

STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

Grand Commandery  
Knights Templar

OF NEBRASKA

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# Statutes and Regulations of Knights Templar of Nebraska

## PREFACE TO 2017 EDITION

### **To All Knights Templar Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska:**

At the One Hundred Forty-Sixth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar (G.C.K.T.) of Nebraska held on April 8, 2017, Sir Knight Edward W. Nolte, the 144<sup>th</sup> R.:E.:G.:C.:., presented a 53-year update of the 1964 Statutes and Regulations of the G.C.K.T. of Nebraska and a 52-year update of the 1961 Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment (G.E.) of Knights Templar of the U.S.A, specifying G.E. requirements, de-conflicting G.C.K.T. and G.E. requirements, and correcting administrative issues.

Because Grand Encampment Law is applicable to and controls much of the business and affairs of Grand and Constituent Commanderies, the index incorporates key words and references to both Grand Encampment and Grand Commandery Law dealing with questions likely to arise. It is not complete, and if unable to find a desired reference, consult the index to Grand Encampment Law. Care has been taken to make Grand Commandery Law comply with Grand Encampment Law. If, however, error has been made, Grand Encampment Law prevails.

The updated Statutes and Regulations were received and submitted to the Codification of the Law Committee to be edited and presented to the Constituent Commanderies for their consideration so that it may be brought to the floor for a vote at the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave held April 8, 2017 at Kearney, Nebraska.

Attest:

*Dennis A. Newman*

Grand Recorder

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## STATUTES AND REGULATIONS GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF NEBRASKA

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The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska, does hereby ordain, establish, and promulgate the following laws for its future government, and prescribes the following Statutes and Regulations, in concurrence and coordination with the Grand Encampment Constitution and Statutes for the government of the Commanderies under its jurisdiction, repealing all former laws.

### **PART I: GRAND COMMANDERY ORGANIZATION NAME**

**Sec. 1.** This Grand Commandery shall be forever known as the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska.

### **MEMBERS**

**Sec. 2.** This Grand Commandery shall consist of:

(a) The Grand Commandery Officers are the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Prelate, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Warder, Grand Sentinel, and Grand Tactics Supervisor. The first four, with the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Recorder, shall be elected by ballot at each annual conclave from the members who are at the time eligible to seats therein. The Grand Tactics Supervisor shall be appointed for a three-year term beginning in 2016. All other Officers shall be appointed by the Grand Commander for a one-year term.

(b) All Past Grand Commanders, Past Deputy Grand Commanders, Past Grand Generalissimos, and Past Grand Captains General of this Grand Commandery, so long as they remain members of a Chartered Commandery within this Grand Jurisdiction.

(c) The Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, and Recorder, or their proxies, of each Chartered Commandery in this Grand Jurisdiction.

(d) All Past Commanders of the Chartered Commanderies and such Past Commanders as may have been admitted from other Jurisdictions and have been elected to membership in a Commandery in Nebraska, so long as they remain members thereof.

(e) Nominations for office in the Grand Commandery and in the Chartered Commanderies are prohibited.

(f) A Grand Commander is discouraged, but not prohibited, from appointing a Grand Senior Warden or a Grand Junior Warden who is a member of his own Constituent Commandery.

(g) No Sir Knight shall be eligible to the office of Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, or Grand Captain General who has not been regularly elected, installed, and presided over a Commandery for a full term. The advancing line for this Grand Commandery shall commence with the Grand Junior Warden.

### **GRAND COMMANDER DUTIES**

**Sec. 3.** In addition to the powers conferred by the Grand Encampment (G.E. 48), the Grand Commander may, during the interval between the Annual Conclaves of the Grand Commandery, exercise all its executive powers excepting the granting of charters. The Grand Commander may, however, issue certificates of Charter as provided for in Section 27 herein. By virtue of this, authority is given him:

(a) To grant dispensations for holding elections for an Officer or Officers at times other than the regular period.

(b) To require the attendance of and information from any Grand Officer respecting matters appertaining to his office.

(c) To appoint representatives near other recognized Grand Commanderies and to receive and accredit the representatives from them.

(d) To present at each Annual Conclave a written address, setting forth therein all his official acts during the year, giving the general condition of the Order within the Jurisdiction and recommending such legislation, as he may deem expedient.

(e) To constitute all Chartered Commanderies, either in person or by a duly authorized representative.

(f) He shall be invested with such power and shall discharge such duties as may be required by the ritual, the Statutes and Regulations of the G.C.K.T. of NE and the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the U.S.A.

(g) The Past Grand Commander's Jewel is considered to be the property of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska and shall be returned to the Grand Recorder's Office of the Grand Commandery upon the death of the recipient.

**DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER DUTIES**

**Sec. 4.** The Deputy Grand Commander, in the event of the absence of the Grand Commander or his inability to perform the duties of his office, shall act as Grand Commander. In the event of the death, permanent removal from the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery precluding the performance of the duties of his office, or the permanent disability of the Grand Commander, the Deputy Grand Commander shall succeed to the office and be regularly installed. At all other times, he shall perform such duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Commandery or the Grand Commander. (G.E. 49).

**ADVANCING LINE OFFICERS' SUCCESSION**

**Sec. 5.** In case of the temporary absence or disability of their respective superiors, the Grand Generalissimo and the Grand Captain General shall perform the duties of their respective superiors. In case of the advancement, death, permanent removal from the Jurisdiction precluding the performance of the duties of office, or the permanent disability of their respective superiors, the Grand Generalissimo and the Grand Captain General shall severally succeed to the office of such superiors and be installed therein. These advancements are automatic. Advancement of the Grand Senior Warden and Grand Junior Warden are not automatic. (G.E. 50).

**GRAND TREASURER DUTIES**

**Sec. 6.** In addition to the duties prescribed by the Grand Encampment (G.E. 51), it shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to take charge of all funds belonging to the Grand Commandery and to receive all moneys from the Grand Recorder, giving his receipt therefor. He shall pay all orders drawn on him when signed by the Grand Recorder, and shall, at each annual conclave, render an account of his receipts and disbursements.

He shall annually give bond in such amount and with such security as the Grand Commandery may determine.

He shall deliver to his successor, immediately after installation, all money, property, and books in his possession belonging to the Grand Commandery.

**GRAND RECORDER DUTIES**

**Sec. 7.** In addition to the duties prescribed by the Grand Encampment (G.E. 52), the Grand Recorder shall issue a notice to each Officer, to each Past Grand Commander, and to each Chartered Commandery in this Jurisdiction, of each regular and special conclave. In the notice of a special conclave, he shall include a statement of the business to be brought before the Grand Commandery; and shall issue a summons when directed by the Grand Commander. In addition thereto:

(a) He shall keep a correct record of the transactions of the Grand Commandery and shall cause the same to be printed under the direction of the Grand Commander.

(b) He shall collect and receive all the revenue of the Grand Commandery and immediately pay it over to the Grand Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor.

(c) He shall annually give bond in such amount and with such security as the Grand Commandery may determine.

(d) He shall receive and examine the returns of Chartered Commanderies and make settlement with them.

(e) He shall, at each annual conclave, make a full report of his accounts, and also of the failure of any Commandery to make returns or pay its fees and dues.

(f) He shall publish in the printed proceedings the financial statement of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder and shall perform all other duties pertaining to his office as may be required of him by the Grand Commandery.

(g) He shall furnish to each Commandery under dispensation, without charge, twenty-five petitions for the Orders and one book of orders on the treasurer.

(h) He shall send our Annual Proceedings only to such Past Commanders as ask for them.

(i) He shall not send our Annual Proceedings to any individual who is not now regularly supplied with them, unless the request for the proceedings comes from the Grand Recorder of the Jurisdiction in which the party asking for them resides or holds his membership.

(j) He shall receive as compensation for his services such honorarium as the Grand Commandery shall authorize.

**PART II: GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE/BUSINESS**

**ANNUAL CONCLAVE REQUIREMENT**

**Sec. 8.** The Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery shall be held on and Saturday in April of each year, providing that said day is not immediately preceding Easter Sunday. If that is the case, then it shall be held on the earliest date possible in April at the time and place designated by the Grand Commander-Elect, in conjunction with the Grand Illustrious Master-Elect and the Grand High Priest-Elect with the approval of the voting delegates. The Grand Commandery meeting date will in all cases be designated as Saturday of the April week approved by the voting delegates of the Annual Conclave of the Grand York Rite Bodies. This date shall not conflict with the Annual Conclave of any other Grand Commandery in the North Central Department. (G.E. 29 1/2)

The Grand Commandery shall not be opened, nor shall any business be transacted therein, unless there be present representatives from at least three of the Constituent Commanderies, totaling at least nine members, but a smaller number may meet and adjourn from day to day until a constitutional number shall attend.

The failure of a Chartered Commandery in this Jurisdiction to be represented at two successive conclaves of the Grand Commandery shall be sufficient grounds for the forfeiture of its charter.

**OFFICIAL REPORTS**

**Sec. 9.** At every Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, the official reports of its Officers and of the Commanderies under its jurisdiction shall be received and considered, and any other business shall be transacted as the welfare of the Order may demand.

**REPRESENTATIVES**

**Sec. 10.** The Grand Commander shall appoint representatives near other recognized Grand Commanderies, and each representative shall be issued an appropriate certificate. The Grand Commander shall receive and accredit such representatives from them. Such appointment shall continue and remain in force until another appointment is made, the Commission is revoked, the Sir Knight ceases to be a member in good standing of a Commandery in the Jurisdiction to which he is accredited, or the Sir Knight is removed from the Jurisdiction. No one shall be recommended for appointment as representative who represents another Grand Commander. Representatives shall be entitled to seats and to participate in the deliberation of the Grand Body, but not to vote therein. Any representative not present at one of three (3) successive Annual Conclaves of the Grand Commandery shall show cause why he should not forfeit his status as Grand Representative.

**MOTIONS**

**Sec. 11.** No motion except to adjourn or take a recess shall be considered by or report be presented to this Grand Commandery, unless the same be first reduced to writing.

**VOTING**

**Sec. 12.** All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes.

An Officer pro tempore of this Grand Commandery is not entitled to vote by virtue of such appointment.

On all questions before the Grand Commandery, each Chartered Commandery shall be entitled to four votes to be cast by the Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, and Recorder or their proxies present, provided that in the absence of one of the representatives or his proxy, the ranking Officer present shall be entitled to cast his vote.

**PROXIES**

**Sec. 13.** No proxy shall be accepted by this Grand Commandery except from the Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, or Recorder of a Chartered Commandery and then only when given to a member of the same Commandery as the principal.

**APPEAL**

**Sec. 14.** No appeal shall lie to the Grand Commandery from the decision of the Grand Commander except on questions arising as to the construction of the rules and edicts of the Grand Commandery.

**TYPE AND LIST OF COMMITTEES**

**Sec. 15.** The Committees of this Grand Commandery shall be of four classes, namely, Standing Committees, Regular Committees, Special Committees and Elective Committees.

(a) The Standing Committees shall be the following: Deceased Templars, Jurisprudence, Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Membership, Patriotic Activities, Religious Observance, Review of Templar Proceedings, Tactics, Triennial, and York Rite Cooperation. Except as otherwise provided herein, all Standing Committees shall consist of not less than three nor more than five members and shall be appointed by the Grand Commander within ten days after his installation.

(b) The Regular Committees shall be the following: Charters and Dispensations, Credentials, Codification of the Law, Distinguished Guests, Doings of Grand Officers, and Resolutions. The Regular Committees shall consist of not less than three

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nor more than five members and shall be appointed by the Grand Commander at least sixty days prior to the Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery.

(c) The Special Committees may be appointed at the will and pleasure of the Grand Commander or at the direction of the Grand Commandery.

(d) The Elective Committees shall be the Budget and Finance Committee and the Prepaid Life Membership, and members thereof shall be elected under the rules as set forth under the Prepaid Life Membership Program.

