing.

XX. Fees — Cannot be Remitted.

Fees cannot be remitted.

The prescribed fees for the Orders of Knighthood cannot be remitted by a Commandery, directly or indirectly.

XXI. Foreign Knights — Not Red Cross.

Foreign Knights.

A Knight Templar created in a foreign jurisdiction, and who has not received the Order of Red Cross, may, at his examination, take the vow and have that Order communicated to him, and thereafter may be admitted to the asylum.

XXII. Foreign Representatives.

See title "*Representatives*," etc.

XXIII. Grand Commanderies.

(1.) *How Formed.*

Grand Commandery—how formed.

1. A Grand Commandery can be formed only in a State or Territory where none exists, and only upon petition of at least three Chartered Commanderies.

Warrant necessary.

2. A Warrant and the approval of the Grand Master are necessary, although the Grand Encampment may have authorized a warrant to be issued.

3. Each Subordinate Commandery must be represented, and there must be at least nine members present. Nine members required.

4. When a warrant is duly issued, a convocation of the representatives of at least three of the petitioning Commanderies is held; the warrant and approval of the Grand Master are read; credentials are examined and approved; a resolution is adopted agreeing to form a Grand Commandery; a Code of Statutes is adopted; and officers are elected and installed. All of these proceedings must be entered upon the minutes; and due report thereof made to the Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment. How organized.

5. The Commanderies rank according to the dates of their Charters; and the Eminent Commander of the oldest Commandery is, by courtesy, entitled to command or preside until a Grand Commander is elected and installed. Rank of subordinate Commanderies.

(2.) *When Grand Commandery Ceases to Exist.*

A Grand Commandery once formed continues to exist as long as it has nine members; when the number of its constitutional members becomes less than nine, it becomes extinct. When Grand Commandery ceases to be.

XXIV. Healing.

(1.) *How Done.*

Healing consists in re-obligating the Knight, and correcting what has been done amiss at his creation. Healing, what it is.

(2.) *By Whom.*

1. The Grand Commandery or Grand Commander (by its authority), in whose jurisdiction a Knight was irregularly created, has power to heal him. By whom done.

2. This power may be delegated to a subordinate Commandery or an Eminent Commander. May be delegated.

(3.) *Who cannot be Healed.*

Who cannot be.

One Knighted in a clandestine manner or in a spurious Commandery cannot be healed.

XXV. Honorary Members.

See title "*Membership*—(3.) *Honorary.*"

XXVI. Illegal Commanderies — Without Dispensation or Charter.

Illegal Commanderies.

All Commanderies or pretended Commanderies are spurious unless held under a Dispensation, Warrant, or Charter as herein prescribed; and all communication with such bodies is forbidden, and also all recognition and intercourse with their members as Knights.

XXVII. Information — How Obtained.

Information in Templar law —how sought.

Knights desiring information relative to any point in law or usage of Templar Masonry, should apply to their Eminent Commander; the Eminent Commander, if necessary, shall apply to his Grand Commander, and the Grand Commander, in turn, to the Grand Master.

XXVIII. Install Officers.

(1.) *Of Grand Encampment — Who may.*

Who may install in Gr. Encampment.

The officers of the Grand Encampment may be installed by the Grand Master, or by a Past Grand Master. If none such are present, then by the oldest Past Grand Commander (by service) who may be present.

(2.) *Of Grand Commandery.*

In Gr. Commandery.

The officers of a Grand Commandery may be installed by either of the first four officers of the Grand Encampment, by a Past Grand Master, by the Grand Commander, or by a Past Grand Commander. If none such are present, then by the oldest Past Eminent Commander (by service) who may be present.

(3.) *Of a Subordinate Commandery.*

The officers of a Subordinate Commandery may be installed by any permanent member of the Grand Encampment, by either of the first four officers of the Grand Commandery, by the Eminent Commander, or by a Past Eminent Commander.

In Subordinate Commandery.

(4.) *When to be.*

The officers of a new Commandery cannot be installed at the conclave of the Grand Commandery at which the Charter is granted, unless the Commandery shall have first been legally constituted, and such officers shall have been duly elected.

Commandery cannot install officers till constituted.

