

**GRAND COMMANDERY
RESOLUTION 2020- 02**

Modifies the Payment Structure of Life Membership Plans

The proponents of this Resolution seek to modify the sum of money required by age-level to purchase a life membership. To the Grand Commandery of California:

WHEREAS, the current pricing schedule of the age-based option should better balance expectations of investment returns and a member's life expectancy in order to replace dues income; and

WHEREAS, the members of our commanderies are exceeding the actuarial tables from the original life expectancy schedule, thereby creating a financial hardship for commanderies using the current schedule,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 389 of the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of California be amended as marked:

Section 389.

1. A Commandery may, by Standing Resolution, adopt the Alternate Life Membership Plan as herein set forth which shall forever exempt the member from payment of dues.
2. Said Resolution shall become effective only after approval of the Grand Commander, and shall be granted to any member in good standing, upon the payment of a sum equal to the annual dues of his Commandery multiplied by the Life Membership Factor indicated opposite his age in the following schedule.

Age Life Membership Factor

~~Under Age 49 and under, 45~~ 24 times the annual dues payable;
50 to 54 inclusive ~~43~~ 20 times the annual dues payable;
55 to 59 inclusive ~~44~~ 18 times the annual dues payable;
60 to 64 inclusive ~~9~~ 16 times the annual dues payable;
~~65 to 71 inclusive and Over 7~~ 14 times the annual dues payable;
Age 72 and over, a factor equal to or greater than 12 times annual dues.

3. All monies collected by the Commandery for Life Membership shall be transferred immediately to the Grand Recorder's Office and such funds will be placed in the Life Membership Fund, and credited to the proper Commandery.
4. The Grand Recorder shall immediately prepare and issue a Life Membership certificate to the affected member, under the Seal of the Grand Commandery and bearing the signatures of the Grand Commander and attested by the Grand Recorder.
5. All Life Members shall receive an annual certificate (receipt specially prepared to indicate

Life Membership) from the respective Commanderies which will certify that the member is in good standing. When a Life Member transfers to another Commandery within the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of California, the Grand Recorder will make proper transfer action to credit the gaining Commandery. Upon the death of the Life Member, or his demit or withdrawal from his Commandery and from the Grand Commandery, then the fee paid for such Life Membership shall remain in the Life Membership Fund to the credit of that Commandery.

6. When two or more Commanderies consolidate, all monies in the Life Membership Fund to the credit of such Commanderies shall be transferred to the credit of the remaining consolidated Commandery. Upon the dissolution of any Commandery, holders of Life Membership certificates affiliating with another Commandery, shall have such Life Memberships transferred as provided in Section 389.5. The interest accruing from the fund remaining to the credit of such dissolved Commanderies shall at the end of each year be added to the principal of the Fund.

7. When a member under the Life Membership Plan transfers his membership, whether by affiliation or consolidation, to another Commandery within this Grand Jurisdiction, who has not adopted the plan, said member shall continue to enjoy Life Membership privileges in the new Commandery as provided in 389.5. Non-Life Members who affiliate or transfer shall not be eligible until the new Commandery adopts this plan.

8. The interest derived from the investment of the principal of the Life Membership Fund shall annually be distributed to the Commanderies pro rated according to the total amount each Commandery shall have to its credit in the account. The Finance (Investment) Committee of the Grand Commandery shall review the Life Membership schedule at least every five years (or more often if deemed advisable) to determine if the schedule is still on a sound basis.

9. All Life Memberships existing previous to the adoption of this new Life Membership Plan shall remain subject to the provisions under which they were acquired.

10. Administration of the Life Membership Plan will be assigned to the Grand Recorder's Office and the investment of funds shall be governed by Sections 321 and 348 of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of California.

11. Holders of a Life Membership are subject to all the laws, rules and regulations as provided in the Laws and Regulations of Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of California and the By-laws of their Commandery. Loss of membership by suspension, expulsion or exclusion shall automatically terminate his Life Membership, as well as any claim to a portion of any fees paid for such membership. The Commandery of which he was last a member however, shall continue to receive the income from such funds.

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