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CONSTITUTIONS OF 1881

OF THE

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FOR THE

Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States.

AS REVISED

THE SUPREME COUNCIL of the thirty third degree of the ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE FOR THE NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, founded upon the Constitution of 1762 of 1786, and the secret constitutions of the Order, holds the sovereign power of governing itself and regulating all the degrees of the ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE within the jurisdiction: of perpetuating the Ritual and philosophy of the RITE in substantial accordance with the *ancient landmarks* of the RITE; of making all laws necessary for the good of the RITE, or affecting its interests or the relations of its members thereto in any of its degrees, or the organization of the subordinate bodies of the RITE. It also holds the exclusive power of regulating the relations of this jurisdiction to other independent jurisdictions of the RITE.

In the exercise of these, its highest powers, it hereby ordains the following Constitutions.

Grand Orient.

ART. 1. The GRAND ORIENT of this Jurisdiction shall be at the vertical point under the zenith (39°, 56′, 59′ N. lat. 75°, 00′, 10″, E. long., meridian of Washington [Philad'a., Pa.], from which

place all decrees, balustres, charters, diplomas, and all official documents shall bear date. The SUPREME COUNCIL shall meet annually; one annual meeting at least in every three years shall be held at the Grand Orient; other annual meetings not otherwise provided for, shall be held at such place as shall from time to time be determined by the SUPREME COUNCIL. Special meetings, called by the Sov.·. Gr.·. Commander, shall be held at such places as he shall direct. All other special meetings shall be held at the Grand Orient.

Number of Members.

ART. 2. This SUPREME COUNCIL shall consist of 43 active members including deputies, and may be increased to a number not exceeding fifty, one of whom at least shall be from each State in this jurisdiction, and whenever a new State shall be formed or included within the jurisdiction, it shall be entitled, of right, to one active member in the SUPREME COUNCIL.

Election of Sov.·. Gr.·. Ins.·. Gen'l.·.

ART. 3. Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third and last degree, active members of the Supreme Council, *ad vitam*, shall be elected at the annual meetings of the Council by *viva voce* vote; one negative vote shall reject a candidate. Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third and last degree, honorary members of the Supreme Council, shall be elected by a secret ballot, and a unanimous vote is necessary to their election.

Past Active Members.

ART. 4. Any active member who shall vacate his active membership by resignation or removal into a State other than the one for which he was elected and to which he was accredited, or otherwise, shall thereby become a Past Active Member.

II. Past Active Members have the right to be present at all sessions of the Supreme Council, and to a voice and vote therein.

Emeritus Members.

ART. 5. Any past active member may be elected an Emeritus Member in the same manner in which active members are elected.

II. Emeritus members may sit in Council at all times, and shall be entitled to voice, and also to vote on all questions except that of active membership.

Honorary Members.

ART. 6. Honorary Members shall be entitled to seats in the Supreme Council, except during Executive Sessions, and shall have the privilege of joining in debate, and shall be clothed with such powers only as are expressly conferred upon them by these Constitutions.

II. Every nomination for the grade of Sovereign Grand Inspector General shall be in writing, signed by one or more active members of this Supreme Council, giving the name of the candidate in full; the date and place of nativity; his occupation, religion and rank in the bodies of this Rite and in the A. F. A. Rite. The nomination shall be made at an Executive Session of an annual meeting of the Supreme Council, and can only be balloted upon at a subsequent annual Executive Session, except by unanimous vote.

III. No brother under the age of twenty-five years shall be eligible to receive the grade of Sovereign Grand Inspector General.

IV. The election to the thirty-third degree of candidates who shall fail or neglect to present themselves to receive the same at the annual session of the Supreme Council next succeeding said election, shall lapse and become void, and of no effect.

V. No person who has received the thirty-third or any other degree shall be permitted to take the Oath of Fealty to this Council, unless he shall have first presented his application in writing, with his reasons for having denied or delayed his allegiance to this Council, and unless the reasons so given shall have been declared satisfactory by a majority of the Council present; and no person who has received the thirty-third, or any other degree, withholding his allegiance to this Council, shall be permitted to sit in, or visit this Supreme Council, or any of its subordinates.

VI. This Supreme Council may, by a unanimous vote at an annual meeting, elect as an Honorary Member any member of

a Supreme Council in correspondence with it. Such election, being a tribute to the Masonic services and distinguished position of the member, shall entitle him to no rights or privileges other than that of a seat in the Supreme Council as an honored visitor.

Forfeiture of Membership.

ART. 7. Any member who shall change his residence from this jurisdiction thereby forfeits all rights, powers and privileges as such member.

Officers, Titles and Elections.

ART. 8. The officers of the Supreme Council shall be chosen from the active members as follows, viz:

1. The Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander.
2. The Puissant Grand Lieutenant Commander.
3. The Ill.·. Grand Minister of State.
4. The Ill.·. Deputies of the Supreme Council.
5. The Ill.·. Grand Treasurer General of the Holy Empire.
6. The Ill.·. Grand Secretary General of the Holy Empire.
7. The Ill.·. Grand Keeper of the Archives.
8. The Ill.·. Grand Master General of Ceremonies.
9. The Ill.·. Grand Marshal General.
10. The Ill.·. Grand Standard Bearer.
11. The Ill.·. Grand Captain of the Guard.

All the foregoing officers shall be elected triennially, by ballot, except the Ill.·. Deputies, who shall be appointed by the M.·. P.·. S.·. Gr.·. Commander.

Vacancies in Office—How Filled.

ART. 9. When, on account of absence from the jurisdiction or from any other cause, the M.·. P.·. Sov.·. Grand Commander becomes disabled from performing the duties of his office, they shall be performed by the P.·. Grand Lieutenant Commander as Deputy, until the disability shall cease or the term of said officer shall expire. The fact of such disability shall be verified by the Supreme Council at its first meeting afterwards, be spread

on the records and the Order notified. Whenever one or more high offices may become vacant, the officer next in rank shall perform the duties of such office until the Council shall take action on the subject. In case of death or resignation of the M.·. P.·. Sov.·. Grand Commander, the P.·. Grand Lieutenant Commander shall succeed to all the rights, titles and prerogatives of the M.·. P.·. Sov.·. Grand Commander for the time being; and no election of M.·. P.·. Sovereign Grand Commander shall take place until the time fixed by these Constitutions.

ART. 10. On all occasions of ceremony the officers and members of the Supreme Council shall rank as follows:

1. Most Puissant Sov.·. Grand Commander.
2. Past Most Puissant Sov.·. Grand Commanders.
3. P.·. Grand Lieutenant Commander.
4. Ill.·. Grand Minister of State.
5. Ill.·. Deputies of the Supreme Council.
6. Ill.·. Grand Treasurer General H.·. E.·.
7. Ill.·. Grand Secretary General H.·. E.·.
8. Ill.·. Grand Keeper of the Archives.
9. Ill.·. Grand Master General of Ceremonies.
10. Ill.·. Grand Marshal General.
11. Ill.·. Grand Standard Bearer.
12. Ill.·. Grand Captain of the Guard.
13. Ill.·. Representatives of other Supreme Councils.
14. Active Members, according to the dates of their Patents.
15. Emeritus Members, according to the date of their Patents.
16. Past Active Members, according to the date of their Patents.
17. Ill.·. Grand Prior
18. Ill.·. Marshals of the Camp.
19. Grand Seneschal.
20. Honorary Members, according to the date of their Patents.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander.

ART. 11. The Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander is the Supreme Chief of the Rite within the jurisdiction of this Supreme Council. He shall preside over all sessions of the Supreme Council, and at his pleasure, over all Masonic Assemblies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite which he shall favor with his presence. He shall have power to call special meetings of the Council, specifying the business to be laid before them, when in his judgement the good of the Rite requires it, and he shall take care that the decrees of the Supreme Council are executed. He may also issue dispensations for the organization of subordinate bodies of the Rite, during the recess of the Supreme Council, to be returned at the succeeding annual session. All correspondence with other Supreme Grand bodies shall be under his supervision.

