



**By Laws of  
Redemption Tabernacle XL  
Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests  
of Idaho**

**Article I  
Name and Allegiance**

**Section 1. This Order shall be known as Redemption Tabernacle XL, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.**

**Section 2. It is authorized and governed by, and Allegiance is Acknowledged to, the Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.**

**Article II  
Jurisdiction and Seat of Administration**

**Section 1. The Jurisdiction of this Tabernacle shall include the entire State of Idaho.**

**Section 2. The Seat of Administration shall be in Boise, Idaho, and the Eminent Registrar-Treasurer shall reside in, or near, the City of Boise, Idaho.**

**Article III  
Ingatherings**

**Section 1. A Called Ingathering shall be held on or near the first Saturday in June each Year at the hour and place prescribed by the Very Eminent Preceptor.**

**Section 2. The Annual (Stated) Ingathering shall be held at 2:00 P. M. on the first Saturday in December each year at Boise, Idaho.**

**Section 3. Special Ingatherings may be held from time to time as the Very Eminent Preceptor or his lawful representative may direct.**

**Section 4. Written notice of all Ingatherings shall be mailed to all Members at least ten (10) days prior thereto.**

**Article IV  
Quorum**

**Section 1. In addition to the Very Eminent Preceptor, or the Eminent Deputy Preceptor, or a Junior Past Eminent Preceptor present, there shall be at least seven (7) members of this Tabernacle present to constitute a Quorum at any Ingathering.**

**Article       V**  
**Membership**

**Section 1. Membership in this Tabernacle is attained by invitation Only, and shall be limited to Knights Templar's, duly installed, who have served a full term as Eminent Commander of a Commandery and attained the honor and distinction of Eminent Past Commander, and is currently in good standing in a Commandery.**

**Section 2. The active membership of this Tabernacle shall be limited to thirty-three (33), this shall not include Emeritus Members.**

**Section 3. Emeritus Membership may be attained in accordance with Section VII of the Statutes of the Grand College of America, H. R. A. K. T. P.**

**Section 4. The title of a member is "Knight Priest", with the plural of "Knight Priests".**

**Article       VI**  
**Proposal, Invitation, and Ordination**

**Section 1. Proposals for membership may be offered by any member of this Tabernacle, and may be received at any Stated or Special Ingathering.**

**Section 2. Balloting on duly received proposals shall be taken only at the next Stated Ingathering following receipt of the proposal.**

**Section 3. A secret and unanimous ballot in favor of the proposal shall be necessary to Extend an invitation for membership.**

**Section 4. Following proposal and selection to membership as herein provided, official Invitation, by certified mail, shall be issued only by the Eminent Registrar-Treasurer.**

**Section 5. On receipt of official invitation for Ordination, each Eminent Past Commander shall indicate his acceptance to the Eminent Registrar-Treasurer within thirty (30) days by filing his petition on such forms as are prescribed by the Grand College of America and submitting his Fee in accordance with these By-Laws.**

**Section 6. Each Eminent Past Commander invited to membership shall present himself for Ordination within eighteen (18) months after date of his selection. Should he fail to present himself as herein provided, his invitation is void, but no Fee shall be refunded except in the case of death.**

**Section 7. Immediately after his Ordination, each newly ordained member shall sign the By-Laws of this Tabernacle and shall receive a copy thereof.**

**Section 8. Membership shall cease by voluntary withdrawal, suspension for non-payment of Dues for two full years, suspension as provided in Article X, Section 3, of these By-Laws, or by loss of membership from prerequisite Orders.**

**Section 9. Providing the Tabernacle Membership is less than thirty-three (33), a member who is suspended for non-payment of Dues may be reinstated by making a written petition therefore, payment of all delinquent Dues, and receiving a favorable vote of two-thirds of the members present at a Stated Ingathering. Reinstatement for any other cause shall require a unanimous ballot in favor of the Petitioner.**

## **Article VII Rejection**

**Section 1. Should a proposed Eminent Commander be rejected, his name shall not be proposed Again until a minimum of one full year has expired.**

**Section 2. In case of objection (prior to ballot) to a proposed Past Commander or a Knight Priest of another Tabernacle seeking affiliation, no member or visitor shall disclose to any one the identity of the Past Commander or Knight Priest (or Knight Priests) who objected. Neither shall the identity of one objected to, or rejected at ballot, be disclosed to any one not a member of this Order.**

