

An Accord between the Grand York Rite Bodies and the Grand Commandery of South Carolina for funding the Annual Holy Land Pilgrimage.

Basics:

We agree that we shall participate in the Holy Land Pilgrimage program of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

We agree The Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee appointed by the Grand Commandery is in charge of this program in South Carolina.

We agree that the Grand York Rite Office, PO Box 7463, Columbia, SC 29202, is the place for receiving communications and donations for the Holy Land Pilgrimage.

We agree that minister candidate(s) must be endorsed by a Commandery of South Carolina.

We agree there are three ways the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund is raised annually:

1. It is provided by donations made by the York Rite Bodies in South Carolina;
2. It benefits from personal donations made by supporters of the program; and,
3. It benefits occasionally from Commanderies that select, endorse, and fund all expenses of a pilgrim minister, working in conjunction with and through the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee of South Carolina.

Funding Accord

The Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee of the Grand Commandery agrees:

1. To receive and oversee at the Grand York Rite Office all funds for the Pilgrimage program.
2. To keep a ledger of all contributions of York Rite Bodies in increments of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00).
3. To present to York Rite Bodies a participation plaque when they have accumulated three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350) in donations to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund.
4. To provide to York Rite Bodies who have earned a plaque a participation bar that can be attached to the base of the plaque when they have given an amount equal to another three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350).
5. To give additional participation bars to York Rite Bodies each time an increment of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00) is attained.
6. To recognize a Commandery that endorses and underwrites the expenses of the trip for a minister(s) with a special plaque.

7. To recognize donors of individual gifts to the program with an appropriate certificate or plaque.

The York Rite Bodies of South Carolina agree:

1. To contribute annually a voluntary donation to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund (suggested goal is \$1.00 per York Rite member.)
2. To forward this amount to the Grand York Rite, P.O. Box 7463, Columbia. SC 29202 by June 30th.
3. To concur that when total donations received by June 30th and current Fund balance equal the amount spent for the pilgrimage in the previous year that the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee will select a minister candidate in September as the minister pilgrim for the next trip.
The total cost for one pilgrim minister in 2010 was \$3500.00.
The HLP Fund has a balance of \$1,100.00; December 31, 2010.
4. To excuse a Commandery that nominates and underwrites the full expenses of a pilgrim from the voluntary donation collection in that year.
5. To permit the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee to solicit additional donations for the Fund if and when an unexpected situation arises.
6. To receive and adopt at the annual Conclave of Knights Templar the Holy Land Pilgrimage Report that includes trip cost and fund balance.

We, the York Rite Bodies of South Carolina and the Committee of the Holy Land pilgrimage of the Grand Commandery of South Carolina do endorse and adopt this accord March 14, 2011 at Greenville SC.

The Timeline for Holy Land Pilgrimage Participation

Nomination of Minister(s) - any time all year

Official Forms for Minister Candidates - March/April

Deadline for Contributions from Bodies - June 30th

Selection of Pilgrim(s) - September

Credentials and Fees to National Office - October 15th

Orientation of Pilgrim(s) - November/December

Commissioning of Pilgrim(s) - January

Holy Land Pilgrimage Trips - February/March
