

CONSTITUTION OF THE KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS, founded upon 21 December 1998, originally as the *Knights of The old Code, Knights of Valor, Virtue, and Truth*, in the State of Texas, re-constituted 21 December 2010 as an appendant body, and re-organized 21 December 2011 to incorporate all membership of the original organization.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

We, the KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS, in order to secure a peaceful and harmonious bastion of righteousness within the universe, do submit ourselves to the service of Light, Life, and Eternity, and these following several purposes.

1. The sublime revelry of good and wholesome instruction to all well-regulated individuals of the ancient degrees of initiation as passed to us from time immemorial.
2. The intimate detail of peace and harmony between all sentient beings, alive and capable of choice.
3. The study of the chivalric path of heroism through archetypal practice.
4. The practice and study of the "Path of the Exalted."
5. And the promotion of charity, relief, hope, valor, virtue, truth, and faith.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS is determined by obligation, ceremonial initiation (degrees), and examination by senior members. Membership falls into several categories:

1. Neophyte
2. Aspirant
3. Companion
4. Master
5. Exalted Knight

SECTION 1. QUALIFICATION

To qualify for Neophyte membership, a person must ask an Exalted Knight in good standing to join the order and accept all parts of the Neophyte's Oath.

To qualify for Aspirant, Companion, Master, or Exalted Knight membership, a person must be proven of eighteen (18) years of age, have no convicted felonies of moral turpitude in any country, and have never been rejected from membership previously.

The Grand Master may elect to omit any or all of these requirements for special circumstances.

SECTION 2. INITIATION

Where a member has previously received a degree of initiation in a similar esoteric order, the member must still pass through the KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS initiation process.

A Neophyte member must participate in the Aspirant Degree in order to attain Aspirant membership.

An Aspirant member must provide proficiency in the Chivalric teachings of Charity, Relief, and Hope under the direction of the Knight-Lieutenant within one (1) calendar year of participating in the Aspirant Degree. Upon the Knight-Lieutenant's recommendation, the Aspirant is allowed to participate in the Companion Degree and become a Companion member thereafter.

A Companion member must provide proficiency in the Chivalric teachings of Valor, Virtue, and Truth under the direction of the Knight-Captain and assistance of a mentor Exalted Knight assigned by the Knight-Captain within one (1) calendar year of participating in the Companion Degree. Upon the Knight-Captain's recommendation, the Companion is allowed to participate in the Master Degree and become a Master member thereafter.

Upon completion of the Master Degree, the Master member may submit a Petition for the Order of Exalted Knighthood. Upon reception of the application, at the next Stated Meeting, the petition is read to the attending members and vote to approve the Master to receive the Order of Exalted Knighthood by secret ballot. Three (3) negative votes shall fail the vote, preventing the Master member from advancing in the order for three (3) months. The Master member may petition a second time at the end of this period. If the vote fails a second time, the Master member must wait one full calendar year to petition again. Upon a favorable vote, the Master member must provide proficiency in the Chivalric teaching of Faith under the direction of the Knight-Commander in a contemplative vigil within one (1) calendar year of election. Following the vigil, the order shall Knight the member in due and ancient form, granting them Exalted Knight membership.

SECTION 3. DUES

The KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS shall collect dues as outlined in the Financial Operations Handbook in Article V annually by 23:59 CST on 21 December.

All dues receipt shall follow the guidelines of the Financial Operations Handbook. Only Exalted Knight members shall pay dues as such.

SECTION 4. RIGHTS OF MEMBERSHIP

All members are granted the right to vote in a meeting opened in the Degree of their membership classification. Exalted Knights are granted the right to vote in all meetings.

All members are granted the right to wear the paraphernalia and regalia of the order according to their rank of membership.

All members are granted the right to attend and participate in Initiation Degrees appropriate to their rank of membership.

Exalted Knight members are granted the right to wield a Knightly Implement (sword), during activities with the order, except where ritual prohibits the carrying of a weapon.

Master and Exalted Knight members are granted the right to submit research papers for presentation at the Annual Grand Conclave on 21 December.

All members are granted the right to participate in developing Therapeutic Heroic Archetypal Rapport for the purpose of self-improvement and community benefit led by the Exalted Knight membership of the KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS.

SECTION 5. VOLUNTARY DEMIT

Any member may declare a desire to voluntarily demit from the organization at any time. They must submit, in writing to the Grand Master, a statement of intent to demit. A member who voluntarily demits is considered Expelled.

SECTION 6. SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

A Suspended member is no longer in good standing and loses the right of membership to vote.

An Expelled member is no longer in good standing and loses all rights of membership.

