Knox Fifty Year Club

Constitution

I. The Name

The full name of this society shall be the Knox Fifty Year Club or FYC. It shall be located in Galesburg, Illinois.

I. Purpose

It shall be the purpose of the Knox Fifty Year Club to:

1. Provide members with an association that promotes their social interaction and camaraderie and that shall facilitate their desire to assist and support Knox College.

2. Provide at least one gathering annually where official business of the Knox Fifty Year Club may be conducted. This may happen at Commencement, Homecoming, or at an off campus event.

3. Collect, update, and preserve histories of all members and their Knox experience.

4. Publish at regular intervals a periodical called the “Fifty Year Club Bulletin” that shall serve as a medium for news, personal updates, and histories among the members.

II. The Members

All persons who attended at least one year at Knox College shall automatically become members of the Knox Fifty Year Club 50 years after graduation or 50 years after the class of which they were associated graduated.

III. Honorary Members

Honorary membership may be extended to those who exhibit an active interest and a desire to promote the objectives and purpose of the Knox Fifty Year Club. Such persons shall be nominated by Club members, friends, family, or members of the Knox College community. The names of nominees shall be forwarded to the Executive Committee for consideration with final approval by FYC members at the next meeting.

IV. Scroll of Honor

The Scroll of Honor is an award presented to members, including honorary members, in recognition of that member’s lifetime achievements in the service of their community, society, or humanity. Knox Fifty Year Club members, friends or family, or members of the Knox College community may submit a name and biographical information for consideration as a Scroll of Honor nominee. Up to three awards shall be presented annually pursuant to the Procedures established by the Executive Committee from time to time.

V. Officers

The officers of the Club shall consist of the President, First and Second Vice Presidents, and Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 1. Duties

The President shall preside at meetings whenever possible; perform the duties prescribed by Parliamentary Authority, and serve as the Chair of the Executive Committee. The President shall appoint standing committees and special committees and may call special Executive Committee Meetings if the need arises.
The First Vice President shall participate on the Executive Committee and perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President.

The Second Vice President shall participate on the Executive Committee and perform the duties of the First Vice President in the absence of the First Vice President.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall participate on the Executive Committee, keep the minutes of all meetings, and record them in permanent form and report on the Club’s financial position.

Section 2. Election of Officers—Nominations
All officers shall be elected for two years and shall be committed to attending meetings whenever possible.

Section 3. Executive Committee
The Officers shall comprise the Executive Committee.

VI. Meetings

Section 1. Regular Meetings
There shall be at least one annual gathering to conduct the business of the Knox Fifty Year Club. It may be held during the weekend of Commencement, at Homecoming, or at an event off campus.

Section 2. Special Meetings
Special meetings to conduct the business of the Knox Fifty Year Club may be called by the President, College staff liaison, or by a majority of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Events and Gatherings
Special events and gatherings may be sponsored by or held on behalf of the Knox Fifty Year Club at various times and locations throughout the United States. Members, honorary members, and friends of Knox College shall be encouraged to attend and celebrate their Knox College affiliation.

VII. Induction of New Members

The members of the Class having attained its 50th anniversary year shall be inducted into the Knox Fifty Year Club. The Class shall be recognized at a celebration in conjunction with their 50th Reunion.

VIII. Membership

The annual membership shall be $20.00 per calendar year, or $200.00 for a Lifetime membership. All memberships paid shall be used to support the Knox Fifty Year Club. Memberships may be increased with the approval of the majority of the Executive Committee.

IX. Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees
There shall be three Standing Committees. Those standing committees shall be the Constitution Committee, the Nominating Committee, and the Scroll of Honor Committee. Each Standing Committee shall be composed of a chair and two or more members.

Section 2. The Scroll of Honor Committee
The Scroll of Honor Committee shall be made up of five members and one chair. The committee shall be appointed by the President with the assistance of the College staff liaison. Each member of the Scroll of Honor Committee shall serve a two year term. The Committee shall vote on nominees submitted by the Fifty Year Club Office.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee
The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President and shall submit to the members a slate of candidates for approval and election for each office the term of which shall be vacant following the Commencement meeting.

Section 4. The Constitution Committee
The Constitution Committee shall meet at least once every five years to review, and to recommend, if needed, amendments and updates to the Constitution.

Section 5. Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President. The President may also appoint any Special Committees deemed necessary at any time.

X. Parliamentary Authority

Robert’s *Rules of Order* shall be the authority in all meetings of Club procedure not covered by this Constitution.

XI. Amendment of Constitution

This constitution may be amended at any meeting by a vote of 2/3 of the members in attendance and voting at that meeting. The proposed amendment must be provided to the members at least twenty-one days prior to the meeting date.

XII. Dissolution of the Club

In the event of dissolution, abandonment, or termination of the Club, no income, contribution or other revenue or funds shall inure to the benefit of any individual or any group not affiliated with the Club. The assets under control of the Club, after current indebtedness has been paid, shall (1) be added to the fund balance of existing FYC endowed funds noted below or (2) the FYC authorizes the Knox College Board of Trustees to use the assets for purposes they deem to be most consistent with the original mission of the FYC.

Fifty Year Club Endowment Funds on deposit with Knox College at the time of dissolution would remain a part of the permanent College endowment with income only expended for scholarship support of deserving students.

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