

CONSTITUTION
of the
GRAND COUNCIL
CRYPTIC MASONS
of the
STATE of INDIANA

As Revised in 2014

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ARTICLE I

Style and Title

- (a) This Grand Council shall be known and hailed by the name and title of the Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of the State of Indiana. (1867 – 1883 – 1981)

ARTICLE II

Of Whom it Consists

- (a) The Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of the State of Indiana shall consist of the several officers thereof, as provided for in this Constitution, and all Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, Past Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Masters and Past Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductors of the Work, so long as such Past Grand Officers shall remain members of the Councils within this Jurisdiction; and the Illustrious Grand Masters of the several Councils duly constituted under Charter granted by this Grand Council. (1867 – 1883)
- (b) Every Illustrious Master of a Council, when unable to attend the meetings of the Grand Council, may appoint some member of his own Council to act as his proxy; and a certificate of such appointment, properly authenticated, shall be necessary to admit such proxy to a seat in this Grand Council. (1867 – 1883)

ARTICLE III

Powers of the Grand Council

The Grand Council of the State of Indiana is the highest source of authority in Cryptic Masonry within said State. It claims, and of right enjoys, the sole government and superintendence of all Councils of Cryptic Masons within said Jurisdiction.

It may therefore ---

- (a) Grant Charters and Dispensations for holding regular Councils of Cryptic Masons, with the right to confer therein the several degrees of Masonry denominated Royal and Select Master, together with the degree of Super Excellent Master, and when deemed expedient, and for good cause, may annul, revoke, or amend such Charter or Dispensation, or any pre-existing Charter or Dispensation.
- (b) Assign the limits of each Council under its jurisdiction, and settle all controversies that may arise between them; and has final decision and determination of all matters of controversies and grievances that may be brought up by appeal or otherwise.
- (c) Reprimand, suspend or expel from its own body, any member thereof for a violation of this Constitution, or the By-Laws and Regulations of the Grand Council.
- (d) Assess and collect from the several Councils under its jurisdiction such sums of money annually as may from time to time be found necessary for the support and maintenance of the Grand Council.
- (e) Supervise the state and condition of its own finances, and adopt such measures in relation thereto as may be for the benefit of Cryptic Masonry.

- (f) Make and adopt Laws and General Regulations for the government of the Councils under its jurisdiction, and at pleasure alter, amend or repeal the same.
- (g) It shall, at each annual assembly, 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.
- (h) And finally, consider and do all whatsoever it may regard as necessary or appertaining to the well being and perpetuity of Cryptic Masonry in the State of Indiana. (1867)

ARTICLE IV

Time and Place of Assembly

- (a) The Grand Council shall hold one annual assembly in each and every year at such time and place as shall be provided for in the By-Laws. (1867 – 1883)
- (b) Called assemblies may be held at such time and at such place as the Most Illustrious Grand Master may designate, giving thirty (30) days' notice thereof to each Grand Officer, permanent member and Constituent Council. (1867 – 1883)

ARTICLE V

What Shall Constitute a Quorum

- (a) The Grand Council shall not be opened, nor any business transacted, unless there be present the representatives of at least three (3) chartered Councils; but a smaller number may meet and adjourn from day to day until a constitutional quorum shall attend. (1867)
- (b) The Grand Council shall not be dissolved while there are three (3) Constituent Councils willing to continue it. (1867 – 1902 – 1915)

ARTICLE VI

Style and Rank of Grand Officers

- (a) The officers of this Grand Council shall be styled and take rank as follows: (1867 – 1882 – 1969)
 - 1) Most Illustrious Grand Master
 - 2) Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
 - 3) Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
 - 4) Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer
 - 5) Right Illustrious Grand Recorder
 - 6) Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
 - 7) Right Illustrious Grand Conductor of Council
 - 8) Right Illustrious Grand Steward
 - 9) Illustrious Grand Chaplain
 - 10) Illustrious Grand Lecturer
 - 11) Illustrious Grand Sentinel
 - 12) Illustrious Grand Organist

ARTICLE VII

Who are Eligible as Grand Officers

No Companion shall be eligible to, or hold an elective office in this Grand Council, who is not at the time a member in regular standing of a chartered Council under its jurisdiction and who has not been elected and installed as an Illustrious Master of a Constituent Council. Appointive Officers are not required to have held the office of Illustrious Master. (1867 – 1969 – 1998)

ARTICLE VIII

Grand Offices – How Filled

(a) The elective officers of this Grand Council shall be:

- 1) Most Illustrious Grand Master
- 2) Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
- 3) Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
- 4) Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer
- 5) Right Illustrious Grand Recorder
- 6) Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
- 7) Right Illustrious Grand Conductor of Council
- 8) Right Illustrious Grand Steward

Who shall severally be elected by ballot and by a majority of the votes cast for that purpose at each annual assembly of the Grand Council. (1903)

(b) The appointed officers of this Grand Council shall be an:

- 1) Illustrious Grand Chaplain
- 2) Illustrious Grand Lecturer
- 3) Illustrious Grand Sentinel
- 4) Illustrious Grand Organist

Who shall be appointed from among the members then present, with the advice and consent of the Grand Council, by the Grand Master-elect immediately preceding his installation. (1903 – 1969)

(c) At any time should any casualty arise so as to prevent the annual election and installation of the Grand Officers, as provided for in Section (a) of Article VIII, the several Grand Officers previously elected and installed shall continue to hold their respective offices, and discharge their duties until their successors shall have been duly elected and installed. (1867)

(d) In all elections for Grand Officers, each member present shall be entitled to one vote. Blank ballots are not votes, and shall not be counted.

ARTICLE IX

Officers Must be Installed

- (a) Every Companion elected or appointed to an office in the Grand Council must, if present, be installed at some suitable time before the final closing of the assembly at which he may have been elected or appointed; and should any Companion elected or appointed to an office be unavoidably called away before being installed, it shall be his duty to present himself to the Illustrious Master of his own Council for installation from such Illustrious Master to be immediately filed with the Grand Recorder.

ARTICLE X

Power and Duties of Grand Officers

- (a) Most Illustrious Grand Master
 - 1) By virtue of his office, has a watchful care and supervision over Councils in his jurisdiction, and it is his duty to see that the Constitution, Laws, Rules and Edicts of the Grand Council are strictly and promptly observed. (1867)
 - 2) Has authority, during the recesses of the Grand Council, to grant letters of dispensation to a competent number of petitioners possessing the constitutional qualifications, empowering them to form and open a Council of Cryptic Masons. Such dispensation shall be in force no longer than until the next annual assembly of the Grand Council. (1867 – 1981)
 - 3) Has the power to convene called assemblies of the Grand Council whenever, in his judgment, the harmony and welfare of Cryptic Masonry demand it. (1867)
 - 4) May assemble a Constituent Council at pleasure; visit and preside therein, inspect its records and work and give such instructions relative to the same as may be necessary to insure a perfect and uniform system of work in the several Councils and require a strict conformity to all the constitutional rules and edicts of the Grand Council. (1867)
 - 5) Shall decide all questions of law or usage that may be submitted to him; subject, however, to be affirmed or reversed by the Grand Council. (1867)
 - 6) Has the power, to suspend the labors of a Council, and if necessary, arrest its charter until the next annual assembly of the Grand Council. (1867)
 - 7) Has the power, for a breach of official duty, to suspend the Illustrious Master of a Council from the duties of his office, and give the government of the Council into the hands of the officer next in rank until the next annual assembly of the Grand Council. (1867)
 - 8) Has the power, for a breach of the moral code, to suspend the Illustrious Master of a Council from his office, and upon proper charges and specifications being filed with him, to cause an investigation of such immoral conduct before the Council, in order that the Council may be properly purged therefrom, or the accused honorably acquitted. (1867)
 - 9) Whenever all the offices of the Illustrious Master, Deputy Master and Principal Conductor of the Work, from any cause, all become vacant, the Most Illustrious Grand Master has the power, and it is his duty, to appoint from the members of such Council, an Illustrious Master, Deputy Master and Principal Conductor of the Work, or he may, at his discretion, grant to such Council a special dispensation to hold an election for such officers, who shall then serve as such until the next election of the Council. (1867)

- 10) Has the power to fill all vacancies that may occur in any of the offices of the Grand Council, during the recess, and in person, or by proxy, duly constitute and dedicate newly chartered Councils, and install the officers thereof and to grant a dispensation to any Constituent Council to elect and install officers whom they have failed to elect and install at the time prescribed by law. (1867)
 - 11) Shall possess such other powers, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed in the By-Laws and General Regulations of the Grand Council. (1867)
- (b) Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
- 1) In the event of the death, absence from the State, removal from such office, or physical inability of the most Illustrious Grand Master, the duties of that office shall devolve upon and be discharged by the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master. (1867)
 - 2) At all other times, he shall perform such duties as may from time to time be assigned him by the Grand Council or the Most Illustrious Grand Master. (1867)
- (c) Right Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work
- 1) In the absence of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, the Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work shall perform the duties of the Most Illustrious Grand Master. At all other times, he shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Grand Council, or such as are traditionally appropriate to his station. (1867)
- (d) Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer
- 1) It is the duty of the Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer to receive all moneys from the hands of the Grand Recorder and give his receipt therefor, being careful to make due entries of the same in a book to be kept for that purpose. He shall pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Recorder. He shall on the first day of each annual assembly of the Grand Council, report, in writing, a full account of all money received and paid out by him during the past year, stating particularly the balance, if any, remaining on hand. (1867 – 1901)
 - 2) At the expiration of his term of office he shall deliver over to his successor all moneys, books, papers and other such property that may be in his hands or under his control as such Grand Treasurer. (1867)
- (e) Right Illustrious Grand Recorder
- 1) It is the duty of the Right Illustrious Grand Recorder to attend all assemblies of the Grand Council, keep a true and faithful record of its proceedings, furnish a copy thereof, and superintend the publishing of the same immediately on the closing of each annual assembly of the Grand Council. (1867 – 1901)
 - 2) He shall keep a book in which he shall have recorded a copy of all charters for organizing new Councils, that may be issued by authority of this Grand Council, and procure and keep such other books and stationary necessary for his office and the use of the Grand Council. (1867)
 - 3) He shall collect all moneys due the Grand Council, and pay the same immediately over to the Grand Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor. (1867)
 - 4) He shall receive the returns and make settlement with the several Councils, and lay the same, from time to time, before the Grand Council. (1867)
 - 5) He shall receive and regularly transmit, from time to time, to the Most Illustrious Grand Master, all matters pertaining to foreign correspondence. (1867)

- 6) He shall, on the first day of each annual assembly, report, in writing, to the Grand Council, a full and succinct statement of all moneys received and paid over to the Grand Treasurer; All orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer, specifically stating the amount, if any, remaining un-appropriated; all amounts dues and unpaid from Councils, and the length of time any Council may not have been represented in the Grand Council. (1867)
 - 7) He shall make out and sign all orders authorizing drafts on the Grand Treasurer. (1867)
 - 8) He shall keep the seal for the Grand Council, and affix the same to all charters, dispensations communications, records and other documents proper to be sealed and certified. (1867)
 - 9) He shall keep all books, jewels, charts, furniture and other property belonging to the Grand Council, that may not be placed in the hands of the other Grand Officers, and at the expiration of his term of office, shall deliver over to his successor all books and other property that may be in his hands belonging to the Grand Council. (1867)
 - 10) He shall, from time to time, regularly transmit to the Grand Recorder of each of the several State Grand Councils, and all other regularly organized Grand Bodies of Cryptic Masons, two (2) copies each, and to the several Councils in this jurisdiction one (1) copy each of the printed proceedings of the Grand Council. (1867 – 1998)
 - 11) He shall perform such other duties as may pertain to his office as Grand Recorder, together with such as may, from time to time, be directed by order of the Grand Council or Most Illustrious Grand Master. (1867)
 - 12) **It shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to be the signatory of all legal documents pertaining to the Grand Council. (2014)**
- (f) Remaining Grand Officers
- 1) The duties of the remaining Grand Officers shall be such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations, and such as may be allotted to them, from time to time, by order of the Most Illustrious Grand Master or by direction of the Grand Council. (1867)

ARTICLE XI

Revenue of the Grand Council

- (a) For the purpose of defraying the expenses of this Grand Council, there shall be paid to the Grand Recorder for each charter, to constitute a new Council, the sum of fifty (\$50) dollars, which must in all cases be paid as provided for in Article XII, Section (b) of this Constitution. (1867 – 1913 – 1998)
- (b) Every Council shall, on or before the first (1st) day of **March**, annually, pay to the Grand Recorder for the use of the Grand Council, such sums for greeting and annual dues of members as may, from time to time, be fixed upon by the Grand Council: PROVIDED, Each Council has the right to remit the dues of any member who may be in indigent circumstances and unable to pay the same; in which case such Council shall be required to pay per capita dues for each such indigent Companion to the Grand Council. (1867 – 1896 – 1925 – 1998)
- (c) **The Greeting Fee for all new members shall be \$25.00, also any member desiring Plural Membership shall be required to pay a minimum \$10.00 for each Council in which he obtains Plural Membership. (2014)**
- (d) Should any Council neglect or refuse to pay the said sums of money at the time specified in Article XI Section (b), such Council shall be deemed a violator of this Constitution: and unless a good and sufficient reason, satisfactory to the Most Illustrious Grand Master or Grand Council shall be assigned

therefor, such delinquent Council may be punished by forfeiture of its Charter, and such Charter can then be restored only under such regulations as the Grand Council may prescribe. (1867 – 1925)

(e) The Grand Council shall support a program of Life Membership as outlined below:

A) PURPOSE

To provide the option of purchasing for life, a sustaining membership by any member of a Council of Cryptic Masons in the jurisdiction of the State of Indiana hereinafter known as the Life Membership Plan for Cryptic Masons of Indiana.