II. He is authorized in his discretion to have copies made of all original documents received by him or the Supreme Council from other jurisdictions where the originals are in English, and translations where the originals are in other languages; to the end that all such originals may be preserved in the Archives of this Supreme Council.

III. In case of contagion or pestilence, or other controlling cause, affecting the place designated for the annual meeting, he shall have authority to summon the Supreme Council to meet at such other place in the jurisdiction as he may designate and direct.

Puissant Grand Lieutenant-Commander.

ART. 12. In case of a vacancy in the office of M.·. P.·. Sovereign Grand Commander, the P.·. Grand Lieutenant-Commander shall perform the duties of that office during the unexpired term. In case of temporary disability or absence from the Council of the M.·. P.·. Sovereign Grand Commander, he shall preside as his deputy.

Grand Minister of State.

ART. 13. It shall be the duty of the Ill.·. Grand Minister of State to see that the general rules and regulations of the Supreme Council are faithfully observed and obeyed by the subordinate bodies, and he shall give his opinion on all questions when required by the Council. In the absence of the M.·. P.·. Sovereign Grand Commander and the P.·. Grand Lieutenant-Commander, he shall preside over the meetings of the Supreme Council.

Deputies of the Supreme Council.

ART. 14. There shall be a Deputy of the Supreme Council in each State and Territory, who shall represent the Supreme Council in such District, and perform the duties, supervision and inspection assigned to them by the Supreme Council or by the M.·. P.·. Sov.·. Gr.·. Commander. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Deputy, it shall be filled by the M.·. P.·. Sov.·. G.·. Commander. Such Deputies shall have power and it shall be their duty:

1. To exercise the departmental powers in their respective jurisdictions.

2. To inspect all works of the Rite.

3. To see to the execution of the general laws of the Rite, and the particular regulations of the Supreme Council.

4. To transmit and present directly to the Supreme Council in their own names the petitions for dispensations, charters and letters patent referred to them by Consistories, Chapters, Councils lodges, or individuals under their jurisdiction, having first obtained the recommendation of the Council of Deliberation, when such recommendation is required.

5. They shall collect all dues from the various bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish rite in their respective jurisdictions, and on or before the first day of May in each year forward the same, with a detailed statement thereof, to the Grand Secretary General.

6. They shall lay before their Councils of Deliberation a full report of the work in their jurisdictions, calling attention to such things as demand their special consideration.

Grand Treasurer General.

ART. 15. The Ill.·. Grand Treasurer General shall submit at each Annual Session of the Supreme Council a general and detailed account of all moneys received and disbursed by him. He shall faithfully keep the funds received into his custody, and pay out no moneys except as provided in sub-division VIII of Art. 28 of these Constitutions.

Grand Secretary General.

ART. 16. The Ill.·. Grand Secretary General shall keep a register of all the work, deliberations and transactions of the Supreme Council and transcribe the same in a book kept for that purpose. He shall keep a faithful copy of all letters and communications emanating from the Supreme Council, and attest and seal, as the case may be, every order, mandate, or act of the body. Every diploma, brief or letter patent issued by the Council shall be attested by his signature and the seal of the Council. He shall furnish all the subordinate bodies of the Rite in this jurisdiction with blank returns on or before the first day of April in each year. He shall receive all moneys due the Supreme Council; shall report in detail on the first day in each month to the M.· P.·. Sov.·. Gr.·. Commander and at the Annual Session to the Supreme Council, and shall, at the time of making such report, pay all moneys in his hands to the Grand Treasurer General. He shall receive such compensation for his services as the Supreme Council shall from time to time designate.

Grand Keeper of the Archives.

ART. 17. The Ill.·. Grand Keeper of the Archives shall reside at the Grand East. He shall faithfully keep the Archives of the Supreme Council, the letters, books, correspondence, journals records and original manuscripts, and all such documents and things as shall be entrusted to him by vote of the Supreme Council, or by deposit of any of the Grand Officers. All original papers received, and copies of all official letters sent by any of the Grand Officers, reserving copies of the documents when they judge the same to be necessary for the convenience of their several offices, shall be deposited in the Archives; and the Keeper of the Archives is to furnish each officer with official

copies of any paper belonging to his office when demanded, and also to furnish the Secretary with copies of the journal of the Supreme Council. Copies thus received or furnished shall be the property of the Supreme Council and pass to the successor of the Grand Officer intrusted with their possession, as one of the muniments of his office, to the end that there shall be preserved, in different deposits, sets of original and copies of important records.

II. The Secretary, Treasurer and Minister of State shall keep their copies carefully, and shall bring such as may be needed for use at the meeting of the Supreme Council convened at points distant from its Grand East.

Grand Master of Ceremonies.

ART. 18. The Ill.·. Grand Master General of Ceremonies shall assist the M.·. P.·. Sov.·. Gr.·. Commander in the ceremonial of conferring the high grades. On application of the Deputy of any district within this jurisdiction, he shall give to any body or bodies therein such instruction as may be required in the work of the Order.

Grand Marshal.

ART. 19. The Ill.·. Grand Marshal General shall have charge of the Supreme Council in all processions of the Order. With the assistance of the Grand Captain of the Guard, and by the mandate of the M.·. P.·. Sov.·. Gr.·. Commander, he shall conduct the officers of the Supreme Council to their stations of dignity and service, and perform such special duties as may be directed by the M.·. P.·. S.·. G.·. Commander.

Grand Standard Bearer.

ART. 20. The Ill.·. Grand Standard Bearer shall be entrusted with the Standard of the Order.

Grand Captain of the Guard.

ART. 21. The Ill.·. Grand Captain of the Guard shall keep a faithful watch both within and without the Grand Council Chamber and see that the portals are duly guarded.

Appointed Officers.

ART. 22. The M.·. P.·. Sov.·. Gr.·. Commander shall have authority to appoint from the Emeritus or honorary members of this Council the following officers, to hold during his pleasure, and to have rank next after the Active, Emeritus and Past Active Members of the Council, but who shall not thereby be entitled to a vote, to wit:

A Grand Prior, three Marshals of the Camp, with the titles of Illustrious Marshals of the Camp, and he shall annually appoint a Grand Seneschal, who shall take charge of the paraphernalia of the Council Chamber and guard the portals of the Supreme Council.

Absence from Sessions of the Supreme Council.

ART. 23. Any officer or member absenting himself from the meetings of the Supreme Council for two successive years, without giving a satisfactory reason therefor, may, at the next annual meeting thereafter, be declared, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, to have vacated his seat as an active member or officer.

Quorum for Transaction of Business.

ART 24. The M.·. P.·. Sov.·. Gr.·. Commander, or the P.·. Gr·. Lieutenant Commander, and five Sov.·. Gr.·. Inspectors General, active members of the Council, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of the M.·. P.·. Sov.·. Grand Commander and the P.·. Gr.·. Lieutenant Commander, seven Sov.·. G.·. Inspectors General, active members of the Council, shall constitute a quorum for business.

Annual and Special Meetings.

ART. 25. The annual meetings of the Supreme Councils shall be opened in full and ample form. The officers and members shall be decorated with the insignia of the grade. The annual meeting of the Supreme Council shall be held on the second Friday of May unless otherwise ordered at an annual session.

II. Executive Sessions shall be held at the close of every General Session, immediately before calling off--except when otherwise ordered.

III. Special meetings may be called by the M.·. P.·. Sov.·. Gr.·. Commander, or, upon his refusal, by seven Sov.·. Gr.·. Inspectors General, active members of the Council; the business thereof in any event to be stated in the notification to the members, which shall be issued at least five days prior to the time of such meeting, either served personally or by mail, addressed to each Active and Emeritus Member, at his place of residence.

Official Rights and Prerogatives.