(e) The Chairman of each committee shall make a report of the doings of his committee at each Annual Conclave.

### DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

**Sec. 16.** A Grand Commandery may provide for the appointment of such Committees as may be necessary for the transaction of its business or for the good of the Order, and may prescribe their duties. (G.E.130): The Grand Commander has sole authority to appoint all Grand Commandery committees and all offices not made elective. An amendment to provide that particular persons or the holder of a particular office shall serve on a committee is in violation of G.E. law. The duties of the various Committees are as follows:

(a) The **Committee on Budget and Finance** of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska shall consist of three members. Initially, one each of said members shall be elected to three-year terms, so that each year the Grand Commandery shall elect or re-elect one member to serve simultaneously on similar committees of the Grand Chapter and/or Grand Council. The Budget and Finance Committee of the Grand Commandery shall cooperate with similar committees of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska and the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in Nebraska to the end that all disbursements for payment of activities and services involving two or three of said grand Bodies shall be equitably apportioned among them. It shall also examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder, ascertain the just balance due thereon, and report the amount to the Grand Commandery. It shall take into consideration the condition of the funds of the Grand Commandery, and all propositions and resolutions affecting its revenue shall be referred to it; it shall report thereon, and may recommend any measures, which, in its opinion, will operate for the financial benefit of the Grand Commandery. It shall recommend such appropriations as may be necessary for the expenses of the Grand Commandery, and additional ones as may be required from time to time. It shall further administer the Grand York Rite Endowment Fund, initially established as the \$100,00.00 Club, shall invest said fund's monies to the financial advantage of the Grand York Rite, and shall decide appropriate fund disbursements in accordance with the rules of this fund published in the 1995 Grand Commandery proceedings.

(b) The **Committee on Charters and Dispensations** shall examine all dispensations issued by the Grand Commander for new Commanderies, and all work, records and by-laws presented by Commanderies under dispensation and shall make suitable recommendations thereon.

(c) The **Committee on Codification of the Law** shall recommend specific language to effect changes in these statutes and regulations adopted by the Grand Commandery.

(d) The **Committee on Credentials** shall examine the credentials of members and representatives and shall report the Commanderies that are represented, the names of members, representatives, and others present.

(e) The **Committee on Deceased Templars** shall prepare and present to the Grand Commandery suitable memorials of the dead of this and other Jurisdictions. All announcements of deaths received from other Grand Commanderies shall be at once referred to this committee.

(f) The **Committee on Distinguished Guests** shall welcome and accommodate all distinguished visitors to the Annual Conclaves of this Grand Commandery and see that they are properly introduced.

(g) The **Committee on Doings of Grand Officers** shall recommend the distribution to appropriate committees of the address of the Grand Commander and the reports of other Grand Officers.

(h) The **Committee on Jurisprudence** shall consist of five Sir Knights appointed by the Grand Commander. To this committee shall be referred all questions of Templar Law, all grievances, and all matters referred to it by the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers. The Committee shall consider and recommend to the Grand Commandery for final disposition all matters affecting the welfare of the Grand Commandery and the Commanderies within this Jurisdiction, excepting such matters as properly belong to other committees.

(i) The **Committee on Knights Templar Education Foundation** shall consist of the President of the Foundation as Chairman and the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Foundation. It shall have general supervision of the work of the Foundation as set forth in the law creating the Foundation. The Knights Templar Education Foundation shall consist of six members appointed for three-year terms. The Terms of two members shall expire each year and two qualified Sir Knights shall be appointed or re-appointed by the incoming Grand Commander, as aforesaid, to fill the vacancies created by said expiration of



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terms, and in addition, he shall make such interim appointments as shall be necessary to fill any vacancies created by death, disability, resignation or other.

(j) The **Committee on Knights Templar Eye Foundation** shall publicize and promote the work of the Foundation in the Chartered Commanderies and communities in this Jurisdiction.

(k) The **Committee on Membership** shall assist the Chartered Commanderies in the maintenance and recruitment of members as recommended by the Membership Committee of the Grand Encampment.

(l) The **Committee on Patriotic Activities** shall assist the Chartered Commanderies in developing programs to foster and supervise patriotic and good citizenship activities as recommended by the Patriotic Activities Committee of the Grand Encampment.

(m) The **Committee on Prepaid Life Membership** shall be elective at each Grand Commandery Conclave, committee to consist of three, and each Sir Knight to serve a three-year (3) term, and each year one elected to the committee as one expires, for a period of three years.

(n) The **Committee on Publicity** shall consist of three members appointed by the Grand Commander to assist Chartered Commanderies with being more relevant in their communities through publications in newspapers, radio, and the Knight Templar Magazine. They shall also assist the Knight Templar Magazine Editor with obtaining articles for the magazine.

(o) The **Committee on Religious Observance** shall encourage and assist the Chartered Commanderies in the observance of Christmas and Good Friday, Easter, or Ascension Day. With regard to the observance of Easter, the Committee Chair shall cause the timely distribution of information concerning the Mid-America Easter Sunrise Service and encourage, through appropriate means, the attendance of Knights at said Mid-America Easter Sunrise Service.

(p) The **Committee on Resolutions** shall prepare and submit appropriate resolutions for action of the Grand Commandery at each Annual Conclave including resolutions of appreciation to the host Commandery and persons and organizations of the host city, resolutions extending honorary membership to distinguished guests and such other resolutions as the Committee may deem desirable.

(q) The **Committee on Review of Templar Proceedings** shall prepare a review of the proceedings of other Grand Commanderies and present it for publication with the proceedings.

(r) The **Committee on Tactics** shall consist of seven Sir Knights of the rank of Commander or Past Commander. The Chairman of the Committee shall be appointed for the term of three years beginning with the year 1964. It shall be his duty to be the advisor to the Committee and the supervisor thereof. He shall keep all necessary records and award all certificates of proficiency. The other members of the Committee shall be appointed for staggered terms of three years each so that the terms of two members shall expire each year. The duties of the Committee shall be to instruct the Officers and Sir Knights in the Ritual and in the Manual of Asylum ceremonies, to inspect and grade the Commanderies for proficiency and the issuance of certificates, and such other duties as may be assigned by the Grand Commander or Chairman of the Tactics Committee. (G.E. 130)

(s) The **Committee on Triennial** shall consist of three Past Grand Commanders—preferably those who have had Triennial experience—and shall be appointed by the Grand Commander who is installed in April following each Triennial Conclave, with full power to make all necessary arrangements for attending the next Triennial Conclave. The Committee shall, between Annual Conclaves of Grand Commandery, when occasion requires, report to and consult with the Grand Commander and shall at each Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery, make full report of its acts and doings with such suggestions and recommendations as in its judgment may seem necessary. Expenditures shall be limited to such amount as may be appropriated by Grand Commandery for Triennial purposes.

(t) The **Committee on York Rite Cooperation** shall represent the Grand Commandery in all meetings with similar representatives from other York Rite bodies, shall report progress made and make recommendations to the Grand Commandery to further the program of the unification of the York Rite.

### PREPAID LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

**Sec. 17.** The Prepaid Life Membership Program of the Grand York Rite of Nebraska shall be administered by the Prepaid Life Membership Committee.

(a) The Prepaid Life Membership Committee shall consist of nine (9) members as follows: The first year three members shall be elected by each of the three (3) Grand York Bodies to serve as follows: One member from each body to serve one (1) year, one member to serve two (2) years, and one member to serve three (3) years.

(b) Each year, each Grand Body shall elect or re-elect one member to serve on the Prepaid Life Membership Committee for a term of three (3) years.

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(c) The cost of a Prepaid Life Membership shall be twenty (20) times the yearly dues of the member's Constituent Commandery plus one (1) year of current dues, or a minimum fee of \$500.00 plus one (1) year of current dues, whichever is greater.

(d) This will eliminate paying annual dues to Chapter, Council, and Commandery, ensure against an increase in dues, and freeze annual per capita at the time of joining the program.

(e) This will provide your Chapter, Council, and Commandery with a permanent Memorial in your name and provide an income to your Chapter, Council and Commandery after your death.

(f) Memorial Prepaid Life Memberships may be purchased for a deceased member for any amount, but not less than One Hundred dollars (\$100.00) per Body. (Chapter, Council and Commandery)

(g) Any member, who is in good standing in any participating Constituent Body within this Jurisdiction, may become a participant in The Fund and receive a "Prepaid Life Membership Certificate" by paying into The Fund an amount which shall be determined by formula times annual dues according to the table referred to in paragraph 3 hereof.

(h) (Any Sir Knight who does not have a "Life Membership" in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation may not participate in the Commandery portion of the Fund) FOR COMMANDERY ONLY.

(i) The administration of The Fund shall be vested in the Prepaid Life Membership Committee, and under the jurisdiction of the Grand High Priest, the Grand Master of Cryptic Masons, and the Grand Commander. No Constituent Body shall exercise any control over the funds generated by the sales of Prepaid Life Memberships.

(j) The Prepaid Life Membership Committee shall be responsible for keeping the records of each individual participating member, the investment of funds, and the remittance to each participating Constituent Body, the pro-rata amount of income. The committee shall present a report at each annual meeting of the Grand Bodies, said report shall disclose the number of participants, the amount of invested funds, and the distribution of total income to each participating Constituent Body.

(k) On or before March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, income from investments shall be returned to the participating Constituent Bodies according to their percent of the total investment in the Fund, except an amount not to exceed five percent (5%) of the income may be retained by the committee for administration.

(l) The Prepaid Life Membership Program shall be administered in accordance with the LAWS AND REGULATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND GOVERNMENT OF THE PREPAID LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM OF THE GRAND YORK RITE OF NEBRASKA, which has been promulgated by the Prepaid Life Membership Committee and which was adopted by the Grand York Rite Bodies at its 1981 Session. The Prepaid Life Membership Committee may promulgate amendments and additions to said Laws and Regulations, which shall be voted on at the Grand York Rite Session next following their promulgation, and if passed by the Grand Council, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery, shall take effect immediately.

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

**Sec. 18.** No Officers, except temporary appointments, shall officiate in the station to which he is elected or appointed until he has been installed. The Officers of a Grand Commandery may be installed by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Generalissimo, or Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment, by a Grand Commander or Past Grand Commander, or in their absence by a Past Commander. (G.E. 141).

### PROCEEDINGS

**Sec. 19.** Nothing, except the list of the Officers of Chartered Commanderies, is to be printed with the proceedings of the Grand Commandery that is not in the hands of the Grand Recorder at the close of the Annual Conclave.

### BLANKS AND BLANK BOOKS

**Sec. 20.** The Grand Recorder shall keep in stock for sale to Commanderies at cost such blank books, blank forms, and other supplies as are generally used in this Jurisdiction. Supplies shall be furnished only upon an order from the Recorder of the Commandery and shall be paid for only at the time when remitting for the fees and dues for the Templar year.

### AMENDMENT TO THESE STATUTES

**Sec. 21.** No statute or regulation shall be altered or done away with or new one adopted until the proposed amendment be reduced to writing and seconded by five members. It shall then be entered upon the record and lie over until the next annual conclave of the Grand Commandery when, if approved by a majority of the members present, the same shall be adopted. Provided, that by unanimous consent any proposition to amend may be acted upon at any regular conclave at which it is introduced.

Provided further, that any proposed amendment made necessary or desirable because of any action taken or legislation adopted at a Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America held not more than one year prior to the Annual Conclave at which such amendment is presented may be acted upon at said Conclave and need not lie over.

## STANDING RESOLUTION

**Sec. 22.** Be it resolved that commencing with appointments made at the Ninety-ninth Annual Conclave and at all Annual Conclaves subsequent thereto, that all Grand Commandery Officers listed in the Law of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska below office of Grand Junior Warden, shall not be considered as being in the advancing line of the Grand Commandery.

## PART III: GRAND COMMANDERY OPERATIONS

### ARMS

**Sec. 23.** Arms of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska: On a cross buttonee fitchee qu., the words “Lex, Lux, Rex, and Dux,” the “x” being common to all; the motto (vert.), “Dominus in Omnibus.”