B) SCOPE

- 1) Purchase of a Life Membership shall be available to all members of a Council of Cryptic Masons within the jurisdiction of the State of Indiana.
- 2) With the purchase of a Life Membership Plan, the member shall be relieved of the payment of dues for his natural lifetime, as long as he remains a member of the Council to which he belonged when joining the program. In the event the Council to which he belongs should forfeit their Charter or merge with another Council, his life membership will be transferable. If he voluntarily affiliates with a Council that has a higher dues structure, he will pay the difference in fees at the time he affiliates.
- 3) Any unused monies at the time of termination of his membership, i.e. death, demit, expulsion, suspension or transfer to a Council not under jurisdiction of the State of Indiana, shall be retained and is not refundable. Should the Companion be reinstated as a member of the Council, his life membership shall be automatically reinstated.

C) FUND

- 1) All monies received from a purchase of Life Membership shall be maintained in a Life Membership Fund.
- 2) This fund is to be self-sustained through the purchase of Life Memberships and accumulated income from investment of the funds. No other fund of the Grand Council is to be affected by any profit or loss incurred by this fund.
- 3) All monies in the Fund shall be deposited or invested in accounts insured by the United States or securities issued by the United States Government.
- 4) All monies will be invested by the Grand Recorder and/or the Grand Treasurer, with the advice and consent of the Investments Committee of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Indiana.

D) ADMINISTRATION

- 1) The Grand Recorder and/or the Grand Treasurer will give a financial accounting of this fund in their annual report.
- 2) The administration of the Fund will be accomplished by the investments Committee, with the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer as ex-officio members. Ex-officio members will have a vote on all motions concerning this fund.
- 3) When a member of a local Council requests to purchase a Life Membership, the Council recorder shall collect the amount prescribed in paragraph "E", and when the full amount is collected, he will forward it to the Grand Recorder, together with the member's name,

address, Council name and number and the amount of current dues of that Council.

- 4) The recorder shall record the member's purchase of a Life Membership in his membership ledger. Any change of the member's status shall be sent to the Grand Recorder by the local recorder not later than October 31st of each year.
- 5) When dues are received by the local Recorder, he shall record it as dues being paid by the member. The local recorder need not wait for the check from the Grand Recorder to issue the dues card. If a Companion ceases to be a member of an Indiana Council between October 31st and December 31st, the Grand Council and local Council will be entitled to their portion of his dues for the following year from the Life Membership Fund.
- 6) The Grand Recorder shall, upon receipt of the purchase of a Life Membership from the local recorder, enter the member's information in a record of Life Memberships and assure that it is placed in the Life Membership Fund.
- 7) The Grand Recorder, **shall credit the Council for the amount of its dues owed from the amount owed, less the assessed per capita, from the Council's per capita debt.** This will include the Life Member who became a Fifty-Year member. (1991 – 1998 - **2014**)
- 8) The Grand Recorder will not **credit** the Life Member's dues until the following year after the payment has been received by him, unless he receives the payment **on or before October 31st.** (1991 – 1998 - **2014**)
- 9) This plan shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the Investments Committee for possible changes. It may be revised by action of the Grand Council while in session.

E) FACTORS USED TO DETERMINE PAYMENT:

- 1) The Life Membership payment will be determined by:
 - a) Using the member's age that he will be on December 31st of the year that his payment is made to the Grand Recorder.
 - b) Multiplying the for his age times the local dues of his Council, except as provided in sub paragraph (c) below.
 - c) The schedule shown below is based on a \$12.00 minimum dues structure to purchase a Life Membership. If the dues of a Council are \$12.00 or lower, the fees shown below will be used to determine the fee. If a Council's dues are higher than \$12.00, the higher dues will be used to determine the Life Membership fee. This will be done by multiplying the factor for the age group times the current dues of the Council. The minimum schedule may be adjusted annually as provided in paragraph D. 10 above.
 - d) Factors used to determine payment are based on the number of year's dues necessary to be collected to insure the financial integrity of the Plan at current interest rates.

F) SCHEDULE

<u>AGE</u>	<u>FACTOR</u>	<u>\$12.00</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>FACTOR</u>	<u>\$12.00</u>
18 - 21	40	\$480.00	45 – 49	25	\$300.00
21 – 24	34	\$408.00	50 – 54	23	\$276.00

25 – 29	33	\$396.00	55 – 59	21	\$252.00
30 – 34	31	\$372.00	60 – 64	19	\$228.00
35 – 39	29	\$348.00	65 & up	17	\$204.00
40 – 44	27	\$324.00			

Example: If a Companion is 58 and his dues are \$20.00 per year, then the factor 21 is used thus: 21 x \$20.00 = \$420.00

ARTICLE XII

Petition for Dispensation

- (a) The Most Illustrious Grand Master has the power and authority, whenever he shall deem it expedient, during the recess of the Grand Council, to grant to a competent number of petitioners, possessing the requisite qualifications, a dispensation empowering said petitioners to open a Council of Cryptic Masons for a certain specified term of time:

PROVIDED, such time shall not extend beyond the succeeding annual Assembly of the Grand Council.
(1867)

- (b) No dispensation shall be granted except upon the petition of nine (9) regular Cryptic Masons, which petition must be recommended by the Grand Council, or by the Council nearest the proposed location of the new Council, vouching for the moral character and Masonic abilities of the petitioners and recommending that the dispensation be granted: PROVIDED, that before such dispensation be issued the fee required by the By-Laws of this Grand Council for a charter to constitute a regular Council of Cryptic Masons be first deposited with the Grand Recorder. (see Article XI, section (a) (1867)

- (c) DELETED 1998

ARTICLE XIII

Charters – Constituent Councils

- (a) No charter for constituting a new Council of Cryptic Masons shall be granted by this Grand Council until a competent number of those applying for the same shall have performed a requisite amount of work under dispensation from the Most Illustrious Grand Master, or Grand Council, and such work reported to and fully examined and approved by the Grand Council at an annual assembly thereof.
(1867)

ARTICLE XIV

Amendments

- (a) Whenever it shall be necessary to alter or amend this Constitution, the same shall be done in the manner following, to-wit:

Such alterations or amendments being proposed in writing at an annual assembly of the Grand Council, and seconded by the majority of the members present, must then lay over for the consideration of the constituent Councils until the next annual assembly, when, if adopted by two-thirds of the members present, the same shall become part of this Constitution: PROVIDED, that before final action can be had

thereon, such proposed alterations or amendments must be referred to and reported on by the Committee on Jurisprudence: and PROVIDED FURTHER. That by unanimous consent such alterations or amendments may be passed at the same annual assembly when proposed. (1867)

ARTICLE XV

Repealing Clause

- (a) All former Constitutions of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Indiana are hereby repealed.

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CHAPTER I

Assemblies and Business

Sec. 1.010 The annual assemblies of the Grand Council shall be held at such place and date as shall be designated by the Grand Council, or in absence of such designation, as shall be designated by its three principal Grand Officers. (1918 – 1980 – 1987)

Sec. 1.020 The Grand Council shall be opened at nine o'clock AM, on the day fixed for the annual assemblies, and shall then continue in session at such hours as may be found convenient from day to day, until the business presented for consideration shall have been fully disposed of. (1867 – 1987)

Sec. 1.030 At any called assembly held in pursuance of notice from the Grand Master of this Grand Council, no business shall be transacted except that for which the Grand Council shall have been especially convened. (1867 – 1987)

Sec. 1.040 At all sessions of the Grand Council, the representatives of three (3) Constituent Councils shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; and in the decision of all questions arising before the Grand Council, each member present shall be entitled to one vote, and a majority will decide. (1867)

Sec. 1.050 No representative of a Council can be permitted to take his seat as a member of this Grand Council until the annual returns of such Council shall have been regularly made and filed with the Grand Recorder, and its dues regularly paid, as required by Article XI of the Constitution; and should such delinquency continue for the space of two years, the Charter, property and funds of such Council shall become forfeited to the Grand Council. (1919)

Sec. 1.060 Any Companion Cryptic Mason obtaining, or attempting to obtain, his election to any office in the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Indiana, by distributing printed matter or writing letters of solicitation, either by himself or indirectly through others shall be ineligible to hold office to which he may be elected. (1923)

Sec 1. 061 Should any Companion of any Constituent Council of this jurisdiction promote or attempt to promote or oppose the candidacy of any other Companion of this jurisdiction by distributing printed matter or writing of a letter or letters of solicitation either directly by himself or indirectly through any other person or media, he shall be ineligible to hold office in the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Indiana, and the Most Illustrious Grand Master upon being satisfied that any such solicitation was made by any such Companion, shall forthwith, upon adjournment of the Grand Council to which such solicitation was pertinent, prefer charges of un-Masonic conduct upon the Companion who made such solicitation, same to be through the Constituent Council to which said Companion is then a member. The trial thereof to be in accordance with established procedure set forth in the General Regulations for Constituent Councils in any case involving the charge of un-Masonic conduct and it shall be the duty of the Illustrious Master and other appropriate officers of such Constituent Council to hold such trial within ninety (90) days of having said charges so preferred. (1968 – 1979)

Sec. 1.070 It shall be unlawful for Councils, or members, to circularize the Councils in reference to matters to be presented to Grand Council, and the Grand Master has full authority to see that this rule is enforced, except that a member of the Grand Council having a legitimate concern for the welfare of the Craft, and wishing to express this concern in writing, may submit his concern in writing to the Grand Recorder to be forwarded to the Circularizing Committee for its review. The Committee will review the writing, and if it is found not to be derogatory or un-Masonic in nature, or for personal or commercial gain, it shall forward it to the Grand Recorder at least sixty (60) days prior to the next Grand Assembly for distribution to the delegates at the Grand Assembly, together with its recommendation thereon. (1991)

CHAPTER II

Duties of Grand Officers

Sec. 2.010 Duties of the Most Illustrious Grand Master:

- (a) It is the duty of the Most Illustrious Grand Master to attend and preside over the sessions of the Grand Council; preserve strict order and decorum; put all motions made and seconded; decide all questions of order that may arise; sign the proceedings of the Grand Council, when properly drawn up, and fill such vacancies in the Grand Officers as may from time to time appear during the sessions of the Grand Council. (1867)
- (b) At the opening of each assembly, he shall make written report of his official acts and doings, and such other matters as he may deem necessary for the consideration of the Grand Council. (1867)
- (c) It shall be the duty of the Most Illustrious Grand Master to appoint, within ten (10) days of his installation, the following Committees:
 - 1) On Credentials
 - 2) On Visiting Companions
 - 3) On Charters & Dispensations
 - 4) On Grievances and Appeals
 - 5) On Ways and Means
 - 6) On Payroll
 - 7) On Jurisprudence
 - 8) On Unfinished Business
 - 9) On Memorials
 - 10) On Inspections
 - 11) On Insurance
 - 12) On Time & Place
 - 13) Correspondence/Foreign Relations
 - 14) On Accounts
 - 15) On Investments
 - 16) On Ritual
 - 17) On Cryptic Light
 - 18) On Philanthropy
 - 19) On Education
 - 20) Technology
 - 21) Time Deposit
 - 22) Hospitality
 - 23) Tellers
 - 24) Resolutions
 - 25) Appreciation
 - 26) Cryptic Shrine
 - 27) Life Membership