ART. 26. The M.·. P.·. Sov.·. Grand Inspectors General, 33° active members of the Supreme Council, shall have the right and power to visit all the bodies of the Rite in this jurisdiction; inspect their work; correct irregularities, and do such other constitutional acts as they may deem for the interest of the Rite. For all such acts and doings they shall be amenable to the Supreme Council.

II. A Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Active or Emeritus Members of the Supreme Council, of the thirty-third and last degree, may exercise the right of entering and being covered in all bodies opened in any of the degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and of speaking without rising from his seat, and also of addressing the Chair without first asking permission.

III. When A Sovereign Grand Inspector General, active member of the Supreme Council, is announced at the door of any body, in any of the degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, he shall be received under the Arch of Steel, with the high honors of his grade, and conducted to the East. The presiding officer of the body, if not an Inspector General, and of equal rank, shall resign his station to the visiting inspector, with whom it shall be optional to accept it or not. If he does not accept, he shall be seated on the right of the presiding officer.

IV. A Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Active or Emeritus Member of the Supreme Council, may enter and retire from any of the bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite at pleasure. He shall be exempt from answering any questions, or observing any rules in the opening and closing of the bodies he may visit.

V. It shall be the duty of a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Active or Emeritus Member of the Supreme Council, when exercising the above official rights of visitation, to wear his official jewel.

Charters, Dispensations, Rituals, etc.

ART. 27. All charters or dispensations for subordinate bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, as well as all blank diplomas, and all letters patent or of credence, shall emanate from this Supreme Council, with the seal affixed.

II. All rituals of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite from the fourth thirty-second degree, both inclusive, used in this jurisdiction, shall emanate from this Supreme Council Only two copies to be given to the executive officers of each department.

Revenues and Funds.

ART. 28. The revenues of this Supreme Council shall be derived from the charge for charters, for letters patent of the thirty-second degree, for diplomas; from a tax on all bodies under its jurisdiction and from all degrees conferred, as follows:

Warrant for a Consistory - - - -	$25.00
Warrant for a Chapter of Rose Croix - -	20.00
Warrant for a Council of Princes of Jerusalem -	15.00
Warrant for a Lodge of Perfection - -	20.00

II. The various bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, subordinate to the Supreme Council, shall pay into its treasury for every initiate the following fees:

Consistories - - - - - -	$1.50
Chapters of Rose Croix - - - - -	.50
Councils of Princes of Jerusalem - - -	.50
Lodges of Perfection - - - -	1.00

III. All subordinate bodies holding dispensations or warrants, shall pay the sum of twenty-five cents per head in addition to the fees above required, annually, to the Supreme Council, which sum shall accompany their returns.

IV. The charge for letters patent and of the thirty-second degree shall be $3.50 on parchment.

V. The fee for conferring the thirty-third degree in this Supreme Council shall be $20.00.

VI. The price of diplomas for members of Chapters of Rose Croix, Councils of Princes of Jerusalem, and Lodges of Perfection shall be each $3.50 on parchment.

VII. No contract to bind the Supreme Council for the payment of money shall be entered into by any member of the Supreme Council except upon the written authority of an order previously made by the Supreme Council.

VIII. No money shall be drawn from the Treasury except upon a warrant signed by the Grand Secretary General, countersigned by the M.·. P.·. Sov.·. Grand Commander, and issued in payment of an appropriation, or in accordance with an order previously made by the Supreme Council.

Conferring Degrees by Supreme Council.

ARR. 29. The Supreme Council reserves to itself the right of conferring any of the grades of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. It may delegate that right to Inspectors General, to be exercised in foreign countries where no Supreme Council exists, and in States or Territories of the United States for the purpose of establishing bodies of the Rite. But such Inspector General cannot confer the thirty-third degree.

Commitees.

ART. 30. The Standing Committees of this Supreme Council shall be eight in number, as follows:

1. On Rituals and Ritualistic matter, and Jurisprudence, to consist of five.
2. On Constitutions and Laws, to consist of five.
3. On Finance, to consist of three.
4. On Foreign Relations and Correspondence, to consist of three, of which the M.·. P.·. Sov.·. Gr.·. Commander shall be Chairman.
5. On Councils of Deliberation and Reports of Deputies, to consist of five.
6. On Decease of Members, to consist of three.
7. On Dispensations and Charters, to consist of three.
8. On Returns, to consist of three.

II. Said committees shall be appointed by the M.·. P.·. Sov.·. Gr.·. Commander, before the close of each annual session; and each committee shall continue in office so long as its members shall be Active or Emeritus Members of the Council, or till a new

committee be appointed, and shall meet for business at least twenty-four hours before the time and at the place appointed for the annual meeting of the Supreme Council.

III. The Active Members in each state shall be a standing committee on memorial resolutions in all cases of the death of any honorary member of this Supreme Council in their respective States.

Pay of Members and Officers.

ART. 31. Mileage at the rate of four cents per mile each way and two dollars and fifty cents per day for each day's attendance at the annual sessions of the Supreme Council shall be allowed the Active and Emeritus Members and officers of the Council, the mileage to be determined by each Ill.·. Brother's written statement of the actual number of miles traveled from the place of his residence to the place where the session is held, to be computed by the nearest usual traveled route.

COUNCILS OF DELIBERATION.

Annual Meetings.

ART. 32. Each deputy of the Supreme Council at such time as he shall appoint, to be at least three months before the annual meetings of said Council, shall notify the first three officers of the Consistories and the Chapters of Rose Croix; the first four officers of the Councils of Princes of Jerusalem and the Lodges of Perfection; the Past Commanders-in-Chief of Consistories; and those who have received the 33d degree, residing in his district; over which he shall preside as its most illustrious Commander-in-Chief.

II. He may appoint a Grand Prior, a Grand Treasurer, a Secretary, a Grand Master of Ceremonies, and a Grand Sentinel, and may cause to be chosen by the Council, other officers to assist in its labors, who shall hold office during his pleasure and be members of the Council, and whose rank and titles shall be:

1. The Ill.·. First Lieutenant-Commander.
2. The Ill.·. Second Lieutenant-Commander.
3. The Ill.·. Minister of State and Grand Orator.
4. The Ill.·. Grand Prior.
5. The Ill.·. Grand Chancellor.
6. The Ill.·. Grand Treasurer.
7. The Ill.·. Grand Secretary.
8. The Ill.·. Grand Engineer and Architect.
9. The Ill.·. Grand Hospitaler.
10. The Ill.·. Grand Master of Ceremonies.
11. The Ill.·. Grand Standard-Bearer.
12. The Ill.·. Grand Captain of the Guard.
13. The Ill.·. Grand Sentinal.

III. Matters relating especially to Lodges, or Councils, or Chapters, or Consistories, shall be considered respectively by those only who have been advanced to the said respective grades.

IV. The Deputy shall cause records of such Councils of Deliberation to be kept and preserved, and a copy to be sent to the Grand Secretary General and shall transmit the original to his successor. They shall also cause some portion of the work to be exemplified at the annual meetings of their Councils of Deliberation.

V. If the Deputy of the Supreme Council should fail to be present at any meeting of a Council of Deliberation the Ill.·. First Lieutenant-Commander, or in his absence the Ill.·. Second Lieutenant-Commander shall preside, provided an active member of the Supreme Council be present, in which case the officer presiding shall, forthwith, after the close of such meeting, transmit to the Ill.·. Deputy of the State, a full report of all the proceedings of such meeting.

VI. The Council of Deliberation shall have legislative and judicial power under the supervision and control of the Deputy, over all matters arising within or particularly concerning brethren or bodies within the district.

VII. It shall have the power to tax the bodies within the district for the necessary and legitimate expense of holding such

Council of Deliberation, but not to include expenses of, nor compensation to any officer or member of the council for attendance thereupon; and it may fix the minimum rate for conferring degrees within the district, but not less than the amount prescribed in the constitution. Its action and recommendations shall be transmitted by the Deputy to the M.·. P.·. Sov.·. Gr.·. Commander who shall lay the same before the Supreme Council at its next annual meeting for its final action of approbation or disapprobation.