Any Exalted Knight member who has not paid the annual dues by the aforementioned time is considered Suspended immediately at 00:00 CST on 22 December.

A member who is Suspended for one calendar year is Expelled from the order and notified in writing. They may, at any future date, pay current membership dues and be reinstated as a member in good standing.

Any Suspended Exalted Knight may pay their past-due amount of dues owed, up to one year in owing but no more, to become in good standing immediately upon receipt thereof by the KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS.

Any Expelled Exalted Knight, who having been expelled for non-payment of dues, may pay their past-due amount of dues owed, up to two years in owing but no more, to become in good standing immediately upon receipt thereof by the KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS.

At any time, a Neophyte, Aspirant, Companion, or Master may be removed from the order. This requires a favorable vote of seventy-five (75) percent of the attending Exalted Knight membership at a Stated Meeting on a motion to remove the member. If the motion passes as such, the member is thereafter considered Expelled.

Any Aspirant, Companion, or Master member who fails to meet the requirements of initiation by the initiation deadlines shall be automatically removed from the order upon the day following the deadline unless the Knight-Commander and Grand Master agree to extend the time limit for the member for that requirement. Any Aspirant, Companion, or Master thus removed from the order thusly is considered Expelled.

An Exalted Knight member may only be forcibly removed from the order if Chivalric Charges of Behavior and Activities not Befitting a Knight are drafted against them in writing and presented at a Stated Meeting of the order in which they and the Grand Master are in attendance. These charges may only be presented by an Exalted Knight in good standing in the form of a Motion to Expel the named Exalted Knight member. The discussion of this movement shall serve as the member's defense against the charges. This vote must be seventy-five (75) percent in favor of expulsion, or the motion fails. If the motion passes, the member is Expelled. If the motion fails, the member retains all rights and privileges afforded to their Exalted Knight membership.

If Chivalric Charges of Behavior and Activities not Befitting a Knight are drafted against an Exalted Knight member who has not attended a Stated Meeting in one calendar year, they forfeit the right of defense and the requirement to be in attendance at the Stated Meeting in which the Motion to Expel is declared, but the Grand Master must still be in attendance. Any other Exalted Knight may instead provide defense for the named Exalted Knight member. This vote must be seventy-five (75) percent in favor of expulsion, or the motion fails. If the motion passes, the member is Expelled. If the motion fails, the member retains all rights and privileges afforded to their Exalted Knight membership.

An Expelled Exalted Knight member may petition the Grand Master to be returned to good standing. If they were Expelled due to the process of clauses 8 and 9 of this section, they must wait one (1) year and one (1) day before requesting to be returned to good standing. If they were Expelled due to voluntary

demit or non-payment of dues, there is no required time before the request must be made. All other Expelled members may attempt the initiation process beginning as outlined in Article III, § 1 and § 2.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

The officers of the order shall be the Grand Master, Knight-Commander, Knight-Captain, Knight-Lieutenant, Treasurer, Secretary, Warder, and Sentinel.

The offices of the Knight-Commander, Knight-Captain, Knight-Lieutenant, Treasurer, and Secretary shall be elected from the body of Knights who qualify to serve as officers.

The Knight-Commander shall appoint Exalted Knight members of their choosing to the offices of Warder and Sentinel for the chivalric year.

SECTION 1. QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTED OFFICERS

To qualify for any elected office of the order, a member must be an Exalted Knight member in good standing and accept a nomination for the office in a Stated or Called Meeting of the order.

In the event that the order has only three (3) Exalted Knights who qualify for officer positions, the Knight-Captain also serves as the Treasurer and the Knight-Lieutenant serves as the Secretary. If there are four (4) Exalted Knight members, the Knight-Lieutenant and Secretary shall be separate officers.

To qualify for the office of Knight-Commander, an Exalted Knight member must have previously served as a Knight-Captain or Knight-Commander.

To qualify for the office of Knight-Captain, an Exalted Knight must have previously served as a Knight-Lieutenant.

SECTION 2. ELECTIONS AND TERMS

Officers shall be elected from the qualifying Exalted Knights of the order with a favorable vote greater than 50% of the attending Exalted Knights for each individual officer during an open hand ballot. This vote cannot be secret ballot.

Each officer position shall be elected and installed by June 21, annually, but not installed before May 21.

Officers may serve two (2) consecutive terms without special permission from the Grand Master.

The Grand Master shall serve for life or until they step down from the office. The election of a Grand Master shall follow all preceding election procedures except that only a Grand Master may nominate a new Grand Master. In the event that a new Grand Master has not been nominated when the current Grand Master ceases the duties of the office, the current Knight-Commander becomes the Grand Master until the next 21 December, upon which date the first order of business of the Annual Grand Conclave named in Article VI, section 1, clause 3 shall be to elect a new Grand Master from the membership identified as Master Knights in the Exalted Ritual Handbook.