Except as may otherwise be provided in the General Laws, each of said committees must consist of at least three (3) members of the Grand Council: PROVIDED, that the Committee on Ways and Means shall include the Grand Treasurer as an ex officio member. (1867 – 1913 – 1954 – 1960 – 1979 – 1987 – 1998)

- (d) (1) The Most Illustrious Grand Master shall appoint all other committees raised for the transaction of business of the Grand Council that may not be appointed by resolution at the same, and all committees shall make due report on the subject matter referred to them. (1867)
- (2) The Most Illustrious Grand Master shall appoint some Companion to serve as Grand Representative near the Grand Council of Indiana for each of the sister Grand Jurisdictions in fraternal relationship with it, to the end that peace, harmony and good fellowship between us may be the better conserved. (1948)
- (3) The Most Illustrious Grand Master shall have the power to revoke such appointee, who, without just cause and excuse, fails to attend two (2) consecutive annual assemblies of the Grand Council, and shall appoint a successor to fill the vacancy caused; provided, that any such appointment shall be held in the nature of an honorarium, with out mileage or per deim. (1948)
- (4) The Most Illustrious Grand Master shall have the power to appoint a York Rite Committee, to consist of the first three (3) officers of the Grand Council, and one (1) Past Grand Master, appointed each year by the Grand Master. (1952)
- (5) Within ten (10) days after the close of the annual assembly of the Grand Council, the Grand Master shall appoint an **Arch** officer to represent each of the several **Arches** into which the State has been divided by the **Grand Council** of Indiana. The elected Grand Officers; excluding the Grand Master, The Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder; will

each be so appointed and the remaining appointments shall be made from the Past Grand Masters or any Past Illustrious Master of an Indiana Council. (1966 – 1989 -2014)

- (e) He shall, when required by the Grand Council, cause the work of conferring the several degrees to be rehearsed before the Grand Council, in order that uniformity of work may be observed. (1867)
- (f) He shall perform such other duties as the nature of his station may require, or the ceremonies and rituals of the Cryptic Craft may impose. He may allot Constituent Councils to be visited by each Grand Officer or Past Grand Officer, the actual expenses incurred by such visitations to be paid by the Grand Council: PROVIDED, that such visitation is necessary and does not entail needless expense on the Grand Council. (1867)
- (g) It shall be the duty of the Most Illustrious Grand Master to have an audit **made every third (3rd) year** by a certified public accountant of the records of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder covering the fiscal year with a review each year and the same shall be presented to the Accounts Committee for its consideration at the next annual assembly. (1882 – 1959 – 1987 – 2014)
- (h) Should any Council be found violating any of the provisions of the rules and regulations, it shall be the duty of the Most Illustrious Grand Master to arrest the charter and suspend the functions of such Council until further ordered by the Grand Council, but officers of the Constituent Council must be given an opportunity for a hearing.
- (i) The Most Illustrious Grand Master is hereby empowered to grant permission to any Constituent Council the privilege of participating in a One-Day Festival, and to use the Ritual issued by the International York Rite Council for said purpose as it pertains to the conferring of the Royal and Select Master Degrees, if said Ritual has been approved by the Ritual Committee of the Grand Council. (1975)

Sec. 2.020 Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master.

- (a) It is the duty of the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master to make a like report of his official acts and doings at the opening of each annual assembly and generally to aid and support the Most Illustrious Grand Master in his official duties and in his absence to preside. (1867)

Sec. 2.030 Right Illustrious Grand Principle Conductor of the Work

- (a) The Right Illustrious Grand Principle Conductor of the Work should attend all sessions of the Grand Council in order to aid and support the Most Illustrious Grand Master in his official duties, and in his absence of his respective superiors to preside. (1867)

Sec. 2.031 At any session of the Grand Council, should the three above named Grand Officers be absent, the senior Past Grand Officer present shall be empowered to preside; and in the event no Past Grand Officer be present, then the Grand council may call any Past or Acting Illustrious Master of a Council present to take the chair. (1867 – 1987)

Sec. 2.040 Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer

- (a) It is the duty of the R.I. Grand Treasurer to attend all sessions of the Grand Council with the books, papers, etc., of his office, in order to make a settlement with the committees of the Grand Council, and to pay such warrants as may be drawn on him by the R.I. Grand Recorder. (1867)
- (b) He shall give bond in the sum of fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars, which shall be secured through some reliable surety company, the premium therefor to be paid by the Grand Council, said bond to be approved by the Most Illustrious Grand Master. (1959 – 1998)
- (c) He shall deposit any and all funds received, in the depository approved by the Committee on Investments, within thirty (30) days of receipt of such funds. (1987)
- (d) He shall issue checks ONLY upon warrants from the Grand Recorder. Any warrant in excess of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars shall be approved by the Chairman of the Committee on Accounts. (1987)

Sec. 2.050 Right Illustrious Grand Recorder

- (a) It is the special duty of the Grand Recorder to attend all sessions of the Grand Council, carefully note the proceedings of the same, record such proceedings at length in a book to be

kept for that purpose, and perform such ministerial duties as may pertain to his office or as may be required of him. He must have his books, papers, accounts, etc., present at the opening of each annual assembly for settlement with the Grand Council. (1867)

- (b) He shall give bond in the sum of fifty thousand (50,000.00) dollars, which shall be secured through some reliable surety company, the premium therefor to be paid by the Grand Council, said bond to be approved by the Most Illustrious Grand Master. (1959 – 1998)
- (c) It shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to furnish each Recorder of every Subordinate Council a copy of every resolution sent to the Grand Recorder from Constituent Councils for presentation to the next Grand Council assembly, at least thirty (30) days in advance of the annual assembly of the Grand Council, said copy of every such resolution to be mailed by the Grand Recorder as aforesaid at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual assembly. (1974)
- (d) He shall hand over to the Grand Treasurer any and all funds received, taking the Grand Treasurer's receipt therefore, within thirty (30) days of receipt of such funds, taking the Grand treasurer's receipt therefore. (1987)

Sec. 2.060 Duties of Committees. The standing committees of the Grand Council shall perform the following duties, to-wit:

- (a) On Credentials – The returns of Constituent Councils and the credentials of representatives shall be referred to the Committee on Credentials, who shall report the name and number of the Council he may represent. (1867)
- (b) On Visiting Companions – The Committee to examine Visiting Companions shall perform the duties of their appointment according to established Masonic usages. (1867)
- (c) On Charters and Dispensations – The Committee on Charters and Dispensations shall examine the returns of chartered Councils and their By-Laws when submitted to them by the Grand Council, and shall note all improper, informal or illegal matters therein, and report the same to the Grand Council, with their recommendations in the premises. The Committee shall also examine the work, records and By-Laws, and of Councils under Dispensation, and the proceedings of the Grand Officer granting the same. They will note all matters that are improper or unconstitutional in any such work, records and By-Laws, and report to the Grand Council, with such recommendations, as they shall deem proper. (1867)
- (d) On Grievances and Appeals – All matters of controversy and grievance brought before the Grand Council shall be referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, whose duty it shall be to examine into the same and report for the action of the Grand Council. (1867)
- (e) On Ways and Means – It shall be the duty of the Committee on Ways and Means to take into consideration the condition of the funds and estate of the Grand Council, and all propositions and resolutions affecting it revenue, which may be offered; they shall specifically report thereon, and may recommend any measure which, in their opinion, will operate financially for the benefit of the Grand Council. (1987)
- (f) On Payroll – It shall be the duty of the Committee on Payroll to ascertain and report the per diem and traveling compensation allowed to the members of the Grand Council. (1867)
- (g) On jurisprudence – The Committee on Jurisprudence shall carefully examine all propositions to revise, alter or amend the Constitution, General Laws and Regulations of the Grand Council, as well as all other matters on questions of Masonic law or usage and make report thereon, in writing, to the Grand Council. (1867)
- (h) On Unfinished Business – It shall be the duty of the Committee on Unfinished Business to examine and report from the journal of the previous annual assembly all such matters as were then pending and undetermined. (1867)
- (i) On Memorials – The Committee on Memorials may be subdivided into separate committees:
 - (1) On or Own Fraternal Dead;
 - (2) On Distinguished Dead of Other Jurisdictions;
 - (3) On Deceased Grand and Past Grand Officers of this Grand Council.Advance notice shall be given the Chairman of these committees that suitable memorials may be presented, in writing, at the first session of each annual assembly. (1903)

- (j) On Inspections – It shall be the duty of the Committee on Inspections to examine the annual report of the Grand Lecturer; to consider his recommendations relative to the Constituent Councils or for the benefit of Cryptic Masonry in general, and whatever may arise therefrom for our welfare; to take cognizance of such Councils as have been delinquent in matters of inspection under Sec. 16.050 of the General Regulations; and to make report thereon, in writing, to the Grand Council.
- (k) On Insurance – The Committee on Insurance shall be charged with the responsibility of providing Workmen’s Compensation, General Liability Insurance, including public liability and property damage, surety and fidelity bonds and any other type of insurance or bond coverage as the Grand Council may direct or as may be required by any General Law of the Grand Council. In the absence of any such direction from the Grand Council or any General Law thereof, said committee shall provide such insurance and bond coverage as it may determine is necessary to provide proper protection of the Grand Council; PROVIDED, that in the exercise of the discretionary authority conferred herein, the committee shall in no way be liable for error in judgment with respect to kind or amount of coverage. This committee shall consist of three (3) members, all of whom shall be Past Grand Masters of this Grand Council, the first appointment shall be for a term of one (1) year, one for a term of two (2) years and one for a term of three (3) years, and each year thereafter, a Past Grand Master of this Grand Council shall be appointed for a three (3) year term. The Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer shall be ex officio members of the committee. In the event of death or resignation of a member, the Most Illustrious Grand Master shall appoint a Past Grand Master of this Grand Council to serve during the unexpired term thereof.
- (l) On Time and Place – It shall be the duty of the Committee on Time and Place to investigate and make recommendations to the Grand Council and its Officers regarding the date and place for the annual assemblies of the Grand Council pursuant to Sec. 1.010 and 1.020. (1981)
- (m) On Education – It shall be the duty of the Committee on Education to act as custodian over the Officer’s Handbook, Cryptic Monitor and any other publication of the Grand Council which is considered to be educational material. The Committee on Education will assist Councils, when requested, to secure speakers for Table Councils or other Council functions. The Committee will report on its stewardship at each annual Assembly of the Grand Council. (1987)
- (n) On Accounts – It is the duty of the Committee on Accounts to carefully examine all claims or accounts presented for allowance to the Grand Council and to examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, balance the same and report the actual state and condition of the funds to the Grand Council. (1987)
- (o) On Investments – It shall be the duty of the Committee on Investments to collect any and all maturing bonds and securities and re-invest the same as in its opinion shall be most desirable: it shall also invest such other funds as may be from time to time voted by the Grand Council for that purpose. No investment of the funds of this Grand Council shall be made without the concurrence of all members of this committee. Said committee shall recommend from year to year, to the Grand Master for his approval, the depositories for Grand Council Funds and shall report its acts under this law to the Grand Council annually. (1987)
- (p) On Circularizing – Deleted (2008)
- (q) On Ritual – It shall be the duty of the Ritual Committee to study the ritual and if the majority of the committee deems it to be in the best interest of Cryptic Masonry to make changes, they will submit a resolution to the Grand Recorder sixty (60) days prior to the Grand Assembly. The resolution will state the changes proposed but will not quote the ritual verbatim.
- (r) On Cryptic Light – It shall be the duty of the Cryptic Light Committee to issue a newsletter at least quarterly, if finances permit.
- (s) On Philanthropy – It shall be the duty of the committee to advance the cause of **Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation** and to encourage the membership to participate in this endeavor. **(2014)**
- (t) On Correspondence/Foreign Relations – This Committee shall review all matters of foreign correspondence referred to them and report to the Grand Council by resolution or otherwise their recommendation.
- (u) Time Deposit – The Deposit will be opened and a new deposit made each twenty-five (25) years. It will be opened in the year 2000 and the contents of the vault will be placed in the

