

Knights of St. Andrew of Guthrie Scottish Rite

-- CONSTITUTION --

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1.

The name of this organization, which is chartered and authorized through the Advisory Conference of the Guthrie Valley, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, shall be known as: The Knights of St. Andrew.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1.

The Knights of St. Andrew shall exist for the purpose as a service organization on behalf of all members of the Guthrie Scottish Rite, under the immediate supervision of the General Secretary or his Designee of the Guthrie Valley, so as to better serve our brethren, their ladies and guests who participate in Reunions and social activities of the Guthrie Scottish Rite, in the capacity hereinafter set forth.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Charter Members

For the purpose of establishing the initial membership of the Knights of St. Andrew and to assist in its formative process, the General Secretary of the Guthrie Scottish Rite, hereinafter may be referred to as the General Secretary, shall select Charter Members of the Knights of St. Andrew from among the active membership of the Guthrie Valley, not to exceed thirty-two (32) members. At such time as the General Secretary shall determine that the Knights of St. Andrew has been duly formed, the Constitution and By-laws ratified, all Charter Members who are not then eligible for membership as Active Members shall, upon request, be made Emeritus Members upon the approval of the General Secretary. All privileges pertaining to Charter Membership of the Knights of St. Andrew shall terminate for Emeritus Members, including, but not limited to, voting on propositions and participation in open discussion of meetings; provided, however, such persons as are charter members, and have been made Emeritus Members, may continue to display any insignia designating them as charter members.

Section 2. Active Members

When, in the opinion of the General Secretary of the Guthrie Scottish Rite, the organization of the Knights of St. Andrew is sufficiently established as set forth in Section 1 above, all Charter Members who are eligible as Active Members, as set forth hereafter in this section, shall be taken exclusively from the Active Membership of the Guthrie Scottish Rite and who are not, as of the dates of their applications for membership, members of the 32nd Degree Knight Commander Court of Honor or 33rd Degree Honorary.

Section 3. Emeritus Members

If at any time during the active Membership of any Member in the Knights of St. Andrew, such Member shall be honored by admission to the ranks of 32nd Degree Knight Commander Court of Honor, such Member shall forfeit his active Membership in the Knights of St. Andrew but will be eligible, automatically for continuing Membership as an Emeritus Member, except the Elected Secretary who will continue in that capacity as a Member of KCCH until the end of his elected term or until a suitable replacement can be found and becomes well acquainted with the duties of Secretary.

Section 4. Elections

The General Secretary of the Guthrie Valley of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite shall be an ex-officio officer of the Knights of St. Andrew. Additionally, the Charter Members and, thereafter, the Active Members shall elect from among their membership the following officers: Venerable Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and Secretary/Treasurer, such officers to be elected at the annual meeting and shall serve for a period of one year.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

Section 1.

Stated meetings shall be held during each Guthrie Scottish Rite Reunion, the last stated meeting of each calendar year to be the annual meeting. In addition to stated meetings, the Venerable Master and General Secretary at the Guthrie Scottish Rite may call special meetings at such times and places as are convenient and expedient to the membership.

ARTICLE V - BY-LAWS

Section 1.

The membership shall prepare, present and ratify By-laws as from time to time shall be deemed appropriate by the membership. By-laws for the Knights of St. Andrew shall be presented and ratified by Charter Members prior to termination of the powers granted herein to Charter Members.

ARTICLE VI - STATEMENT OF ALLEGIANCE

Section 1.

The Membership of the Knights of St. Andrew, its officers, and the General Secretary of the Guthrie Scottish Rite, by adoption of this Constitution, acknowledge and re-pledge their allegiance and service to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the State of South Carolina, the Guthrie Scottish Rite, in the Orient of Oklahoma, and all officers of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, including, but not necessarily limited to, the Grand Commander, the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Oklahoma, and the Advisory Conference of the Guthrie Consistory.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1.

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Active Membership present at the annual meeting, provided that notice in writing of the proposed amendment or amendments shall be given at a preceding stated meeting and mailed to the Active Membership at least one month prior to the said annual meeting wherein such proposed amendment or amendments shall be considered. Any proposed amendment or amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary in sufficient time to be placed on the agenda for the stated meeting prior to the next succeeding annual meeting wherein such amendments shall be considered. No adopted amendments shall be effective if such amendment or amendments shall be subsequently rejected by the Advisory Conference of Guthrie Scottish Rite.