# THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WHITE CRUSADERS OF THE RaHoWA! 



Our Race is Royal!

## 1. NAME

The name of the organization shall be "The White Crusaders of the RaHoWa!" hereinafter called the Crusaders. Chapters shall be further identified by:

1. Addition of the name of the Nation or State concerned, and, as may be desired, the name of the local Chapter.

## 2. OBJECTIVES

1. To promote the Survival, Expansion, and Advancement of the White Race exclusively.
2. To promote the welfare of the Crusaders and its members, throughout the world.
3. To promote the Religion of Creativity as described by Ben Klassen in Nature's Eternal Religion through the Church of the RaHoWa!
4. To engage in such social and community activities as the National, State, District or local Chapter Councils may from time to time determine.
5. To acquire, preserve and study any documents, records and relics relating to the White Race and its members.
6. To pursue these objectives following the principles as outlined by Ben Klassen in his first three books, Nature's Eternal Religion, The White Man's Bible and Salubrious Living, and in the spirit of kinship inherent in the success of this endeavour.

## 3. MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership is exclusively restricted to members of the White Race, also known as White Indo-European and/or White Aryan.
2. The National and State Councils may elect as Honorary Members any White persons who have rendered special service to the Crusaders, or who
have otherwise added to the lustre of the White Race. Such elected members shall not be eligible to hold office or to vote. Propositions for Honorary Member will normally come from local Chapters. The initial Council proposing an Honorary Member will be responsible for his expenses within the Crusaders.
3. Persons who are aligned with the mission of the Crusaders however, while they may be so aligned, for various reasons either do not wish to become members or are unable to meet the standards or duties of membership, but are otherwise interested in, and desirous of associating with the Crusaders, may be admitted as Official Supporters. They shall not be eligible to hold office or to vote.
4. Persons who hold membership in other organizations that appear to rival to be rival organizations to the Crusaders, are not eligible to become members of the Crusaders. They may however, be admitted as Official Supporters.
5. Application for membership will be on the Crusader's main or Chapters' Application Form. A separate form is required for each person registered.
6. Recommended Membership Categories
(a) Financial Life Member

Persons who, after at least one year as a member and at approval of their local Chapter, subscribe an amount equal to at least twenty times the current membership fee. Financial Life Members may utilize the title of Brother, Sister or Elder depending on their previous membership category. Normal voting rights.

## (b) Senior Member

Known as Elder or Reverend Elder if a Reverend in the Church of the RaHoWa!, Senior Members are those members able to show a sufficient working knowledge of the Crusaders, usually to a Triumvirate of Elders. Elders are able to deal with media outlets without seeking the permission of Council or their local Chapter Leaders. Eligible adults with voting rights.
(c) Member

Known as Brother or Sister, Member is the basic category. Brothers/Sisters must seek the permission of Council or local Chapter Leaders before they are able to deal with media outlets. Eligible adults with voting rights.
(d) Junior Member

Known as Brother or Sister, Junior Members are persons accepted under the age of 18 who automatically assume the rights and responsibility of a member at 18 years of age.
(e) Official Supporter

See Rule 3, Item 3 and 4.

Family or household membership, country members, overseas members, pensioner members, et cetera, will be defined in the local Chapter's By-Laws as found desirable.

## 4. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

A member may be expelled from the Crusaders by a $2 / 3$ of a majority vote of the Council of his Chapter for conduct considered injurious to the Crusaders. The member shall have the right to present an explanation of his conduct for the consideration of the Council of his Chapter.

## 5. WORLD COUNCIL OF ELDERS

The World Council of Elders is charged with the overall direction and conduct of affairs of the Crusaders and is the Final Arbiter of any disputes.

The Council shall consist of the Komandant' or his appointed representative (who shall occupy the chair and have casting vote, if present), and up to three members from each National Council. The World Council of Elders shall elect the necessary officers listed under Rule 9 from amongst its members.

