

**“ACCADEMIA TEMPLARE - TEMPLAR ACADEMY”**  
Non-profit Organization for Social and Cultural Development and Promotion

**STATUTE**

**DENOMINATION, HEADQUARTERS, AND DURATION**

**ART. 1 -Denomination.**

It is founded, according to Law No 383, December 7th, 2000, the non-profit Association for Social and Cultural Development and Promotion, named: “ACCADEMIA TEMPLARE – TEMPLAR ACADEMY”, which pursues the exclusive aim of social, human, civil, and cultural solidarity, and ethic research.

The “ACCADEMIA TEMPLARE - TEMPLAR ACADEMY” has its own emblem, which is attached in the “Attachment A” in the present document.

The Association has its Headquarters 140 Viale Regina Margherita, Rome (RM). It may institute, through the resolution of the Academic Council, or shut down peripheral branches and/or delegations, either in other Italian cities or in foreign countries.

The Headquarters may be moved with an Academic Council resolution.

The duration of the Association is unlimited.

**ART. 2 – aims and finalities**

The Association is non-profit, and it pursues social and cultural objectives, with ethic and spiritual researches, through vocational education and – also remotely- diffusion of human rights, childhood, women, and socially weaker individuals defence, as well as the Templar culture and the endorsement and promotion of interreligious dialogue.

Specifically, the association endorses and promotes, in Italy and in foreign countries, adopting democratic participation criteria, the following objectives:

- Medieval and modern Knights Templar culture, customs and tradition spread;
- Ancient disciplines, philosophical and speculative tradition study, research, and diffusion;
- Equality, individuals and groups peer social dignity principles fulfilment;
- Democracy and human dignity enhancement;
- Peace, multi-ethnic and multi-religious culture, as well as solidarity among peoples;
- Templar Action Groups (TAG) creation, to support other organization initiatives, with a special attention to those which are active towards human rights, childhood, women, and socially weaker individuals defence, also through studies, researches, and geopolitical previsions;
- Christianity and other great religion Holy Places safeguards;
- Citizenship rights full application and equal opportunities among men and women realization;
- Environmental, historical, and artistic resources valorisation and safeguard;
- Dispatch and/or magazine publication to inform on the Association cultural activities;
- Charity-oriented initiatives organization, funds gathering to favour strongly destitute individuals, due to physical, economical, and social conditions;
- Merit certificates, prizes, rewards, medals, and any other distinction bestowal to academics, researchers, and personalities who have distinguished themselves for activities which are contemplated by the Association social scope;
- An integrated health care and social services system, in a social safety perimeter;
- Sport practice, body education, and healthy way of living promotion enhancement;
- Social and cultural tourism development, promotion, and organization, with a special regard to seniority and youth.

**ART. 3 – The activities**

In order to fulfil its social objectives, the Association:

- Organizes conventions, round tables, courses, and any other initiative suitable to the present objectives fulfilment;
- Supports the ancient Templar traditions rediscovery and knowledge, especially for a young public;

- Edits periodicals, books, magazines, television programmes and any other mass communication initiative, as well as those web-based, publication;
- Organizes various genres exhibitions: theatricals, musicals, cinematographic in every multimedia sector, also in cooperation with independent circuit structures;
- Institutes academic and continuous education courses, masters of arts and any other educational path oriented at valorising any type of research and activity linked to the Association scopes;
- Enhances any form of artistic and communicational form. Directly or indirectly linked at the Association scopes;
- Promotes researches, studies, initiatives, scientific and cultural activities, educational moments, even through the most appropriate cooperation and experiences mutual exchange forms with other association and/or public or private institutions, national and international;
- Realizes research-oriented activities and researches; thus it edits the archives, libraries, audio-visuals etc. creation, preservative, and spread;
- Promotes research materials, unpublished documentation and old manuscripts publication;
- Organizes teachers, socio-cultural professionals, and cultural sector workers information/update initiatives;
- Launches initiatives, both in Italy and in foreign countries, in the international cooperation field, with a specific attention to the problematic related to social-characterized situations.

The Association manages its initiatives, even the economic ones, which it thinks more useful to reach its social scopes.

## **THE ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND THE PATRIMONY**

### **ART. 4 – Economic resources**

According to article 4, law No 383/2000, the Association gathers the economic resources necessary to its operation and to its activity development from:

- a) Associates' instalments and contributions;
- b) Legacies, donations, and bequests;
- c) State, regions, local entities, public entities and institutions contributions, even directed to specific and documented programmes realized among the Association objectives;
- d) European Union and international organizations contributions;
- e) Covered services cash-flows;
- f) Returns referred to covered goods and services transfer; returns referred to third-parties goods and services transfer, even through the fulfilment of economic activities aimed at reaching the institutional objectives;
- g) Associates and third party liberal supplies;
- h) Return referred to promotional initiatives aimed at the Association financing, as parties and prizes subscriptions;
- i) Other returns compatible with the Association social ends.