### STANDARD DRESS AND SUMMER UNIFORMS

**Sec. 24.** The standard uniform of this Jurisdiction is as described in Manual of Asylum Ceremonies Knights Templar of Nebraska and is called the Class A or Dress Uniform. Each particular uniform item is described in paragraph (a) through (o). In addition, there is a Summer Uniform, which is described in paragraphs (p) 1 through (p) 10:

**(a) Dress Coat:** Regulation full-dress uniform coat shall be a midnight blue or black, three buttoned, double-breasted, sack coat, to close with two buttons, shall be form-fitting with square-cut peak lapel collar, with lower set-in pockets with flap, on each side and upper set-in pocket without flap, over the left breast, and shall be three buttons on each sleeve, and all buttons shall be black; material be serge, worsted, or other comparable material of 8 to 10 ounces in weight.

**(b) Trousers:** Trousers shall be of the same color and material with plain bottoms.

**(c) Insignia:** The word “Nebraska” in gothic gold-colored, metal letters, 1/3 inch in height, mounted on clasp pin, shall be worn on the upper part of the top pocket on the left breast. Either enameled metal crosses, one inch in height with cross arm in proportion, mounted on pin clasp, or, one and one-half (1 ½ inch) Mylar crosses, (but not a combination of the two types), shall be worn on lower part of the collar of the coat, on each side and crosses of the same type shall be worn on the outer side of each sleeve.

For members of Constituent Commanderies, the cross will be a silver metal passion cross, superimposed with French hard red enamel.

For Commanders and Past Commanders, same as above, except cross to be gilt or gold in place of silver and cross to have rays.

For Grand Commandery Officers, same as above, substituting red Templar cross for passion cross, set with red stone in intersection.

For Past Grand Commanders, same as the Grand Commandery Officers, except use purple cross and purple stone inset.

**(d) CHAPEAU:** Military, curved bottom, two black and one white ostrich plumes, white plume uppermost, black velvet rosette and silk ribbon, with red silk velvet silver passion cross, 2 ¼ x 3 inches without rays on left side; black velvet rosette and silk ribbon, with the number of the Commandery in silver figure(s) one inch high, on right side; ornamented with side slashings of black silk and silver braid, the same pattern as belt; half round silver tassel in front.

For Commanders and Past Commanders, same, except gold trimmings and rays on cross.

For Grand Commandery Officers, substitute red Templar Cross for passion cross and with gold trimmings. (1973)

For Past Grand Commanders, same as Grand Commandery Officers, except for purple Templar cross and gold-on-purple side slashings, as on belt.

**(e) CAP:** The full-dress cap shall be a bell crown cap of the same color and material as the coat, with black patent leather visor, of the same specifications, style, and measurements as the regular garrison cap now worn by Commissioned Officers of the United States Army. On the front of the cap shall be worn a cross of the same design and color as that worn on the sleeves of the coat except it shall be two inches in height, with a band one-half inch in width across the front.

For Sir Knights, silver band one-half inch in width.

For Commanders, Past Commanders and Grand Commandery Officers, a gold band one-half inch in width.

For Past Grand Commanders, the same as Grand Commandery Officers, except that braid band shall be purple instead of black.

For Asylum Tactics, the Commander may designate the wearing of the chapeau of the type heretofore prescribed, instead of the cap as part of the full-dress uniform.

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(f) **SHOES:** Black.

(g) **SOX:** Black.

(h) **SHIRT:** White with collar attached.

(i) **NECKTIE:** Black four-in-hand necktie.

(j) **SHOULDER STRAPS:** Shoulder straps, as provided by the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Encampment, shall be worn by all Officers of the Constituent Commanderies and of the Grand Commandery.

(k) **JEWELS:** Jewels and insignia of Grand and Constituent Commandery Officers shall be worn on the left breast of the coat, one inch below the word "Nebraska." The jewel of the Grand Commander shall be suspended from red-tasseled cordons worn about the neck. Jewels of Past Grand Commanders shall be suspended from purple-tasseled cordons worn about the neck. (G.E. 306 and 309)

(l) **SWORD:** Straight-across hilt, with enameled triangle at each end, without chain, black plain handle with metal cross-sunk in center, name on blade, scabbard, with few trimmings.

For Commanders and Past Commanders, the same, except gold, ivory grip with monogram.

(m) **BELT:** Black-enameled leather, one and three-fourths inches wide, mounted with a lace woven of silver wire and black silk, one and five-eighths inches wide, with colors in parallel stripes, four of silver and three of black, the black stripes to be of equal width, and the silver stripes to be five thirty-seconds of an inch wide. The belt to be fastened with a silver-plated clasp ornamented with the full-size coat of arms of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska.

The clasp on the standard belt shall be the coat of arms of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska without the green streamer containing the words "DOMINUS in OMNIBUS" and without the gold color on the shield. In other words, the shield with the cross enameled in red and the regular lettering is all that is to be on the clasp of the belt.

A belt sling worn from the regular trousers belt through a slit on the left side of the coat to carry the sword may be used as an option as provided by the Grand Encampment Statutes.

For Commanders, Past Commanders, and Grand Commandery Officers, the same as above except that all mountings shall be gold plated and of gold wire instead of silver.

For Past Grand Commanders, same as Grand Commandery Officers except for gold wire on purple stripes.

(n) **GLOVES:** Regulation buff, lisle thread, long wristed.

(o) **FOR ASYLUM TACTICS AND DRILL TEAMS:** The full dress uniform will include sword and belt as above mentioned.

(p) **SUMMER UNIFORM:** The Summer Uniform is a "fatigue" uniform and may not be substituted for a Class A/Dress Uniform. It may not be used in the conferral of the Order of the Temple. It may be used in Stated Conclaves or in parades from April 1 until October 31.

(1) **Trousers:** Plain black as prescribed in Dress Uniform.

(2) **Shirt:** White, short-sleeve, of military style with shoulder epaulets and two flap pockets, one on each breast.

(3) **Tie:** Black, optional at the discretion of the Senior Officer present.

(4) **Sword Belt and Sword:** As prescribed in Dress Uniform, no slings to be used.

(5) **Shoes:** As prescribed in Dress Uniform.

(6) **Name Badge:** Metal, gold color, ½ wide by 2 1/2 inch long, with the full name of the wearer in black letters to be worn centered over the wearer's right pocket.

(7) **Malta Jewel:** A Malta Pin of current design, available from the Grand Encampment Office, shall be worn centered over the wearer's left pocket.

(8) **Shoulder Insignia:** For Grand Commandery Officers, a red Templar Cross surrounded by a gold line, one-inch square, to be worn in the center of each epaulet. For Past Grand Commanders, the same except purple. For Past Commanders, Commanders, Generalissimos, and Captain Generals, a metal bar ¾ inch by 1 ½ inch of green color or red color surrounded by a gold or silver line, as appropriate to the office with appropriate emblems of their rank as currently prescribed to be worn centered on each epaulet. Essentially these are miniatures of currently prescribed shoulder straps in metal, and of similar configuration.

**(9) Collar Insignia (optional):** For Grand or Past Grand Officers, shall be ½ inch gold cut-out letters of State Abbreviation (NE) (no periods) to be worn on the wearer's left collar, and ½ inch gold cutout letters KT on the right collar. For Commanders or Past Commanders, ½ inch gold cut-out State Abbreviation (NE) (no periods) to be worn on the wearer's left collar, and ½ inch cutout gold Commandery number on the wearer's right collar. Sir Knights below the rank of Commander are the same as for Commanders and Past Commanders, except the color shall be silver. These insignia to be worn centered on the collar and parallel with the top edge and set back ¾ inch from the leading edge of the collar.

**(10) Cap: For Past Grand Commanders:** Military-style Naval Garrison Cap with white top, black band, and black visor with one row of gold oak leaves and acorns, metal purple Templar Cross, 2¼ inch square, fixed to the front of the back band and a gold chin strap attached with gold buttons. **For Grand Commander:** Same as above except red Templar Cross. **For Grand Commandery Officers:** Same as above except plain black visor. **For Commanders and Past Commanders:** Same as above except with a 1 3/8 inch by 2 inch red metal Passion Cross trimmed in gold with rays. **For all other Sir Knights:** Same as above except using a red metal Passion Cross trimmed in silver and silver chin strap attached with silver buttons.

**(q) UNIFORMS HERETOFORE PRESCRIBED:** Full-dress and fatigue uniforms of the types heretofore prescribed owned by members and Officers of Constituent Commanderies and by Officers of the Grand Commandery shall continue to be proper and official uniforms so long as such members and Officers remain under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, but all new uniforms shall meet the specifications set out.

**(r) OFFICERS MUST HAVE UNIFORMS:** The purchase of a uniform by any recipient of the Orders of Knight Templar shall be at the option of such Sir Knight, but any Sir Knight who is an Officer in the line of any Constituent Commandery or in the line of the Grand Commandery shall be required to possess a uniform complying with the provisions of this section.

#### **CAP AND MANTLE**

**Sec. 25.** In lieu of the regulation Templar uniform, a Constituent Commandery may adopt the use of the Cap and Mantle, as described in the Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, Section 258, as their official uniform. These can be worn for all Templar occasions, provided that when appearing in public, the entire Commandery MUST be dressed in like manner – either all in Uniform or all in Cap and Mantle.

#### **MANUAL OF CEREMONIES**

**Sec. 26.** The Grand Commandery adopts the Manual of Asylum Ceremonies, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska and orders it to be used by Commanderies in this Jurisdiction.

**CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES**

**PART IV: COMMANDERY ORGANIZATION**

**FORMATION OF COMMANDERIES**

**Sec. 27.** The Grand Commander shall have the power during the recess of the Grand Commandery to grant letters of dispensation under his hand and seal to a competent number of Knights Templar (not less than fifteen) residing within the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery possessing constitutional qualifications, empowering them to form and open a Commandery of Knights Templar and confer the usual Orders, such dispensation to continue no longer than the next annual conclave of this Grand Commandery, when said dispensation may be continued or recalled, or a Charter granted, upon a report of the Officers of the new Commandery of their acts under the dispensation. No dispensation shall be issued for a new Commandery unless the petition therefor is recommended by the Chartered Commandery nearest to the place where said new Commandery is to be located, and the proposed new Commandery is forty miles from a Chartered Commandery in this Jurisdiction; except that the Grand Commander can order a dispensation issued for a new Commandery without the recommendation of the nearest Chartered Commandery, and without regard to distance from Chartered Commanderies.

**COMMANDERIES UNDER DISPENSATION**

**Sec. 28.** A petition for a dispensation to open and hold a new Commandery shall be subject to the provisions of Section 48 and 150 of Grand Encampment law.

A Commandery under dispensation cannot meet or work without its warrant. It has the same exclusive jurisdiction over petitioners as a Chartered Commandery.

Only those who are named in a dispensation creating a new Commandery, together with those who have received the Order of the Temple therein, are members thereof and entitled to vote. Other Knights Templar may join in the petition for a charter provided they are unobjectionable to the members.

Every conclave of a Commandery while under dispensation is a stated conclave if properly convened, but the Commandery must fix as its stated or business conclave a certain time each month and at such conclave only can petitions be received, reported or voted upon.

At the first conclave after the dispensation is received the Commandery should fix by resolution the amount of fees to be charged for the Orders of Knighthood, the time of the stated or business conclaves at which petitions may be received, reported or voted upon, bills presented, paid etc.

**PETITIONERS FOR NEW COMMANDERIES**

**Sec. 29.** Petitioners for a dispensation to form a new Commandery cannot vote upon the question of recommending the new Commandery; the petition must lie over one lunar month and the recommendation can only be acted upon at a stated conclave.

**NAMES OF COMMANDERIES**

**Sec. 30.** Each Commandery in this jurisdiction shall select for its name some Scriptural name or place or the name of some sacred mountain.

