

Progressive
Grand Commandery
BY-LAWS



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ARTICLE 1

Progressive Grand Commandery is an Auxiliary of Smooth Ashlar Grand Lodge. The members and / or associates of Progressive Grand Commandery shall be governed and abide by the Laws, Edits, Rules, and Regulations as set forth by the Constitution and By- Laws of Smooth Ashlar Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons, Prince Hall Origin National Compact, Jurisdiction of Georgia. The purpose of these specific laws will be to govern this Grand body of Knights Templar and all the subordinate Commanderies and Sir Knights that are members of this auxiliary.

ARTICLE 2

Section A

The Objectives of this Grand Commandery shall be:

The specific and primary purpose will be to aide and assist in the relief of our fellow man as well as all Worthy Sir Knights, their Widows and Orphans through charitable contributions either financial or physical; and to receive donations, contributions and otherwise aid and support those organizations Masonic or Non-Masonic that are organized and operated exclusively for similar purposes.

Section B

To uphold and promote the ancient ideas of the order of Free and Accepted, Ancient York Masons originating from the York Rite legend founded and established upon the principles of Operative Masonry as well as Christian precepts thereby producing a dedication to Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

ARTICLE 3

SECTION A

All Local Commanderies will send in a written report to the Grand Recorder on a Quarterly Basis due before the end of each quarter. The first report shall be due before the end of December, Second report due by the end of March, Third report due by the end of June, and last report due at Grand Lodge.

SECTION B

All Tax Monies due to the Grand Commandery are to be in the Grand Recorders possession by the end of the second quarter (March).

Tax Breakdown:

National	\$ 10.00
State	\$ 10.00
Charity	\$ 3.00 (1.50 to youth and 1.50 to education)
Workshop	\$ 2.00
Total	\$ 25.00

Each Commandery will send \$ 20.00 Dollars with each new application to the Grand Department.

ARTICLE 4

SECTION A

Progressive Grand Commandery will keep a record of all Local Commanderies and their individual Sir Knights. Each Commandery existing under the auspices of Progressive Grand Commandery Knights Templar shall report all Sir Knights that have submitted the appropriate taxes. Any Sir Knight not reporting taxes or any Commandery not submitting a report after three (3) consecutive months will be considered out of benefits. Commanderies or Sir Knights that are out of benefits can reinstate by submitting a reinstatement fee.

Reinstatement fee shall be \$ 45.00 Dollars and a new certificate will be issued, Or a Sir Knight may chose to pay up their taxes and keep their old certificate.

SECTION B

Any Sir Knight considered out of benefits will be restricted from participating in any function or activity associated with Progressive Grand Commandery. Their status will also be reported to related entities of Smooth Ashlar Grand Lodge (i.e. Shriners, Consistory).

SECTION C

Any Sir Knight meeting the qualifications by Smooth Ashlar Grand Lodge for Exemption of taxes, shall also be exempt in this department.

ARTICLE 5

Section A

ELECTION:

The Grand Commandery shall elect all officers for a term of one (1) year not to exceed (5) consecutive years.

Elected officers are:

- Grand Eminent Commander
- Grand Deputy Eminent Commander
- Grand Generalissimo
- Grand Captain General
- Grand Prelate
- Grand Recorder
- Grand Treasurer
- Grand Senior Warden
- Grand Junior Warden
- Grand Tyler

Appointed officers are:

- Grand Standard Bearer
- Grand Sword Bearer
- Grand Warder

Section B

Qualifications:

- I. Grand Eminent Commander: The Sir Knight must be a member in good standing with a valid paid membership in all houses. He must also have served as an Eminent Commander of a local commandery under Smooth Ashlar Grand Lodge for at least one year.
- II. Deputy Grand Eminent Commander: The Sir Knight must be a member in good standing with a valid paid membership in all houses. He must also have served as an Eminent Commander of a local commandery under Smooth Ashlar Grand Lodge for at least one year.
- III. Grand Generalissimo: The Sir Knight must be a member in good standing with a valid paid membership in all houses. He must also have served as a Generalissimo or higher in a local commandery under Smooth Ashlar Grand Lodge.
- IV. Grand Captain General: The Sir Knight must be a member in good standing with a valid paid membership in all houses. He must also have served as a Captain General or higher of a local commandery under Smooth Ashlar Grand Lodge.
- V. All other elected and appointed officers: The Sir Knight must be a member in good standing with a valid paid membership in all houses.

Section C

- I. Any item(s) belonging to the Grand Commandery such as minutes, deposit slips, bank statements, jewels or implements shall be brought to each meeting for inspection and be available to be submitted to the Grand Commandery immediately after elections.

ARTICLE 6

LIST OF EVENTS

Progressive Grand Commandery will host an annual workshop on the third Saturday in February of each year.

Ascension Day should be observed on or about the fortieth day after Easter, but will be observed at the Grand Eminent Commander's will and pleasure.

Victory Celebration will be held at the will and pleasure of the Grand Eminent Commander. (Including Knighting Ceremony).

ARTICLE 7

EDICTS: These are changes to normal procedures of the By-Laws issued by the Grand Eminent Commander between the annual reviews of the By-Laws. No edicts may be issued concerning financial obligations.

Amendments: To the By-Laws must be discussed in a regular meeting then sent in writing into committee for review. A committee will be formed once per year to address any proposed amendment resolution(s). The recommendations of the committee will be brought back to the Grand Commandery for voting procedures. Any amendment will immediately become Law after being approved by vote by the majority of the eligible Sir Knights present at that time.

All by-laws are adopted by voting procedures already established. By-laws are also subject to Yearly review for updating by a by-laws committee appointed by the Grand Eminent Commander.

By-Laws Committee

Sir Knight Eric Carter
Sir Knight Keith Kelly Sr.

Sir Knight Ray J. McLean
Sir Knight Dennis Dillard

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Final Reading.....October 1, 2002

Approved for use by



Sir Knight Franklin Cochran 33°
Grand Eminent Commander
Smooth Ashlar Grand Lodge



Sir Knight Donald Summerlin 33°
Chairman Grand By-Laws Committee
Smooth Ashlar Grand Lodge

*All Laws contained within are made with the expressed permission of our
Grand Master Kenneth Campfield 32°, Grand Master of the State of Georgia*

List of Commanderys,

Active in 2001

1. Atlanta Commandery # 3, Atlanta
2. Clark Commandery # 17, Conyers
3. Ephrian Petett Commandery # 18, Thomson
4. Moses Commandery # 6, Rome
5. Progressive Commandery # 1, Augusta
6. R. & W. Commandery #16, Dublin
7. Solomon Commandery # 30, Locust Grove
8. St. Paul Commandery # 10, Cartersville
9. Tri-Country Commandery # 32, Stockbridge
10. Yorkshire Commandery # 8, Atlanta
11. Hunter Commandery # 2, Macon

Inactive since 1998	Savannah Commandery # 15, Savannah
Inactive since 1996	Longs Commandery # 9, Columbus
Inactive since 1993	Collins Commandery # 21, Valdosta
Inactive since 1983	Progressive Commandery # 14, Hiram
Inactive since 1979	Hendrick Commandery # 22, Newnan
Inactive since 1974	Cain Solomon Commandery # 20, Griffin