### **ART. 5 - *Patrimony***

The Association capital is composed of the present act article 4 economic resources and from the tangible and intangible assets assigned to the Association, even those present in the peripheral branches and delegations, both in Italy and in foreign countries.

## **THE ASSOCIATIVE FORMS**

### **ART. 6 – *Join the Association***

Who can join the Association:

- Any individual, without taking into account his/her nationality, religious faith and/or political orientation;
- The associations and entities which share the Association ends;
- Other associative realities which recognize themselves in the present document.

The Members carry out their activities and fulfil their performances toward the Association on a voluntary, freedom-oriented, and free basis. A temporary participation to the associative life is not taken into consideration.

The subscription request to the Association has to be written and sent to the Association Headquarters, either via mail, fax, or e-mail, directly or via someone who is already a Member. The subscription request does not bind the Association; the subscription is deliberated from the present majority of the Academic Council, hereunder described at Article No 18.

#### **Art. 7 – The Members**

The Members are divided in four categories:

- a) “Founding Members ”:they are those Members who have founded the Association;
- b) “Supporting Members”: They are those Members who would like to contribute, with donations and/or contributions, to the fulfilment of the Association goals;
- c) “Participant Members”: They are those who join the Association at a later stage from its constitution.
- d) “Honorary Members”: The honorary Member status has to be bestowed by the Dean, after having consulted the Academic Council, on his/her initiative or on other individual members or representatives of the peripheral branches and/or delegations proposal, to people who has particularly distinguished in activities linked or ascribable to the Association scopes. The honorary Members are not effective Members.

Every Member, a part from the Honorary Members, benefits, respecting the disposals of the present document, of active and passive electorate.

#### **Art. 8 – Termination**

A Member loses its associate status whenever s/he breaks the rules written in this document or s/he has been condemned for an intentional criminal offence.

The associate status can be lost also in these hereunder cases:

- decease;
- termination;
- failing to renew the annual associative card, after six months after the previous one expiry date;
- having failed to respect the rules and the obligations written in the present document;
- unworthiness causes.

The termination starts from the end of the social year, provided that s/he has regularly paid the associate instalments.

An exclusion measure has to be deliberated by the Academic Council and has to be communicated writtenly to the ex-associate who, within 30 days from that communication, may appeal to the Board of Arbitrators via registered mail to the Association Dean.

The exclusion and/or the readmission of a Member is deliberated by the majority of the Academic Council.

#### **ART. 9 – Subscription instalment**

All Members, a part from the Honorary Members, have to pay an annual associative quota, the amount of which is annually determined by the Academic Council.

New associates have to pay the Annual contribution when they join the Association and at the start of each new associative year.

The associates who do not present their termination letter within the expected deadline, they are considered associates also for the year after and they have to pay the associative quota within six months from the deadline, unless to lose the Member status.

#### **ART. 10 – Associates’ duties**

The Associates cooperate to reach this document goals.

The Association membership requires the associates to respect the resolutions taken by its administrative organs, on a statutory duties basis.

Particularly, the Members are required to:

- a) promote the Association growth, as well as to diffuse its ideals and its goals;

- actively participate to the Association life and actions;
- b) strive, according to their skills, to ensure the regular implementation of the Association activities;
- c) respect democratic cohabitee rules, adapting themselves to the Association organs decisions;
- d) pay the social quotas and the contingent contributes, according to the amount deliberated by the Association organs;
- e) accept, respect, and act the deliberations legitimately adopted by the Association organs.

## **THE ORGANS**

### **ART. 11 – *The organs***

The Association Organs are the following:

- a) The Assembly;
- b) The Academic Council;
- c) The Dean;
- d) The Secretary-General;
- e) The Treasurer;
- f) The Board of Statutory Auditors;
- g) The Board of Arbitrators.

## **THE ASSEMBLY**

### **ART. 12 – *The Assembly***

The Assembly, constituted of the Members (see Article 7, letters a), b), and c)), is the Association sovereign organ and it could be summoned on an ordinary and extraordinary basis.

The Members can writtenly empower any other Member to participate to the Assembly in his/her name and on his/her account. No Member may dispose of more than three mandates.