SECTION 3. DUTIES

The duty of the Grand Master shall be to maintain the traditions of the order, instruct Exalted Knights in the mysteries of the order, guide and mentor Knight-Commanders in the function of the order, and veto any and all votes of the order that do not conform to the original purpose of the order.

The duty of the Knight-Commander shall be to organize and lead meetings, rituals, and participate in the instruction of Squires having received the Master Degree of initiation.

The duty of the Knight-Captain shall be to provide instruction and organization of regalia, the armory, and the instruction of Squires having received the Companion Degree of initiation. The Knight-Captain shall preside in the absence of the Knight-Commander.

The duty of the Knight-Lieutenant shall be to organize and lead charitable activities of the order and provide instruction to Initiates having received the Aspirant Degree of initiation. The Knight-Lieutenant shall preside in the absence of the Knight-Commander and the Knight-Captain.

The duty of the Treasurer shall be to maintain a record of all expenses and funds of the order, report the expenses and funds of the order when necessary, and serve as the primary financial officer for the same.

The duty of the Secretary shall be to keep an accurate record of membership, record the minutes of the meetings of the order, and function as the primary communication officer for the same.

The duty of the Warder shall be to post the Sentinel, sound the assembly, announce the approach and departure of the Knight-Commander, assist the Knight-Captain in the duties of their office, and defend against those who would assault the order from within.

The duty of the Sentinel shall be to guard the avenues leading into the meeting places of the order, assist the Knight-Lieutenant in the duties of their office, and to allow none to enter the meeting places of the order who are not properly qualified.

SECTION 4. REMOVAL OF OFFICER FROM STATION

In the event that the Exalted Knight members of the order do not believe an officer is performing to the expected duty of the office, or that officer believes they should be removed from the office or are incapable of performing the duties, they (an Exalted Knight or the officer) may submit to the Grand Master in writing to remove the officer for the duration of the term. It is the discretion of the Grand Master to remove or maintain the officer. If the Grand Master removes the officer, the Grand Master must appoint another member who qualifies for the office to fill the vacancy, except that the qualification requirements do not include nomination.

In the event that an officer becomes Suspended or Expelled during their term, their term of office ends immediately, and the Grand Master must appoint another member who qualifies for the office to fill the vacancy, except that the qualification requirements do not include nomination.

The new officer appointed to fill a vacant office may not be nominated to fill the same office during the following election of officers.

ARTICLE V. FINANCES

The KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS shall operate according to the Financial Operations Handbook in regard to holdings, property, and money in its name or under its review. All monetary expense of the KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS shall be in accordance with the Constitution of the KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS and the Financial Operations Handbook.

SECTION 1. AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Knight-Commander shall annually appoint an Audit Committee. The Audit Committee may not include the Knight-Commander.

The Treasurer may not act as the Chair of the Audit Committee.

SECTION 2. ANNUAL AUDIT

The Audit Committee shall perform the financial audit of the order annually before June 21. The audit shall be in accordance with the Financial Operations Handbook.

SECTION 3. FINANCIAL OPERATIONS HANDBOOK REVIEW

The Audit Committee shall annually edit the Financial Operations Handbook between 21 June and 21 December.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

The KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS shall open meetings for the dispatch of business, initiating new members, and Chivalric instruction through two types of physical and virtual meetings: 1) Stated Meetings and 2) Called Meetings.

A meeting of Exalted Knights is known as a Commandery.

A meeting of Aspirants, Companions, or Masters is known as a Council.

SECTION 1. STATED MEETINGS

The order shall have four (4) stated meetings throughout the calendar year on March 12, June 21, September 12, and December 21.

A Stated Meeting opened on the aforementioned days must be closed by 23:59 CST the same day. If the acting Knight-Commander does not close the meeting by 23:59 CST, the meeting is adjourned unless the Grand Master is present. If the Grand Master is present, the Grand Master becomes the acting Knight-Commander immediately.

The Stated Meeting of 21 December shall be referred to as the Annual Grand Conclave. During this Annual Grand Conclave, the Grand Master must be in attendance and preside over the meeting per tradition.

SECTION 2. CALLED MEETINGS

The Knight-Commander may request a Called Meeting so long as it is announced to the population of the Exalted Knight membership at least 24 hours in advance via e-mail, text, Facebook Group, Discord Server, or phone call.

Called Meetings may extend beyond the day upon which they were opened and have no time limitations.

All Initiation Degrees are considered Called Meetings, even when they overlap with Stated Meetings in duration or date.