(5.) *When by Proxy.*

1. When installation is performed by one in office, no special authority is required.

2. When by a past officer, the commanding officer must be present authorizing it, or his written proxy must be produced.

Commission required.

3. The officers to be installed cannot be represented by a proxy.

(6.) *Officers U. D., not to be.*

See title "*Commanderies*—(3.) *Under Dispensation.*"

(7.) *When by Commission.*

1. Officers elect of the Grand Encampment, or of a Grand Commandery, who cannot be present at the regular time for installation, may be installed in such Commandery as the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery respectively may designate.

Absent officers—how installed.

2. The Recorder of the Commandery in which such installation shall take place, shall forthwith certify the fact to the Grand Recorder.

Certificate required.

XXIX. Jurisdiction.

(1.) *Boundaries of.*

Jurisdiction of Subordinate Commanderies.

1. In the absence of a Statute of the proper Grand Commandery, or of a special Edict of the Grand Encampment, defining the limits of each Commandery, the jurisdiction thereof, whether chartered or under dispensation, extends in all directions to one-half the distance, by a direct line, between itself and the next nearest Commandery: *Provided*, that in no case can it extend beyond the limits of the State or Territory in which it is located.

Penal jurisdiction.

2. Each Commandery has penal jurisdiction over all Knights non-affiliated, as well as affiliated, for violation of moral or Templar law within its territorial jurisdiction.

(2.) *Violation of.*

Violation—effect of.

It is not lawful for a Commandery to confer the Orders upon any one residing within the jurisdiction of another Commandery, without first obtaining the permission of such Commandery.

(3.) *Over Sojourners.*

Sojourners.

1. When a petition for the Orders is received from a sojourner, or from one who has not resided for six months within the jurisdiction of the Commandery, it is the duty of the Commandery receiving it to notify the Commandery within whose jurisdiction the petitioner resided, and obtain its consent that jurisdiction shall be exercised over the petition and the petitioner.

Jurisdiction waived.

2. It shall be competent, in such cases, for a Commandery to waive its jurisdiction, and permit another Commandery to confer the Orders upon one residing within its jurisdiction.

XXX. Meetings.

(1.) *Where Held.*

1. A Commandery can meet only in the place designated in its Dispensation or Charter. Where meetings may be held.

2. A Commandery may remove its asylum from one house to another in the same place, by vote of a majority of its members present at a stated meeting, and after due notice of the proposed change. When may remove.

3. If the regular asylum of a Commandery, from any cause, becomes an unfit or improper place for holding the conclaves, the Grand Commander may authorize them to be held elsewhere in the same place. Grand Commandery may provide.

(2.) *Failure of.*

See title "*Commanderies*—(14.) *Failure to Meet.*"

XXXI. Membership.

(1.) *Who are Members of a Commandery.*

Those who receive the Order of the Temple in a Commandery are *ipso facto* members thereof, whether such Commandery be chartered or under dispensation. Who are members.

(2.) *Petitioners for a New Commandery—Status of.*

1. After a Dispensation is granted to form a new Commandery, the membership of the Knights who petitioned therefor remains in abeyance as to the older Commanderies to which they belonged when signing the petition. They become active members of the Commandery while under dispensation, and when a Charter is granted, and the Commandery constituted, they continue to be members of the new Commandery, and cease to be members of the old ones. Status of petitioners for new Commandery.

Failure of Dispensation.

2. If the Dispensation should be withdrawn, or a Charter refused, the Knights who petitioned therefor, resume their membership in their former Commanderies, without petition or other ceremony.

How affiliation terminated

3. When a Charter is granted and the Commandery constituted, the Recorder of the new Commandery must certify the fact to each Commandery to which any of the petitioning Knights belonged, and this will terminate their former affiliation.

(3.) *Honorary.*

Honorary membership.

Honorary membership does not confer the right to vote, nor any rank or standing therein, but is merely complimentary.

XXXII. Officers.

(1.) *Incompatible.*

Incompatibility of Gr. Officer holding a subordinate office.

The holding of the office of Grand Commander is incompatible with that of one of the first three offices in a Subordinate Commandery.

(2.) *Succession of.*

Succession in office.