The World Council of Elders may transact business at a face-to-face Council meeting with at least fifty percent of its members present, or electronically via a conference call or the Internet with at least fifty percent of its members on the call. A simple majority of those voting shall be sufficient to constitute an act of the Council. The Council can act through correspondence as long as at least two-thirds of its membership responds to the question before them and the vote of those responding is a $2 / 3$ majority in favour. An action through correspondence shall be deemed to have been determined thirty days after a written request nominated date has passed. Council members shall be permitted to vote at a Council meeting by a proxy which is limited to specific issues. Voting by a general proxy shall not be permitted.

The minutes of the proceedings of all World Council of Elders meetings shall be sent to the National Councils and to each member of the World Council of Elders by first class mail within two weeks of a meeting's close. They shall be made available to any Crusader voting Member upon written request.

Funds for the World Council of Elders shall be raised by a yearly levy on each National Council. This levy shall be varied at the World Council of Elders’ discretion and shall be on a per-capita financial membership basis. The levy shall be forwarded with a list of financial members by each National Council prior to $14^{\text {th }}$ February yearly.

## 6. NATIONAL COUNCILS

Where no more than one Chapter exists in a Nation, that Chapter will be responsible for all National Council matters.

National Councils will be responsible to the World Council of Elders for the implementation of this Constitution but are otherwise autonomous in their operation. Each National Council shall consist of not more than three representatives from each State Council.

Meetings may be convened when and where considered desirable.
National Councils will elect up to three representatives to the World Council of Elders.

National Council will elect from amongst its members the necessary office bearers, listed under Rule 9.

Funds for National Councils will be raised by a yearly levy on each State. This charge will include the amount that the National Council's remit to the World Council of Elders. The remainder of the membership fee and monies raised will remain with the member's Chapter.

## 7. STATE OR TERRITORY COUNCILS <br> (Hereinafter called State Councils)

Where no more than one Chapter exists in a State, that Chapter will be responsible for all State Council matters.

State Councils will be responsible to the National Council for the implementation of this Constitution but are otherwise autonomous in their operation. Each State Council shall consist of not more than three representatives from each Chapter.

One representative from each District Council will also be eligible to attend meetings and give recommendations and reports. He shall have no additional voting rights by virtue of this office.

Meetings may be convened when and where considered desirable.
State Councils will elect up to three representatives to the National Council.
State Council will elect from amongst its members the necessary office bearers, listed under Rule 9.

Funds for State Councils will be raised by a yearly levy on each Chapter. This charge will include the amount that the States remit to the National Council.

The remainder of the membership fee and monies raised will remain with the member's Chapter.

## 8. DISTRICT COUNCILS

Depending on the establishment and development of Chapters, Districts may be designated by State Councils as considered convenient and practical. It is recommended that the Districts consist of groups of Local Government areas to make use of existing designated area boundaries.

District Councils will be responsible to the State Council for coordinating and assisting the Chapters under such conditions as State Council may from time to time decide.

They shall have no jurisdiction over Chapters in the District, but may make recommendations to them or to State Council.

Funds for District Councils will normally come from grants by the Chapters or State Councils concerned.

## 9. CHAPTER COUNCILS

Chapter Councils, other than is inherent in this Constitution are fully autonomous in their operations.

Each Chapter Council shall consist of all office bearers of that Chapter. The following positions are recommended: Leader, two Deputy Leaders, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer - and such office bearers as may be desired, e.g. Publicity Officer, Youth Secretary, Newsletter Representative, Librarian, Historian, Activities Organiser, District Representatives, State Representatives, National Representatives, World Representatives, Auditors, Religious Instructors or Representatives, et cetera.

The Executive Committee will normally be the Leader, Secretary and Treasurer, or as defined in the applicable Council By-Laws.

Chapters will be directly responsible to State Council. They may request State Council to form or disband any District Council.

Chapter Councils will forward a new member's name, address and Capitation Fee to State Council within 21 days of acceptance as a member.

Chapter Councils will remit to State Council a return of financial members, annual reports and Capitation Fee by January $31^{\text {st }}$ each year.

## 10. CRUSADER REPRESENTATIVES

To ensure wider coverage in areas where insufficient members exist, State Council may appoint a Local Representative, who will normally be a Member of the Crusaders. Local Crusader representatives will be eligible to attend District and State Council Meetings, and as such representatives, they will have no voting rights at these meetings other than normal membership voting rights, but they may be invited to report and enter the discourse.

