



The  
Constitution  
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

## **PREAMBLE**

The purpose of the Knights of Saint Andrew, Valley of Kansas City, is to provide a body where newly created Masters of the Royal Secret can adopt a positive and helpful role within the various Kansas City Scottish Rite Bodies operating under the aegis of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

The constitution, by-laws, and role of the said Knights of Saint Andrew must always conform to, and never be in violation of, the constitution and code of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri and the statutes of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

## ARTICLE 1

### OFFICIAL TITLE AND SEAL

Section 1.1 **Official Title.** The organization shall be known as the “Knights of St. Andrew, Valley of Kansas City” and shall be recognized as the “KSt.A, Kansas City”, or simply “KSt.A”. The order is chartered by, and is under the supervision of the Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Consistory of the valley Kansas City, orient of Missouri, of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States; hereafter known as “the Valley”.

Section 1.2 **Official Seal.** The official seal of the Knights of St. Andrew, valley of Kansas City is Gold Saltire surmounted by a Knights Plumed Helmet and subtending a Gold Thistle. At the center of the saltire is a large square cut emerald. 3

Section 1.3 **Official Name.** No individual, business, corporation, or any other body may use any of the official or recognized names, emblems, symbols, insignia, seals, or other markings of the Knights of St. Andrew, Valley of Kansas City, for any purpose, including but not limited to, marketing, advertising, promotions, or any other purpose that shows a direct connection with or indirect affiliation to the order without written approval of the Venerable Master.

## ARTICLE 2

### PURPOSE

Section 2.1 The Knights of St. Andrew, Valley of Kansas City, is a service organization to provide support to the Valley in all areas, including but not limited to, membership recruitment, fund raising, public relations, and other activities as required.

## ARTICLE 3

### STATEMENT OF ALLEGIANCE

Section 3.1 The membership of the Knights of St. Andrew, Valley of Kansas City, pledge their allegiance to the Lodge of Perfection, Chapter of Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh, and Kadosh of the Consistory, of the Valley of Kansas City, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Orient of Missouri, for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

## ARTICLE 4

### GOVERNING BODIES

Section 4.1 **Removal of an officer or representative.** The Knights of St. Andrew, Valley of Kansas City, recognize the authority of “the Valley” to remove an officer or representative from office or post and declare that position vacant, if it is deemed to be in the best interest of Scottish Rite Masonry, the “Valley”, or Masonry in general. The Venerable Master may also do the same, with the agreement of the Prior and Preceptor.

Section 4.2 **Filling a Vacant Office.** As an office becomes vacant for any reason, the highest ranking officer of the Knights of St. Andrew, Valley of Kansas City, must call a general meeting of the members at earliest convenience, no later than thirty days, to have that office filled if it is deemed to be necessary by a general consensus of the officers remaining. At any time, with agreement by the Prior and Preceptor, the Venerable Master may appoint a member to fill the

vacancy until the next general election when ARTICLE 7, section 7.10 of the by-laws take effect.

Section 4.3 **Constitutional Amendments.** Proposed amendments to the constitution must be submitted to the Chancellor of the Knights of St. Andrew, Valley of Kansas City, sixty days prior to the Annual meeting. The membership will be informed of the impending proposed changes no later than thirty days prior to the Annual meeting, that they may request to review said proposed changes prior to the annual meeting.

Section 4.4 **Conflicting Articles or Sections.** Any article, or of section thereof, of this Constitution or attached By-laws of the Knights of St. Andrew, Valley of Kansas City, that conflicts with the Constitution or By-laws of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Kansas City, or the Orient of Missouri, or the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, or the Grand Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri will be changed or defer authority to said bodies for such article or section in question when it is in the best interest of Masonry to do so.

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **Financial Obligations**

Section 5.1 **Contracted Debt.** No debt shall be contracted on behalf of the Knights of St. Andrew, Valley of Kansas City, in excess of the amount of the cash on hand in the custody of the Chancellor, excerpt by approval of the Executive Committee of the Kansas City Scottish Rite Bodies.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Section 6.1 **Original Membership.** A Venerable Master is to be chosen from the original group of interested members by the brothers present. He will be responsible for causing the Constitution and by-laws to be written and submission of said constitution and by-laws with application for original chartered from the Valley of Kansas City. He will also assume the responsibility of the duties of the Venerable Master , Knights of St. Andrew, as defined in the constitution and by-laws of the Knights of St. Andrew, Valley of Kansas City.

Section 6.2 **Types of Membership.** The types and forms of membership shall be limited to:

- A. Full Membership
- B. Emeritus Membership
- C. Honorary Membership
- D. Past and Raised Membership

These forms of membership are cannot be changed or expanded upon and are defined in Article 1 of the by-laws.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **OFFICERS**

Section 7.1 **Line Officers.** Then line officers in order of precedence are as follows:

- A. Venerable Master
- B. Prior
- C. Preceptor
- D. Chancellor
- E. Bailiff
- F. Warder
- G. Knight-Marshall
- H. Chaplain
- I. Captain of the Guard

The annual appointment of the Captain of the Guard made by the Prior at the annual meeting shall be made with the understanding that this officer will advance through each of the stations to the position of Venerable Master. Officers will serve one year in each respective office before advancing to the next office or service is deemed sufficient by membership through section 4.2 of this constitution.

Section 7.2 **Supernumerary Offices.** Representatives may be named in accordance with section 2.1 of this constitution and referencing Article 8 of the attached by-laws.

## **ARTICLE 8**

### **MEETINGS**

Section 8.1 **Annual Meeting.** One annual meeting is to be held in June of each year for the general purpose of election and appointment of officers and committee chairmen in accordance with article 6 of the attached by-laws of the Knights of St. Andrew, Valley of Kansas City.

Section 8.2 **Quarterly meetings.** Quarterly meetings are to be held in accordance with article 6 of the attached by-laws of the Knights of St. Andrew, Valley of Kansas City.

Section 8.3 **General Meetings.** General meetings are to be held in accordance with article 6 of the attached by-laws of the Knights of St. Andrew, Valley of Kansas City.

Section 8.4 **Festive Meeting.** One festive meeting will be held on or about November 30 each year in celebration of the Patron Saint of Scotland and this Order; Saint Andrew. The festivities are to be coordinated by the Venerable Master with traditions of the festival to be held in high regard.

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **BY-LAWS**

Section 9.1 **Preparation of By-laws and Charter.** The Venerable Master will cause the by-laws to be prepared for submission with the names, addresses, telephone numbers and other information as required of no less than fifteen charter members of this Order to be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the AASR, Valley of Kansas City for the express purpose of obtaining charter as a club in the said Valley no later than July 23, 2008.

Section 9.2 **Amendment of By-Laws.** The by-laws may be amended, in whole or part, at any stated meeting provided:

- A. Two thirds of voting membership is present.

- B. Proposed amendment has no confliction as stated in Article 4, section 4.4 of this constitution.
- C. Proposed amendment is submitted to Chancellor at least ten days prior to meeting.

Section 9.3 **Amendment of By-Laws by Special Meeting.** A special meeting of the officers may be called if by-laws, in whole or part, are found to have confliction as noted in Article 4, section 4.4 to correct said confliction only. This correction must be read and agreed upon at next regular meeting of membership by majority vote of members present. If it is not agreed upon said correction will remain in force until such time as Section 9.2 of this constitution is met.

This Constitution has 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.