1. When a vacancy occurs in the office of Eminent Commander, the powers and duties devolve upon the Generalissimo, and if there should be no Generalissimo, upon the Captain General.

Vacancy—how filled.

2. When there is no officer in line to fill a vacancy, the commanding officer shall, by appointment, fill the vacancy *pro tem.*

Ditto.

3. If a vacancy occur in any elective office, other than that of Eminent Commander, the Grand Commander may authorize a new election, upon request to that effect by the Commandery: *Provided*, however, in case of a vacancy in both the offices of Eminent Commander and Generalissimo, the Captain General shall succeed to the duties and powers of the Eminent Commander, without an election.

4. When the vacancy is in one of the appointive offices, it shall be filled by appointment by the commanding officer. Ditto.

(3.) *Failure to be Installed.*

If any officer duly elected or appointed shall, without reasonable excuse, neglect to attend at the time fixed for installation, his election or appointment may be declared void by a vote of the body which elected him, or by the officer who appointed him. Failure to be installed.

(4.) *Change of Residence—Effect of.*

Whenever a Grand Commander or an Eminent Commander changes his residence to a place beyond the jurisdiction of his Grand Commandery, he thereby vacates his office, and can exercise its powers no longer. Change of residence.

(5.) *Rank of.*

See title "*Rank*—(2.) *Of Officers.*"

(6.) *Who may Resign.*

See title "*Resign.*"

XXXIII. Objection after Ballot.

(1.) *Who may make.*

1. A member of a Commandery in good standing may object to the conferring of the Orders upon an elected candidate; and this, whether the objecting Knight was present when the ballot was taken or not. Objection after ballot.

2. When such objection is made, either in open Commandery or to the Eminent Commander, the Orders cannot be conferred; and the fact of objection alone, and not the name of the objector, should be entered upon the minutes, and it is equivalent to the rejection of the candidate by ballot. Effect of an objection.

3. The objecting Knight cannot be required to disclose his reasons therefor. Reasons not required.

(2.) *Of Visiting Knights.*

Visiting Knights may object.

Objections to a candidate may be received from a visiting Knight, and should be duly considered by the Commandery; but they are not conclusive, like those of a member.

XXXIV. Petition for Orders.

(1.) *Form of.*

Form of petition.

1. Every petition for the Orders of Knighthood shall declare the Lodge and Chapter in which the petitioner received the degrees, and shall state whether he has or has not been previously rejected by any Commandery.

Belief of petitioner.

2. It shall also declare that the petitioner is a firm believer in the Christian religion.

(2.) *Must be Signed.*

Signature required.

No petition can be received unless signed by the applicant in person, giving his full name, residence, and occupation.

(3.) *But one Applicant to Sign a Petition.*

Only one signer.

No petition can be received which is signed by more than one applicant.

(4.) *To be Recommended.*

Recommendation required.

Each petition must be signed by two vouchers and recommenders, who are members of the Commandery to which the petition is presented.

(5.) *Cannot be Withdrawn.*

Cannot be withdrawn.

When a petition has been presented to a Commandery, it cannot be withdrawn, unless it shall appear that the Commandery has not jurisdiction over the petitioner.

(6.) *Report not to be Recorded.*

Report not to be recorded,

The character of the report of a committee of inquiry, whether favorable or unfavorable, should never be recorded.

(7.) *Unfavorable Report—Effect of.*

Unfavorable report.

An unfavorable report does not dispense with the necessity of a ballot, which must be taken in all cases.

(8.) *When to be Received and Acted on.*

When petition received and acted on.

1. Petitions can be received or acted on only at stated conclaves, *unless* by written permission of the Grand Commander.

Ballot only after reference to committee.

2. No ballot can be had upon a petition until after it has been referred to a committee of three members of the Commandery, and that committee has reported.

Four weeks must elapse, *unless*, etc.

3. A petition cannot be balloted on until at least four weeks after it has been presented to the Commandery, *unless* by written permission of the Grand Commander.

See title "*Ballot*—(1.) *To be Secret.*"

(9.) *When a Rejected Petition may be Renewed.*

When may be renewed.

In the absence of any Statute by the governing Grand Commandery to the contrary, the petition of one who has been rejected cannot be renewed until at least six months after such rejection.

