

This is to certify that these By-Laws were read at a stated conclave of Palmetto Priory No. 54, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, and were adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, Holden in the city of Columbia, South Carolina, March 14, 1977.

## The By-Laws of



# Palmetto Priory No. 54, Knight York Cross of Honour

With all Amendments from 5/31/1977 to: 2010

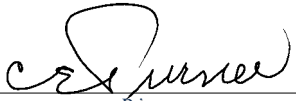
**February 8, 2003**

Chartered  
October 6, 1956


History prior to KYCH Charter in 1956:


**The Secretaries Guild**  
Chartered December 16, 1928  
Organized March 13, 1929

Renamed & Criteria for Membership changed to:  
**Past Officers Association No. 2 of S.C.**  
with the  
**By-Laws Adopted April 19, 1933**

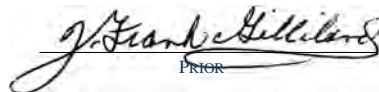
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Prior  
February 8, 2003  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Registrar  
Date: February 8, 2003  
\_\_\_\_\_

Approved   
\_\_\_\_\_  
M.E. Edward S.P. Carson  
Grand Master General  
March 10 2003  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date


Amended February 28, 2009 by unanimous Consent and Vote

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
PRIOR

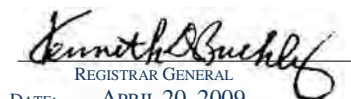
ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
REGISTRAR  
DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 2009  
\_\_\_\_\_

FEBRUARY 28, 2009  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
GRAND MASTER GENERAL  
APRIL 14, 2009  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE:

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
REGISTRAR GENERAL  
DATE: APRIL 20, 2009  
\_\_\_\_\_

**BY-LAWS OF PALMETTO PRIORY NO. 54,  
KNIGHTS OF THE YORK CROSS OF HONOUR**

Section 1. The name of this Priory is **PALMETTO PRIORY NO. 54, Knights of the York Cross of Honour**. Its headquarters shall be in the State of South Carolina.

Section 2. The officers of this Priory shall be those designated by Section 15 of the General Regulations of the Order, all of whom shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and approved and elected by those present.

Section 3. The Stated Conclave of this priory shall be on the day specified by the Eminent Prior, Knight Deputy Prior and Knight Warder or by any of two such Knights.

The hour of assembly and the place of the same shall be specified in the notice of the conclave which must be sent to each Knight as provided by the General Regulations of the Order.

Section 4. The Annual Conclave for the election of officers shall be held at the time of the stated conclave of this Priory.

Section 5. a. The fee for reception of candidates into this Priory shall be Two Hundred, Twenty-five Dollars (**\$225.00**) payable in full when the petition is presented. **Adopted 2/28/2009**

b. Any increases in the future by Convent General will automatically be increased without having to amend the By-Laws of Palmetto Priory #54, KYCH. **Adopted 2/28/2009**

c. The fee for plural membership or for membership by affiliation shall be Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). **Adopted 2/28/2009**

Section 6. The annual dues shall be **No Dollars**.

Section 7. a. Each Prior, at the time of his installation, shall appoint a Finance Committee of three (3) members whose duties shall be to examine and report on all fees and dues received by the Priory and who shall annually, at the time of the Annual Conclave, audit and report in writing on the books of the Registrar and Treasurer. They shall also examine all demands or claims for payment presented to the Priory and report upon the same.

b. Each Prior, shall also, at the time of his installation, appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members whose duty it shall be to nominate all Officers of this Priory.

Section 8. Unless otherwise ordered by the Prior, the order of business at all stated conclaves shall be as follows:

1. Reading of Minutes.
2. Reading of Petitions.
3. Balloting on Petitions.
4. Unfinished and New Business.
5. Conferring ceremony of induction.

Section 9. Proposals and Balloting:

a. Proposals for membership in Palmetto Priory No. 54, KYCH must be submitted by **December 15<sup>th</sup> prior** to the called meeting for balloting. **No proposals** for membership into this Priory will be accepted on the date of the called meeting. **Adopted 2/28/2009**

b. The Ballot on a proposal must be secret and will be approved by a unanimous VOTE of the members present. The ballot will be either by the ballot box or by a written ballot prepared by the Registrar.

c. Proposals for membership in Palmetto Priory No. 54, KYCH must be submitted at or before a called meeting to be held at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual conclave and induction of designees. Written notice, stating time, place and purpose of the called meeting will be mailed, at least 30-days prior, to all members in good standing of Palmetto Priory No. 54, KYCH. Upon acceptance by ballot of proposals at the called meeting, an invitation and petition will be mailed to designees to be returned, (ASAP) prior to the time of induction, with their (designees) acceptance or refusal. If the designee is unable to attend his induction at the stated meeting his petition and reason for being unable to attend will be placed on file in the Registrar's Office and remain in effect for two (2) years.

Section 10. These **By-Laws** may be amended:

1. By introducing the proposed amendment in writing at a conclave of the Priory, which Resolution shall be read, entered on the minutes and laid over to the next or a subsequent conclave, when it shall be acted upon and if two-thirds or more of the members present vote for its adoption and if it is subsequently approved by the Grand Master General, it shall be declared adopted and shall become a part of these **By-Laws**; or
2. By introducing the proposed amendment in writing at a conclave of the Priory and, if unanimous consent of all present be given, it may be acted upon and if two-thirds or more of the members present vote for its adoption and if it is subsequently approved by the Grand Master General, it shall be declared adopted and shall become a part of these **By-Laws**.