**COMMANDERY EMBOSSING SEAL**

**Sec. 31.** Each Commandery, upon being chartered, shall select an embossing seal which, when certified to by the Grand Recorder as distinct from the seals already adopted by other Commanderies of the Jurisdiction, shall be approved by the Grand Commander and cannot be changed without his consent. An impression thereof shall be preserved in the Grand Recorder's office.

**COMMANDERY OFFICERS**

**Sec. 32.** The Officers of a Constituent Commandery shall consist of the Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Prelate, Treasurer, Recorder, Standard Bearer, Sword Bearer, Warder, and Sentinel.

**COMMANDER DUTIES**

**Sec. 33.** A protest against installing a Commander-elect should be referred to the Grand Commander for action.

The Commander shall see that the Officers and members of his Commandery duly observe the By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the Commandery; the Constitution, Rules, Laws, and Regulations of the Grand Commandery; and the Constitution, Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Rituals of the Grand Encampment. (G.E. 71)

**ORDER OF SUCCESSION TO COMMANDER**

**Sec. 34.** In case of the temporary absence, disability, removal, or mental or physical incapacity of the Commander, the Generalissimo shall act as Commander. In case of like disability of both Commander and Generalissimo, the Captain General shall act. In case of the death, permanent removal from the Jurisdiction precluding the performance of the duties of his office, or the permanent mental or physical disability of the Commander, the Generalissimo shall succeed to the office and be installed.

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In case of like disability of the Generalissimo or his advancement as above provided, the Captain General shall succeed to the office and be installed. In case of the like disability of the Captain General, or his advancement as above provided, the office shall be vacant and the Grand Commander shall issue a Dispensation for an election to fill the vacancy and any other that may occur in consequence thereof. In case of like disability of all three officers, a Dispensation may issue for a special election to fill the vacancies and any others which may result therefrom, pending which the Junior Past Commander able to serve shall act as Commander. The Grand Commander may vary this procedure for reasons he may deem sufficient, and may issue a Dispensation to fill any vacancy. (G.E. 72)

### TREASURER DUTIES

**Sec. 35.** Per G.E. 73, the Treasurer shall:

- (a) Perform such duties as are prescribed by the Constitution, Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Rituals of the Grand Encampment; the Constitution, Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Commandery; and the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Commandery.
- (b) Take charge of all funds belonging to the Commandery and receive all moneys from the Recorder, giving his receipt therefore.
- (c) Pay all orders authorized to be drawn on him by the Commandery and shall render to the Commandery annually a true and correct account of all moneys received and the amounts disbursed by him and shall submit his books for inspection to the Finance Committee.
- (d) Promptly deliver to his successor all money, property and books in his possession at the end of his term of office.
- (e) Annually give surety bond in such amount as the Commandery may determine, expense of such bond to be borne by the Commandery.

### RECORDER DUTIES

**Sec. 36.** Per G.E. 74, the Recorder shall:

- (a) Give Notice of all Conclaves, and for Special Conclaves, shall state the business to be transacted.
- (b) Issue Summons when directed by the Commander or the Commandery.
- (c) Record correctly all transactions of the Commandery. <sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>
- (d) Collect all dues and assessments and other moneys due to the Commandery, and promptly turn over the same to the Treasurer. <sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>
- (e) Have in charge the Seal of the Commandery and affix it to all papers requiring the same.
- (f) Report annually to the Grand Recorder the Roll of Officers and such other information as may be prescribed by the Grand Commandery. With said report, remit the dues and fees due to the Grand Commandery; transmit promptly to the Grand Commander and Grand Recorder copies of all By-Laws and Resolutions adopted by the Commandery.
- (g) Submit his books for examination when required by the Commandery.
- (h) Report in the annual returns the names of all Past Commanders from other Jurisdictions who are members of the Commandery.
- (i) Notify all Past Commanders who are members of the Commandery of the annual conclaves and special conclaves, if any are called, of the Grand Commandery.
- (j) Annually give surety bond in such amount as the Commandery may determine, expense of such bond to be borne by the Commandery.

**PART V: COMMANDERY CONCLAVES/BUSINESS**

**CONCLAVE REQUIREMENTS**

**Sec. 37.** All Commanderies are instructed to open at all conclaves in accordance with the forms given in the Manual of Asylum Ceremonies adopted by this Grand Commandery or with forms given in the Ritual of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, issued 1979 and amended 2018. (2019)

(a) This Grand Commandery may issue to a Chartered Commandery a certificate of Charter, signed by the Grand Commander and attested by the Grand Recorder, under the seal of the Grand Commandery. Said certificate shall be displayed at all Conclaves of the Commandery in lieu of the Charter and with the same force and effect. Said Charter must be kept in a metal receptacle deposited in a fireproof vault or safe, and shall be so available that the Commander, upon reasonable notice, can have access thereto and take the same into his possession at his discretion. The Commander shall have the Charter present in the Commandery at the time of the installation of his successor, into whose custody the same shall be delivered to be kept or deposited by him as heretofore provided. Upon visitation or inspection of the Commandery, the Charter shall be produced for examination by the visiting Officer; and at other times when required by lawful authority, if notice to that effect shall have been seasonable given. The life of the certificate shall depend upon and be co-existent with the life of the Charter in all respects, the authority of the certificate proceeding from the Charter, for which it is a physical substitute and evidence that the Commandery has and works under a regular Charter.

(b) Stated Conclaves shall be held at least Quarterly at such place as may be specified in the Dispensation or Charter or otherwise provided for by Law, and at such time as may be designated. Each Conclave shall be opened in full form.

(c) Special Conclaves may be called by the Commander or set by action of the Commandery. They shall be held for the conferring of Orders or for such business as may be prescribed by law, and at the place for Stated Conclaves, provided that the Grand Commander may authorize the holding of such Conclaves (for the conferring of the Orders) at a Place other than that specified in the Charter or Dispensation. The notice or summons for all Special Conclaves shall specify the business to be transacted, and none other shall be considered at such Conclave.

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

(e) A quorum of a Commandery for the purpose of opening and holding a Conclave shall consist of five (5) members entitled to vote therein, including an Officer authorized to open the same, but only for the purpose of transacting regular business. A quorum to open and hold a Conclave of a Commandery for the purpose of conferring the Orders shall consist on nine (9) members entitled to vote therein, including an Officer authorized to open the same. (2019)

(f) A Chartered Commandery that fails to hold a Conclave for twelve consecutive months, or to Knight a single candidate within such period, shall be placed on probation, by the Grand Commander, for the period of one year, and if thereafter it fails to hold a Conclave for the next twelve consecutive months or to Knight a single candidate within such period, its Charter may be arrested. (G.E. 176)

(g) If a Chartered Commandery is placed on probation for the period of one year for failure to Knight a single candidate within the previous twelve consecutive months, the Grand Commander, will arrange for the conferral of the Templar Orders, and the pre-requisite Chapter and at a time and place specified in the probation notification. The Conclave's Commander is responsible for eliminating the terms of the probation.

**CONCLAVES IN OTHER PLACES**

**Sec. 38.** A Commandery cannot hold a conclave in any other town or city than that named as its location in its charter without a dispensation from the Grand Commander.

**CHANGING LOCATION**

**Sec. 39.** The home of the Commandery is the place where the asylum is located by its Charter, and the same cannot be moved without the consent of a majority of its members and the approval of the Grand Commandery. Only those actually present can vote on the question.

**JURISDICTION**

**Sec. 40.** All Commanderies shall have statewide, concurrent jurisdiction. No agreement can be made between Commanderies or members thereof as to territorial jurisdiction. Whenever a resident of Nebraska who is desirous of petitioning for the Orders of Knighthood shall reside nearer some subordinate Commandery in any adjoining Jurisdiction and shall wish to petition such Commandery for the Orders, he shall be allowed to do so without first obtaining permission of the Grand Commander of this Jurisdiction; provided, that this regulation shall take effect and be in force only upon and after receipt of official information



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from such adjoining Grand Commandery that similar permission is given residents thereof to apply for the Orders of Knighthood in neighboring Commanderies located in Nebraska; provided further, that when a petition is received in accordance with this law the Commandery receiving it shall notify the Commandery nearest the petitioner's residence giving the name of the petitioner and the date of the petition.

### WAIVER OF JURISDICTION

**Sec. 41.** Dual membership as authorized by the G.E. 41(j) is hereby authorized for each Commandery in this Jurisdiction.

### BALLOTING & OBJECTING

**Sec. 42.** A unanimous ballot is required in favor of a petition for the Orders, for affiliation, or for a waiver of jurisdiction under the following rules:

- (a) Every member present when a ballot on a petition is taken is required to vote unless excused by the Commander or Commandery before the balloting has commenced.
- (b) A new ballot must be taken in case a petitioner does not receive the Orders within twelve months after his election.
- (c) A protest made against a petitioner before the ballot is taken has the same effect as it made after the ballot.
- (d) A Commander must take official cognizance and investigate a rumor that a protest has been filed with a former Commander.
- (e) It is the duty of the retiring Commander to have all objections against petitioners entered upon the minutes withholding the names of the objectors.

### ELECTIONS & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

**Sec. 43.** The Annual Election of Officers in Chartered Commanderies shall be held at the First Regular Conclave in November each year, and the Installation of Officers shall be held on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January following. Election requires a majority vote.

Commander-elect of a Chartered Commandery in this Jurisdiction must have his uniform changed to that of a commander or show that it is in the hands of a paraphernalia manufacturer to be changed before he can be installed into office.

### AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

**Sec. 44.** All by-laws or amendments thereto in Chartered Commanderies shall be submitted to Grand Commandery for approval in duplicate. When the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America, or the Grand Commandery enacts a law no amendments to the Commandery by-laws are necessary to carry the same into effect.

### WORK

**Sec. 45.** All Officers of Commanderies in this Jurisdiction are required to dispense with the use of the ritual in conferring the Orders. Each Commandery is required to Knight at least one candidate each Fiscal Year.

### ORDER OF CONFERRING THE ORDERS

**Sec. 46.** The rule of succession in conferring the Orders shall be as follows: 1, The Order of the Red Cross; 2, Order of Malta; 3, Order of the Temple. The Order of the Red Cross and/or the Order of Malta may be conferred either in full or short form.

**PART VI: COMMANDERY OPERATIONS**

**COMMANDERY MEMBERSHIP**

**Sec. 47.** When a member of a Commandery is suspended in accordance with G.E. 201, his suspension shall be terminated by affiliation with a Lodge of Freemasons, a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and a Council of Royal and Select Masters.

It is the duty of each Commander to know that all members of the Commandery are not voluntarily non-affiliated in their Lodges, Chapters, and Councils and to enforce strict compliance with the law of the Grand Encampment in regard to non-affiliation.

Each Knight Templar receiving the Order of the Temple or admitted to membership in a Commandery shall sign the by-laws thereof.

**FEES, DUES & RETURNS**

**Sec. 48.** There shall be paid into the Treasury of the Grand Commandery for every dispensation to form and open a new Commandery the sum of twenty dollars (\$20.00), and for every Charter issued, the additional sum of eighty dollars (\$80.00).

(a) For each Sir Knight created during the fiscal year, the sum of twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be paid into the Treasury of the Grand Commandery.

(b) The minimum amount of dues to be collected by Chartered Commanderies from each member shall be the per annum amount specified in Section 48, Subsection (g), which shall include the amount of the Grand Commandery dues.

(c) A Sir Knight desiring to demit shall be required to pay dues only for the time he is a member of the Commandery; that is, to the end of the month in which he is demitted.