SECTION 3. PHYSICAL AND VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Where necessary, at the discretion of the Knight-Commander, all stated and called meetings may be held physically or virtually. A member is considered present in a physical or virtual meeting if they can see, hear, or read the communication from the other members simultaneously.

Called meetings for Degree Initiation may be virtual only if the participation includes a visual representation of the candidate and participants in a three-dimensional, virtual environment that allows for immersion and privacy (such as *World of Warcraft* and *Final Fantasy XIV*).

The Order of Exalted Knighthood may be performed only during a physical Called Meeting.

SECTION 4. QUORUM

A stated meeting shall have a quorum of at least three (3) Exalted Knight members, including one (1) of the highest elected officers: Knight-Commander, Knight-Captain, or Knight-Lieutenant.

Called meetings for the purpose of Initiation Degrees do not need to meet quorum. Instead, they must meet the ritual requirements of the Initiation Degree to be performed, with the exception that three (3)

Exalted Knights can, with the written permission of the Grand Master authorizing them to do so for each Initiation Degree, open and perform any and all Initiation Degrees of the order.

A Council of Aspirants must have, at minimum, one (1) Master and four (4) Aspirants.

A Council of Companions must have, at minimum, two (2) Masters and five (5) Companions.

A Council of Masters must have, at minimum, three (3) Masters.

SECTION 5. VOTING

The acting senior Master or Knight-Commander determines when it is necessary to vote.

All voting is by open hand ballot except where otherwise required in this document.

Votes shall be “in favor,” “opposed,” or “abstaining.”

In a Council of Masters, no member present may abstain.

The Knight-Commander may determine that a vote should not allow abstentions. The declaration of such must be made to the members present before the vote is called.

Once a vote is called, no further business may occur until the vote is determined.

In a Council of Aspirants, the Master may not vote except in the case of a tie and must determine the vote.

In a Council of Companions, the Illuminated Master may not vote except in the case of a tie. The Glittering Master determines the vote.

In a Council of Masters, the Master of Wisdom may not vote except in the case of a tie. The Master of Mercy ensures all members present vote. The Master of Justice determines the vote.

In a Commandery of Exalted Knights, the acting Knight-Commander of a meeting may not vote except in the case of a tie. The Knight-Lieutenant ensures all members present have the opportunity to vote. The Knight-Captain determines the vote.

The Grand Master reserves the right to veto any passing vote of the order if they deem the vote to be a detriment to the good of the order, including all open hand ballots and secret ballots.

In the case of a secret ballot for election of new members, all members present must vote.

It is the duty of the Knight-Commander, Knight-Captain, and Knight-Lieutenant to determine the results of a secret ballot.

In all cases except where indicated in this document, a vote passes by simple majority.

SECTION 6. ORDER OF BUSINESS

In general, the order of business of all stated meetings shall be:

- a. Opening Ceremonies
- b. Reading of Minutes
- c. Officer Reports
- d. Committee Reports
- e. New Business
- f. Closing Ceremonies

SECTION 7. COMMITTEES

The Grand Master and Knight-Commander shall have the power to create committees as necessary for the dispatch of business. Committees must have at least three (3) members to be charged with business and shall be discharged after the business has been concluded, at the discretion of the officer who created the committee.

ARTICLE VII. RITUAL AND REGALIA

Though similarities to other rituals and ceremonies of other orders might be present, due to the universal nature of initiation, none of the degrees or chivalric orders of the KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS owe lineage or legacy to any previous orders or initiation schools.

SECTION 1. MEMBER REGALIA

The order shall have regalia as necessary for expression of the symbols and services of the order. The Grand Master may adjust these as necessary.

The order shall have a sash, tabard, and officer's jewels prescribed in ritual for use. The sash should also serve as a baldric.

Where a gold crown is mentioned, this is the five pointed crown regularly called the Crown of Victory.

The black sash with gold crown worn from right shoulder to left hip shall be for Aspirant members.

The black sash with a gold crown worn from right shoulder to left hip and a red tassel at the lowest portion of the sash shall be for Companion members.

The black sash with a gold crown worn from right shoulder to left hip, with red tassel at the lowest portion of the sash, and golden citation cord with triple knots at each end looped three times on the right shoulder shall be for Master members.

A white sash with gold crown and black trim shall be for Exalted Knight members.

The white tabard with black trim and gold crown shall only be for Exalted Knight members during appropriate battle dress of anachronistic settings and special ritual implementation.

The ceremonial dress sword shall be a thin and straight bladed, double edged, one handed sword with an upright equilateral triangle on the hilt pointing down the blade. The pommel of the sword shall be a dragon head facing the true edge. The grip shall be white with a gold cross. The hilt and pommel shall be gold. The blade shall have an etched encampment of tents on one side of the blade near the hilt, and a sand dune or battlefield near the tip of the blade. On the other side of the blade, there shall be space for the name of the knight to be acid etched between the same décor.