VIII. No warrant shall be granted for any subordinate body without the recommendation of the Council of Deliberation, except by unanimous vote of the Supreme Council. And no two warrants of the same grade shall be granted in the same valley.

IX. The action and recommendations of the Council of Deliberation (except for amendments to the constitution,) shall be in force in each district, till the action of the Supreme Council thereon.

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*RELATING TO CONSISTORIES OF SUBLIME PRINCES OF THE ROYAL SECRET.

Organization.

ART. 33. No Consistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret shall be instituted unless upon the application of at least twelve Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, in good standing, and the application be approved by the deputy for the district, wherein such Consistory is to be located, and accompanied by the fee prescribed by these Constitutions.

Officers.

ART. 34. The officers of a Consistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret shall be styled and take rank as follows:

1. The Ill.·. Commander-in-Chief.
2. The Ill.·. First Lieutenant-Commander.

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*SEC. 10. Each State and Territory is entitled to one Inspector General, 33 for every fifteen Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, 32d, within its bounderies; to be nominated and recommended by the Council of Deliberation in accordance with Article 6, Section 2, of these Constitutions.

3. The Ill.·. Second Lieutenant-Commander.
4. The Ill.·. Minister of State and Grand Orator.
5. The Ill.·. Grand Chancellor.
6. The Ill.·. Grand Treasurer.
7. The Ill.·. Grand Sec.·. and Keeper of the Seal and Archives.
8. The Ill.·. Grand Engineer and Architect.
9. The Ill.·. Grand Hospitaler.
10. The Ill.·. Grand Master of Ceremonies.
11. The Ill.·. Grand Standard-Bearer.
12. The Ill.·. Grand Captain of the Guard.
13. The Ill.·. Grand Sentinel.

Authority over Degrees.

ART. 35. A Consistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret shall have full right and authority, in its jurisdiction, over the following Degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, viz :

19. Grand Pontiff.
20. Master ad Vitam.
21. Patriarch Noachite.
22. Prince of Libanus.
23. Chief of the Tabernacle.
24. Prince of the Tabernacle.
25. Knight of the Brazen Serpent.
26. Prince of Mercy.
27. Commander of the Temple.
28. Knight of the Sun.
29. Knight of St. Andrew.
30. Grand Elect Knight K. H., or Knight of the White and Black Eagle.
31. Grand Inspector Inquisitor Commander.
32. Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret.

Meetings and Elections.

ART. 36. Every subordinate Consistory shall meet at least four times in each year. Its election shall take place annually at a

stated meeting on or before the first of May. Besides these four communications, it may be convoked once in every month by its regulations.

Notice of Meetings.

ART. 37. Notice of all constitutional, stated and special meetings of Consistories shall be given to the members at least five days prior thereto.

Quorum for Business.

ART. 38. Six members of the Consistory shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, provided the Commander-in-Chief or one of the Lieutenant-Commanders be present.

Conferring Degrees.

ART. 39. Every Lodge, Council, Chapter and Consistory under this jurisdiction shall confer upon each and every applicant, favorably received of the degrees coming under its jurisdiction, in full ceremonial form and with due instruction, before he shall be entitled to rank and privileges of a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, (save under the special dispensation of the M.·. P.·. Sov.·. Grand Commander, or the Deputy of the district,) under penalty of forfeiture of its warrant.

RELATING TO CHAPTERS OF ROSE CROIX.

Organization.

ART. 40. For the organization of a Chapter of Rose Croix of of H.·. R.·. D.·. M.·. Knights of the Eagle and Pelican, at least nine Brethren, Knights of the East and West, and Perfect Prince Masons of H-R-D-M., in good standing, must petition the Supreme Council through the Deputy for such State. The petition, in all cases, must be recommended by the Deputy for the district, and accompanied by the fee prescribed by these Constitutions.

Officers.

ART. 41. The officers of a Chapter of the Rose Croix shall be styled and take rank as follows:

1. Most Wise and Perfect Master.
2. Most Excellent and Perfect Knight Senior Warden.
3. Most Excellent and Perfect Knight Junior Warden.
4. Most Excellent and Perfect Knight Grand Orator.
5. Respectable and Perfect Knight Treasurer.
6. Respectable and Perfect Knight Secretary.
7. Respectable and Perfect Knight Hospitaler.
8. Respectable and Perfect Knight Master of Ceremonies.
9. Respectable and Perfect Knight Captain of the Guard.

Authority over Degrees.

ART. 42. A Chapter of Rose Croix shall have control over, and power to confer the following degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, viz:

17. Knight of the East and West.
18. Knight of the Rose Croix de H-R-D-M.

Meetings and Elections.

ART. 43. The regular meetings of a Chapter of Rose Croix shall be as prescribed by its Ritual.

II. Every Chapter of Rosé Croix shall meet at least six times in each year, viz: On Maunday-Thursday, on Easter Day, on the Thursday after Easter, on Ascension Day, on the day of Pentecost, and on All-Saints'-day: *volens*, the two Feast-days of St. John. At the Annual Feast on Holy Thursday, or Ascension Day, 40 days after Easter, the election of officers shall take place.

Notice of Meetings.

ART. 44. Notice of all Constitutional, Stated and Special Meetings of Chapters of Rose Croix shall be given to the members at least three days prior thereto.

Quorum for Business.

ART. 45. A Chapter of Rose Croix cannot assemble for the transaction of business unless there be present five members, including the Most Wise and Perfect Master, or in his absence, the Most Excellent Senior or Junior Warden.

Organization.

ART. 46. A charter or dispensation may be granted for the formation of a Council of Princes of Jerusalem upon the application of eight Knights of the East or Sword and Princes of Jerusalem, in good standing, and their petition having been approved and recommended by the Deputy of the State wherein such Council is to be located, and accompanied by the fee prescribed by these Constitutions, subject to provisions in Art. 32, Sec. 8.

Officers.

ART. 47. The officers of a Council of Princes of Jerusalem shall be styled and take rank as follows:

1. The Most Equitable Sovereign Prince Grand Master.
2. The Grand High Priest Deputy Grand Master.
3. The Most Enlightened Senior Grand Warden.
4. The Most Enlightened Junior Grand Warden.
5. The Valorous Grand Treasurer.
6. The Valorous Grand Secretary, Keeper of the Seals and Archives.
7. The Valorous Grand Master of Ceremonies.
8. The Valorous Grand Almoner.
9. The Valorous Grand Master of Entrances.
10. The Grand Tiler.

Authority over Degrees.

ART. 48. A Council of Princes of Jerusalem shall have control over and power to confer, the following degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, viz:

15. Knight of the East or Sword.
16. Prince of Jerusalem.

Meetings—Elections, Etc.

ART. 49. Every Council of Princes of Jerusalem shall, on the twenty-third day of Adar, hold its Grand Feast in memory of the frank-offerings that day rendered to God for the rebuilding of the Temple. The election of officers of all Councils of Princes of Jerusalem shall be held at the stated meeting on or next preceding the twentieth day of the month of Tebet. They shall also hold on that day a feast to celebrate the commemoration of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem of the embassadors on their return from Babylon. They shall also assemble on the equinoctial days in the months of March and September.

Quorum for Business.

ART. 50. Five members of a Council of Princes of Jerusalem shall constitute a quorum for opening a Council and transacting business, provided always the Most Equitable Sovereign Prince Grand Master, Grand High Priest, or either of the Wardens is present.

RELATING TO LODGES OF PERFECTION.

Organization.