(10.) *Where.*

If jurisdiction is waived.

It may then be received by the Commandery in whose jurisdiction the petitioner then resides: *Provided*, the Commandery by which he was rejected consents to waive its jurisdiction.

XXXV. Proxy.

(1.) *In Grand Bodies.*

Proxies.

No person can give or act as proxy, except those upon whom the power is conferred in the Constitution.

(2.) *Officers cannot be Installed by.*

See title "*Install Officers*—(5.) *When by Proxy.*"

(3.) *Installing Officer may Grant—When.*

See title "*Install Officers*—(7.) *When by Commission.*"

XXXVI. Prelate in Red Cross.

See title "*Red Cross*—(2.) *High Priest.*"

XXXVII. Qualification for Orders.

(1.) *What Required.*

See title "*Petition for Orders*—(1.) *Form of.*"

(2.) *Council Degrees, etc., not Necessary.*

Council Degrees not necessary.

It is not necessary that petitioners should have received the degrees of Royal and Select Master; or be a member of either Lodge or Chapter.

See Constitution, Art. Fourth, Sec. II., Reg. 1.

(3.) *Loss of a Leg, etc.—Effect of.*

Maimed.

The loss of a leg or arm by a petitioner disqualifies him from receiving the Orders of Knighthood.

XXXVIII. Quorum—What Constitutes.

Quorum.

A quorum in the Grand Encampment, Grand Commanderies, and Subordinate Commanderies, consists of nine members entitled to vote therein, including an officer entitled to open the Body.

XXXIX. Rank.

(1.) *Of Commanderies, Grand and Subordinate.*

Rank of Commanderies.

Commanderies—Grand and Subordinate—take rank according to the date of their several organizations, unless any of them voluntarily waive their proper rank.

(2.) *Of Officers.*

What confers rank.

1. Election (or appointment) and installation are necessary to confer rank.

Rank of officers.

2. The Standard Bearer outranks the Sword Bearer, and the Sword Bearer outranks the Warder, and the Treasurer outranks the Recorder.

3. Present officers on duty in their own bodies, outrank past officers of any grade. Past officers.

4. A Knight dimitting to the jurisdiction of another Grand Commandery, forfeits his membership and right to voice and vote in the Grand and Subordinate Commandery of which he had been a member, and acquires no rank in the Grand Commandery of the jurisdiction in which he has affiliated, but "a Past Commander may be elected to membership therein." Dimit—effect.

See amendment of 1874, X. (2.)—"*Past Commanders*," etc.

5. But Past Grand Commanders do not lose their membership in the Grand Encampment by change of membership to another jurisdiction, nor by becoming unaffiliated. Past Gr. Commanders do not lose membership.

(3.) *Honorary Membership.*

Honorary membership confers no rank.

XL. Resign.

Who may Resign.

1. Any officer of a Commandery under dispensation may resign, with the consent of the Grand Master or Grand Commander, respectively. Who may resign.

2. Neither of the first three officers of a chartered Commandery can resign after installation. Who may not.

XLI. Repeating the Ballot.

See title "*Ballot*—(3.) *When it may be Repeated.*"

XLI. Red Cross.

(1.) *From Foreign Countries.*

See title "*Foreign Knights.*"

(2.) *High Priest, not Prelate.*

In the Council of Red Cross Knights, "High Priest" is the title of the officer ministering at the altar. High Priest.

XLIII. Revival of Old Charter.

See title "*Charter*—(5.) *Surrendered and Restored.*"

XLIV. Representatives.

Foreign, not to be Appointed by Grand Commander.

Cannot be appointed to foreign bodies.

Grand Commanderies cannot exchange representatives with Templar organizations outside of the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

XLV. Ritual.

(1.) *Not to be Altered.*

Ritual.

The Ritual as promulgated by the Grand Encampment cannot be altered or abridged by the Grand Master, Grand Commander, or Grand Commandery.

(2.) *For Burial.*

See title "*Burial*—(1.) *Ritual for.*"

(3.) *For Installation.*

See title "*Install Officers*," etc.

And ceremonies 1859. Appendix, pages 103–112.

XLVI. Summons.

(1.) *What is Legal.*

Summons—when legal.