### **ART. 13 – *The ordinary Assembly***

The ordinary Assembly has to be summoned by the Association Dean, who presides over it in the following cases:

- At least once a year, by June 30th, in order to approve the budget and financial statement and for the possible renewal of the associative roles, as well as establish the Academic Council;
- In any other moment, upon the Association Academic Council decision, or – upon request, addressed to the Dean, made by at least five effective Members, who have to represent one tenth at least of the whole Members, a part from the honorary ones.

It is up to the Assembly to deliberate on:

- The budget and financial statement approval and on the Dean and the Board of Statutory Auditors relations on. Respectively, the Association cultural and economic trend;
- The Association activities and organization general programmes;
- Any other ordinary topic exposed to its approval by the Association Academic Council or by the Board of Statutory Auditors;
- The Academic Council, the Board of Statutory Auditors, and the Board of Arbitrators members election.

### **ART. 14 – *The extraordinary Assembly***

The extraordinary Assembly has to be summoned by the Association Dean to deliberate on:

- Contingent Statutory modifies proposals;
- Contingent Association dissolution and liquidator/s designation.

The extraordinary Assembly has to be summoned by the Dean also in those cases when at least five members, representatives of at least two third of the Members as a whole, a part from the honorary members, present a justified request.

### **ART. 15 – *Assembly summoning***

The Assembly, ordinary or extraordinary, is summoned by the Dean with at least 30 (thirty) days' notice, via registered letter, telegram, fax, or e-mail, addressed to the Members.

In urgency situations, the notice term can be reduced to 10 (ten) days, provided that the summon is sent via telegram, fax, or e-mail.

In the notice of summon the meeting day, hour, place, and order of the day have to be expressly specified.

#### **ART. 16 – *Assembly constitution***

The ordinary Assembly is regularly constituted at the first summon with the presence – direct or through mandate – of at least a half plus one of the Members. At the second summon the ordinary Assembly is regularly constituted whatever the presents number might be.

The extraordinary Assembly is correctly constituted at the first summon with the presence of at least three quarter of the Members. At the second summon, the extraordinary Assembly is correctly constituted with the presence, direct or through mandate, of at least a half plus one of the Members and the positive vote of the majority among the presents.

In order to deliberate on the Association termination and on the capital bequeath a positive vote of the third quarter of the Members is necessary.

#### **ART. 17 – *Assembly deliberations***

The Assembly is presided over by the Association Dean or, in his/her absence, by the President of the Board of the Statutory Auditors or, in case s/he is absent as well, by a person elected by the Assembly.

The Dean may request a notary do compile the Assembly minutes; otherwise, the Assembly minutes will be compiled by a person purposely elected by the Assembly.

The deliberation taken in compliance with the present Document obligate each Member, even if absent, dissenting or abstained from the vote to comply with them.

### **ACADEMICAL COUNCIL**

#### **ART. 18 – *Academic Council roles***

The Academic Council has the assignment of:

- a) Electing the Association Dean and its Secretary-General;
- b) Deliberating on the questions related to the Association educational, scientific, and artistic activities to fulfil its goals and according the Assembly deliberation, taking the necessary initiatives;
- c) Adopting the budget and financial statement to submit to the Assembly according to the Dean proposals;
- d) Deliberating on each patrimonial or financial-oriented act;
- e) Expressing an opinion on any other question submitted to its exam by the Dean or the Secretary-General;
- f) Deliberating on the admission and the exclusion of the Members;
- g) Deliberating on the Association possible join and/or participation to entities or public or private entities which interest the Association activities, designating the Association representatives to be chosen from the Members;
- h) Adopting every appropriate operation or execution of the present Document guideline;
- i) Modifying, in exceptional circumstances, the March 31st deadline for the Association Members' financial obligations;
- j) Deliberating the contingent change of the Association Headquarters;
- m) Authorizing peripheral branches and delegations, both in Italy and in foreign countries, constitution or closure.

#### **ART. 19 – *Academic Council composition***

The Academic Council is composed by at least 7 (seven) Members, elected by the ordinary Assembly among the Members; it lasts in charge for three years and until the next ordinary Assembly which will proceed to renew the social charges.

The Association Dean and its Secretary-General are rightful Members of the Academic Council.

The Academic Council President role is conflicting with the Dean and Secretary-General ones.

The Academic Council members receive no remuneration for their service.

Between two Assemblies or in case of resignation, decease, forfeiture or other hindrances of one or more of the Academic Council members, as long as inferior to the half of them, the Academic Council, on the Dean proposal, can co-opt other members, choosing them among the Associates.

