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*To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the
State of Missouri:*

Your Committee appointed for the purpose of revising the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Council have performed that duty to the best of their ability, and herewith present the results of their labors for your consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

ALLAN McDOWELL,
WM. F. KUHN,
WM. H. MAYO.

The following pages contain the Constitution, By-laws and Forms for Trials, as revised, amended and adopted by the Grand Council, at its Annual Assembly held in Springfield, April 22, A. D. 1896, and is hereby promulgated as the Law of this Grand Jurisdiction.



ATTEST:

Wm H. Mayo
Grand Recorder.

THE
GRAND COUNCIL
OF
Royal and Select Masters
OF THE
STATE OF MISSOURI.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

GRAND COUNCIL.

SECTION 1. The title of this body is "The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Missouri."

SEC. 2. *Jurisdiction.* Its Jurisdiction shall be the territorial limits of the State of Missouri.

SEC. 3. *General Powers.* This Grand Council shall have and exercise supreme power and authority over Cryptic Masonry within the State of Missouri, subject only to such restrictions as may grow out of its relations to the General Grand Council of the United States of America. It has, and of right exercises the sole power of government, superintendence and control over all Councils of Royal and Select Masters in its jurisdiction.

SEC. 4. *Special Powers.* It has power especially—

- (1) To enact and enforce all laws and regulations for the government of the Fraternity, and to alter, amend and repeal the same at pleasure.
- (2) To constitute new Councils by granting Dispensations and Charters under seal, and, for good cause, to suspend, revoke and annul the same at pleasure.
- (3) To establish and preserve a uniform mode of Work and Lectures.
- (4) To reprimand, suspend or expel from its own body any member for a violation of its Constitution, or the By-laws and Regulations of the Grand Council made in pursuance thereof.
- (5) To supervise the state and condition of its own finances, and to adopt such measures in relation thereto, as may be deemed for the good of the Order.
- (6) To assess and collect from the several Councils under its jurisdiction such sums of money, annually, as may, from time to time, be deemed necessary for the support and maintenance of the Grand Council.
- (7) At each Annual Assembly to consider and review the reports and doings of the Grand Officers for the preceding year, as well as those of the several Councils under its jurisdiction.
- (8) To settle all controversies that may arise between its subordinate Councils.
- (9) And, finally, to consider and do all whatsoever it may regard as necessary, or appertaining to the well-being and perpetuation of Cryptic Masonry in the State of Missouri.

SEC. 5. *Of Whom Composed.* The Grand Council shall consist of the following members:

- (1) The Most Illustrious Grand Master,
The Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master,

The Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work,
 The Grand Treasurer,
 The Grand Recorder,
 The Grand Lecturer,
 The Grand Captain of the Guard,
 The Grand Conductor of the Council,
 The Grand Chaplain,
 The Grand Marshal,
 The Grand Steward,
 The Grand Sentinel,
 All Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters,
 All Past Deputy Grand Masters, and
 All Past Grand Principal Conductors of the Work.

- (2) The Thrice Illustrious Masters, Deputy Masters, Principal Conductors of the Work, for the time being, of Subordinate Councils in its jurisdiction, and of all Past Thrice Illustrious Masters of such Subordinates, so long as they remain members of Councils in this jurisdiction; *Provided*, that a Past Thrice Illustrious Master of another jurisdiction, who shall have affiliated with a Council under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council, may become a member of this Grand Council by a majority vote at any Annual Assembly.

SEC. 6. *Proxies, How Appointed.* Should the Thrice Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, or Principal Conductor of the Work, of any Council be unable to attend any Assembly of the Grand Council, either of them may appoint any member of his own Council as his proxy to represent him in the Grand Council. The certificate of appointment shall be in writing and signed by the officer appointing him. A proxy so appointed shall be entitled to the same privileges, and perform the duties of the person appointing him; *Provided*, that no proxy shall, under any circumstance outrank an actual officer of a Subordinate Council present entitled to a seat in the Grand Council.

SEC. 7. *Voting, Manner of.*

- (1) In the decision of all questions arising before the Grand Council, each member present shall be entitled to one vote; *Provided*, that in the election of Grand Officers the vote shall be taken by Councils as well as by the individual vote.
- (2) All Council votes shall be by ballot, and each Council shall be entitled to cast five votes, all of which shall be given on the same side. In deciding the nature of its vote, it shall be as follows: If only one delegate is present, then he casts the vote of the Council, if two delegates are present, then the delegate ranking highest in office, shall cast the vote of the Council; and if all three delegates are present, a majority of them shall determine the vote. Each Council in voting, casts one paper ballot, and each ballot counts as five votes.
- (3) After the Councils have voted, a separate ballot of individual votes shall be taken, thus: The Grand Recorder shall call the list of Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, Past Thrice Illustrious Masters, and of the delegates as they appear on the report of the Committee on Credentials, but no Grand Officer, Past Grand Officer, Past Thrice Illustrious Master, or delegate shall cast more than one individual vote, and he may choose in what capacity he does it. After the individual vote is thus taken it will be added to the Council vote, and the result declared; *Provided further*, that a vote by Councils and individuals, may be called on any question, on motion duly seconded by not less than three Councils.

ARTICLE II.

SECTION 8. *Assembly of the Grand Council.* This Grand Council shall hold an Annual Assembly, at such time and place as shall be provided in the By-laws.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 9. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any Annual Assembly by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

ASSEMBLIES OF THE GRAND COUNCIL.

SECTION 1. *Assemblies.* The Annual Assembly of this Grand Council shall be held in the same place as the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, commencing at 2 o'clock P. M. of the day preceding the meeting of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 2. *Special Assemblies.* Special Assemblies may be called at the pleasure of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, but no business shall be transacted at a Special Assembly other than that specified in the notice for the Assembly.

SEC. 3. *Quorum for.* At any Annual or Special Assembly of this Grand Council it shall require the representatives from not less than three of the Subordinate Councils to be present to form a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 4. *Absence of First Three Officers—Provisions for.* At any Assembly or Session of the Grand Council should all the first three elective Grand officers be absent, the Junior Past Grand Master present shall be empowered to open and preside, and in the event that no Past Grand Master qualified to preside be present, then the Grand Council may call any Past or present Thrice Illustrious Master of a Subordinate Council present to take the chair.

SEC. 5. *Grand Officers, Elective and Appointive.* The elective officers of this Grand Council shall be

Most Illustrious Grand Master,
Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master,

Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work,
Illustrious Grand Treasurer,
Illustrious Grand Recorder,
The remaining officers shall be appointive.

SEC. 6. *Same.* All officers, elective and appointive, except the Grand Chaplain and Grand Sentinel, shall be Past or Present Thrice Illustrious Master and members of this Grand Council.

SEC. 7. *How Elected.* The elective officers of this Grand Council shall severally be elected by ballot, and by a majority of all the votes cast for that purpose, at each Annual Assembly of this Grand Council.

SEC. 8. *How Appointed.* The appointive officers of this Grand Council shall be appointed by the Grand Master immediately preceding their installation.

SEC. 9. *Elections, Time of.* The election of Grand Officers of this Grand Council shall be held at each Annual Assembly at such hour as may be agreed upon.

SEC. 10. *Installation of Officers, Time of.* The installation of the officers of this Grand Council shall take place immediately previous to the final closing of the Annual Assembly, and when duly installed they shall hold their respective offices until their successors are duly chosen and installed.

ARTICLE II.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

SECTION. 11. *The Most Illustrious Grand Master.*

- (1) The Most Illustrious Grand Master shall preside over all the Assemblies of the Grand Council, and have a general supervision of the Craft in all things appertaining to Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction.

- (2) He may appoint and commission Representatives of this Grand Council near other Grand Councils, such appointments to continue for a period of three years; and may also receive and accredit Representatives from such other Grand Councils, who must be permanent members of this Grand Council.
- (3) He shall have the power to appoint all Standing Committees of the Grand Council.
- (4) He shall have the power to appoint all Special Committees unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Council.
- (5) He shall have the power to issue such Dispensations as are permitted by the Constitution and Laws.
- (6) He shall have the power to constitute in person, or by duly authorized proxy, all Councils of Royal and Select Masters for which warrants have been previously granted by the Grand Council, and install the Officers thereof.
- (7) He shall have the power to arrest the Charter of any Council for good cause, and report his actions to the next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, with a detailed statement of the facts, and his reasons therefor.
- (8) During the recess of the Grand Council he may with the consent of the Deputy Grand Master and Principal Conductor of the work or either of them, for good cause suspend from the functions of his office any Officer of the Grand Council or the Thrice Illustrious Master of a Subordinate Council, but such suspension shall not affect the standing in the Order of such Officer, or Thrice Illustrious Master, or his membership in the Council; and he shall report his action in full thereon to the next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council for its final action.
- (9) He shall at each Annual Assembly present a written report of his official acts during the recess of the

Grand Council, and of the condition of the Order within the jurisdiction, together with such recommendations as he may deem conducive to its prosperity and advancement.

- (10) He shall have the power to preside in any Subordinate Council in this jurisdiction, whose Assemblies he may attend.

SEC. 12. *Associates.* The Deputy Grand Master and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work shall assist the Most Illustrious Grand Master, and, in the event of his death, absence or inability, shall, in the order of rank, succeed to all his powers and duties.

SEC. 13. *Grand Treasurer.*

- (1) It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to receive from the Grand Recorder, all moneys collected by him on account of the Grand Council, and to receipt to him for the same; to have possession and custody of all funds and other securities belonging to the Grand Council; to pay out such sums of money as may be ordered by the Grand Council, on warrants drawn by the Grand Recorder.
- (2) He shall keep a true and correct record of all receipts and disbursements in a book provided for the purpose, and shall at each Annual Assembly, submit a detailed report, in writing, of the receipts and disbursements of his office, and show clearly the exact state of the Treasury.
- (3) He shall at any time on demand of the Grand Master, or any duly authorized Committee, submit all books, papers and records for examination.
- (4) He shall file with the Grand Master a bond in the sum of one thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties; such bond to be approved by the Grand Master.
- (5) At the expiration of his term of office, he shall deliver to his successor all books, papers, vouchers, moneys

and other property of the Grand Council which may be in his custody.

SEC. 14. *Grand Recorder.*

- (1) The Grand Recorder shall make an annual communication to the Grand Recorder of each of the other Grand Councils and likewise to the Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the General Grand Council. Such communication shall embrace the roll of Grand Officers, and such other matters as may conduce to the general good of the Order.
- (2) He shall forward to the Grand Recorder of the General Grand Council, annually the returns and dues of this Grand Council.
- (3) He shall also annually transmit to the Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the General Grand Council, copies of all its printed proceedings, and of the Statutes, Rules and Edicts adopted by this Grand Council.
- (4) He shall attend all Assemblies of the Grand Council; keep a true record of all its proceedings proper to be written, and make annual publication thereof, under the direction of the Grand Council, and forward four copies thereof to each of the Grand Records of the several Grand Councils; one copy each to the Grand Officers, and Past Grand Masters of this Grand Council; three copies to each of the subordinate Councils in this Jurisdiction; and one copy each to the General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, the General Grand Recorder of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America, the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America the Secretaries General of the Supreme Councils of the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions respectively of the Ancient and Accep-

ted Scottish Rite, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of the State of Missouri, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri, the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri, and one to each of such Masonic Libraries and Masonic Periodicals, as in the judgment of the Grand Recorder, with the advice and consent of the Grand Master, may be proper recipients thereof. Any copies remaining may be sold to R. & S. Masters only, by the Grand Recorder at the price of 50 cents per copy; the proceeds of such sales to be accounted for as other funds of the Grand Council.

