

Scottish Rite Bodies

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We extend to you, a new member, a very warm and cordial welcome into the Clan of the Scottish Knights of St. Andrew.

This Clan Booklet belongs to:

Knight: _____

Valley of: _____

In the Orient of: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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The hand of Fraternal friendship and goodwill is extended to each of you as you as new members in the Scottish Knights of St. Andrew Clan.

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Introduction

The existing, (as of 18, Sept 2003) Black Knights Club will be afforded the opportunity to become charter members in the new Scottish Rite Knights of St. Andrew Clan.

A steering committee composed of 32 members

Chieftain	
Lodge of Perfection: Headsman Scribe/ Exchequer	
EV Lodge of Perfection Headsman Scribe/ Exchequer	

It was also decided that any rules and/or regulations adopted, needed to be kept at a minimum and flexible enough to allow the Clan to grow with the times. Therefore the rules/regulations listed in this booklet follow the “KISS” method and are derived from the original Phoenix Black Knight Club and the Long Beach Valley’s Knights of St. Andrew rules/regulations.

History

History of the Knights of St. Andrew*

This is one explanation of the origin of the Knights of St. Andrew.

The origins of the Order date back to the period of 1220-1232 AD, when a Confraternity was established in the City of Acre, of the then Crusader Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem (occupying the same territory as the modern state of Israel) to protect pilgrims and merchants.

This Confraternity, consisting of burgesses and knights of largely French heritage, met in the City's Castle and chose the Holy Apostle, St. Andrew, as their Patron. They constituted themselves as a Crusading Order of Knights with the object of resisting tyranny and protecting public safety.

During the turmoil of the Sixth Crusade, these worthies of the Order defended the poor, the sick and the weak from adversaries. In the best tradition of the Military and Religious Orders of the time, they founded their lives on prayer, charity, service and protection.

About this time, possession of Acre was being contested by the Holy Roman Emperor, Frederick II operating from his base in Sicily. Through his marriage to Yolande, daughter of John of Brienne, a leading Crusader, the Emperor had become embroiled in the affairs of the Crusader states. The Emperor sent a fleet of ships against Acre in 1227, whereupon the Knights and Officers of St. Andrew of Jerusalem appealed to Pope Gregory IX, who excommunicated the Emperor for this action.

During the subsequent negotiations with the Muslims by the Emperor Frederick, the Knights of St. Andrew remained aloof. Though some progress for the Crusaders appeared at first to have been made, their adherence to treaty commitments made at that time eventually enabled an army of Turks in pay of the Sultan of Egypt, to crush the remaining Crusader enclaves by about 1244.

It was at about this juncture that the existing historical records of the Knights of St. Andrew were lost. It is speculated that the records may have been transported to the Byzantium in hope of safekeeping, only to be lost yet again when the city fell to the Turks in 1453.

Vision, Mission and Values

The following Vision, Mission, and Values statements were proposed and agreed upon as the overall objectives of the Knights of St. Andrew Clan.

Vision:

The vision of the Knights of St. Andrew is to be a fellowship, social and service group assisting in various Stated Meetings and Unions.

Mission:

The Knights of St. Andrew exist as a social group on behalf of themselves and as a service organization on behalf of all members of their consistory. They are under the immediate supervision of the Secretary of their Scottish Rite Consistory and provide services where they are needed. This includes, but is not limited to, aiding, acting as greeters, providing escort services to other dignitaries, (or for special events created for the ladies during reunions or other functions), serving as guides, assisting at the Scottish Rite Reunions, putting on the 29th Degree, (Knights of St. Andrew), and helping present the Colors when called upon. The Knights of St. Andrew can also assist in the calling committees, participate in civic activities, promote fund-raising events, and aid in any special event. This is a living list and will continue to be developed as new ideas and concepts are presented to meet needs and goals.

Values

Fun	Fellowship	Family
Social	Service	Unique
Devotion	Helpfulness	Knowledge

Rules / Regulations

The following rules and/or regulations were proposed and agreed upon to govern the Knights of Saint Andrew Clan.

Membership

Active:

Only those who started in the Clan as 32nd Degree Masons and were honored while a member of the Clan are privileged to wear the Glengarry Bonnet and cock feathers.

* 32nd Degree:

Membership is limited to 32nd Degree Freemasons and will abide by the by-laws and those approved by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General. This 32nd Degree membership will be the active or voting portion of the Clan.

Non-Active:

At NO time will a KCCH or 33rd Degree be taken in membership. However, all members, regardless of their titles and rank or hat colors, CAN hold the honor of associative membership in this Clan if they are either elected to Honors while a Clan member, or specially selected and approved by the current Clan members. And then, ONLY as a non-voting Honorary.

* Honors:

When Clan members are elected to Honors they may no longer vote or be elected to office. They may however, continue to wear their Glengarry Bonnet and Tartan Swatch with the Knights of St. Andrew Emblem.

- K:C:C:H:

Those of the Clan, who are awarded the decoration of K:C:C:H:, will become an associate member. A red feather will replace one of the white ones in his bonnet, when he wears his Glengarry at the Clan meetings. This is to encourage members to reach for the honors.

- 33rd Degree:

Likewise, those who are honored with the 33rd Degree will also become an associate member and be distinguished with a gold and white feather in their bonnet.

* Honors while in Office:

If a Clan member is in office when he receives Honors, he may continue in office until the end of his term, but may no longer vote. This should not cause any problems as the investiture of Honors usually occurs in November.

