

1. To educate and inform the public about knifemaking, metalworking, and other forms of art-crafts associated with knifemaking.
2. To aid, assist, and teach members, helping to develop their skill level and how to promote their craft.
3. To establish and follow Standards of Conduct and Workmanship. Guild members appreciate and demonstrate core values of Respect, Integrity, Charity and Tradition.
 - **Respect** - Our members strive to live by the "Golden Rule"; treat others as you would like to be treated.
 - **Integrity** - There is truth in our words and honesty in our products. We do not misrepresent ourselves or our works.
 - **Charity** - We help others. We offer of ourselves to strengthen others.
 - **Tradition** - We are making the oldest tools known to man. We must not forget the contributions of those who have gone before us; we strive to produce our very best and bring honor to the title, "Knifemaker".
4. To receive and maintain a fund or funds of real or personal property, and subject to the restrictions hereinafter set forth, to use and apply the whole or any part of the income there from and the principal thereof for the purpose of one or more purposes of the Guild.
5. To have and exercise all powers and rights conferred on corporations by the State of Texas and all powers and rights incidental to carrying out the purposes for which this Guild is formed, except such as are inconsistent with the express provisions of the Act under which this corporation is formed.
6. The foregoing shall be construed both as objects and powers. and the enumeration thereof shall not be held to limit or restrict in any manner the general powers conferred on the Guild by the laws of the State of Texas, all of which are hereby expressly claimed.
7. For the purpose of making distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(3)(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code."

7. **Article XII. Regions** - Adopted as previously voted on by members.
8. **Article XIII. Principal Office** - Secretary's Office. James Huse will setup a Post Office Box. Secretary will be the registered agent of service for the corporation.
9. **Article XV. Membership**
 - a. Dues - \$100
 - b. A membership committee has been establish to make recommendations to the Board concerning membership levels, etc. The following levels were discussed: Apprentice, Associate, and Youth. Also discussed: 1) Dues are due on the 1st of the year; 2) A paid member from the prior year would not be removed from the membership rolls for lack of payment until February 28th of the following year; and 3) No proration of dues - once paid, then you are a member until December 31st of that year (plus the time to get money in the following year). See number 19 below for list of committee members.
 - c. The 50/50 split of dues is removed and other references concerning membership and dues from the bylaws pending the committee's recommendation.
10. **Article XVI. Board of Directors** -

Region 1:	James Huse II, Travis Fry, David Patterson, Dustin Williams, Brandt Noel
Region 2:	Andrew Griggs, Ronnie Packard, Vance Hinds, Travis Payne, Jim McGuinn
Region 3:	Charles Hawkins, Dale White, Jason Fry, Gary Langley (Region has 1 open spot)
11. **Article XVII. Officers** - listed above.
12. **Article XVIII. Hammer-Ins, Shop Tours, Swap Meets, Etc.** - Up to each region.
13. **Article XIX. Reference Library** - Education Committee created to make recommendations to the Board about the reference library and other education opportunities of the Guild. We discussed having a login secured section of our website for members to access the reference materials online. See number 19 for committee members.
14. **Article XX. Regional Additional Activities** - Up to the rgions.
15. **Adoption of Logo and Use of Logo**



Adopted as the official logo of the Texas Knifemakers' Guild. Members can use logo on their own advertisements. James Huse II agreed that the logos are the property of The Texas Knifemakers' Guild.

Other Usable Logos by members:



16. **Article II, Articles IV-X, XIII, XXII, and XXIII** - not for profit and other legal provisions. Adopted. There was discussion concerning checks and balances of the financial side of the Guild including requiring 2 signatures on checks, the logistics of this, etc. A Finance Committee was established to make recommendations to the Board. The Finance Committee is also in charge of initiating and pursuing 501(3)(c) status with the IRS and to coordinate filings with the State of Texas for nonprofit status. See number 19 below for members of the Finance Committee.

17. **Additional Bylaws** - None.

18. **Issue with Matthew Holman** - Buying from member of the group Ric Jordan that sent him a knife from Pakistan. There was a lot of discussion concerning standards of conduct, workmanship, and integrity. It was important to all those in attendance that this does not happen again. An integrity committee was established to make recommendations to the Board concerning these issues and to further perpetuate our Mission Statement and Purpose. See number 19 below for members.

19. **Committees:**

- a. Membership Committee - Jason Fry (Chairman), Travis Payne, David Bryson, David Patterson, Andrew Griggs, Charles Hawkins, Dustin Williams
- b. Education Committee - Andrew Griggs (Chairman), Vance Hinds, James Huse II, Jim McGuinn, Jason Wilder, Adam Bellar, Gary Langley, Jamie Herring

- c. Finance Committee - Travis Fry (Chairman), Rusty Bryson, James Huse II, Dale White, Dennis Clark, Brandt Noel.
- d. Integrity Committee - Jason Wilder, Andrew Griggs, Jim McGuinn, Don Shipman, Travis Payne, Ronnie Packard, Robert Ohlemann, David Bryson.
- e. Show Committee - Vance Hinds (Chairman), Jason Fry, Jim McGuinn, Travis Payne, Jerry Moen.

20. **Lone Star Expo Knife Show** - The Expo is June 13 & 14. It is in conjunction with the Dallas Arms Collectors Association's Gun Show at Market Hall and the military show. This show will be the largest show in the Southwest next to Wanenmacher's in Tulsa: over 2000 tables and over 10,000 members of the public. A great opportunity for the Guild. We discussed donating knives for door prizes: 1) possibly a collaboration from the Guild members to be given to a name drawn from those that purchased a knife; and 2) donated knives to be given away as door prizes to get members of the public to come and register in our area. Several people expressed concern with the latter. A Show Committee was formed to make recommendations to the Board concerning the show. Dallas Arms Collectors Association agreed to refund to the Guild \$25 for each table booked through Vance Hinds. Also DACA agree to fund \$10 a table booked to the prize for the Bladesports Cutting Competition up to \$1,000. The Board discussed funding the difference to \$1,000 so that the prize for the competition is \$1,000.

21. **facebook groups** - part of the Integrity Committee.

22. **Dues discussion continued** - part of the Finance Committee

23. **Adoption of the bylaws**

24. **State and Regional Shows** - Regional shows up to region. Lone Star Expo is the current State Guild Show.

25. **Membership Badges and Status** - part of the Membership Committee.

26. **Advertising** - Not really addressed. Only advertising discussed at this point has been in conjunction with the Lone Star Expo and will be part of the Show Committee.

27. **Memorials** - tabled.

28. **Lee Oates Fundraising and Other Similar Situations** - tabled. There was a fundraiser discussed with Lee Oates at his location. No particulars were discussed, but general consensus was that part of the Guild's purpose should be to help members in similar situations.

29. **Next Meeting at the Lone Star Expo in Dallas Texas** - June 13, 2015 in Dallas on Saturday after the show closes at the Texas Knifemakers' Guild table.

30. **Next Regional Workshop** - Currently set at April 5, 2015 at Adam Bellars shop. It was pointed out that this is Easter Sunday. This date may be subject to change.

31. **Disciplinary Concerns** - to be handled by the Integrity Committee.
32. **Consideration and Discussion of Education** - to be handled by the Education Committee.
33. **Newsletter** - Quarterly newsletter drafted monthly. First edition is April 2015. Vance Hinds to create newsletters. Committee chairs provides content report for each committee. Also members must help out with content, pictures, regional activities, etc.
34. **TKG Region 2 Workshop Burger Burn/Grind at the shop of Adam Bellar**

Details to follow. All regions' members are welcome.
34. **Other Business** - future project was discussed to have some sort of Texas Knife Legends, etc. or other dedication and honor for those that paved the way in Texas.