(d) The Templar Fiscal Year of this Jurisdiction shall begin on the first day of January and end on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, and each Chartered Commandery shall make its returns to the Grand Recorder and remit the fees and dues and other indebtedness due the Grand Commandery on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> day of January following. Dues to the Grand Commandery shall be computed based on the number of members in good standing as shown in the printed Proceedings of the preceding Annual Conclave. Returns in duplicate and the amount due the Grand Commandery may be sent at any time between January 1<sup>st</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The Grand Recorder shall add a penalty of one cent per day for each member on the rolls as shown by the statistical table of the previous year of all Commanderies that neglect to send in their returns and pay the amount of their indebtedness to the Grand Commandery by the 30<sup>th</sup> day of January. Dues against members of Commanderies begin on the date when the Sir Knight receives the Order of the Temple or are admitted on demit.

(e) The Fiscal Year in all Chartered Commanderies in this Jurisdiction shall begin on the first day of January and end on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December. Dues of all members of the Chartered Commanderies shall be payable in advance on January 1 annually and shall become delinquent on the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of June. At the regular conclave in August, each Sir Knight whose dues have not been paid shall be issued a summons to appear at the stated conclave in September and show cause why he should not be suspended for nonpayment of dues, and unless his dues shall be paid on or before September 30 or remitted by the Commandery at the stated conclave in September, he shall be suspended. Notice of said suspensions and or reinstatements shall be forwarded to the Grand Recorder on the monthly report for December of said year.

(f) The receipts for dues adopted for the use of all Chartered Commanderies in this Jurisdiction shall be a form printed upon a card of convenient size to be carried in a pocket card case and shall be provided by the Grand Recorder's office. All blank receipts for dues must be procured through the office of the Grand Recorder. Any Commandery upon paying the additional costs shall be permitted to have its name, number, and location printed in the receipts.

(g) For each member there shall be paid the minimum amount of dues to be collected by Chartered Commanderies which amount shall be \$30.00 beginning in 2023, which amounts shall include the amount of the Grand Commandery dues, plus the sum of \$1.00 to cover the assessment levied by the Grand Encampment for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, the sum to be remitted with the annual returns to the Grand Recorder provided, however, that no assessments shall be collected from any member who is exempt from such assessment under provisions of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment.

(h) The Recorder shall prepare monthly reports of statistical information of his Commandery on forms provided by the Grand Recorder and shall forward such reports to the Grand Recorder not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day of each following month. The Recorder shall also prepare an annual report giving additional information relative to his Commandery on forms provided by the Grand Recorder and shall forward such annual reports on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December for each Fiscal Year.

**FEES & QUALIFICATIONS**

**Sec. 49.** No Commandery shall confer the Orders for a sum less than forty dollars or upon anyone who is not a member in good standing of some regular Lodge of Freemasons, Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and Council of Cryptic Masons. No Commandery can charge, either directly or indirectly, less for the Orders than the sum fixed by their by-laws. Nor can the fee nor any part be returned to the applicant; except that any Commandery is entitled to determine from the circumstances attending

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each individual case whether or not the fee accompanying a petition shall be returned to a Companion who has petitioned to receive the Orders of Knighthood therein, in the event that the election of said petitioner has been annulled because of failure to present himself to receive the Orders within twelve months after election.

### PETITIONS

**Sec. 50.** All receptions of petitions, reports on them, and all balloting must be had at stated conclaves and none are stated except those designated in the by-laws of the Commandery. All petitions shall be referred to a committee of three and lie over one month before being acted upon, provided that petitions for the orders or for membership may be received and balloted on at the Stated or Special Conclave at which such petition or petitions are read in the Commandery without dispensation from the Grand Commander if unanimous consent of the members be obtained for such immediate consideration.

A Knight Templar who has been rejected, petitioning for affiliation, may renew his petition at any regular conclave or may petition any other Commandery.

A petitioner for the Orders of Knighthood who received the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry in and is now a member in good standing of a Lodge under the Jurisdiction of a foreign Grand Lodge not formally recognized by the Grand Lodge, A.°F.° & A.°M.° of Nebraska is eligible for the Orders of Knighthood.

### DEMITTS

**Sec. 51.** A demit or its equivalent must accompany a petition for affiliation and be retained by the Commandery petitioned if the petitioner is elected to membership. No Commandery shall admit a Knight to membership without a demit or its equivalent. If rejected, the demit shall be returned to him.

If a Knight wishes to change his membership and be continuously affiliated, he may file his petition with the Commandery in which he desires membership and with it a certificate of good standing under seal from the Recorder of the Commandery of which he is a member showing that his dues have been paid three months in advance, and a written application to this Commandery for a demit.

If elected to membership in the Commandery petitioned the Recorder thereof shall immediately forward said application for a demit to the Knight's Commandery and when the demit is received shall file it with the petition and enter the Knight's name as a member of the Commandery petitioned as of even date with the certificate of demit.

If the petitioner were rejected, the receipt for dues and application shall be returned to him.

### SUSPENSION

**Sec. 52.** Commanderies cannot for any cause drop members who are in good standing from the rolls without due notice and trial.

No member shall be suspended for non-payment of dues until after due notice has been given to such member to appear at the time it is proposed to act upon the matter and an opportunity given him to be heard (G.E. 207).

When a member of a Commandery is summoned to show cause why he should not be suspended for non-payment of dues and fails to appear, the Commander cannot declare him suspended until the Commandery has so voted. (G.E. 208).

When a member is suspended in Lodge, Chapter, or Council for non-affiliation in either of these bodies, such member cannot be suspended in his Commandery without due notice.

Only by the following ways can the standing of a Knight Templar be affected in his Commandery:

- (a) By suspension or expulsion in either his Lodge, Chapter, or Council.
- (b) By suspension in his Commandery for non-payment of dues thereto or for voluntary non-affiliation in a Lodge, Chapter, or Council for more than six months after due notice.
- (c) Expulsion after notice and due trial.
- (d) By being regularly demitted.
- (e) By death.

### REINSTATEMENT

**Sec. 53.** When a Knight Templar has been suspended from his Commandery solely because of non-payment of dues to the Commandery, he may be restored to membership on written application thereof and a majority vote at a stated Conclave and payment of such part of his dues in arrears as the Commandery may require. (G.E. 203).

When a Knight Templar has been suspended or expelled from his Lodge, Chapter or Council, restoration in such Lodge, Chapter and Council shall entitle him to restoration in his Commandery on written application therefor and a majority vote at a stated Conclave. (G.E. 203).

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Upon such restoration the Commandery shall immediately transmit to the Grand Recorder such portion of the dues collected as would have been paid to the Grand Recorder if such dues has been paid prior to such suspension.

### UNAFFILIATED KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

**Sec. 54.** A Knight Templar unaffiliated for one year has no Templar rights whatever in Nebraska, except the right to petition for membership in a Chartered Commandery or to be named in a dispensation for a new Commandery.

### COMMANDERY APPEARING IN PUBLIC

**Sec. 55.** Whenever a Commandery appears in public it must be in Templar uniform. (G.E. 256)

### SERVICES ON SUNDAY

**Sec. 56.** A Commandery cannot engage in any services on Sunday other than devotional or burial service. A Commandery or individual Knights Templar may assist the Grand Lodge with a cornerstone ceremony on Sunday if requested.

### RELIGIOUS SERVICES

**Sec. 57.** Each Commandery in this Jurisdiction is hereby ordered to assemble at its asylum or other suitable place, on Good Friday, Easter, or Ascension Day as it may elect, in each year, in uniform for religious services.

### CHRISTMAS OFFERING

**Sec. 58.** Each Commandery is requested to collect an offering on Christmas Day to be used for the purchase of medical supplies for the residents of The Nebraska Masonic Home or for the poor and needy in its immediate locality and if contributed for the former to remit the amount collected to the Grand Recorder.

### DISCIPLINE

**Sec. 59.** A Commandery has the right to prefer charges and try a Sir Knight for disobeying a summons notwithstanding he has already been suspended for non-payment of dues.

The vices of intemperance, gambling, and profanity are contrary to our duties and requirements as Christian Knights in the highest sense and derogatory to the best interests of our Order; therefore, it is hereby made the imperative duty of the Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, or members of every Chartered Commandery in this Jurisdiction either to prefer charges or cause them to be preferred against any Sir Knight who persistently indulges in any of said vices and try him for un-knightly conduct. Each and every Commander in this Jurisdiction is hereby commanded to discipline and punish all Sir Knights who persist in the infamous practices of drunkenness or profanity and any Commandery failing to carry out the law in regard to these vices shall subject itself to discipline by the Grand Commandery.

### FORM FOR TRIALS, DISCIPLINARY RULES

**Sec. 60.** (G.E.D.R. pages 85 to 104).

## GRAND COMMANDERY INSTALLATION CEREMONY

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*An altar should be placed in front of the Commander and on it the Bible, Square, Compasses, Crossed Swords, Jewels, Charter, the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, and the By-Laws of the Grand Commandery. The Grand Commandery Banners should be displayed in the East.*

**Installing Grand Commander (IGCom):** Good afternoon Sir Knights, Ladies, and Guests, I am Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska, and for this afternoon's ceremony, I will be the Grand Installing Officer. I would like to introduce the other members of the Grand Installing Team.

**Installing Grand Marshal (IGMar):** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, First and Last Name, Title, and Year.

**Installing Grand Prelate (IGPre):** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_,

**Installing Grand Recorder (IGRec):** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska

**IGCom:** Sir Knight Grand Recorder, you will announce the names of the officers, elected and appointed, to govern the Grand Commandery of Nebraska for the ensuing year and their ladies for entrance into the Asylum.

### IGRec:

- Grand Commander-elect: Sir Knight (*First and Last Name and Lady First Name*)
- Deputy Grand Commander: Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_,
- Grand Generalissimo: Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_,
- Grand Captain General: Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_,
- Grand Senior Warden: Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_,
- Grand Junior Warden: Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_,
- Grand Prelate: Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_,
- Grand Treasurer: Eminent Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_,
- Grand Recorder: Eminent Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_,
- Grand Standard Bearer: Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_,
- Grand Sword Bearer: Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_,
- Grand Warder: Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_,
- Grand Tactics Officer: Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_,
- Grand Sentinel: Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_,
- Grand Musician: Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_,

**IGMar:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present to you for installation the duly chosen officers of this Grand Commandery. OFFICERS CHOSEN, PRESENT SWORDS!

**IGCom:** GRAND COMMANDERY, ATTENTION! OFFICERS CHOSEN, CARRY SWORDS! ORDER SWORDS! Sir Knights, before engaging in this important ceremony, let us invoke the blessing of Deity. SIR KNIGHTS, UN-COVER! Ladies and Gentlemen, please rise. Sir Knight Prelate, lead our devotions.

*(The Prelate offers a prayer closing with the Lord's Prayer in which all join.)*

**IGCom:** SIR KNIGHTS, RE-COVER! OFFICERS CHOSEN, CARRY SWORDS! RETURN SWORDS!

Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag. (Done.) Ladies and Gentlemen, please be seated. Sir Knights remain standing.

Sir Knights, you behold before you those who have been chosen as officers of this Grand Commandery. We believe them to be tried and true, worthy and well qualified, zealous in the service of Templary, and true exemplars of the great tenets of the Order, but if any one of you knows of any reason why they or any one of them should not be installed, let him now speak out or forever hold his piece. Hearing no objection, we will proceed with the installation.

**IGCom:** SIR KNIGHTS NOT IN LINE, BE SEATED!

**IGCom:** Officers chosen, before investing you with the honors and responsibilities of your respective stations, it becomes my duty to administer to you the vow of office. Do you severally consent to take upon yourselves this vow? (They assent.)

**IGCom:** Sir Knight Grand Marshal, place the officers chosen in proper position to take upon themselves the vow of office.

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**IGMar:** OFFICERS CHOSEN, COUNT TWOS! (Done.) NUMBERS ONE, DRAW SWORDS! DROP POINT OF SWORD TO THE LEFT! NUMBERS TWO, GRASP BLADE WITH RIGHT HAND! UN-COVER! Right Eminent Grand Commander, the officers chosen are in proper position.