- (5) He shall receive all moneys due the Grand Council and pay the same over promptly to the Grand Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor.
- (6) He shall, at each Annual Assembly, submit a detailed report, in writing, of all moneys received by him on account of the Grand Council, and of all business appertaining to his office, together with such statistics and general information concerning the Subordinate Councils as may be proper for the information and action of the Grand Council.
- (7) He shall have the custody of the Seal of the Grand Council.
- (8) He shall prepare, sign, and duly seal all Letters of Dispensation, Charters, Commissions and Certificates, or other official documents ordered by the Grand Master or emanating from the Grand Council.
- (9) He shall conduct the correspondence of the Grand Council.
- (10) He shall give an official bond in the sum of five hundred dollars, to be approved by the Grand Master, conditioned for the faithful performance of his

duties, and that he will promptly pay over to the Grand Treasurer, all moneys of the Grand Council that come into his hands.

- (11) He shall deliver to his successor in office all the books and other property of the Grand Council in his possession.
- (12) He shall perform such other duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Council or the Grand Master; and such as are traditionally appropriate to his station.

SEC. 15. *The Grand Lecturer.*

- (1) The Grand Lecturer shall acquaint himself thoroughly with the Work and Ceremonies pertaining to Cryptic Masonry.
- (2) He shall, upon invitation, visit any Council in this Jurisdiction, and teach the work and ceremonies authorized by this Grand Council.
- (3) He shall perform such other duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Council, or the Grand Master, and shall make a report of his official doings, in writing, at the Annual Assembly.

SEC. 16. *Remaining Officers.* The remaining officers shall perform such duties as are traditionally appropriate to their several stations, or as may be assigned them by the Grand Council.

ARTICLE III.

COMMITTEES.

SECTION 17. *Committees.* The following standing committees, consisting of three members each, shall be appointed by the Grand Master at each Annual Assembly, viz.:

- 1 On Credentials,
- 2 On Reports of Grand Officers,
- 3 On Visiting Companions,
- 4 On Unfinished Business,
- 5 On Jurisprudence,
- 6 On Finance and Accounts,
- 7 On Appeals and Grievances,
- 8 On New Councils,
- 9 On Returns of Councils,
- 10 On Necrology,

11 On Masonic Home; *Provided*, that the Grand Master may, immediately after his installation, appoint the Chairman of each of said committees.

SEC. 18. *Duties of Standing Committees.*

- (1) The Committee on Credentials shall examine the credentials of the members of the Grand Council and of the representatives of other Grand Councils near this Grand Council, and report a list of the officers, members and representatives present.
- (2) The Committee on Reports of Grand Officers shall report a distribution of the Address of the Grand Master and of the other Grand officers, together with all accompanying documents, so far as occasion may require, to the other committees.
- (3) The Committee on Visiting Companions shall perform the duties of their appointment according to the established usages of Cryptic Masonry.

- (4) The Committee on Unfinished Business shall examine the Journal of the previous Annual Assembly and report all such matters as were pending and undetermined.
- (5) The Committee on Jurisprudence shall consider the decisions made by the Grand Master and all questions of law referred to it, and report its findings.
- (6) The Committee on Finance and Accounts shall examine the books, accounts and financial statements of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder and report upon the same. It shall also report upon all matters touching the finances of the Grand Council, and no appropriation shall be made without having been considered and reported upon by this committee.
- (7) The Committee on Appeals and Grievances shall consider all appeals and grievances referred to it and report its findings.
- (8) The Committee on New Councils shall examine the original records of the proceedings of the Councils under dispensation and the statements submitted by them, and report their recommendations thereon, and also report upon all petitions for Charters for new Councils made direct to the Grand Council.
- (9) The Committee on Returns of Councils shall examine the returns made by the Councils, and report such errors, omissions or irregularities, if any, as they may discover, and make such recommendations as may be pertinent in the premises.
- (10) The Committee on Necrology shall submit a report on the death of all members of this Grand Council and of such distinguished members of other Grand Councils as may be referred to them.
- (11) The Committee on Masonic Home shall consider all papers and matters that may be referred to it concerning the Masonic Home of Missouri, and report its recommendations.

SEC. 19. *Special Committees.* The Grand Master shall appoint all other committees authorized by the Grand Council for the transaction of its business, and that may not be appointed by resolution of the same.

SEC. 20. *Reports must be in Writing.* The reports of the committees shall be submitted in writing.

SEC. 21. *Committees on Fraternal Correspondence.* The Grand Master shall, after his installation, appoint one Companion as a Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, who shall make his report at the next Annual Assembly.

ARTICLE IV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SECTION 22. *Compensation.*

- (1) The Grand Treasurer shall receive as compensation for his services, the sum of twenty-five dollars per annum.
- (2) The Grand Recorder shall receive as compensation for his services, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, payable in quarterly installments. He shall also receive fees as follows: For authenticating and affixing the Seal of the Grand Council to any paper, copy of record, diploma or other document proper to be certified and sealed, the sum of fifty cents, which must be paid by the person applying for the same. For engrossing a Charter and affixing the seal, the sum of three dollars, to be paid by the Council.
- (3) The Grand Lecturer shall receive as compensation for his services, five dollars per day and expenses, payable by the Council upon whose invitation he performs his duties.
- (4) The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence shall receive as compensation for services the sum of one hundred dollars per annum.

SEC. 23. *Revenue of the Grand Council.* The revenue of the Grand Council shall be derived from the following sources:

- (1) For each Dispensation to form and open a new Council, there shall be paid the sum of twenty-five dollars, which must accompany the petition.
- (2) For each Charter there shall be paid the sum of five dollars; *Provided*, that should the Grand Council grant a Charter to petitioners direct, who have not worked under a Dispensation, the fee shall be thirty dollars, which must accompany the petition.
- (3) For each Select Master's Degree conferred, the Subordinate Council, whether Chartered or under Dispensation, shall pay \$2.00.
- (4) Each Chartered Council shall pay the sum of fifty cents for each name borne on its rolls as a member thereof, on the 31st day of December of each year, except for members whose dues have been remitted for inability to pay.

ARTICLE V.

NEW COUNCILS.

SECTION 24. *Requisites.* A Dispensation or Charter to form a new Council shall not be granted except upon the petition of at least nine Royal and Select Masters in good standing.

SEC. 25. *Consent.* No Dispensation for the formation of a new Council whose location will be within thirty miles of another Council, shall be issued without the consent of such Council; and if the new Council is to be located in a city where there is more than one Council, the consent of all those located in such city must first be obtained.

SEC. 26. *Must be Qualified.* No Dispensation shall be issued until the Grand Master is satisfied that the petitioners

are skillful and well qualified to confer the Degrees, and that the interests of the Order will be subserved by the formation of such new Council.

SEC. 27. *Petitions.* Affiliated Companions may petition for authority to form a new Council without dimitting from their Councils, but they must give notice in writing to the mother Council of their intention to assist in forming said new Council, and must procure certificates from the Recorders of their respective Councils that they are not in arrears for dues nor under charges, and also that they have given the notice above required, which certificates shall be attached to application for Dispensation; but non-affiliated petitioners must present dimits, or their equivalents, and satisfactory evidence of good standing in Lodge and Chapter.

SEC. 28. *How Constituted.* A Council under Dispensation shall be constituted by the Grand Master or by some Present or Past Thrice Illustrious Master by him specially deputed.

SEC. 29. The Offices of Thrice Illustrious Master, Deputy Illustrious Master and Principal Conductor of the Work of a Council under Dispensation, shall be filled by appointment of the Grand Master, and all the other offices shall be filled by appointment of the Master. The Officers of a Council under Dispensation shall hold office during the continuance of the Dispensation, but the Grand Master shall have the power to relieve an Officer and appoint another.

SEC. 30. *Dispensation to be Recorded.* When a new Council commences work the Dispensation should be read and recorded in full in the Book of Records.

SEC. 31. *Ipsa Facto Members.* Those to whom a Charter is issued, and those who receive the Degrees, in a Council are *ipso facto* members thereof, whether such Council be Chartered or under Dispensation.

SEC. 32. *Membership in old Council.* After a Dispensation is granted to form a new Council, the membership of the Companions who petitioned therefor, remains in abeyance as

to the older Councils to which they belonged when signing the petition. They become active members of the Council while under Dispensation, and when a Charter is granted, and the Council constituted, they continue to be members of the new Council, and cease to be members of the old ones.

SEC. 33. *Charter Refused.* If the Dispensation should be withdrawn, or a Charter refused, the affiliated Companions who petitioned therefor resume their membership in their former Councils without petition or other action.

SEC. 34. *Former Affiliation Terminated.* When a Charter is granted, and the Council constituted, the Recorder of the new Council must certify the fact to each Council to which any of the petitioning Companions belonged.

SEC. 35. *Do not Pay Dues.* Councils under Dispensation do not pay Grand Council dues on their members, but pay fees on Degrees conferred the same as Chartered Councils.

SEC. 36. *Must Forward Returns, etc.* Every Council under Dispensation shall, ten days before the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, forward to the Grand Recorder, its letters of Dispensation, Books of record, and its annual returns, and also a copy of its proposed By-laws.

SEC. 37. *Charters Granted at Annual Assembly.* Charters shall be granted by vote of the Grand Council at the Annual Assembly only.

SEC. 38. *How Constituted.* A Chartered Council can be constituted only by the Grand Master, or his duly appointed proxy.

SEC. 39. *Must be Properly Provided.* No Council shall be constituted until it is provided with a suitable hall, properly furnished.

SEC. 40. *Report to be Made.* When constituted, report thereof shall be made to the Grand Master and the Grand Recorder.

SEC. 41. *Installation.* The Officers can only be elected and installed after the Council shall have been duly constituted in the presence of at least nine of its members.

SEC. 42. *Powers.* A Council under Dispensation may confer the Degrees upon candidates; affiliate Select Masters by petition for membership; grant dimits which must be certified to by the Grand Recorder; discipline its own members, as well as Royal and Select Masters who reside within its jurisdiction; adopt a code of By-laws to be approved by the Grand Council, and do all other things clearly expressed in its Dispensation.

ARTICLE VI.

CHARTERED COUNCILS.

SECTION 43. *Members.* Every Subordinate Council shall consist of the following members:

The Thrice Illustrious Master,
 The Right Illustrious Deputy Master,
 The Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work,
 The Treasurer,
 The Recorder,
 The Captain of the Guard,
 The Conductor of the Council,
 The Steward,
 The Sentinel, and as many members as may be found convenient.

SEC. 44. *By-Laws.* Every Subordinate Council chartered by this Grand Council shall adopt By-laws for its government; *Provided*, That the same shall conform to the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Council. Such Council shall, in its By-laws, fix the time of its stated Assemblies, the fees for the Degrees, the annual dues of members, the time for the election of Officers, and such other provisions as may be deemed necessary for its government.

SEC. 45. *May Alter or Amend.* A Council has the right to alter or amend its By-laws in the manner provided in such By-laws.

SEC. 46. *Cannot Suspend.* A Council cannot suspend its By-laws, or any of them.

SEC. 47. *Charter; Lost or Destroyed—Restoration of.* Whenever the Charter of a Council shall be destroyed by fire or in any other manner, or shall be stolen or surreptitiously taken and detained, or shall become so defaced or illegible as to become unfit for use, it shall be lawful for the Most Illustrious Grand Master to order a duplicate Charter to be issued to such Council, which said duplicate Charter shall set forth the names of the original Officers of said Council, the time of its loss or defacement, and shall be certified to by order of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, and attested by the Grand Secretary, under his hand and the seal of the Grand Council, without fee, except for engrossment.