SECTION 2. DRESS CODE

Formal dress of the KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS shall be black shoe, black pant, black coat, black tie, white collared dress shirt, the appropriate sash, and a black cavalier hat with white feather. Any member may substitute black pant and coat with a single black dress but must still wear a white collared shirt and black tie beneath it.

Coat preference shall be left to the member.

Ceremonial dress may include anachronistic armor, hoods, cloaks, and other weaponry or implements required by the ritual.

SECTION 3. OFFICER REGALIA

Officer jewels for the Grand Encampment, should it be created again, shall be as follows:

- a. Grand Master – Patriarchal Cross within Heptagram

- b. Grand Commander – Cross and Crown within Hexagram
- c. Grand Captain – Crown within Hexagram
- d. Grand Lieutenant – Cross of Unity within Hexagram

The Grand Officers shall wear shoulder-boards, pauldrons, or epaulettes of purple with the emblem of their office in gold.

The Grand Officers shall wear gold jewels upon their left breast with the emblem of their office, supported by a purple ribbon.

Officer jewels for the order shall be as follows:

- a. Knight-Commander – Cross and Crown within a Triangle (upright)
- b. Knight-Captain – Crown within a Triangle (upright)
- c. Knight-Lieutenant – Cross within a Triangle (upright)
- d. Treasurer – Key within a Triangle (downward)
- e. Secretary – Quill within a Triangle (downward)
- f. Warder – Shield within a Triangle (downward)
- g. Sentinel – Sword

The Knight-Commander shall wear shoulder-boards, pauldrons, or epaulettes of green with the emblem of their office in gold.

The Knight-Captain shall wear shoulder-boards, pauldrons, or epaulettes of red with the emblem of their office in gold.

The Knight-Lieutenant shall wear shoulder-boards, pauldrons, or epaulettes of blue with the emblem of their office in gold.

Officers shall wear gold jewels upon their left breast with the emblem of their office, supported by a black and white ribbon.

SECTION 4. RITUAL TRADITION

The ritual traditions of the Knights Regnum shall be maintained by the Grand Master.

There shall be a Ritual Handbook maintained by the Grand Master for the instruction and initiation of the Aspirant, Companion, and Master members.

There shall be an Exalted Ritual Handbook maintained by the Grand Master for the instruction and initiation of Exalted Knights.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

This document is amendable by a 2/3 vote of the order in attendance at a Stated Meeting in which the amendment is brought before the order at least one Stated Meeting prior.

If the amendment fails, it must wait one year before being brought to the Order again.

The exception to this process exists if there are not enough members in good standing to fill the offices of the order. In this case, the Grand Master may amend the constitution as necessary for the good of the order.

AMENDMENT 1.

The name of the order shall be the KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS. All members of the virtual roster of the Knights Regnum of the virtual fraternity of *World of Warcraft* shall be members in good standing of the order according to the rank achieved in the virtual roster.

Adopted: December 21, 2010

AMENDMENT 2.

~~The Knights Regnum Caelestis shall have three bodies of organization: Grand Encampment, Local Encampments, and Digital Encampments. The members of the Local Encampments and Digital Encampments shall have sovereignty over their respective encampments. New encampments shall be created provided by new rules in a constitutional revision.~~

~~Adopted: December 21, 2011~~

AMENDMENT 3.

~~Members of a demised encampment shall automatically become part of the Austin Area No. 2. Encampment.~~

~~Adopted: December 21, 2013~~

AMENDMENT 4.

The KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS shall adopt new regalia for officers and members. This regalia shall be included in the constitution in a section or article concerning Ritual and Regalia. The several parts of this regalia system shall be as follows:

- a. A black sash with gold crown, adjusted by rank and degree for non-knights.
- b. A white sash with black edge and gold crown for knights.
- c. Black dress clothing shall be prescribed for the dress uniform of the order.
- d. A sword shall be designed for the order and included in the constitution.
- e. Specific officer jewels of the order shall be regulated by the Grand Master.

Adopted: December 21, 2017

AMENDMENT 5.

~~A dues system shall be in place for the Knights Regnum Caelestis. Dues shall be determined by December 21, 2018. Dues revenue shall only be used for regalia.~~

~~Adopted: December 21, 2017~~

AMENDMENT 6.

The KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS shall no longer have a separation of membership between Grand Encampment, Local Encampments, or Digital Encampments. All members in good standing will henceforth be part of the "order." All encampments are hereby dissolved. The officers of the remaining Austin Area Encampment No. 2. shall take the role and responsibility of officers of the order. The Grand Master shall revise and rewrite the constitution to fit the needs of a unified order and its several purposes. This new constitution shall be submitted and amended by the members of the order on June 21, 2019.

Adopted: December 21, 2018

AMENDMENT 7.

~~The order shall no longer pursue 501(c)(3), 501(c)(8), or 501(c)(10) status. Because of this, the order shall not have a dues system. Rather than dues, a Virtual Blog shall be organized for the purpose of esoteric instruction. Exalted Knight members shall maintain a subscription to this Blog in order to fund the regalia of the order. Blog content shall be maintained by officers of the order. Member subscriptions shall be \$50 annually. Non member subscriptions shall be \$60 annually, paid in \$5 monthly subscription fees. Content of the Blog shall be member specific and overlap with non member content. The Blog shall report to the Treasurer, annually, members who are not subscribed have not paid their subscription fees or had their fees waived, on December 22. The name shall be *Regnum Esoterica*.~~

~~Adopted: December 21, 2018~~

AMENDMENT 8.

WHERE progress on the blog “REGNUM ESOTERICA” has failed to produce any publications in the months following its adoption,

AND WHERE work upon the blog “REGNUM ESOTERICA” has caused strife and dissent in the ranks of the Order,

BE IT NOW RESOLVED that all reference to “REGNUM ESOTERICA” and its associated amendments and bylaws be henceforth removed from the Constitution of the KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS.

Adopted: December 21, 2019

AMENDMENT 9.

The Knights Regnum shall have a Financial Operations Handbook. An Audit Committee shall annually edit the handbook. The Audit Committee shall handle the financial audit of the order annually before June 21. The Audit Committee is appointed by the acting Commander and may not include the acting Commander; the sitting Treasurer may not act as the Chair of the Audit Committee.

Adopted June 21, 2020

AMENDMENT 10.

The Knights Regnum shall gain such 501 status as deemed recommended for our organizational structure and ability as may be required. All references to removing the 501 status of our order shall henceforth be removed from the Constitution.

Adopted: June 21, 2020

AMENDMENT 11.

WHERE the KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS is a legally incorporated entity,

AND WHERE the KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS may lawfully collect dues,

AND WHERE the function of an organization such as the KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS is monetarily independent of the membership thereof,

BE IT NOW RESOLVED that the KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS shall adopt a dues schedule as outlined in the Financial Operations Handbook.

AND THAT the Exalted Knight members of the KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS shall pay dues according to the amount required in the Financial Operations Handbook annually by 23:59 CST on 21 December.

AND THAT any Exalted Knight member who has not paid the annual dues by the aforementioned time is suspended immediately at 00:00 CST on 22 December;

AND THAT any Exalted Knight member who was suspended for non-payment of dues prior to 00:00 CST on 22 December shall be expelled from membership.

BE IT NOW ALSO RESOLVED that a suspended Exalted Knight may pay their past-due amount of dues owed, up to one year in owing but no more, to become in good standing immediately upon receipt thereof by the KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS.

AND any expelled Exalted Knight, who having been expelled for non-payment of dues, may pay their past-due amount of dues owed, up to two years in owing but no more, to become in good standing immediately upon receipt thereof by the KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all dues receipt shall follow the guidelines of the Financial Operations Handbook;

AND all monetary expense of the KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS shall be in accordance with the Constitution of the KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS and the Financial Operations Handbook.

Adopted: 21 December 2020

AMENDMENT 12.

WHERE the KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS is the official name of the KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS legal incorporated entity,

AND the Constitution of the KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS must be uniform,

BE IT NOW RESOLVED that all instances of Knights Regnum shall be replaced with KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS in all documentation referring to the order of the same name.

AND that the appearance of the name KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS be in typographical style such that KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS appears in Andada SC, of the same font size as the surrounding text. Where Andada SC is unavailable, small caps of the local font is acceptable.

Adopted: 21 December 2020

AMENDMENT 13.

WHERE the legal status of 501 (c)(4), (7), (8), or (10) requires evidence that the KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS benefits its membership, has membership rights, and exclusive participation, or benefit to the community,

BE IT NOW RESOLVED that the Rights of Membership include Therapeutic Heroic Archetypal Rapport for the purpose of self-improvement and community benefit led by the Exalted Knight membership of the KNIGHTS REGNUM CAELESTIS.

Adopted: 21 December 2020

AMENDMENT 14.

Several amendments in the 2021 Jurisprudence Committee Report were adopted in bulk to address inconsistencies in policy and language.