**IGCom:** GRAND COMMANDERY, ATTENTION! DRAW SWORDS! PRESENT, SWORDS! Officers chosen, you will say "I," pronounce your name in full, and repeat after me: "Do promise and vow / that I will support and maintain / the Constitution, Statutes, and Rituals / of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar / of the United States of America, / and the Constitution, Laws, and Regulations / of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska, / and that I will faithfully discharge / the duties of the office / in which I am about to be installed / to the best of my ability.

**IGCom:** SIR KNIGHTS NOT IN LINE, CARRY SWORDS! RETURN, SWORDS! BE SEATED!

**IGMar:** OFFICERS CHOSEN, RECOVER! NUMBERS TWO, RELINQUISH SWORD BLADE! NUMBERS ONE, CARRY SWORDS! RETURN SWORDS! BE SEATED!

**IGCom:** Sir Knight Grand Marshal, present the Grand Commander-elect.

**IGMar:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I have the honor to present Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, who has been elected to the office of Grand Commander. I find him well skilled in our sublime mysteries and observant of the noble precepts of our forefathers, and have therefore, no doubt that he will discharge the important duties of his office with fidelity. (*Note: IGMar introduces all Officers by First and Last Name.*)

**IGCom:** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, as you have been elected to the honorable and important station of Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, it is with genuine pleasure that I enter upon the duty of installing you in that exalted office. As head of a Christian institution, you are charged with important duties and responsibilities. It is confidently anticipated that your fidelity to these trusts will reflect honor upon yourself and credit upon your Grand Commandery. (*Note: IGCCom addresses all Officers by First Name.*)

It now becomes my duty to propound to you certain questions to which your unequivocal answers are required.

- I. Do you solemnly promise, upon your honor as a Knight Templar, that you will endeavor to correct the vices, purify the morals, and promote the happiness to those of your brethren who have attained this magnanimous Order?
- II. That you will not confer the Orders upon anyone who has not shown a charitable and humane disposition nor upon anyone who has not attained a reasonable proficiency in Masonry?
- III. That you will seriously endeavor to promote the general good of the Order and on all proper occasions be ready to give and receive instruction?
- IV. That, to the utmost of your power, you will preserve the solemnities of our ceremonies and behave in Grand Commandery with the most profound respect and reverence, as an example to your brethren?
- V. That you will not acknowledge or hold communication with any Grand Commandery that does not work under a constitutional Dispensation or Charter?
- VI. That you will not admit any visitor into your Grand Commandery unless he has been knighted in a lawful Commandery?
- VII. That you will support and maintain the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment and the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery under whose authority you act?
- VIII. That you will bind your successor in office to the observance of these rules?

**IGCom:** Do you confirm all these promises and do you agree to observe them faithfully? (Assents.)

**IGCom:** Sir Knight, I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is the Passion Cross, surmounted by rays of light. The rays of light are symbols that suggest to you the humility, love, and pure benevolence that emanate like rays from the religion of the blessed Emanuel, and which should ever characterize the members of this Christian Order.

I present you with the Charter of your Grand Commandery. Receive it as a sacred deposit and never permit it to be used for any other purposes than those expressed in it. It is your duty to safely transmit it to your successor.

I also commit to your keeping the Holy Bible, the Great Light of Masons of every degree. It confirms our belief in the existence of the Eternal Jehovah, the one only living and true God, the Creator and Judge of all things in heaven and earth.

The Crossed Swords resting upon the Holy Bible remind us that we should be "strong in the Lord and in the power of His might," that we should put on the whole armor of God, to be able to wrestle successfully with principalities, powers, and spiritual wickedness in high places. I also present to you the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. and the Constitution, Laws, and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of

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Nebraska. You should familiarize yourself with them that you may rule your Grand Commandery with justice and moderation.

And now, Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, I induct you into the Chair of your Grand Commandery. (Done.) I offer you my sincere congratulation on your accession to this honorable station. It will be your special duty to preserve inviolate the laws of the Order, to dispense justice, reward merit, and expound the sublime principles of universal benevolence. You will inculcate the duties of charity and hospitality and govern your Grand Commandery with justice and moderation, and finally, my frater, may the illustrious lives of the heroes of past ages whose matchless valor has shed undying luster over the name of Knight Templar, encourage and animate you to the faithful performance of every duty.

**IGMar:** GRAND COMMANDERY, ATTENTION! DRAW SWORDS! PRESENT SWORDS!

**IGCom:** Sir Knights, behold your Grand Commander. Bear ever in mind that the prosperity of your Grand Commandery will as much depend on your support and obedience as on the assiduity, fidelity, and wisdom of your Grand Commander. Be ye, therefore, diligent and faithful in the performance of your respective duties.

**IGMar:** Sir Knights, CARRY SWORDS! RETURN SWORDS! BE SEATED.

**IGCom:** Sir Knight Grand Marshal, present the officers chosen in order of rank.

*(The IGMar then presents each officer, according to rank, introducing him by his title and designating the office which he is to fill. The Installing Officer will receive him with fitting words, charging him to be faithful in his trust. He will also invest him with the official jewel and direct the Installing Grand Marshal to conduct him to his station. No particular form is prescribed, but the following charges are suggested as appropriate.)*

**Charge to the Deputy Grand Commander**

**IGMar:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, who has been elected Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery and is now ready for installation.

**IGCom:** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, you have been elected Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Maltese Cross surmounted by a Passion Cross. The Maltese Cross supporting the Passion cross demonstrates our support for the Christian and truly marks Knights Templar as a Christian Order.

Your station is on the right of your Grand Commander. You are to assist him in the discharge of his various duties and in his absence to preside. I charge you, therefore, to familiarize yourself with the duties of your office that you may adequately discharge them. Be faithful to the Knights with whom you are associated, put them often in remembrance of those things, which tend to their everlasting peace.

**IGCom:** Sir Knight Grand Marshal, conduct the Deputy Grand Commander to his station. (Done.)

**Charge to the Grand Generalissimo**

**IGMar:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, who has been elected Grand Generalissimo of this Grand Commandery and is now ready for installation.

**IGCom:** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, you have been elected Grand Generalissimo of this Grand Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office which is a Square surmounted by a Pascal Lamb. The square is to remind you that friendship and love should forever govern Freemasons and particularly Knights Templar. Your station is on the right of the Deputy Grand Commander. You are to assist him in the discharge of his various duties and in his absence to preside. I charge you, therefore, to familiarize yourself with the duties of your office that you may adequately discharge them.

**IGCom:** Sir Knight Grand Marshal, conduct the Grand Generalissimo to his station. (Done.)

**Charge to the Grand Captain-General**

**IGMar:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, who has been elected Grand Captain-General of this Grand Commandery and is now ready for installation.

**IGCom:** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, you have been elected Grand Captain-General of this Grand Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office which is a Level surmounted by a Cock. As the undaunted courage and valor of the Cock stimulates him to conquer his enemy and fight to the last extremity, so should you be stimulated in the discharge of your duty. Your station is on the left of the Commander. Your duty among other things is to see that due preparation is made for the various conclaves of the Commandery and that the Asylum is prepared for the dispatch of business. You are also to receive and communicate to the lines all orders issued by the Commander.

**IGCom:** Sir Knight Grand Marshal, conduct the Captain-General to his station. (Done.)

**Charge to the Grand Senior Warden**

**IGMar:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, who has been appointed Grand Senior Warden of this Grand Commandery and is now ready for installation.

**IGCom:** Eminent Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, you have been appointed Grand Senior Warden of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Hollow Square with a mailed arm and hand grasping the Sword of Justice. It is to remind you that as the children of Israel marched in a hollow square in their journey through the wilderness in order to guard and protect the Ark of the Covenant, so should you be vigilant in guarding every avenue from innovation and error. Let the Sword of Justice, therefore, be ever drawn to guard the Constitution of the Order. Your station is at the southwest angle of the Triangle and upon the right of the first Division.

**IGCom:** Sir Knight Grand Marshal, conduct the Grand Senior Warden to his station. (Done.)

**Charge to the Grand Junior Warden**

**IGMar:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, who has been appointed Grand Junior Warden of this Grand Commandery and is now ready for installation.

**IGCom:** Eminent Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, you have been appointed Grand Junior Warden of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is an Eagle with wings spread holding in its talons a Flaming Sword. It suggests to you the performance of your duties with justice and valor, having an eagle eye on the prosperity of the Order. Your station is at the northwest angle of the Triangle, and on the left of the third division. Your duty is to attend weary pilgrims traveling from afar, conduct them on their journey, plead their cause, and in due time recommend them to the Commander.



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**IGCom:** Sir Knight Grand Marshal, conduct the Grand Junior Warden to his station. (Done.)

### Charge to the Grand Prelate

**IGMar:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, who has been appointed Grand Prelate of this Grand Commandery and is now ready for installation.

**IGCom:** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_ you have been appointed Prelate of this Grand Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Triple Triangle with a Red Passion Cross in the center of each Triangle. It is also an emblem of Deity. Your station is on the right of the Grand Generalissimo. Your duty is to officiate at the altar and offer up prayers to Deity. Your jewel is to remind you of the importance of the trust reposed in you.

**IGCom:** Sir Knight Grand Marshal, conduct the Grand Prelate to his station. (Done.)

### Charge to the Grand Treasurer

**IGMar:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, who has been elected Grand Treasurer of this Grand Commandery and is now ready for installation.

**IGCom:** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, you have been re-elected Treasurer of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is Two Crossed Keys. Your station is in front and on the right of the Generalissimo. The qualities which recommend a Grand Treasurer are accuracy and fidelity—accuracy in keeping a fair and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements—fidelity in carefully preserving all the property and funds of the Grand Commandery that may be placed in his hands and rendering a just account of the same whenever called upon for that purpose.

**IGCom:** Sir Knight Grand Marshal, conduct the Grand Treasurer to his station. (Done.)

### Charge to the Recorder

**IGMar:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, who has been elected Grand Recorder of this Grand Commandery and is now ready for installation.

**IGCom:** Sir Knight Bruce you have been re-elected Grand Recorder of this Grand Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is Two Crossed Quill Pens. Your station is on the left of the Grand Captain-General. The essential qualities of a Grand Recorder are promptitude in issuing notifications and order of his superior officers; punctuality in attending the conclaves of the Grand Commandery; correctness in recording the proceedings; judgment in discriminating between what is proper and what is improper to be committed to writing; integrity in account for all monies that may pass through his hands; and fidelity in paying the same over to the Grand Treasurer. The possession of these qualities, I presume, has led to your selection for this important office. I doubt not that you will discharge its duties with benefit to the Grand Commandery and honor to yourself.

**IGCom:** Sir Knight Grand Marshal, conduct the Grand Recorder to his station. (Done.)

### Charge to the Grand Standard Bearer

**IGMar:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, who has been appointed Grand Standard Bearer of this Grand Commandery and is now ready for installation.

**IGCom:** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, you have been chosen Grand Standard Bearer of this Grand Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Masonic Plumb surmounted by the Banner of the Order. Your station is in the West and in the center of the second Division. Your duty is to display, support, and protect the Banner of our Order, which I now confide in your keeping. You will remember that it is our rallying point in time of danger. When unfurled in a just and virtuous cause, you will defend it as long as life endures.

**IGCom:** Sir Knight Grand Marshal, conduct the Grand Standard Bearer to his station. (Done.)

### Charge to the Grand Sword Bearer

**IGMar:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, who has been appointed Grand Sword Bearer of this Grand Commandery and is now ready for installation.

**IGCom:** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, you have been chosen Grand Sword Bearer of this Grand Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Triangle with Crossed Swords. Your station is on the right of the Grand Standard Bearer and on the right of the second Division. Your duty is to assist in protecting the Banner of our Order.

**IGCom:** Sir Knight Grand Marshal, conduct the Grand Sword Bearer to his station. (Done.)

### Charge to the Grand Warder

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**IGMar:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, who has been appointed Grand Warder of this Grand Commandery and is now ready for installation.

**IGCom:** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, you have been chosen Grand Warder of this Grand Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Hollow Square with Crossed Swords and a Trumpet thereon. Your station is on the left of the Grand Standard Bearer and on the left of the second Division. Your duty is to sound the assembly, announce the approach and departure of the Grand Commander, post the sentinel, and see that the Grand Commandery is duly guarded.