**Any offender making such disclosure shall be subject to suspension or expulsion if he is a member of this Tabernacle; and if such offense is committed by a visitor, he shall have no future visitation privileges and shall never be considered for affiliation with this Tabernacle.**

**Following each objection or rejection, the Very Eminent Preceptor shall cause the Section to be read immediately.**

## **Article VIII Withdrawal (Demit)**

**Section 1. A member in good standing who desires to withdraw from membership may present a written request for withdrawal at any Stated Ingathering, after which the Eminent Registrar-Treasurer may issue a Demit.**

## **Article IX Officers (Election, Installation, Duties)**

**Section 1. The Officers of this Tabernacle shall consist of a Very Eminent Preceptor, Eminent Deputy Preceptor, and the Eminent Registrar-Treasurer, seven (7) Eminent Pillars, Eminent Inner Guard and Eminent Outer Guard.**

**Section 2. Following the completion of all other business the Very Eminent Preceptor, Eminent Deputy Preceptor, and Eminent Registrar-Treasurer for the ensuing year shall be elected by a majority ballot at the Annual (Stated) Ingathering.**

**Section 3. The Very Eminent Preceptor elect shall appoint the remaining officers for the Ensuing year.**

**Section 4. Installation of the Elective and Appointive Officers shall follow immediately after the election. They shall be installed by a Past Eminent Preceptor or a member of the Grand College of America, H. R. A. K. T. P. and shall hold office until their successors are duly elected and installed.**

**Section 5. The duties of the officers are those prescribed by the Ritual, the Statutes of the Grand College of America, and such as are considered incident to the office in accordance with general Masonic Custom.**

**Section 6. In addition to his other duties, the retiring Very Eminent Preceptor shall Appoint an Auditing Committee which shall audit the books and record of the Eminent Registrar-Treasurer.**

**Section 7. The Eminent Registrar-Treasurer shall collect all monies due the Tabernacle, and submit a financial and membership report at each Annual (Stated) Ingathering.**

**Section 8. Under the direction of the Very Eminent Preceptor, the Eminent Outer Guard shall be the custodian of all paraphernalia belonging to the Tabernacle.**

#### **Article        X Fees    and    Dues**

**Section 1. The Ordination Fee for this Tabernacle shall be \$25.00 which shall be payable in accordance with Article VI, Section 5 of these By-Laws, and this Fee shall include his Dues until the next Annual (Stated) Ingathering following his Ordination.**

**Section 2. The Annual Dues of each member of this Tabernacle shall be equal to the sum of the Grand College of America Assessment plus seven (7) dollars. This amount is due and payable in advance on or before the date of the Annual (Stated) Ingathering each year, and shall become delinquent in the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January immediately thereafter.**

**Section 3. A member whose Dues are delinquent for one year may be suspended from membership at a subsequent Annual (Stated) Ingathering by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present; Provided however, that the Dues of any member may be remitted by a majority vote of those present at such Annual (Stated) Ingathering.**

**Article       XI**  
**Amendments**

**Section 1. Any previously adopted By-Laws of this Tabernacle are hereby rescinded, and any provisions not specifically stated herein shall be governed by the Statutes of the Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.**

**Section 2. These By-Laws may be repealed, amended, or revised at any Annual (Stated) Ingathering of this Tabernacle by a favorable vote of Two-Thirds (2/3) of the members present; provided however, that previous notice shall have been given, and all proposals for repeal, amendment, or revision shall be reduced to writing and mailed to each member of this Tabernacle at least fifteen (15) days prior to action thereon.**

**Section 3. These By-Laws, or any amendments or revisions, are of no effect until approved by the Most Eminent Grand Preceptor of the Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.**

*Certificate*

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*This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the By-Laws regularly adopted at the Stated Ingathering of Redemption Tabernacle XL, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Held in the City of Boise, State of Idaho, on the thirty-first (31) day of May, 2003.*

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Ernest I. Teter  
Registrar- Treasurer

Attest:

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Theodore A. Fricke  
Very Eminent Preceptor

*Approval*

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The foregoing By-Laws ad adopted by Redemption Tabernacle XL, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, at the Stated Ingathering on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2003, are hereby approved on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of .20\_\_

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Most Eminent Grand Preceptor