

**BY-LAWS FOR THE PRIORY OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
OF THE SOVEREIGN MILITARY ORDER
OF THE TEMPLE OF JERUSALEM¹**

ARTICLE I – PURPOSE AND OBJECTS

Section 1. Establishment & Affiliation

This Priory is an integral part of the Sovereign Military Order of The Temple of Jerusalem and was established by the Grand Priory of Ordo Supremus Militaris Templi Hierosolymitani, by designation of the Grand Prior with approval of the Grand Council.

Section 2. Purpose

The Purpose and Objects of this Priory shall be the same as practicably possible as for the Order and as herein stated, namely, to:

- (a) Preserve and perpetuate the traditions and customs of one of the oldest international military organizations in the world which was founded in the Holy City of Jerusalem between 1118 and 1128 A.D.
- (b) Promote freedom for each and all individuals to express and practice their faith in God.
- (c) Follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, as each individual may understand them.
- (d) Defend in an ecumenical spirit the common faith of all and to affect a union of Christianity.
- (e) To combat, in a new crusade, modern paganism, and oppose the symptoms of decadence in our age.
- (f) To fight intolerance and to recover and promote the ideals and spirit of chivalry.
- (g) To aid the needy, lame, blind, and afflicted.
- (h) To become familiar with and research the history of the Order and to establish and maintain a suitable reference library.
- (i) To provide appropriate retreat houses consistent with Order precedents.
- (j) To cooperate with and assist other historical, patriotic, civic and social societies and orders in activities having similar objects as the Order.

- (k) To maintain and perpetuate the Priory of The Ascension of Our Lord, and any Commanderies attached thereto, as a branch unit of the autonomous Grand Priory of Ordo Supremus Militaris Templi Hierosolymitani, duly authorized by the Grand Priory of the said Order in Switzerland.
 - (l) To do such other acts and things to carry out the above purposes, it being expressly provided that they shall not contravene any law or regulation of Canada, the Province of Ontario, or other sovereign governmental entity under which laws this Priory or a Commandery of this Priory shall exist.
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