

Knights of St. Andrew of Southern Colorado Scottish Rite
BYLAWS
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Preamble

These Bylaws are hereby established for the governance of the Knights of St. Andrew of Southern Colorado Scottish Rite and to further detail the specifics of membership, meetings, officers, method of operation, and other such matters as may be deemed reasonable to guide and support the The Knights of St. Andrew of Southern Colorado Scottish Rite.

ARTICLE I – PURPOSE

Section 1.

The Knights of St. Andrew are under the immediate supervision of the Executive Committee of the Scottish Rite Scottish Rite Bodies and will provide services where they are needed and asked for. This may include aiding the Tyler, acting as Greeters, providing escort services to dignitaries or at special events, serving as guides, assisting at the Scottish Rite Reunions, helping present the Colors, and any other duties when called upon.

Section 2.

The Knights of St. Andrew exhibit dedication, flexibility and enthusiasm which would make them one of the Valley's most active and desirable organizations. It encourages, nurtures, and develops future leaders as they hone their organizational and leadership skills, explore the inner structures of their Scottish Rite Centers, and thus gain a deeper admiration for our chapter and brethren who work in Freemasonry as a whole.

Section 3. Statement of Allegiance

The Knights of St. Andrew declare that their Bylaws and purposes must always conform to and never be in violation of 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. In addition, any portion of these Bylaws found to be in conflict with the Book of Constitutions of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Colorado, shall be null and void.

ARTICLE II – NAME

Section 1.

The name of this organization, which is chartered and authorized through the Executive Committee of the Valley of Colorado Springs/Pueblo Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, shall be known as: The Knights of St. Andrew.

ARTICLE III – BYLAWS

Section 1. Changes

Bylaws for the Knights of St. Andrew shall be presented in writing to the Active Membership and ratified at the Annual Meeting. The Bylaws shall be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Active Membership present at the annual meeting. No adopted amendments shall be effective until presented to the Executive Committee and signed into effect by the Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the Southern Colorado Scottish Rite bodies.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1.

The officers of the Knights of St. Andrew shall consist of the Venerable Master, Senior Warden, Secretary/Treasurer, Junior Warden, Chaplain and Sentinel.

Section 2.

If an elected office becomes vacant for any reason, the Venerable Master may, with the consent of the Personal Representative, appoint a replacement from the Active Membership to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.

ARTICLE V – UNIFORM

Section 1. Members

Members will designate themselves by wearing a sash of the St. Andrew tartan draped from the right shoulder to the left hip. It will have a grouse foot with an amethyst stone placed over the right breast upon the sash. The grouse foot will distinguish the full member from the probationary member. As the Knights of St. Andrew are first and foremost Scottish Rite Masons they will wear the Scottish Rite cap as their headcover except at public functions.

At public functions where the Scottish Rite cap would be inappropriate, the Knight would dress as above while wearing a Glen Garry hat as their headcover.

Section 2. Probationary Members (“Squires”)

A first year Knight will wear the sash of the order with no grouse foot pin. This sash will be presented in a ceremony after the Saturday dinner of the Reunion the Knight was created. These first year Knights will collectively be known as “Squires of Saint Andrew.”

ARTICLE VI – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Active Members

Membership shall be limited to “black hats” or 32nd Degree Masters of the Royal Secret. Members must remain in Good Standing with the Southern Colorado Scottish Rite Bodies.

Section 2. First-Year Members

To instill a sense of belonging a purpose and following the logic of the 29th Degree, all Class Members of a Reunion of the Scottish Rite are considered members of the Knights of St. Andrew. They will be presented with the sash during the reunion. If they wish to remain in service with the Knights, they may petition during their year.

Section 3. Emeritus Members

The Knights of St. Andrew shall not elect members of the 32nd Degree Knight Commander Court of Honor and 33rd Degree Honorary to Emeritus Status.

Section 4. Members made Ineligible

If at any time an Active Member in the Knights of St. Andrew shall be honored by admission to the ranks of 32nd Degree Knight Commander of the Court of Honor, he shall forfeit his active Membership in the Knights of St. Andrew at the end of the current calendar year. However, the Knights of St. Andrew may select one or more of these previous members to act as advisors.

Members who withdraw from the Southern Colorado Scottish Rite Bodies shall be withdrawn from the roles of the Knights of St. Andrew.