- museum **located at Indiana Council #1**. A record will be made of the items placed in the container, which will be maintained by the Grand Recorder. **(2014)**
- (v) Tellers Committee – It will be the duty of the Tellers to collect the ballots and make an accurate count of the same and report the results to the Grand Council.
 - (w) Resolutions Committee shall review the recommendations of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and all resolutions and refer them to the proper committees for action.
 - (x) Appreciation Committee – The committee will draft a resolution to be presented near the end of each Grand Assembly for adoption. The report will thank each of the committees, the visiting distinguished guests and delegates for their part in making the meeting a success.
 - (y) Cryptic Shrine Committee – It will be the duty of this committee to maintain the Shrine grounds, plan the rededication festivities and select the Headquarters Motel. They will see that the speakers are provided for and other dignitaries as requested by the Most Illustrious Grand Master.
 - (z) **Technology Committee – It will be the duty of this committee to be in charge of the Website, Database and all social media. This will include Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, etc. The Committee shall also be there to consult on any project relating to technology. The Committee will also attempt to keep up with new technology that might be used for Public Relations, communication or anything that may benefit the membership. (2014)**

CHAPTER III

Fees and Salaries

Sec. 3.010 The Most Illustrious Grand Master shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred as budgeted for by the Ways and Means Committee and approved by the Grand Council. Vouchers will be required by the Grand Recorder and may be paid as requested. Mileage may be paid at the rate allowable by the Internal Revenue Service. Additional money will be allowed for decorations and expenses incurred at the annual Grand Assembly. (1931 – 1945 – 1973 – 1983 – 1998)

Sec. 3.020 The Grand Treasurer shall receive as an allowance and/or expense account as budgeted for by the Grand Council. Vouchers will be required by the Grand Recorder and may be paid as requested. Mileage may be paid at the rate allowed by the Internal Revenue Service. (1931 – 1945 – 1973 – 1983 – 1998)

Sec. 3.030 The Grand Recorder shall receive an allowance and/or expense account as budgeted for by the Ways and Means Committee and approved by the Grand Council for his services or expenses incurred. Mileage may be paid at the rate allowable by the Internal Revenue Service. A record of expenses will be available for Audit. Payments may be paid in equal monthly installments on his order drawn on the Grand Treasurer. (1867 – 1883 – 1910 , 33, 46, 50, 53, 59, 78, 83 and 1998)

Sec. 3.040 The Grand Lecturer shall be appointed by the Illustrious Grand Master, whose duties are to inspect and instruct the Constituent Councils and those under Dispensation, under the direction of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and report thereon in detail to the annual assembly of this Grand Council. He shall be entitled to be reimbursed for car allowance at the rate set annually by the Internal Revenue Service. Actual expenses for motel, meals and other expenses incurred while acting in an official capacity as Grand Lecturer may be allowed as budgeted by the Grand Council. All vouchers, with supporting documentation must be submitted to the Grand Recorder, who will prepare a warrant for payment, by the Grand Treasurer. (1933, 46, 50, 53, 55, 56, 58, 59, 66, 87 and 1998)

Sec. 3.050 Each member of the Grand Council shall be entitled to draw from funds there of thirty-five (\$35) dollars for each day necessarily spent in attending the assemblies of the Grand Council. All permanent members of the Grand Council which may be called by the Grand Master for committee meetings on the day preceding the Grand Council annual assembly in entitled to an additional thirty-five (\$35) dollars. (1867 –1881 –1998)

Sec. 3.051 Deleted and mileage discontinued. (1998)

Sec. 3.060 Each of the elected officers of the Grand Council and each of the Past Grand Masters thereof, who regularly attend the sessions of the Triennial Assemblies of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, shall receive from the funds of the Grand Council fifty (\$50) dollars per day for each day of attendance, plus the registration fee. (1915, 17, 48, 53, 81, 89 and 1998)

CHAPTER IV

Cryptic Shrine

Sec. 4.010 Cryptic Shrine Pilgrimage

- (a) The Grand Council shall sponsor and support an annual Cryptic Shrine Pilgrimage to the site of the Cryptic Masonry Shrine dedicated at New Albany, Indiana, on December 6, 1975 as a Masonic memorial of the Bicentennial celebration of our country.
- (b) Said Cryptic Shrine Pilgrimage shall be held annually on the third (3rd) Saturday of July.

CHAPTER V

Rule of Order

Sec. 5.010 The Grand Master shall take the chair at nine o'clock AM the first day and nine o'clock AM on each succeeding day of the annual assembly unless a different hour shall have been previously fixed by the Grand Council and shall proceed immediately to convene the Grand Council in due form: after which he shall observe the following order of business, so far as practicable:

- (a) Calling the roll of Grand and Past Grand Officers, Grand Representatives and Representatives of Councils.
- (b) Reports from Grand Officers in order according to rank.
- (c) Reports from standing committees, in the order as arranged and mentioned in the Laws of the Grand Council. (2.060)
- (d) Reports from select committees, in the order in which the same may be presented.
- (e) Resolutions, memorials, appeals or other matters which may be presented.
- (f) The foregoing order of business may be dispersed with or varied from time to time for the purpose of receiving a report from the Committee on Credentials or for the consideration of the special order of the day, which may have been previously fixed for that hour.
- (g) The Grand Master shall preserve due order and decorum in conducting the business of the Grand Council. He may speak to points of order in preference to other members. He shall decide all questions of order, subject however, to appeal to the Grand Council by any two (2) members thereof.
- (h) Any question that may be susceptible to a division shall be divided and the question thereon taken separately, should any member of the Grand Council desire it.
- (i) When a question shall have been decided, any member who may have voted with the majority may move for reconsideration thereof at any time before the final closing of the assembly.
- (j) When a question is put, it shall be the duty of every member present to vote, unless excused by a vote of the Council.
- (k) No motion shall be entertained until seconded, and no debate shall be had thereon until the question shall have been stated by the presiding officer.
- (l) Every motion shall be reduced in writing when requested by a member of the Grand Council.
- (m) All questions shall be propounded in the order in which they are moved, except that in filling blanks the largest sum or the longest time named shall be put first.
- (n) When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received except:
 - First – To call off
 - Second – To postpone indefinitely

- Third – To postpone to a certain time
- Fourth – To commit (i.e., to refer to committee)
- Fifth – To amend

Which several motions shall have precedence in the order listed above.

- (o) When a question is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be again taken up and acted upon at that particular session of the Grand Council.
- (p) Motions and reports may be committed at the pleasure of the Grand Council.
- (q) When a member is about to address the Grand Council, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the Grand Master by his title, which is "Most Illustrious", and confine himself to the question under debate and avoid all personalities.
- (r) No committee shall sit during the session of the Grand Council, without special leave.
- (s) In all proceedings of the Grand Council, it shall be governed by the rules of other deliberate Masonic Bodies, except as herein otherwise specially provided.

**GENERAL
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CONSTITUENT
COUNCILS**

CHAPTER X

Requirements for a Council

Sec. 10.010 All lawful assemblies of Royal and Select Masters are called Councils of Cryptic Masons, and all Charters heretofore granted to presently existing Councils are hereby amended accordingly. (1867 – 1983)

Sec. 10.020 Every Council of Cryptic Masons within the State of Indiana, must have a dispensation or charter, duly issued by authority of this Grand Council and any Council or assembly of Cryptic Masons not complying with these provisions, is hereby declared irregular and clandestine; and all Masonic intercourse or communication whatever, either public or private, with such unlawful and clandestine association, or with any member thereof, is hereby strictly forbidden under penalty of expulsion. (1867)

Sec. 10.030 Every Council of Cryptic Masons under this jurisdiction must have the following officers, viz:

Illustrious Master
Deputy Master
Principal Conductor of the Work
Treasurer
Recorder
Captain of the Guard
Conductor of Council
Steward
Sentinel
And may have a Chaplain or Organist

With these may be associated as many other members (not less than nine, including the officers), as may be found convenient for work and good government, each of whom, when present, shall be entitled to one vote on all questions arising before the Council, except as otherwise provided for by the laws of the Grand Council. (1867 – 1877 – 1935 – 1969)

Sec. 10.040 The Officers of a Constituent Council shall be as follows:

- (a) The first officer of a Council is styled Illustrious Master and represents King Solomon; he is to be dressed in a royal robe of purple, with a crown upon his head and a scepter in his hand, seated in the East behind a triangular pedestal covered with crimson, with a golden triangle thereon. His jewel shall be a square and compass enclosed by a triangle. (1867 – 1883)
- (b) The second officer is styled Deputy Master and represents Hiram, King of Tyre; he is dressed in a royal robe of purple with a crown upon his head and a scepter in his hand; he is seated on the right of the first officer, behind a triangular pedestal covered with crimson, with a golden triangle thereon. His jewel shall be a level enclosed by a triangle. (1867 – 1883)
- (c) The third officer is styled Principal Conductor of the Work and represents Hiram, the widows son; he is dressed in a robe of orange, with a turban on his head, holding a mallet and triangle; he is seated on the left of the first officer, behind a triangular pedestal covered with crimson, with a golden triangle thereon. His jewel is a plumb enclosed by a triangle. (1867 – 1883)
- (d) The fourth officer is the Treasurer, seated in the Northeast. His jewel is two Keys enclosed by a triangle. (1867 – 1883)
- (e) The fifth officer is the Recorder, seated in the Southeast. His jewel is two quill pens enclosed by a triangle. (1867 – 1883)
- (f) The sixth officer is styled the Captain of the Guard and represents Adoniram; he is seated in the West, armed with a sword. His jewel is an axe enclosed by a triangle. 9 1867 – 1883)
- (g) The seventh officer is the Conductor of the Council, seated in the South. His jewel is a scroll or baton enclosed by a triangle. (1867 - 1883)

- (h) The eighth officer is the Steward, seated at the entrance of the Assembly. His jewel is a sword enclosed by a triangle. (1867 – 1883)
- (i) The ninth officer is the Sentinel, seated outside the door. His jewel is two swords enclosed by a triangle. (1867 – 1883)
- (j) The Chaplain may be seated to the left and in front of the third officer. His jewel is an open Bible enclosed by a triangle. (1969)
- (k) The organist may be seated at the instrument. His jewel is a lyre enclosed by a triangle. (1969)

Sec. 10.050 A Council represents King Solomon's most private apartment, lighted with nine (9) lights, distributed in threes, triangularly arranged on the pedestals of the Illustrious Master, Deputy Master and Principal Conductor of the Work.