Regalia

Attire:

The regalia have been researched for authenticity by the Long Beach Valley and has been adopted by the Phoenix Valley as theirs. It can be worn with the following attires:

*** Formal Attire:**

Formal Attire is Black Tie, which consists of a dinner of tuxedo jacket worn with tuxedo pants, a tuxedo shirt and a black bow tie, Black Glengarry Bonnet and Knights of St. Andrew Pocket Pin with Tartan Swatch.

*** Regular Attire:**

Regular Attire consists of a dark coat, (black or dark blue blazer), white shirt with optional Tie/bolo, Black Glengarry Bonnet, and Knight of St. Andrew Pocket pin with Tartan Swatch.

*** Casual Attire:**

Casual attire consists of a business casual (slacks with shirt or jersey), Black Glengarry Bonnet, and Knights of St. Andrew Pocket Pin with Tartan Swatch.

Head Covers:

The plain black Glengarry Bonnet head cover will replace the present 32nd Degree hat. Special dispensation for this has been requested from the S.G.I.G. of Arizona.

Tartan:

A tartan plaid for the Clan is being selected and will be voted on by the charter Clan members.

Bonnet Badges, Medallions & Coins

The Bonnet Badges and Medallion are supplied along with the Membership Knight and Squire’s Coins. The Squire’s Coin, which is the KEY to membership, is made of semi-precious metal and will remain with the member at all times or a fine of one dollar or a special assessment by the Chieftain will be imposed if lost or failed to have it on their person.

All members will wear their hat with the proper bonnet badge, feathers, and pocket badges as follows:

Chieftain	3 Gold Feathers	Golden Regalia Bonnet Badge
Headsmen	2 Gold Feathers	Golden Regalia Bonnet Badge
Scribe		
Exchequer		
All Barons (honorary):		Silver Regalia Bonnet Badge
KCCH	1 Red+1 Gold Feather	
33rd Degree	1 White+1 Gold Feather	
All Past Officers	2 White Feathers	Golden Regalia Bonnet Badge
All General Membership		Silver Regalia Bonnet Badge

Organization

Officers:

Officers will be elected at the last of the Clan’s meeting which will be the December meeting. The November stated meeting will be used to nominate potential officers. Elected officers will serve for one calendar year and may not serve in the same office for two consecutive years.

Chieftain:

The Chieftain (Chairman) is the head of the Clan. His responsibility is to plan activities and lead the Clan in its endeavors.

Headsmen:

The Headsmen (Vice-Chairman) is the head of each Lodge of Perfection and/or Auxiliary LOP Body. Their main responsibility is to assist the Chieftain in planning and coordinating Clan activities over the various LOPs.

Scribe:

The Scribe (secretary) of a LOP and/or Aux LOP Body, shall take minutes of each of the Clan meetings and hand out copies of such minutes at the next meeting.

If the Scribe does not attend any meeting, he will be responsible to ascertain that another member who is attending will perform his duties.

Exchequer:

The Exchequer (treasurer) shall collect all Clan fines, fees and dues per year and submit the same to the Secretaries office for deposit into the main account.

Knight:

A Knight (member) has been a top line signer for a new Scottish Rite member who also became a Knight of St. Andrew, hereby earning him the privilege of carrying the Gold Knights of St. Andrew Identification Coin.

Squire:

A Squire (new member) has not yet top line signed for a new Scottish Rite member who will also become a Knight of St. Andrew and the therefore must carry the Silver Knights of St. Andrew Identification Coin until he does so.

Baron:

A Baron (honorary member) is a non-voting Clan member who has either been honored while a member of the Clan, or has been nominated for and voted on by the Knights of St. Andrew Clan.

New Membership

Squire vs. Knight:

Each new Knight of St. Andrew member is called a Squire and is presented a silver "Squire Coin" as proof of membership in the Clan. Each of these new Squires are obligated to select a Master Mason or Non-Mason, who he considers to be worthy of joining this Elite Clan. He will invite the candidate and his lady to attend the monthly social meetings and events. The Squire may also be required to act as a mentor by taking the candidate through the required degrees, including the Blue Lodge degrees if applicable for a non-Mason, to be eligible for Scottish Rite and Clan membership. The new Squire has on year to complete this task. When the candidate completes the degrees and qualifies for membership, the Squire turns over his "Squire's Coin" to the new Squire and becomes a Knight by being issued a gold "Knight's Coin" identification. However if the candidate fails to take the time to qualify for membership, the Squire retains his "Squire's Coin" and starts over. Optionally the Clan can vote to issue fines or other penalties for such failures.

Multiple Candidates:

A special award for sponsoring five new Knights for membership in the Clan will consist of a framed large Knights of St. Andrew Medallion hung from a red, white and blue ribbon.

Meetings

- The Business meetings will be a half-hour in length and be held before each LOP's stated meeting. For example, if the LOP's meeting starts at 7:30 pm with dinner at 6:00 pm; therefore the Knights of St. Andrew's meeting would be from 6:45 – 7:15 pm.
- The social breakfasts (8:00 am) or lunches (11:30 am) will be held on the first Saturday of each month. During the social event, the next social event type and eating establishment will be determined.
- Once a year, in January, a formal evening social dinner will be planned to introduce the new officers and the new members who were initiated during the past year.

Dues & Fees

The Fees and Dues are used to help defray the cost of each new member's regalia outfitting and the annual membership dinner.

- A special one time fee of twenty-five dollars will be levied on new members, for which they will receive a certificate.
- Annual dues of ten dollars will be levied on all members, after which a dues card for that year will be issued.

Notes: