



The Order of the  
Knights of St. Andrew,  
Hattiesburg Chapter,  
Valley of Hattiesburg,  
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite  
in the  
Orient of Mississippi

Constitution &  
By-Laws

*Chartered 2017*





## **ARTICLE I NAME**

### **Section 1**

The name of this organization, which is Chartered through the Valley of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and authorized by the Valley of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, shall be known as: The Order of the Knights of St. Andrew, Hattiesburg Chapter.

## **ARTICLE II PURPOSE**

### **Section 1**

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

## **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 Gulfport Scottish Rite, shall select Charter Members of the Knights of St. Andrew from among the active membership of the Hattiesburg Valley, not to exceed twelve (12) 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree members. At such time as the General Secretary shall determine that the Knights of St. Andrew has been duly formed, the Constitution and Bylaws 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. They may also attend meetings in a resource and advisory capacity, and they may participate in parades, activities, and social functions as deemed appropriate by the KSA membership.

### **Section 2 Active Members**

When, in the opinion of the General Secretary of the Hattiesburg 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 immediately become Charter Active Members. Active members shall be taken exclusively from the Active Membership of the Hattiesburg Scottish Rite who are not, as of the date of their applications for membership, members of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Knight Commander Court of Honor or 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Honorary. When they have achieved these honors they may choose to be moved to Emeritus Membership.

### **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 32<sup>nd</sup> 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 continued 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. Emeritus Members are ineligible to vote but they may participate in the activities.

#### **Section 4 Elections**

The General Secretary of the Hattiesburg 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:

Chieftain (Master)  
First Vice-Chieftain (Senior Warden)  
Second Vice-Chieftain (Junior Warden)  
Scribe (Secretary)  
Exchequer (Treasurer)

Such officers to be elected at the annual meeting and shall serve for a period of one year.

The Chieftain shall appoint the following Officers:

Prelate (Chaplain)  
Keeper of the Door (Tyler)  
Sword Bearer  
Standard Bearer

Such officers to be appointed 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 Hattiesburg Scottish Rite Reunion, and the Fall Reunion meeting shall be the annual meeting. In addition to stated meetings, the Chieftain and General Secretary of the Hattiesburg 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 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 Hattiesburg Scottish Rite, by adoption of this Constitution, acknowledge and re-pledge their allegiance and service to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, the Hattiesburg Scottish Rite, in the Orient of Mississippi, and all officers of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, including, but not necessarily limited to, the Grand Commander, the Deputy to the Supreme Council or Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Mississippi, and the Executive Board of the Hattiesburg Consistory.

### **ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS**

**Section I**

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 Executive Board of the Hattiesburg Scottish Rite.

# Order of the Knights of St. Andrew, Hattiesburg Chapter

## By-Laws

### Preamble

As it is the stated purpose of the Knights of St. Andrew to work diligently for our Brethren of the Scottish Rite Bodies and Temple organizations, we, the Charter Membership of the Knights of St. Andrew of Hattiesburg Scottish Rite, declare that the Constitution, By-laws, and purposes must always conform to and never be in violation of the Constitution and Code of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Mississippi or the statutes of the Supreme Council of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

### ARTICLE I PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP

#### Section I

Membership as an active member of the Knights of St. Andrew shall be made by written Petition to the General Secretary, Hattiesburg Scottish Rite. Upon receipt of written application for membership, the General Secretary shall transmit the same to the KSA Secretary for presentation to the membership at the next stated or special meeting. At the next stated or special meeting, following such receipt by the Secretary of an application for membership, the Secretary shall read the name of such applicant to the membership, together with other pertinent information as such application may contain. The Chieftain shall then call for a secret ballot; such application shall be balloted upon by the Active Membership by secret ball-ballot, as is customary in the fraternity. Three black balls shall be sufficient to reject the applicant for membership upon his said application. No rejection for membership shall prejudice such applicant from again submitting an application for membership in the Knights of St. Andrew to the General Secretary of the Hattiesburg Consistory. Following the ballot, the applicant will be admitted as a Novitiate into the Knights of St. Andrew. He will be initiated as a squire at a meeting called for that purpose. All initiation fees and subsequent dues must accompany said application for membership.

#### Section 1.1

Petitions from prospective members will be given to the Chapter Secretary. All prospective members must be 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Scottish Rite Masons active and in good standing in the Hattiesburg Valley. This eligibility will be verified by the Secretary. Courtesy inductions may be granted as requested by other Valleys or Chapters.

#### Section 2

Novitiates will be inducted as Squires. As such, they will be required to attend at least three (3) Valley Stated Meetings, attend both the Spring and Fall Reunions, perform a minimum of six (6) hours of Community service, and preform enough service to the Valley to accumulate 500 Points toward the Knights of the Double Eagle even though participation in the Knights of the Double Eagle is NOT required. Upon completion of the above requirements the Mentor shall inform the KSA Scribe that the Squire is ready to be Knighted. At the next appropriate meeting of the Knights of St. Andrew, the Squire shall be Knighted.

#### Section 3

Elected officers of the Chapter shall include:

Chieftain (Master)

First Vice-Chieftain (Senior Warden)

Second Vice-Chieftain (Junior Warden)

Scribe (Secretary)

Exchequer (Treasurer)

Such officers to be elected at the annual meeting and shall serve for a period of one year.

The offices of Scribe and Exchequer may be filled by the same person with agreement by the Chieftain and the member standing for election to each office.

## **ARTICLE II STATED MEETINGS**

### **Section [**

Stated meetings of the Knights of St. Andrew shall be held during each Hattiesburg Scottish Rite Reunion, of which the annual meeting shall take place during the final Reunion of the Hattiesburg Consistory in each calendar year. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Chieftain or the General Secretary of the Hattiesburg Valley, upon due notice given to the Active and Emeritus Membership. Called meetings shall be held upon written request of seven (7) active Members. Upon receipt of a request for a called meeting, the KSA Secretary shall transmit a copy of the same to the Chieftain and the General Secretary of the Hattiesburg Consistory who shall jointly determine the date, time and place for such called meeting, whereupon the Secretary shall give due and timely notice of such called meeting to the Active and Emeritus Members.

### **Section 1.1**

Special Meetings may be called by an Acting Chieftain. Should a vacancy occur, the next elected line office may serve as Acting Chieftain, until the next regular election, having all the rights and responsibilities of an elected Chieftain.

### **Section 2**

The annual meeting of the Knights of St. Andrew shall be held during the last Hattiesburg Scottish Rite Reunion of each calendar year. During such annual meeting, in addition to other business as may be properly brought before the Knights, the Active Membership shall elect officers for the succeeding calendar year and shall appoint such ad hoc committees as are deemed expedient by the membership.

### **Section 3**

A quorum for the transacting of business at any stated, special, or called meeting shall consist of at least seven (7) Active Members, one of whom must be either the Chieftain, First Vice-Chieftain, Second Vice-Chieftain, or General Secretary of the Hattiesburg Scottish Rite.

## **ARTICLE III APPOINTMENTS**

### **Section 1**

The Chieftain shall appoint the following Officers:

Prelate (Chaplain)  
Keeper of the Door (Tyler)  
Sword Bearer  
Standard Bearer

Such officers to be appointed at the annual meeting and shall serve for a period of one year.

All appointments, shall be taken exclusively from the Active Membership. Members of committees may include Emeritus Members, but the Chairman of every committee shall be an Active Member. The Chieftain of the Hattiesburg Chapter of KSA may appoint committees as are deemed expedient.

### **Section 2**

If an elected office becomes vacant for any reason, the Chieftain may appoint a pro tempore Officer, selected from

the Active Membership to fill said vacancy for the remainder of the term. The pro tempore Officer will be responsible for and assume all duties of that office and be afforded all courtesies due him in that office.

#### **ARTICLE IV PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

##### **Section 1**

All meetings of the Knights of St. Andrew shall be conducted in accordance with prudent Masonic decorum, as is seemly for the behavior of all Master Masons.

#### **ARTICLE V INITIATION FEES AND DUES**

##### **Section 1**

Every member, including the General Secretary of the Hattiesburg Valley, Active Members, Emeritus Members, and Charter Members, shall pay annual dues to the Exchequer. Emeritus Member dues shall be one-half of Active Member dues.

Initiation Fees will consist of a special, one-time fee of (\$25.00) twenty-five

dollars. Annual Dues will be (\$5.00) five dollars, pro-rated.

##### **Section 1.1**

Annual Dues for all classes of membership are for the calendar year. Dues are considered due and payable at the beginning of the Fall Reunion and will be considered past due on January 1 of the effective calendar year.

##### **Section 2**

Each member of the Knights of St. Andrew, including the General Secretary of the Hattiesburg Valley, shall pay an initiation fee prior to his initiation into the Chapter in an amount as specified in the by-laws.

##### **Section 2.1**

Following the Chartering of the Hattiesburg Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew, only Active Members may be inducted and therefore they are the only membership group to be affected by the "Initiation Fee". The Initiation Fee must accompany the Petition for membership when submitted to the Chapter Secretary.

##### **Section 3**

On or before the first stated meeting of each calendar year, the Exchequer shall submit dues statements for the current calendar year to the General Secretary of the Hattiesburg Valley, Active Members, Emeritus Members, and Charter Members. Members who have not remitted annual dues, except as may be modified in the next succeeding section hereof, by the annual meeting of each calendar year upon vote of the Active Members are subject to being suspended.

##### **Section 4**

After investigation, upon motion and vote of the Active Members, remission of annual dues may be granted to any member.

##### **Section 5**

There shall not be any assessments made of the members.

#### **ARTICLE VI RESIGNATION**

##### **Section 1**

Any member may resign if, at the time his written resignation is submitted to the KSA Secretary, he is clear on the books.



**Section 1.1**

The resignation of any member will be accepted if he is in current, good standing, with the Chapter and the Valley of Hattiesburg.

**ARTICLE VII    EXPULSION****Section 1**

If any member conducts himself in such a manner as to reflect discredit or create unfavorable criticism of the Knights of St. Andrew or the Hattiesburg Scottish Rite, the Chieftain, upon receiving complaint because of such behavior, shall appoint a committee of three (3) active Members to investigate the conduct of such member, and such committee shall make a written report to the Chieftain, providing a copy to the General Secretary of the Hattiesburg Scottish Rite. If it appears from the report of such committee that the complaint be well founded, the Chieftain shall then proceed to convene a Tribunal, presided over by the Appointee of the Personal Representative of the Hattiesburg Scottish Rite, which Tribunal shall proceed to notify the member under investigation of such investigation and, if warranted, proceed to conduct trial of the Brother for such alleged offense, in every case consistent with the established rules and procedures for jurisprudence of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Mississippi; provided, however, that such Tribunal shall at all times be presided over by the Appointee of the Personal Representative of the Hattiesburg Scottish Rite.

**Section 2**

The Tribunal conducting trial, as set forth in Section 1 of this article, shall report its findings in writing and in confidence to the Chieftain who shall then inform the member so affected as to the recommendation of the Tribunal. In the event the Tribunal finds the Brother so tried to be guilty of the charges leveled against him, the Tribunal shall make recommendation to the Chieftain on appropriate punishment, which may include definite suspension, indefinite suspension, or expulsion. The Chieftain shall then convene an Executive Session Meeting of the Permanent Judiciary Council, which is hereby established, consisting only of the General Secretary of the Hattiesburg Scottish Rite. The Chieftain, First and Second Headsman, and the Presiding Officer of Executive Board of the Hattiesburg Scottish Rite. Such Permanent Judicial Council shall determine among themselves as to the punishment to be imposed upon the Brother in question, which punishment may include definite suspension, indefinite suspension, or expulsion. The sentence so imposed shall be immediately communicated to the offending Brother and to the Secretary. A copy of such imposition of sentence shall be also transmitted to the General Secretary of the Hattiesburg Scottish Rite.

**ARTICLE VIII    REINSTATEMENT****Section 1**

A member who has become suspended by reason of nonpayment of dues shall be eligible for reinstatement upon payment of dues owing at the time of such suspension, as well as the current year's dues, and written application made to the Chieftain. At the next Annual Meeting, the Chieftain shall present such application for reinstatement to the Active Membership without investigation, and the Active Membership shall proceed to vote on the reinstatement of such suspended Brother, but shall not prejudice such suspended member from making subsequent application for reinstatement.

**Section 1.1**

The vote on reinstatement of a former member shall be by the usual Masonic ball ballot with three black balls necessary for rejection.

**Section 2**

Any Brother who has been suspended from membership by reason of sentence imposed by the Permanent Judicial Council may make application for reinstatement; in the case of a definite suspension, following the period of such definite suspension, and in the case of indefinite suspension, following the expiration of three years from date of imposition of such sentence of indefinite suspension by the Permanent Judicial Council, and in both instances, by

written application to the Chieftain, and tendering of the current year's annual dues. At the next stated meeting, the Chieftain shall report the application for reinstatement by such suspended Brother and shall then appoint a committee consisting of the General Secretary, as Chairman, and two Active Members who shall investigate such application for reinstatement and report the same to the Active Members at the next stated meeting of the Membership. At such next stated meeting of the Membership, the application for reinstatement shall be voted upon by ball ballot as defined in section I.I. A rejection shall prejudice such applicant for future reinstatement. He will then be ineligible to make subsequent application for reinstatement for a period of one calendar year from date of such rejection. Upon subsequent application for reinstatement, the same procedure shall be followed as set forth in this section. The Brother upon whom sentence of definite or indefinite suspension has been imposed may not make more than three applications for reinstatement, and the Chieftain shall refuse to accept more than three applications for reinstatement from such suspended member, upon whom a sentence of definite or indefinite suspension has been imposed.

#### **Section 2.1**

The vote on reinstatement of a former member having been subject to suspension will be by ball ballot as defined in section I.I

#### **Section 3**

If a Brother applying for reinstatement is rejected by the Members, the current year's annual dues tendered by the Brother shall immediately be refunded without approval of the membership.

#### **Section 4**

Any member who has been expelled is thereafter ineligible to seek reinstatement.

### **ARTICLE IX FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS**

#### **Section 1**

No debt shall be contracted in excess of the amount of cash on hand in the custody of the Exchequer at the time such debt is contracted, except on approval of the Executive Board of the Hattiesburg Scottish Rite.

#### **Section 2**

Annual dues, initiation Fees and Life Member contributions are to be deposited by the Exchequer in the KSA fund. Expenditures of KSA funds are, in accordance with Masonic tradition approved by the membership at special or stated meetings.

### **ARTICLE X AUTHORITY OF HATTIESBURG CONSISTORY MASTERS**

#### **Section 1**

The Executive Board of the Hattiesburg Scottish Rite, the Deputy to the Supreme Council, or the Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the State of Mississippi shall have the authority to remove from office and declare vacant any office when it shall be deemed for the best interest of Scottish Rite Masonry to do so. Such Executive Board of the Hattiesburg Scottish Rite, Deputy to the Supreme Council, or the Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the State of Mississippi shall have the authority to instruct the Chapter Secretary to call a meeting of the Active and Emeritus Membership for the purpose of holding a special election to select any officer or officers to succeed any who may have been suspended from office by such Executive Board, the Deputy to the Supreme Council, or the Sovereign Grand Inspector General. Such officers elected at such meeting called by the Executive Board of the Hattiesburg Scottish Rite shall serve from their election and installation until the next annual meeting when their regular successors shall be elected and installed.

### **ARTICLE XI REGALIA AND ATTIRE**

#### **Section 1**

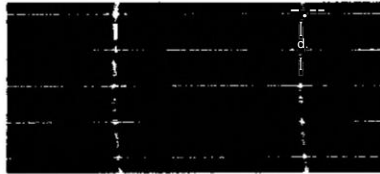
Formal Attire: Formal Attire is Black Tie, which consists of a dinner or tuxedo jacket worn with tuxedo pants, a tuxedo shirt and a black bow tie, and Knights of St. Andrew Tartan Sash, optional Kilt and Kilt Jacket.

Regular Attire: Regular Attire consists of a dark coat, (black or dark blue blazer), white shirt with Tie, and Knight of St. Andrew Tartan Sash, optional Kilt and military shirt or Kilt Jacket.

Casual Attire: Casual attire consists of a business casual (slacks with shirt or jersey), and Knights of St. Andrew Tartan Sash, optional Kilt and shirt or military shirt or Kilt Jacket.

Head Covers: The Knights of St. Andrew shall continue to wear their 32" Degree Scottish Rite Cap, or the Glengarry Cap.

**Tartan:**



A tartan plaid for the Chapter shall be the "Freemasonry" tartan plaid.

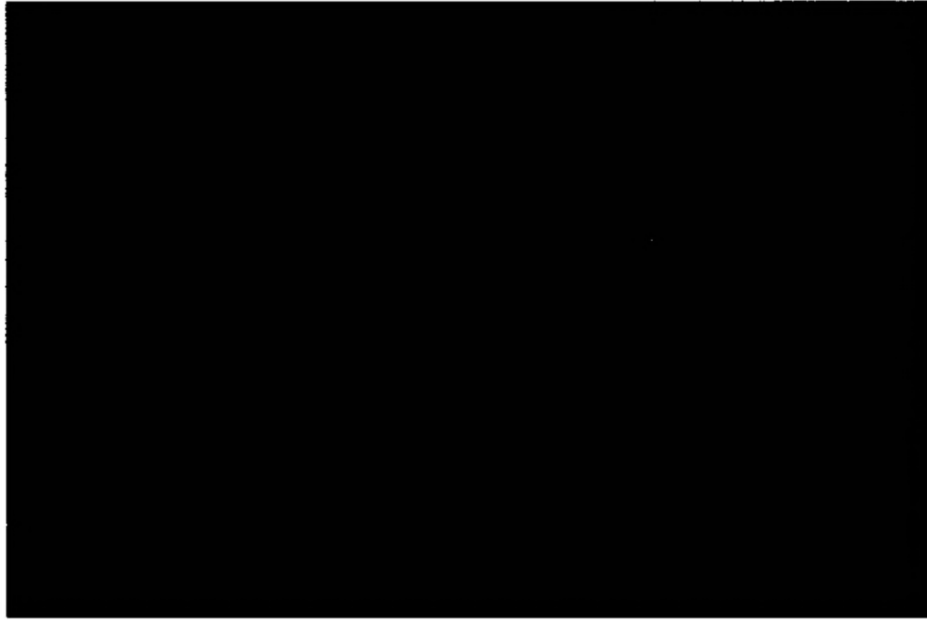
In 2004, The Grand Lodge of Utah sponsored the design and production of a Tartan fabric that would represent Freemasonry in Utah as well as elsewhere. Scottish Tartan plaids have been used for centuries by Scottish clans as a means of identifying and unifying families across the country. This tartan was designed with the family of Freemasonry in mind.

Anne Carroll Gilmour, an internationally known weaver specializing in traditional Scottish Tartan weaving, designed the pattern and submitted it to the Scottish Tartans Authority in Perthshire, Scotland for registration. The pattern was deemed unique and the Registration Certificate issued. A mill near Edinburgh was then commissioned to weave the cloth in bulk.

The colors in the cloth were carefully chosen to represent the various Masonic family organizations including but not limited to the Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine of North America, Job's Daughters International, DeMolay International, Order of the Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile and et cetera.

The main field of blue in a prominent pivotal position represents the dome of the universe as in Blue Lodge Masonry. The dominance of royal purple in the opposite pivotal field represents Scottish Rite Masonry, York Rite Masonry, and many other Masonic organizations. The prominent red cross carries with it much symbolism used throughout Masonry. You will also see represented the colors of the five points of the Eastern Star, red, white, blue, green and gold/yellow as well as related colors connected with the Social Order of the Bureaucrats, the White Shrine of Jerusalem, Job's Daughters, the Daughter's of the Nile and many others.

As a Scottish family's unique tartan represents that family throughout the world, so too does the Freemason's Universal Tartan represent the family of Freemasonry and its goals to make this world a better place to live in. Members who so desire may wear a kilt of the tartan of their own clan affiliation or the Black Watch Tartan.



Black Watch Tartan

## **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.



Ratification

This, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Order of the Knights of Saint Andrew, Hattiesburg Chapter, Valley of Hattiesburg Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the Orient of Mississippi,

Approved



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and Ratified, on this the 7th Day of April, 2017, by the following:

CHARTER MEMBERS

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