#### **ART. 20 – Academic Council meetings.**

The Academic Council meets, with only one summon, at least once a semester and, in any case, every time the President believe it appropriate or the Academic Council majority requests it.

The Academic Council is summoned by the President by telephone, fax or e-mail, at least five days before the meeting.

The meetings are considered effective with the presence of the majority of the Academic Council members. In case of the President absence, the meetings are presided over by the Dean, and in case of his/her absence too, by a member purposely designated by the presents.

The deliberations are taken with the Academic Council majority among the presents, as long as the presents are more than one third of the Counsellors in charge, in case of a tie, the President vote makes the difference. No mandates are taken in to account.

The Academic Council sessions and its deliberations have to be constituted of a verbal process, minute by a member, subscribed by the President and approved by the Academic Council members.

The President and the Academic Council members are compelled to confidentiality on the debated questions.

### **THE DEAN**

#### **ART. 21 – Dean roles**

The Dean is the Association legal representative, a part from what is written in article 23, subsection 1.

It is specifically the Dean duty to promote or push the processing, by the Academic Council, of the useful strategies to value the Association role and activities, defining the operative path to follow – according also to the Secretary-General, in a constant search of a better integration of the available resources, referring to the Association functions and duties reach.

Moreover, the Dean, heard the Secretary-General point of view, names the Treasurer and, also:

- a) Summons and presides over the Assembly;
- b) Oversees on the Assembly and Academic Council deliberations carrying out, and, in general, honouring the commitments assumed by the Secretary-General, to the Association activity trend;
- c) Signs the social acts which bind the Association toward Members and third parties, a part from what is provided in article No 23;
- d) Safeguards the Statutory rules respect;
- e) Maintains terms with the local, national, and international authorities, as well as any other legal Entity or Organization on the national territory or in a foreign country;
- f) Cures an annual relation on the Association cultural and economic activity trend;
- g) Proposes to the Academic Council, for its related adoption, the budget and financial statement, edited by the Secretary-General and the Treasurer;
- h) May call to cooperate, on peculiar questions, Association members or alien to it;
- i) May empower to one or more Academic Council members, with its President assent, permanently or provisionally, part of his/her duties.

#### **ART. 22 – Dean election**

The Association Dean is elected by the Academic Council, presided over its President or, in case of his/her absence, by the eldest member (age).

S/he stays in charge for three years and, in any case, until the ordinary Assembly, which proceed to the social charges renewal.

In case of the Dean resignation or hindrance, considered as serious by the Academic Council, the latter provides to elect an ad interim Dean until the following ordinary Assembly.

## **THE SECRETARY-GENERAL**

### **ART. 23 - *The Secretary-General***

The Secretary-General is the responsible organ to check the Association organization trend, of which s/he owns the legal representation when it comes to cooperation formalizations and to activities done on third parties account which refer to the Association activities.

The Secretary-General:

- a. Promotes the Association activity, coherently with the general addresses deliberated by the Academic Council;
- b. has the Dean empowerment for the Association ordinary management;
- c. issues directives which serve to fulfil the Academic Council programmatic indications, or to fulfil the received mandate;
- d. proposes to the Dean the financial statements cured by the Treasurer.

### **ART. 24 - *Election***

The Association Secretary-General is elected by the Academic Council presided by its President or, in case of his/her absence, by the elderly member (age).

The Secretary-General status is for three years, and may be consecutively renewed only once.

The session for the new Secretary-General election is set at least sixty days before the in charge Secretary-General mandate deadline.

### **ART. 25 – *Absence or temporary hindrance substitution.***

In the first session after his/her assignment, the Secretary-General appoints an Academic Council member to be his/her stand-in in case of absence or temporary hindrance to carry out his/her functions. The assignment may be revoked in any moment.

## **THE TREASURER**

### **ART. 26 – *The Treasurer***

The Treasurer is in charge of the Association accounting and administrative trend and has a mandate on its accounts and deposits.

The Treasurer has the duty of curing and updating the accounting books and editing the Association financial statements.

The financial operations are disposed jointly by the Secretary-General and the Treasurer.

## **THE BOARD OF STATUTORY AUDITORS**

### **ART. 27 – *Board of Statutory Auditors roles***

The Board of Statutory Auditors is the organ in charge of Association management control, according to the law limits and forms; thus, it is reported hereunder the Italian civil code articles which describes Board of Statutory Auditors powers and responsibilities.

Specifically, it has to:

- a) verify the regular social accounting cure;
- b) issue its own relation to the Assembly regarding the budget and financial statement, adopted by the Academic Council.