The following changes are recommended by the committee because they are unclear or do not reflect, in language, the spirit of the article, subsection, or clause that is represented. Additionally, where amendments are required to add clarity (new clauses or subsections), they are listed here as well.

Art. III, § 2, cl. 5.

The current language for Masters is unclear to the intent of the process of election of new members to become Exalted Knights. The following changes clarify the language and provide guidance for the promotion of Master members to Exalted Knight members.

Current: Upon completion, the Master member may submit a Petition for the Exalted Degrees of Knighthood to the order and then may be elected by secret ballot at the next meeting of the order. Three (3) negative votes shall force the Master to perform at least one more month of service to prove their merit and another vote shall take place. Upon a favorable vote, the Master member must provide proficiency in the Chivalric teaching of Faith under the direction of the Knight-Commander in a contemplative vigil within one (1) calendar year of election. Following the vigil, the order shall Knight the member in due and ancient form, granting them Exalted Knight membership.

Change: Upon completion of the Master Degree, the Master member may submit a Petition for the Order of Exalted Knighthood. Upon reception of the application, at the next Stated Meeting, the petition is read to the attending members and vote to approve the Master to receive the Order of Exalted Knighthood by secret ballot. Three (3) negative votes shall fail the vote, preventing the Master member from advancing in the order for three (3) months. The Master member may petition a second time at the end of this period. If the vote fails a second time, the Master member must wait one full calendar year to petition again. Upon a favorable vote, the Master member must provide proficiency in the Chivalric teaching of Faith under the direction of the Knight-Commander in a contemplative vigil within one (1) calendar year of election. Following the vigil, the order shall Knight the member in due and ancient form, granting them Exalted Knight membership.

Art. III, § 6, cl. 2.

The intent behind Expulsion is that a member is no longer part of our order or the lineage connected thereto. They lose all privileges and rights of membership.

Current: An Expelled member is no longer in good standing. They may lose all rights of membership.

Change: An Expelled member is no longer in good standing and loses all rights of membership.

Art. III, § 6, cl. 7.

The language of the expulsion process is unclear and must be rectified so that our membership can be secure without fear of sudden or unjust removal.

Current: An Exalted Knight member may be removed from the order when brought upon Chivalric Charges of behavior or activities not befitting a Knight. This must be performed in writing and presented at a stated meeting of the order that the Grand Master attends by an Exalted Knight in good standing.

Change: An Exalted Knight member may only be forcibly removed from the order if Chivalric Charges of Behavior and Activities not Befitting a Knight are drafted against them in writing and presented at a Stated Meeting of the order in which they and the Grand Master are in attendance. These charges may only be presented by an Exalted Knight in good standing in the form of a Motion to Expel the named Exalted Knight member. The discussion of this movement shall serve as the member's defense against the charges. This vote must be seventy-five (75) percent in favor of expulsion, or the motion fails. If the motion passes, the member is Expelled. If the motion fails, the member retains all rights and privileges afforded to their Exalted Knight membership.

Art. III, § 6, cl. 8.

With rewriting Art. III, § 6, cl. 7, this clause is unnecessary. We recommend deleting it and replacing it with the following.

Current: Only after being removed by vote of the attending Exalted Knights is a member expelled from the order. This vote must be seventy-five (75) percent in favor of expulsion.

Change: If Chivalric Charges of Behavior and Activities not Befitting a Knight are drafted against an Exalted Knight member who has not attended a Stated Meeting in one calendar year, they forfeit the right of defense and the requirement to be in attendance at the Stated Meeting in which the Motion to Expel is declared, but the Grand Master must still be in attendance. Any other Exalted Knight may instead provide defense for the named Exalted Knight member. This vote must be seventy-five (75) percent in favor of expulsion, or the motion fails. If the motion passes, the member is Expelled. If the motion fails, the member retains all rights and privileges afforded to their Exalted Knight membership.

Art. III, § 6, cl. 9.

Current: A member who is expelled from the order may petition the Grand Master to have the charges cleared after one (1) year and one (1) day have passed since expulsion. It is up to the Grand Master the result of this petition. A member who has been reinstated by the Grand Master may not be brought to vote for one calendar year following the reinstatement, however the Grand Master may revoke the reinstatement without vote during that time.

Change: An Expelled Exalted Knight member may petition the Grand Master to be returned to good standing. If they were Expelled due to the process of clauses 8 and 9 of this section, they must wait one (1) year and one (1) day before requesting to be returned to good standing. If they were Expelled due to voluntary demit or non-payment of dues, there is no required time before the request must be made. All other Expelled members may attempt the initiation process beginning as outlined in Article III, § 1 and § 2.

Art. IV, cl. 1.

We have more than five officers in the Regnum. They should be listed if they serve for longer than the ceremonial initiations or ceremonial process of installing officers.