**IGCom:** Sir Knight Grand Marshal, conduct the Grand Warder to his station. (Done.)

### Charge to the Grand Tactics Supervisor

**IGMar:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, who has been appointed Grand Tactics Supervisor of this Grand Commandery and is now ready for installation.

**IGCom:** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, you have been chosen Grand Tactics Officer of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Sword. The sword shows the close connection between the ancient Templars and our modern-day sir knights through the practice of tactics.

**IGCom:** Sir Knight Grand Marshal, conduct the Grand Tactics Officer to his station. (Done.)

### Charge to the Grand Sentinel

**IGMar:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, who has been appointed Grand Sentinel of this Grand Commandery and is now ready for installation.

**IGCom:** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, you have been chosen Standard Bearer of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Hollow Square with a Sword thereon. I present you with this sword, badge of your office. The Sword is placed in the hands of the Grand Sentinel to enable him to effectually guard against the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers and to suffer none to pass or re-pass but such as are qualified.

**IGCom:** Sir Knight Grand Marshal, conduct the Grand Sentinel to his station. (Done.)

### Charge to the Grand Musician

**IGMar:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, who has been appointed Grand Musician of this Grand Commandery and is now ready for installation.

**IGCom:** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, you have been chosen Grand Musician of this Grand Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office. Music truly adorns all great and important undertakings and enables us to brighten our Orders and ceremonies.

**IGCom:** Sir Knight Grand Marshal, conduct the Grand Musician to his station. (Done.)

**IGCom:** Sir Knights, to manage and conduct the affairs of a Grand Commandery of Knights Templar with that promptitude, integrity, and skill, which the institution demands, requires the exercise of all the abilities of its Grand Officers and members. The Grand Officers should remember that the moral and religious duties and precepts, which they from time to time should forcibly impress upon the minds of others, should by no means be neglected by themselves; and that the most effectual way to ensure success is to let precept and performance go hand in hand. I urge you to look well to the East, to the West, to the North, and to the South, to see that the entrances are strictly guarded, to the end that you allow none to pass the threshold of your Grand Commandery Asylum save the worthy, and at the same time that you suffer no one to be guilty of disorderly conduct among you without admonition and reproof, to the end that this valiant and magnanimous Order shall ever flourish. And now, Sir Knights, "Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces. For my brethren's and companions' sake I now say, Peace be within thee."

**IGCom:** Sir Knight Grand Marshal, proclaim the installation of officers of this Commandery.

**IGMar:** GRAND COMMANDERY, ATTENTION! DRAW SWORDS! PRESENT SWORDS! Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Valiant Knights of the Temple! In the name of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska, I proclaim that the officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska have been duly installed in their respective stations. This proclamation is made to the North (one blast of the trumpet), to the South (one blast), to the East (one blast), and to the West (grand flourish on trumpet). Let all valiant and magnanimous Knights of the Temple take due notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly.

**SIR KNIGHTS, CARRY SWORDS! RETURN SWORDS! BE SEATED!**

*(The Grand Commander may, if he desires, address the Sir Knights. The Grand Officers may then retire with proper escort, and the Grand Commandery will proceed to the regular order of business, resuming labor if the installation has been public.)*

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**IGCom:** Right Eminent Grand Commander \_\_\_\_\_, it is my high honor to be the first to use that title for you. Lead well, and if you need anything, all you have to do is ask, and we will support you. At this time, I turn the Command of the Grand Commandery over to you and will take my position among the Sir Knights.

**Commander Comments:** Thank Installing Team, Organist, Ushers, Photographer, and everyone for attending, as applicable.

**Grand Commander's Comments:** Focus on not more than three points—Be Brief

**Grand Commander:** The Installing Prelate will now offer a closing prayer.

**IPre:** Almighty and everlasting God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift, send down upon Thy servants here assembled, the healthful spirit of Thy Grace, that they may truly please Thee in all their doings. Grant O Lord, power of mind and great understanding to those whom we have clothed with authority to preside over and direct the affairs of this Commandery; so too replenish them with Thy truth and adorn them with humility of life; that both by word and good example, they may faithfully serve Thee, to the glory of Thy Holy Name, and to the advancement for all good purposes, of our beloved institution. Amen.

**Response:** Amen.

**Commander:** The officers will retire by going once around the room for officers to join in order of rank (*and to escort their ladies after the first trip around the Asylum, if applicable*). After the officers retire, the audience may retire.

## CONSTITUENT COMMANDERY INSTALLATION CEREMONY

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*An altar should be placed in front of the Commander and on it the Bible, Square, Compasses, Crossed Swords, Jewels, Charter, the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, and the By-Laws of the Commandery. The Commandery Banners should be displayed in the East.*

**Retiring Commander:** (Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_ enters into the Asylum and proceeds to the East.) Welcoming remarks at Past Commander's discretion.

**Instructions for the Audience:** The Commandery, unlike other Masonic bodies with which you may be familiar, does not use a gavel to control the audience or the members, but rather voice commands. The groups are "Ladies and Gentlemen, which are all non-members, Commandery or Sir Knights, which are all members, and Officers, which are just those being installed and the installing team. The Commands are "Attention," for which the addressed group will rise, and "Be Seated" for which the addressed group will take their seats. These commands are used for prayers, the Pledge of Allegiance, certain honors, and key parts of the installation ceremony.

**Introduction of Installing Officers:** I invite into the Asylum, the Installing Officers" (*Introduce one at a time, waiting until each reaches the Junior Warden's station before introducing the next. Installing Officers enter/go to their stations.*)

**Installing Commander (ICom):** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, Title and Commandery.

**Installing Marshal (IMar):** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, Title and Commandery.

**Installing Prelate (IPre):** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, Title and Commandery.

**Installing Recorder (IRec):** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, Title and Commandery.

**Retiring Commander:** "Sir Knight Installing Commander, I turn the podium over to you for today's Installation Ceremony."

**ICom:** Eminent Recorder, you will announce the names of the officers, elected and appointed, to govern \_\_\_\_\_ Commandery #\_\_ for the ensuing year (and their ladies if applicable) for entrance into the Asylum.

**IRec:** (*Reads first and last name of each Sir Knight and his Lady's first name if applicable.*)

Commander-elect: Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_,  
Generalissimo: Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_,  
Captain General: Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_,  
Senior Warden: Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_,  
Junior Warden: Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_,  
Prelate: Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_,  
Treasurer: Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_,  
Recorder: Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_,  
Standard Bearer: Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_,  
Sword Bearer: Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_,  
Warder: Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_,  
Sentinel: Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_,

**IMar:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present to you for installation the duly chosen officers of this Commandery. OFFICERS CHOSEN, PRESENT SWORDS!

Commander: COMMANDERY, ATTENTION! OFFICERS CHOSEN, CARRY SWORDS! ORDER SWORDS! Sir Knights, before engaging in this important ceremony, let us invoke the blessing of Deity. SIR KNIGHTS, UN-COVER! Ladies and Gentlemen, please rise. Sir Knight Prelate, lead our devotions.

**IPre:** O Thou Grand Master of Heaven and earth, we approach Thee with reverence and implore Thy blessing upon these Knights who are about to assume the duties of their important offices. Grant them firmness of mind and kindness of disposition, that they may govern the affairs of this Commandery with justice and moderation. Bless them, O Lord, and bless those whom Thou have placed under them. May Thy richest blessing rest upon all our Knights, wherever dispersed throughout the world. Please join me in the Lord's Prayer. Amen.

**Response:** Amen.

**ICom:** SIR KNIGHTS, RE-COVER! OFFICERS CHOSEN, CARRY SWORDS! RETURN SWORDS!

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Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag. (Done.) Ladies and Gentlemen, please be seated. Sir Knights remain standing.

Sir Knights, you behold before you those who have been chosen as officers of this Commandery. We believe them to be tried and true, worthy and well qualified, zealous in the service of Templary, and true exemplars of the great tenets of the Order, but if any one of you knows of any reason why they or any one of them should not be installed, let him now speak out or forever hold his piece. Hearing no objection, we will proceed with the installation.

**ICom:** SIR KNIGHTS NOT IN LINE, BE SEATED!

**ICom:** Officers chosen, before investing you with the honors and responsibilities of your respective stations, it becomes my duty to administer to you the vow of office. Do you severally consent to take upon yourselves this vow? (*They assent.*)

**ICom:** Sir Knight Marshal, place the officers chosen in proper position to take upon themselves the vow of office.

**IMar:** OFFICERS CHOSEN, COUNT TWOS! (*Done.*) NUMBERS ONE, DRAW SWORDS! DROP POINT OF SWORD TO THE LEFT! NUMBERS TWO, GRASP BLADE WITH RIGHT HAND! UN-COVER! Right Eminent Grand Commander, the officers chosen are in proper position.

**ICom:** COMMANDERY, ATTENTION! DRAW SWORDS! PRESENT, SWORDS! Officers chosen, you will say "I," pronounce your name in full, and repeat after me: "Do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution, Statutes, and Rituals of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, the Constitution, Laws, and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of this Jurisdiction, and the By-laws of this Commandery, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office in which I am about to be installed to the best of my ability.

**ICom:** SIR KNIGHTS NOT IN LINE, CARRY SWORDS! RETURN, SWORDS! BE SEATED!

**IMar:** OFFICERS CHOSEN, RECOVER! NUMBERS TWO, RELINQUISH SWORD BLADE! NUMBERS ONE, CARRY SWORDS! RETURN SWORDS! BE SEATED!

**ICom:** Sir Knight Marshal, present the Commander-elect.

**IMar:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I have the honor to present Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, who has been elected to the office of Commander. I find him well skilled in our sublime mysteries and observant of the noble precepts of our forefathers, and have therefore, no doubt that he will discharge the important duties of his office with fidelity. (*Note: IMar uses first and last name for all Officers.*)

**ICom:** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, as you have been elected to the honorable and important station of Commander of this Commandery, it is with genuine pleasure that I enter upon the duty of installing you into that exalted office. As head of a Christian institution, you are charged with important duties and responsibilities. It is confidently anticipated that your fidelity to these trusts will reflect honor upon yourself and credit upon your Commandery. (*Note: ICom uses first name only for all Officers.*)

It now becomes my duty to propound to you certain questions to which your unequivocal answers are required.

- I. Do you solemnly promise, upon your honor as a Knight Templar, that you will endeavor to correct the vices, purify the morals, and promote the happiness to those of your brethren who have attained this magnanimous Order?
- II. That you will never suffer your Commandery to be opened unless there be present at least nine regular Knights of the Order?
- III. That you will not confer the Orders upon anyone who has not shown a charitable and humane disposition nor upon anyone who has not attained a reasonable proficiency in Masonry?
- IV. That you will seriously endeavor to promote the general good of the Order and on all proper occasions be ready to give and receive instruction, particularly from the Grand Officers?
- V. That, to the utmost of your power, you will preserve the solemnities of our ceremonies and behave in open Commandery with the most profound respect and reverence, as an example to your brethren?
- VI. That you will not acknowledge or hold communication with any Commandery that does not work under a constitutional Dispensation or Charter?
- VII. That you will not admit any visitor into your Commandery unless he has been knighted in a lawful Commandery?
- VIII. That you will pay due respect and obedience to the instructions of the Grand Officers, particularly those relating to the several lectures and charges, and will resign your station to them when any visit your Commandery?

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**IX.** That you will support and maintain the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment, and the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery under whose authority you act?

**X.** That you will bind your successor in office to the observance of these rules?

**ICom:** Do you confirm all these promises and do you agree to observe them faithfully? (*Assents.*)

**ICom:** Sir Knight, I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is the Passion Cross, surmounted by rays of light. The rays of light are symbols that suggest to you the humility, love, and pure benevolence that emanate like rays from the religion of the blessed Emanuel, and which should ever characterize the members of this Christian Order.