A notice published in the newspapers is not a legal summons; it must be by personal service, or by notice left at the residence or place of business of the person summoned, or deposited in the post office, directed to his usual address.

(2.) *Seal Necessary.*

Seal—when required.

It is necessary that the seal should be affixed to a summons — but not to a notice of a conclave.

(3.) *Knights should Obey.*

Obedience to summons.

Every Knight should promptly and strictly obey the summons of his Commander.

XLVII. Suspension.

See title "*Expulsion or Suspension.*"

XLVIII. Title.

(1.) *What Constitutes.*

Election and service necessary to.

One who has filled by election and a term of service the office of Eminent Commander, Grand Commander, or Grand Master, retains the rank and title, with the word "Past" prefixed — as Past Eminent Commander, Past Grand Commander, Past Grand Master.

(2.) *Of Prelate.*

See title "*Red Cross*—(2.) *High Priest.*"

XLIX. Trial.

(1.) *How Conducted.*

Trials in open Commandery—who presides.

1. Trials of Sir Knights shall be in open Commandery; and the Eminent Commander shall preside, and decide all questions of law and all questions upon the admissibility of evidence.

When otherwise.

2. When a trial takes place in the Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander shall preside; when in the Grand Encampment, the Grand Master shall preside.

See titles "*Appeal*—(3.) *How heard;*" "*Eminent Commander*—(2.) *Trial of.*"

L. Unaffiliated Knights.

(1.) *Cannot Vote.*

Non-affiliates.

Unaffiliated Knights cannot vote in person or as proxy, or hold office in any Commandery, Grand or Subordinate.

(2.) *Effect of Dimit.*

See titles "*Burial*—(2.) *Right of;*" "*Rank*—(2.) *Of Officers,* 4;" "*Dimit*—(2.) *Effect of.*"

(3.) *Cannot have Knightly Burial.*

See title "*Burial*—(2.) *Right of.*"

LI. Uniform.

(1.) *Of Knights Templar.*

Uniform prescribed in 1862.

1. The Uniform of a Knight Templar is that prescribed by the Grand Encampment in 1862.* No other uniform is allowed, and no authority other than the Grand Encampment can modify or alter it.

Exceptions.

2. *Provided*, however, that all members of Commanderies which now have what is known as the "black uniform," be permitted to wear it while members of said Commandery; but no other Commandery, nor the members thereof, shall be authorized or permitted to wear any other than the Regulation prescribed in 1862.

Ditto.

3. *Provided, further*, that any Commandery in a State where the black uniform is worn, may, by permission of its Grand Commandery, adopt and wear such black uniform.

Members appear in conclaves in uniform.

4. No officer or member can be present in the Grand Encampment, or in a Grand Commandery, unless in full Templar uniform, except by the vote of the body excusing him.

(2.) *Of Knights of the Red Cross.*

Of Red Cross.

The Templar baldric reversed, exhibiting the green side; Templar cap covered; sword, and white gloves; constitute the uniform of a Red Cross Knight. The Sovereign Master wears the royal robes and crown, and the High Priest his full robes, etc.

(3.) *Of Knights of Malta.*

Of Malta.

Same as Knights Templar.

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* See Proceedings of 1862, page 45; Constitution of 1871, page 75, and page 80 of this Code and Digest, 1874.

LII. Under Dispensation — Commandery.

See title "*Commanderies* — (3–9.) *Under Dispensation.*"

LIII. Vacancies — How filled.

See title "*Officers*—(2.) *Succession of.*"

LIV. Visiting Knights — Objection of a Member Excludes.

No visiting Knight can be admitted to an asylum if one only of the regular members present objects. The objection may be made openly or privately to the Eminent Commander, and in neither case can the objector be required to disclose his reasons for his objection.

Objection excludes visitors.

LV. Warrant or Charter — Must be Present.

The Warrant or Charter of a Commandery must always be present at the opening and throughout the conclave.

Warrant must be present at conclaves.