Section 5. Elections

Active Members shall elect by written ballot the Venerable Master, Senior Warden, and Secretary/Treasurer. The Venerable Master shall appoint the Junior Warden, Chaplain and Sentinel.

Section 6. Special Officer

The Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the Southern Colorado Scottish Rite bodies shall be an ex-officio officer of the Knights of St. Andrew with the power to appoint or remove any officer of the Knights of St. Andrew.

ARTICLE VII – APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

Membership as an active member of the Knights of St. Andrew shall be made by written application to the Secretary of the Knights of St. Andrew. Upon receipt of written application for membership, the petition will be presented to the membership at the next stated or special meeting. Voting for membership will be by secret ballot by the Active Membership customary to the fraternity. Two black balls shall be sufficient to reject the applicant for membership. No rejection for membership shall prejudice applicant from submitting an application for membership in the Knights of St. Andrew at any future date. Following the ballot, the applicant will be initiated in the Knights of St. Andrew at that same stated meeting or the next stated or special meeting. All initiation fees must accompany application for membership.

Section 2.

If a Brother applying for membership is rejected by the Active Members, the initiation fees tendered by the Brother shall immediately be refunded without approval of the membership.

ARTICLE VIII – RESIGNATION

Section 1.

Any member may resign if, at the time his written resignation is submitted to the Secretary, he is clear of any debt to the Knights of St. Andrew.

ARTICLE IX – EXPULSION

Section 1.

If any member conducts himself in such a manner as to reflect discredit or creates unfavorable criticism of the Knights of St. Andrew or the Southern Colorado Scottish Rite Bodies of the Scottish Rite, the Venerable Master, upon receiving complaint of such behavior, shall appoint a committee of three (3) Active Members to investigate the conduct of such member. The committee shall make a written report to the Venerable Master, Secretary, and Senior Warden. The three will act as appropriate to counsel or discipline the member up to and including expulsion from the Knights of St. Andrew.

ARTICLE X - REINSTATEMENT

Section 1.

A member who has been suspended for any reason must make application for reinstatement to the Executive Committee for the Southern Colorado Scottish Rite Bodies. If the request is approved, the Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the Southern Colorado Scottish Rite Bodies will inform the Secretary of the Knights of St. Andrew of the brother being allowed to be reinstated.

ARTICLE XI – STATED MEETINGS

Section 1.

Stated meetings of the Knights of St. Andrew shall be held at a minimum of each Southern Colorado Scottish Rite Reunion. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Venerable Master or the Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the Southern Colorado Scottish Rite Bodies, with due notice given to the Active Membership.

Section 2.

The annual meeting shall take place during the month of November or December each calendar year. During such annual meeting, in addition to other business as may be properly brought before the Knights, the Active Membership shall elect officers for the succeeding calendar year and shall appoint such ad hoc committees as are deemed expedient by the membership.

Section 3.

Quorum for the transacting of business at any stated or special, meetings shall consist of seven (7) active Members, at least one of whom must be the Venerable Master, Senior Warden, or Junior Warden.

ARTICLE XII - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1.

All meetings of the Knights of St. Andrew shall be conducted in accordance with prudent Masonic decorum, as is seemly for the behavior of all Master Masons.

ARTICLE XIII - INITIATION FEES AND DUES

Section 1.

Fees for New Members of the Knights shall consist of \$40 plus fees for clothing and must accompany the petition in full prior to his initiation. While standing as a “Squire”, there will be no fee.

Section 2.

The Knights of St. Andrew will not charge any Annual Dues for the organization.

Section 3.

There shall not be any special assessments made of the Active Membership without written permission of the Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the Southern Colorado Scottish Rite Bodies.

ARTICLE XIV - RESTRICTIONS OF POWER

Section 1.

The Knights of St. Andrew shall not incur any debts of any financial nature.

Section 2.

The Knights of St. Andrew are not authorized to hold any meetings outside of the Colorado Springs Masonic Center or wear their Scottish Rite caps or Knights of St. Andrew regalia in public without express written permission by the Executive Committee of the Southern Colorado Scottish Rite Bodies.

Section 3.

The Knights of St. Andrew are not authorized to hold events designed to recruit members for the Blue Lodge or Scottish Rite.

Section 4.

Outside of the Burns Night and/or Hogmany Celebrations, the Knights of St. Andrew are not authorized to do any fundraising for their organization. These celebrations may collect money to defray their cost.

Venerable Master, KSA

Executive Committee