Current: The officers of the order shall be the Grand Master, Knight-Commander, Knight-Captain, Knight-Lieutenant, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Change: The officers of the order shall be the Grand Master, Knight-Commander, Knight-Captain, Knight-Lieutenant, Treasurer, Secretary, Warder, and Sentinel.

Art. IV cl. 3.

We do not have language declaring how Warder and Sentinel are selected.

Change: The Knight-Commander shall appoint Exalted Knight members of their choosing to the offices of Warder and Sentinel for the chivalric year.

Art. IV, § 1, cl. 1

There is no reason that the Grand Master must preside over the election of Officers. This language was from the days when we elected officers on 21 December.

Current: To qualify for any officer of the order, a person must be an Exalted Knight in good standing and accept a nomination for the officer position in a meeting of Knights in which the Grand Master presides.

Change: To qualify for any elected office of the order, a member must be an Exalted Knight member in good standing and accept a nomination for the office in a Stated or Called Meeting of the order.

Art. IV, § 1

The title of Section 1 must be changed to fit the language of Elected Officers rather than all officers, because the qualifications of appointed officers are mentioned elsewhere.

Change: Section 1. Qualifications of Elected Officers.

Art. IV, § 2, cl. 4.

Current: The Grand Master shall serve for life or until he or she steps down from the position. The election of a Grand Master shall follow the election procedures of all other officers in this event, except that only the previous Grand Master may nominate a new Grand Master. In the event that a new Grand Master has not been nominated, the acting Knight-Commander becomes the Grand Master until the next December 21, upon which date all Knights in good standing must nominate and elect a new Grand Master.

Change: The Grand Master shall serve for life or until they step down from the office. The election of a Grand Master shall follow all preceding election procedures except that only a Grand Master may nominate a new Grand Master. In the event that a new Grand Master has not been nominated when the current Grand Master ceases the duties of the office, the current Knight-Commander becomes the Grand Master until the next 21 December, upon which date the first order of business of the Annual Grand Conclave named in Article VI, section 1, clause 3 shall be to elect a new Grand Master from the membership identified as Master Knights in the Exalted Ritual Handbook.

Art. IV, § 3, cl. 7.

The duties of the Warder are absent from the constitution because they are traditionally ceremonial in nature. This amendment adds the warder's duties to the list of officers in the constitution.

Change: The duty of the Warder shall be to post the Sentinel, sound the assembly, announce the approach and departure of the Knight-Commander, assist the Knight-Captain in the duties of their office, and defend against those who would assault the order from within.

Art. IV, § 3, cl. 8.

The duties of the Sentinel are absent from the constitution because they are traditionally ceremonial in nature. This amendment adds the Sentinel's duties to the list of officers in the constitution.

Change: The duty of the Sentinel shall be to guard the avenues leading into the meeting places of the order, assist the Knight-Lieutenant in the duties of their office, and to allow none to enter the meeting places of the order who are not properly qualified.

Art. VI, cl. 2.

The definition of a Commandery is missing from the constitution.

Change: A meeting of Exalted Knights is known as a Commandery.

Art. VI, cl. 3.

The definition of a Council is missing from the constitution.

Change: A meeting of Aspirants, Companions, or Masters is known as a Council.

Art. VI, § 1, cl. 3.

We have no language indicating the tradition of the Grand Master presiding over the 21 December meeting.

Change: The Stated Meeting of 21 December shall be referred to as the Annual Grand Conclave.

During this Annual Grand Conclave, the Grand Master must be in attendance and preside over the meeting per tradition.

Art. VI, § 3, cl. 3.

As of 2016, the Knights Regnum have declared an intent to only allow the Order of Exalted Knighthood to be performed physically.

Change: The Order of Exalted Knighthood may be performed only during a physical Called Meeting.

Art. VI, § 5, cl. 5.

Per tradition, the Knight-Commander can declare that any open hand ballot of the order can allow or disallow abstentions.

Change: The Knight-Commander may determine that a vote should not allow abstentions. The declaration of such must be made to the members present before the vote is called.

Art. VII, § 4

The secret orders of the Knights Regnum are not intended to be discussed in the public forum, however there are certain important requirements that are dependent upon these orders.

Changes: Article VII, Section 4. Ritual Tradition

Cl. 1. The ritual traditions of the Knights Regnum shall be maintained by the Grand Master.

Cl. 2. There shall be a Ritual Handbook maintained by the Grand Master for the instruction and initiation of the Aspirant, Companion, and Master members.

Cl. 3. There shall be an Exalted Ritual Handbook maintained by the Grand Master for the instruction and initiation of Exalted Knights.

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