EDICT OF 1862.—TEMPLAR UNIFORM. [*]

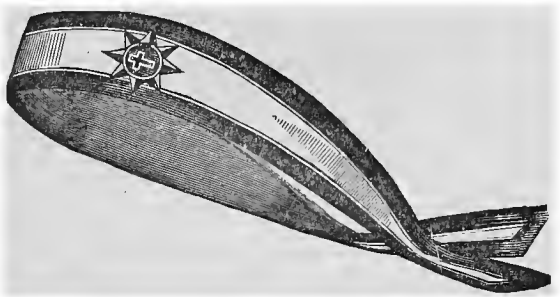
THE UNIFORM OF A KNIGHT TEMPLAR.

FULL DRESS.

Black Frock Coat, Black Pantaloons, Scarf, Sword, Belt, Shoulder Straps, Gauntlets, and Chapeau, with appropriate trimmings.

FATIGUE DRESS.

Same as Full Dress, except for Chapeau a black cloth Cap, Navy Form, with appropriate Cross in front, and for Gauntlets, white Gloves.

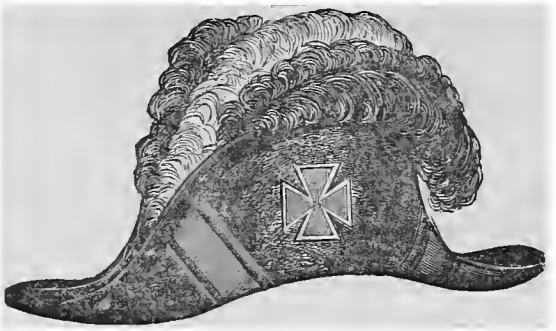


SCARF.

Five inches wide in the whole, of white, bordered with black one inch on either side, a strip of Navy Lace one-fourth of an inch wide at the inner edge of the black. On the front centre of the Scarf, a Metal Star of nine points, in allusion to the nine founders of the Temple Order, inclosing the Passion Cross, surrounded by the Latin motto, "*In hoc Signo Vinces;*" the Star to be

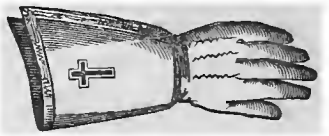
*See Proceedings 1862, pages 45–50.

three and three-quarter inches in diameter. The Scarf to be worn from the right shoulder to the left hip, with the ends extending six inches below the point of intersection.



CHAPEAU.

The military Chapeau, trimmed with black binding, one white and two black Plumes, and appropriate Cross on the left side.



GAUNTLETS.

Of buff leather, the flap to extend four inches upwards from the wrists, and to have the appropriate Cross embroidered in gold, on the proper colored velvet, two inches in length.

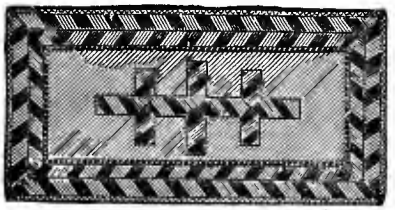
SWORD.

Thirty-four to forty inches, inclusive of Scabbard, Helmet Head, Cross Handle, and metal Scabbard.

BELT.

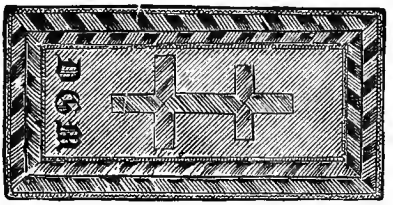
Red enameled or patent leather, two inches wide, fastened round the body with buckle or clasp.

SHOULDER STRAPS.



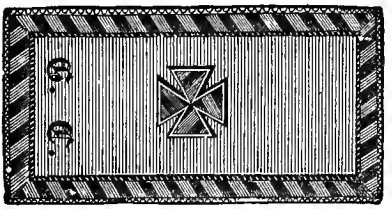
For Grand Master and Past Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment.

Royal Purple Silk Velvet, two inches wide, by four inches long (outside measurement), bordered with two rows of embroidery, of gold, three-eighths of an inch wide; the Cross of Salem embroidered, of gold, in the centre, lengthwise.



For all other Grand Officers of the Grand Encampment.

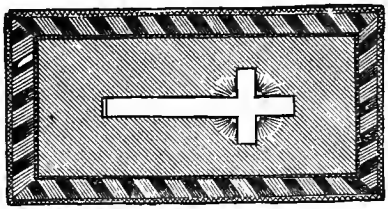
The same as the Grand Master, except for the Cross of Salem, the Patriarchal Cross, of gold, with the initials of the office respectively, embroidered, of silver (Old English Characters), at the foot of the Cross, narrowwise of the Strap.