## 11. MEMBERSHIP FEES

1. Membership Fees and the amount thereof shall be levied at the discretion of each Chapter Council, as decided at any general meeting.
2. The Crusaders' financial year runs from $1^{\text {st }}$ July to $30^{\text {th }}$ June.
3. Membership List

Chapters shall keep a current financial membership list, a copy of which will be forwarded to the appropriate State Council with the Capitation dues by the $31^{\text {st }}$ January each year.
4. Payment of Fees

Membership fees will be due and payable on or before the $1^{\text {st }}$ July each year for the ensuing 12 months.
5. Acceptance of Rules

Payment of annual Membership fees shall be considered to indicate acceptance of this Constitution and any applicable By-Laws.
6. Fees shall not be refundable in the event of resignation or expulsion.
7. Persons un-financial at the end of six calendar months from the beginning of the Crusaders' financial year may, at the discretion of their Chapter Council, be deemed to have forfeited membership, and have their name placed in the past member's suspense list.
8. Councils have the right to waive or reduce any fees of special circumstances, and re-admittance.

## 12. OFFICE BEARERS AND DUTIES

## 1. Leader

The Leader shall chair all Council meetings.
2. Deputy Leaders

The Deputy Leaders shall, in the absence of the Leader, carry out the Leader's duties.
3. Secretary/Secretaries

The Secretary shall keep proper records of the Crusaders' proceedings, present an Annual Report, and hand over to the Treasurer all monies received.
4. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be responsible for all matters and records relating to the Crusaders' or other Councils' financial affairs, and shall present an Annual audited Report. All accounts for payment must be approved by Council and all monies received must be officially receipted and banked.
5. Other office bearers may be appointed as considered desirable by the Council concerned.
6. The duties of other office bearers shall be defined as the need arises, and shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which the requirements are discussed. It shall be the responsibility of those office bearers to keep details of their approved duties as may be decided from time to time.
7. Trustees

Three Trustees, Members of the Crusaders, will be appointed by each Council concerned, when considered necessary. Funds surplus to running expenses, real estate and other property as defined under Rule15 (Funds and Property) will be the Trustees' responsibility.

## 9. Removal of Office Bearers

(a) By Vote

Any office bearer, voted by a two-thirds majority of the Council considered to be not discharging his duties satisfactorily may be removed from office. On being advised in writing by the Chairman of the deciding meeting, the office bearer so removed shall, within one week, hand over all properties/assets of the Crusaders in his possession to a person nominated by that Council.
(b) Due to Incapacitation or Incarceration

If the office bearer is incapacitated or incarcerated for a reasonable period of time, the Deputy of the office bearer is to assume the position of the office bearer on a temporary basis only. All rights and privileges shall be restored to the office bearer upon his return. In the event of an office bearer being incapacitated or incarcerated for longer than a reasonable period of time, and is unable to discharge his duties, he is to voluntarily step down. The Deputy of the office bearer is to immediately assume the duties of the incapacitated or incarcerated office bearer's position. A Council meeting shall then be held as soon as is practicable to determine the next office bearer in succession.

## 13. MEETINGS

## 2. The Annual General Meetings of:

(a) Chapters

Shall be held as near as possible, but after the $1^{\text {st }}$ July each year, prior to State Council.
(b) State Councils

Shall be held as near as possible to $1^{\text {st }}$ August each year, prior to National Council.
(c) National Councils

Shall be held as near as possible to 1st in September each year, after State Council meetings and prior to National Council.
(d) World Council of Elders

Shall be held as and when desired, preferably in October each year, after National Council meetings and before the end of the calendar year.
3. Special General Meetings, Ordinary Business, Social and Subcommittee Meetings shall be held as and when desired.
4. Convening of Meetings

Will be defined in the By-Laws of the Council concerned. Normally any two National Council's may request a World Meeting, and two State Councils may request a National Council Meeting, any two Chapters a State Council meeting, and ten percent of Chapter Members a Chapter meeting.
5. Meeting Procedure
(a) Shall follow normally accepted procedures.
(b) In the absence of the Leader and Deputy Leader, the meeting, if a quorum is present, shall elect a chairman for that meeting only.