ART. 51. A dispensation may be granted for organizing a lodge of Perfection upon the application of ten Grand Elect Perfect and Sublime Masons in good standing, subject to provisions in Article 32, Section 8. The first four officers named in the application must have attained the degrees of Knight of the East or Sword and Prince of Jerusalem, such application being approved and endorsed by the Deputy for the State or Territory wherein said Lodge of Perfection is to be located, and accompanied by the fee prescribed by these Constitutions. No Charter shall be granted until the Petitioners shall have worked under Dispensation at least six months.

Officers.

ART. 52. The officers of a Lodge of Perfection shall be styled and take rank as follows:

1. Thrice Potent Grand Master.
2. Hiram of Tyre, Deputy Grand Master.
3. Venerable Senior Grand Warden.
4. Venerable Junior Grand Warden.
5. Grand Orator.
6. Grand Treasurer.
7. Grand Secretary, Keeper of the S.·. and A.·.
8. Grand Master of Ceremonies.
9. Grand Captain of the Guard.
10. Grand Hospitable Brother.
11. Grand Tiler.

Authority over Degrees.

ART. 53. Lodges of Perfection shall have control over, and power to confer the following degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, viz:

4. Secret Master.
5. Perfect Master.
6. Intimate Secretary.
7. Provost and Judge.
8. Intendant of the Building.
9. Elect of Nine.
10. Elect of Fifteen.
11. Sublime Knight Elect.
12. Grand Master Architect.
13. Knights of the Ninth Arch.
14. Grand Elect Perfect and Sublime Mason.

II. The degrees of a Lodge of Perfection shall not be conferred upon any person unless he is a Master Mason in good standing, in the State of his residence.

Election of Officers.

ART. 54. The officers of a Lodge of Perfection shall be elected annually. No one but a Prince of Jerusalem shall be elected to either of the first four offices. The election shall take place at a

stated meeting on or next preceding the third day of the month Adar, the memorable day of the year, 2995, and the officers installed as soon thereafter as practicable.

Quorum for Business.

ART. 55. A Lodge of Perfection may be opened for the transaction of business, provided there be present the Thrice Potent Grand Master or his Deputy, or either of the Wardens, and five members of the same.

Annual Celebration.

ART. 56. Lodges of Perfection shall every year celebrate the anniversary of the building of the first Temple in the month Tishri, and shall also observe the fifth day of the month Ab, in memory of its dedication.

RELATING TO ALL SUBORDINATE BODIES IN COMMON.

Presiding Officers.

ART. 57. It shall be the duty of the first officer of any subordinate body to preside at all meetings thereof; appoint all committees, and be ex-officio Chairman of the same. He shall discharge all the duties prescribed for him by the Ancient Constitutions, Laws, Regulations, Rituals and Usages of the Order.

Tenure of Office.

ART. 58. The officers of any Subordinate Body, when duly elected and installed, shall continue in office until the election and installation of their successors.

Vacancies in Office—How Filled.

ART. 59. If a vacancy in any of the elective officers of a subordinate body shall occur by death or otherwise, at any time previous to the regular election, a nomination to fill the same shall be made and an election take place at a stated meeting, upon the Secretary giving the members due notice; except when

there is a vacancy in the first, or presiding office; in which case the officer next in rank shall succeed to and be invested with the title, and be possessed of all the powers and prerogatives of such presiding officer, until the next regular election.

Officers to attend Councils of Deliberation.

ART. 60. It shall be the duty of the first four officers of Lodges and Councils, and the first three of Chapters and Consistories, to attend the meetings of the Councils of Deliberation for their District, and assist in promoting the welfare of the Rite.

Duties of Secretaries.

ART. 61. The Secretary of each body, shall, within ten days after each election of officers (whether regular or special) transmit a certificate thereof to the Deputy of the District, and Gr.·. Secretary General, with the Post Office address of the presiding Officer and Secretary.

II. He shall forthwith report all rejections of applications for degrees in his Body to the heads of all other Bodies of the same grade in the District.

III. He shall keep a correct register of all initiations, specifying the time of admission, the age of the candidate, place of birth, residence, occupation, and date of his Oath of Fealty—and report so much thereof as may be required by the Supreme Council annually to the Deputy of the District and the Grand Secretary General, together with a report of all deaths, suspensions, expulsion and withdrawals for the year past.

Returns

ART. 62. Annual returns to the Supreme Council shall be made in triplicate, and embrace the transactions for the fiscal year ending with the 31st day of March.

II. One copy thereof shall be filed in the Archives of the subordinate body making the same.

III. One copy shall be forwarded to the Deputy of the District, and

IV. One copy together with the annual dues shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary General by the first day of May in each year.

V. The returns to both officers above mentioned shall be made by the

Failure to make Returns—Penalties Therefor.

ART. 63. All Subordinate Bodies failing to make returns and pay dues to the officers named, and within the time specified by these Constitutions for two consecutive years, without satisfactory reasons to the Supreme Council, shall forfeit their warrants. And it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary General and Deputy of the District to report such delinquents. And in the event of failure to make a reasonable excuse, the Supreme Council may proceed at once to demand the warrants and properties of such delinquent Body or Bodies.

II. The M.·. P.·. Sov.·. Grand Commander, shall, ninety days after the close of each Annual Session of the Supreme Council, suspend every Subordinate Body which shall have failed to make returns, or shall be in arrears of any dues at that date, until such returns are made and its dues are fully paid, and the Grand Secretary General shall at the close of each session forward a copy of this Article to all delinquent bodies. Provided, however, that if such a delinquency shall, in the opinion of the M.·. P.·. Sov.·. Grand Commander, arise from any cause beyond the control of such body, he may postpone the payment of its dues until such date as he may deem proper—but not beyond the next Annual Session of the Supreme Council.

Limitation in Active Membership Abolished.

ART. 64. Every candidate who hereafter receives the highest degree conferred by any Subordinate Body, becomes thereby a member of such Body, and his name shall be inscribed by the Secretary upon the roll of members.

Jurisdiction.

ART. 65. The jurisdiction of every Subordinate Body owing allegiance to this Supreme Council extends half way in every direction from town or city where located, to the nearest place of location of Bodies of the same grade owing like allegiance, and in the same State.

II. A Body cannot lawfully receive an application from a candidate over whom it has no jurisdiction, and any action taken thereon is void.

III. A candidate rejected by a Body, having jurisdiction over him shall not be received in any other Body, without the consent of the one by which he was rejected.

Applications for Degrees.

ART. 66. All applications for the degrees in any of the subordinate Bodies must be made in form, and accompanied by a certificate of the Secretary of a Body next preceding the one to which he applies, showing such applicant to be a member in good standing of such Body.

Information as to Applicants.

ART. 67. No member of any Subordinate Body shall give information to any person not a member of the Rite, concerning applications for degrees, or communicate the postponement of the question or the rejection of the applicant, except as herein otherwise provided.

Candidates.

ART. 68. No person, who by reason of physical maybem, is unable to give the signs and manuals of the degrees of this Rite, shall be admitted thereto.

II. No person shall receive the degrees of this Rite without the unanimous consent of the brethren voting thereon.

II. A single ballot shall be had for all the degrees in each separate body: but a ballot may be had for each degree if demanded, which demand may be made in open meeting by any member, or privately through the presiding officer of the Body.

IV. Objection made to a candidate after ballot, and before the conferring of any of the grades, shall have the same effect as an unfavorable ballot.

V. An application for the degrees, having been rejected, shall not again be received within three months from the date of rejection, then to lay over for one month, during which time every member shall be notified. If again rejected it shall be final except on appeal to the Supreme Council.

VI. Every candidate for degrees in any of the Bodies under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council, shall be proposed and and elected at the stated meetings of such Bodies, except in case of emergency, when a dispensation may be granted by the M.·. P.·. Sov.·. Gr.·. Commander or Deputy having jurisdiction over the District.

Rates for Conferring Degrees.

