

**By-Laws
of
Robert V. Hines Chapter,
Order of Knights Preceptor**

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Preamble

The purpose and objective of the Order is to promote the cause of Chivalric Masonry through a dedication of Templar Leadership to its principles, and to further the knowledge of its history, background, customs, usage, and traditions. The Order is considered the 'Chair' degree for an Eminent Commander.

Section I

This organization shall be known and designated as the Robert V. Hines Chapter, Order of Knights Preceptor, holding a lawful warrant from the Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor Grand Chapter.

Charter Members are:

Preceptor- James W. Golladay
D. Precep- Charles W. Wagner
Mas/Tem- Robert B. Malwitz
Seneschal- Hugh A. Shawen
Treasurer- Paul S. Newhall

Recorder- Paul S. Newhall
Prelate- Kenneth D. Fuller
Marshal- Michael J. Kastle
Member- Lawrence N. Jolma
Member- Douglas L. Jordan

Section II

The Officers of this Chapter shall be the following:

Preceptor
Deputy Preceptor
Master of Templars
Seneschal
Prelate

Marshal
Sentinel
*Treasurer
*Recorder
*Warden of Regalia

* Not in the progressive line.

The Preceptor, Deputy Preceptor, Master of Templars, Seneschal, Treasurer, and Recorder shall be elected by majority vote at the Annual Convention of the Chapter. The Prelate, Marshal, Sentinel, and Warden of Regalia shall to be appointed by the Preceptor.

Section III

Committees shall be appointed by the Preceptor as follows:

Finance -- It shall be the duty of this Committee to oversee the financial affairs of the Chapter; to prepare an annual budget and to review and approve for payment, all bills against the Chapter.

Audit - - It shall be the duty of this committee to audit the books and financial records of the Treasurer and Recorder annually, and to report their findings at the Annual convention of the Chapter.

Membership - - It shall be the duty of this Committee to review all petitions for membership and to perform the functions of an Investigating Committee with regard to the same.

Section IV

The Annual Convention of this Chapter shall be held at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of District of Columbia, at a day and time designated by the Preceptor. Every member shall have due and timely notice of such convention. Special conventions may be called by the Preceptor or at the request of at least nine members of the Chapter. Notice of such special conventions shall be given each member and the business or work to be transacted shall be specified and none other shall be considered.

Section V

Petitions will be accepted from all current Eminent Commanders and all Eminent Past Commanders of the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia.

Petitions for the Order of Knights Preceptor shall be presented in writing, on the proper form, at or before the Annual Convention. The Petitions will be voted on at the Annual Convention of the Chapter. Election to membership shall be by unanimous ballot of the members present.

Section VI

The fee for receiving the Order of Knight Preceptor and membership in this Chapter shall be **\$50.00**. This includes a Member certificate and a Member Jewel. The Fee for Affiliation shall be **\$25.00**. Should an applicant be rejected, the fee shall be returned to him.

Section VII

These by-laws shall remain in full force and effect unless amended by two thirds vote of the members present. Proposed amendments must be given to the membership at least 30 days prior to the Annual Convention at which they are to be considered. No amendments shall be considered at a Special Convention.