CHAPTER XI

Organization of Councils

Sec. 11.010 A new Council may be organized upon the petition of nine (9) regular Cryptic Masons, signed with full Christian names and giving residence and present or last Council affiliation. No prescribed form shall be necessary for such petition if it expresses the objectives and purposes of the petitioners. (1867 – 1883)

Sec. 11.020 All petitions for a new Council shall be filed with the Grand Recorder, who shall refer it to the Grand Master for action in accordance with Article X, part (a)-2, of the Constitution. Such petition must be accompanied by a record of current dues or demits of the petitioners. Petitioners for a new Council who are members of another Council under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of Indiana, shall remain in good standing in their original Councils during the time the new Council is working under dispensation. Petitioners from sister jurisdictions and all non-affiliated petitioners shall file their demits from their respective Councils with such petition, if Dual or Plural membership is not permitted in their respective states. The absence of such receipt or demit at the time the dispensation is issued automatically deletes the name of the petitioner so affected from the petition. Per Capita will be paid in the Primary Council and not in the Council under Dispensation. (1912 – 1998)

Sec. 11.030 The petitioners for the dispensation, who filed their receipts for dues with the petition and who are desirous of maintaining their membership in the Council when constituted under charter, must withdraw from one Council or the other, or become Plural members. (1867 – 1998)

Sec. 11.040 While it is perfectly right, and in accordance with the Constitution and principles of Masonry for members of a Council, to petition for a dispensation to form a new Council, yet in no case can any of such petitioners be permitted to vote on the recommendation of their own petition. (1867)

Sec. 11.050 The office of Illustrious Master, Deputy Master and Principal Conductor of the Work under dispensation, is filled by appointment of the Grand Master granting such dispensation and all other officers necessary for the work of the Council while under dispensation are filled by appointment of the Illustrious Master. (1867)

Sec. 11.060 No installation of the officers of a Council under dispensation is necessary or proper, nor does any title of honor or distinction accrue by reason of service in any office under dispensation. An Illustrious Master under dispensation does not become, at the end of his term of office, a Past Illustrious Master. (1867)

Sec. 11.070 A Council under dispensation possesses all the legal rights and privileges granted and conferred by the Grand Council upon a Council working under charter, except the right to elect officers while working under dispensation. (1867)

Sec. 11.080 A delegate from a Council working under dispensation is not entitled to vote in the Grand Council and should not be compensated for attending Grand Council until succeeding Grand Assembly after the Charter is granted. (1867 – 1998)

Sec. 11.090 No new Council can be permanently organized in this jurisdiction until those wishing to form such new Council shall have worked a reasonable time under dispensation, and such work approved by the Grand Council, at an annual assembly thereof, as provided in Article X, (a)-2 of the Constitution. (1867)

Sec. 11.100 When the work of a Council under dispensation has been approved and a Charter issued by order of the Grand Council, before such Council can lawfully meet as such they must be assembled by or under the authority of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, their Council duly constituted and the officers installed. A positive prerequisite for constituting a Council under Charter shall be its compliance to the satisfaction of the Grand Lecturer with the requirement for a complete set of costumes and paraphernalia sufficient for the proper exemplifying of the Council degrees. Such costumes and paraphernalia shall be approved by the Grand Lecturer and the Most Illustrious Grand Master. (1883 – 1998)

Sec. 11.110 The Illustrious Master, when installed, will then have the right to fill, by appointment, all other offices necessary to the organization of the Council and all such officers will then serve as such until their successors are duly elected and installed, at the time as provided for in the Regulations of the Grand Council. (1867)

CHAPTER XII

Election of Constituent Council Officers

Sec. 12.010 The election of officers of a Council regularly constituted under charter must be held on the first stated assembly of the Council in December; PROVIDED, that the present duly elected officers of all such Councils shall hold office until after the election of their successors in December and subsequent installation. Officers succeeding themselves need not be installed. (1867 – 1883 – 1933 – 1947 – 1961 – 1998)

Sec. 12.020 Councils may provide by their By-Laws for the election of Illustrious Master, Deputy Master Principal conductor of the Work, Treasurer and Recorder and for the appointment of all others by the Illustrious Master-elect at any time before his installation. (1867)

Sec. 12.030 All elections for officers of a Council must be by ballot and a majority of the votes cast is necessary to elect. Blank ballots are not votes and shall not be counted. Voice vote or show of hands may be permitted in lieu of secret ballot if unanimously approved by the members present. (1867 – 1998)

Sec. 12.040 All elections for officers must be held in open Council. No election can be legally held when the Council is called or at rest. (1867)

Sec. 12.050 If, for any cause, a Council fails to elect its officers at the time provided for in Sec. 12.010 of these Regulations, the officers last installed will continue in the discharge of the duties of their respective stations until their successors shall have been duly elected and installed. The Council will IMMEDIATELY schedule a special meeting for election of officers, without requesting a dispensation, and notify the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the date of such meeting.(1867 – 1998)

Sec. 12.060 The Most Illustrious Grand Master possesses the power to grant dispensations to hold elections due to vacancies. (1867 – 1998)

Sec. 12.070 Any member of a Council is eligible to be elected to and hold any one elected office of his Council. The Recorder and Treasurer may be the same person, as long as two or more Companions are required to sign all checks. (1987 – 1998)

CHAPTER XIII

Constituent Council Installations

Sec. 13.010 Officers of chartered Councils, elected or appointed, before exercising any of the functions of their office, must, in all cases, be regularly installed according to the formula adopted by this Grand Council and annexed to these rules. (1867)

Sec. 13.020 No one but a Companion who has himself been regularly installed as Illustrious Master, and who is at the time a member of some regular Council, can legally perform the ceremonies of installing the officers of a Council in this jurisdiction. (1867 – 1987)

Sec. 13.030 All installation ceremonies must be performed as soon after the election as practicable, except officers elected at a special election, who should be installed immediately after the election, if possible; but no officer can be installed unless he shall be actually present, and takes upon himself the responsibilities of the office. This cannot be done by proxy. (1867)

CHAPTER XIV

Rights and Duties of Officers

Sec. 14.010 The Illustrious Master of every Council has it in special charge, as appertaining to his office, duty and dignity, to see that the Constitution, rules and edicts of this Grand Council, as well as the By-Laws of his own Council, are strictly observed; that accurate records of his Council are accurately kept; that just accounts and reports of all financial matters be properly rendered; that the annual returns of the Grand Council be regularly made out, according to the forms to be furnished by the Grand Recorder and returned to that officer on or before the twentieth (20th) day of January annually; that the dues to the Grand Council be regularly and punctually paid on or before the first day of April, annually; that each officer and member of his Council perform the duties of their respective stations faithfully and are examples of diligence and industry; that the ceremonies of his Council are performed with due order and solemnity, avoiding all trifling and levity, and should anything of this character be indulged in by any Companion present, to call the offender strictly to an account for his impropriety. (1867)

Sec. 14.011 He has the authority of convening his Council at pleasure and it is duty to attend all meetings of the Grand council, either in person or by proxy. (1867)

Sec. 14.020 The associations of Masonry being voluntary, the Grand council recognizes the right in any officer of a council to resign his office, in which case the illustrious Master will fill such vacancy by appointment until the next stated election. In case of death of any officer below the rank of Illustrious Master, the Illustrious Master will fill such vacancy by appointment until the next stated election. (1867)

Sec. 14.030 Should the Illustrious Master resign or remove from the jurisdiction of his Council, the next officer in rank will succeed to his duties, with power to fill all such other vacancies as may occur. (1867)

Sec. 14.031 When the Deputy Master succeeds to the duties of the Illustrious Master, he does not succeed to the office of Illustrious Master; and be eligible to the rank of Past Illustrious Master, he must be elected to that office at a succeeding election. (1939)

Sec. 14.040 Should the Illustrious Master-elect decline to be installed, the Deputy Master and Principle Conductor of the Work, or either of them, being installed, will succeed respectively to the duties of the chair. (1867)

Sec. 14.050 Should all of the above named officers-elect decline to be installed, the officers last installed shall continue in office until their successors are duly elected and installed. (1867)

Sec. 14.060 Should any or all of the offices of Illustrious Master, Deputy Master and Principal Conductor of the Work become vacant, by resignation or otherwise, the Most illustrious Grand Master may, by appointment, fill any or all of the same or he may, by special dispensation, authorize the Constituent Council to hold a special election for that purpose as he may decide best for the welfare of the Council. (1977)

Sec. 14.061 The Most Illustrious Grand Master has the authority and shall grant special dispensation to elect an Illustrious Master of a Constituent Council when requested to do so by a Council, provided the Deputy Master and Principal Conductor of the Work of said Council join in such request. (1977)

Sec. 14.070 In the absence of the Illustrious Master, the Deputy Master will take the chair and in the absence of the Deputy Master the Principal Conductor of the Work will preside; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that after opening the Council, either of the above named officers may waive his right to preside in favor of any experienced officer present. (1987)

Sec. 14.080 In the absence of all three of the above named officers, no Council can legally be formed or business transacted. (1867)

Sec. 14.090 When a council shall have been regularly congregated by proper officer present, and then placed under the charge of a competent Companion, should either or all of the above named officers be called away, the work and business of the Council may still proceed legally as though any one or all the governing officers were present and officiating. (1867)

Sec. 14.100 Deleted (1998)

CHAPTER XVI

Assemblies and Business

Sec. 16.010 All assemblies of a Council are either stated, joint or called. Stated and Joint assemblies are those as provided for at fixed periods in the By-Laws of a Council. Called assemblies are those convened by the Illustrious Master to meet some emergency or to do degree work. Joint meetings are those held with a Chapter and/or Commandery. The Moon Schedule, so called, for fixing the date of Stated Assemblies, is declared obsolete. (1867 – 1925 – 1931 – 1987 – 1998)

Sec. 16.020 No business can be transacted at a called assembly but that for which was convened; and the members should be notified of the time and place of the assembly and the purpose for which it is called, including the receipt and voting upon petitions for the degrees or membership. (1867 – 1976)

Sec. 16.030 A verbal summons, notifying the members of the time and objects of the assembly, is sufficient. (1867)

Sec. 16.040 A Council, duly opened in a stated assembly, can not be called off to meet on some subsequent day, but must be regularly closed. (1867)

Sec. 16.050 Every Council should meet at least once in every three (3) months; but in no case can a council fail to meet for an entire year, unless by special permission from the Most Illustrious Grand Master, without forfeiting its Charter. (1867)

Sec. 16.051 Councils shall have at least thirty (30) days notice of proposed inspections and having such notice, shall be required to exemplify the work and shall not be permitted to use the ritual for the exemplification of the esoteric work, and should they persist in refusing to exemplify the work, the Most Illustrious Grand Master may, if he deems it expedient, take up the Charter.

Sec. 16.060 Any Council under charter, which fails to have an inspection for two (2) consecutive years, as shown by the official report of the Grand Lecturer, shall be required to show cause at the next

successive assembly of the Grand Council why its charter shall not be revoked. Whenever any Council shall fail or be unable to make such showing as shall meet the approval of the Grand Lecturer at any annual inspection, said Council may be required to consolidate with its nearest Council or suffer the arrest of its charter, at the discretion of the Grand Master.

Sec. 16.070 Councils must hold all of their Assemblies in some safe and suitable room at the place named in the dispensation or charter under which they work, and in no case are they permitted to change their place of assembly except by the assent of a majority of all members of such Council, and then by permission from the Grand Council or the Grand Master if the Grand Council be in recess. (1867 – 1939 – 1987)

Sec. 16.071 Councils may remove from one room of a house to another or from one house to another in the same town or city, provided the meeting room can be properly tyled, by vote of a majority of its members present at a STATED MEETING, due notice of the proposed removal having been given in writing at a previous STATED ASSEMBLY, and with permission of the most Illustrious Grand Master. (1867 – 1939 – 1987 – 1998)

Sec. 16.072 Councils may be permitted to visit towns and cities within the State to confer degrees, upon petition to the Grand Master and upon receiving a formal dispensation from the Grand Master. (1867 – 1939 – 1987)

Sec. 16.080 The custom of Councils holding their assemblies in the same room or hall occupied and used by other Masonic organizations is allowable, and in certain cases the Council may meet in facilities provided by other Fraternal Organizations, with the approval of the Most Illustrious Grand Master. (1867 – 1939 – 1998)

Sec. 16.090 The permitting of Council halls or rooms to be used or occupied for other than Masonic purposes is forbidden, if it is owned by the Masonic Lodge. (1998)

Sec. 16.100 Before proceeding to the transaction of business, the Council must be regularly opened and closed with the full appropriate ceremonies, except when holding a Joint Meeting with another Council, Chapter or Commandery. When holding a Joint Meeting in which another body has opened, the Council presiding officer may declare it closed at the conclusion of all Council business. (1998)

Sec. 16.110 All business presented for the consideration of the Council must be taken and acted upon in such order as the Illustrious Master in his discretion may determine, or as provided for in the By-Laws, and in all discussions or debate in a Council, personal reflections and political or sectarian topics are strictly prohibited.

Sec. 16.120 In the consideration and decision of all matters of complaint before a Council, no one shall be permitted to speak more than once upon any one point, except to explain; and must, in all remarks, confine himself strictly to the point under consideration.

Sec. 16.130 When in the judgment of the Illustrious Master, a subject has been sufficiently discussed, and he arises to put the question, all debate will cease.