ART. 69. The minimum rate for conferring the degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, by all bodies under this jurisdiction, shall be as follows, viz:

In a Consistory, - - - -	$10.00
In a Chapter of Rose Croix, - - -	4.00
In a Council of Princes of Jerusalem, -	4.00
In a Lodge of Perfection, - - -	8.00

II. No Consistory, Chapter, Council or Lodge shall confer any of the degrees for any less sum than is prescribed by these Constitutions, but may increase the amount at their pleasure.

By-Laws, Rules, Etc.

ART. 70. Subordinate Bodies may form and adopt rules and regulations for their government not inconsistent with the Constitutions, Ordinances, Rules, Laws and Usages of the Order, and the regulations adopted for their government by the Supreme Council: but all such rules and regulations must be submitted to the Supreme Council to be approved by them before taking effect, and a copy sent to the Grand Keeper of the Archives of the Supreme Council to be placed on file.

Failure to hold Elections—How Remedied.

ART. 71. If from any cause the election of officers in any of the Subordinate Bodies, shall not be held at the time prescribed by these Constitutions, the officers of the past term may hold over, or an election may be held under the authority of the dispensation of the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander, or the Deputy for the District wherein such body is located.

Special Meetings.

ART. 72. Special meetings may be called by the presiding officer of any Subordinate Body, at any time he may deem necessary;

and in his absence or disability, by the officer entitled to preside in such absence. Due notice shall be given to the members of all special meetings.

Due Notice.

ART. 73. Notices required by these Constitutions shall be written or printed, and personally served upon, left at the residence or place of business of, or forwarded through the mail to the party to whom they are addressed, and a reasonable time shall be allowed for members residing within five miles of the place of meeting to receive the notice and respond thereto. A newspaper notice will not suffice; and the use of postal cards in this connection is prohibited.

Names of New Bodies.

ART. 74. No Subordinate Body, hereafter established, shall be designated by the name of a living person.

Loaning Paraphernalia, Costumes, Etc.

ART. 75. All Subordinate Bodies are prohibited from renting, loaning, or devoting the rooms, furniture, costumes or other paraphernalia provided for and especially adapted to the work of conferring the several degrees of this Rite, for any other purpose.

Opening and Closing.

ART. 76. Every Consistory, Chapters of Rose Croix, Council of Princes of Jerusalem and Lodge of Perfection under this jurisdiction, shall open and close its works according to the following formula: To the glory of the Grand Architect of the Universe, in the name and under the auspices of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33d and last degree, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, United States of America, and by virtue of the authority on me conferred I do declare the works of, (here mention the name of the body) opened or closed (as the case may be).

Trials in Subordinate Bodies.

ART. 77. All members of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite upon and including S.·. P.·. of R.·. S.·. 32d, shall be ameniable to the several bodies to which they belong; but anybody of this Rite may try and sentence a member for Masonic offences.

II. Such sentence shall not carry with it any effect in bodies higher in grade than that in which he was tried, unless the cause be first re-examined in such upper body and re-affirmed.

III. A member tried and sentenced in a higher body, the judgment shall be binding in the bodies lower in grade. Any member disciplined may appeal to the Supreme Council within six months, where the sentence may be revised, until such final action, the member shall not be relieved of the disability in the bodies in which his sentence has been confirmed.

IV. When charges may be made against an unaffiliated brother, if the Deputy of the jurisdiction in which he resides find probable cause, he shall direct trial before a convenient body of the highest grade to which such brother belongs.

V. A Sovereign Grand Inspector General is ameniable to the Supreme Council only.

If any Lodge of Perfection, Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Chapter of Rose Croix, or Consistory of Sub.·. P.·. R.·. Secret, under this jurisdiction, be temporarily interdicted or dissolved, the officers thereof shall deposit their dispensation or charter, manuscripts, statutes, rules and regulations, and all papers, moneys and properties appertaining to the body, with the Deputy of the District, or with this Supreme Council, that the same may be deposited in the Archives for safe keeping.

Amendments.

ART. 78. The foregoing Constitutions and the Constitutions of 1762 and 1786, and the secret Constitutions of the Rite, so far as the same are unaltered hereby, shall henceforth be the laws of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States.

II. Amendments must be presented in writing to the Secretary General of the Holy Empire, signed by the brother proposing the amendment; the Secretary General shall notify every member of the Supreme Council of the proposed amendments at least thirty days previous to an annual session, at which time it may be adopted or rejected by a majority vote of all the members present.

III. No admendment that has not been previously submitted, shall be acted on, except by unanimous vote of all members present, it must receive an unanimous vote to become a law.

IV. No amendments shall be considered at a special meeting, unless so ordered by the Supreme Council at its annual session.

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MINUTES OF THE

SECOND COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

HELD AT THE

CITY OF NEW YORK,

January 13th, 1881.

AGREEABLE to a resolution passed at a meeting October 21, 1880, of the several representatives of the Supreme Councils of the 33° and last degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, all parties to the last call assembled in Corinthian Hall, New York City, on the above date, said hall being the Council Chamber of the Supreme Council for the United States, whose Grand East is at New York. The Council of Deliberation was called to order at 5.30 p.m. by the Illustrious David Leary, 33°, of Philadelphia, Pa., who acted as Chairman, and S. R. Scottron, 33°, of New York, as Secretary.

There were present, besides the Illustrious Chairman and Secretary:

Dr. Peter W. Ray,	33°,	of the New York Supreme Council.
Alex. C. Peters,	33°,	" "
John S. Chase,	33°,	" "
B. St. Gaudens,	33°,	" "
W. H. Miller,	33°,	Philadelphia Supreme Council.
H. H. Gilbert,	33°,	" "
James T. Robinson,	33°,	" "
J. D. Kelly,	33°,	King Frederick Supreme Council.
Moses Wheeler,	33°,	" "
W. F. Powell,	33°,	" "
Alex. T. Bowman,	33°,	" "
Lemuel G. Griffin,	33°,	of the Baltimore Supreme Council.
Rev. J. A. Handy,	33°,	" "
A. W. Tancil,	33°,	" "
Hiram Watty,	33°,	" "
Thornton A. Jackson,	33°,	of the Washington Supreme Council.

Dr. Ray called for the minutes of the preceding meeting, and Brother Powell called for the resolution passed at last meeting, October 21, being a call for a new meeting entirely; holding that this was not an adjourned meeting, but a new one. The Chairman ordered the call to be read, but the Secretary, misunderstanding the desire of the meeting, read the call issued by the New York Council for the meeting which last took place, October 21.

Mr. Powell asked for the resolutions which were adopted on October 21, 1880, and these were read by the Secretary. Brother Powell then moved to continue Brothers David Leary and S. R. Scottron in the offices they now occupy during the organization of the meeting. Brother T. A. Jackson objected, believing it quite unnecessary. Brother Powell said this was a new meeting, and that it was only proper to re-elect the old officers or elect new ones. Dr. Ray seconded Bro. Powell's motion, and without further debate the motion was carried.

Brother Miller moved that the Secretary call the list of Supreme Councils uniting in the last call that the representatives present might present their credentials. Of the Supreme Council, whose Grand East is at Washington, D. C., and presided over by Brother T. A. Jackson, as Sov.·. Grand Commander, Brother Jackson handed in his own and the Credentials of R. B. Elliott, 33°, and R. T. Greener, 33°, and explained the absence of his next appointed representative and his Secretary General, Frederick C. Revels. The Secretary then called for the credentials of the Philadelphia Supreme Council, Illustrious Brother W. Cooper, commanding. Brother W. H. Miller, the Secretary General of that Council, presented the credentials of the representatives of his Council, and explained Brother Cooper's absence, saying business of importance detained him, but that he would be on and in attendance to morrow morning. The Secretary then called for the credentials of King Frederick Supreme Council, of Philadelphia, commanded by Illustrious J. D. Kelley. Brother Powell presented the credentials of the four representatives present. The Secretary then called for the credentials of Supreme Council at Baltimore, Md., commanded by Illustrious Brother Lemuel G. Griffin. Brother Griffin presented the credentials of the representatives present. The Secretary

then called the name of his own Supreme Council at New York, and presented the credentials of its representatives. A discussion arose in reference to the credentials of absent representatives from Washington Council. Brother Powell thought that the credentials for all the parties should be handed in, and Dr. Ray was of the same opinion. Brother Jackson again explained the absence of Brother Elliott, R. T. Greener, John A. Gray, and Fred T. Revels.

Brother Kelley moved that a Committee of one from each Council be appointed to examine the credentials. Seconded.

Bro. Griffin asked postponement until he was sure all the credentials were in, he thinking at the time that the Washington Council had not presented their credentials.

Brother Miller said that he thought all present should be examined as to their authority to work and act as Supreme Councils of the A.·. A.·. S.·. Rite, and that no further action be taken until that matter is settled.

Bros. Ray, Scottron and Powell thought it proper to proceed to the appointment of the Committee on Credentials first.

Brother Miller insisted that his views were right, saying that we could not know whether either of the Supreme Councils had the right to be represented at this meeting, arguing that the right to be present here, and the validity of a representative's credentials depended upon the question which must necessarily have a prior settlement as to their being possessed of the Masonic rights of the thirty-third degree.

Brother Scottron replied that the only proper course to pursue was that indicated by Brother Kelley's resolution that we are only in convention precisely as any other body of men for the ordinary and usual purpose of ameliorating their condition; we are not met in Masonic form, but in ordinary citizen convention, and having all of us agreed upon a specific object which we all desired, we had united in a call in which certain parties were invited to unite in conventional form. Now let us see if the parties present were the duly accredited representatives of these several parties, or unauthorized and improper parties to treat with and for them. This is all that is intended to compass in the appointment of a Committee on Credentials.

Brother A. W. Tancil thought it right only to proceed to appoint the Committee.

Brother Jackson supported Brother Miller's views as to the necessity of first looking into the Masonic authority of each Council to work.

Brother Powell thought it was proper to proceed in the appointment of the Committee.

Brother Gilbert said that his understanding was that the whole convention of Councils should proceed by examining each other's Masonic origin and authority.

Brother Miller moved as a substitute, that one person from each of the several Supreme Councils be appointed to examine into the Masonic authority of each to work and receive credentials.

Brother Scottron thought it impracticable and improper thus to proceed. He could not conceive papers in the form of warrants of authority, that a Supreme Council could have, empowering them to organize or work. The law of their organization or origin was inconsistent with the existence of such papers, that the whole thing must depend on statements, backed by proofs of lawful origin and possession of the work.

Brother Miller thought otherwise, and Dr. Ray called for the yeas and nays upon the question. The Chairman ordered the yeas and nays called.

Brother Miller attempted to speak, but was called to order by Brother Tancil.

The Secretary called the roll of parties present.

Yeas: Leary, Miller, Robinson, Jackson—4.

Nays: Ray, Peters, Kelley, Chase, Powell, Scottron, Tancil, Handy, Bowman, Wheeler, Watty and Griffin—13. H. H. Gilbert not voting.

Brother Miller's substitute was thus lost, and the vote being ordered on Brother Kelley's motion, it was passed without opposition.

The Committee was appointed as follows: A. C. C. Peters, A. W. Tancil, W. F. Powell, T. A. Jackson and W. H. Miller.

On motion of Brother Scottron a recess was taken until 3 p. m., to enable the brethren to go to dinner, and invited all to go where he had made preparation for them.

At 3.40 p. m., the Committee on Credentials being ready to report, the Chairman called the meeting to order, and the Secretary of the Committee, Brother W. H. Miller, presented the following report:

To the President and Members of the Preliminary Organization of the Convention of the A.·. A.·. S.·. Rite of Free Masonry:

Greeting:

We, your Committee on Credentials, would most respectfully beg leave to report that we have examined the same, and find the following Illustrious Brethren selected as Commissioners for their respective Councils, viz: Philadelphia—Illustrious Wm. Cooper, David Leary, Henry H. Gilbert, James T. Robinson, and William H. Miller. King Frederick Supreme Council, Philadelphia—Joshua D. Kelley, Moses Wheeler, William M. Wiley, Charles N. Brown, and William F. Powell. Washington, D. C.—Thornton A. Jackson, R. T. Greener, and R. B. Elliott. Baltimore, M. D.—L. G. Griffin, A. W. Tancil Rev. James A. Handy, Hiram Watty, and Solomon Johnson, New York—Peter W. Ray, S. R. Scottron, B. Saint Gauden, Alexander W. Peters and J. S. Chase.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. Peters,
T. A. Jackson,
W. F. Powell,
A. W. Tancil,
W. H. Miller,
Committee.

Brother Watty moved to receive the report, Brother Kelley added, and the Committee discharged. Carried.

Motion by Dr. Ray to adopt report.

Brother Jackson moved to amend that each Council be permitted five votes. Seconded by Brother Ray.

Brother Handy objected and moved to amend by permitting each representative when present to cast a single vote upon any question. Seconded.

Brother Miller spoke at some length in favor of Brother Jackson's amendment, believing it to be the original intention

so to do in the call, that the Councils should be entitled to equal number on all questions.

Brother Scottron said that three votes were at first intended to be secured to each Supreme Council.

Brother Kelley said he thought Brother Miller's report was tending toward a unit rule, to which he was opposed, as being not for our best welfare.

Dr. Ray moved to amend by permitting the Chairman of each delegation to vote for his absent representatives.

Brother Handy thought the whole drift of the several motions wrong, inasmuch as it tended to deprive individuals of their free-will and choice, and concentrate in the hands of certain officers powers which might operate against the general welfare by checking individual action and expressing its proper force.

Brother Scottron agreed with Brother Handy as to the real effects that might follow the adoption of the resolutions or motions, but said that he at the same time sympathized with the unfortunate condition of the Washington Council in having but one representative present, but he did not believe that their misfortune was their own through lack of interest or foresight, and ought not to be made to operate so as to deprive those present of dear and valuable rights, and he was opposed to granting either representative more than one vote.

The Chairman said he thought that Brother Ray's amendment would kill the original motion.

Brother Jackson instanced the general rule in Grand Lodges where a lodge was entitled to a full vote at the hands of either of its three principal officers.

Brother Scottron said he trusted there was some intermediate plan that could be compassed in a motion, that would cover Brother Jackson's unfortunate circumstance and do no injustice to the representatives present.

Brother Watty, in reply to Brother Jackson, said that he had urged that what was the custom among Grand Lodges was not the case with his now; that there the only representative a a Lodge had was the parties actually sent.

Brother Miller said it was customary to represent by proxies.

Brother Griffin said that no one had given any brother present his proxy, and he could not see how any brother could assume to represent another without his consent.

Brother Scottron said he was not sure that Brother Jackson or the Chairman of any delegation could represent the absent brother's views. Possibly if his whole delegation were present they would be divided against him, and it was quite likely they would be ofttimes, because he knew them all to be intelligent, original, fearless men. He showed also, by figures, that where the remaining four delegations might be divided two to three in favor of any question, that Brother Jackson's five votes added to the three times two would carry the question, and very unjustly too.

Brother Jackson still urged his claims and Brother Tancil objected.

Brother Ray said that there had been a question asked as to a go between the several resolutions; in fact he favored the permitting of the Chairman of the delegation to cast the votes of all absent representatives whose call had been examined and the credentials accepted, in which event Brother Jackson would cast but three votes.

Brother Handy said that Brother Ray's remarks were the strongest objections he had yet heard against the amendment as proposed.

Brother Jackson rose to a point of order, and said that Brothers Revels, Greener, Elliott, and Gray were absent unavoidably—Elliot in Ohio, by a misunderstanding in reference to the actual meeting of the convention; Greener was delayed in an official capacity to attend the duties of his Chief of Bureau at Washington, and Revels detained by the death of his wife.

