

**KNIGHTS OF TARA COUNCIL No 122
OF KNIGHT MASONS AT BOISE, IN ADA, IDAHO
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

ARTICLE I - NAME

- a) The name of this Council shall be Knights of Tara Council No. 122, Knight Masons.
- b) It shall be located at (or near) Boise in Ada County, Idaho.
- c) It holds its Charter from and owes fealty and allegiance to the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the United States of America and to the Masonic Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction in which it operates.

ARTICLE II - MEETINGS

The stated meetings of this Council shall be held bi-annually on a Saturday in the first quarter of the year and a Saturday in the third quarter of the year. The last stated meeting in each calendar year shall be the Annual Meeting for election of officers. Special Meetings may be held at the time and place designated by the Excellent Chief. (Revised August 2020)

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

- a) The following Officers shall be elected and installed each year and shall serve until their successors are duly elected and installed: Excellent Chief, Senior Knight, Junior Knight, Scribe, and Treasurer.
- b) The following officers shall be appointed by the Excellent Chief and shall serve at his pleasure: Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Director of Ceremonies, Priest, Steward, and Sentinel.
- c) The Excellent Chief may appoint such committees as may be useful for carrying on the Council's affairs. The Excellent Chief shall be, *ex officio*, a member of all committees.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

- a) Membership in this Council shall be by invitation only. To be eligible for membership candidates must be Royal Arch Masons in good standing in Lodge and Chapter. Good standing in the prerequisite Bodies is necessary for continuing membership.
- b) Invitations for membership shall be given after unanimous election by the Council using secret ballot or ballot by first class mail. If an invitation is not accepted within three years of its date of issue, such invitation shall be rendered null and void. However, the individual may be re-proposed at a later date and he must be re-elected by ballot.

ARTICLE V - FEES AND DUES

- a) The fee for degrees shall be \$225.00.
- b) Annual dues shall be \$25.00 payable annually in advance. The Annual Dues shall be increased automatically every five years beginning in 2020, then again 2025 based upon 2% per year increases rounded up to the nearest dollar.
- c) A member in good standing may become a life-member of this council by the payment of 20 times Annual Dues to the Life Membership Fund.

ARTICLE VI - LOCAL REGULATIONS

NOT USED

ARTICLE VII - TERMINATION

In the event this Council shall cease to exist, except for the purpose of consolidation or merger, the Excellent Chief, Scribe, and Treasurer shall, within 30 days thereafter, transmit to the Grand Scribe all the property of the Council, including, without limitation, all the books, records, jewels, paraphernalia, and funds or assets thereof.

ARTICLE VIII - CONFLICT DISCLAIMER

Anything contained in these By-Laws in conflict with the Statutes of the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the United States of America is hereby declared null and void.

ARTICLE IX - COUNCIL FUNDS

All Council funds shall be kept in the name of the Council in a financial institution in which the funds are federally insured. (such as F.D.I.C. etc.)

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Council by a 2/3 vote of those members present if written notice has been given to the membership at least 30 days prior to the meeting where action is to be taken. Such By-Laws shall become effective when signed by the M.E. Great Chief.

ADOPTED: 8/22/2020

Date

Johnny Willis

Excellent Chief

ATTESTED:



Scribe

APPROVED: February 11, 2022

Date



Great Chief