Sec. 16.140 A quorum for the transaction of any business of a Council, including the conferring of degrees, consists of nine (9) Cryptic Masons, including an officer entitled to congregate and open the Council. (1998)

CHAPTER XVII

Degrees and Ritual

Sec. 17.010 The degrees recognized by this Grand Council are as follows: Royal Master, Select Master and the optional degree of Super-Excellent Master. Typically the degrees are conferred in the order here enumerated; however, the order may be changed for certain occasions by permission of the Most Illustrious Grand Master. (1867 – 1998)

Sec. 17.020 The ceremonies and rituals in conferring the several degrees in the Council, as well as the opening and closing ceremonies, must conform in each particular to that arranged and adopted by this Grand Council. Councils are permitted to buy as many rituals as necessary for exemplifying the degrees. A Council, Grand Officer or a Companion is responsible for the cost of all rituals in their possession, either new or replaced. The Grand Lecturer or **Arch** Officer, at the time of the annual Inspection will check Rituals to determine that each officer has a ritual, if not he will report thereon to the Most Illustrious Grand Master. The Grand Master may suspend the functions of said Council until the provisions of this act are complied with. (1987 – 1998 – **2014**)

Sec. 17.030 Deleted

CHAPTER XVIII

Membership and Demits

Sec. 18.010 A Companion, free from charges, upon written application accompanied by validation from the Recorder that his dues are paid, shall be granted a demit in open Council without a vote and the Recorder shall note same on the minutes and thereupon issue the demit.

Sec. 18.020 The jurisdiction of the several Councils shall be concurrent and statewide.

Sec. 18.030 The Constituent Councils under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Indiana may accept, ballot upon and confer the ritualistic work upon any petition received from a Royal Arch Mason residing within the United States of America – provided said petition is accompanied by a legal waiver from the Constituent Council and the Grand Council which has jurisdiction over said petitioner and is the place of legal residence of said petitioner.

Sec. 18.040 The Council first receiving a petition shall retain jurisdiction until such petition is disposed of by election or rejection.

Sec. 18.050 A Companion receiving the degrees of Royal and Select Master becomes a member of the Council electing him to the degrees and by whose right they were conferred. (1867).

Sec. 18.060 Any Companion free from charges, desiring to transfer his membership from one Council to another shall have the right to petition such other Council for membership after having given written notice to his original Council of such intention, which petition shall be accompanied by a receipt in full for dues to his Council in which he holds membership to the date of such notice. Should the Council so receiving his petition elect him to membership, the Recorder shall immediately notify the Recorder of his original Council of such election. Upon receipt of such official notice from the Council electing him to membership the Recorder of the Council so electing him to membership, and this shall complete his membership therein. (1931)

Sec. 18.061 In case of rejection by the Council, to which he has applied, his membership shall remain in his former Council.

Sec 18.062 These sections shall in no wise be construed so as to impair the long-established right of voluntary and absolute demission.

Sec. 18.070 No member can forfeit his membership or right to vote in a Council by operation of law merely, but only by vote of the Council after due notice and investigation into the merits of the case. (1867)

Sec. 18.071 In case the Council is in receipt of official notice of the suspension of a Companion in his Lodge of Master Masons or Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, such information shall be read at the next stated meeting of the Council, whereupon the illustrious Master shall declare the Companion suspended in the Council. If he shall be reinstated and again become a member in good standing in his Lodge and Chapter, upon official notice received by the Council, a secret ballot must be taken to restore him to good standing in the Council, at a stated meeting of the Council. The Recorder shall make a record of the action in each case on the minutes of the assembly. (1998)

Sec. 18.080 When a Council, duly organized, shall surrender its Charter, or the organization thereof be otherwise dissolved, the members thereby become affiliated with Ish Sodi Council 1855 U.D. with the right to seek admission into another Council upon payment of all dues then owing to his Council to the Recorder, who shall, thereupon, issue to such Companion a demit from his Council. (1867 – 1998)

Sec. 18.090 Councils may confer the distinction of honorary membership upon such affiliated Companions not members of the Council conferring the honor, as may have merited the same by long or eminent services to the Craft. (1867 – 1987)

Sec. 18.100 Such honorary membership, when so bestowed, will confer upon the recipient the right to participate in all such labors of the Council except holding office, without subjecting the Companion so honored to the payment of dues. (1867)

Sec. 18.101 The suspension, expulsion or demission of such member from the Council in which he may hold regular membership, will, in all cases, terminate such honorary membership.

Sec. 18.102 Plural Membership. A Companion may hold membership in more than one Council in this Jurisdiction. Plural members will pay the same amount of annual dues and assessments as are levied against all other dues paying members of each Council. (1867) (Plural 1998)

Sec. 18.103 Plural and Original. The Council in which a plural member has held membership for the longest time shall be designated as his Council of “original Membership.” (1987)

Sec. 18.104 Application. Application for plural Membership shall take the same course as an application for membership. No additional fees shall be charged. The applicant shall not be required to file a demit, but must present a certificate from his original Council, showing him to be in good standing. (1987)

Sec. 18.105 Loss of Membership:

(a) If any Plural member of an Indiana Council be suspended or expelled from the other Council in which he holds such original or Plural membership, (except for non-payment of dues) such suspension or expulsion shall, without the necessity of preferring charges or trial in such Indiana Council, constitute suspension or expulsion, respectively, of such member from the Indiana Council of which he was a member. (1998)

(b) In case of suspension or involuntary loss of membership (by Plural member) where both Councils are in this Jurisdiction, the suspending or expelling Council shall notify the Grand Recorder who shall forthwith notify the other Indiana Council.

(c) Any plural member free of charges and whose indebtedness to both Councils is paid, may request discontinuance of dual membership in either of his Council of “original membership” or his Council of “Plural membership,” by presenting a written request at a Stated Meeting of the Council. At the next Stated Meeting, unless his letter of request be withdrawn, the Council shall grant his request and terminate his status as a Plural member. His membership in the remaining Council shall retain all the rights and privileges of “original membership”. Notification of his withdrawal from Plural member status shall

be immediately sent by the Council Recorder to the Companion requesting it and to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Indiana, who shall notify the Council in which the Companion retains "Original membership." (1987)

Sec. 18.106 Privileges and Obligations.

- (a) Except as noted herein, a plural member shall have all the privileges and be bound by all the obligations in both his "original membership" and "plural membership" Councils.
- (b) He shall be privileged to hold office in each of said Councils, but shall not be illustrious Master of more than one Council at the same time.
- (c) The 50-Year Award may be granted in only one Council, that being the Council of "original membership." Dues and assessments for 50-Year recipients will be remitted in BOTH Councils.

Sec. 18.107 Effective Date of Membership.

- (a) Membership of an applicant for plural membership is complete when he has passed a clear ballot and presented a proper certificate showing his good standing in the original Council.
- (b) Restoration. After involuntary loss of membership, restoration to membership of a former plural member shall be effective only in the Council, which takes such action.
- (c) Suspension. Suspension of a plural member, for non-payment of dues shall follow the same procedure as suspension of an original member for non-payment of dues. (1987)

Sec. 18.108 Plural Membership.

- (a) Any Select Master in good standing in a regular Council under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Council of Indiana, free from charges, who resides for one year in another Jurisdiction, that is a member of the General Grand Council and which permits plural membership, may petition for plural membership in that Jurisdiction and retain membership in his Indiana Council, provided he attaches to such petition for plural membership a certificate of good standing issued by the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Indiana and provided further that he be elected by the petitioned Council pursuant to the laws of that Jurisdiction as regards petition, investigation, report and ballot and complies with the laws of that Jurisdiction relating to plural membership. (1987)
- (b) Sojourner Residing in Indiana. Any Select Master who has continuously resided in this Jurisdiction for at least one (1) year, who is in good standing in a regular Council of another Jurisdiction that is a member of the General Grand Council and which permits plural membership, may become a member of this Jurisdiction; PROVIDED:
 - (1) He petitions the Indiana Council
 - (2) His petition be accompanied by proof of good standing in his Council of original membership under the seal of the Grand Council of that Jurisdiction.
 - (3) He be elected to membership by the petitioned Council.

Sec. 18.110 In the event that a candidate who has petitioned for the Council degrees in any Constituent Council of this Jurisdiction and has received the Royal Master degree, desires to have the Select Master degree conferred by another Council of a recognized Sister Jurisdiction, or for any good cause shown and if the Grand Master of such Sister Jurisdiction requests the Grand Master of this Jurisdiction that such be done, the Grand Master shall have authority within his discretion of granting such request. (1961)

Sec. 18.120 All applications for the degrees or membership in a Council in this Jurisdiction must be made in writing, signed by the applicant with his full name, recommended by two (2) members of the Council to which the application is made and presented at a Stated Assembly or in an Assembly called for such purpose. Thereupon, on motion duly seconded and passed, an immediate ballot may be taken. (1937 – 40 – 43 – 76)

Sec. 18.130 When a Council shall have legally received a petition, no other Council can have Jurisdiction in the case or in any manner whatever interfere with the legitimate work of the Council without the consent of such Council first obtained. (1867)

Sec. 18.140 Councils are prohibited from greeting candidates who are not members in good standing of a Lodge of Master Masons and members in good standing of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons or from one who has been rejected by another Council, without the consent of such Council until at least one year from the time of such rejection shall have passed or one whose physical disability is such as to prevent his literal compliance with the ceremonies of our order: PROVIDED, that the Most Illustrious Grand Master may,

with the consent of the committee on Jurisprudence, allow Councils to receive and ballot on petitions of those who can, by the aid of artificial appliances, conform to the ceremonies in every particular.

Sec. 18.150 After a petition shall have been regularly received by a Council and the fact entered upon its records, it shall not be withdrawn without consent of the Council and not after the Committee on Character shall have reported. (1867)

Sec. 18.160 No religious test shall be required of any applicant for the privilege of Cryptic Masonry, other than a firm and steadfast belief in the existence and perfections of Deity.

Sec. 18.170 A Companion regularly demitted from another Council is not compelled to apply for membership to the Council nearest his residence. Any Council can legally receive his petition and admit him to membership. A Companion having demitted from a Council incorporated in the Capitular system, as in Virginia, can be admitted to membership by "healing", that is, by being re-obligated. (1929)

CHAPTER XIX

Balloting

Sec. 19.010 The ballot for admission to the degrees, as well as for membership, must be unanimous and every member present must vote. When, should one negative vote appear, the Illustrious Master shall cause another ballot to be immediately had, when, should one or more negative votes appear, he shall declare the applicant rejected. (1867) However, a Council may receive the petition upon him without balloting, as long as there is no objection by any member of the Council. (1998)

Sec. 19.011 The election of a candidate who fails to present himself for initiation within one year is void.

Sec. 19.012 In case two (2) or more petitioners are to be balloted upon at any Stated Assembly, the names of all said petitioners may, on motion, be included in one ballot, but should one or more negative votes appear in such joint ballot, each petitioner shall thereupon be balloted upon separately in the manner hereinbefore provided. (1947)

Sec. 19.020 After a petitioner is declared rejected, his case cannot be brought before the Council again except upon a new petition, as in the first instance and then lie over for consideration until the next Stated Assembly of the Council. (1867)

Sec. 19.030 When an unfavorable report upon a petition shall be made by a committee, the same proceedings must be had as upon a favorable report, the ballot alone deciding the question. (1867)

Sec. 19.040 No debate must be allowed after a ballot is ordered and no inquiry permitted as to who may have cast a negative vote. (1867)

Sec. 19.050 After a ballot has been declared unanimous in favor of an applicant, it is competent for the Illustrious Master to arrest the conferring of the degree should he become satisfied that the applicant is unworthy; and it is his imperative duty to do so while any member of the Council objects, which objection may be made privately to the Illustrious Master or at any time in open Council, before the conferring of the degrees has begun; or if the objecting member be unable to attend, then by written communication to the Council. Such objection shall then have the same effect as a negative vote and be so recorded. (1867)

Sec. 19.051 In case of a violation of the provisions of Sec. 19.050, in whole or in part, before the Grand Master arrests the Charter, he shall give the Council officers a hearing as to the question involved.