SEC. 48. *Seal.* Every Chartered Council must have a seal, and all official papers issued by the Council must be attested by impression of the same.

SEC. 49. *Minutes.* At the close of every Assembly the minutes should be read, corrected and approved. They should be entered on the record before the next stated Assembly, when the Journal should be read and approved by the Council, and signed by the Master and Recorder.

SEC. 50. *Stated Assemblies.* The stated Assemblies of a Council shall be held at the time specified in the By-laws, which should require a meeting at least once in each month; *Provided*, That any Council may provide in its By-laws for the omission of any meetings in the months of July and August.

SEC. 51. *Special Assemblies.* Special Assemblies of a Council may be held at the pleasure of the Master, and the object of such special Assembly must be distinctly stated in the notice, and no other business shall be transacted but that for which the special Assembly was called.

SEC. 52. *Business.* All business of the Council must be transacted at a stated Assembly, or at a special Assembly of which due notice of the meeting and of the business to be transacted shall have been given to each resident member of the Council.

SEC. 53. *Elections.* All elections of officers in Subordinate Councils must be by ballot, and a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. Blank ballots shall not be counted.

SEC. 54. *Fees.* No Council shall confer the degrees for a less sum than ten dollars, which amount must accompany the petition; *Provided*, that in cities and towns where there are two or more Councils, no one of them shall be permitted to change its fees to a sum less than the lowest fixed by any of the other Councils without the consent of a majority of the Councils having concurrent jurisdiction; and *Provided further*, that a new Council established in a city or town where there are one or more Councils, shall not fix its fees at a sum less than the lowest already fixed in such city or town.

SEC. 55. *No Exemptions.* Exemption shall not be made from the payment of fees or dues, in favor of any business or profession, and this law shall not be violated under any circumstances by the return of all or any part of said sums, as donations, loans or otherwise.

SEC. 56. The Degrees in the Council shall be conferred in the following order: 1, Royal Master: 2, Select Master.

SEC. 57. The Degree of Super-Excellent Master may be conferred as an honorary Degree upon the members of the Council conferring it, or, upon members of another Council, at the request of said Council.

SEC. 58. *Incorporation.* No subordinate Council in this jurisdiction shall become incorporated under the laws of this State.

SEC. 59. *Questions Determined.* At every Assembly all questions (except upon the acceptance of candidates for the Degrees or membership, and in suspension, expulsion and restoration of Companions, and changing of By-laws), shall be determined by a majority of votes, the presiding officer for the time being, being entitled to one vote. In case the votes are equally divided he shall also give the casting vote.

SEC. 60. *No Appeal from Master's Decision.* No appeal shall lie to the Council from the decision of the Master. His decision can only be reviewed by the Grand Master during the recess of the Grand Council, or by appeal directly to the Grand Council.

SEC. 61. *Place of Meeting.* Councils must hold all their Assemblies in some suitable room at the place named in the Dispensation or Charter, and in no case are they permitted to change their place of meeting without special leave of the Most Illustrious Grand Master; *Provided*, that no Council shall be allowed to remove its place of meeting except the same shall be approved by not less than two-thirds of all the members present at a regular Assembly, or at a called Assembly set apart for that purpose; of which proposed removal and time for taking action thereon, all resident members of the Council should have at least ten days' notice.

SEC. 62. *Same.* If the regular hall of the Council, from any cause becomes an unfit or improper place for holding the Assemblies, the Grand Master may authorize them to hold elsewhere in the same city or town.

SEC. 63. *Same.* A Council desiring to remove from one town or city to another must obtain the consent of any Council within the distance of thirty miles whose territory may be encroached upon by such removal, and, in addition thereto, the permission of the Grand Master.

SEC. 64. *Consolidation.* Whenever two Councils in the vicinity of each other shall desire to consolidate and form one Council under the name and Charter of one of said Councils, the same may be consummated in the following manner:

Such desire being made known to the Master of each of said Councils, he shall cause all the resident members of his Council to be notified to attend at a stated or special Assembly of the Council for the purpose of considering a proposition to consolidate with Council, No., under the name and Charter of Council, No., at which Assembly the Master shall submit the question to the Council as follows: "Will this Council consolidate

with Council, No., under the name and Charter of Council, No.?" And should two-thirds of the members present vote in the affirmative, the proposition shall be declared adopted; otherwise, the Master shall declare the same rejected, and order the Recorder to record the result and report the same to the other Council; *Provided*, no such proposition shall be declared adopted if as many as nine members of the Council proposing to give up its name and Charter, vote against said proposition. Should said proposition be adopted, as above, by the Councils parties to such consolidation, then the Charter of the Council agreeing to surrender its name and Charter, shall be forwarded to the Grand Recorder to be canceled, and the members of such Council shall be and become members of the Council whose name and Charter are assumed, as fully as though they had regularly petitioned and been elected members thereof. The books, property and furniture, moneys on hand and due, or to become due to the Council so surrendering its Charter, shall be and become the property of the Council whose name, number and Charter have been assumed; and said last mentioned Council shall be and become liable for all the debts of said Council so consolidated with it.

SEC. 65. *Surrender of Charter.* Any proposition to surrender the Charter of a Council shall be made at a stated Assembly, and the consideration of the same shall lie over until the next stated Assembly, and all resident members shall be duly notified of the proposed action, when, if a majority of those present vote to surrender, and there are less than nine negative votes, the Charter shall be surrendered, otherwise not.

SEC. 66. *Status of Members of Extinct Councils.* When the Charter of a Council shall have been surrendered or arrested, the members thereof in good standing shall, upon payment to the Grand Council of such dues, if any, as may be owing to such Council, and a fee of fifty cents to the Grand Recorder, be entitled to a certificate of such good standing from the Grand Recorder having charge of the books and effects of the Council; *Provided*, however, that in case of the arrest of the

Charter, the Grand Master may suspend, and the Grand Council may prohibit the issuing of such certificates to those whose actions or neglect of duty may have caused the arrest of the Charter.

SEC. 67. *Charter Rights Forfeited.* A Council failing to meet for twelve consecutive months forfeits all its rights as a Council, and labor cannot be resumed unless by authority of the Grand Master or Grand Council.

SEC. 68. *Annual Returns.* The returns of each Council shall be made up to, and including December 31st of each year, on blanks furnished by the Grand Recorder. They shall be forwarded to the Grand Recorder during the month of January of each year.

SEC. 69. *Dues from Members of Extinct Council.* A member of an extinct Council is not liable for dues after the Council becomes extinct. But the Grand Council has the right to collect from members all dues chargeable against them up to the time it became extinct, and to discipline all those who refuse or neglect to pay the same.

SEC. 70. *Members of Extinct Council.* When a Council has ceased to exist, any member thereof may join another Council upon petition and certificate from the Grand Recorder that his standing therein was good when said Council ceased to exist, and that all dues or other liabilities have been paid.

SEC. 71. *Extinct Council, Funds of.* The funds, books, seal and other property of an extinct Council become the property of the Grand Council, which may make such disposition thereof as it deems proper.

SEC. 72. *Quorum, No Business Without.* In the absence of a quorum no business can be transacted; but a quorum being present, the vote of a less number is valid.

SEC. 73. *Custodian of Charter.* The Thrice Illustrious Master, and no other, is the legal custodian of the Charter of his Council.

SEC. 74. *Sunday.* No Assembly shall be held on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday.

SEC. 75. *Notice.* Whenever it shall be necessary to give notice to resident members of a Council of any matter to be acted on by such Council, the Recorder shall issue a notice, stating the subject to be considered by the Council and when to be acted upon, and notifying the members to be present; he shall, at least ten days before such action is to be taken, deposit in the post-office a copy of such notice, sealed, addressed to each member of said Council residing in the territorial jurisdiction of such Council; or he shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, a copy of such notice to each of said members, at least ten days before such action is to be taken, and shall make return, in writing, on said notice, of the service thereof, which notice and return shall be spread upon the records, and which said return shall be in the following form:

I hereby certify that I served the within notice on each of the members of Council, No., R. & S. M., residing in the territorial jurisdiction of said Council, in accordance with the requirements of Section of the By-laws of the Grand Council.

.....
Recorder.

SEC. 76. *Notice Should be Obeyed.* A notice is a request to attend the Council, made by order of the Council or the Master, and should be obeyed in good faith, unless the Companion receiving it should be unavoidably prevented from attending.

SEC. 77. *Summons, Description of.* A summons issued by a Subordinate Council, or the Thrice Illustrious Master thereof, must be written or printed, and under the seal of the Council, and need not contain anything beyond the requisition to attend.

SEC. 78. *Service of Summons.* A summons shall be served by any Select Master designated for that purpose by the Thrice Illustrious Master, by delivering a copy thereof

in person to the party named in the summons. The summons should be returned on or before the return day, with an endorsement of the time of service, or a statement of reasons for a failure to serve.

SEC. 79. *Summons Must Be Obeyed.* Every Royal and Select Master is bound to obey a summons; and for failure without good and sufficient cause, may be notified to appear before his Council at its next meeting; and if a satisfactory excuse be not rendered, charges shall be preferred against him, and upon trial, he may be punished as the Council may determine.

SEC. 80. *Summons.* The Thrice Illustrious Master, or the Council, has the right to summon any member of the Council for any purpose within the scope and business of Cryptic Masonry, and every Select Master is bound to obey such summons, unless unavoidably prevented. This great power should only be exercised in cases of extreme emergency. While it is left to the wise discretion of the Thrice Illustrious Master, or Council, as to when such an emergency exists, the Thrice Illustrious Master, or Council, must be held to accountability for an arbitrary exercise of this discretion, as for any other willful abuse of official authority.

ARTICLE VII.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 81. *Elective and Appointive.* The elective Officers of a Council shall be the Thrice Illustrious Master, Right Illustrious Deputy Master, Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work, Treasurer and Recorder. The appointive Officers shall be the Captain of the Guard, Conductor of the Council, Steward and Sentinel.

SEC. 82. *Tenure of Office.* The several Officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are duly elected (or appointed), and installed.

SEC. 83. *Who to Preside.* In the absence of the Thrice Illustrious Master, the Deputy Master, and in the absence of both, the Principal Conductor of the Work, and in the absence of all three, the Junior Past Master present shall preside.

SEC. 84. *Disability.* In the case of the death or disability of the Thrice Illustrious Master the Deputy Master will assume his prerogatives and duties.

SEC. 85. *Removal.* When the Thrice Illustrious Master changes his place of residence beyond the jurisdiction of his Grand Council, he thereby vacates his office, and can exercise its powers no longer.

SEC. 86. *Vacancy in Office.* If a vacancy occurs in any elective office, other than that of Thrice Illustrious Master, the Grand Master may authorize a new election, upon request to that effect by the Council; *Provided however*, in case of a vacancy in both the offices of Thrice Illustrious Master and Deputy Master, the Principal Conductor of the Work shall succeed to the duties and powers of the Thrice Illustrious Master without an election.

SEC. 87. *Vacancy in Appointive Offices.* When a vacancy occurs in one of the appointive offices, the presiding officer shall, by appointment, fill the vacancy.

SEC. 88. *Failure to be Installed.* If an officer duly elected or appointed shall, without reasonable excuse, neglect to attend at the time fixed for installation, his election or appointment, may be declared void by a vote of the body which elected him, or by the Officer who appointed him.

SEC. 89. *Installation.* A Council may hold a public installation in its own hall without a special Dispensation from the Grand Master, but such Dispensation is required in order to hold a public installation in any other place.