For the Officers and Past Grand Officers of a Grand Commandery.

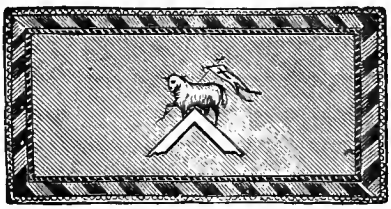
Bright Red Silk Velvet, two inches wide, by four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery, of

gold, quarter of an inch wide; the Templar's Cross, of gold, with the initials of the office, respectively, to be embroidered (Old English Characters), in silver, on the lower end of the Strap.



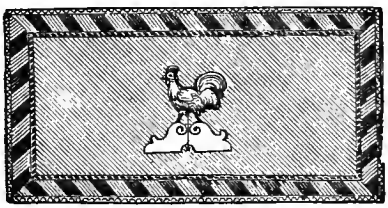
For the Commander and Past Commanders of a Subordinate Commandery.

Emerald Green Silk Velvet, one and a half inches wide, by four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery, of gold, quarter of an inch wide; the Passion Cross, with a halo, embroidered, of silver, in the centre.



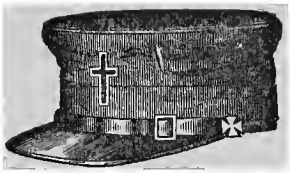
For the Generalissimo.

Same as the Commander, except for the Passion Cross the Square, surmounted with the paschal Lamb.



For the Captain General.

Same as the Commander, except for the Passion Cross the Level, surmounted with the Cock.



CAP.

Navy Form; black cloth, four to five inches high, narrow leather strap, fastened at the sides with small metal Templar's Cross, and with appropriate Cross in front.

DISTINCTIONS.

The Sir Knights will wear white metal, wherever metal appears. Commanders and Past Commanders, Grand and Past Grand Officers, gold.

CROSSES. (1)

Sir Knights, Commanders, and Past Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies will wear the PASSION CROSS; Grand and Past Grand Officers of State Commanderies, the TEMPLAR CROSS; Grand and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Encampment, the PATRIARCHAL CROSS; the Grand Master and Past Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment, the CROSS OF SALEM, which is the Patriarchal Cross, with an additional bar in the center.

The various Crosses, as designated, to be worn on the side of the Chapeau, and on the Scabbard of the Sword. Those on the Chapeau to be three inches in height; on the Sword, one inch.

HANGINGS FOR JEWELS.

The Hangings of Grand and Subordinate Commanderies may remain as at present.

GRAND STANDARD. (1)

Is of White Woolen or Silk stuff, six feet in height and five feet in width, made tripartite at the bottom,

(1) These Crosses and Standards are given in the Proceedings of 1859, page 76.

fastened at the top to the cross bar by nine rings; in the centre of the field, a blood red Passion Cross, over which is the motto, "*In hoc Signo Vinces*;" and under, "*Non Nobis Domine! non Nobis, sed Nomini tuo da Gloriam!*" The Cross to be four feet high, and the upright and bar to be seven inches wide. On the top of the staff, a gilded Globe or Ball, four inches in diameter, surmounted by the Patriarchal Cross, twelve inches in height. The Cross to be crimson, edged with gold.

BEAUSEANT.

Of Woolen or Silk stuff, same form and dimensions as the Grand Standard, and suspended in the same manner. The upper half of this standard is black, the lower half white.

PRELATE'S ROBES.

A full white linen or muslin Robe, open behind, reaching down within six inches of the feet, fastened around the neck below the cravat, which should be white, and having flowing sleeves reaching to the middle of the hand. A white woolen Cloak, lined with white, fastened around the neck, and extending down to the bottom of the Robe; on the left front, a red velvet Templar Cross, six inches in width. A blue silk Stole reaching down in front to within six inches of the bottom of the Robe, and having on it three Templar Crosses of Red Silk. Mitre of white merino bordered with gold, lined with green, having the red Templar Cross extending to the edges, and surmounted by a Passion Cross three inches high. The special badge of his office is a Crozier.