I present you with the Charter of your Commandery. Receive it as a sacred deposit and never permit it to be used for any other purposes than those expressed in it. It is your duty to safely transmit it to your successor.

I also commit to your keeping the Holy Bible, the Great Light of Masons of every degree. It confirms our belief in the existence of the Eternal Jehovah, the one only living and true God, the Creator and Judge of all things in heaven and earth.

The Crossed Swords resting upon the Holy Bible remind us that we should be “strong in the Lord and in the power of His might,” that we should put on the whole armor of God, to be able to wrestle successfully with principalities, powers, and spiritual wickedness in high places. I also present to you the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A., the Constitution, Laws, and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska, and the by-laws of Mount Calvary Commandery Number 1. You should familiarize yourself with them that you may rule your Commandery with justice and moderation.

And now, Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, I induct you into the Chair of your Commandery. (*Done.*) I offer you my sincere congratulation on your accession to this honorable station. It will be your special duty to preserve inviolate the laws of the Order, to dispense justice, reward merit, and expound the sublime principles of universal benevolence. You will inculcate the duties of charity and hospitality and govern your Commandery with justice and moderation, and finally, my frater, may the illustrious lives of the heroes of past ages whose matchless valor has shed undying luster over the name of Knight Templar, encourage and animate you to the faithful performance of every duty.

**IMar:** COMMANDERY, ATTENTION! DRAW SWORDS! PRESENT SWORDS!

Commander: Sir Knights, behold your Commander. Bear ever in mind that the prosperity of your Commandery will as much depend on your support and obedience as on the assiduity, fidelity, and wisdom of your Commander. Be ye, therefore, diligent and faithful in the performance of your respective duties.

**IMar:** Sir Knights, CARRY SWORDS! RETURN SWORDS! BE SEATED.

**ICom:** Sir Knight Marshal, present the officers chosen in order of rank.

*(The Marshal then presents each officer, according to rank, introducing him by his title and designating the office which he is to fill. The Commander will receive him with fitting words, charging him to be faithful in his trust. He will also invest him with the official jewel and direct the Marshal to conduct him to his station. No particular form is prescribed, but the following charges are suggested as appropriate.)*

### Charge to the Generalissimo

**IMar:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, who has been elected Generalissimo of this Commandery and is now ready for installation.

**ICom:** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, you have been elected Generalissimo of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office which is a Square surmounted by a Pascal Lamb. The square is to remind you that friendship and love should forever govern Freemasons and particularly Knights Templar. Your station is on the right of your Commander. You are to assist him in the discharge of his various duties and in his absence to preside. I charge you, therefore, to familiarize yourself with the duties of your office that you may adequately discharge them. Be faithful to the Knights with whom you are associated, put them often in remembrance of those things, which tend to their everlasting peace.

**ICom:** Sir Knight Marshal, conduct the Generalissimo to his station. (*Done.*)

### Charge to the Captain-General

**IMar:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, who has been elected Captain-General of this Commandery and is now ready for installation.

**ICom:** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, you have been elected Captain-General of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office which is a Level surmounted by a Cock. As the undaunted courage and valor of the Cock stimulates him to conquer his enemy and fight to the last extremity, so should you be stimulated in the discharge of your duty. Your station is

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on the left of the Commander. Your duty among other things is to see that due preparation is made for the various conclaves of the Commandery and that the Asylum is prepared for the dispatch of business. You are also to receive and communicate to the lines all orders issued by the Commander.

**ICom:** Sir Knight Marshal, conduct the Captain-General to his station. *(Done.)*

### Charge to the Senior Warden

**IMar:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, who has been elected Senior Warden of this Commandery and is now ready for installation.

**ICom:** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, you have been elected Senior Warden of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Hollow Square with a mailed arm and hand grasping the Sword of Justice. It is to remind you that as the children of Israel marched in a hollow square in their journey through the wilderness in order to guard and protect the Ark of the Covenant, so should you be vigilant in guarding every avenue from innovation and error. Let the Sword of Justice, therefore, be ever drawn to guard the Constitution of the Order. Your station is at the southwest angle of the Triangle and upon the right of the first Division.

**ICom:** Sir Knight Marshal, conduct the Senior Warden to his station. *(Done.)*

### Charge to the Junior Warden

**IMar:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, who has been elected Junior Warden of this Commandery and is now ready for installation.

**ICom:** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, you have been elected Junior Warden of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is an Eagle with wings spread holding in its talons a Flaming Sword. It suggests to you the performance of your duties with justice and valor, having an eagle eye on the prosperity of the Order. Your station is at the northwest angle of the Triangle, and on the left of the third division. Your duty is to attend weary pilgrims traveling from afar, conduct them on their journey, plead their cause, and in due time recommend them to the Commander.

**ICom:** Sir Knight Marshal, conduct the Junior Warden to his station. *(Done.)*

### Charge to the Prelate

**IMar:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, who has been elected Prelate of this Commandery and is now ready for installation.

**ICom:** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, you have been elected Prelate of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Triple Triangle with a Red Passion Cross in the center of each Triangle. It is also an emblem of Deity. Your station is on the right of the Generalissimo. Your duty is to officiate at the altar and offer up prayers to Deity. Your jewel is to remind you of the importance of the trust reposed in you.

**ICom:** Sir Knight Marshal, conduct the Prelate to his station. *(Done.)*

### Charge to the Treasurer

**IMar:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Eminent Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, who has been elected Treasurer of this Commandery and is now ready for installation.

**ICom:** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, you have been elected Treasurer of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is Two Crossed Keys. Your station is in front and on the right of the Generalissimo. The qualities which recommend a Treasurer are accuracy and fidelity—accuracy in keeping a fair and minute account of all receipts and disbursements—fidelity in carefully preserving all the property and funds of the Commandery that may be placed in his hands and rendering a just account of the same whenever called upon for that purpose.

**ICom:** Sir Knight Marshal, conduct the Treasurer to his station. *(Done.)*

**Charge to the Recorder**

**IMar:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, who has been re-elected Recorder of this Commandery and is now ready for installation.

**ICom:** Eminent Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, you have been re-elected Recorder of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is Two Crossed Quill Pens. Your station is on the left of the Captain-General. The essential qualities of a Recorder are promptitude in issuing notifications and order of his superior officers; punctuality in attending the conclaves of the Commandery; correctness in recording the proceedings; judgment in discriminating between what is proper and what is improper to be committed to writing; integrity in accounting for all monies that may pass through his hands; and fidelity in paying the same over to the Treasurer. The possession of these qualities, I presume, has led to your selection for this important office. I doubt not that you will discharge its duties with benefit to the Commandery and honor to yourself.

**ICom:** Sir Knight Marshal, conduct the Recorder to his station. *(Done.)*

**Charge to the Standard Bearer**

**IMar:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, who has been chosen Standard Bearer of this Commandery and is now ready for installation.

**ICom:** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, you have been chosen Standard Bearer of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Masonic Plumb surmounted by the Banner of the Order. Your station is in the West and in the center of the second Division. Your duty is to display, support, and protect the Banner of our Order, which I now confide in your keeping. You will remember that it is our rallying point in time of danger. When unfurled in a just and virtuous cause, you will defend it as long as life endures.

**ICom:** Sir Knight Marshal, conduct the Standard Bearer to his station. *(Done.)*

**Charge to the Sword Bearer**

**IMar:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, who has been appointed Sword Bearer of this Commandery and is now ready for installation.

**ICom:** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, you have been chosen Sword Bearer of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Triangle with Crossed Swords. Your station is on the right of the Standard Bearer and on the right of the second Division. Your duty is to assist in protecting the Banner of our Order.

**ICom:** Sir Knight Marshal, conduct the Sword Bearer to his station. *(Done.)*

**Charge to the Warder**

**IMar:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, who has been appointed Warder of this Commandery and is now ready for installation.

**ICom:** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, you have been chosen Warder of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Hollow Square with Crossed Swords and a Trumpet thereon. Your station is on the left of the Standard Bearer and on the left of the second Division. Your duty is to sound the assembly, announce the approach and departure of the Commander, post the sentinel, and see that the Asylum is duly guarded.

**ICom:** Sir Knight Marshal, conduct the Warder to his station. *(Done.)*

**Charge to the Sentinel**

**IMar:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, who has been appointed Sentinel of this Commandery and is now ready for installation.

**ICom:** Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, you have been chosen Sentinel of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Hollow Square with a Sword thereon. I present you with this sword, badge of your office. The Sword is placed in the hands of the Sentinel to enable him to effectually guard against the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers and to suffer none to pass or re-pass but such as are qualified.

**ICom:** Sir Knight Marshal, conduct the Sentinel to his station. *(Done.)*

**ICom:** Sir Knights, to manage and conduct the affairs of a Commandery of Knights Templar with that promptitude, integrity, and skill, which the institution demands, requires the exercise of all the abilities of its officers and members. The officers should remember that the moral and religious duties and precepts, which they from time to time should forcibly impress upon the minds of others, should by no means be neglected by themselves; and that the most effectual way to ensure success is to let precept and performance go hand in hand. I urge you to look well to the East, to the West, to the North, and to the South, to see that the entrances are strictly guarded, to the end that you allow none to pass the threshold of your



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Asylum save the worthy, and at the same time that you suffer no one to be guilty of disorderly conduct among you without admonition and reproof, to the end that this valiant and magnanimous Order shall ever flourish. And now, Sir Knights, “Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces. For my brethren’s and companions’ sake I now say, Peace be within thee.”

**ICom:** Sir Knight Marshal, proclaim the installation of officers of this Commandery.

**IMar:** COMMANDERY, ATTENTION! DRAW SWORDS! PRESENT SWORDS! Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Valiant Knights of the Temple! In the name of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska, I proclaim that the officers of Mount Calvary Commandery Number 1, Knights Templar, have been duly installed in their respective stations. This proclamation is made to the North (one blast of the trumpet), to the South (one blast), to the East (one blast), and to the West (grand flourish on trumpet). Let all valiant and magnanimous Knights of the Temple take due notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly.

SIR KNIGHTS, CARRY SWORDS! RETURN SWORDS! BE SEATED!

**ICom:** Eminent Commander, it is my high honor to be the first to use that title for you. Lead well, and if you need anything, all you have to do is ask, and we will support you. At this time, I turn the Command of the Asylum over to you and will take my position among the Sir Knights.

**Commander Comments:** Thank Installing Team, Organist, Youth Group for Sign-In, Ushers, Photographer, Program, Meal, and any others, if applicable.

### Introductions:

- Ladies
- Dignitaries (as applicable and in order of rank):
  - Presiding Officers of Lodges (WM) (1)
  - Presiding Officers of Chapters (HP) (1)
  - Presiding Officers of Council (IM) (1)
  - Presiding Officers of Commanderies (CC) (1)
  - Grand Officers (OES, Jobs, DeMolay, Rainbow)
  - Presiding Officer and Grand Chapter Officers
  - Presiding Officer and Grand Council Officers
  - Presiding Officer and Grand Commandery Officers
  - National Officers (All Bodies)
  - G.G. Chapter, G.G. Council, and G.E. Officers
  - Grand Lodge Officers (All)
  - Grand Master of Masons

**Commander’s Comments:** Focus on not more than three points—Be Brief

**Commander:** The Installing Prelate will now offer a closing prayer.

**IPre:** Almighty and everlasting God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift, send down upon Thy servants here assembled, the healthful spirit of Thy Grace, that they may truly please Thee in all their doings. Grant O Lord, power of mind and great understanding to those whom we have clothed with authority to preside over and direct the affairs of this Commandery; so too replenish them with Thy truth and adorn them with humility of life; that both by word and good example, they may faithfully serve Thee, to the glory of Thy Holy Name, and to the advancement for all good purposes, of our beloved institution. Amen.

**Response:** Amen.

**Commander:** The officers will retire by going once around the room for officers to join in order of rank (*and to escort their ladies after the first trip around the Asylum, if applicable*). After the officers retire, the audience may retire.

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