SEC. 90. *Bonds.* A Council may require by its By-laws that the Treasurer and Recorder shall give bonds for the faithful performance of their duties.

SEC. 91. *Failure to Elect Officers.* Should any Council fail to elect its Officers at the time prescribed by its By-laws, it shall forthwith lay the matter before the Grand Master, who, for good cause shown, may grant a Dispensation to hold an election as soon thereafter as may be practicable; and resident members shall be duly notified of the time set for such election. Such Dispensation shall be entered at length upon the records of the Council.

SEC. 92. *The Thrice Illustrious Master.* The Thrice Illustrious Master has it in special charge to see that the By-laws of his Council are duly observed, as well as the Statutes, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Council; that accurate records are made, and just accounts rendered; that regular returns are made to the Grand Council, and that the annual dues are promptly paid. It is his duty to preside at all Assemblies of his Council, and he is responsible for the proper conduct of its affairs. It is his duty, either in person or by proxy, to attend all Assemblies of the Grand Council, and to see that the Recorder of his Council promptly discharges his duty in reference to Council returns and dues.

SEC. 93. *Other Officers.* The duties of the remaining Officers are such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations, or as may be specifically set forth in regulations to that effect.

SEC. 94. *Eligibility to Office.* Every member in good standing is eligible to any office in the Council.

ARTICLE VIII.

PETITIONS.

SECTION 95. *Form of Petition.* Every petition for the Degrees shall declare the Lodge and Chapter of which the petitioner is a member, and shall state whether he has or has not been previously rejected by any Council.

SEC. 96. *Must be Signed.* No petition can be received, unless signed by the applicant in person, giving his full name, age, residence and occupation.

SEC. 97. *To be Recommended.* Each petition must be signed by two recommenders who are members of the Council to which the petition is presented.

SEC. 98. *Application for Degrees.* All applications for the Degrees in a Subordinate Council shall be made to the Council in the town or city where the applicant resides, if there be a Council therein; but if there be no Council, such application may be made to any Council in this jurisdiction.

SEC. 99. *Must be Referred.* No ballot can be had upon a petition until after it has been referred to a Committee of three members of the Council and that Committee has reported.

SEC. 100. *Cannot be Withdrawn.* When a petition has been presented to a Council, it cannot be withdrawn unless it shall appear that the Council has not jurisdiction over the petitioner.

SEC. 101. *Report not to be Recorded.* The fact of the report being made, and not its character (whether favorable or unfavorable), should be entered on the minutes.

SEC. 102. *Unfavorable Report.* An unfavorable report does not dispense with the necessity of a ballot, which must be taken in all cases.

SEC. 103. *When to be Received.* Petitions can be received or acted upon only at stated Assemblies, *unless* by written permission of the Grand Master.

SEC. 104. *When may be Renewed.* The petition of one who has been rejected cannot be renewed until the expiration of at least six months after such rejection.

SEC. 105. *Where.* It may then be received by the Council in whose jurisdiction the petitioner then resides.

SEC. 106. *Must Be Secret.* The ballot upon a petition for the Degrees or for membership must be secret.

SEC. 107. *All must Vote.* Every member present when a ballot is taken is required to vote, unless excused by the Thrice Illustrious Master before the balloting has commenced.

SEC. 108. *Examination of Ballot.* After the ballot on a petition for the Degrees has been taken and examined, according to custom, the result shall be declared by the Thrice Illustrious Master, unless only one negative vote appears, in which case he shall order the second trial of the ballot, which shall, in all cases, be final; *Provided*, that the Grand Master may in his discretion, and for good cause, grant a Dispensation authorizing another ballot at a stated meeting of the Council, to be by him designated; of which ballot all the resident members shall have notice. The same course of proceeding shall be had on ballot for affiliation, except that two negative votes shall be required to reject.

SEC. 109. *Objection.* A member of a Council in good standing, whether present when the ballot was taken or not, may object to the conferring of the Degree of Royal Master upon an elected candidate, and cannot be required to disclose his reasons therefor; if he voluntarily discloses them he does not thereby deprive himself of his individual right. When such objection is made, either in person or in writing in open Council, the Degree of Royal Master cannot be conferred; and the fact of objection and not the name of the objector shall be entered on the minutes, and shall be equivalent to a rejection by ballot.

SEC. 110. *Same.* No member of a Council, whether present when the ballot was taken or not, shall prevent or delay the conferring of the Degree of Select Master upon any Companion Royal Master by a mere objection; but every candidate once elected to receive the Degrees in any Council, and who shall have been duly advanced to the rights and honors of a Royal Master, shall be entitled to the Degree of Select Master, unless found unworthy after trial on charges duly presented.

SEC. 111. *Same.* The objector, in order to prevent or delay the conferring of the Degree of Select Master on any such elected candidate who shall have been admitted a Royal Master, shall be required to prefer written charges against him, or give notice that he will do so within one month, and such objection or charges shall be filed with the Recorder of the Council, but should such objector fail to prefer charges within the specified time the candidate shall be entitled to advancement. The said candidate shall be entitled to receive a copy of the charges so presented, and to be heard by counsel—the counsel being a Companion Select Master—in his defense at an open trial, during which trial the Council shall be open and at labor on the degree of Royal Master, but must close on that degree and open (or resume labor) on the degree of Select Master to vote on the sufficiency of the charge and specifications.

SEC. 112. *Same.* Charges against an elected candidate may be received from a visiting Companion, but shall not be considered by the Council except by a majority vote to that effect, or where, in consequence thereof, objection shall be made or charges presented by a member of the Council, and in the manner hereinbefore stated.

SEC. 113. *Same.* The charges against a Companion Royal Master may be withdrawn by consent of the Council before the commencement of the hearing thereon.

SEC. 114. *Degrees.* A Council may confer the Degrees upon a candidate elected by another Council at the request of such other Council.

ARTICLE IX.

DUES.

SECTION 115. *Remission of Dues.* The dues of any member of a Council may be remitted, in whole or in part, for inability to pay, upon proper application in person or in writing, or upon a statement of facts made by a Companion, justifying such action.

SEC. 116. *Remission of Dues cannot be Reconsidered.* A Council having, upon proper motion, remitted the dues of a member, no reconsideration at a subsequent meeting is admissible. If imposition has been practiced in obtaining the remission of dues, the Companion guilty of the imposition should be disciplined.

SEC. 117. *Dues cannot be Remitted in Advance.* A Council cannot remit the dues of a member until they have accrued.

SEC. 118. *Assessment Forbidden.* Councils shall not assess members, except in the way of dues, the amount of which shall be fixed by the By-laws.

SEC. 119. *Remission of Dues.* A Council may, for good cause, remit the dues of a Companion suspended for the non-payment thereof, and such remission shall have the same effect as payment thereof would have.

SEC. 120. *Non-Payment of Dues.* Council dues are payable when the same have accrued, that is, at the end of a period of twelve months.

Whenever a member shall fail to pay his dues at the time when the same become due and payable, as fixed by the By-laws of the Council, it shall be the duty of the Recorder to notify him of such delinquency by delivering to him, in person, a bill for such indebtedness, or by mailing the same in a sealed envelope, addressed to him at his present or last known place of residence; should the delinquent refuse or fail to pay his dues within twenty days after the issuance of such notice, it shall be the duty of the Recorder to notify the Master of such failure, who shall at the next stated Assembly of the Council order a notice to be given the delinquent by the Recorder, requiring him to appear at a specified subsequent stated Assembly, to show cause why he should not be suspended for non-payment of dues, which notice shall be in the following form:

NOTICE TO SHOW CAUSE.

HALL OF COUNCIL, No., R. & S. M.
, 18. .

Companion

You are hereby notified to appear before the Council, at its Assembly, to be held on the day of, 18...., and show cause why you should not be suspended for non-payment of dues.

By order of the Thrice Illustrious Master,

.....,
 (Seal) Recorder.

Such notice shall be served by the Recorder by delivering, or causing to be delivered by a Companion, to the delinquent, a copy of the same, ten days before the Assembly at which he is to appear; but should his residence be more than five miles from the place of the Council meeting, or be unknown, then a notice forwarded to his last known place of residence, twenty days before the date at which he is required to appear shall be sufficient.

Should the delinquent fail to appear, his dues remain unpaid, or the same not be remitted for good cause, or the time of payment extended by a majority vote of the members present, the Thrice Illustrious Master, upon proof of notice and the fact of arrearages, shall put the question: "Shall Companion be suspended for non-payment of dues?" Which shall be determined by a paper ballot, and if the majority of those present vote "yes," the Thrice Illustrious Master shall declare the Companion suspended until his dues are paid.

Payment of dues before the ballot is taken shall stop proceedings, and after suspension, shall reinstate the Companion. If paid after suspension, the Recorder shall report the same to the Council, and the fact of such payment shall be noted in the proceedings of the Council.

No Companion who shall remain in arrears three years after his suspension shall be reinstated by the payment of his dues except by a vote of a majority of the members of the Council present at the time of his application being acted upon.

SEC. 121. *Suspended may Renew.* A Companion who has stood suspended for non-payment of dues for three years or more, and whose application for reinstatement has been rejected, may renew his application at any subsequent meeting of the Council.

SEC. 122. *Committee on Petition for Reinstatement.* The Council has the right, when deemed advisable, to appoint a Committee to inquire into the character and conduct of the petitioner for reinstatement who has been suspended for three years or more for non-payment of dues.

SEC. 123. *Objection to Petition cannot be Entertained.* Neither the Thrice Illustrious Master nor the Council can refuse to entertain the petition for restoration of a Companion who has been suspended for the non-payment of dues.

ARTICLE X.

DIMITS.

SECTION 124. *Dimit.* No Council shall grant a dimit to any of its members until all dues are paid or remitted, nor to one who is under charges; nor to one who has, in his official capacity, become indebted to the Council, so long as such indebtedness remains.

SEC. 125. *How Granted.* A member of a Council shall be entitled to receive a dimit at a stated Assembly upon his written request; *Provided*, his dues shall have been paid and no charges are pending against him. And this severs the membership, whether a certificate issues or not.

ARTICLE XI.

JURISDICTION.

SECTION 126. *Violation of.* It is not lawful for a Council to confer the Degrees upon any one residing within a city or town where there is a Council, without first obtaining the permission of such Council.

SEC. 127. *Conferring Degrees by Request.* When a Council confers the Degrees at the request of another Council, it does not thereby acquire jurisdiction, and the fees belong to the requesting Council, unless it shall see fit to relinquish them.

SEC. 128. *Invasion of Territory.* If any Council in this jurisdiction shall invade the territory of a sister Council, and make a Select Master of a person residing in such jurisdiction without its consent, the invading Council shall pay to the Council whose jurisdiction is invaded, the fees received on account thereof, and be subject to such discipline as may be just and proper.

SEC. 129. *Waiver of Jurisdiction.* A Council cannot waive jurisdiction over one whose petition has been received and referred to a Committee.

SEC. 130. *Concurrent Jurisdiction.* In cities and towns where there are two or more Councils, they shall have concurrent jurisdiction over the territory therein.

SEC. 131. *Residence.* A Council cannot receive the petition of one who has no residence—no settled home.

SEC. 132. *Petitioner from Another Jurisdiction.* No Council in this Grand Jurisdiction shall receive the petition of an applicant for the Degrees, who resides in another Grand Jurisdiction, without the consent of the Grand Master and the Subordinate Council within whose jurisdiction the petitioner resides; nor can a Subordinate Council of this Grand Jurisdiction waive the jurisdiction of its material in favor of a Subordinate Council of a sister Grand Jurisdiction without the consent of the Grand Master.

ARTICLE XII.

NON-AFFILIATION.

SECTION 133. *Non-Affiliate.* A Select Master becomes a non-affiliate whenever he dimits from his Council, or ceases to be a member thereof by any means other than suspension or expulsion.

SEC. 134. *Affiliated—Petitioner Must be.* No petition for the Degrees in the Council can be received from one who is not at the time an affiliated Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason.

SEC. 135. *Qualification—By Residence.* No petition for the Degrees shall be entertained by any Council in this jurisdiction, unless the petitioner shall have resided twelve months in the State, except as provided for in Section 132.

SEC. 136. *Unaffiliated.* No Select Master, who shall voluntarily remain non-affiliated for more than twelve months, shall be permitted to visit any Council in this jurisdiction, nor shall he appear in any procession of Cryptic Masons, nor shall he be entitled to receive Masonic relief from a Council.

ARTICLE XIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SECTION 137. *Objection to Visitors.* No visitor can be admitted into any Council if a member of such Council who is present objects; *Provided*, that no objection shall be valid against the Grand Master, nor against any Grand officer visiting in an official capacity, nor against any one specially deputed by the Grand Master to visit said Council, nor against a Companion Select Master in good standing who is acting as counsel for a Companion on trial. Such objection shall not extend beyond the meeting at which it is made, and shall not be recorded.

SEC. 138. *Master may Exclude a Companion, When.* The Master has a right, and it is his duty, to exclude from the

Council a Companion who, by his perverseness or contumacy, may interfere with the proper working of the Council, or disturb its harmony.

SEC. 139. *Offenses Committed before Application.* A Companion cannot be tried for offenses committed before he applied for the Degrees. If, however, he purposely withheld from the Council or the Committee of Investigation matters that would have resulted in his rejection if known at the time of his election, then he has received the Degrees through fraud and imposition, for *which offense* he may be subjected to discipline.

SEC. 140. *Failure of Candidate to Present Himself.* A petitioner for the Degrees who fails to present himself within six months after he shall have been duly notified of his election shall forfeit his fee; *Provided*, he does not give good reasons for his failure to appear, and of the sufficiency of his reasons the majority of the members present shall judge; and *Provided further*, if the time exceed one year, the previous election shall be void, but if such candidate make satisfactory excuse to the Council, he may regularly petition again without repayment of his fee.

ARTICLE XIV.

TRIALS.

SECTION 141. *Offenses.* A Royal or Select Master may be proceeded against by trial, as hereinafter provided, for the violation of the moral and Masonic law.

SEC. 142. *Penal Jurisdiction.* A Council has penal' jurisdiction over all its members, and over all its Royal Masters, wheresoever residing, and over all Royal and Select Masters, affiliated or unaffiliated, residing or sojourning within its territorial jurisdiction.

SEC. 143. *Same.* A Council has jurisdiction to try any Royal or Select Master, affiliated or unaffiliated, for offenses committed within its territorial jurisdiction, but such Council shall notify the Council, if known, of which the accused is a member, of the pendency of the charge, and, if requested so to do, within thirty days after such notice, may, and by direction of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, shall transfer the case to such Council for trial, and the case shall there proceed as though begun in that Council. If no such request be made, then the Council first receiving the charge shall proceed with the trial.

SEC. 144. *Same.* No Council can entertain charges against the Thrice Illustrious Master of any Council during his term of office, as exclusive jurisdiction to arraign and try him, while he is Thrice Illustrious Master, belongs to the Grand Council.

SEC. 145. *Same.* After the expiration of the term of office of the Thrice Illustrious Master, he may be prosecuted for any offense committed by him while Thrice Illustrious Master, except for official misconduct.

SEC. 146. *Who may Prefer Charges.* Any Select Master in good standing may prefer charges in any Council having jurisdiction, as above stated.

SEC. 147. *Charge.* A charge must be in writing, and contain an orderly statement of the facts constituting the of-

fense. It should be brief, should avoid repetition, clearly define the offense, and contain an accurate statement of the time, place and circumstances of its commission. For convenience, such writing (including the specifications) is designated in these laws as a charge.

SEC. 148. *Form of.* A charge may be substantially in the following form; more than one specification may be embraced in one charge:

To the Thrice Illustrious Master, Officers and members ofCouncil, No...., R. & S. Masons.:—

I hereby charge Comp., a member of Council, No., R. & S. Master, (or Royal Master, or non-affiliate, or an R. & S. Master whose Council membership is unknown to me), with un-Masonic conduct, as follows:

Specification. That said Companion, on or about the day of, 18...., at the town (or city) of, in.....county, did (set out the facts constituting the offense, as, without just cause, wrongfully strike Companion, etc.), in violation of his duty as a Select Master, and to the scandal and disgrace of the Fraternity.

If either of the offenses be a continuing one, as habitual drunkenness, say,—

Specification. That the said Companion, on or about the day of, at the town of, incounty, and on other days and times, did become and was intoxicated in violation of his duty as a Select Master, and to the scandal and disgrace of the Fraternity.

And I declare upon my honor as a Select Master, that I make this charge for the general good of Masonry and in defense of the interests of the Fraternity.

.....18—
Fraternally submitted,
A.....B.....

The following are witnesses in the case:

.....
This must be signed by the Companion who prefers the charge.

SEC. 149. *By whom Prosecuted.* The accuser shall either conduct the prosecution or cause it to be done by a Select Master in good standing.

SEC. 150. *When Presented.* The charge must be presented in open Council, at a stated meeting, and entered in full upon the records, which must show the disposition made of it.

SEC. 151. *What Charge Not Entertained.* No Council shall entertain a charge against a member for the purpose of adjusting mere legal rights, pecuniary or otherwise, unless such charge specifies fraud on the part of the alleged offender, or involves *moral* turpitude.

SEC. 152. *Time and Notice of Trial.* When a charge is thus preferred, the Thrice Illustrious Master shall appoint the time of trial, and shall cause the accused to be notified as hereinafter provided; and he shall cause all members residing in the territorial jurisdiction of the Council to be notified of the time of trial.

SEC. 153. *Same.* Such notice shall be either printed or written, and signed by the Recorder, and shall be substantially as follows:

To Comp.: You are hereby notified that, at a stated meeting of Council, No., R. & S. Masters, of Missouri, held on, 18.., a charge of un-Masonic conduct was preferred against you, a true copy of which is hereto annexed; and you are required to answer the same within ten days from the date of service of this notice, by placing on file with the Recorder of said Council, any objections you may have to the sufficiency of such charge, or if you have no objections thereto, then you will plead to the allegations thereof, with one of the following pleas: (1) That you are guilty of the offense charged. (2) That you are not guilty of the offense charged. And you are further notified that at a meeting of said Council, to be held on, 18.., commencing at o'clock, a trial of said charge will be had. You are further notified to appear in person, or by any Royal and Select Master in good standing, as counsel for you, or by your written communication, and defend such charge, if you so desire.

.!, Recorder.

SEC. 154. *Service.* The Recorder shall make a copy of such notice, and deliver, or cause to be delivered, by a Royal and Select Master, a copy of such notice and a copy of such charge, to the accused, at least fifteen days before the time appointed for the trial.

SEC. 155. *Same.* If the residence of the accused be not within the territorial jurisdiction of said Council, then the Recorder shall cause an attested copy of said notice and charge to be deposited in the mail, at least twenty days before the time appointed for the trial, addressed to the accused at his actual (or last known) place of residence, which shall be good service of such notice.

SEC. 156. *Proof of Service.* The proof of service of such notice shall be as follows: By endorsing on the back of said notice, one of the following certificates, as may state the facts:

“I hereby certify that I did, on, 18 . . . , deliver to Comp., a true copy of the within notice, together with a copy of the charge therein referred to.

(Signed) A B, Recorder, or
A Royal and Select Master.”

Or:

“I hereby certify that on, 18 . . . , I deposited in the Post Office at, a true copy of the within notice, together with a copy of the charge therein referred to, addressed to Comp., at, his actual (or last known) place of residence.

(Signed) A B, Recorder, or
A Royal and Select Master.”

SEC. 157. *Trial without Service.* If the residence of the accused be unknown, the trial may be had without service of notice.

SEC. 158. *Appearance.* The accused may answer such charge within the time specified in the notice, by his written communication, or that of his counsel, who shall be a Royal and Select Master in good standing, in which he may present

his plea to the charge, which shall be either objection to the sufficiency of the charge, plea of guilty or not guilty, and any matter in explanation or extenuation of the offense charged.

SEC. 159. *Plea.* A plea to the charge is a statement in writing, signed by the accused, or by his counsel, in one of the following forms:

“Now comes the accused and says that, admitting the statements of the charge and specifications to be true, they do not constitute a Masonic offense;” or “Now comes the accused and says that he is guilty as charged,” or “Now comes the accused and says he is not guilty, as stated in the charge and specifications.”

SEC. 160. *Plea of Guilty.* If a plea of guilty be entered, no trial shall be necessary, but the Council at the time appointed for the trial shall inflict punishment, and may hear evidence to determine the nature thereof.

SEC. 161. *Sufficiency of Charge.* If the plea be that the facts in the charge and specifications, if true, do not constitute a Masonic offense, the question shall be determined by the Thrice Illustrious Master.

SEC. 162. *Trial.* If a plea of not guilty be entered the trial shall proceed at the time fixed in the notice, unless continued to a later date for cause.

SEC. 163. *Evidence.* The testimony of all resident Royal and Select Masters who can attend the Council shall be given orally in open Council at the trial.

SEC. 164. *Evidence.* The Thrice Illustrious Master shall, upon the request of the accuser or of the accused, appoint a committee of three Royal and Select Masters, who are impartial and not interested in the result of said trial, whose duty it shall be to take the testimony of profanes, and also of all Royal and Select Masters residing within the territorial jurisdiction of the Council, who are unable, by reason of physical disability or otherwise, to attend the Council.

SEC. 165. *Same.* The Thrice Illustrious Master may appoint the same or another committee or committees to take the testimony of profanes or of Royal and Select Masters residing without the jurisdiction of the Council.

SEC. 166. *Notice of Taking Same.* The persons so appointed to take evidence shall give reasonable notice to the accused and the accuser, or their counsel, respectively, if known, when and where such testimony will be taken by them.

SEC. 167. *How Taken.* The testimony of Royal and Select Masters shall be upon their Masonic honor, written down and subscribed by them. The testimony of all others shall be written, subscribed and sworn to before any civil officer authorized to administer oaths.

SEC. 168. *Witnesses.* The witnesses in all trials, whether Royal and Select Masters or not, shall be persons who have the use of their reason, and such religious belief as to feel the obligation of an oath.

SEC. 169. *Same.* In the trial of any Royal and Select Master the accused may testify in his own behalf, and shall be subject to cross-examination the same as other witnesses.

SEC. 170. *Wife as a Witness.* The wife of the accused shall be a competent witness either for or against him.

SEC. 171. *Record Evidence.* The record of a court of competent jurisdiction, duly certified, showing indictment, arraignment, conviction and sentence of the accused, according to forms of law, for the same offense for which he is being tried by the Council is legal and competent evidence against the accused, and should be admitted at the trial.

SEC. 172. *Same.* Where the pleadings in a civil suit, to which a Royal and Select Master is a party, and in which he has the right as well as the opportunity to appear, present the sole issue as to his guilt or innocence of a crime, the judgment or decree therein is competent evidence in a trial in a Council for the same offense.

SEC. 173. *Summons.* The Thrice Illustrious Master may, at the request of either the accused or the accuser, order a summons to issue to any Royal and Select Master residing within the jurisdiction of the Council, to attend at the time set for the trial, for the purpose of giving evidence in the case.

SEC. 174. *Trials.* Both the accused and the accuser shall have the right to be present in person, or by counsel, during the trial.

SEC. 175. *Argument.* After the hearing of the testimony, the accuser and the accused, or their respective counsel, shall be heard in argument, if they so desire, provided that the Council may limit the time of such argument.

SEC. 176. *Accused and Accuser Must Retire.* After the trial is concluded, the accused and the accuser shall retire; *Provided*, that if the charge has been presented by an officer or member of the Council, by order of the Council or of the Thrice Illustrious Master, the accuser shall not be required to retire.

SEC. 177. *Voting.* The Thrice Illustrious Master shall submit to the Council the question on each specification consecutively, "Is the accused guilty or not guilty of the offense in specification No. . . . ?" Each member shall deposit his ballot with the words written thereon, "guilty," or "not guilty," as he may decide, and unless two-thirds of the ballots so cast shall be "guilty," the accused shall be declared not guilty of the offense in such specification. No vote shall be taken on the charge.

SEC. 178. *Punishment.* If the verdict be "guilty," on either or all of the specifications, the Council must impose the punishment, either by expulsion, or by suspension for a stated time, to be determined by a majority vote, by ballot, or by reprimand as hereinafter stated. The Thrice Illustrious Master or presiding officer shall put the question first on expulsion. If a majority present vote for expulsion, then the accused shall stand expelled; but if less than a majority present vote for expulsion, then the question shall be on suspension; if a majority present vote for suspension, then the time shall

be determined by beginning with the longest time proposed; and so on down until some time shall be adopted; if less than a majority of those present vote for suspension, then a reprimand shall be administered in open Council by the Thrice Illustrious Master, or by some Companion designated by him.

SEC. 179. *Visitors.* No Royal and Select Master, other than counsel and witnesses, shall be admitted as visitors to a Council during trial, except by consent of the Council.

SEC. 180. *Change of Venue.* No change of venue shall be granted to any other Council.

SEC. 181. *Who may Take Appeals.* The accused, or any member of the Council feeling aggrieved by the decision of the Council upon the trial of any Companion, may take an appeal from the judgment and decision of the Council to the Grand Council.

SEC. 182. *Appeals, How Taken.* Appeals must be in writing, and may be in the following form:

....., Mo.,18..

To the Thrice Illustrious Master, Officers and Companions of
.... Council, No., R. & S. Masters:

COMPANION—I,, a Royal and Select Master, and a member of Council, No., do declare upon my honor as a Royal and Select Master that I feel materially aggrieved by your decision in the case of; and for a rehearing of the case, and to the end that justice may be done in the matter, do take an appeal to the Most Illustrious Grand Council for the following reasons:

First,

Second,

....., Appellant.

SEC. 183. *Time for Appeal.* Such appeal shall be filed with the Recorder of the Council within sixty days after the trial and judgment, and not afterwards.

SEC. 184. *Notice of Appeal.* The appellant shall, at the time he files said appeal with the Recorder, give notice in writing to the opposite party, that he has appealed to the

Grand Council, which notice shall be served as other notices, and the notice, with the return of service endorsed thereon, shall be filed with the Recorder. The said notice shall be substantially in the following form :

To :

You are hereby notified that I have taken an appeal to the Grand Council of Missouri, from the decision and judgment of Council, No. , R. & S. Masters, rendered on , 18. . , in the matter of the charge against me (or against Comp.) by Comp. , and which was heard and tried at said date.

. , Appellant.

SEC. 185. *Perfecting and Transmitting Record.* The Recorder shall endorse on such appeal and notice the day of their filing in his office, and if the appeal was filed with him within sixty days after the judgment was rendered, and notice thereof was served, as provided in the last section, then the Recorder shall immediately make out and send to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council a true copy of all record entries in said cause, and of the charge and specifications, together with all the evidence in the case and then the appeal notice thereof, served on the opposite party; *provided*, that both parties to said cause shall have the privilege of examining and noting objections to said transcript, before the same is sent up.

SEC. 186. *Objections to Transcript.* If said parties shall fail or refuse to examine said transcript and note the errors in it before it is sent up, they shall not be allowed to object to its correctness after it reaches the Grand Council.

SEC. 187. *Appeal in Grand Council.* On receipt of the transcript, evidence, appeal and notice by the Grand Recorder, the Grand Council shall be possessed of the case, and shall determine the same on the record and evidence so transmitted.

SEC. 188. *Judgment of Grand Council.* The judgment of the Grand Council shall be either that the judgment below be affirmed, or that it be reversed, and the cause be remanded

for a new trial, or that it be reversed and the cause dismissed, or the Grand Council may disregard the proceedings of the Council and pronounce judgment upon the record and evidence sent up.

SEC. 189. *Effect of Grand Council Judgment.* If the accused has been expelled or suspended by the Council, and its judgment is reversed and the cause dismissed by the Grand Council, he will thereby be restored to whatever Council standing and membership he held when the charge was preferred against him; if the judgment be reversed and the cause be remanded for a new trial, and such new trial result in his acquittal, he is thereby restored to his former Council membership and standing.

SEC. 190. *Status of the Accused Pending Appeal.* If the accused was acquitted by the Council, his *status*, pending the appeal in the Grand Council, is that of a member with charges pending against him; if he was suspended or expelled by the Council, he shall so remain until the suspension or expulsion shall be removed by the Grand Council, when he shall be restored to his former Council membership.

SEC. 191. *Promulgation of Judgments.* The printed Proceedings of the Grand Council are the official announcements of its judgments, and when they show that a new trial has been ordered, or other proceedings had in any case, it is the duty of the Council to act accordingly.

SEC. 192. *Restoration.* A suspended or expelled Royal and Select Master wishing to be restored, should petition the Council which suspended or expelled him. His petition should be presented at a stated meeting of such Council, and lie over to the next stated meeting thereof, but need not be referred to a committee, and the members of such Council should be notified that said petition had been presented and would be acted on at the next stated meeting of the Council; at such meeting the vote should be taken by ballot, and if it be unanimous for restoration, he shall be restored to his original Council membership and standing, or, if he has been suspended, a two-thirds vote for restoration shall restore him to

his former Council membership; but if he be an expelled Royal and Select Master, and fails to receive an unanimous vote, but receives a two-thirds vote for restoration, he shall thereby be restored to good Masonic standing, but not to Council membership. If he receives less than a two-thirds vote for restoration, he may then petition the Grand Council to be restored, setting out in his petition the fact that he had applied to, and been rejected by the Council.

SEC. 193. *Same.* If the Council in which the original proceedings were had be not in existence, then he may petition the Grand Council, originally, but should accompany his petition with a recommendation from the Council in whose jurisdiction he resides.

SEC. 194. *Same.* Petition for restoration to the Grand Council, originally, can only be made when the judgment was inflicted by the Grand Council, except when the Council is not in existence, as provided in the preceding section.

SEC. 195. *Charges Against the Master of a Council.* Whenever a charge shall be presented to the Most Illustrious Grand Master in vacation, against the Thrice Illustrious Master of a Council, charging him with official misconduct, or with un-Masonic or immoral conduct, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, on receipt of the same, shall cause a true copy to be served on the accused; and if, after investigation, he believe the charge to be without sufficient foundation, he shall report accordingly to the next Grand Council; but if the Grand Master believe the charge to be well founded, he shall forthwith suspend the accused from office, and notify him to appear before the Grand Council at its next Annual Assembly, to answer to the charge presented against him.

ARTICLE XV.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION. 196. *How Made.* Any additional section not conflicting with these By-laws, or any proposition to repeal or alter any of the foregoing By-laws, shall be presented in writing at an Annual Assembly, and, if adopted by a two-thirds vote, taken by Councils and individual members, shall become a part of these By-laws.

SEC. 197. *By Revision.* If, at any session of the Grand Council, it may be deemed necessary to revise these By-laws, a committee shall be appointed for that purpose, who shall report at the next Annual Assembly, when such Revised Code may be adopted, amended or rejected, as the Grand Council may, in its wisdom, determine.

SEC. 198. *Repeal.* All Laws or parts of Laws heretofore enacted in conflict or inconsistent with any Law embodied in this Code are hereby repealed.

CEREMONIES.

INSTALLATION OF THE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL.

At the time appointed for the installation, the chair must be taken by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, or, in his absence, some Past Grand Master present, who will appoint some suitable Companion to act as Grand Marshal for the occasion. The Grand Marshal then introduces the Grand Master elect to the Installing Officer, saying—

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS: I here present for installation, Companion ———— who, has been duly elected Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Missouri.

The Installing Officer then administers to him the following obligation, all the companions standing:—

I, ————, do solemnly promise that I will serve as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Missouri, for the term for which I have been elected, and will perform all the duties appertaining to that office to the best of my ability, and that I will support and maintain the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Missouri.

The Installing Officer will then deliver the following

CHARGE.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS: By the voice of your companions you have been chosen to occupy the most honorable office in their power to bestow, and to me has been entrusted the pleasing duty of investing you with its insignia.

The Installing Officer will then cause the Grand Master to be invested with the insignia of his office, after which he will continue as follows:—

I do not doubt that you will watch with fidelity and judgment the conduct of the subordinate bodies within your jurisdiction; and while tempering justice with mercy will require from every member a due obedience to the rules and regulations

of our institution. May He, without whose approbation all our labors are in vain, give strength to your endeavors and support to your exertions.

You will now assume your appropriate station.

The other officers, elected and appointed, are then presented in a body to the Installing Officer, who administers to them the following obligation:—

I (each speaking his name), do solemnly promise that I will faithfully perform all the duties of the office to which I have been chosen, to the best of my ability, and that I will support and maintain the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Missouri.

Each officer, as soon as he is installed, will assume his appropriate station in the Grand Council.

CHARGE TO THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION: The important station to which you have been elected requires from you exemplary conduct, and its duties demand your most assiduous attention. In the absence of the Most Illustrious Grand Master you are to preside; in his presence you are to strengthen and support his authority by your counsel and advice.

Let the bright example of the illustrious monarch of Tyre, who, by his power and wealth, gave strength to the labors of King Solomon, stimulate you to the faithful discharge of your duties; and when the King of kings shall summon you to his immediate presence from His hands may you receive a crown of glory that shall never fade.

CHARGE OF THE GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK.

RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION: The office to which you have been elected is one of great importance. In the absence of your superior officers it is your prerogative to succeed them, and to perform their duties; you will therefore perceive the necessity there is of your possessing such qualifications as will enable you to accomplish those duties which are incumbent upon you in your appropriate station,

as well as those which may occasionally devolve upon you by the absence of your superiors.

Remember the example of that illustrious artist at Jerusalem, who was ever ready, as a mediator, to cause justice to be tempered with mercy, and to preserve peace and order among the Craft. Let it remind you that the harmony and unanimity of the Order should be your constant aim; and as the glorious sun at its meridian height dispels the mists and clouds which obscure the horizon, so may your exertions tend to dissipate the clouds of jealousy and discord whensoever they may appear.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND TREASURER.

RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION: You have been elected to the responsible office of Grand Treasurer, and I now invest you with the badge of your office.

It is your duty to receive all moneys from the hands of the Grand Recorder, make due entries of the same, and pay them out by order of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, with the consent and approbation of the Grand Council. The office to which you have been elected embraces an important trust, and the choice of you by your Companions is an evidence of the high opinion they entertain of your fidelity and discretion.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND RECORDER.

RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION: You have been elected to the important office of Grand Recorder, and I now invest you with the jewel of your office.

It is your duty to receive all moneys due the Grand Council and pay them over to the Grand Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same; to observe the proceedings of the Grand Council, and to make a true record of all things proper to be written. You are also the official organ of the Grand Council, and in that capacity will conduct its various correspondence, and act as the medium of intercourse between the fraternity and their presiding officer. In the discharge of these extensive duties, let your carriage and behavior be marked with that promptitude and discretion

that will at once reflect credit on yourself and honor on the body whom you represent.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION: You have been chosen Grand Captain of the Guard, and I invest you with the jewel of your office. Guard well your post, and suffer none to pass it but the select, the faithful and the worthy. Be ever attentive to the commands of your Chief and prompt to see them duly executed. I present you with this sword as the appropriate implement of your office.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION: You have been chosen Grand Conductor of the Council, and I now invest you with the jewel of your office.

Be fervent and zealous in the discharge of your duties; let justice and mercy mark your conduct, and predominate in your character through life.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND CHAPLAIN.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION: The position of Grand Chaplain has been intrusted to your care, and I now invest you with the jewel of your office.

In the discharge of your duties you will be required to lead the devotional exercises of our annual assemblies, and to perform the sacred functions of your holy calling at our public ceremonies. I do not doubt that you will discharge the duties of your present appointment with steadfastness and perseverance in well doing.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND MARSHAL.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION: You have been chosen Grand Marshal, and I now invest you with the jewel of your office, and present you with this baton, as the ensign of your authority.

It is your duty to arrange all the processions of the Grand Council, and to preserve order according to the forms prescribed. Skill and precision are essentially necessary to the faithful discharge of these duties.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND STEWARD.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION: You have been chosen Grand Steward of the Grand Council, and I now invest you with the jewel of your office.

In the discharge of your duties, your station is near the door, where you will receive all reports from the Grand Sentinel, and announce the name and Masonic rank of all who desire admission. You will see that none enter except such as are duly qualified.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND SENTINEL.

COMPANION: You have been appointed Grand Sentinel, and I now invest you with the jewel of your office, and place this sword in your hands, the more effectually to enable you to repel the approach of intruders, and to guard against surprise.

It is your duty to guard the door of the Grand Council, on the outside; to report to the Grand Steward those who desire to be admitted; to place the council chamber in order for assemblies, and to attend to such other duties as may be required of you by the Grand Council. Your early and punctual attendance is essentially necessary.

The Acting Grand Marshal then makes proclamation as follows:

By authority of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Missouri, I proclaim that the Grand Officers have been installed in ample form.

This concludes the ceremony of Installation of the Officers of the Grand Council.

INSTITUTING A COUNCIL UNDER DISPENSATION.

The time having arrived for the ceremony, the Most Ill. Grand Master, or his duly appointed Deputy, (who must be a Past Thrice Ill. Master) assumes the chair, and fills the stations with proper officers, opens the council in the degree of Select Master, and reads the letter of Dispensation.

He then causes the three principal officers named in the Dispensation to assume their stations, and delivers to them and the other officers appropriate charges and instructions. The subordinate officers U. D. are appointed by the Thrice Ill. Master. Officers of Councils U. D. are not installed.

The following is the form to be used when officers of a Council U. D. are assigned to their stations.

CHARGE TO THE THRICE ILL. MASTER.

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER: The superintendence and government of the Companions who are to compose this Council while under Dispensation having been committed to your care, you cannot be insensible of the obligations which devolve on you as their head; nor of your responsibility for the faithful discharge of the important duties appertaining to your appointment. Conduct the affairs of the Council wisely and well, so that the Grand Council may approve your work, and perpetuate your organization by granting you a Charter in due time.

THE DEPUTY MASTER.

COMPANION ———: You have been appointed Deputy Master of this Council while under Dispensation, and will now assume the duties of your station. It will be your duty to aid and support your Chief in all the requirements of his office. In his absence you are to preside and perform his duties.

THE PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK.

COMPANION ———: You have been appointed Principal Conductor of the work of this Council while under dispensation and will now assume the duties of your station. In the absence of both of your superior officers, it will be your duty to preside over the Council.

THE TREASURER.

COMPANION ———, having been appointed Treasurer of this Council, you will now enter upon the discharge of your duties. These you will perform with fidelity and care, thus proving your devotion to our Order.

THE RECORDER.

COMPANION ———, you have been appointed Recorder of this Council, and are now assigned to your office. Your duties are important, requiring promptness, accuracy and fidelity. Let your record and your conduct command the approval and merit the confidence of your Companions.

THE CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD.

COMPANION ———, you have been appointed Captain of the Guard, and will now assume the duties of your station. Guard well your post, and suffer none to pass it but the select, the worthy and faithful. Be ever attentive to the commands of Chief, and prompt to see them duly executed.

THE CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL.

COMPANION ———, you have been appointed Conductor of the Council, and will now assume the duties of your station. Be fervent and zealous in the discharge of your duties; let justice and mercy mark your conduct, and predominate in your character through life.

THE STEWARD.

COMPANION ———, you have been appointed Steward of this Council, and will now assume the duties of your station. You will see that none enter except such as are duly qualified.

THE SENTINEL.

COMPANION ———, you have been appointed Sentinel of this Council, and will now assume the duties of your station. Be attentive, vigilant and faithful.

The presiding officer may conclude with such personal instructions and advice as he deems proper, and then he proclaims the Council duly instituted and regularly at work, as follows:

In the name and by the authority of the Most Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Missouri, I declare this Council duly instituted under Dispensation, and regularly at work, with the Officers in their proper station.

Handing the Thrice Ill. Master the Dispensation and the gavel, he takes his seat beside the Master, and the Council proceeds with its regular business.

CONSTITUTING A COUNCIL UNDER CHARTER.

The Grand Master or his duly appointed proxy assumes the chair and fills the various stations with suitable companions who may be present, and opens the Council on the degree of Select Master. He then explains the object of the assembly and causes to be read the Charter under which the new Council is to be constituted. An ode may be sung or appropriate music rendered. Then the Chaplain shall offer the following or some other suitable prayer:

Most holy and glorious Lord God, the Grand Architect of the Universe, thou who governest the world in the secrecy and silence of thine omniscient counsels, and who showest mercy unto all who trust in thy holy and ineffable name; we invoke thy benediction upon the purposes of our present assembly. May this Council be established to thy honor, and consecrated to thy glory; may its officers be endowed with wisdom to discern and fidelity to pursue its true interests, and may its members, remembering that they have been chosen as a select band to preserve for the Craft that Divine Truth which is the Foundation Stone of all Masonry, be ever mindful of the duty which they owe to thee, the Eternal Builder, the obedience

they owe their superiors, the love they owe to their equals, and the good-will they owe to all mankind. Amen.

Response. So mote it be.

The constituting officer then causes the members of the new Council to be formed in line West of the Altar, facing the East. He then rises and constitutes the new Council in the following form, all the Companions standing:

In the name and by the authority of the Most Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Missouri, I do now form and constitute you my worthy Companions, into a regular Council of Royal and Select Masters by the name of ————— Council No. ———; Henceforth you and your successors are authorized and empowered to open and hold said Council, and to do and perform all such things as may appertain thereunto; conforming in all your doings to the Constitution, By-Laws and General Regulations of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Missouri, and may the God of our fathers be with you to guide and direct you in all your doings. Amen.

Response: So mote it be.

The following Dedicatory Declaration shall then be pronounced by the Grand Master.

To our Ancient and Most Illustrious Grand Master Solomon, King of Israel, we solemnly dedicate this Council; May the blessing of Him who presides in the Grand Council above, descend and rest upon its members and may He so direct their labors that His name may be magnified, now and forever. Amen.

Response: So mote it be.

(These ceremonies may be interspersed with suitable music.) The Constituting officer then causes an election to be held for the officers of the New Council. He then appoints some suitable Companion to act as Marshal and preceeds to install the newly elected and appointed officers.

An oration may here be delivered or appropriate addresses may be made by the Grand Master and other Companions.

The new Council will now proceed with its regular business, and after all business is transacted the Council should be closed in due form.

INSTALLATION OF THE OFFICERS OF A CHARTERED COUNCIL.

At the time appointed for the Installation, the Council being open in the degree of Select Master, the Thrice Illustrious Master (or a Past Master acting), will appoint some suitable companion to act as Marshal. The Marshal will then present the Thrice Illustrious Master-elect to the Installing Officer, saying—

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS: I here present for installation, Companion ———, who has been duly elected to serve this Council as Thrice Illustrious Master for the ensuing year.

The Installing Officer then addresses him as follows—

COMPANION ———: I feel much satisfaction in installing you into the office of Thrice Illustrious Master of this Council. It is a station highly honorable to all those who diligently perform the important duties connected therewith. But before investing you with the appropriate insignia of your office, I shall propose certain questions, to which I must require your unequivocal answers:—

1. Do you solemnly promise that you will use your utmost endeavors to correct the vices, purify the morals and promote the happiness of your companions?

2. That you will never suffer your Council to be opened unless there be present nine Select Masters?

3. That you will not suffer any person to pass the circle in your Council in whose integrity, fervency and zeal you have not entire confidence?

4. That you will not acknowledge or hold intercourse with any Council that does not work under some regular and constitutional authority?

5. That you will admit no visitor into your Council who has not been regularly and lawfully invested with the Council degrees?

6. That you will faithfully observe the By-Laws of your Council, and the Constitution and general regulations of the Grand Council?

7. That in the government of your Council you will administer justice tempered with mercy?

8. That you will pay due respect and obedience to the Grand Officers when duly installed, and sustain them in the discharge of their duties?

Do you submit to all these requirements, and do you promise to observe them faithfully?

Thrice Illustrious Master-elect answers in the affirmative.

INSTALLING OFFICER.—Your answer is satisfactory; but before proceeding further in your installation, it is necessary that I should administer to you the obligation of office.

The Installing Officer then administers the following obligation.

I —— do solemnly promise that I will serve as Thrice Illustrious Master of this Council for the term for which I have been elected, and that I will perform all the duties appertaining to that office to the best of my ability.

CHARGE TO THE THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER.

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER: With entire confidence in the rectitude of your intentions, and in the integrity of your character as a Select Master, you are now invested with the appropriate badge of your office.

Having been elevated by the voice of your Companions to the highest station in their gift, you are now to assume the functions of that office. It is your duty to set an example of diligence, industry and fidelity; to see that the officers associated with you faithfully perform their respective duties; and that the interests and reputation of your Council are not endangered by imprudence or neglect. The important trust committed to your care will call for your best exertions, and the exercise of your best faculties. As the representative of Solomon, king of Israel, it will be your duty to recite the secret traditions, illustrate the moral principles of our Order, cherish the worthy, and hold in due veneration the ancient landmarks.

By a frequent recurrence to the By-Laws of your Council, and the general regulations of the fraternity, together with

a constant study of the legends and symbols of the Order, as explained in the history and lectures of the several degrees, you will be enabled to fulfill the important obligations resting upon you, with honor to yourself and advantage to the Craft. And may He, without whose approbation all our labors are in vain, give wisdom to your counsels and strength to your exertions. You will now assume your appropriate station.

The remaining officers are then presented in a body by the Marshal and the Installing Officer administers the following obligation:

I (each speaking his name) do solemnly promise that I will faithfully perform all the duties of the office to which I have been chosen to the best of my ability.

Each officer, as soon as he is installed, will assume his appropriate station in the Council.

CHARGE TO DEPUTY MASTER.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION: You have been elected to the second office in this Council, and you are now invested with the appropriate badge of your office.