Sec. 19.060 A vote on the investigation of charges, or to inflict a penalty, must in all cases be taken by ballot and a majority of the members present shall be necessary to find guilty or to reprimand or suspend and two-thirds (2/3) to expel. (1867)

Sec. 19.070 A vote to reinstate must also be taken by ballot and shall require the same vote to remove penalty that it does to impose it. (1867)

Sec. 19.080 A separate and distinct ballot must be had on each particular case before the Council. (1867)

Sec. 19.090 A vote by ballot can in no case be reconsidered. (1867)

Sec. 19.100 In all other cases not herein before mentioned, the vote may be taken by ayes and nays, or by show of hands as the Illustrious Master may deem proper and a majority will decide the question. (1867)

CHAPTER XX

Right to Visit

Sec. 20.010 The right to determine upon the propriety of admitting a visiting Companion is the prerogative of each and every Council in this Jurisdiction. No visitor can, therefor, be admitted into a Council while single member present objects. Nor can an objecting member be required to assign his reason therefor, but may do so if he chooses. (1867)

CHAPTER XXI

Unaffiliated Companions

Sec. 21.010 It is the duty of every Cryptic Mason to be a member of some Council and obey the laws and regulations relative to the payment of dues and contributions to the charity funds of the Council. (1867)

Sec. 21.011 Councils may deny to unaffiliated Companions the privilege of visiting a Council or joining in the public processions thereof and shall so deny after one (1) year from date of demission. (1867)

Sec. 21.020 Voluntary non-affiliation in Lodge or Chapter shall automatically deprive a Companion of his membership in the Council. The minutes must show the action had. (1987)

Sec. 21.021 Re-affiliation in Lodge and Chapter automatically restores the Companion to membership in the Council. The minutes must show the action had. (1987) This does not apply to Companions suspended or expelled for un-Masonic conduct. In such case a vote must be taken. (1998)

Sec. 21.030 The Grand Council holds it to be highly improper to bestow Masonic charity upon an unaffiliated Companion, as it is thereby diverts the means and purposes of the institution into an improper channel. (1867 – 1939)

CHAPTER XXII

Public Processions, Ceremonies

Sec. 22.010 All public processions of the Council, except on purely Masonic occasions, are strictly prohibited. (1867)

Sec. 22.020 Cryptic Masonry has no ceremony for the burial of the dead. (1867)

Sec. 22.030 Councils within this Jurisdiction may, at their discretion, have a public installation of their officers according to the formula adopted by this Grand Council, a competent Companion, who at the time is a member of a Council, being present and officiating, as provided in 13.020. (1867 – 1987)

Sec. 22.040 Councils may also have the ceremonies constituting and dedicating their Council performed in public. But in such case the Most Illustrious Grand Master, or a competent Companion appointed by him must be present and officiate. (1867)

Sec. 22.050 Councils may join with Lodges and Chapters in celebrating the anniversaries or in any public demonstration allowed by the laws of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, but all such public processions and ceremonies, however, must be strictly and purely Masonic. No mixture with other orders or societies whatever can be allowed. (1867)

CHAPTER XXIII

Council Revenues

Sec. 23.010 No Council shall confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master upon any one for a sum less than six (\$6.00) dollars. (1867 – 1919) **(2014)**

Sec. 23.011 The full amount required for the degrees, must, in every case, be actually paid into the hands of the Recorder with the petition. (1867)

Sec. 23.020 Each Council has the right to assess and collect from its members such regular dues as shall be necessary to pay Grand Council dues, defray the expenses of the Council and keep up its charity funds, PROVIDED, that no dues shall be charged against a member while under suspension or expulsion, nor affiliated with a Council under dispensation. (1867 – 1932)

Sec. 23.021 Councils may charge a fee for affiliation, by proper By-Law. **All Councils shall charge a fee of \$10.00 payable to the Grand Council to anyone requesting membership in their Council. (2014)**

Sec. 23.022 Dues shall be payable in advance on January first (1st) of each year.

Sec. 23.023 A member who has not paid his current dues by **January** first (1st) is delinquent and shall be reported as such by the Recorder to the Council at its first stated assembly in April, whereupon the Illustrious Master shall direct the Recorder to serve ten (10) days' notice upon such delinquent, by mail or otherwise at his last known Post Office address, which shall be considered sufficient notice even though returned undelivered, to pay such arrears on or before the first stated assembly in June, or give just cause either in person or by writing at that time why he should not be suspended for such non-payment; and any failure to act as indicated shall be sufficient grounds for declaring the delinquent indefinitely suspended, on a motion, by a majority vote of the members present. The Recorder shall make an accurate record of all such proceedings in the minutes. (1959 - **2014**)

Sec. 23.024 Payment of the amount of dues for which suspended within one (1) year after suspension shall be reported to the Council by the Recorder at a stated assembly, whereupon such suspended member shall be declared fully restored to membership, as of that date, of which action the Recorder shall make a record in the minutes. (1932)

Sec. 23.025 Payment of the amount of dues for which suspended at any time after one (1) year from the date of suspension, shall be reported to the Council by the Recorder at a stated assembly, when a majority vote of the membership present shall fully restore the one suspended to membership, as of that date, of which the Recorder shall make a record in the minutes. (1932)

Sec. 23.026 The Council at a stated assembly may remit the dues of a member for which he was suspended and thereby restore him to his former standing in the Council; but any suggestion for such remission must have been received at a previous stated meeting, referred to and reported upon by a committee. (1931)

Sec. 23.027 Any such restoration (or remission) shall date from the action of the Council and not from the date of payment of the arrearage too the Recorder.

Sec. 23.030 All such assessments of dues, however, must be provided for in the By-Laws of the Council. A Council has no authority to levy a tax or assessment upon its members, other the regular dues provided for in the By-Laws of the Council.

Sec. 23.040 At any stated assembly after dues become dues and payable, each Council may remit the dues of any members who, through indigence or misfortune, may be unable to pay the same, in which case the Council shall be required to account to Grand Council for dues on such member. (1998)

Sec. 23.050 A member of a constituent Council who has been a Royal and Select Master in good standing for a total of fifty (50) years shall become a Life member, in which case the Council shall not be required to account for dues on such member and a suitable evidence of such Life membership be presented such member by the Grand Council of Indiana. (1950)

Sec. 23.060 Each Recorder of a constituent Council shall, on such blank forms as may be furnished to him by the Grand Recorder, transmit to the office of the Grand Recorder within thirty (30) days after receipt of a request from the Grand Recorder, a report of all qualified for Membership Development awards under the rules of the York Rite Association of Indiana as may then exist. (1971)

Sec. 23.061 Each constituent Council of this Grand Jurisdiction shall pay per capita dues as set by the Grand Council on or before the first (1st) day of **March** of each year, beginning with the dues collected in 1998 and payable to the Grand Council. PROVIDED, however, that no dues shall be payable to the Grand Council for 50 year members of Constituent Councils whose dues have been remitted by the Constituent Council. Per capita is paid on all members of the Life Membership plan whether they are 50 year members or not. (1941 – 59 – 71 – 81 – 89 – 1998)

Sec. 23.070 A failure to make Annual Returns on or before **March** 1st, annually, as in these rules required, shall deprive the Council so failing of the right to draw mileage and per deim from the funds of Grand Council for the year of such delinquency, unless an emergency is declared by the Grand Master. (1867 – 1925 - **2014**)

Sec. 23.071 Should any Council fail to correct its Annual Return in readiness for approval and filing by the Grand Recorder, as in these rules required, on or before January 31st, or to pay dues on or before **March** 1st, it shall then be the duty of the Most Illustrious Grand Master immediately to arrest the Charter and suspend the functions of such Council the same to continue in force until such Annual Return is filed, or dues paid to the Grand Recorder, as the case may be, or unless otherwise ordered by the M.I. Grand Master, or Grand Council. (1925 - **2014**)

Sec. 23.072 Grand Council dues shall be regarded as a preferred constitutional and not a local obligation and therefore it is proper for the usual warrants to be drawn in payment thereof directly upon receiving statements from the Grand Recorder of the amount thereto, of which, for purposes of record the Council should later approve and any By-Laws in conflict herewith is declared inoperative, null and void. (1925)

Sec. 23.080 Each and every Council that shall fail to report and pay dues for two (2) years in succession will hereby forfeit its Charter; and is hereby made the duty of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, immediately on the close of each annual assembly of the Grand Council, to demand the Charter from all such delinquent Councils unless otherwise directed by the Grand Council.

Sec. 23.081 Such Charter when so arrested can only be restored upon such terms as the Grand Council may prescribe.

Sec. 23.090 Should the Charter of any Council become forfeited, or should the same, for any cause whatever, be stricken, by order of the Grand Council from the rolls of Councils, the jewels, furniture, property and other effects of such Council shall become the property of the Grand Council and the Most Illustrious Grand Master, or such Companion as he may appoint, shall take possession of and hold the same for the benefit of the Grand Council.

CHAPTER XXIV

Offenses and Penalties and Trials

Sec. 24.010 Whatever is a breach of good morals, contrary to the precepts of the Holy Scriptures or a violation of the Laws of the State or the United States, is an offense against the precepts of Masonry and must be dealt with by every Council in this jurisdiction promptly and efficiently.

Sec. 24.020 Every Cryptic Mason, who does not by his daily walk and conversation, exemplify his firm faith in the existence and perfection of Deity, is proper subject for Masonic discipline and must be speedily dealt with by the Council under whose Jurisdiction he may reside and required to reform or have no more place among us.

Sec. 24.030 It is a Masonic offense of the greatest gravity for any Companion or Companions to print or otherwise reproduce, whether in cipher or not, the adopted Ritual of this Jurisdiction without the consent of the Grand Council.

Sec. 24.031 The violators of Sec. 24.030 must be severely punished by the Councils of which they are members and a failure to punish such offending Companions will result in arresting the Charters of the Councils of which they are members.

Sec. 24.040 Communicating the proceedings of a Council to persons not Royal and Select Masters, is a high offense against that particular Council and proprieties of the Fraternity. If done by a member, the Council must mete out the penalty according to the aggravation of the offense.

Sec. 24.050 Any Companion guilty of disorderly conduct in open Council, or who disobeys the order of the Illustrious Master, or persists in disturbing the harmony of the Council shall be reprimanded; for the second offense he shall, for that assembly be excluded from the Council and for the third offense expelled.

Sec. 24.060 Should any member, for trifling, capricious or unworthy motives, attempt to arrest the legitimate work of his Council, he will thereby render himself amenable to Masonic discipline.

Sec. 24.070 Notice of suspension or expulsion of a member given to other Councils is not necessary, but Councils may do so at their own option. In no case, however, is a Council allowed to publish in a newspaper the suspension of any of its members for any cause whatever.

Sec. 24.080 The Grand Council, having adopted a system of work and lectures for conferring of the degrees in the Council and appointed a competent Companion as Grand Lecturer to inspect and instruct Councils therein, in order that uniformity shall be observed throughout the jurisdiction, therefore, Councils are expressly prohibited from receiving instructions in what is commonly called the work and lectures from any other than the Grand Lecturer without express authority from the Grand Council or the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

Sec. 24.090 The only penalties for offenses against Masonic Law and property are four, to-wit:

First	Reprimand
Second	Suspension to a definite time
Third	Suspension indefinitely
Fourth	Expulsion

One of which must be imposed by the Council finding a Companion guilty of an offense, according to the nature and degree of the offense committed.

Sec. 24.110 The penal Jurisdiction of a Council extends over all Cryptic Masons within its territorial limits. It is, therefore, the duty of each Council to take cognizance of the conduct of every Companion within its Jurisdiction and for a violation of any moral or Masonic duty, to vindicate the law and administer justice: PROVIDED, that Illustrious Masters and Most Illustrious Grand Masters are answerable only to the Grand Council for acts growing out of their official duties.