The Board of Statutory Auditors may participate at the Academic Council meetings, without voting rights.

### **ART. 28 – *Board of Statutory Auditors composition***

The Board of Statutory Auditors is composed by three qualified members, elected by the Assembly, chosen from people alien to the Association, and lasts in charge for three years.

The Board of Statutory Auditors, at the first purposeful meeting, elect its own President.

**ART. 29 – Control activities location.**

The Board of Statutory Auditors accounting control activity has to be carried out in the Association headquarters; exceptionally, it can be also done in its contingent peripheral branches.

The accounting control activity results from a minutes signed by the Dean and the auditors present at the control.

**THE BOARD OF ARBITRATORS**

**ART. 30 – The Board of Arbitrators**

Once every three year, the Assembly designates the Board of Arbitrators, formed of three members who, at the first purposeful meeting, elect their President.

The contingent litigations between the associates, related to the associative relationship or between them and the Association and its organs will be submitted to the Board of Arbitrators which will judge without procedure formalities.

Regarding the litigation between Members on Association-oriented problems, a part from when the fact constitutes a crime, appealing to any other jurisdiction form is excluded.

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

**ART. 31 – Budget and Financial Statement**

The budget has to be cured by the Treasurer by December of the year before the one which the budget refers to; it has to be adopted by the Academic Council, according to Article No 18, letter c) of the present Document, before transmitting it to the Assembly, which has to approve it within the first semester of the year the budget refers to.

The financial exercise duration is one year; it starts on January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on December, 31<sup>st</sup>.

The financial statement has to be combined with:

- a) an illustrative relation edited by the Treasurer;
- b) the Board of Statutory Auditors relation, according to article No 27, letter b) of the present Document;
- c) the Dean relation on the Association cultural and economic activity trend, according to article 21, letter f), of the present Document.

The financial statement has to be edited by April, 30<sup>th</sup> of the year following the one the financial statement refers to and, apart from the present Document provisioned procedures, has to be approved by the Assembly within the first semester of the year following the one the financial statement refers to.

The annual reports has to expressly highlight the assets, the contributes, and the bequeath received. The activities returns may not be distributed to the Members, even in an indirect form. The contingent surpluses have to be reinvested on the statutory activities.

**FINAL AND TRANSITORY NORMS**

**ART. 32 – Internal regulation**

The Association operation modes will be defined with one or more internal Regulations, which will have to be inspired to democracy and members' rights equality principles.

The Regulations, prepared by the Secretary-General and shared with the Dean, are adopted by the Academic council with the majority described in article No 20, sub-section 4 of the present Document; moreover, they have to be approved by the ordinary Assembly.

**ART. 33 - Association dissolution**

The contingent Association dissolution has to be proposed by the Academic Council and deliberated by the extraordinary Assembly with a majority, both at the first and the second summon, of at least two third (2/3) of whom has voting rights.

In case of Association dissolution, for any reason, its capital will be devolved to other entities and/or associations which pursue akin ends, or to social or public usefulness.



**ART. 34 - Responsibilities.**

The single associates and whoever is not expressly authorized to act in the Association name and account, will answer directly of their initiatives consequences, even patrimonial ones.

**ART. 35 - References**

The Association is disciplined by the present Document and by the contingent regulations which, approved according to the statutory rules, would be necessary to better regulate specific associative relations or activities.

The associates activity is mainly done for free. A refund of the effectively bore and documented expenses is admitted, as long as to fulfil the Association activities and keeping within the bounds of what deliberated by the Assembly.

The Association, in case of need, may hire employers or take advantage of outsourced work, also recurring to its associates.

The Association is going to adopt the norm procedures to obtain the status of legal subject and its acknowledgment as non-profit association.

Regarding everything that is not treated in the present Document, please see the Italian Civil Code rules, the related current norm, and the Italian rules general principles.

In case of controversy, the Court in charge is the one in Rome.

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**ACCADEMIA TEMPLARE**  
**TEMPLAR ACADEMY**

The Templar Academy emblem is made of:

- A 2 cm. Octagon, gold hemmed. Inside, the background is vertically and centrally divided; the left side is black-coloured, the right side is white-coloured; at the centre, along the perpendicular, a golden hemmed purple fleur-de-lis is engraved;
- Under the octagon, centrally, the Capital letter script “ACCADEMIA TEMPLARE”, written in bolded purple 18 Tempus Sans ITC;
- Furtherer, centrally, the Capital letter script “TEMPLAR ACADEMY”, written in bolded purple 18 Tempus Sans ITC.