The duties of the important office to which your companions have elevated you will require your constant and earnest attention. You are to occupy the second seat in the Council; and it will be your duty to aid and support your Chief in all the requirements of his office. In his absence you are to preside and perform his duties.

Although the representative of a king, and therefore elevated in rank above your companions, you should never forget that in all the duties which you owe to God, your neighbor and yourself, you and they stand upon the same level of equality. Let the bright example of your illustrious predecessor in the Grand Council at Jerusalem stimulate you to the faithful performance of every duty; and when the King of kings shall summon you into his immediate presence, from his hand may you receive a crown of glory which shall never fade.

CHARGE TO THE PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION. As the third officer of this Council, you are invested with the appropriate badge of your office.

It is your duty to sound the silver trumpet at early dawn and eve of day, when the sun's first and last rays gild the mountain tops, to announce high twelve, and proclaim the time of labor and of rest.

In the absence of both your superior officers you will be called upon to preside; and as the interests of the Council should never be permitted to suffer through a want of intelligence in its officers, you will allow me to urge upon you the necessity of being always prepared and qualified to meet such an emergency.

Having being admitted to the fellowship of kings, you will be appropriately reminded that the office of Mediator is one of great responsibility as well as honor. Let it therefore be your constant care to preserve harmony and unanimity of sentiment among the members of your Council. Discountenance whatever may tend to create division and dissension among the Companions; and as the glorious sun, when at its meridian height, dispels the mists and clouds that obscure the horizon, so may your exertions tend to dissipate the mists of jealousy and discord, should they ever unfortunately arise in your Council.

CHARGE TO THE TREASURER.

COMPANION: You have been elected Treasurer of this Council, and I with pleasure invest you with the badge of your office. Your interest in this Council, your attachment to the Craft, and your known integrity of character, are a sufficient guaranty that the duties of your office will be faithfully performed.

CHARGE TO THE RECORDER.

COMPANION: You have been elected Recorder of this Council, and I with pleasure invest you with the badge of your office. The possession of the requisite qualities has designated

you as a suitable Companion for this office; and I do not doubt that you will discharge its duties with fidelity and diligence. And when you shall have completed the record of your transactions here below, and finished the term of your probation, may you be admitted into the Grand Council above, and find your name recorded in the book of life eternal.

CHARGE TO THE CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD.

COMPANION: Having been chosen Captain of the Guard, I present you with the badge and appropriate implement of your office. Guard well your post, and suffer none to pass it but the select, the worthy and the faithful. Be ever attentive to the commands of your Chief, and prompt to see them duly executed.

CHARGE TO THE CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL.

COMPANION: You have been chosen Conductor of the Council, and I invest you with the badge of your office. Be fervent and zealous in the discharge of your duties; let justice and mercy mark your conduct, and predominate in your character through life.

CHARGE TO THE STEWARD.

COMPANION: You have been chosen Steward of this Council, and I invest you with the badge of your office. In the discharge of your duties, your station is near the door, where you will receive all reports from the Sentinel, and announce the name and Masonic rank of all who desire admission. You will see that none enter except such as are duly qualified.

CHARGE TO THE SENTINEL.

COMPANION: You are appointed Sentinel of this Council, and are invested with the badge and this implement of your office. As the sword is placed in the hands of the Sentinel to enable him to guard the sanctuary and entrance to the secret passage with sleepless vigilance against intruders, so it should morally serve as a constant admonition to us to set a guard at the entrance to our thoughts, to place a watch at the door of our lips, to post a sentinel at the avenue of our actions;

thereby excluding every unworthy thought, word and deed; and enabling us to preserve consciences void of offense towards God and man.

CHARGE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

COMPANIONS: From the nature of the constitution of every society, some must rule and others obey. And while justice and moderation are required of the officers in the discharge of their official duties, subordination and respect for their rulers are equally demanded of the members. The relation is reciprocal. The interests of both are inseparable; and without mutual co-operation, the labors of neither can succeed. A house divided against itself cannot stand. Let, therefore, brotherly love prevail among you; let each be emulous of the others in all good works, in promoting peace and unity, and in striving to see who can best rule and best obey. Let the avenues to your passions be strictly guarded; let no curious intruder find his way into the secret recesses of your retirement, to disturb the harmony which should ever prevail among the select and chosen.

The Marshal will then make the following proclamation:—

In the name of the most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Missouri, I hereby proclaim the officers of ——— Council, No. ——— to be duly installed.

This concludes the Ceremony of Installation of the Officers of a Chartered Council.

FORMS.

PETITION FOR DEGREES.

*To the Thrice Illustrious Master, Officers and Companions of
Council, No., of Royal and Select Masters:*

The undersigned represents that having regularly received the several Degrees from Entered Apprentice to that of Royal Arch Mason inclusive, in legally constituted Masonic Bodies, and being desirous of making further progress in Masonry, hereby offers himself as a candidate for the degrees conferred in your Council, and promises, if admitted, to conform to all requirements, and that he is a member of Lodge, No....., located at, and a member of Chapter, No....., located at, in good standing. The petitioner further represents he has been rejected by any Council of Royal and Select Masters.

His place of residence is, his business address is, his age is years, occupation.....

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(Name in full.)

Date.....18 ,

Recommended by Companions:

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PETITION FOR AFFILIATION.

*To the Thrice Illustrious Master, Officers and Companions of
Council, No., of Royal and Select Masters:*

The undersigned, a Royal and Select Master, formerly a member of Council, No....., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council offraternally prays to be admitted as a member of your Council, and if elected promises obedience to the By-Laws and Rules thereof.

His age is years, his occupation is that of a
his residence is

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(Name in full.)

Date18.....

Recommended by Companions:

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FORM OF PETITION FOR DISPENSATION TO FORM A NEW COUNCIL.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master or Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Missouri:

The undersigned, respectfully represent that they are desirous of organizing a Council of Royal and Select Masters in the town or city of——, county of——, State of Missouri, to be named,—— and that we are Royal and Select Masters in good standing, and members of the Councils set oposite our respective names, with our certificates of good standing accompanying, and that we promise, should a dispensation be granted us, that we will adhere to the rules and regulations of the Grand Council.

We recommend Comp.....as Th. Ill. Master, Comp
.....as Deputy Ill. Master, and Comp.....as P. C. Work.

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[HERE MAY FOLLOW ADDITIONAL SIGNATURES:]

NOTE.—The name of the Council, and of the first three officers, may be determined upon when the Council is set to work, or may be put in the petition.

The accompanying form of recommendation can be detached and sent to the nearest Council for recommendation.

FORM OF RECOMMENDATION.

HALL OF COUNCIL No }
, 18....., }

This is to certify, that at a stated assembly of this Council held on the day of 18....., the petition of Companions for a dispensation to form a new Council at the town or city of county of was duly considered, and upon motion the same is hereby recommended to the favorable consideration of the Grand Council.

[SEAL.]

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Recorder.

FORM FOR DIMIT.

TO ALL THE REGULAR ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS THROUGHOUT
 THE WORLD.

To Whom these Presents may come—Greeting:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY,

That our well-beloved Companion, whose name appears in the margin, was a member of Council, No, holden under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of Missouri, that he is clear of charges on the Books of the same; and having been a worthy member in good standing, and being desirous of a DIMIT, know ye that the same has been this day granted.

Given under our hand, and the seal of the Council attached thereto, this day of, A. D. 18....., and A. Dep. 28.....

[SEAL.]

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T. Ill. Master.

Attest:

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Recorder.

CERTIFICATE IN LIEU OF DIMIT.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of Missouri:

This is to certify that Companion is a member of Council No....., in good standing, and is clear on the books of this Council, having paid his dues to day of 18..... . He being desirous of assisting in the formation of a new Council at in the county of, this certificate is granted in lieu of a dimit to enable him to join in a petition for the above mentioned purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Council this day of A. D. 18....,

[SEAL.]

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Recorder.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION.

YEAR.	N. ILL. G. MASTER.	DEP. G. MASTER.	G. P. C. OF WORK.	GRAND TREASURER.	GRAND RECORDER.
May, 1864.....	Anthony O'Sullivan.	*James N. Burnes.....	Martin Collins.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	*Joseph Foster.
+May, 1865.....	*Anthony O'Sullivan.	*James McDaniel.....	*J. F. Houston.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.
October, 1867.....	Thos. E. Garrett.....	*J. A. H. Lampton.....	John G. Foss.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.
October, 1868.....	George W. Belt.....	Martin Collins.....	Bennett Marshall.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.
October, 1869.....	Martin Collins.....	John G. Foss.....	John Glenny.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.
October, 1870.....	Martin Collins.....	*Robert L. Fisher.....	Allan McDowell.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.
October, 1871.....	*William A. Prall.....	Allan McDowell.....	Maurice L. Cohn.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.
October, 1872.....	Allan McDowell.....	*John W. Luke.....	George R. Hunt.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.
October, 1873.....	Joseph S. Browne.....	*Thos. M. Wainhall.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.
October, 1874.....	W. W. Garth.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Henry M. Rhodus.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.
October, 1875.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Ellijah T. Walker.....	Charles B. Randolph.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.
October, 1876.....	Wm. R. Stumblefield.....	Orson Davis.....	B. Peter Bailey.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	*Geo. Frank Gouley.
October, 1877.....	*Wm. R. Penick.....	B. Peter Bailey.....	John A. Dolman.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	*John W. Luke.
October, 1878.....	B. Peter Bailey.....	John A. Dolman.....	H. C. Dunnean.....	John R. Parson.....	Wm. H. Mayo.
+May, 1880.....	*John A. Dolman.....	John R. Parson.....	Wm. R. Wilson.....	John W. Luke.....	Wm. H. Mayo.
May, 1881.....	John R. Parson.....	Wm. R. Wilson.....	Geo. R. Hunt.....	John W. Luke.....	Wm. H. Mayo.
May, 1882.....	Wm. R. Wilson.....	Wm. G. Hall.....	Wm. H. Dale.....	*John W. Luke.....	Wm. H. Mayo.
May, 1883.....	Wm. G. Hall.....	Wm. J. Terrell.....	Wm. J. Terrell.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo.
May, 1884.....	Wm. H. Dale.....	C. G. Hubbel.....	Wm. A. Lord.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo.
May, 1885.....	P. R. Filcraft.....	Wm. H. Stansbury.....	H. C. Christopher.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo.
May, 1886.....	Wm. A. Lord.....	H. C. Christopher.....	Jno. J. Pierson.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo.
May, 1887.....	Wm. H. Stansbury.....	Jno. J. Pierson.....	F. J. Tygard.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo.
May, 1888.....	*H. C. Christopher.....	F. J. Tygard.....	Thos. Seal.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo.
April, 1889.....	Jno. J. Pierson.....	Thos. Seal.....	Ulrich Schneider.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo.
April, 1890.....	F. J. Tygard.....	Ulrich Schneider.....	Edwin E. Roby.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo.
April, 1891.....	Thos. Seal.....	Edwin E. Roby.....	Wm. Richardson.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo.
April, 1892.....	Ulrich Schneider.....	F. A. Kage.....	F. A. Kage.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo.
April, 1893.....	Wm. F. Kuhn.....	F. A. Kage.....	Emmanuel F. Hartzell.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo.
April, 1894.....	Wm. Richardson.....	Emmanuel F. Hartzell.....	Ellijah H. Phelps.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo.
April, 1895.....	F. A. Kage.....	Ellijah H. Phelps.....	J. Percival Smith.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo.
April, 1896.....	Emmanuel F. Hartzell.....				

*Dead.

+No Assembly in 1865 or 1879.

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