



The By-laws
of the

KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW

of the
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite
Southern Jurisdiction of the United States
Valley of Kansas City,
Orient of Missouri
2008

ARTICLE 1

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.1 There shall be three forms of membership of the KSt.A.

- A. **Full Membership.** Any member of the Kansas City Valley, in good standing, who is a Master of the Royal Secret and has not been awarded KCCH or Inspector General Honorary is entitled to full membership in the Order. Full membership rights and benefits include voting privileges, eligibility to hold office and participate in open discussions.
- B. **Emeritus Membership.** Any full member who has served in the KSt.A for twenty five years shall be recognized as an Emeritus member and retain the rights and benefits of full membership without cost of dues.
- C. **Honorary Membership.** Anyone within the Masonic fraternity who displays the characteristics of the KSt.A may be awarded Honorary Membership. He must be nominated at the annual general meeting by five full or emeritus members and voted in by majority of voting members present. A maximum of two Honorary Members may be created per annum. Honorary Membership conveys no rights or benefits other than to wear the badge of the Order attesting to membership.
- D. **Past or Raised Membership.** Any full member of the Knights of St. Andrew, Valley of Kansas City, who has been made a Knights Commander Court of Honor (KCCH), will be know as a Past Member. Any Past Member of the Knights of St. Andrew, Valley of Kansas City who has been made a 33° Inspector General Honorary will be known as a Raised Member. These memberships convey no rights or benefits other than to wear the badge of the Order attesting to membership.

ARTICLE 2

DUES

Section 2.1 The amount of dues shall be assessed at the annual general meeting and are currently set at \$10.00 for full membership and \$00.00 for Emeritus and Honorary members.

- A. Dues are payable on or before the date of the annual general meeting.
- B. The Chancellor shall contact by best means those members who are in arrears within thirty days of the annual meeting.
- C. Status of members in arrears ninety days from annual meeting shall be decided by the Venerable Master of the KSt.A with agreement by the Prior and Preceptor.

ARTICLE 3

PETITIONS

Section 3.1 **Petition Format.** The petition shall include: Petitioner's name, address, home, work, and cell phone numbers and e-mail address, Blue Lodge name and number with a list of Masonic offices held and cap size. Signed and dated petitions are to be forwarded to the Chancellor of the KSt.A together with the instatement fee currently set at \$65.00.

Section 3.2 **Voting.** Petition must be read and can be voted on for acceptance at any meeting consisting of majority of officers and as many full members as are present.

ARTICLE 4

SUSPENSION

Section 4.1 **Non-payment of Dues.** Any member who fails to pay dues on or before the annual general meeting shall have until the next general meeting to remit his dues.

- A. Any member in arrears who has not contacted or been contacted by the Chancellor and is more than one hundred twenty days in arrears shall be suspended and noted as such in the next general meetings minutes.

ARTICLE 5

EXPULSION

Section 5.1 **Expulsion for Masonic Offenses.** Any member who has been expelled by tribunal from the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and/or his blue lodge for any Masonic offense, shall also be expelled from the KSt.A.

ARTICLE 6

MEETINGS

Section 6.1 **Annual Meeting.** The annual general meeting will take place no later than June 30 with the new year starting July 1.

Section 6.2 **Quarterly Meetings.** Quarterly meetings should take place on the 5th Wednesday of the month.

Section 6.3 **General Meetings.** General meetings will take place at determination of the Venerable Master of the KSt.A with general consensus of the officers and as business needs demand.

ARTICLE 7

OFFICERS

Section 7.1 **Venerable Master:** shall preside at all meetings, report to the Executive Committee as required, and appoint officers, committee members and special representatives as required.

Section 7.2 **Prior:** shall preside in the absence of the Venerable Master, coordinate KSt.A assistance to valley membership committee as required.

Section 7.3 **Preceptor:** shall preside in absence Venerable Master and Prior, and shall oversee all KSt.A activity outside the confines of the temple.

Section 7.4 **Chancellor:** shall perform the duties of secretary and treasurer as generally known and stated specifically in these by-laws.

Section 7.5 **Bailiff:** shall ensure the meeting room is properly prepared, Masonic decorum is

maintained, and refreshments, if required, are available.

Section 7.6 **Warder:** shall attend to inner security and assist Bailiff in his duties.

Section 7.7 **Knights-Marshall:** shall serve as Master of Ceremonies during ritual and meetings and assist Preceptor in functions outside of the temple.

Section 7.8 **Chaplain:** shall be present at all meetings and shall offer devotions to Deity at all rituals and meetings.

Section 7.9 **Captain of the Guard:** shall act as Tyler for annual stated and general meetings and shall assist Prior with valley membership duties.

Section 7.10 **Advancing Line:** All officers are to be in office for 'one year' starting no later than July 1 and ending no sooner than June 30 of following year. By consent of the members present at the Annual Meeting held in June of each year, each officer will advance to the next highest office until they have been Venerable Master of KSt.A.

- A. The Prior shall appoint, with the consent of the members, the Captain of the Guard, for his year in office as Venerable Master thereby preserving the advancing line.
- B. Any other opening in the advancing line of officers for any reason must be appointed by the Venerable Master and only with the consent of the Prior and Preceptor.
- C. All openings must be filled before the Prior assumes the duties of Venerable Master KSt.A

ARTICLE 8

APPOINTMENTS

Section 8.1 When KSt.A are appointed to permanent or special committees or to liaison duties, they are to assume the following titles:

- A. **Knights-General** Chairmen of permanent committees such as finance, membership and fundraising.
- B. **Knights-Brigadier** Chairmen of special committees or representatives to other Masonic organizations.
- C. **Knights-Captain** serve as liaison officers to other Scottish Rite clubs or valleys.
- D. **Knights-Lieutenant** serve as assistants to the Knights-Captain.

ARTICLE 9

CONDUCT

Section 9.1 All meetings of the KSt.A shall be conducted with decorum befitting a Masonic ritual. Knights are to take due notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly.

ARTICLE 10

STALEMATE

Section 10.1 If such a problem arises during the course of a meeting not covered in the

Constitution or By-laws of the Order, the Venerable Master KSt.A's decision shall be final.

These By laws have been prepared by Bernard J Meister 32°, Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection on this day: June 24, 2008 from transcripts provided by Archibald Fletcher 32°, under the direction of Steven D. Heflin 32°, acting Venerable Master, Knights of St. Andrew, Valley of Kansas City.