- Sec. 24.111 For any official misconduct the Most Illustrious Grand Master may suspend the Illustrious Master of a Council from his office until the case can be heard and decided by the Grand Council.
- Sec. 24.120 A member of a Council in another Grand Jurisdiction shall be held to answer for any un-masonic conduct within this Jurisdiction to the Council within whose particular Jurisdiction the offense may have been committed.
- Sec. 24.130 A member of a Council within this Jurisdiction shall be held to answer for a breach of the moral code, either to the Council of which he may be a member or to the Council within whose Jurisdiction the offense may have been committed. Whichever of these Councils shall take cognizance of the case first shall have Jurisdiction.
- Sec. 24.140 An unaffiliated Companion shall, in all cases, be held to answer to the Council within whose Jurisdiction the offense may have been committed.
- Sec. 24.141 A Companion under suspension for non-payment of dues can be charged with and tried for more serious offenses without first being reinstated. (1923)
- Sec. 24.210 No Companion can be reprimanded, suspended or expelled by any Council in this Grand Jurisdiction for any cause whatever, only upon written charges and specifications and dues notice of the time and place of trial, except in cases where the accused may have absconded before service of notice.
- Sec. 24.220 Any affiliated Companion has the right to prefer charges or matters of complaint, but in no case can this privilege be extended to one who is not affiliated.
- Sec. 24.230 Complaints against the Most Illustrious Grand Master for official misconduct must be made to the Grand Council when in session.
- Sec. 24.240 Complaints against an Illustrious Master for official misconduct must be made to the Most Illustrious Grand Master, in vacation, or to the Grand Council when in session, who will proceed to investigate the same according to the rules governing the Grand Council.
- Sec. 24.250 Charges and specifications against the Illustrious Master of a Council for un-masonic conduct, not growing out of the discharge of his official duties, must be made to the Most Illustrious Grand Master and if approved by him he will fix a time for trial, before the Council of which the accused is a member and notify the Council with a copy of the charges and specifications and time fixed for the trial and instruct the Recorder of the Council to serve a like copy upon the accused.
- Sec. 24.260 In all things relating to the trial of the Illustrious Master by his Council, except as otherwise specified in these rules, the same proceedings must be had as in the trial of other members for like offenses, only that the Most Illustrious Grand Master or a special deputy appointed by him must be present and preside.
- Sec. 24.270 In complaints for non-payment of dues, the account current against the delinquent member shall be deemed a sufficient charge and specification for the Council to take action upon, after proper notice to the delinquent member.
- Sec. 24.280 Charges of un-masonic conduct must be made in writing and signed by the Companion making them, setting forth, with reasonable certainty, specifications thereof, the time and place of the commission of the offense complained of and must then be presented to the Council at a stated assembly, when they shall be read in open Council and spread on the record. The Illustrious Master shall then set a time for trial and order the Recorder to serve copy of the charges and specifications upon the accused and also notify him of the time set for trial; but in no case shall less than ten (10) days' notice be deemed a sufficient notice to the accused.
- Sec. 24.290 The party making the complaint must also file with the Council a list of the names of the witnesses by whom the facts alleged can be proven.

Sec. 24.291 The Recorder must serve the notice in person; or if the accused resides at a distance, then by mail, but when sent by mail a reasonable time shall be allowed the accused to receive it, in addition to the ten (10) days.

Sec. 24.510 At the time set for trial, should the accused appear and plead guilty to the charges and specifications, no further evidence is necessary in the case and the Council shall at once proceed to fix the penalty demanded by the offense.

Sec. 24.511 At the time set for trial, should the accused neglect or fail to appear in person or by counsel, the Illustrious Master may continue the case to some future time, or he may appoint a competent Companion as counsel for the accused and proceed to hear and decide upon the merits of the case the same as though the accused were present.

Sec. 24.520 When a Companion, charged with the commission of an offense, shall abscond before due notice shall have been served upon him, the Illustrious Master shall, at the time fixed for trial, appoint a counsel for the accused and the Council proceed to try and determine the case.

Sec. 24.530 All matters of complaint and charges for un-masonic conduct must be heard and decided by the Council. In no case can this be left to a committee.

Sec. 24.540 The accused, when on trial before the Council, cannot be allowed to vote on any question growing out of his own case, nor can he be present in the Council while the question of his guilt is being considered or the penalty determined.

Sec. 24.550 After evidence shall have been presented and the accused, by himself or counsel, had an opportunity of being heard in his own defense, he shall then retire and the Council shall proceed immediately to the consideration of the case and after the same, in the judgment of the Illustrious Master, shall have been sufficiently considered, he shall order the vote to be taken by ballot, first as to whether the accused is guilty as charged; and if found guilty by a majority of the votes cast, then to fix the grade of penalty, commencing with the highest penalty first and so on down until some grade of penalty is fixed.

Sec. 24.560 Should the Council refuse, by the required vote, to inflict any grade of penalty, after having voted three (3) separate times on each grade of penalty, the Recorder of the Council shall immediately certify the fact, stating all the material points in the case, under the seal of the Council, to the Most Illustrious Grand Master, who may in the exercise of his discretion, arrest the Charter of the Council.

Sec. 24.570 Any Royal and Select Master in good standing and a member of a Council in this Grand Jurisdiction, may act as counsel for the Council or the accused, but shall not be entitled to any compensation for his services.

Sec. 24.610 The rules of evidence in all trials before the Council shall be, so far as applicable, the same as in civil courts, except that no special oath or affirmation, either civil or Masonic, shall be required of a witness.

Sec. 24.620 Any one charged with an offense, having been convicted of the same in a court having Jurisdiction thereof, a certified copy of the records of such court may be admitted as evidence.

Sec. 24.630 The accused shall in all cases be a competent witness, but shall not be required to give evidence unless he shall first offer himself in his own behalf, in which case he shall be required to answer all proper questions relating to the case; and should he refuse to do so his testimony shall be rejected.

Sec. 24.640 The evidence of witnesses, either for or against the accused, who may be unable to attend the trial, or who are not members of the Fraternity, may be taken in writing by a committee appointed for that purpose, of which the accused, if possible, must have due notice.

Sec. 24.650 At the time appointed the committee shall proceed to take evidence of such witnesses, cause the same to be reduced to writing and after carefully reading the same over to the witness, request him or her to sign the same.

Sec. 24.660 The evidence thus taken shall be read before the Council at the time of trial and be subject to the same rules of admissibility as other evidence.

Sec. 24.670 The material evidence given upon the trial of any cause before the Council must be reduced to writing and carefully preserved by the Recorder, in order to have the case properly prepared should an appeal be taken to the Grand Council.

Sec. 24.680 The Illustrious Master shall decide as to the admissibility of any testimony that may be offered, as well as all points of law and order that may be raised.

Sec. 24.710 The suspension or expulsion of a member, for any cause, effectually precludes, for the time being, all Masonic intercourse with him whatever.

Sec. 24.720 A suspension or expulsion, for any cause, by a Lodge of Master Masons or by a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, is effectually a suspension or expulsion from a Council of Cryptic Masons and must be so regarded by every Council in this Jurisdiction. (reference Sec. 21.020)

Sec. 24.730 A sentence of suspension or expulsion by a Council will be in force from and after the passage thereof, until reversed by the Council pronouncing the same or by the Grand council.

Sec. 24.740 A refusal to submit to the penalty of reprimand will operate to exclude the Companion so refusing from all rights and privileges of Cryptic Masonry during the time he shall so refuse to submit to the judgment of the Council and such refusal must be noted on the records of the Council.

Sec. 24.750 A member suspended or expelled, for any cause, is not chargeable with dues during the continuance of such disability.

Sec. 24.810 Submitting to the penalty of reprimand fully restores the Companion to his former standing in his Council.

Sec. 24.811 The expiration time, for which a Companion may have been suspended, fully restores him to his former standing in his Council without further action on the part of the Council; but the Recorder must note the fact upon the records.

Sec. 24.812 The payment of all dues for which a member may stand suspended and if suspended for more than one (1) year a majority vote of the members present at any stated assembly of the council, fully restores him to membership: PROVIDED, that the Councils may remit the dues of a member for which he was suspended and thereby restore him to his former standing in the Council, but a petition for such remission must be received at a previous stated assembly referred to and reported on by a committee.

Sec. 24.813 The power to restore from suspension or expulsion, for causes other than non-payment of dues, exists both in the Council pronouncing the sentence and in the Grand Council.

Sec. 24.814 When the right is exercised by the Grand Council on an appeal reversing the sentence of the Council upon the merits of the case, it operates to restore the companion to the rights and privileges of a Cryptic Mason, as well as to the membership which he may have had before charges were preferred against him.

Sec. 24.815 When the sentence is reversed by the Grand Council for error in the proceedings, it will operate to restore him as he was before the sentence was pronounced against him; and in all such cases the cause must be reprimanded to the Council for further trial.

Sec. 24.816 When the right is exercised by the Grand Council for any cause, without appeal, it operates to restore him to the privileges of Cryptic Masonry only and not to membership.

Sec. 24.817 When the right is exercised by the Council, it operates to fully restore him to all the rights and privileges of a Cryptic Mason, as well as to the membership which he may have had before the sentence was pronounced against him.

Sec. 24.818 It is not proper or right for a Council in this Jurisdiction to restore a Companion who may have been suspended or expelled by a Council in another Jurisdiction.

Sec. 24.819 A Companion suspended or expelled by a Council in another Jurisdiction and who during the continuance of such sentence removes within this Jurisdiction, must nevertheless apply to the Council pronouncing the sentence against him to be reinstated, if within the power of such Council, so to do; if not, then he must apply to this Grand Council.

Sec. 24.820 A proposition to restore a Companion who may have been suspended or expelled, for other than non-payment of dues, must be made in writing at a stated assembly of the Council and the same then be referred to a committee, where it shall require the same vote to remove the penalty that it did to impose it.

Sec. 24.821 A Companion who, for any cause, may have been suspended or expelled by a Lodge of Master Masons or a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and subsequently restored by the Lodge and Chapter is thereby restored to good standing in his Council and the Recorder shall note the fact on the record.

Sec. 24.851 New trials may be granted by the Council to a Companion against whom a judgment may have been pronounced by such Council, at any time within ninety (90) days from the date of judgment.

Sec. 24.852 All applications for a new trial must be made in writing, setting forth the grounds upon which such application is founded and presented to the Council at a stated assembly, and should the Council refuse to grant the same, an appeal may be taken therefrom to the Most Illustrious Grand Master or Grand Council, when, for good cause shown a new trial may be granted, even after the expiration of the ninety days.

Sec. 24.853 In all cases where a new trial is granted, the same rules shall govern as on the trial of the cause in the first instance.

Sec. 24.910 In no case can an appeal be taken from the decision of the Illustrious Master of the Council over which he presides; but when desired, an appeal must be taken to the Most Illustrious Grand Master or to the Grand Council.

Sec. 24.920 Any member of a Council or a Companion, against whom a decision is made, shall have the right to appeal therefrom to the Grand Council at any time within one (1) year from the date of such decision and not afterwards, except by the express permission of the Grand Council.

Sec. 24.930 A Companion desiring an appeal must make such desire known to the Council in writing, either in person or by some Companion in his behalf, which must contain a statement of the case, the exceptions taken to the decision or the judgment appealed from and the grounds upon which he bases his right of appeal.

Sec. 24.940 Upon such desire being made known it shall be the duty of the Recorder to make out a certified copy of the proceedings had in the case, which, with the testimony, so far as the same shall have been reduced to writing, he shall forward it immediately to the Grand Recorder.

CHAPTER XXV

Miscellaneous

Sec. 25.010 The appropriate badge for the Council degrees is "a white lamb-skin apron" trimmed with purple and having on the bib a broken triangle enclosed within a circle.

Sec. 25.020 (a) Councils are required to preserve at least one copy of the printed proceedings of the Grand Council for each year and have the same bound in convenient volumes for preservation and use of the Council.

(b) A copy of the Constitution and General Regulations is required to be kept on the Recorder's desk in the Council Hall, under penalty of reprimand by the Grand Master. (1924)

(c) Councils are required to provide a SEFER TORAH for use in the work.

Sec. 25.030 It is the duty of each Council to so amend its By-laws as to make them conform in all respects to the foregoing GENERAL REGULATIONS.

Sec. 25.040 Should there be an apparent conflict between any of the foregoing General Regulations and the Constitution and General Laws of the Grand Council, the provisions of the Constitution and General Laws must of necessity prevail.

Sec. 25.500 Organization of an Indiana Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters is authorized. (1938)

Sec. 25.600 The Most Illustrious Grand Master will prepare each of his decisions in triplicate, retaining one copy, sending one copy to the Grand Recorder as a record and sending one copy to the Committee on Jurisprudence. (1987)

Sec. 25.601 Upon approval of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and confirmation by the Grand Council while in session, such decision shall have the effect of law. (1987)

Sec. 25.602 Such approved decisions shall be printed in the General Laws and Regulations as footnotes. (1987)

CHAPTER XXVI

Amendments and Repealing Clause

Sec. 26.010 These General Laws and Regulations may be altered, amended or repealed at any Annual Assembly of the Grand council by being proposed in writing at least thirty (30) days in advance, with copies thereof sent to the Grand Master, Grand Recorder, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee and Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee and at such Annual Assembly referred to and reported upon by the Committee on Jurisprudence and then concurred in by a majority of the members of the Grand Council present; PROVIDED, however, the foregoing requirements of furnishing copies of the proposal thirty (30) days in advance of such Annual Assembly shall not apply to proposals relating to matters of finance of the Grand Council. (1972)

Sec. 26.500 All Laws, Rules and Regulations heretofore adopted for the government of Councils in this Grand Jurisdiction, are hereby repealed.

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