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TO: GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS, EMINENT COMMANDERS AND RECORDERS
FROM: THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE PHILIPPINES
SUBJECT: REGARDING LIFE MEMBERSHIP
DATE: 07 APRIL 2021

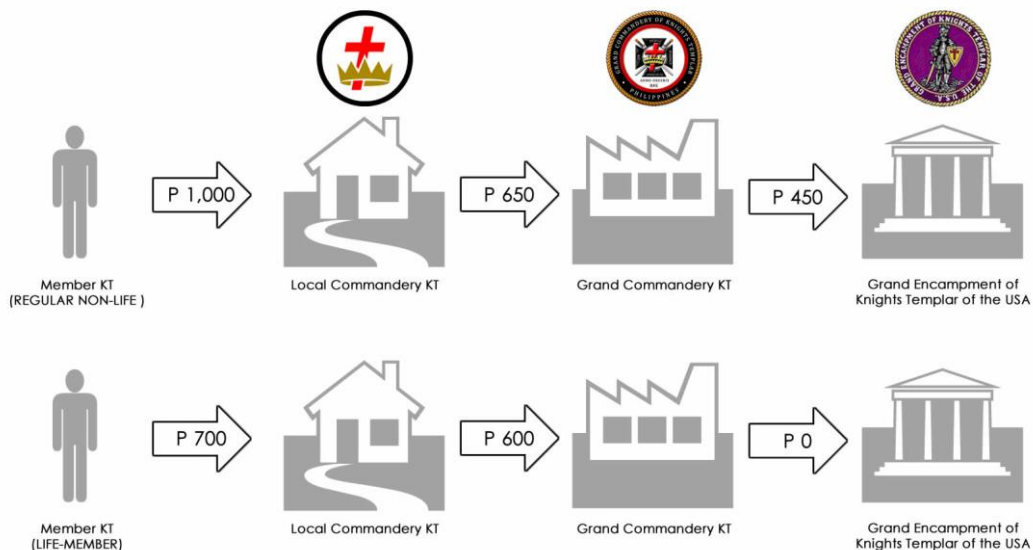
We have received complaints regarding companions who are refusing to pay their dues because the supposedly have “life membership” purchased from the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. We in the Grand Commandery are aware of this confusion and we would like to clear up this matter with this circular.

The Life Membership that you have paid/purchased from the KNIGHT TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION(KTEF) is only applicable to a PORTION of the per capita that the Grand Commandery of the Philippines pays to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA(GEKT). It does NOT mean that you do not pay dues anymore. It means that you still have to pay dues on the LOCAL level (your own Commandery) and NATIONAL level (Grand Commandery of the Philippines). The purchase of “Life Membership” means that your dues amount will be LESSENERD ONLY because you still have to pay your local and national dues.

The portion of the per capita paid by our Grand Commandery TO the GEKT is P50 (\$1) PER SIR KNIGHT. IF you are a life member, you WILL be able to subtract the P50 or \$1 to the dues that you pay your Local Commandery. Please see the diagram below and see the difference:

ANNUAL DUES COMPARISON REGULAR NON-LIFE MEMBERS VS LIFE-MEMBERS OF GEKT

* Assume Local Commandery Dues are P1,000 (reg) and P700 (life)





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The fact is: that there is no “LIFE MEMBERSHIP” provision in the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the Philippines. It is left up to the Individual local Commanderies to establish their own “life membership” program if they so desire and if they can afford to do so.

That is why, same as the one in the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council, the same provision applies:

“The name and signature appears hereon is a recognized Life Member of the KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION So long as he remains a member in good and regular standing of a recognized Master Mason Lodge, a Royal Arch Chapter, a Council of Royal and Select Masters and a Commandery.”

To recap:


1. You have to pay your Local Dues to your own local Commandery and Grand Commandery LESS the KTEF portion which is P50/\$1.
2. Suspension for non-payment of dues in your local Commandery will void the life membership you purchased in the KNIGHT TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION.
3. Your membership in good standing is decided by your local body and NOT by the Grand Commandery or the Grand Encampment. It starts at home.

Please be guided accordingly.

Courteously,


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