AMENDMENTS

TO THE CONSTITUTION OF A. D. 1856.

1874.

IX. (1.) Uniform of a Knight Templar.

Article First, Section V. Division 1, paragraph second of (1.)

That portion of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment which is in these words:

"And that the *Dress*, Work, and Discipline of Templar Masonry everywhere are uniform." Dress to be uniform.

Be and the same is hereby stricken out, and in lieu thereof the following is inserted:—

"And that the Work and Discipline of Templar Masonry are uniform throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment; and that the Dress is uniform, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Encampment." Work, etc., to be uniform. Dress to be uniform, *unless* otherwise ordered.

Adopted December 4, 1874.

Statute.—"Uniform."

(From the Code of Statutes and Digest of Templar Law, page 28.)

(1.) *Of Knights Templar.*

1. The Uniform of a Knight Templar is that prescribed by the Grand Encampment in 1862. [See Edict of 1862, page 75, Edition of the Constitution of 1871; and page 30 of the Code of Statutes and Digest of Templar Law, 1874.] Uniform of 1862.

No other uniform is allowed, and no authority other than the Grand Encampment can modify or alter it. And no other.

2. *Provided*, however, that all members of Commanderies which now have what is known as the "black uniform," be permitted to wear it while members of said Commanderies, but no other Commandery, nor the members thereof, shall be authorized or permitted hereafter to wear any other than the Regulation prescribed in 1862.

First Exception.

3. *Provided*, further, that any Commandery in the state where the "black uniform" is worn, may, by permission of its Grand Commandery, adopt and wear such black uniform.

Second Exception.

4. No officer or member can be present in the Grand Encampment, or Grand Commandery unless in *full* Templar uniform, except by the vote of the Body excusing him.

Members to appear in full uniform in all Conclaves.

(2.) *Of Knights of the Red Cross.*

The Templar baldric reversed, exhibiting the green side; Templar cap covered; sword, and white gloves; constitute the uniform of a Red Cross Knight. The Sovereign Master wears the royal robes and crown, and the High Priest his full robes, etc.

Uniform of Red Cross.

Adopted December 4, 1874.

X. (2.) Past Commanders may become members of another Grand Commandery.

Article Second, Section I. (3.) XXI.

Add to the clause the following:—

"*Provided*, however, that when a Past Commander changes his membership to a Subordinate of a different Grand Commandery, such Grand Commandery may elect him to membership therein, to continue as long as he is a member of a Subordinate Commandery under its jurisdiction."

Past E. C. may be elected to membership in another Grand Commandery.

Adopted December 4, 1874.

XI. (3.) APPEALS—WHEN ALLOWED.

Article Second, Section IV. (15.)
Add thereto the following:—

"Excepting on questions arising as to the construction of Edicts, and Resolutions of the Grand Commandery." Appeals, when allowed.

Adopted December 4, 1874.

XII. (4.) AMENDMENTS.

Article Fourth, Section III. (1.)
Strike out the proviso or amendment of 1859 following the word "Constitution" in the fourth line, and insert the following:—

"*Provided*, however, that any member intending to submit a motion relative to a change of the Constitution, Code of Statutes, or Rituals, shall give notice thereof in writing to the Grand Recorder, at least four months before the day on which the Grand Conclave shall be held at which such subject is to be discussed, and notice thereof shall be inserted in the Summons, otherwise no such motion shall be entertained." Notice shall be given to Gr. Recorder four months, etc. Notice inserted in Summons.

Adopted December 4, 1874.

XIII. (5.) PRINTING THE PROCEEDINGS.

Article Fourth, Section IV. Rule 4.
Add to the list of "Standing Committees:"—

"8. A Committee on Printing, consisting of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Recorder, who shall determine, in the absence of a vote of the Grand Encampment, what portion of the Proceedings shall be printed, and the style in which it shall be done." Committee to direct quantity and quality of Printing.

Adopted December 4, 1874.

XIV. (6.) TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE.

Article Fourth, Section IV. Rule 4.—"6."
Strike out "*Masonic*," and insert:— Templar jurisprudence.

"Templar."

Adopted December 4, 1874.



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