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OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY GENERAL,
WASHINGTON, D C , OCTOBER, 1983

I, C. FRED KLEINKNECHT, JR , Grand Secretary General of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, certify that the following is a true copy of the Statutes and Regulations of said Supreme Council, as amended, including changes made at its Session held in the city of Washington, D C , from October 17, 1983 to October 19, 1983

C. Fred Kleinknecht 

Grand Secretary General.



Unanimously approved October 18, 1983 by the
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STATUTES

ADOPTED OCTOBER 1983

ARTICLE I THE SUPREME COUNCIL ITS NAME

SEC. 1. The name of this Supreme Council is "The Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General Knights Commanders of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty-third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America."

Name

ARTICLE II ITS JURISDICTION

SEC. 1. The Jurisdiction of this Supreme Council includes all the territory over which the United States of America exercises domain or powers of government, except the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin, which were apportioned by this Supreme Council to the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States. The Jurisdiction of this Supreme Council also includes those countries where it has established, or may hereafter establish, Bodies of the Rite, and over which countries no regular or legitimate Supreme Council has acquired Masonic possession or jurisdiction.

Jurisdiction,
Territorial

SEC. 2. Each State and Territory within the General Jurisdiction of this Supreme Council, unless otherwise ordered by the Supreme Council, is hereby declared to

Jurisdiction,
Particular

be a separate particular Jurisdiction within itself. Other like particular Jurisdictions may be created and defined by the Grand Commander from time to time at and over territory or countries over which this Supreme Council has acquired or may acquire Jurisdiction, who shall prescribe the boundaries of each such like particular Jurisdiction.

Jurisdiction,
Army and
Navy

Army Lodge of Perfection, Army Chapter of Rose Croix, Army Council of Kadosh, and Army Consistory being national in character, and being limited to Master Masons in the Regular Army or Navy of the United States as to candidates, constitute a separate Jurisdiction attached to the Jurisdiction of Kansas and under the control of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Kansas, while said Bodies are located on the Military Reservation at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Jurisdiction,
Change in

SEC. 3. The Grand Commander or the Supreme Council is authorized to attach or detach any State or Territory within the General Jurisdiction of this Supreme Council, in which there is not a resident Sovereign Grand Inspector General, to or from the Jurisdiction of any Sovereign Grand Inspector General, *or Deputy of the Supreme Council.*

ARTICLE III

DEGREES

SEC. 1. By authority of this Supreme Council, within its Jurisdiction are established the following Subordinate Bodies, to wit:

Lodges of
Perfection

a. Lodges of Perfection, by which are conferred the Degrees from the Fourth to the Fourteenth, inclusive; namely, Secret Master, Perfect Master, Intimate Secretary, Provost and Judge, Intendant of the Building, Elu of the Nine, Elu of the Fifteen, Elu of the Twelve, Master Architect, Royal Arch of Solomon, Perfect Elu.

b. Chapters of Rose Croix, by which are conferred the Degrees from the Fifteenth to the Eighteenth, inclusive; namely, Knight of the East, Prince of Jerusalem, Knight of the East and West, Knight Rose Croix.

Chapters of
Rose Croix

c. Councils of Kadosh, by which are conferred the Degrees from the Nineteenth to the Thirtieth, inclusive; namely, Pontiff, Master of the Symbolic Lodge, Noachite or Prussian Knight, Knight of the Royal Axe or Prince of Libanus, Chief of the Tabernacle, Prince of the Tabernacle, Knight of the Brazen Serpent, Prince of Mercy, Knight Commander of the Temple, Knight of the Sun or Prince Adept, Scottish Knight of St. Andrew, Knight Kadosh.

Councils of
Kadosh

d. Consistories, by which are conferred the Thirty-first and Thirty-second Degrees; namely, Inspector Inquisitor, Master of the Royal Secret.

Consistories

SEC. 2. The mandatory degrees are the Fourth, Fourteenth, Eighteenth, Thirtieth and Thirty-second and they shall never be communicated except by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or Deputy, and then only in unusual circumstance.

Degrees,
By Whom
May Be
Conferred

None of the Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite may be conferred within the Jurisdiction of this Supreme Council except by Subordinate Bodies established by its authority, nor be communicated except by Sovereign Grand Inspectors General in their discretion and within their Jurisdictions, or by Deputies of the Supreme Council, as authorized in Article X, Section 3 of these Statutes, or by a Subordinate Body having a special dispensation for that purpose from a Sovereign Grand Inspector General or a Deputy of the Supreme Council. All fees received for Degrees communicated as herein authorized shall be immediately paid to the Supreme Council, unless the Degrees were communicated for the purpose of establishing, or as the agent for, an organized Body, in which event they shall be immediately paid to such Body.

Degrees,
Reservation

SEC. 3. The Supreme Council reserves to itself the power of conferring any of the Degrees of the Rite upon any Brother whom it may deem worthy to receive them.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERS

Members

SEC. 1. This Supreme Council consists of not to exceed thirty-three Active Members (Sovereign Grand Inspectors General) and such Emeriti and Honorary Members as the Supreme Council may elect. The Active Members shall be so distributed that no particular Jurisdiction within its General Jurisdiction shall have more than one Member.

Active
Members,
Election

SEC. 2. Whenever a vacancy exists in any particular Jurisdiction, the Supreme Council may, at any regular session thereafter held, elect from the Inspectors General Honorary, resident and affiliated within that particular Jurisdiction, one person to the office of Sovereign Grand Inspector General in that Jurisdiction who becomes *ex officio* an Active Member of the Supreme Council *Ad Vitam*.

It may also, at any regular or special session, elect to the office of Sovereign Grand Inspector General, with no specific state or territory as a Jurisdiction, the Grand Secretary General, who thereby becomes an Active Member at Large and Grand Secretary General.

Such elections shall be had after nomination in executive session, and the vote shall be taken viva voce on roll call beginning with the youngest Member and must be unanimous, all present voting.

Emeriti
Members

SEC. 3. A Sovereign Grand Inspector General who has resigned may be elected, by a like unanimous vote, an Emeritus Member and will have the privilege of proposing measures, serving on committees, and being heard in debate, but not of voting, and he shall be exempt from the payment of dues.

Exempt
From Dues

SEC. 4. A Sovereign Grand Inspector General who shall have served for a period of ten years may, upon

his own application, presented at any regular session, by a majority vote of the Members of the Supreme Council then present, be transferred to the list of Emeriti Members, with the rank and dignity possessed by him at the time of his retirement, together with the right to use the title of the highest office attained by him, with the prefix "Past," and he shall be exempt from the payment of dues.

Emeriti
Members,
Voluntary
Transfers

SEC. 5. Whenever any elective officer of the Supreme Council or a Sovereign Grand Inspector General shall have become, by reason of physical or mental infirmity or for cause, unable to properly discharge his duties, the Supreme Council may, upon his request and by a majority vote, or upon motion and by a two-thirds vote of the members then present at any regular or special session of the Supreme Council, remove said officer or Inspector General from office or transfer such officer or Inspector General to the list of Emeriti Members, with the rank and privileges of a member retiring under provisions of Section 4 of this Article.

Emeriti
Members,
Involuntary
Transfers

SEC. 6. Upon retirement under either of the foregoing sections the office of Sovereign Grand Inspector General, and any office in the Supreme Council held by the Member so retired, shall immediately become vacant and may be filled at that or any future regular session of the Supreme Council.

Active
Members,
Vacancies

SEC. 7. The Supreme Council may, at any regular session, elect from among the Members of the Thirty-third Degree of any other Jurisdiction such Brethren as may be nominated by the Grand Commander, to be enrolled upon its Tableau as Emeriti Members of Honour, whose names shall be continued perpetually upon its rolls. Each of these will become an Honorary Grand Cross of the Court of Honour and be entitled to wear the decoration of that Rank.

Emeriti
Members
of Honour

SEC. 8. The Supreme Council may, at any regular

Honorary
Members,
Election

session, elect to receive the Thirty-third Degree and to be Honorary Members of the Supreme Council, with the rank and dignity of Inspectors General Honorary, such Masters of the Royal Secret possessing the qualifications and regularly nominated as herein provided, as it may select by unanimous vote taken *viva voce*, on roll call beginning with the youngest Member, all present voting. The Thirty-third Degree shall never be asked for, directly or indirectly, and if asked for shall be refused. Nominations shall be referred to the Committee on Nominations and report therefrom had before ballot is taken. No nomination shall be made of a member of any Body which is in arrears for two years.

Honorary
Members,
Limitations,
Specifications
and
Qualifications

SEC. 9. Not less than thirty days before each regular session of the Supreme Council each Sovereign Grand Inspector General and each Deputy of the Supreme Council may file in the office of the Grand Secretary General, in the number below specified, the written nominations for Inspectors General Honorary, Masters of the Royal Secret, bona fide residents and members in good standing of Subordinate Bodies of this Jurisdiction, who have attained the age of thirty-five years and who have had conferred upon them the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour at least forty-six months before the session at which the nominations are to be voted on, to receive the Thirty-third Degree and to be Honorary Members of the Supreme Council with the rank and dignity of Inspector General Honorary.

The number of such nominations for Inspectors General Honorary for each Orient in the United States and Canal Zone shall be *three* for its first 2,500 (or fewer) Masters of the Royal Secret as of the prior December 31, and *one* for each additional 2,500. *Fractions left over are to be carried forward as credits.* The smaller territorial and foreign Orients may each have one nomination for Inspector General Honorary, except when in the judgment of the Grand Commander a

larger number is needed in a particular Jurisdiction.

Nominations filed less than thirty days before any such session shall not be considered at that session, except by unanimous consent. Nominations shall be made upon blanks furnished by the Grand Secretary General, and must state the name in full of each nominee, the place and date of his birth, his occupation, his residence, the dates when he received the Thirty-second Degree and the rank of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour, the names and location of the Bodies of the Rite with which he is affiliated, and a brief statement of his specific services rendered in behalf of this Rite. Provided, that when the nominee is either a resident of, or a member of Bodies in, another particular Jurisdiction under this General Jurisdiction, the approval of such nomination by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council in such other particular Jurisdiction shall be obtained, and such nomination shall be charged to the Jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council making the same.

SEC. 10. In addition to the nominations provided for in the preceding section, and in addition to the number standing to his credit, and in the same form and manner and complying with the same conditions, each Sovereign Grand Inspector General and each Deputy of the Supreme Council may nominate to receive the Thirty-third Degree with the rank and dignity of Inspector General Honorary and Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, one Master of the Royal Secret for the first one hundred, and one for each additional two hundred Masters of the Royal Secret who have received the Thirty-second Degree in his Jurisdiction since the preceding regular session. Whatever fractions are left over from one such session may be counted in the quota of the next.

Nominations,
How Made

Honorary
Members,
Quota,
Regulatory
as to
Number

Nominations under this and the preceding section shall be referred to the Committee on Nominations and report had thereon before ballot is taken.

Honorary
Members
at Large

SEC. 11. The Supreme Council reserves to itself the right to elect Inspectors General Honorary from the Masters of the Royal Secret of the Jurisdiction at large, whenever in its judgment the interests of the Rite will be thereby promoted, and without reference to the rank of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour.

33rd Degree,
Where
Conferred

SEC. 12. The Thirty-third Degree must, when practicable, be conferred by the Supreme Council, but when not practicable it may be conferred by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council in the Jurisdiction in which the designate resides, or in which his membership is held, or by courtesy.

33rd Degree,
Forfeiture
of Election

SEC. 13. If a Brother elected to receive the Thirty-third Degree does not present himself to receive it at or prior to the regular session of the Supreme Council next succeeding his election, such election shall be void, but the time may be extended by unanimous vote of the Supreme Council.

33rd Degree,
Gratuitous

SEC. 14. The Thirty-third Degree shall not be given gratuitously except by unanimous vote of the Supreme Council.

Honorary
Members,
Rights

SEC. 15. Honorary Members have the right to be present at all sessions of the Supreme Council except executive sessions, and to a voice therein but without a vote.

Honorary
Members,
Loss of
Membership

SEC. 16. Honorary Membership in the Supreme Council is *ipso facto* terminated by voluntary resignation duly accepted; by expulsion or suspension from the Supreme Council or any of its Subordinate Bodies; by voluntary non-affiliation for a period of one year in

either a Blue Lodge or the Scottish Rite; by expulsion or suspension from the privileges of Masonry by the Lodge or Grand Lodge of Symbolic Masonry having jurisdiction over the Member. Permanent removal from the General Jurisdiction of this Supreme Council by a Member does not terminate the membership, provided the Member remains affiliated and in good standing with the Subordinate Bodies of the Rite in this General Jurisdiction.

SEC. 17. A Sovereign Grand Inspector General possesses, and may exercise within his particular Jurisdiction, all the prerogatives of Grand Master of Masons, so far as relates to this Rite, and may do and perform all such acts as he may deem for its interest which are not prohibited by the Constitutions or by these Statutes. When rendering a decision involving the interpretation of these Statutes or concerning the practice of the Rite he shall immediately make a full report thereof to the Grand Commander.

Active
Members,
General
Powers

Note A Sovereign Grand Inspector General, or Deputy, has the power to disapprove the selection of, or to remove any officer of a subordinate body in his orient, or of a related corporation (See 1947 Trans , P 303; 1963 Trans P. 234)

SEC. 18. A Sovereign Grand Inspector General, or a Deputy, may appoint Chairmen of Advisory Conferences to act for him, and their acts are valid when approved by him and he is responsible for them.

Chairman
of Advisory
Conferences

The duties and responsibilities of such Chairmen are, as follows:

- a. To serve as the eyes and ears of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General, or Deputy, to the end that peace and harmony may be promoted and brotherly love prevail;
- b. To see that customs, usages and laws of the Supreme Council are properly observed;

- c. To carry out the instructions of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General, or Deputy; and
- d. To exercise such powers as may be delegated to him by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General, or Deputy, in writing.

Explanation: The title "Deputy" is sometimes erroneously used. This title "Deputy" applies only to the title "Deputy of the Supreme Council," which office functions only in Orients where there is no Active Member

Jurisdiction,
Removal
From

SEC. 19. If a Sovereign Grand Inspector General removes permanently from his particular Jurisdiction he *ipso facto* loses his active membership.

Absence,
Resignation

SEC. 20. Any Sovereign Grand Inspector General absent from two successive regular sessions of the Supreme Council without excuse adjudged sufficient may, at the close of the second session, be deemed to have resigned his membership in the Supreme Council.

Resignation
May Be
Demanded

SEC. 21. The resignation of a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, where the good of the Order requires it, may be demanded by unanimous vote of all the other Sovereign Grand Inspectors General present and in session.

Active
Members
Exempt
From Dues

SEC. 22. A Sovereign Grand Inspector General cannot be an officer of a Subordinate Body of the Rite. He shall be a member of all Subordinate Bodies within his Jurisdiction, with all rights and privileges of such membership, but shall be exempt from the payment of dues.

Degrees,
Communicate
in Foreign
Countries

SEC. 23. A Sovereign Grand Inspector General is authorized to communicate any of the Degrees of this Rite, except the Thirty-third, in any foreign country where no Supreme Council exists.

Letters
Temporary,
Issued By

SEC. 24. A Sovereign Grand Inspector General may issue Letters Temporary for the establishment within

his Jurisdiction of Subordinate Bodies, which Letters shall continue in force until the next regular session of the Supreme Council.

SEC. 25. A Sovereign Grand Inspector General may grant dispensations waiving the provisions of the Statutes of the Supreme Council or the By-laws of Subordinate Bodies within his Jurisdiction governing the time of presenting petitions of candidates, reference and reports of committees thereon, and balloting therefor, and delays in the time for conferring Degrees upon qualified and elected candidates, and all other Statutes and By-laws governing the time and place of meeting and the transaction of routine business by the Subordinate Bodies in his particular Jurisdiction. He shall not have power to dispense with the requirement of residence within his Jurisdiction for a period of six months prior to petitioning for the Degrees, except in cases when the respective Inspectors General or Deputies agree. He may give his consent to Subordinate Bodies suspending the provisions of their By-laws in particular instances when in his opinion such action is for the best interest of the Rite, and there is no statute of the Supreme Council prohibiting it.

Dispensations

SEC. 26. A Sovereign Grand Inspector General has the power to confer or communicate Degrees, either with or without charge therefor, and without election by a Body of the Rite, upon Brethren of great merit and desert in his Jurisdiction, who he is assured will be faithful and zealous in the Rite, or who are not well able to pay for the Degrees, or he may direct any organized Body, or Bodies, within his Jurisdiction to confer such Degrees for him, either with or without charge therefor.

Degrees
Without Fee
Or Election

And the Sovereign Grand Inspector General may direct that such Brethren be enrolled as members of such Bodies of the Rite in his Jurisdiction as he may designate.

In cases where the Degrees are conferred or communicated without charge, the Subordinate Bodies conferring same, or in which the Brethren are enrolled as members, shall not be required to pay to the Supreme Council the customary fee for Degrees; and the Supreme Council shall furnish to such Brethren, the usual English Patents or Diplomas without charge.

But a Deputy of the Supreme Council is not authorized to confer or communicate Degrees, or have it done, without charge therefor.

Reports,
Official

SEC. 27. Each Sovereign Grand Inspector General shall make, whenever requested by the Grand Commander so to do, a full report of his official acts and decisions during such period as may be prescribed by the Grand Commander. In this report he may also make such recommendations for the good of the Rite as he may deem pertinent.

Deaths

SEC. 28. Upon the death of a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Active or Emeritus, notice thereof shall be given the Grand Commander, who shall cause to be promulgated a suitable memorial of his life and Masonic service. Upon the death of an Inspector General Honorary, the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council for the Jurisdiction shall notify the Grand Secretary General, who shall cause to be published in the *New Age* in a Memorial Column the name of the deceased Honorary Member, with the date and place of his birth and death. The Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council shall also cause a suitable memorial page to be set apart in the records of the Lodge of Perfection of which the deceased Inspector General Honorary was a member. This section, however, shall not be construed as prohibiting the Sovereign Grand Inspector General, the Deputy of the Supreme Council or the Lodge from promulgating any other suitable memorial if desired.

Memorials

SEC. 29. The Committee on Obituaries shall include in its report to the regular session the tablets, not previously reported, in memory of deceased Active and Emeriti Inspectors General prepared by the Grand Commander, which shall be published in the *Transactions of the Supreme Council* in full, together with a page or pages occupied by a reproduction of a photograph of each of the deceased.

Obituaries
and
Memorial
Tablets

There shall also be published in the *Transactions* a tableau of deceased Inspectors General Honorary, and on opposite pages shall appear a reproduction of a photograph of each, of such size that four or more may appear upon one page.

SEC. 30. The Grand Commander may dispense with the wearing of the prescribed badge of mourning or the draping of the altars and working tools upon the death of an Active or Emeritus Member of the Supreme Council. The Sovereign Grand Inspector General may in like manner dispense with these memorial acts on the death of an Inspector General Honorary of his Jurisdiction.

Mourning
Badges

SEC. 31. All official correspondence with the Grand Commander, and between Bodies of the Rite located in different Jurisdictions within the General Jurisdiction, relating to the status of members, to questions of Jurisdiction, to Masonic intercourse, to appeals for Masonic Charity or Fraternal Assistance, and to every subject requiring legislation by the Supreme Council, shall be carried on through the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General or the Deputies of the Supreme Council in charge of the respective Jurisdictions. All official correspondence with Bodies located in other Jurisdictions relating to similar matters must be carried on by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council through the Grand Commander, unless and as otherwise ordered or directed by the Grand Commander.

Corre-
spondence,
Official

Resignation

SEC. 32. The resignation of a Member shall be made to the Supreme Council when in session, subject to its acceptance by a majority vote. In vacation it may be made to the Grand Commander, who is authorized to accept the same, or to report it to the Supreme Council for action.

ARTICLE V

SESSIONS—QUORUM

Sessions,
Regular

SEC. 1. The Supreme Council shall meet in regular session biennially at the House of the Temple in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, on the third Monday of October in each odd year, and in special session as provided in Section 2 of this Article; but no nomination of Inspectors General Honorary, of Grand Crosses, or of Knights Commander of the Court of Honour shall be made or acted upon except at a regular session in Washington.

Sessions,
Special

SEC. 2. Special sessions may be called by the Grand Commander to be held at such time and place as he may name in the call. It shall be his duty to call special sessions upon the written request of a majority of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General at such time and place as may be designated in their request. The date of a special session shall be not less than fifteen days nor more than sixty days after the date of summons except by unanimous consent and notice of a special meeting shall be given by wire and followed immediately by formal written notice to each Sovereign Grand Inspector General.

Quorum

SEC. 3. Seven Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, the Grand Commander or Lieutenant Grand Commander being present, or nine Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, in the absence of these officers, shall constitute a quorum for the transactions of business.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

SEC. 1. The Dignitaries and officers of the Supreme Council are as follows:

Officers,
Designations

ELECTIVE

Officers,
Elective

1. Sovereign Grand Commander
2. Lieutenant Grand Commander
3. Grand Prior
4. Grand Chancellor
5. Grand Minister of State
6. Grand Secretary General
7. Grand Treasurer General
8. Grand Almoner

APPOINTIVE

Officers,
Appointive

9. Grand Chaplain
10. Grand Orator
11. Grand Master of Ceremonies
12. Grand Chamberlain
13. First Grand Equerry
14. Second Grand Equerry
15. Grand Standard Bearer
16. Grand Sword Bearer
17. Grand Herald

The Grand Commander may appoint, in addition to the Grand Chaplain, who may be an Honorary Member, the following officers from the Honorary Membership to hold office during his pleasure:

Officers,
Honorary
Members

18. Two Grand Stewards
19. Grand Organist
20. Grand Tyler

SEC. 2. The Grand Commander is the Supreme Executive and the Chief Judicial Officer of the Rite within the Jurisdiction of this Supreme Council. He is the representative of the Supreme Council when that Body is not in session, and is invested with general powers of supervision, instruction, and administration everywhere within its Jurisdiction; and he may decide all questions

Grand
Commander,
Powers

properly referred to him affecting the interests of the Rite, and shall report his decisions in such manner as he may deem best, to the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General and the Deputies of the Supreme Council.

Report,
Review

SEC. 3. The Grand Commander shall, at each regular session, make report to the Supreme Council of all official acts performed and judicial decisions rendered by him in recess. An appeal from any decision rendered by him shall not operate as suspensive. All of his official acts are subject to review by the Supreme Council.

Visitations

SEC. 4. He shall, if practicable, visit, either in person or by duly commissioned representatives, one or more of the Bodies in each State or Territory at least once in every two years and make report thereof to the Supreme Council at its next regular session.

Lieutenant
Grand
Commander

SEC. 5. The Lieutenant Grand Commander, in the absence of the Grand Commander from the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Council or upon the special request of the Grand Commander, shall assume the executive duties and powers of the office of Grand Commander, acting as Lieutenant Grand Commander, and shall have authority to issue Letters Temporary for the organization of new Bodies, decide questions submitted to him, sign checks and warrants, and perform such other acts as the emergency may require.

In the event of the death, resignation or disability of the Grand Commander, the Lieutenant Grand Commander shall assume the office of Grand Commander, as Grand Commander, and as such shall possess all the powers and be charged with the duties and responsibilities of the office.

He shall render a report of his acts to the Supreme Council at the next regular session.

If there be no elected Lieutenant Grand Commander the rights and duties herein set forth shall inure to and be discharged by the Grand Prior.

If under our *Statutes* and during his elected term of office, the Lieutenant Grand Commander should become Acting Grand Commander, or succeed to the office of Grand Commander, he shall so remain during said period and have the title "Sovereign Grand Commander," and the office of Lieutenant Grand Commander shall remain vacant until the next election of officers by the Supreme Council.

When the Lieutenant Grand Commander assumes the office of Grand Commander as authorized under our Statutes he shall be paid and be entitled to the salary, expenses, and benefits provided for the Grand Commander.

SEC. 6. The official titles of the Elective Officers of the Supreme Council are as given in Section 1, of this Article, under the heading, "Elective."

Titles,
Official

SEC. 7. The Grand Secretary General shall keep in books provided for that purpose a faithful record of the transactions of the Supreme Council and of the Council of Administration, and shall keep in his possession and affix to such papers as may require attestation, the official seal of the Supreme Council. He shall keep all the accounts of the Supreme Council, receive all moneys due it and give proper receipts therefor, and shall immediately deposit, in the name of the Supreme Council, in a depository or depositories designated by the Supreme Council, all moneys received by him from any source whatsoever, and render a due account of such deposits to the Grand Treasurer General; and shall perform such other duties as properly appertain to his office, or which may be required of him by the Supreme Council or the Grand Commander. The Grand Secretary General is also the Custodian of the

Grand
Secretary
General

Custodian,
House of
the Temple

House of the Temple, and of all property, real and personal, belonging to the Supreme Council, and is charged with the safe keeping of the same.

Books
Open To
Inspection

SEC. 8. The books and accounts of the Grand Secretary General shall at all times be open for inspection by any Sovereign Grand Inspector General.

Reports

SEC. 9. The Grand Secretary General shall make to the Supreme Council on the first day of each regular session a full report of the transactions of his office, both general and financial, since the last regular session. He shall also report all property in his possession belonging to the Supreme Council. He shall, if required by the Grand Commander, make reports to any session of the Supreme Council.

Fiscal Year

The financial accounts of the Grand Secretary General shall be closed on December thirty-first in each year.

Transactions,
Printing

SEC. 10. The Grand Secretary General shall cause to be printed a full report of the transactions of each regular and special session of the Supreme Council, omitting only such portions as the Supreme Council or Grand Commander shall direct.

Employees

SEC. 11. The Grand Secretary General is in charge of the employees in his office, and under his direction as Custodian of the House of the Temple and its grounds, and in such other departments as are placed under his direction or control; subject to the supreme executive authority of the Grand Commander.

Clerical
Assistance

He may employ such clerical assistance in the discharge of the duties of his office as he may deem necessary, paying therefor, when the funds are not otherwise designated, out of his contingent fund.

Statements,
Quarterly

SEC. 12. The Grand Secretary General shall make and mail to each Active Member of the Supreme

Council on the last day of each quarter a statement showing the financial condition of the Supreme Council as of that date.

Investments,
Surplus
Funds

SEC. 13. The Grand Commander and the Grand Secretary General, at the beginning of every quarter year, beginning January first, shall report to the Committee on Finance the amount of money in the treasury of the Supreme Council not otherwise appropriated, and their estimate of the amount necessary for the conduct of business of the Supreme Council for the succeeding three months, and the Committee on Finance shall thereupon direct the investment by the Grand Commander and the Grand Secretary General in such amount of the surplus funds of the Supreme Council as in the judgment of the Committee on Finance may be safely withdrawn for that purpose. Such investment may be made in obligations or securities, provided that the aggregate amount of common stocks shall at the time of investing not exceed 75% of the total current market value of all such investments, and provided further that when making any investment an independent investment advisor shall be consulted.

SEC. 14. The Grand Secretary General shall receive such compensation for his services as the Supreme Council may designate.

Compensation

SEC. 15. The funds of this Supreme Council shall be paid out by checks drawn on the depositories of the Supreme Council and signed by the Grand Commander or the Lieutenant Grand Commander as provided in Section 5 of this Article, and by the Grand Secretary General and the Grand Treasurer General, payable to the order of the persons for whose benefits said checks are drawn.

Disburse-
ments,
Signatures

SEC. 16. The Grand Treasurer General shall receive such compensation for his services as the Supreme Council may designate.

Compensation

Grand
Prior

SEC. 17. The Grand Prior presides in the absence of the Grand Commander and the Lieutenant Grand Commander. He is, in the Supreme Council when convened, what the Junior Warden is in a Chapter of Rose Croix, and the Craft are under his superintendence while at refreshment. To him are referred in the first instance, at the request of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, all matters of complaint and controversy between Subordinate Bodies, between individual Brethren, and between Subordinate Bodies and their respective members, for opinion and advice. He shall also discharge such other duties as may from time to time be required of him by the Grand Commander or the Supreme Council.

Grand
Chancellor

SEC. 18. The Grand Chancellor is the Law Officer of the Supreme Council. As such he is advisor of the Grand Commander and the Supreme Council on matters of Masonic law and precedent, to whom all questions thereof are to be referred; and upon all matters of importance debated in the Supreme Council he may be called upon to deliver his conclusions before the Supreme Council decides. To him it belongs to prepare charges against and prosecute offenders before the Supreme Council or any tribunal created by it; and when any matter is to be investigated or decided by the Supreme Council he shall, upon request, prepare and present clear and concise statements of facts with his views of the law. He will also give his opinion on questions of jurisprudence upon the request of the Grand Commander.

Grand
Minister
of State

SEC. 19. The Grand Minister of State is the Minister of Foreign Affairs and shall, when directed by the Grand Commander, conduct all the correspondence with foreign Bodies and report upon it to the Supreme Council. He shall also perform such other like duties as may from time to time be required of him by the Grand Commander or the Supreme Council.

Grand
Orator

SEC. 20. The Grand Orator is the Orator of the Supreme Council and is charged with the duty of causing to be suitably presented and properly welcomed distinguished visitors. He will also be called upon to pronounce eulogies on deceased Brethren, and perform such other like services as may from time to time be required of him by the Grand Commander or the Supreme Council.

Officers,
Term Of

SEC. 21. Commencing at the regular session of the Supreme Council in October 1961, and each two years thereafter, the elective officers shall be elected for a term of two years; the appointive officers shall hold office from one regular session to the close of the next regular session.

Resignation

SEC. 22. The resignation of an officer shall be made to the Supreme Council when in session, subject to its acceptance by a majority vote, but in vacation shall be made to the Grand Commander, who is authorized to accept the same.

Rights,
Loss Of

SEC. 23. All of the rights, privileges, and perquisites of the officers are *ipso facto* terminated by voluntary resignation duly accepted, by permanent removal beyond the General Jurisdiction of this Supreme Council, by expulsion or suspension from the Supreme Council or any of its subordinate Bodies, by voluntary non-affiliation for a period of one year in either a Blue Lodge or the Scottish Rite, or by expulsion or suspension from the privileges of Masonry by the Grand Lodge or the Lodge of Symbolic Masonry having jurisdiction over such member.

Vacancy

SEC. 24. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in any of the elective offices of the Supreme Council, except that of Grand Secretary General, Grand Treasurer General, or Grand Almoner, the duties pertaining to the office so becoming vacant shall be performed by the next succeeding elected officer or officers in the order of

Succession

their respective rank until said office shall be filled by election.

The elected officer, however, shall retain and also perform the duties of the office to which he was elected. In signing for the office becoming vacant he shall sign as acting as the officer whose office has become vacant and the duties of which office he is at the time performing.

Vacancy
Appointment

SEC. 25. If the office of the Grand Secretary General or the Grand Treasurer General becomes vacant the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Grand Commander or Acting Grand Commander until an election is held to fill the same.

If the office of the Grand Almoner becomes vacant the duties of this office shall be performed by the Grand Treasurer General until the next election.

Vacancy
Election

SEC. 26. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Grand Commander or any other elective office, the same shall be filled by election on the second or some subsequent day of the next regular session, or at a special session, unless the Supreme Council is then in session.

The Supreme Council has power by a majority vote to adjourn such election from time to time until the vacancy is filled.

Vote
Necessary
To Elect

SEC. 27. A two-thirds vote of the Members present shall be necessary to elect a Grand Commander; a majority shall be sufficient in all other cases, except when otherwise provided in these Statutes.

Proxies,
None

SEC. 28. No vote by proxy or letter for the election of any officer shall be received or counted.

OFFICIAL SIGNATURES

SEC. 29. The distinctive symbol to be used before the signature of the Sov.: Grand Commander is a Cross with three cross-bars, near the extremities of which and of the shaft are small cross-bars; the signature to be followed by a rayed equilateral triangle enclosing the figure 33. Violet ink to be used.

Grand
Commander

The Symbol Cross to precede the signature of a Sov.: Gr.: Insp.: General has two cross-bars, near the extremities of which and of the shaft are small cross-bars; the signature to be followed by a rayed equilateral triangle enclosing the figure 33; the title to be written Sov.: Gr.: Insp.: Genl.: Purple ink to be used.

Sov.: Grand
Inspector
General

The Symbol Cross to precede the signature of an Inspector General Honorary is a plain cross with two cross-bars (no cross-bars at the extremities); the signature to be followed by a rayed equilateral triangle enclosing the figure 33; the title to be written Insp.: Genl.: Hon.: Crimson ink to be used.

Insp.:
General
Honorary

For the rest of the symbols to precede or follow signatures and titles red ink to be used.

In each of the above the cross-bars are to be horizontal and except where shown differently the shaft is inclined to the right to correspond with the angle of the strokes of slanting writing.

The shafts of the crosses used by the Court of Honour are vertical, the end of the shaft and cross-bars being provided with a small cross-bar at the extremities.

Court of
Honour

For the Rose Croix the symbol is a Passion Cross set on the apex of a pyramid or equilateral triangle.

Rose Croix

By usage and custom the double-headed eagle has become an accepted emblem of the 32°.

Double-
Headed
Eagle



Sov.: Grand Commander



Sov.: Gr.: Insp.: Genl.:



Insp.: Genl.: Hon.:



33°
Gr.: Cross



32°
Kt.: Comm.: C.: of Hon.:



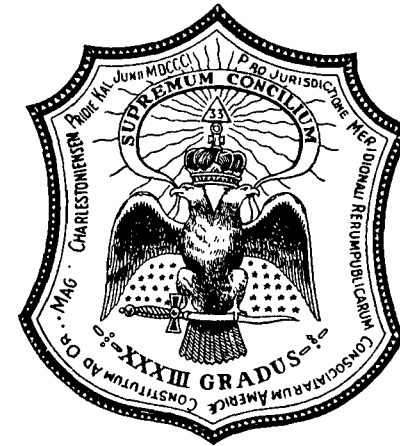
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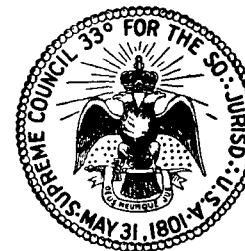
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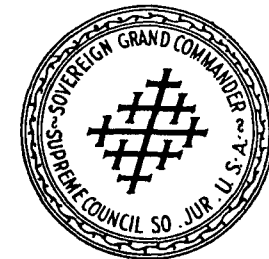
SEC. 30. The Seals attached to the Patents and official documents of this Supreme Council are as shown below:



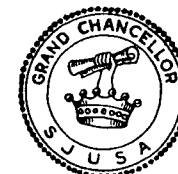
GREAT SEAL OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL



PETTY SEAL OF
THE SUPREME COUNCIL



SEAL OF
THE SOVEREIGN GR. COMMANDER



SEAL OF
THE GRAND CHANCELLOR



SEAL OF
THE GRAND SECRETARY GENERAL

ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES

Appointment SEC. 1. The Grand Commander shall, within sixty days after each regular session of the Supreme Council, appoint the Standing Committees to serve until the close of the next regular session of the Supreme Council. He may, during the vacation of the Supreme Council, fill any vacancy in any committee caused by death, resignation, or removal of Members. The following are the Standing Committees of the Supreme Council:

Names Of

- Appeals and Grievances
- Benevolence and Fraternal Assistance
- Education and Americanism
- Finance
- Fraternal Relations
- House of the Temple
- Jurisprudence and Legislation
- Letters Temporary and Permanent Charters
- Libraries
- Nominations
- Obituaries
- Publications
- Ritual and Ceremonial Forms
- State of the Order and Unfinished Business
- Subdivision and Reference
- Visitations, Domestic and Foreign

Reports, Actives, Deputies SEC. 2. The Sovereign Grand Inspectors General and the Deputies of the Supreme Council shall make separate reports of their Decisions and of their Acts. The reports of their Decisions shall be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Legislation, and the reports of their Acts to the Committee on the State of the Order and Unfinished Business.

Meetings SEC. 3. When in the opinion of the Grand Commander the business of the Supreme Council would be

facilitated thereby he may convene any committee at any time.

ARTICLE VIII

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

SEC. 1. The first nine (senior) Members in period of membership in the Supreme Council shall constitute the Council of Administration. The Grand Commander, or in his absence, the Lieutenant Grand Commander, with any four of said Members will constitute a quorum. **Members**

SEC. 2. The Council of Administration, the Grand Commander, or in his absence, the Lieutenant Grand Commander, being present, after thirty days' notice to all its Members of the time and place of meeting, shall assemble for the purpose of advising with the Grand Commander on such matters as may be submitted. **Meetings**

ARTICLE IX

PROCEDURE

SEC. 1. All questions, other than election of officers or amendments to Statutes, shall be presented to the Supreme Council by motion or resolution, and shall be determined by *viva voce* vote of a majority of Members present, unless otherwise provided by Statute. Any motion or resolution, upon the request of three Members, shall be reduced to writing before being voted upon. **Questions, How Decided**

A roll call may be demanded on any proposition.

SEC. 2. Whenever, in the opinion of the Grand Commander, the emergency requires it, a vote of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General may be taken in vacation upon a proposition not otherwise provided **Vote in Vacation, Actives**

for by these Statutes, and when such vote is so taken each vote shall be regarded as cast on the day of its receipt by the Grand Secretary General, and the proposition shall be recorded as adopted on the day when he has received the affirmative votes of two-thirds of all Active Members of the Supreme Council, provided that each Sovereign Grand Inspector General shall withhold his vote upon any proposition thus submitted until the expiration of fifteen days from the date of the receipt thereof. The result shall be made known to the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General by the Grand Commander.

ARTICLE X

DEPUTIES OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL

Appointment SEC. 1. The Grand Commander may appoint and commission an Inspector General Honorary as the Deputy of the Supreme Council in any territory not occupied by it or by any other regular Supreme Council, with power to confer or communicate the Degrees and establish Subordinate Bodies of the Rite in such territory under Letters Temporary issued by the Grand Commander, and to perform such other acts as shall be specified in the commission issued to him by the Grand Commander.

Foreign Territory

Jurisdictions, Particular

Deputies Exempt From Dues

SEC. 2. The Grand Commander may also appoint and commission an Inspector General Honorary as the Deputy of the Supreme Council in any particular Jurisdiction which is unattached, and in which there is no resident Sovereign Grand Inspector General, with the powers and prerogatives of a Sovereign Grand Inspector General within such Jurisdiction, except as otherwise provided in these Statutes. The Deputy thus appointed must be at the time of appointment a bona fide resident, and an affiliated member of Subordinate Bodies, in the Jurisdiction for which he is appointed,

and shall be exempt from the payment of dues while serving as such Deputy.

SEC. 3. A Deputy of the Supreme Council shall not have the power to confer or communicate Degrees, except for the purpose of immediately establishing, or as agent of, an organized Body. Nor shall he have the power to confer or communicate Degrees as a gratuity.

Powers Limited

SEC. 4. All fees collected by a Deputy of the Supreme Council must be paid over by him to the Body for which the Degrees were conferred, or to the Supreme Council if a Body is not organized. He shall be reimbursed for all moneys necessarily expended by him in the discharge of his duty in organizing Bodies in unoccupied territories, upon accounts rendered to and approved by the Grand Commander.

Fees, Expenses

SEC. 5. A Deputy of the Supreme Council shall make, when requested by the Grand Commander or the Supreme Council, a full and detailed report of his acts and decisions together with any recommendations he may have to offer.

Reports

SEC. 6. The appointment or commission of a Deputy of the Supreme Council shall be in force no longer than the close of the ensuing regular session of the Supreme Council, unless confirmed at such session by the Supreme Council, and continued in force by the Grand Commander. No Deputy whose appointment has failed of confirmation shall again be appointed or commissioned without the consent of the Supreme Council.

Term

ARTICLE XI

REVENUES, FEES AND TAXES

Sources

SEC. 1. The revenues of the Supreme Council shall be derived from fees for Letters Temporary and Permanent Charters; from fees for Patents and Diplomas; from fees and dues from Bodies under its Jurisdiction; from fees for Degrees conferred by it and by Sovereign Grand Inspectors General or Deputies, and from the sale of its books.

SEC. 2. The fees for Letters Temporary and Permanent Charters shall be as follows:

Letters
Temporary

Letters Temporary:

Lodge of Perfection.....	\$50.00
Chapter of Rose Croix.....	60.00
Council of Kadosh.....	60.00
Consistory.....	80.00

Charters

Permanent Charters:

Lodge of Perfection.....	\$60.00
Chapter of Rose Croix.....	80.00
Council of Kadosh.....	80.00
Consistory.....	100.00

Books

The cost of books for organizing Subordinate Bodies (in addition to the above) shall be as follows:

Lodge of Perfection.....	\$68.00
Chapter of Rose Croix.....	35.00
Council of Kadosh.....	39.00
Consistory.....	26.00

Patents,
Diplomas,
Certificates

SEC. 3. All Patents and Diplomas of the Degrees and Ladies' Certificates shall be issued by the Supreme Council: all Diplomas in Latin, and also Patents in English of Emeriti Members and of Emeriti Members of Honour, and Letters-Patent of Credence to Foreign

Representatives, under the Great Seal, with the individual seals and signatures of the Grand Commander, the Grand Chancellor and the Grand Secretary General; and those of the 14°, 18°, and 30° also to carry the Seal of the Body and the signatures of the Presiding Officer and the Secretary (or Registrar) of the Body of such Degree, respectively; Patents in English of Masters of the Royal Secret, under the Great Seal, signed by the Grand Commander and the Grand Secretary General, and by the Presiding Officer and Registrar of the Consistory; and Patents in English of Knights Commander of the Court of Honour, Inspectors General Honorary, Inspectors General Active, and Ladies' Certificates, under the Petty Seal, with the signatures of the Grand Commander and the Grand Secretary General.

The fees, if any, for such Patents, Diplomas, and Certificates shall be as follows:

Patents,
Fees For

33° Active, Sov.: Gr.: Insp.: Genl.: No Fee	
33° Insp.: Genl.: Hon.: Original	No Fee
Duplicate	\$3.00
Grand Cross Court of Honour	
(Latin only)..... Original	No Fee
Duplicate	\$10.00
Knight Commander Court of Honour	
Original	No Fee
Duplicate	\$3.00
32° Master of the Royal Secret	
Original included in Fee	\$6.00
Duplicate or Corrected	\$3.00
Ladies' Certificate..... Original	\$3.00
Duplicate or Corrected	\$2.00
Letters-Patent of Credence to Foreign	
Representative.....	No Fee
Patent of Affiliation from the Jurisdiction of another Supreme Council.....	\$3.00

Degrees,
Fees For

SEC. 4. The minimum fees for conferring Degrees shall be as follows:

- a. For the Degrees from Fourth to Fourteenth, inclusive, including 14° Ring \$70.00
- b. For the Degrees from the Fifteenth to the Eighteenth, inclusive 35.00
- c. For the Degrees from the Nineteenth to the Thirtieth, inclusive 35.00
- d. For the Thirty-first and Thirty-second Degrees, Patent included 35.00
- e. For the Thirty-third Degree, Patent included 200.00

No Sovereign Grand Inspector General (except as provided in Article IV, Section 26), Deputy of the Supreme Council or Subordinate Body shall confer any of the Degrees for any less fee than those above provided, but Subordinate Bodies may increase the fees; and all fees shall be paid in cash in advance.

Tax,
Degrees

SEC. 5. Promptly after the conferring of the Fourth Degree the Secretaries of the Lodges of Perfection shall remit to the Supreme Council the sum of six dollars for each newly created Secret Master; and after the conferring of the Fifteenth Degree the Secretaries of the Chapters of Rose Croix shall remit the sum of three dollars for each newly created Knight of the East; and after the conferring of the Nineteenth Degree the Records of the Councils of Kadosh shall remit the sum of three dollars for each newly created Pontiff; and after the conferring of the Thirty-first Degree the Registrars of the Consistories shall remit the sum of three dollars for each newly created Inspector Inquisitor; and for each newly created Master of the Royal Secret, the Registrars of the Consistories shall remit the sum of six dollars for Patent, and no Patent shall be issued by the Grand Secretary General until these sums are received by him except as provided in Article IV, Section 26.

SEC. 6. The Grand Secretary General shall, annually, on or before the first day of April, make for each subordinate Body the Annual Report as provided in Article XV, Section 17, of these Statutes. Commencing January 1, 1979 the Per Capita Tax is sixty cents for the Lodge of Perfection and thirty cents each for the Chapter of Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh and Consistory, payable on members carried on the rolls the last day of December of the previous year. Bodies working under Letters Temporary, whose Charters are granted at the regular session next after their formation, shall not be assessed for the Per Capita Tax during the period covered by the Letters Temporary, but their liability will commence January first after the Charter is granted.

Tax,
Per Capita

Bodies continued under Letters Temporary shall be assessed for the Per Capita Tax from following January first, unless the Supreme Council shall order otherwise.

SEC. 7. At each session of the Supreme Council the Committee on Finance shall report by itemized list the appropriations necessary for the expenses of the Supreme Council, and in no case shall the money drawn from the Treasury upon any account exceed the amount appropriated for such account; provided that in case of an emergency or unusual circumstances any item in the budget may be increased upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee and the approval of the Grand Commander.

Appropriations

SEC. 8. Each Sovereign Grand Inspector General in attendance upon any session of the Supreme Council or of the Council of Administration, or any member of a Committee in attendance upon a meeting of such committee called to sit in vacation, shall receive such per diem for each day's attendance as prescribed by the Supreme Council, and twenty (20) cents per mile travel expense from the place of his residence to the place of

Mileage and
Per Diem

meeting and twenty (20) cents per mile travel expense returning from the place of meeting to his home by the shortest travel route.

Active Members shall receive like per diem for each day's actual attendance after crowning upon the session at which they are crowned, and also like mileage while traveling on their return home after crowning.

ARTICLE XII

RITUALS, BOOKS, AND LIBRARIES

RITUALS

Title
Retained

SEC. 1. The Supreme Council retains title to all the Rituals, Secret Works and Rubrics, and if a Body ceases to exist they shall be immediately returned to the Supreme Council.

Rituals for
Active
Members
and
Deputies

SEC. 2. Each Sovereign Grand Inspector General and each Deputy of the Supreme Council may have issued to him one copy of each Ritual, Secret Work and Rubric of the Degrees from the Fourth to the Thirty-second, inclusive, for all of which he shall receipt to the Grand Secretary General and agree that if he ceases to be such officer all the books shall be immediately returned to the Supreme Council.

Rituals for
Subordinate
Bodies

SEC. 3. Each Lodge of Perfection must obtain for its use from the Grand Secretary General the following books published by the Supreme Council, viz.:

- 4 Rituals of the Degrees conferred by it.
- 1 Secret Work of the Degrees conferred by it.
- 1 Rubric of the Degrees conferred by it.
- 1 Liturgy of the Degrees conferred by it.
- 1 Legenda of the Degrees conferred by it.
- 3 Funeral Ceremony and Lodge of Sorrow.
- 1 Grand Constitutions.
- 1 Morals and Dogma.
- 1 Clausen's Commentaries on Morals & Dogma.
- 1 Ceremony of Installation and Dedication.

In lieu of the distribution of Pike's *Morals and Dogma* there will be presented to each candidate upon his completion of the 32° a copy of *Clausen's Commentaries on Morals and Dogma* provided by the Supreme Council.

Clausen's
Commentaries
on Morals
and Dogma

The Secretaries shall assemble a sufficient supply of Pike's *Morals and Dogma* for a loan and return on request and receipt of interested Brethren. *Clausen's Commentaries on Morals and Dogma* are adopted as the official and required form for communication of a degree when for good reason it is not exemplified in full form. *Clausen's Commentaries on Morals and Dogma* will be available to all members and others who have attained the 32° at the cost price. (See 1973 Trans., p. 181.)

The other Subordinate Bodies must obtain for their use the same number of Rituals, Secret Work, Rubric, and Grand Constitutions; and in addition thereto each Chapter of Rose Croix must obtain one copy of the Liturgy of the Chapter; each Council of Kadosh one copy of each of the Liturgy and Legenda of the Council; each Consistory one copy each of the Legenda and the Readings of the 32°.

Liturgies

SEC. 4. No other Ritual, Secret Work, Rubric, Liturgy, Manual, Monitor or book of like character than those prescribed and furnished by the Supreme Council shall be used by a Subordinate Body, nor can any Ritual, Secret Work, or Rubric become the property of any person or Body other than the Supreme Council.

Ritual
Exclusive

BOOKS

SEC. 5. All books published by the Supreme Council, except the Rituals, Secret Works and Rubrics, may be sold by the Grand Secretary General to proper persons. No books whatever shall be sold outside the Jurisdiction without the order of the Grand Commander, and none shall be sold except for cash.

Books,
Sale Of

Books for
Active
Members

SEC. 6. Each Sovereign Grand Inspector General is entitled to have as his own property one copy of each work published by the Supreme Council, other than the Rituals, Secret Works and Rubrics.

LIBRARIES

Rules and
Regulations

SEC. 7. The Libraries of the Supreme Council are placed under the charge of the Grand Commander who shall appoint the employees and prescribe rules and regulations for the management of the same.

Catalogues

SEC. 8. Catalogues of the Libraries shall be printed and distributed as the Grand Commander may direct.

ARTICLE XIII

CLOTHING AND UNIFORMS, GRAND DECORATIONS, JEWELS, RINGS, CAPS

CLOTHING AND UNIFORMS

Clothing

SEC. 1. The clothing and uniforms shall be such as are prescribed in the Rituals and Liturgies.

SEC. 2. At the reception of candidates and upon other ceremonial occasions the Brethren may wear the ordinary evening dress of society or other black clothing, in lieu of the uniform, with the jewels and decorations of this Rite belonging to their rank.

Mourning
Colors

SEC. 3. The mourning color of the Supreme Council is violet on white; that of the Court of Honour, black on orange; that of all the other Bodies, black on red.

GRAND DECORATIONS

Decorations

SEC. 4. Those who are entitled to wear the Grand Decorations (*Majora Insignia Ordinis*) of the Thirty-third Degree will be divided into four classes and are as follows:

SEC. 5. Fourth Class: The Decoration shall be of gold and enamel, one and one-half of an inch in diameter, and made in the form as described in the Appendix to the Grand Constitutions of 1786. (See 4°, Article II, Pages 269 and 271, Grand Constitutions.) It shall be worn on the left breast, suspended by a white ribbon, one and one-fourth of an inch in width, with gold slide and buckle. This Decoration may be worn by all Inspectors General Honorary. (See page 50 for illustration.)

Fourth
Class

SEC. 6. Third Class: The Decoration shall be as prescribed for the Fourth Class, but it shall be one and three-fourths of an inch in diameter, and shall be worn on the left breast, suspended by a white ribbon edged with purple, one and one-half of an inch in width, with gold slide and buckle. This Decoration may be worn by all Active and Emeriti Members of the Supreme Council not of the Second Class. (See page 51 for illustration.)

Third
Class

SEC. 7. Second Class: The Decoration shall be as prescribed for the Third Class, but it shall be worn suspended from the neck, on the breast, by a purple ribbon edged with white, two and one-half inches in width. This Decoration may be worn by the Grand Prior, Grand Chancellor, Grand Minister of State, Grand Secretary General, Grand Treasurer General, Grand Almoner, and such Active and Emeriti Members as have held these offices, and also by all Active and Emeriti Members who have been such for twenty years, and by Grand Representatives of this Supreme Council in other Jurisdictions.

Second
Class

SEC. 8. First Class: The Decoration shall be as prescribed for the Third Class, but shall be imposed upon a rayed sun of silver two and one-half inches in diameter, set with diamonds, and worn on the left breast. This Decoration may be worn by the Grand Commander, Lieutenant Grand Commander, by those

First
Class

Brethren who have held either of said offices, and by eminent Masons abroad to whom the honor may be especially decreed by the Supreme Council.

JEWELS

Grand
Cross

SEC. 9. *Grand Cross*. The Jewel of a Grand Cross of the Court of Honour is a Teutonic Cross of gold, one and three-fourths of an inch square, with raised or beaded edges, resting on a wreath of gold oak leaves; engraved on each arm of the cross is a column on which is a circular plate of gold with white enameled center bordered with blue enamel; gold beads around its base. In the center is a crimson rose with green leaves, and in the border "Gr.: Cross Court of Honour" in gold letters. It shall be worn on the left breast, suspended by a white ribbon, one and one-fourth of an inch in width, with gold slide and buckle. (See page 52 for illustration.)

Knight
Commander

SEC. 10. *Knight Commander*. The Jewel of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour is a Passion Cross of gold, two inches long, enameled with red, resting on a wreath of gold laurel leaves; on the cross is a raised plate of gold with white enameled center; gold beads around its base. In the center is a trefoil of green, around which is "Kt.: Comm.: Court of Honour" in gold letters. It shall be worn on the left breast, suspended by a white ribbon, one and one-fourth of an inch in width, with gold bar. (See page 53 for illustration.)

Thirty-
second
Degree

SEC. 11. *Thirty-second Degree*. The Jewel of the Thirty-second Degree is a Teutonic Cross of gold, one and three-fourths of an inch square, with raised or beaded edges and a surface within frosted, having in the center a wreath of green enamel, with a gold tie at bottom, and within the wreath the numerals XXXII in gold.

SEC. 12. *Other Degrees*. The Jewels of the Thirtieth Degree, of the Eighteenth Degree, and of the Fourteenth Degree shall be such as are prescribed in the Rituals and Liturgies of those Degrees.

Other
Degrees

SEC. 13. *Past Presiding Officers*. Jewels authorized to be worn by Past Presiding Officers and Officers of subordinate Bodies are as herein illustrated and described. (See page 54 for illustrations.)

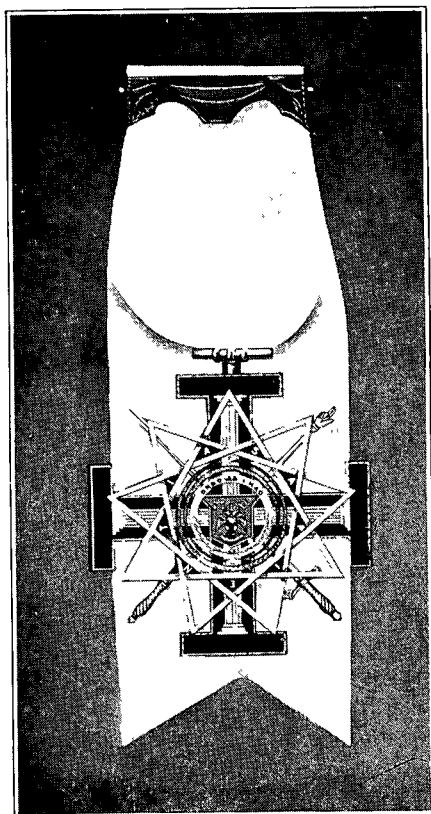
Past
Presiding
Officers

SEC. 14. The Ring of the Thirty-third Degree is a triple one of gold, like three small half-round rings side by side, united into one, not exceeding five-sixteenths of an inch in width. This ring may be plain without any device or mark on the outside of it, or it may have on the outside of it an equilateral triangular-shaped plate with the numerals 33 on same. Engraved within the ring should be the proper inscription, together with the name of the Brother and the date on which he received the Degree.

33° Ring

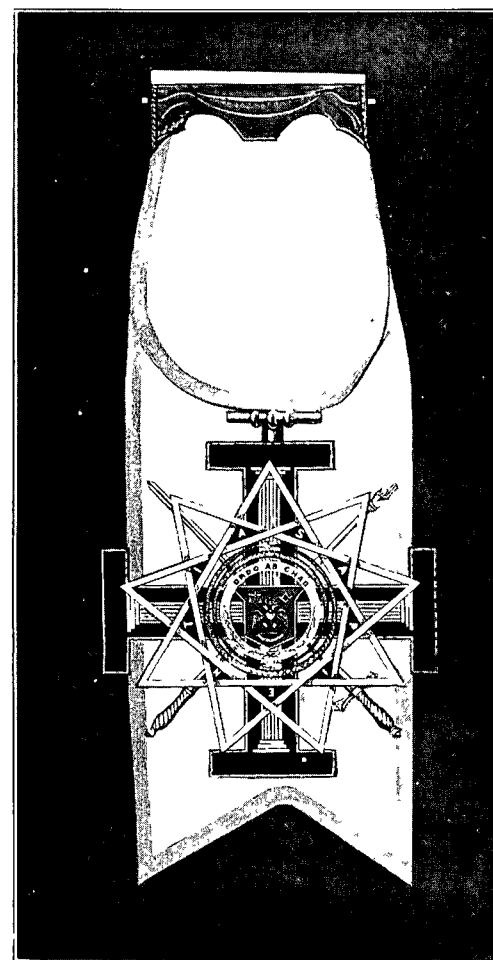
SEC. 15. The Ring of the Fourteenth Degree is a plain flat band of yellow gold or other metal resembling the same, approximately five-sixteenths of an inch in width, and having imposed thereon an engraved or enameled plate in the form of an equilateral triangle and within the triangle the Hebrew letter "Yod" and engraved within the ring the proper inscription. The recipient of a Fourteenth Degree Ring is hereby prohibited from placing any emblem or design thereon, except as provided in this section.

14° Ring



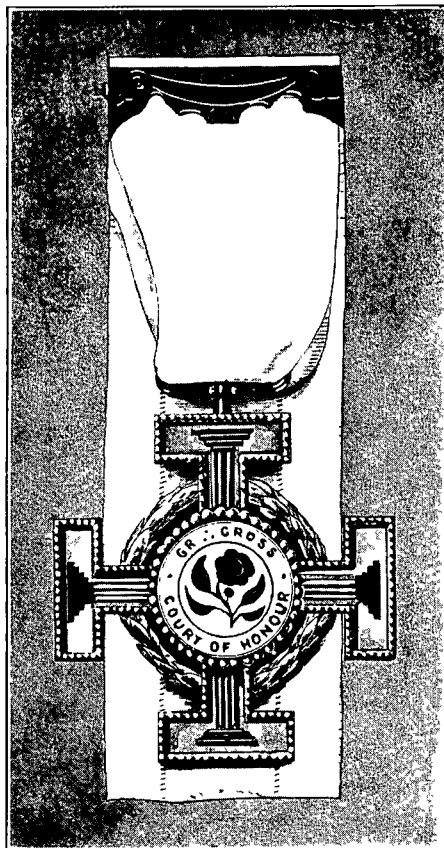
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Grand Decoration
33° Insp. Genl. Hon.
Fourth Class (For description,
see Sec. 5 of this article.)



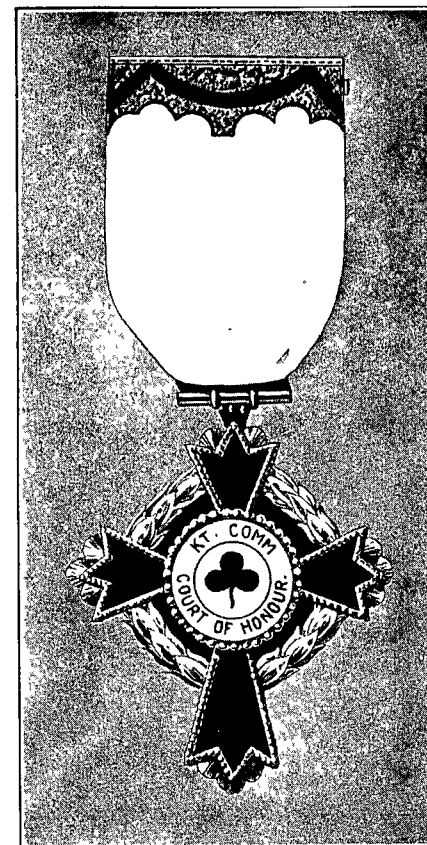
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Grand Decoration
33° Active: Sov. Gr. Insp. Genl.
Third Class (For description,
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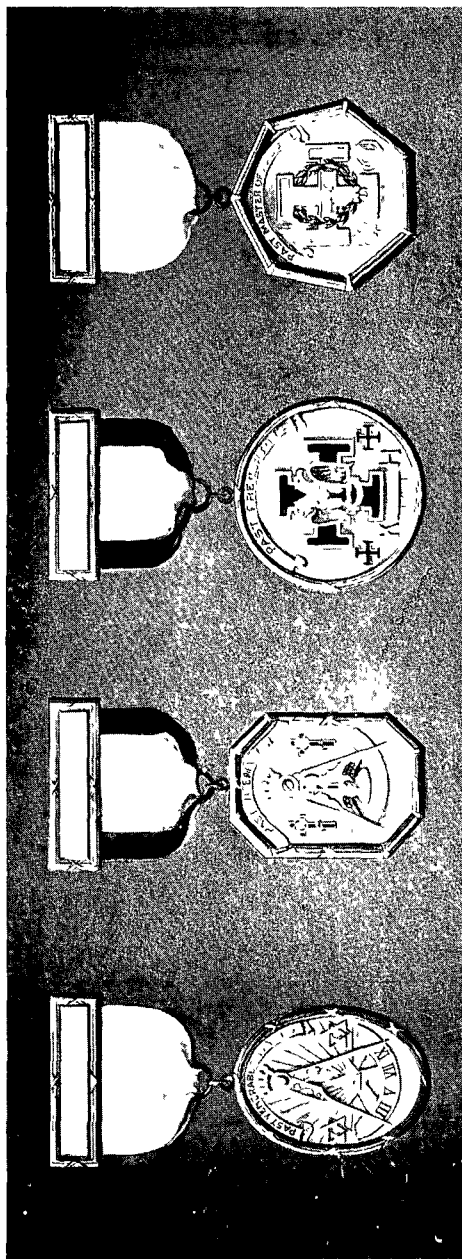
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Jewel of a Grand Cross
(For description, see Sec. 9
of this article.)



(Actual Size)

Jewel of a Knight Commander
(For description, see Sec. 10
of this article.)



LODGE OF PERFECTION
 Ribbon: Red.
 Interlaced triangles:
 The one pointing up, White.
 The one pointing down, Black.
 Numerals and Hebrew letter,
 Black.

CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX
 Ribbon: White with
 1-4 inch edging of
 Crimson
 Crosses: Red.
 Rose on Crosses: Crimson.

COUNCIL OF KADOSH
 Ribbon: White with
 1-4 inch edging of Black.
 Large Teutonic Cross, Red
 Double-headed Eagle, Silver
 Small Teutonic Crosses
 Crimson

CONSISTORY
 Ribbon: Purple.
 Wreath: Green.

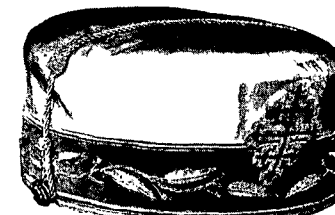
Note: Illustrations are one-half actual size. Jewels to be suspended from bars by ribbons. Jewels and bars may be gold filled or 14 Kt. solid gold. Colored emblems to be enameled.
By changing titles on the jewels to those of the proper offices these jewels may also be worn by the officers of the various Bodies.

(For description, see Sec 13 of this Article.)

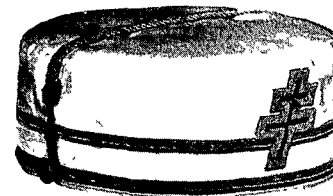
OFFICIAL CAPS
 OF THE
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 ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE,
 SOUTHERN JURISDICTION U. S. A.



33° Active Sov. Gr. Insp. Genl.



Sov. Grand Commander



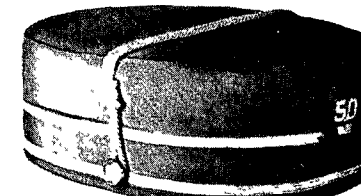
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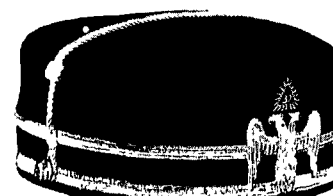
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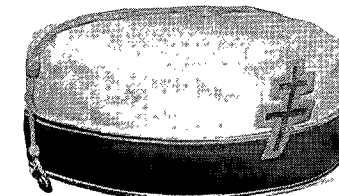
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Fifty Years Membership



32° M. R. G.



Deputy

CAPS

Active
Member

SEC. 16(A). *33° Active: Sovereign Grand Inspector General.* The Cap for Active Members of the Supreme Council shall be circular style, about 3½ inches high. Made of heavy purple grosgrain silk. Band of purple silk velvet 1½ inches wide finished. A cord welt above and below the band. One row of 1½ ligne No. 2079 gilt vellum wire lace at top and bottom of band, leaving an interval of 1⅞ inches showing on band between the lace. The band embroidered in laurel vine, leaf, and berry pattern in No. 26 and No. 27 fine gilt bullion. In the center of the front of the cap a slanting Patriarchal Cross with crosslets of No. 26 fine gilt bullion. Open center in cross filled with purple silk velvet. A regulation gilt bullion double overcord fastened at lower edge of cap on each side with a gold-plated metal button, the latter embossed with a double-headed eagle emblem. Cap lined with purple satin and interlined with cotton and muslin. The inner rim of buckram. Leather sweat band. (See page 55 for illustration.)

SEC. 16(B). *Deputy of the Supreme Council:* The cap for Deputy shall be circular style 3⅞" high. Made of heavy white grosgrain silk. Band #9 scarlet velvet 1¼ inches wide finished. A cord welt above and below band. One row of 3 ligne No. 1962 gilt vellum wire lace at top and bottom of band. In the center of the front of the cap a slanting Patriarchal Cross without crosslets, of No. 26 fine gilt bullion embroidery with No. 3 gilt jaceron around the cross. Open center in cross filled with red silk velvet. A regulation gilt bullion double overcord fastened at lower edge of cap on each side with a gold-plated metal button, the latter embossed with a double-headed eagle emblem. Cap lined with white satin and interlined with cotton and muslin. The inner rim of buckram. Leather sweat band.

SEC. 17. *Sovereign Grand Commander.* The cap for the Sovereign Grand Commander shall be the same as the above, except it shall be made of violet grosgrain silk and the band shall be violet silk velvet of a darker shade than the grosgrain silk, and the Grand Commander's Cross, being a Cross of Salem with crosslets, shall be used in place of the Patriarchal Cross. Open center in the Cross of Salem filled with purple silk velvet. (See page 55 for illustration.)

Grand
Commander

SEC. 18. *33° Inspector General Honorary.* The cap for Inspectors General Honorary shall be circular style 3⅞ inches high. Made of heavy white grosgrain silk. Band of white silk velour 1¼ inches wide finished. A cord welt above and below the band. One row of 3 ligne No. 1962 gilt vellum wire lace at top and bottom of band leaving an interval of ⅞ inch showing on band between the lace. In the center of the front of the cap a slanting Patriarchal Cross without crosslets, of No. 26 fine gilt bullion embroidery with No. 3 gilt jaceron around the cross. Open center in cross filled with red silk velvet. A regulation gilt bullion double overcord fastened at lower edge of cap on each side with a gold-plated metal button, the latter embossed with a double-headed eagle emblem. Cap lined with purple satin and interlined with cotton and muslin. The inner rim of buckram. Leather sweat band. (See page 55 for illustration.)

Inspector
General
Honorary

SEC. 19. *33° Grand Cross Court of Honour.* The cap for Grand Crosses of the Court of Honour shall be circular style, 3⅞ inches high. Made of heavy white grosgrain silk. Band of blue silk velvet 1¼ inches wide finished. A cord welt above and below the band. One row of 3 ligne No. 1962 gilt vellum wire lace at top and bottom of band, leaving an interval of ⅞ inch showing on band between the lace. On center in front a representation of the Grand Cross Jewel made as follows:

Grand Cross
Court of
Honour

A Teutonic Cross $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches square of 20 ligne gilt flat wire lace edged with 2 rows of No. 3 gilt jaceron resting on a wreath of oak leaves embroidered in No. 26 and No. 27 gilt bullion. On each arm of the cross a column embroidered in No. 26 and 27 gilt bullion outlined with black silk thread. On the center of cross a circle of white grosgrain silk $\frac{7}{16}$ inch in diameter with an outer circle of blue grosgrain silk $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in diameter. Both circles outlined with No. 3 gilt jaceron with loops on outside of outer circle of No. 26 gilt bullion. On the blue silk in gold-colored silk embroidery the letters "Gr.: CROSS COURT OF HONOUR." On the white silk circle a crimson rose outlined in black with green leaves and stem in silk embroidery. A regulation gilt bullion double overcord fastened at lower edge of cap on each side with a gold-plated metal button, the latter embossed with a double-headed eagle emblem. Cap lined with blue satin and interlined with cotton and muslin. The inner rim of buckram. Leather sweat band. (See page 55 for illustration.)

Knight
Commander
Court of
Honour

SEC. 20. 32° Knight Commander Court of Honour. The cap for Knights Commander of the Court of Honour shall be circular style, $3\frac{1}{8}$ inches high. Made of heavy red grosgrain silk. Band of red grosgrain silk $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide finished. A cord welt above and below the band. One row of 3 ligne No. 1962 gilt vellum wire lace at top and bottom of band, leaving an interval $\frac{1}{8}$ inch showing on band between the lace. On center in front a representation of the Knight Commander Jewel made as follows: A Passion Cross 2 inches long, with fancy arms embroidered in No. 25 and No. 26 gilt bullion resting on a wreath of gold laurel leaves of No. 26 and No. 27 gilt bullion. The arms of the cross to have red silk velvet centers. A double circle of white grosgrain silk outlined with No. 3 gilt jaceron with loops on outside of outer circle of No. 26 gilt bullion. On outer circle in gold-colored silk embroidery the letters "KT.: COMM.: COURT OF HONOUR." On the inner circle the trefoil in green silk embroidery. A regulation gilt bullion double overcord fastened at lower

edge of cap on each side with a gold-plated metal button, the latter embossed with a double-headed eagle emblem. Cap lined with red satin and interlined with muslin. The inner rim of buckram. Leather sweat band. (See page 55 for illustration.)

SEC. 21. 50-Year Membership.

Any member of the 14° who has a membership in accumulative years totalling 50 is entitled to recognition as such. Such recognition will permit the recipient to wear a 50-year cap or a 50-year pin, and he shall also be entitled to receive a proper certificate. To qualify for such recognition, the records of the member shall be submitted by the Valley's Secretaries to and certified by the Grand Secretary General.

Fifty-year
Membership
Cap

This cap shall be the same style and shape as that for Knight Commander of the Court of Honour, except that it is made of light blue grosgrain silk, with a band of the same material $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide finished. The insignia on center in front shall be the figure 50 surrounded by a green silk embroidered laurel wreath. Cap shall be lined with light blue satin and interlined with muslin. Name of brother receiving cap shall be embroidered in silk on a separate piece of silk sewed onto the lining. Caps shall be provided at the expense of the Supreme Council.

SEC. 22. 32° Master of the Royal Secret. The cap for Masters of the Royal Secret shall be circular style, $3\frac{1}{8}$ inches high. Made of heavy black grosgrain silk. Band of 18 ligne No. 2180 black silk braid $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide finished. A cord welt above and below the band. One row of 3 ligne No. 1962 gilt vellum wire lace at top and bottom of band, leaving an interval $\frac{1}{8}$ inch on band between the lace. On center in front a double-eagle $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches high with a rayed equilateral triangle $\frac{3}{4}$ inch high including rays, above the eagle. The total height of the eagle and rayed equilateral triangle to be $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The eagle of No. 29, No. 30 and No. 31 gilt bullion. The equilateral triangle to be of red cloth outlined with No. 3 gilt jaceron with figures 32 in center and rays outside of No. 25 and No. 26 gilt bullion em-

Master
of the
Royal Secret

broidery. A regulation gilt bullion double overcord, fastened at lower edge of cap on each side with a gold-plated metal button, the latter embossed with a double-headed eagle emblem. Cap lined with black satin and interlined with muslin. The inner rim of buckram. Leather sweat band. (See page 55 for illustration.)

ARTICLE XIV

COURT OF HONOUR

Members

SEC. 1. The Court of Honour, established for those Brethren who have deserved well of the Rite, shall be composed of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, the Emeriti and Honorary Members of the Supreme Council, the Grand Crosses, and the Knights Commander.

Knight Commander. Specifi- cations

SEC. 2. Not less than thirty days before each regular session of the Supreme Council each Sovereign Grand Inspector General and each Deputy of the Supreme Council may file, in the number below specified, in the office of the Grand Secretary General, the written nominations of Masters of the Royal Secret who are members in good standing in their Jurisdiction, for the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour. Nominations filed less than thirty days before any such session shall not be considered at that session, except by unanimous consent. Nominations shall be made upon blanks furnished by the Grand Secretary General, and must state the name in full of each nominee, the place and date of his birth, his occupation, his residence, the date when he received the Thirty-second Degree, the names and location of the Bodies of the Rite with which he is affiliated, and a brief statement of his specific services rendered in behalf of this Rite. Provided, that when the nominee is either a resident of, or a member of Bodies in another particular Jurisdiction under this General Jurisdiction, the approval of such nomination by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council in such other particular Jurisdiction shall be obtained, and such nomination shall be charged to the

Jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council making the same.

The number of such nominations for Knights Commander for each Orient in the United States and Canal Zone shall be two for each nomination for Inspector General Honorary as set forth in Article IV, Section 9, of these *Statutes*.

The smaller territorial and foreign Orients may each have two nominations for Knights Commander, except when in the judgment of the Grand Commander a larger number is needed in a particular Jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. In addition to the nominations provided for in the preceding section, and in addition to the number standing to his credit, and in the same form and manner, and complying with the same conditions, each Sovereign Grand Inspector General and each Deputy of the Supreme Council may nominate for the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour one Master of the Royal Secret for each fifty Masters of the Royal Secret who have received the Thirty-second Degree in his Jurisdiction since the preceding regular session. Whatever fractions are left over from one such session may be counted in the quota of the next.

Knight
Commander.
Quota

Nominations under this and the preceding section shall be referred to the Committee on Nominations and report had thereon before ballot is taken.

No nomination shall be made for a member of any Body which is in arrears for two years.

SEC. 4. The Supreme Council reserves to itself the right to elect Knights Commander of the Court of Honour from the Masters of the Royal Secret of the Jurisdiction at large whenever in its judgment the interest of the Rite will be thereby promoted.

Knight
Commander.
Election
at Large

SEC. 5. A Sovereign Grand Inspector General or a Deputy of the Supreme Council may not nominate to the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the

Court of Honour any one who shall not have received the Thirty-second Degree at least forty-six months before the session at which the nomination is to be voted on, and has not a Patent of the Thirty-second Degree from this Supreme Council or a similar Patent from a regular Supreme Council of another Grand Jurisdiction, which has been officially endorsed by the officers of the Bodies of this Jurisdiction with which he has become affiliated, and who is not an affiliated Master Mason, and a member of a Lodge of Perfection, Chapter of Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh, and Consistory of this Jurisdiction.

**Knight
Commander,
Unaffiliated**

Whenever a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour for any cause is suspended by or becomes unaffiliated in his Blue Lodge or any Body of this Rite, and such status so continues for one year, or is expelled by any such Lodge or Body, he thereby loses his rank and decoration, together with all his rights and privileges as such.

**Rank Not
Applied For**

SEC. 6. The rank of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour or Grand Cross shall never be asked or applied for, and if asked or applied for shall be refused.

**Grand
Cross,
Nomination**

SEC. 7. Before the first day of each regular session each Sovereign Grand Inspector General may, by sealed letter addressed to the Grand Commander, nominate one Inspector General Honorary from his Jurisdiction for investiture with the dignity of Grand Cross for signal services and unusual merit which he shall specify. These letters shall show on the outside of the envelope the following words: "Nomination for Grand Cross," without the name of the nominee, and shall be laid, with seals unbroken, before the Grand Commander, who shall refer them to a committee, consisting of all the Members of the Council of Administration present at the session, by whom they shall be opened. The recommendations shall be read and the committee shall proceed to select by unanimous consent, not more than three of the Brethren nominated.

The designates thus selected must be voted upon by the Supreme Council, and unanimous vote shall be necessary in each case for an election.

Grand Crosses shall be exempt from the payment of dues.

SEC. 8. The Court of Honour may assemble when called together by the Grand Commander, shall be presided over by a Legate Grand Cross designated by him, may adopt Rules of Order and By-laws for its government, recommend to the Supreme Council measures of legislation and be heard in the Supreme Council by its Grand Crosses to explain the same.

SEC. 9. Each Grand Cross shall receive a Diploma and Jewel from the Supreme Council without charge. Each Knight Commander of the Court of Honour hereafter elected shall receive from the Supreme Council without charge, a pocket Patent.

ARTICLE XV

REGULATIONS GOVERNING SUBORDINATE BODIES

SEC. 1. Subordinate Bodies of the Rite in this Jurisdiction are organized and exist by virtue of Letters Temporary, which are signed by the Officer issuing them; or of Permanent Charters granted by the Supreme Council and signed by the Grand Commander, the Grand Chancellor and the Grand Secretary General, attested by the Great Seal of the Supreme Council.

SEC. 2. A regular Lodge of Perfection is composed of nine members, and a perfect Lodge of thirteen; a regular Chapter of Rose Croix of seven members, and a perfect Chapter of thirteen; a regular Council of Kadosh of nine members, and a perfect Council of eighteen; a regular Consistory of Masters of the Royal Secret of nine members, and a perfect Consistory of fourteen; and the number of members required to make these Bodies regular is indispensable.

Grand
Cross,
Election

Grand
Cross,
Exempt
From Dues

Court of
Honour,
Assemblies
Of

Diploma,
Jewel

Organized

Quorum

Numbers
Indispens-
able

SEC. 3. A Body may be opened with a less number of its own members if there be present the regular number including visitors, or if a Sovereign Grand Inspector General or a Deputy of the Supreme Council be present, but without the regular number of its own members present the Body can do no work whatever except to confer Degrees, for which purpose only, when candidates have already been elected, it may convene and proceed with not less than five members.

Jurisdiction,
Territorial

SEC. 4. The Territorial Jurisdiction of a Lodge of Perfection, Chapter of Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh, or Consistory is concurrent with that of every other Body of the same degree in the same Jurisdiction, unless otherwise limited and defined by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General, or by the Deputy of the Supreme Council.

Place,
Change Of

SEC. 5. The Sovereign Grand Inspector General or Deputy of the Supreme Council may remove the place of meeting of any Body to any other place within the same city, town or village or transfer the charter and meeting place of any Body to any other city, town or village within his jurisdiction. (See also 1929 Trans., page 249)

Charter,
Surrender Of

SEC. 6. Any Body may, by vote of its members had at a stated meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose, of which notice is given to all of its members, surrender its Charter and cease to exist, unless nine members of such Body, if it be a Lodge of Perfection, Council of Kadosh, or Consistory, or seven members if it be a Chapter of Rose Croix, vote in the negative, in which event the Charter and other property of the Body will be retained and it may continue its work.

Charter,
Forfeit Of

SEC. 7. Upon report and recommendation of the Committee on the State of the Order and Unfinished Business, the Charter of any Body which has failed to make returns and pay taxes and dues for two years may, by vote of the Supreme Council, be declared forfeited and void.

No subordinate body under the Jurisdiction of this Supreme Council shall withdraw or attempt to withdraw its allegiance to the Supreme Council without the consent of the Sovereign Grand Commander or of the Supreme Council. The Charter, of any subordinate body attempting to withdraw its allegiance, shall be forfeited and the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or Deputy of the Supreme Council instructed to pick up said Charter and return the same to the Supreme Council.

SEC. 8. When a Body ceases to exist from any cause, all of its books and records and all of its personal property, consisting of emblems, symbols, and other equipment and paraphernalia used or employed in exemplification of the Degrees of the Rite, and particularly those relating to the Secret Work of the Order, shall immediately pass to and become the property of the Supreme Council and shall be forthwith forwarded to the Supreme Council by the officers of said Body, or by any person having the same in possession or custody. All other property, real and/or personal, of such Body shall be subjected first to the payment of all lawful liens existing against the same in the order of their legal priority; and secondly, the remainder of such property, if any, shall be subjected to the payment, pro rata, of all other lawful unsecured debts of said Body. All the residue of such property remaining after the payment of liens and debts as herein provided, shall immediately pass to and become the property of the Supreme Council.

Records,
Etc.,
Return Of

To effect the purposes of this section, the Grand Commander, or other proper officer of the Supreme Council, is hereby given power, to be exercised in his discretion, to appoint one or more persons who shall, upon such appointment, take possession and control of such property, and liquidate and administer the same in accordance with the laws of the State in which such property is situate and in accordance with the provisions of this Statute, not in conflict with such State laws.

When a Body ceases to exist from any cause, the Grand Secretary General shall issue demits to the members thereof who are in good standing.

**Meetings,
Stated**

SEC. 9. Stated meetings of a Lodge of Perfection must be held at least monthly, and of a Chapter of Rose Croix and a Council of Kadosh at least once in two months, except during the months of July, August, and September. A Consistory must hold regular meetings at least once every three months.

Feast Day

SEC. 10. Lodges of Perfection celebrate as a Feast Day the fifteenth day of the Hebrew month Tishri. The obligatory meetings of the Chapter of Rose Croix are held on Maundy-Thursdays and on Easter Sunday. Councils of Kadosh celebrate as Feast Day the thirteenth day of January. The annual Feast Day of the Consistory is the thirty-first day of May.

The Ceremony of Extinguishing and Relighting the Lights and the Mystic Banquet of a Chapter of Rose Croix shall be attended and witnessed only by those Scottish Rite Masons who have received the Eighteenth Degree.

By-laws

SEC. 11. Each Body must have separate By-laws which must be sent for approval to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General, or to the Deputy of the Supreme Council, for the Jurisdiction within thirty days after their adoption, or they will cease to be in force at the end of that period. While awaiting approval they will be provisionally in force, and if no action is taken upon them within sixty days they become laws. After they become laws the presiding officer of the Body must file a copy thereof with the Grand Secretary General. Thereafter amendments to the By-laws must be made and filed in the same manner.

Elections

SEC. 12. Bodies may by their By-laws provide for the election of their officers either annually, biennially, or

triennially. Elections in Lodges of Perfection shall be held at the regular meeting nearest to the third day of the Hebrew month Adar; in Chapters of Rose Croix at the regular meeting nearest to the Thursday after Easter; in Councils of Kadosh at the regular meeting nearest the twenty-fourth day of June; in Consistories at the regular meeting nearest to the twenty-seventh day of December, provided, however, that a Sovereign Grand Inspector General or Deputy of the Supreme Council may permit joint elections at other times; and if, from any cause, a Body fails to elect officers on the day prescribed, the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council shall order an election to be held on another day fixed by himself, due notice thereof being given to members.

SEC. 13. Officers may be installed at the same meeting at which they are elected or appointed, or at any time within thirty days thereafter. After such time the installation can be had only by dispensation from the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council. The installation ceremony may, in addition, be performed either at a joint meeting or a joint and open meeting of Scottish Rite members, their families or friends, with approval of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or Deputy of the Supreme Council. Until the new officers are duly installed the old officers hold over. Elective officers must be installed in person. Appointive officers may be installed by proxy.

Installation

SEC. 14. Any officer of a Body may resign.

Resignations

The resignation of any officer of a Body may be demanded and his place made vacant by proposition moved at one regular meeting and considered and sustained by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members present at the next regular meeting.

Vacancies

SEC. 15. A member of a Subordinate Body of the Rite maintaining his permanent residence in an Orient other than that in which such Body is located may not be elected to an office in such Body; and when an officer of such Body, after his election, moves from the territorial jurisdiction of that Body, his office immediately becomes vacant; provided, however, that the Inspector General or Deputy of the Supreme Council in the Orient wherein the Body is located, if he deems it best for the interests of the Body and of the Rite, may authorize the Body to elect to office members who retain their membership in the Body but who reside without the local jurisdiction or beyond the limits of the Orient, and such Inspector General or Deputy may ratify and confirm such election if had originally without authority previously given, and may, by appropriate order, authorize the continuance in office of any member of such Body who has previously been elected to an office therein and who, during the term of his office, removes from the Orient in which such Body is located or from the territorial jurisdiction of such Body. Any office in a Subordinate Body shall become vacant by the death of the incumbent, his resignation, his suspension or expulsion, or upon his becoming a non-affiliate in any Body of the Rite.

Vacancies

SEC. 16. When a vacancy occurs in the presiding office of a Body the second officer will succeed the first, and the third the second, and the third office shall be filled by election at a regular meeting, of which due notice shall be given to the members. If both of these officers desire to retain their old positions, the election may be held for the office of presiding officer; and if the second officer will accept the head of the Body, and the third officer desires to keep his old place, the election shall be only for the second place. When vacancies occur in other offices they shall be filled by appointment made by the presiding officer. (See also 1929 Trans., page 249-250)

SEC. 17. The Grand Secretary General shall provide Annual Reports in triplicate on or before the first day of April. One copy will be for the subordinate Valley Secretary, one for the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or Deputy of The Supreme Council in his Orient, and the third for permanent record in the office of the Grand Secretary General. A report, giving inventory of Rituals, Secret Works and Rubrics as of December 31, shall be submitted by the subordinate Valley Secretary annually to the Grand Secretary General's office on forms provided by his office.

Reports,
Annually

SEC. 18. Each Body is required to retain control over its own financial affairs and to administer them by the vote of its members without the interposition of a Board of Control or any similar Board; provided, that where Bodies are located in one place and consent thereto the funds may be managed and controlled by the Lodge of Perfection.

Financial
Control

SEC. 19. When a Body is opened in its highest Degree all its Degrees are opened and it may pass from work in one Degree to work in another without other form than the declaration that it does so.

Opening
on Degrees

SEC. 20. No Body or any member thereof is permitted to appear in public in uniform, except at the funeral of a member of the Rite, or by dispensation issued by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council.

Public
Appearance

SEC. 21. No Body shall rent, loan, or allow the use of its regalia or other paraphernalia used in the work of its Degrees or ceremonies for any other than Masonic purposes.

Parapher-
nalia

SEC. 22. No Body or Bodies of the Rite shall be permitted to become a body corporate. By permission of the Supreme Council, or of the Grand Commander in

Corporation

vacation, any Body or Bodies of the Rite may by resolution, authorize designated trustees to organize a corporation, or an association, or establish a trust under the civil laws of the Jurisdiction in which they are situate, to acquire by gift, devise, or purchase, and hold title to real or personal property for the use of such Body or Bodies. Such corporation or association or trust shall remain a part of and under the direct control of the Supreme Council.

Property,
Control and
Management Of

The regulations for the use of the property, such as the construction of buildings, incurring of indebtedness and securing payment of the same, and all matters relating to the control and management of the property, belong to the membership of the Body or Bodies interested, subject always to the general powers of supervision of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council of the Jurisdiction in which the Body is situated, and his written approval is required prior to sales, contributions, or mortgages of any real estate or substantial assets, and in case of construction of buildings, written approval of the Inspector General or Deputy is required for the site, plans, contracts, acceptance of bids and financing.

Use of the
Word "Club"

It is not objectionable to use the word "club" in designating an organized group of Scottish Rite Masons, anything to the contrary in the Proceedings heretofore notwithstanding.

Trustees,
Organization
By

By permission of the Supreme Council, or of the Grand Commander in vacation, any Body or Bodies of the Rite may by resolution authorize designated trustees to organize a corporation, or association, or establish a trust under the civil laws of the Jurisdiction in which they are situate, to acquire by gift or devise, moneys or properties for charitable and educational purposes only, no part of the corpus or income of such corporation to inure to the benefit of any individual or body, but to be used solely and exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.

All corporations, associations or trusts shall provide in their charter, articles of association or trust agreement, that the governing board or trustees must be elected or appointed by a body or bodies of the Rite.

All corporations, associations or trusts shall provide in their charter, articles of association or trust agreement, the following:

"The lodges and officers named herein must be acting by the authority of and under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, United States of America."

Supreme
Council,
Acting Under
Authority Of

All charitable and educational corporations, associations or trusts shall provide in their charter, articles of association or trust agreement, the following:

"On dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the corporation (association or trust) (whether voluntary or involuntary), the net assets shall be transferred to a corporation (association or trust) having the same or similar purposes whose trustees or governing body shall operate by the authority of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General (or Deputy of the Supreme Council) of the state (or jurisdiction), and under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, United States of America, which corporation (association or trust) shall be exempt from federal income tax under Sec. 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any such future law.)"

Dissolution
or Liquidation
Of

SEC. 23. No Body or Class of Candidates is permitted to take the name of any living person.

Name of
Body or
Class

SEC. 24. The use of any spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors by any Body is hereby prohibited, and no Scottish Rite Lodge, Club, or Body shall permit the maintenance or operation of any slot machine, pin-ball machine, bingo, keno, or other gambling devices or games of chance in any Scottish Rite Temple, Scottish Rite Cathedral, or in any building, or in any room in

Intoxicating
Liquors

any building, occupied by or under the control of such Lodge or Body.

Appeals

SEC. 25. An appeal may be taken from the action of any Body by any member feeling himself aggrieved thereby to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General, or to the Deputy of the Supreme Council, for the Jurisdiction in which the Body is situate, at any time within thirty days from the date of such action. An appeal may be taken to the Supreme Council from any decision of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General, or of the Deputy of the Supreme Council, by any Body or any member feeling aggrieved thereby, within sixty days from the date of such decision. The appeal in the latter case is taken by serving a notice on the officer appealed from and filing a copy with affidavit of service with the Grand Commander, who shall have power in his discretion to suspend such decision until the appeal can be heard. All appeals to the Supreme Council shall be presented for hearing at the next regular session.

ARTICLE XVI

FORMATION OF NEW BODIES

Authority,
Petition

SEC. 1. Whenever it is desired to organize a Body of the Rite a petition shall be made in writing, either to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General, or to the Deputy of the Supreme Council, for the Jurisdiction in which the Body is to be located. If the Body is to be organized in unoccupied territory for which no Deputy has been appointed the petition shall be made to the Grand Commander, if the Supreme Council is in vacation. The Supreme Council reserves the power to issue when in session Letters Temporary upon petition made to it direct for the establishment of Bodies in unoccupied territory.

SEC. 2. A Petition for a Lodge of Perfection must be signed by not less than nine Perfect Elus; for a Chapter of Rose Croix by not less than seven Knights Rose Croix; for a Council of Kadosh by not less than nine Knights of Kadosh; for a Consistory by not less than nine Masters of the Royal Secret.

Signatures,
Number Of

SEC. 3. Each signer must present with the petition a certificate of good standing in the Body in which he holds membership, or, if unaffiliated, a demit from the Body in which he last held membership.

Certificate
or Demits

SEC. 4. When the petition has been completed, it shall be presented to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in the Jurisdiction wherein the new Body is to be located, who shall approve or disapprove it and return it, with all the papers attached, to the petitioning Brethren. Upon receipt of the petition approved by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General, the petitioners shall forward it, together with all certificates of good standing and demits, to the Grand Secretary General, and a proper remittance to cover fees and cost of books, etc., as provided by the Statutes of the Supreme Council.

Petition,
Presenta-
tion Of

In a Jurisdiction where there is a Deputy of the Supreme Council, he shall transmit such petition to the Grand Commander.

SEC. 5. Upon receipt of the petition and accompanying remittance, the Grand Secretary General shall provide the necessary supplies and report his action to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or to the Deputy of the Supreme Council, in whose Jurisdiction the Body is to be established, and thereupon Letters Temporary, signed by the Sovereign Grand Commander, or the Sovereign Grand Inspector General, as the case may be, shall issue.

Supplies,
Etc., for
New Bodies

Letters
Temporary.
Require-
ments

SEC. 6. Letters Temporary shall recite that the Body so created temporarily shall, without being regularly constituted, and without installation of its officers, have power to fix the fees and dues to be paid by candidates and members, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Statutes of the Supreme Council. Such Body shall have power to elect candidates for the purpose of conferring the Degrees upon them, to elect by affiliation members who have received such Degrees in other Bodies, and to do any and all things necessary and proper for the conduct of the business of such Body under the direction of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council.

Charter,
Application
For

SEC. 7. Letters Temporary shall be in force to the regular session of the Supreme Council held next thereafter, when application, with the recommendation of the Sovereign Grand Commander, or the Sovereign Grand Inspector General, as the case may be, under whose direction the Body was formed, shall be made to the Supreme Council for a Charter. Such application shall be filed in the office of the Grand Secretary General at least thirty days prior to the date of meeting of the regular session, and shall be accompanied by the required fees for Charter and the following documents:

a. Alphabetical list of members who signed the petition for Letters Temporary, setting forth the name of each in full, followed by Degree attained.

b. Name in full, followed by Degree attained, and name of former Body of each Brother affiliated while under Letters Temporary.

c. Name in full, followed by Degree attained, of each Brother who became a loss under Letters Temporary—death, demission, suspension, etc.—giving date in each case.

d. Name in full, followed by Degree attained, of each Brother invested with Degrees under Letters Temporary.

e. Names in full of Brethren designated by the Sovereign Grand Commander, or the Sovereign Grand Inspector General, as the case may be, as the first officers of the Body under Charter.

f. Alphabetical list of all members, names in full, followed by Degree attained, as of the date application is made for Charter.

Thereupon the Grand Secretary General shall certify whether all fees due the Supreme Council have been paid and present the application with accompanying papers to the Supreme Council for consideration.

SEC. 8. If a Charter be not granted, the Letters Temporary may be continued or the temporary Body may be dissolved, in which latter case the Grand Secretary General shall return the certificates of good standing to the issuing Bodies, and shall issue demits to all Brethren who were members in good standing of such temporary Body at the date of its dissolution.

SEC. 9. The membership of the Brethren who sign the Petition for Letters Temporary under a Certificate of Good Standing is carried on the roles of the original Bodies which collect dues and pay the required per capita tax upon them until the new Body has had time to elect them or is chartered.

SEC. 10. A signer of a petition for Letters Temporary who files a demit may, up to the time of application for Charter by the new Body, have his name stricken from the roll of petitioners and his demit returned to him. A signer of such petition who files a

Letters
Temporary,
Surrender Of

Petitioners,
Status Of

Membership
in Abeyance

Petition,
Striking
Name From

certificate of good standing may, up to the time of application for Charter by the new Body, have his name stricken from the roll of petitioners, in which case the Secretary of the new Body shall notify the Grand Secretary General, who shall then return the certificate of good standing to the issuing Body and the Brother's standing in the issuing Body remains uninterrupted.

Letters
Temporary
Powers Under

SEC. 11. Bodies working under Letters Temporary do not have power to enact By-laws, but are governed by the direction of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council.

Permanent
Organization

SEC. 12. When the Supreme Council grants a permanent Charter for the organization of a Body, the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council for the Jurisdiction in which it is located will, upon the delivery of the Charter, proceed to permanently organize the new Body by constituting it and installing the officers named in the Charter, and make report thereof, with the date of his action, to the Grand Secretary General (see page 116) but only in case they were not elected before charter was issued, who shall then certify the facts to the Secretaries of the Bodies whose members have participated in the organization under certificates of good standing, and thereupon such members, having become members of the chartered Body, shall be dropped from the rolls of the original Bodies and their membership therein shall be terminated as if by demit.

Membership,
Change In

ARTICLE XVII

REGULATIONS AFFECTING CANDIDATES AND MEMBERS

SEC. 1. An applicant for the Degrees in any Body of the Rite must be and remain an affiliated Master Mason in a regular Symbolic Lodge, and subject to the provisions of Section 4 of this Article, must have actually resided within the territorial Jurisdiction of the Body to which he applies for a period of six months next preceding his application.

Qualifi-
cations

The petition for Scottish Rite Degrees need not contain a statement as to the petitioner's religious beliefs unless in the opinion of the Inspector General or Deputy of a particular Orient, he deems it for the best interest of the Rite that the petitioner set forth in his petition the nature of his religious belief for church affiliation or preference. In which case the Inspector General or Deputy shall prescribe the question to be set forth in the petition.

Petitioner's
Religious
Belief

SEC. 2. When a person removes from the territorial Jurisdiction of a Body in which he has previously resided, with the intention of terminating his residence therein, such Body loses the right to receive his petition for the Degrees, or to confer the Degrees if previously elected, unless there shall first be obtained a waiver of Jurisdiction from the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council of the Jurisdiction into which he has removed. (See also 1929 Trans., page 250)

Jurisdiction,
Removal
From

SEC. 3. No person who is an actual resident within the territorial Jurisdiction of a Body of the Rite within the General Jurisdiction of this Supreme Council can lawfully obtain any of the Degrees from any other Body of the Rite of this Jurisdiction except one having concurrent Jurisdiction, until consent and waiver of Jurisdiction are obtained from the Sovereign Grand In-

Degrees to
Residents
Only

Jurisdiction,
Waiver Of

spector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council in charge of the territory of which the petitioner is a resident, nor from any officer or Body under the Jurisdiction of any other Supreme Council, unless written consent and waiver of Jurisdiction shall have been obtained from the Grand Commander and the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council in charge of territory in which the Brother resides; nor will any person who is an actual resident within the territorial Jurisdiction of any other Supreme Council be permitted to obtain any of the Degrees from any officer or Body of this Jurisdiction until the written consent and waiver of Jurisdiction shall have been obtained from the Grand Commander or proper official of such foreign Supreme Council.

Army and
Navy

SEC. 4. Any commissioned, non-commissioned, or warrant officer, or enlisted soldier, sailor, or marine of the Regular Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard, of the United States of America, or any merchant mariner, or any officer of the Foreign Service of the United States Department of State, or any employee of any agency of the United States, regularly employed outside of the United States, or any civilian, officer, or employee working abroad for American industrial or business firms, for extended periods away from his legal residence, being an affiliated Master Mason in good standing, may, by petition to a Subordinate Body of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of either the Northern or Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, establish his Scottish Rite Masonic residence within the Jurisdiction of either of said Supreme Councils without reference to his actual or legal place of residence. Such Masonic residence shall be taken for all Scottish Rite purposes to be the residence of such officer or enlisted man, merchant mariner, Foreign Service Officer or employee, or such civilian, officer or employee working abroad for American industrial or business firms, for extended periods away from his legal residence, and shall not be changed except by the

consent in writing of the Grand Commander of the Supreme Council for the Jurisdiction in which such Masonic residence has been established.

Note The foregoing section is enacted to carry into effect the agreement entered into on August 28, 1909, between the two Supreme Councils exercising Jurisdiction over the United States (See 1909 Trans., App. 203, 1961 Trans., p. 313 and 1975 Trans., p. 168)

SEC. 5. No Body or officer has power to receive a former member of any spurious Body under any other conditions than those required of a Master Mason, together with a voluntary renunciation in writing of all connection with, and allegiance to such spurious Body. But an apostate can never be received or recognized.

Masons,
Spurious

Apostates

SEC. 6. Every petition or proposition for the Degrees or application for affiliation must be made at a stated meeting at least one month before being voted upon unless otherwise authorized by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council.

Petition
Must
Lay Over

SEC. 7. Any qualified person residing within the territorial Jurisdiction of a Body may be proposed at any stated meeting thereof by proposition in writing, signed by one member and seconded by another, also in writing. Such proposition may be made without the knowledge of the person proposed. A Body may, by its By-laws, require candidates to apply for Degrees by petition in writing.

Degrees,
Propositions
For

SEC. 8. When a Body has ordered a ballot the presiding officer has no right to stop or postpone it on a private application to him. The member of the Rite who desires postponement must move to postpone the ballot and give reasons therefor, and the Body will then vote to determine whether to postpone or not.

Ballot,
Postpone-
ment Of

SEC. 9. When upon a ballot being taken one black ball appears further action shall be postponed until the next regular meeting of the Body. In the meantime the

Objections

objector may make known to the presiding officer in secret his objection to the candidate, which objection the presiding officer may, in his discretion, make known to the Body, if the identity of the objecting Brother be not revealed thereby. The presiding officer may also make known to the Body his opinion as to whether or not the reasons which have been communicated to him are sufficient to justify rejection. At the next regular meeting, whether the reasons have been communicated to the presiding officer or not, a second ballot shall be taken, and if there then be one or more negative votes the candidate will be declared rejected.

Rejection

SEC. 10. When there are two or more black balls cast on the question of initiation or affiliation the candidate will be declared rejected.

**Re-apply
After
Six Months**

SEC. 11. When a candidate for initiation has been rejected he cannot again apply to the same Body, or any other Body or be again proposed in the same Body, until after the expiration of six calendar months.

**Affiliation,
Re-apply
For**

SEC. 12. When an applicant for affiliation has been rejected his admission may be again proposed after the lapse of two months and must then lie over one month before ballot.

**Former
Rejection
Made Known**

SEC. 13. A candidate rejected upon petition must, when again applying to the same or to another Body, make known to it the fact of his former rejection.

**Objection
After
Election**

SEC. 14. After a candidate has been elected in a Body and before he has received any of the Degrees conferred in that Body, a written objection signed by two or more Brethren, stating reasons therefor, may be interposed. The objections must be considered by the Body and voted upon, and if sustained by one-third of the members present the Degrees cannot be conferred and the candidate will stand rejected. But after a candidate has received any Degree in a Body objections

are unavailing as to his advancement in that Body.

SEC. 15. A candidate elected to receive the Degrees of a Body must present himself at the proper time and place to receive the same within six months from the date of his election. If he fails to do so, or to show good and sufficient cause for his delay, he shall thereby forfeit the election and must again petition or be proposed and be balloted for as in the first instance.

**Election,
Forfeiture
Of**

SEC. 16. Every candidate who receives any of the Degrees in any Body of the Rite becomes thereby a member of the Body which elected him and his name shall be entered upon its roll.

Membership

SEC. 17. If a candidate has received any of the Degrees in the Jurisdiction of any other Supreme Council he must regularly affiliate in this Jurisdiction, in all of the Degrees previously received, before he can receive any additional Degrees.

**Affiliation,
Require-
ments**

SEC. 18. If a member of the Rite of the Jurisdiction of any other Supreme Council affiliates with any Body of this Jurisdiction he must take all the pledges and vows of the Fourteenth, Eighteenth, Thirtieth, and Thirty-second Degrees of the Body with which he affiliates. He may purchase the Diplomas or Patents of the Degrees which he has received, or having such documents from another regular Jurisdiction may, in lieu of purchasing others, have the same officially endorsed by the presiding officer and Secretary, or Registrar, of each Body of the Rite in the Jurisdiction with which he becomes affiliated, report of which endorsement must be made immediately to the Grand Secretary General under the Seal of the Body.

**Patents,
Affiliation,
Purchase Of**

SEC. 19. Every member of the Rite residing within the Jurisdiction of Bodies owing allegiance to this Supreme Council, to be entitled to the rights and privileges of such membership, must be and remain an af-

**Member
Must Remain
Affiliated**

Jurisdiction,
Removal
From

filiated Master Mason in good standing in a regular Symbolic Lodge, and a member in good standing of each Body of the Rite, the Degrees of which he possesses, except as provided in the second paragraph of this section and in Section 23 of this Article. A member of the Rite is not required to be or remain affiliated with the Body in which he received the Degrees or in whose territorial Jurisdiction he is domiciled. A member of a Body under the allegiance of this Supreme Council does not lose that status by removal from the territorial Jurisdiction of that Body, or to a foreign Jurisdiction. A member of the Rite who has received the Degrees in a Body working under a foreign Supreme Council, and is still a resident of the territory occupied by such foreign Supreme Council, is eligible to petition for affiliation with a Body of our allegiance, if not prohibited by the Supreme Council to which he owes allegiance.

Status, Non-
Affiliate in
a Regular
Symbolic
Lodge

Any member of the Rite who becomes a nonaffiliate of a regular Symbolic Lodge and who does not within two years reaffiliate with the same or some other regular Symbolic Lodge shall cease to be a member of any of the Bodies of the Rite. He is not restored to membership in the Scottish Rite by his subsequent election to membership in and affiliation with a Symbolic Lodge after the lapse of two years. He can then be restored to membership in the Scottish Rite only by petition and election by a majority vote of members present at a stated meeting of each Body of the Rite.

Affiliation,
Demit or
Certificate

SEC. 20. A member of the Rite making application for affiliation must present, in addition to his application, a demit from the Body of which he was last a member, or a certificate as provided in Section 24 of this Article, or a proper certificate from a Sovereign Grand Inspector General or a Deputy of this Supreme Council.

Degrees,
Election For

SEC. 21. A Body may elect an affiliated Master Mason to receive the Degrees conferred in it, but when ordering the ballot it must be stated that such election is to take effect only when the candidate shall have received all the preceding Degrees.

Affiliation,
Election For

SEC. 22. A Body may elect a member of the Rite for affiliation in it, but when ordering the ballot it must be stated that such election is to take effect only when the applicant shall have affiliated with all the Bodies of this Rite of lower Degree in this Valley.

Non-
Affiliates,
Rights Of

SEC. 23. An unaffiliated member of the Rite may apply for affiliation with any Body of the Rite of his selection wherever located.

Any unaffiliated member of the Rite who resides within a particular Jurisdiction in which Bodies of the Rite exist, and who does not within twelve months from date of demit seek affiliation with the Body or Bodies therein which conferred the Degrees he has received, shall be prohibited from visiting Bodies, from receiving relief therefrom and from Masonic burial at their hands. And if he resides within a Jurisdiction in which Bodies do not exist he must within twelve months from date of demit affiliate with the several Bodies, the Degrees of which he has received, in some other particular Jurisdiction, or he shall be subject to the same prohibitions.

Certificate
of Good
Standing,
and Its Use
as a Demit

SEC. 24. A member of a Body in this Jurisdiction, who is in good standing and whose dues are paid, who desires to affiliate with another Body in this Jurisdiction of the same Degree, may apply for and receive from the Secretary of the Body of which he is a member a duly attested certificate of his standing in the Body. By presenting such certificate with his petition he may apply for affiliation with another Body. If he is elected he thereby becomes a member of the Body with which he filed his petition for affiliation, and the Secretary of

said Body shall certify the fact of such election to the Body issuing the certificate of good standing and the petitioner shall thereupon be dropped from the roll of membership of such issuing Body and his membership therein shall be terminated as if by demit. The certificate herein provided for shall bear date of issue and the Seal of the Body for which issued, and shall be good for the purpose herein specified until the end of the calendar year in which such certificate is issued, and such newly affiliated Brother shall not be required to pay any dues to the Body, or Bodies, with which he affiliates for the remainder of the calendar year during which such affiliation occurs.

Suspension
or Expulsion

SEC. 25. Suspension of a member by his Blue Lodge for nonpayment of dues carries with it suspension in every Body of this Rite. The restoration by the Blue Lodge to good standing, if had within two years, restores the member to his rights in all of the Bodies of this Rite. If the restoration is made after two years have elapsed, the suspended member can be restored to membership in the Scottish Rite only by petition and election by a majority of the members present at a stated meeting of each Body of the Rite.

Restoration

Suspension of a member by his Blue Lodge for any cause whatever other than nonpayment of dues, or expulsion therefrom for any cause whatever, carries with it the same penalty in every Body of this Rite. Restoration by the Blue Lodge shall not restore membership in any Body of this Rite, but he can be restored to membership in the Scottish Rite only by petition and election by a majority of the members present at a stated meeting of each Body of the Rite.

The vote on a petition for restoration of membership under this section may be *viva voce*.

SEC. 26. A member of a Subordinate Body who shall be in arrears for dues for two years shall thereby be-

come suspended, unless such dues are remitted, as herein provided, or further time not exceeding twelve months is granted by a majority vote of the members present at a stated meeting; provided, however, that upon the order of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or Deputy of the Orient involved, the time of suspension of a member in arrears of dues may be fixed at not less than one year.

Suspension
for Non-
Payment
of Dues

A member suspended for nonpayment of dues who shall within two years pay the arrearages due at the time of his suspension, together with current year's dues, shall be automatically restored. But if a member fails to pay such dues within two years from the time of his suspension, he shall upon his written request, accompanied by the payment of dues to the time of his suspension, plus current year's dues, and a favorable committee report, and by a majority vote of those present at a stated meeting, be restored. A Body may, by a majority vote, with the consent of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council, remit all or part of such delinquent dues.

SEC. 27. No member of this Jurisdiction shall be permitted to visit or attend the Body in which he holds membership, or any other Body of the Rite in this Jurisdiction, unless he be in possession of a card such as described in Section 28 of this Article. He shall also, upon demand, exhibit a regular Patent or Diploma of the highest Degree conferred in that Body, or of a higher Degree, or a certificate as provided in Section 31 of this Article. Every member shall be furnished a card of the highest Degree to which he has attained.

Cards,
Visitation,
Identification

SEC. 28. The Grand Secretary General shall furnish annually to the Secretaries of the Subordinate Bodies Identification Cards for members, which shall be of such size and color as the Grand Secretary General shall prescribe, with marginal space thereon for the owner's signature. The wording to be used on Identifi-

Identification
Cards,
Form, Etc.

cation Cards shall be: "This is to certify that Brother _____ is a member in good standing in _____ the Valley of _____ Orient of _____"

and there shall be an appropriate space for the date of issuance and in large letters the year for which issued. These cards must be filled in, signed, and issued, under seal, by the Secretaries of Subordinate Bodies only to members who are in good standing and whose dues are paid for the calendar year. Each card must be signed, in the margin provided, by the member to whom issued. Signatures of Secretaries may be autographed, printed, or engraved, and seals may be printed, embossed, or impressed.

An Identification Card not properly filled in or signed need not be recognized.

Diploma,
Patent,
Identification
Card

SEC. 29. No Diploma or Patent emanating from this Jurisdiction need be recognized unless accompanied by a card as described in Section 28 of this Article, or by a certificate as described in Section 31 of this Article.

Diploma
or Patent

SEC. 30. Each Perfect Elu, Knight Rose Croix, or Knight Kadosh may obtain, upon payment of the fees, a Diploma of the Degree to which he has attained. Each Consistory shall, at its own expense (except as provided in Art. IV, Sec. 26), furnish to each Master of the Royal Secret whom it shall hereafter create, a Thirty-second Degree Patent regularly issued and registered by the Grand Secretary General.

Membership,
Certificate
Of

SEC. 31. A Sovereign Grand Inspector General or a Deputy of the Supreme Council or a Body which has conferred Degrees may furnish to the member receiving the same a certificate showing his investiture with the Degree thus conferred. This certificate will for twelve months entitle the member to be received and acknowledged as having received the Degrees stated in his certificate.

SEC. 32. Dual and plural memberships are permitted as hereinafter defined:

Membership,
Dual and
Plural

1. Dual membership is defined as membership in a Body of an Orient other than that of a member's primary membership. Dual membership shall be limited to membership in no more than two Orients, either within or without the member's primary Jurisdiction.
2. Plural membership is defined as membership in two or more Valleys of the Orient of the member's primary membership.
3. Primary membership is defined as membership in the Valley of the Jurisdiction to which a member belongs at the time of initial application for dual or plural membership.
4. Dual membership, with retention of any Supreme Council honors which may have been invested or conferred by our Supreme Council, is permitted on a reciprocal basis with other Jurisdictions we recognize and in accordance with the provisions of those other Jurisdictions for such membership, and shall cease if the member is suspended or expelled in either Jurisdiction.
5. Rules of procedure for dual membership shall be in accordance with the terms and provisions, as may be agreed upon, from time to time, by and between the Sovereign Grand Commanders of the Jurisdictions involved.

SEC. 33. A member of a Body, if he be clear on the books and under no charges, may withdraw from it and shall be entitled to a demit, upon application at a stated meeting.

Demit,
Right To

SEC. 34. A Body may, by a unanimous vote at a regular meeting and with the consent of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council, exempt from the payment of dues to said Body any member whose circumstances justify such ex-

Dues,
Exemption
From

emption, but in such case the Body is not relieved from paying to the Supreme Council the per capita tax for the member so exempted.

Advertising
Prohibited

SEC. 35. The use by any member of the Rite of any word, figure, letter, title, emblem, or symbol to denote his rank in or his connection with the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in any written or printed document not Masonic in its character and purposes, or the use by a member of any such word, figure, letter, title, emblem, or symbol for business or advertising purposes in any business, employment, or avocation not Masonic in its purposes nor connected with Masonry, is forbidden.

Secretaries
Required
to Report

SEC. 36. In all cases where a petition for the Degrees or an application for affiliation is rejected by a Body of the Rite, and in all cases of expulsion and of suspension other than for nonpayment of dues, the Secretary of the Body in which such action is taken shall promptly report the same to the Secretaries of all other similar Bodies in that particular Jurisdiction.

Wills

SEC. 37. Wills executed by members of the Rite in compliance with ritualistic regulations shall be retained by the makers thereof, or if temporarily deposited with the proper official of any Body of the Rite, shall be by such official forthwith, or as soon as practicable, returned to the respective makers thereof.

ARTICLE XVIII

TRIALS AND PENAL STATUTES

Jurisdiction,
Penal

SEC. 1. Trials on accusation of offenses against Masonic law or against good morals, or of unmasonic conduct or unworthiness, of any Mason of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, except Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, shall be held by the Lodge of Perfection of which the accused is a member, or within

whose Jurisdiction he resides or the offense is alleged to have been committed; provided, that charges of violation of the obligation of a Degree higher than that of Perfect Elu shall be prosecuted in the Body of the Rite governing that Degree.

SEC. 2. The penal Jurisdiction of a Lodge of Perfection includes all its own members, wherever residing, except Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, and all Masons of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of any Lodge, whether then standing suspended for nonpayment of dues or otherwise, residing nearer its place of meeting than to that of any other Lodge of Perfection, or who shall be charged with the commission within its Jurisdiction of an offense cognizable by such Lodge. In places where there are more than one Lodge of Perfection, Jurisdiction as aforesaid shall be concurrent in such Lodges except as to each Lodge's own members.

Jurisdiction,
Territorial

When a Brother has been suspended for cause the Lodge of Perfection within whose Jurisdiction he resides or commits an offense cognizable by said Lodge has exclusive jurisdiction over him.

Suspended
Members

A change of residence after charges have been filed does not divest the Lodge of Jurisdiction to try the charges. When charges have been filed and accepted by a Lodge there shall be no change of venue for any cause.

Residence,
Change Of

SEC. 3. Charges may be preferred by any Brother in good standing; and it shall be the duty of the Venerable Master to direct the Junior Warden, or other officer if he fails or refuses to act, to file charges formally and ex officio, against a Brother, if he (the Venerable Master) shall be personally cognizant, or shall be reliably informed, of such acts or conduct on the part of a Brother as *prima facie* constitute a Masonic offense. Such charges shall be in writing over the signature of

Charges

the Brother preferring same, and may be general in character, but shall be accompanied by a specification or specifications setting forth the particular acts constituting the offense complained of and giving time and place and all necessary particulars relating thereto, so that the accused may be fully advised of all that he may be called upon to explain or disprove or justify.

Tribunal,
Selection Of

SEC. 4. Charges shall be filed with the Secretary of the Lodge and be presented to the Lodge at the next stated meeting thereof. If the Lodge, by a majority vote of the members present at the time the charges are presented, determine that the act or acts set forth in the charges or specifications do not constitute any Masonic offense, the Lodge may refuse to entertain them. But if the Lodge, by a majority vote of those present, decides that the charges are of such character as to justify investigation, it shall designate a stated meeting of the Lodge for the selection of a Tribunal to ascertain the facts concerning such charges. All action taken shall be subject to the approval or disapproval of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council. The accused and the accuser shall be notified of the presentation of the charges and furnished a copy thereof, and advised of the date of the stated meeting at which such Tribunal will be elected. Where the accused resides within the Jurisdiction of the Lodge the notice, with a copy of the charges, shall be served upon him personally at least ten days prior to date of the meeting at which the Tribunal is to be selected. Where the accused resides outside of the Jurisdiction of the Lodge, and his residence is known, the charges and notice may be served by mailing a copy thereof to him at least ten days before the date of meeting for the selection of the Tribunal and the service shall be completed when the copies are deposited in the United States Post Office, properly addressed and stamped. If the address or whereabouts of the accused is unknown, the Tribunal may be selected at the next stated meeting after the charges have been ac-

cepted, without any attempt to serve notice upon the accused.

SEC. 5. At the time thus fixed the Lodge shall proceed, without any other or further motion or discussion, to select by ballot five of its members, who shall constitute a Tribunal to hear the evidence and determine the facts in relation to the charges presented. The persons so selected by the Lodge shall constitute such Tribunal, without any right on the part of the accused to object for any reason to the persons so selected. The Tribunal shall have power to elect from its number a chairman and a secretary, to fix the time and place of its meetings, and determine the method of its procedure for the taking of testimony, summoning witnesses, and ascertaining the facts. The accused shall have notice of all its meetings and be given the fullest opportunity to present any evidence which he may desire to offer. But if the whereabouts or address of the accused is unknown, and cannot be ascertained after due inquiry by the Secretary, the Venerable Master shall appoint some capable and disinterested Brother of the Lodge in which the charges are pending to represent the accused, to whom all due notices shall be given and who shall have all rights of the accused in appearing for and representing him, and on whom all notices shall be served. The Tribunal shall proceed to ascertain the facts with reference to the charges in accordance with the recognized principles and usages of Masonic Jurisprudence and hearings before a commission of like character. It shall disregard, however, all technicalities and be governed solely by the desire to do justice. If the testimony of the witnesses cannot be had before all of the members of the Tribunal, it may designate one or more of its number to take the testimony of absent witnesses. Members of the Rite testifying before the Tribunal may testify under an affirmation upon their honor as such members. If the testimony of a profane is desired the Tribunal may call a Notary Public for the purpose of administering the oath, or it

Tribunal,
Powers Of

Notice to
Accused

Procedure

may hear the statement of the profane without oath. Documentary evidence, certified to or otherwise, pertinent to the case may be received by the Tribunal.

SEC. 6. When the Tribunal has heard all the evidence offered by the accused or accuser it shall determine the facts with reference to the charges and file its findings with the Secretary of the Lodge. The Secretary shall then give notice that the findings of a Tribunal will be presented at a stated or called meeting to be held thereafter at a time specified. Such notice may be given by mail to each member at his last known address, or by publication in the usual manner of giving notice of meetings, in either event at least five days before the date of the meeting. At the meeting thus fixed the findings of the Tribunal and the evidence shall be read to the Lodge, and the accused and accuser may be heard in person or by counsel with reference to the sufficiency of the evidence to sustain the findings, or of the facts found to constitute a punishable offense. After the hearing is concluded the Lodge shall proceed to vote upon the question as to whether or not the accused is guilty of the charges preferred, or any of them, when more than one charge is preferred. The vote shall be taken by secret ballot and all of the members of the Lodge present shall be required to vote. Where more than one charge is preferred separate ballots shall be taken upon each. If less than two-thirds of the members of the Lodge present vote "guilty" as to any charge it shall be dismissed. If two-thirds vote "guilty" as to any charge the members of the Lodge present shall then proceed by secret ballot to vote upon the penalty in the following order: first, expulsion; second, indefinite suspension; third, definite suspension; fourth, reprimand. These questions shall be determined by the vote of a majority of those present.

SEC. 7. The Tribunal, in its discretion, may cause the evidence introduced to be reduced to writing, and, if requested by the accused, shall do so. If so, the cop-

ies of such evidence shall be filed with the Secretary of the Lodge at the time of the filing of the findings of the Tribunal and thereafter shall be and remain a part of the Secret Archives of the Lodge, and no reference thereto shall be made by any member of the Lodge except upon the hearing for the determination of the guilt or innocence of the accused. When that fact has been determined and no appeal taken the Lodge may, if it desires, order the copies of the evidence to be destroyed.

SEC. 8. Either party may within thirty days after judgment appeal from the judgment of the Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or to the Deputy of the Supreme Council in charge of the Jurisdiction, who may affirm or reverse it. From the action of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or of the Deputy of the Supreme Council either party may within sixty days appeal to the Supreme Council for final adjudication. If there be no Sovereign Grand Inspector General or Deputy of the Supreme Council in charge of the Jurisdiction the appeal shall be taken from the Lodge direct to the Supreme Council.

SEC. 9. The petition for an appeal will not operate as a suspension of a judgment against the defendant unless a suspensory order is made.

SEC. 10. The result of every trial not appealed from or in which no suspension order is made shall be immediately reported by the Secretarial Officer of the Body in which the trial was had to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council in the Jurisdiction who shall cause the same to be made known to such Bodies, in such manner and at such time as he shall think the interests of the Rite require, and no other publication thereof shall be had.

SEC. 11. Suspension or expulsion by a Subordinate Body carries with it the same penalty in every Body of the Rite.

Appeal

Judgment,
Suspension
OfJudgment,
Publication
Of

Penalties

Tribunal,
Findings OfTrial on
Findings

Balloting

Evidence
Reduced to
Writing

Active
members.
Trial Of

SEC. 12. *Trial of Active Members.* Charges against a Sovereign Grand Inspector General shall be filed in the Supreme Council, which has exclusive penal Jurisdiction over all Active Members. Such charges shall be in writing and signed by a Sovereign Grand Inspector General and filed with the Grand Commander. Thereupon the Grand Commander shall appoint a committee of three Sovereign Grand Inspectors General to investigate the charges and present to the Grand Commander the result of such investigation. If the committee decides that there is reason for believing the accused Sovereign Grand Inspector General to be guilty of a penal charge for which prosecution should be had, the Grand Commander shall order the trial of the charges to be had at the next regular session of the Supreme Council or, if in his opinion an emergency exists, he may call a special session of the Supreme Council for the trial of such charges, and may or may not, in his discretion, suspend the accused from the discharge of his duties as Sovereign Grand Inspector General pending such trial. The Supreme Council, when the charges are presented, shall make such rules as it may see fit for the governing of the trial.

Penalty for
Disloyalty

SEC. 13. An Inspector General Honorary, or a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour, proving unworthy or disloyal, after having been given an opportunity to be heard in person, or through a representative, may be dropped from the rolls of the Supreme Council by a majority vote of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General present at any session of the Supreme Council, which will deprive him of all the rights and benefits of the rank held by him.

Supreme
Council's
Jurisdictional
Rights

SEC. 14. Nothing contained in these Statutes or in any rule, resolution, or regulation shall be construed as limiting, abridging, or impairing the inherent right of the Supreme Council to exercise original Jurisdiction in any case and to suspend and expel any member of any Subordinate Body, any Honorary member of this Su-

preme Council, or any Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in any appropriate form of procedure which may, at any time, be adopted or prescribed by the Supreme Council provided that the accused shall always, in any case, be afforded reasonable opportunity to be heard in his defense.

ARTICLE XIX

OFFICIAL LOCATIONS

SEC. 1. The See of the Supreme Council is at Charleston in the State of South Carolina; but its Executive Offices are located in the House of the Temple at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, from which place all Decrees, Balustres, Charters, Diplomas, and other official documents shall bear date.

A Subordinate Body dates its official programs, announcements, and signatures from the Valley of the City and the Orient of the particular Jurisdiction in which it is located.

ARTICLE XX

AMENDMENTS

SEC. 1. These Statutes may be amended only at a regular session, or at a special session called for that purpose, of the Supreme Council, by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members then present; provided, that any amendment to the Statutes of the Supreme Council be submitted to the Grand Secretary General at least ninety days before the regular session, the same to be distributed to each Active Member at least sixty days before the regular session. Any amendment submitted in less than this time shall require unanimous consent of the Supreme Council to be considered at that session.

Office
and See

SEC. 2. Any Committee of the Supreme Council may originate and propose an amendment at any regular or special session.

ARTICLE XXI

DECLARATORY DISPOSITION

SEC. 1. These Statutes, with the Regulations of 1762, the Grand Constitutions of 1786, as published by this Supreme Council, except as herein modified, together with the edicts and decisions of the Supreme Council, and the unwritten principles and Landmarks of Freemasonry, constitute the law of the Rite in the Jurisdiction of this Supreme Council.

Finis

ACTS OF INCORPORATION

As

INSPECTORS GENERAL OF THE THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE

(Extract of an Act enacted in December, 1823, by the Legislature of the State of South Carolina)

Sec. 33. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That Isaac Auld, M.D. as Grand Commander; the Reverend Frederick Dalcho, M.D. as Past Grand Commander; James Moultrie, M.D. as Secretary General and Acting Lieutenant Commander; Moses C. Levy, Esquire, as Treasurer General; Moses Holbrook, M.D., Horatio Street, Alexander M'Donald and Joseph M'Cosh, Esquires, with their associates and successors, be, and they are hereby incorporated, and declared a body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name and style of Inspectors General of the Thirty-third Degree: And the said Inspectors General of the Thirty-third Degree, shall have power to regulate all orders and degrees of Masonry, from the Sixteenth to the said Thirty-third degree, according to the constitutions of the said several degrees; and the said corporation, by its name and style aforesaid, shall have a common seal, with power to alter the same, and to make all necessary by-laws for their better government; and the said corporation shall have power to purchase lands or personal estate, and to accept any devise, bequest or donation: *Provided*, that the same shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars: *And provided also*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to interfere with any powers, rights or privileges heretofore granted to the "Most Worshipful Grand Lodge in this State," or any other Grand Lodge of Masons heretofore incorporated.

In the Senate House the twentieth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, and in the forty-eighth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

JACOB BOND I'ON

President of the Senate

PATRICK NOBLE

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

As

THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS GENERAL OF THE THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE FOR THE SOUTHERN JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES

(Extract of an Act enacted in December, 1866, by the Legislature of the State of South Carolina)

No. 4842. An act to incorporate the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third Degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, That Albert Pike, William S. Rockwell, Giles M. Hillyer, A. G. Mackey, B. Rush Campbell, Benjamin B. French, Henry Buist, Henry W. Schroder, and Howell Cobb, their associates and successors, shall be and are hereby declared to be a body corporate and politic by the name and style of "The Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third Degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States," and by the said name shall be capable to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto in any Court of Law and Equity in this State; shall have a common seal, with power to change, alter, break and make new the same, shall be able and capable in law to purchase and retain real estate not exceeding in value the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars and shall have all the other rights, powers and privileges usual, incident, or necessary to corporations.

2. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that this Act shall continue of force for fourteen years.

In the Senate House, the fourteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred sixty-six.

W. D. PORTER,
President of the Senate

CHARLES H. SIMONTON,
Speaker House of
Representatives

Approved December 15th, 1866
JAMIS L. ORR
Governor

As

THE SUPREME COUNCIL (MOTHER COUNCIL OF THE WORLD) OF THE INSPECTORS GENERAL KNIGHTS COMMANDERS OF THE HOUSE OF THE TEMPLE OF SOLOMON OF THE THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREE MASONRY OF THE SOUTHERN JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

An Act to incorporate the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree of Scottish Rite Masonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled*, That Thomas Hubbard Caswell, of the City of San Francisco; State of California; Odell Squier Long, of the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia; Erasmus Theodore Carr, of Miles City, State of Montana; Frederick Webber, of the City of Washington, District of Columbia; Gilmore Meredith, of the City of Baltimore, State of Maryland, and Samuel Emery Adams, of the City of Minneapolis, State of Minnesota, officers and members of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree of Scottish Rite Masonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, and their successors be, and they are hereby, incorporated and made a body politic and corporate in the District of Columbia by the name of "The Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General Knights Commanders of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty-third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America"; and by that name it may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court of law or equity, and may have and use a common seal, and change the same at pleasure, and be entitled to use and exercise all the powers, rights, and privileges incidental to fraternal and benevolent corporations within the District of Columbia.

Sec. 2. That the said corporation shall have the power to take and hold personal estate and such real estate as shall be necessary and proper for the promotion of the fraternal and benevolent purposes of said corporation, which shall not be divided among the members of the corporation, but shall descend to their successors for the promotion of the objects aforesaid.

Sec. 3 That all claims, accounts, debts, things in action, or other matters of business of whatever nature now existing for or

against the present supreme council mentioned in section one of this act, shall survive and succeed to and against the body corporate and politic hereby created: *Provided*, that nothing contained herein shall be construed to extend the operation of any law which provides for the extinguishing of claims or contracts by limitations of time.

Sec. 4. That said corporation shall have a constitution and regulations or by-laws, and shall have power to amend the same at pleasure. *Provided*, that such constitution and regulations or by-laws or amendments thereof do not conflict with the laws of the United States or of any State

Sec 5 That said corporation shall not engage in any business for gain, the purposes of said corporation being fraternal and benevolent.

Approved March 13, 1896. (See 1897 Trans., p. 40.)

GOVERNING RESOLUTIONS

Ritualistic Illustrations

Resolved, That it is not permissible to print, publish, or distribute any pictures or illustrations of any part of the Rituals, Rubrics, costumes, scenery, properties, forms, or ceremonies used in the conferring of the Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction, or to print in a program or other publication issued by the Bodies any extract from, explanation or synopsis of any of the Degrees, or to present any part of the Degrees anywhere at any time except in a tiled meeting or for the purpose of communication or rehearsal, and then only before those who are entitled to be present (See 1935 Trans., p. 218.)

Description of Degree

It is proper to set forth in Reunion programs a short description of each degree provided that the substance thereof be first approved by the Inspector General or Deputy in a particular Orient wherein such description is used.

Reunion Programs

Resolved, That whenever it is practicable all programs and announcements of Reunions must be submitted to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or to the Deputy of the Supreme Council for his approval before they are published and distributed (See 1909 Trans., p. 181.)

Knight Commander of the Court of Honour Ceremony

Resolved, That 32° Brethren may be admitted to the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour Ceremony at the discretion of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General and Deputies of the Supreme Council conducting the ceremony. (See 1943 Trans., p. 234.)

Resolved, That the ceremonies for the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour be held hereafter in the various Orients under the direction of the Inspectors General or Deputies rather than by this Supreme Council at its Biennial Session. (See 1967 Trans., p. 188.)

Resolved, That the consideration of the election of Active Members of this Supreme Council be made a special order of business at 2 P.M. of the second day of each regular session. (See 1915 Trans., p. 231.)

Active
Members,
Election Of

Resolved, That it be made a special order of business on the morning of the third day of each regular session that there be a call of the Roll of Representatives of other Supreme Councils with which we are in fraternal relation, at which time an interchange of communications from and to the respective Councils may be had for the purpose of bringing them into closer and more frequent actual intercommunication. (See 1911 Trans., p. 163.)

Representa-
tives,
Roll Call

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of all Representatives of our Supreme Council to other Supreme Councils, and of the Representatives of other Supreme Councils to our own, to obtain all documents and information of interest to the Rite and present the same to the Sovereign Grand Commander at as early a day as possible, before each regular session of the Council. All information thus furnished must be full, clear and comprehensive. And the Grand Commander is hereby fully authorized and empowered to remove any Representative from our Supreme Council who fails to fully comply with his duties hereunder and to fill his place by the appointment of another, and in case any foreign Representative shall fail to comply with his duties our Grand Commander is hereby fully authorized to request the Council from which such Representative comes, to remove him from his position and appoint another in his place. (See 1917 Trans., p. 197.)

Representa-
tives,
Duties

WHEREAS, This Supreme Council in its ritualistic work strongly obligates its Bodies and members not to confer the Degrees of the Rite upon those who do not do their duty, or who have not had opportunity to do their duty as Symbolic Lodge Masons; therefore be it

Symbolic
Lodge
Masons
Duty As

Resolved, That this Supreme Council hereby empowers its Active Members and Deputies to put into force and effect such regulations in their respective Jurisdictions as they, in their judgment, deem necessary to conform to our ritualistic requirements in this regard. (See 1921 Trans., p. 161.)

**Pike
Memorial
Services**

Resolved, That hereafter the Albert Pike Memorial Services shall be held upon the Sunday prior to the week of the regular sessions of the Supreme Council and that a committee be appointed by the Grand Commander to make necessary arrangements therefor. (See 1921 Trans., p. 175.)

Signatures

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the question of method of signature of Inspectors General Honorary, beg leave to report that the use of the abbreviation "Hon." after the name of such Inspector General is unauthorized and should be discontinued. The Inspector General Honorary may sign himself simply "John Doe, 33°". If he desires his official designation he should use that provided in Art. VI, Sec. 29, of the Statutes, writing under his name as follows:

JOHN DOE, 33°

Insp. Genl. Hon. .

The title may be left off programs and official announcements. (See 1921 Trans., p. 165)

**Age Limit,
Active
Members**

Resolution No. 1. During this 1969 Session and thenceforth no one over the age 70 years shall be elected to active membership in this Supreme Council, and Active Members elected during and after this 1969 Session shall become automatically retired at the close of the calendar year of their 80th Birthday. (See 1969 Transactions, p. 218.)

Retired Active Members shall be given life Membership Cards and listed on the Roll of Emeriti Members and they shall have the privilege of attending all meetings of the Supreme Council except Executive Sessions. (See 1969 Trans., p. 218.)

Feast Days

Your Committee on Ritual and Ceremonial Forms regrets to report that many of the Chapters of Rose Croix hold actual banquets on Maundy-Thursday. Your Committee regards this as inappropriate and not in the spirit of the Ritual or the occasion. The Statutes of the Supreme Council provide that the Feast Day of the Lodge of Perfection be the 15th day of the Hebrew month Tishri (which occurs in the fall of the year), being the date of the dedication of the Temple of Solomon. Since this Feast is open to all members of the Rite, all being members of the Lodge of Perfection, your Committee recommends that it be the principal Feast Day celebrated by the Brethren of the Rite and that Maundy-Thursday be not used for such an occasion. (See 1925 Trans., p. 225.)

Disloyalty

WHEREAS, It has come to the knowledge of members of the Supreme Council that there has been some complaint here and there, by members of the Order, of the Supreme Council or of the Active Members of the Supreme Council, regarding the form of organization and manner of government of the Supreme Council, the tenure of office of its members and the scope of the powers of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, and

WHEREAS, Each and every Scottish Rite Mason has, in practically every Degree from the Fourth to the Thirty-third, inclusive, according to his rank, pledged himself by solemn obligation to support and maintain the Supreme Council and Subordinate Bodies in respect to their form of organization, manner of government and administration, and otherwise, and to respect and yield due obedience to all dignitaries and officials of said Supreme Council and its Subordinate Bodies, and

WHEREAS, It is felt that a solemn declaration should be made by the Supreme Council, as a solemn reminder to any such members, of their duties and obligations in the premises; now,

Therefore be it Resolved, That any adverse criticism or complaint of the Supreme Council, or any member thereof, made by any Brother except in the proper forum of the Rite, is unmasonic and violative of obligation and is hereby condemned;

Be it further Resolved, That it shall be the duty of each Sovereign Grand Inspector General and each Deputy of the Supreme Council to report to the Grand Commander any disloyalty or insubordination of any Brother within his Jurisdiction who may be of the Thirty-third Degree or who may be a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour, and it shall be the duty of the Grand Commander to report same to the Supreme Council for necessary action;

Be it further Resolved, That it is and shall be the duty of every member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite to report to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or to the Deputy of the Supreme Council of the Jurisdiction in which he resides any matter involving disloyalty, insubordination or violation of obligation which may come to the knowledge of such member, and it shall be the duty of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or of the Deputy of the Supreme Council thereupon to institute or direct the necessary steps to subject such offending member to proper discipline; and

Be it further Resolved, That inasmuch as membership in the Scottish Rite is purely voluntary, any member who finds himself unable to comply with his obligations and with all duties imposed

upon him by the Statutes of the Order should, out of self-respect and in justice to the Order and his associates therein, retire therefrom in the manner duly provided therefor. (See 1923 Trans., pp. 68-69.)

Bonding of Officers and Employees of Supreme Council

Resolved, That all officers and employees of this Supreme Council be placed under bond furnished by a Surety Company, which bonds shall be in the amount of \$1,000,000 each, the cost of which shall be paid by the Supreme Council. (See 1965 Trans., p. 270.)

Bonding Officers of Subordinate Bodies

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the Supreme Council that the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General and Deputies of the Supreme Council should require their respective Bodies to secure such surety bonds protecting their funds and securities in the hands of their officers, committees and trustees, and the officers and directors of corporations formed by them, as will in their judgment protect the Bodies from any financial loss; that such surety bonds shall be given to the Subordinate Bodies, approved by them, paid for by them, and shall be held in the custody of the Presiding Officer of the Body (See 1931 Trans., p. 253.)

Affiliation of Brethren from Other Recognized Councils

Resolved, That when an applicant for affiliation with a Body or Bodies of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry subordinate to the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., presents with his petition a proper demit or certificate from the Supreme Council of another Grand Jurisdiction, or from its Subordinate Bodies, which Supreme Council is recognized by and in fraternal relationship with this Supreme Council, it is not incumbent upon the Scottish Rite Bodies to which such application for affiliation is presented to inquire into the relationship existing between the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the state in which such application is presented and the Symbolic Grand Lodge, or its Subordinate Bodies, in the state or country wherein such applicant for affiliation holds his Blue Lodge membership, so long as said foreign Supreme Council is duly recognized by and in fraternal relations with the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. (See 1931 Trans., p. 254.)

Publishing of Names of Petitioners for Degrees

Resolved, That hereafter it shall not be permissible for any Subordinate Body of this Supreme Council or officer or member thereof to publish or circulate in any printed or written form a list of the names of petitioners for the Degrees for general distribution among the members of such Body. (See 1939 Trans., p. 183.)

Conference with Irregular Bodies Prohibited

Resolved, That, pursuant to the time-honored policy of this Supreme Council to recognize and respect the sovereignty of Regular Symbolic Grand Lodges in their respective jurisdictions, it shall in the future, as it has been in the past, be the policy of this Supreme Council not to authorize or permit any of its officers or members,

Active or Honorary, or any of the members of its Subordinate Bodies, under its jurisdiction, to engage in any conferences, formal or informal, or to carry on any communications concerning any matter pertaining to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry with any alleged Masonic Body or organization which is not fully recognized as legitimate and regular by Regular Symbolic Grand Lodges with the General Jurisdiction of this Supreme Council.

Resolved, That members of the 33° and Knights Commander of the Court of Honour may make inter-Valley and inter-Orient transfers of membership without loss of those honors. (See 1973 Trans., p. 221).

Inter-Valley Transfers

1. Almoners shall report to the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General or Deputies of the Orients each January showing the yearly total receipts and disbursements, amount on hand and any investments.

Almoners

2. The Almoners shall be included in the bonds of those handling funds for the Bodies, with protection in line with the operations.

3. Contributions shall be verified by the signatures of any two officers at the time of collection and deposited in checking bank accounts.

4. Disbursements for all purposes shall be made by check signed by both the Almoner and either the Secretary or the Treasurer. (See 1973 Trans., pp. 157-158.)

It is the recognized policy that all Valleys should protect their Valleys and members against property and monetary losses relating to the Supreme Council in the Valleys in which they hold membership, and use all methods under their control to keep unsullied the reputation and prestige of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry and Freemasonry in general, and to that end the Sovereign Grand Commander has instituted the following:

Blanket Insurance Coverage

1. A blanket insurance plan has been adopted, prepared by The Travelers Indemnity Company, and coverage implemented for all Valleys at pro rata cost. Coverage to be at least 90% of replacement cost of insurable property with appraisals adjusted as necessary, every two years. Coverage to be placed through an insurance broker that the Valley has designated. The broker shall collect the premiums.

2. This blanket policy will cover also comprehensive public liability, medical payments, workmen's compensation, fidelity bond, forgery and vandalism in uniform amounts in all Valleys. This plan will provide adequate insurance for our larger Valleys without cost penalty to the smaller ones. (See 1973 Trans., pp. 168-169.)

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN

Employee
Retirement
Plan

Resolved, That subject to the right of the Sovereign Grand Commander to amend, if necessary, to comply with the law:

"Upon reaching the age of sixty-five, or any time thereafter, and after ten years of continuous satisfactory service employees may retire at their request and shall retire at the request of the management. The annual retirement pension shall be one percent of their annual salary, computed on the basis of their highest consecutive sixty months salary, multiplied by the number of years they have worked for the Supreme Council. The normal form of payment is a straight life annuity; however, unless an election to the contrary is made, an employee who has a spouse on the date pension payments are scheduled to commence will automatically receive an actuarially equivalent joint and survivor benefit as set forth in the plan. The benefit shall be in addition to those received from the United States Social Security and shall be without cost to the employees. Officers of the Supreme Council are not eligible for pensions under this plan.

Early Retirement

Subject to a requirement of ten years of satisfactory service, early retirement at the minimum age of sixty will be at the option of the employee, or management, with benefits on a reduced proportionate basis.

Disability Retirement

Subject to a requirement of ten years of satisfactory service, an employee who is adjudged to be totally and permanently disabled may retire with benefits on an unreduced basis.

Death Benefit

An active employee who is eligible to retire for early retirement may elect in writing that, upon his death prior to the date pension payments commence, his spouse will receive 50% of the pension he would have received if he had retired the first day of the month coincident with or next preceding his date of death and had elected the 50% joint and survivor benefit.

Vesting Rights

Employees who have completed ten years of satisfactory service will be vested in the benefit described above. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, reference is made to the controlling Retirement Plan of certain employees on file with the Grand Secretary General.

This plan, as outlined above, was adopted October 23, 1969, and was amended effective January 1, 1976. The Supreme Council pays the entire cost of the plan.

The Supreme Council has the right to discontinue or modify the plan. If it is necessary to discontinue the plan, the then assets of the trust fund will be used to provide benefits according to the terms of the plan. (See 1977 Trans., pp. 181-182.)

The elective salaried officers of this Supreme Council shall receive their full salary for the length of the term for which they were elected; should they become incapacitated, or for any other reason be unable to perform full time services, they shall thereafter receive one-third of their salary during the balance of the term to which they were elected. (See 1961 Trans., p. 318,****)

Salary,
Elective,
Salaried
Officers

Resolved, That the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, does hereby indemnify any Active Member, Deputy, Officer or Trustee or any former Active Member, Deputy, Officer or Trustee of such Supreme Council, or any person who may have served at its request as a Trustee or Officer of another corporation against court costs, attorney's fees, judgments and other expenses actually and necessarily incurred by him in connection with the defense of any action, suit, or proceeding in which he is made a party by reason of being or having been such trustee or officer, except in relation to matters as to which he shall be adjudged in negligence or misconduct in the performance of a duty. This indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such trustee or officer may be entitled, under any by-law, agreement, vote of board or trustees, or otherwise. (See 1975 Trans., pp. 169-170, and 1977 Trans., p. 182.)

Indemnifi-
cation of
Active
Members,
Deputies, Offi-
cers or
Trustees

Resolved, That Active Members, Deputies and Officers of the Supreme Council, 33°, shall disclose any possible conflict of interest with respect to any matter coming before the Council or any of its committees. Furthermore, in the event a member of the Council or any of its committees has any such possible conflict, he shall advise other members of the Council or its committees of any significant reasons, known to him but unknown to such other members, why the matter being considered may not be in the best interests of the Scottish Rite.

Conflict of
Interest of
Active
Members,
Deputies
and Officers

A member making such a disclosure shall not use his influence nor vote on the matter giving rise to the possible conflict. The minutes of the meeting shall reflect on such disclosure and the abstention from voting.

The foregoing shall not be construed to prevent any member of the Council or its committees from answering relevant questions of other members on which his knowledge may be of assistance.

Upon election or re-election and not less than biennially, each Active Member of the Council, its Deputies and Officers shall complete the statement on conflict of interest and forward it to the Sovereign Grand Commander. (See 1975 Trans., p. 170, and 1977 Trans., pp. 182-183.)

Conflict of
Interest of
All Officers
and Trustees
of Scottish
Rite Related
Corporations

Resolved, That all Officers and Trustees of Scottish Rite related corporations shall disclose any possible conflict of interest with respect to any matter coming before the Scottish Rite related corporations. Furthermore, in the event an Officer or Trustee of a Scottish Rite related corporation has any such possible conflict, he shall advise other Officers or Trustees of any significant reasons, known to him but unknown to such other Officers or Trustees, why the matter being considered may not be in the best interests of the Scottish Rite.

An Officer or Trustee making such a disclosure shall not use his influence nor vote on the matter giving rise to the possible conflict. The minutes of the meeting shall reflect on such disclosure and the abstention from voting.

The foregoing shall not be construed to prevent any Officer or Trustee of Scottish Rite related corporations from answering relevant questions of other Officers or Trustees on which his knowledge may be of assistance. (See 1975 Trans., p. 204.)

Rosters and
Mailing Lists

Resolved, That rosters or lists of membership of any Valley or Orient shall not be used for any commercial purposes whatsoever as similarly defined by Grand Lodges. (See 1983 Trans., p. 234.)

CODE

For Forming New Bodies

*To Form a New Body of the Ancient and
Accepted Scottish Rite in the Southern
Jurisdiction of the United States
of America, the Following
Regulations Will Be
Observed*

1. Brethren desiring to organize a new Body of the Rite will make application therefor to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or to the Deputy of the Supreme Council, as the case may be, in the Jurisdiction in which they reside, using the following form:

To _____, 33°
Sov.: Gr.: Insp.: Genl.: in the State of _____
(or where a Deputy of the Supreme Council, change accordingly)

Ill.: and dear Brother:

We, the undersigned petitioners, who are Master Masons in good standing and members in good standing in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, and who have attained the Degrees placed opposite our respective names, having the prosperity of the Rite at heart, and being willing to exert our best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Freemasonry, and promising to always bear true faith and allegiance to the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America (whose See is at Charleston in the State of South Caro-

lina) respectfully request that you grant us Letters Temporary for the formation of a _____ at _____.

We have nominated and recommend as the first officers of this Body the following Brethren, namely:

In the office of _____ Brother _____
(List all Offices and Officers)

We have selected _____ as the name for this Body. Upon your advice that this petition has been approved, we will promptly remit to the Grand Secretary General of the Supreme Council the amount necessary for books, Letters Temporary, etc.

(Here should follow the signatures of the petitioners)

2. A petition for a Lodge of Perfection must be signed by not less than nine Perfect Elus; for a Chapter of Rose Croix by not less than seven Knights Rose Croix; for a Council of Kadosh by not less than nine Knights Kadosh; for a Consistory by not less than nine Masters of the Royal Secret.

(Article XVI, Section 2, Statutes of the Supreme Council)

3. Each signer must present with the petition a certificate of good standing in the Body in which he holds membership, or, if unaffiliated, a demit from the Body in which he last held membership.

(Article XVI, Section 3, Statutes of the Supreme Council)

4. When the petition has been completed, it shall be presented to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in the Jurisdiction wherein the new Body is to be located, who shall approve or disapprove it and return it, with all the papers attached, to the petitioning Brethren. Upon receipt of the petition approved by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General the petitioners shall forward it, together with all certificates of good standing and

demits to the Grand Secretary General, and a proper remittance to cover fees and costs of books, etc., as provided by the Statutes of the Supreme Council.

In a Jurisdiction where there is a Deputy of the Supreme Council, he shall transmit such petition to the Grand Commander.

(Article XVI, Section 4, Statutes of the Supreme Council)

5. The fees for Letters Temporary shall be as follows:

Lodge of Perfection.....	\$50.00
Chapter of Rose Croix.....	60.00
Council of Kadosh.....	60.00
Consistory	80.00

The cost of books for organizing Subordinate Bodies (in addition to the above) shall be as follows:

Lodge of Perfection.....	\$68.00
Chapter of Rose Croix.....	35.00
Council of Kadosh.....	39.00
Consistory	26.00

(Article XI, Section 2, Statutes of the Supreme Council)

6. Upon receipt of the petition and accompanying remittance, the Grand Secretary General shall provide the necessary supplies and report his action to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or to the Deputy of the Supreme Council, in whose Jurisdiction the Body is to be established, and thereupon Letters Temporary, signed by the Grand Commander, or the Sovereign Grand Inspector General, as the case may be, shall issue.

(Article XVI, Section 5, Statutes of the Supreme Council)

Form for Letters Temporary for New Bodies

From the Grand Orient of Hierodom, at Charleston in the State of South Carolina, in the United States of America, near the B. : B. : and under the C. : C. : of that Zenith, which answers unto 32° 46' 33" North Latitude.

The Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General Knights Commanders of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty-third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

By the Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Active Member of the Supreme Council, in the State of _____

(Where a Deputy of the Supreme Council, change to "Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council")

Unto all Masters of the Royal Secret, Knights Kadosh, Knights Rose Croix, Perfect Elus, and Master Masons "in good standing" and to all Consistories, Councils of Kadosh, Chapters of Rose Croix, and Lodges of Perfection of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, unto whom these presents shall come:

KNOW YE that _____

(If for a Lodge of Perfection insert "Perfect Elus", if for a Chapter of Rose Croix, "Knights Rose Croix"; if for a Council of Kadosh, "Knights Kadosh"; if for a Consistory, "Masters of the Royal Secret")

of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, namely:

residing in or near the VALLEY OF _____
ORIENT OF _____

having in due form preferred to me their prayer for a

(Insert "Lodge of Perfection", "Chapter of Rose Croix", "Council of Kadosh", or "Consistory", as the case may be)

by the name and title of _____

THEREFORE, I, _____, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the State of _____, Active Member of the Supreme Council of the Southern
(Where a Deputy of the Supreme Council, change to "Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council")
Jurisdiction of the United States of America, have issued, and by these presents do issue

LETTERS TEMPORARY

for the formation and inauguration of the said

(Insert name and title of Body)

IN THE ORIENT OF _____
in ample form; and the said _____ is now established; to sit and to work, in accordance with the Statutes and Regulations of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, in the Valley of _____, Orient of _____, with first officers as follows, namely:

In the office of _____ Brother _____
(List all Offices and Officers)

Said _____ hereby created temporarily (without being regularly constituted and without installation of its officers) and until these *Letters Temporary* shall be superseded by *Permanent Charter* issued by the *Supreme Council*, shall possess the following powers and none other:

1. To hold regular and special meetings in any Hall now or hereafter occupied by it, in the city of _____

2. To receive petitions from _____

(If for a Lodge of Perfection, insert "Master Masons", and omit "of said Rite", if for a Chapter of Rose Croix, "Perfect Elus of the Fourteenth Degree", if for a Council of Kadosh, "Knights Rose Croix of the Eighteenth Degree"; if for a Consistory, "Knights Kadosh of the Thirtieth Degree")

of said Rite, residing in the territory described as follows, namely:

who are Master Masons in good standing of a Lodge chartered, or recognized as regular, by the Grand Lodge of _____, and who would be eligible to membership in said _____, and to elect such petitioners to receive the Degrees of the Rite from the _____ to _____ inclusive, and to confer said Degrees upon those so elected.

3. To elect to membership by affiliation _____ who have received such Degrees in a _____ under the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, or of a Supreme Council recognized by it, and who present proper demit from such.

4. To fix the dues that are to be paid by members and as well the fees which latter shall not be less than the statutory requirement, and in amount approved by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General for conferring said Degrees.

(Where a Deputy of the Supreme Council, change accordingly)

5. To do, under the direction and with the approval of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General whatever else

(Where a Deputy of the Supreme Council, change accordingly)

may be necessary for the conduct of the business of said _____, and for the interests of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we do hereunto set our hand, and affix the seal of our arms of office, at the Orient of _____ this _____ day of _____ A.M., corresponding to the _____ day of _____ V. E.



Sov.: Gr.: Insp.: Genl.:

in the State of _____

(Where a Deputy of the Supreme Council, change to "Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council")

Form of Application for Charter of New Bodies

(Note See Article XI, Section 2, and Article XVI, Sections 7 to 10 inclusive, Statutes of the Supreme Council)

A Body to which Letters Temporary have been issued must at the next regular session of the Supreme Council make application for Permanent Charter, using the following form. The application must bear the recommendation of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General, or the Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, as the case may be

19

To the Supreme Council 33°, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.:

On the _____ day of _____
 19____ Letters Temporary were issued by Ill.: Bro.:
 _____ 33°, Sovereign
 Grand Inspector General in the State of _____

(or where a Deputy of the Supreme Council, change title to "Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council")

for the formation of a new _____

(State whether Lodge of Perfection, Chapter of Rose Croix,
Council of Kadosh, or Consistory)

of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the Valley
of _____ Orient of _____

by the name of _____, and on
the _____ day of _____ 19____,

the said _____ was organized and
opened, and has since continued successfully to work.

It is the desire of the members of the said _____
_____ to have its existence perpetuated,
and they therefore pray that a Charter be granted to
the said _____ promising as
heretofore faithful obedience and strict conformity to
the Statutes, Laws, Edicts, and Regulations of the Su-
preme Council, and all proper authorities thereof.

(Within the following space shall be written the names of the
officers, who shall be designated by the Sovereign Grand Inspec-
tor General, or the Grand Commander of the Supreme Council,
as the case may be. The information designated in Article XVI,
Section 7, of the Statutes of the Supreme Council shall also be
supplied.)

In the office of _____	Brother _____
In the office of _____	Brother _____
In the office of _____	Brother _____
In the office of _____	Brother _____
In the office of _____	Brother _____
In the office of _____	Brother _____
In the office of _____	Brother _____
In the office of _____	Brother _____
In the office of _____	Brother _____
In the office of _____	Brother _____
In the office of _____	Brother _____
In the office of _____	Brother _____
In the office of _____	Brother _____
In the office of _____	Brother _____
In the office of _____	Brother _____
In the office of _____	Brother _____
In the office of _____	Brother _____

Constituting Newly Chartered Bodies

When the Supreme Council grants a Permanent Charter for the organization of a Body, the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council, for the Jurisdiction in which it is located, will upon delivery of the Charter, proceed to permanently organize the new Body by constituting it and installing the officers named in the Charter, and make report thereof, with the date of his action, to the Grand Secretary General, who shall then certify the facts but only in case they were not elected before charter was issued, to the Secretaries of the Bodies whose members have participated in the organization under certificates of good standing, and thereupon such members, having become members of the chartered Body, shall be dropped from the rolls of the original Bodies and their membership therein shall be terminated as if by demit.

(Article XVI, Section 12, Statutes of the Supreme Council)

The form upon which report is made to the Grand Secretary General should be as follows:

_____ 19____

To the Grand Secretary General
of the Supreme Council, A.: & A.: S.: Rite,
of the Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.:

The Supreme Council at its session held _____
_____, 19____, having granted Permanent
Charter to _____
sitting in the Valley of _____
Orient of _____, and the said Charter
having been delivered;

Now, therefore, I, _____ 33°,
Sov.: Gr.: Insp.: Genl.: _____ in the State of _____
(Where a Deputy of the Supreme Council, change accordingly)
have in conformity with the Statutes of the Supreme
Council this day permanently organized the said _____
_____ by constituting it and
installing the officers named in the Charter.

May it have prosperity and continuance.



_____ Sov.: Gr.: Insp.: Genl.: _____

_____ in the State of _____

(Where a Deputy of the Supreme Council, change accordingly)



Suggested Form of Application for Initiation

Subject to Modification to Meet Local Needs

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY

Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America
Valley of _____ 19____

To the Officers and Members of

_____ Lodge of Perfection
_____ Chapter of Rose Croix
_____ Council of Kadosh
_____ Consistory

I am a Master Mason in good standing in _____
_____ Lodge No. _____
under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of _____
I was born on the _____ day of _____, 19____
in _____ State of _____
My residence is in _____ State of _____
and I have resided there for _____ Months
_____ Years

My mailing address is _____
City of _____ State of _____
My occupation is _____

I have never (*) before applied for any of the Scottish Rite Degrees, and I now respectfully petition to receive the Degrees from the _____ to the _____ inclusive, promising always to bear true faith and allegiance to the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

_____ (Name in full)

Recommended by

(*) If applicant has previously applied for any of the Degrees he will strike out the word "never" and explain fully when and where such application was made.

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At the October 1971 Session (See 1971 Transactions) the following was made a part of the Application for Initiation:

1. The Supreme Council requires acceptance of the following fundamental principles: The inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order, undying loyalty to the principles of civil and religious liberty, and the entire separation of church and state as set forth in the Constitution of the United States of America. Do you approve wholeheartedly of these principles?

2. Have you ever held or expressed opinions contrary to the foregoing or been affiliated with any organization which has? If you answer this question in the affirmative, give particulars.

Form of Demit

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY

FOR THE SOUTHERN JURISDICTION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEMIT

THIS CERTIFIES That

_____ Lodge of Perfection
_____ Chapter of Rose Croix
_____ Council of Kadosh
_____ Consistory

of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in the Valley of _____, Orient of _____, and of the obedience of the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General Knights Commanders of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty-third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America

has issued this Demit to our

BROTHER _____

who received the Degrees as follows: 14° _____
18° _____ 30° _____ 32° _____
in _____ Bodies, and whose name, *Ne Varietur*, is written in the margin hereof, he having paid all dues, and being in good and regular standing in the Bodies indicated above.

This Demit is issued at his own request and we recommend him to the fraternal consideration of all Brethren of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite wherever found

Given under our hands and the seal of said Body or Bodies, this _____ day of _____, 19____.

Attest: _____

Secretary or Registrar

(Seal)

NE VARIETUR

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