## 6. Quorums

(a) Chapter Councils

Minimum of five members
(b) State Councils

Minimum of five members representing more than fifty percent of local Chapters in that State.
(c) National Councils

Minimum of five members representing more than fifty percent of the States or Territories.
(d) World Council of Elders

Minimum of ten members representing more than fifty percent of the Crusader nationalities.

NOTES: (i) Un-financial Members are not eligible to vote.
(ii) Notice of all meetings shall be at least one calendar month before said meeting.

## 14. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

Donations and Legacies may be given or bequeathed for a special purpose or object and may bear the Donor's name, but unless stated to be for a special purpose or object, Donations and Legacies shall be used for the general purposes of the Crusaders by the Council concerned.

## 15. FUNDS AND PROPERTY

1. The Crusaders is a Non-Profit Organization, in that it is not carried on for the profit or gain of its individual members. This applies for direct and indirect gains. It is prohibited to distribute profits or gains to individual members, and its actions regarding Funds and Property must remain consistent with this prohibition.
2. Crusaders' World Council, National Council, State Council, District Council or the local Chapter Council concerned, or it may otherwise be invested as shall from time to time be determined by the Councils in the name of three Trustees, Members of the Crusaders, to be appointed by the appropriate Council. Bank account signatories will normally be the Leader, Secretary and Treasurer, any two to sign. The Council shall have power from time to time to purchase, rent or otherwise acquire heritable property for any purpose of the Crusaders and to erect buildings or execute any other works they may deem to be suitable or necessary and to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of or use such heritable property or any part thereof as, from time to time, they may deem advisable and to borrow upon the security of such heritable property or any parts thereof, the title or lease of such heritable property being taken in the name of three Trustees appointed by the Council, who shall be Members of the Crusaders, and the survivors and survivor of them and their successors in office, and the Council shall have power to appoint other Trustees in place of Trustees dying or resigning and all Trustees shall hold office at the Council's pleasure. The Council further shall have the power from time to time to invest money belonging to the Crusaders in the names of the said three Trustees and the survivors and survivor of them and their successors in office, the Council having power to purchase, sell, retain, alter and renew the investments from time to time irrespective of any limitation of investment imposed upon Trustees by Statute or Common Law. The ordinary revenue of the Crusaders shall be applied in defraying all necessary expenses and outlays due by the Crusaders and to the general objects of the Crusaders or any of them to such extent as the Council may from time to time decide. The extra-ordinary income derived from the Crusaders shall be applied in supplement of the ordinary revenue to such extent as the Council may from time to time decide. Donations and Legacies bequeathed for a special purpose or object in terms of Rule 14 above or the income thereof shall not be affected by these provisions.

## 16. AUDITORS

Honorary Auditors shall be appointed annually. They shall not be members of any executive of that World, National, State, District or Chapter Council.

## 17. DISPUTES

Any dispute or problems of policy unresolved by due consideration at Local Chapter level shall be referred to the State Council, National Council and World Council of Elders if necessary. All World Council of Elders decisions are final.

## 18. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUION

1. This constitution may only be amended by a two thirds majority of the members of the World Council of Elders, who will conduct a postal ballot of all Members to ratify the recommendation. A two thirds majority of those responding will again be required for ratification.
2. Amendments may be proposed by any Chapter, through their National Council, to the World Council of Elders.
3. Chapter, District, State and National Councils may make regulations and by-laws for the efficient running of such Councils. These regulations and by-laws shall conform generally to this constitution.

## 19. WINDING UP OF CHAPTERS, DISTRICT, STATE OR NATIONAL COUNCILS

With the closure of any of the above, all monies, property and assets will be transferred to the next higher Council, who will hold the same in trust against possible reinstatement of that particular Chapter, District, State or National Council.

## 20. INDEMNITY

No member of the Crusaders shall be personally responsible for the Legal or Financial obligations of the Crusaders.