Brother Handy said that since Brother Jackson knew of the inability of those gentlemen to be present, then he should have filled their places from among the large and intelligent number whom it appears are at his command.

Brother Miller said he had been desiring to speak for some time, but would only say that he believed it just to permit Brother Jackson to vote for his absentees.

Brother Griffin asked Brother Miller if he believed it right to give to any one four or five votes in such a convention as this?

Question being called by several members, the Chairman put the question on Brother Ray's amendment, which was lost by a vote of five to nine against. The vote was immediately taken on Brother Handy's amendment, resulting in eleven for to three against, and was declared carried with the announcement of the killing of the Jackson amendment. The vote being called on the adoption of the report of the Committee, it was carried unanimously.

Brother Handy asked whether or not we had arrived at the period where it would be proper to proceed to permanent organization.

Brother Ray gave his views on the proper proceedings by way of organization, and Brother Handy expressed dissatisfaction with his answer.

Dr. Ray moved that each Supreme Council present their authority for working. Vote taken and lost—eight to seven.

Brother Jackson said he wanted to commence real work.

Brother Watty moved to go into permanent organization. Seconded by Brother Scottron.

Brothers Powell and Miller opposed and Brother Scottron spoke in favor of the motion. Brother Jackson opposed, and thought the exhibition of authorities for working should precede permanent organization. The vote being taken, the motion was carried eight to seven. At its amendment, Brother Miller became very much excited, and said he would withdraw from the meeting, and was followed by Brothers Gilbert and Robinson away from the table around which the seventeen were sitting, and retired further off in the room. Brother David Leary left his seat, apparently to consult with his colleagues, and Dr. Ray attempted to call the meeting to order as its rightful Chairman, and in the name of his Council. Brother Kelley and several members objected to recognizing Dr. Ray as the Chairman. After considerable spirited conversation among the delegates, in a partially disordered convention, Brother Scottron asked representative Robinson what he meant by leaving and becoming frightened at the ghost of a permanent organization, and said

that undoubtedly it was the correct thing to do after having proceeded to this point to permit a choice as to who should govern their deliberations further. It might be, he said, that the majority would now chose another presiding officer or another Secretary, and stated also that as soon as this was done, no one could possibly object to the going on with the examination of authorities as proposed.

Brother Miller spoke again excitedly, declaring that he saw the hidden meaning of the vote last recorded, and was determined to withdraw if it was insisted upon.

Brother Watty objected to being bulldozed or browbeaten by the action of any set of brethren.

Brother Chase moved to reconsider the vote on permanent organization.

Brother Ray, who was in the chair, was objected to by several members, since Brother Leary was present, and the elected officer.

Brother Ray asked if he should continue, or if Brother Leary should have the chair: and many called for Leary, who put the vote on reconsidering the resolution to go into permanent organization. The result was five to five, a tie, which the Chairman broke in favor of reconsidering the resolution.

A motion to rescind the resolution, by Brother Chase, was carried in like manner as the previous question.

W. F. Powell then moved that each Supreme Council represented present their papers on which they base their origin and right to work as Supreme Councils of the A.·. A.·. S.·. Rite. Carried.

The Secretary then called for the papers of the several Councils in the order in which their names appeared on his papers.

Washington Council papers presented by Brother Jackson.

King Frederick Council, Philadelphia, papers presented by Brother J. D. Kelley.

Baltimore Council papers presented by Brother L. G. Griffin.

Philadelphia Council papers presented by Brother W. H. Miller.

New York Council papers presented by Dr. Ray.

Brother Powell then moved that a committee of one from each Supreme Council (their Sovereign Commander) be appointed to examine into these papers, but in the case of the Philadelphia Council, whose Commander is absent, that his Secretary General, Brother W. H. Miller, be appointed in Brother Cooper's stead. Carried.

On motion, a recess of thirty minutes was ordered at 5.11 p. m. At 7.15 the Committee said that they were ready to report, and Brother W. H. Miller at the invitation of the Council, presented a verbal report, promising the Secretary to reduce it to writing further on. That this permit the presence into the permanent organization of each of the representatives from the several Supreme Councils, according to credentials already passed upon.

Brother Powell moved to adopt the report, but Brother Jackson thought best to postpone it until after recess. Motion by Brother Powell to adopt was carried, and a recess until 8.30 p. m. was taken.

The meeting was called to order again at 8.40 p. m., and a motion to go into a permanent organization was agreed to. Brother Bowman nominated Brother John S. Chase as permanent chairman. Brother T. A. Jackson nominated Dr. P. W. Ray. The Chairman asked each member to write the name of his choice on paper and hand such ballot to the secretary; the result was nine for Brother Chase and seven for Brother Ray. Brother Chase was declared elected. Moved that Brother Scottron be declared secretary by acclamation. Carried. The same vote was given Brother Miller as assistant secretary. Brothers Kelley and Gilbert were appointed a committee to escort the chairman to his seat.

Brother Chase, in a few remarks, thanked the Convention for the honor conferred, and declared this the most important and highest honor conferred upon him during his life. Brother Leary thanked the brethren for the honor conferred upon him, and for the patience and assistance given him while temporarily presiding. Brother Hiram Watty moved a vote of thanks to Brother Leary for the ability displayed and impartial decisions while acting chairman. Carried. Brother Dr. Ray then read certain resolutions which

were passed at, and presented in behalf of, the Supreme Council for the United States, whose Grand East is at New York City. Brothers Jackson and Powell moved its reception. Carried. Brother Powell moved to consider the documents in separate sections by articles, commencing at article 1, and so on to the end. Carried, one vote dissenting. Brother Ray moved the adoption of the first article as read by the secretary, seconded by Brother Leary. Brother Jackson objected to its passage, believing there should be two Supreme Councils in the United States, one for the North, the other for the South, as was agreeable to the Ancient Constitutions and consistent with our best interest. The territory being so vast in the United States that heavy expenses must inevitably be incurred whenever we desire to found a Chapter or institute a Consistory. He then read as follows:

TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION.

Greeting:

The following resolution passed at a regular communication of King Frederick Supreme Council, whose Grand East is in the valley of Philadelphia, answering to the 39° 57′ N. L. 75° 11′ W. longitude, held on the day above named and requested to be presented to you by our representatives.

WHEREAS, A Council of Deliberation has been called to assemble in the valley of New York, the thirteenth day of the Hebrew month Sebat A.·. M.·. 5641, to formulate some plan whereby a union may be effected between the various Supreme Councils claiming exclusive jurisdiction in the United States of North America. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the representatives from this Council urge upon the Council of Deliberation the necessity, as well as the importance of the establishment of two Supreme Councils, dividing the country into two Masonic Jurisdictions, to be known as the Northern and Southern Jurisdiction.

Resolved, That the action of the Council of Deliberation shall not be considered final until the report of the representatives shall have been submitted to their respective Councils, and by them ratified.

(Signed) W. F. POWELL, 33°, G.·. S.·. G.·.

In concluding his remarks, Brother Powell said that the Territory was too vast to be rightly governed by two Supreme Councils but they should have the same rituals, etc. Brother J. D. Kelley then said that he favored two Councils having jurisdiction in the United States for the reason spoken by the brethren preceding him. and said that Councils in other countries governed territory much less in extent than either the two contemplated would govern. He said further that he would not be at liberty to support the resolution as read, since he was bound by his Council's action to only one course.

Brother L. G. Griffin was called upon for his views and said that he unmistakably believed that nothing else would be conducive of harmony with his people; that the colored people were an honest but conservative people and in his section would oppose any change from the already deep rooted idea of two Councils; besides, said he, the great expense that would attend in the formation of but one Council in the event of parties at a distance applying for its charters.

Brother Tancil favored two Councils. Brother Peters essayed a question, was it not better to have one than two Councils at the first start? Brother Wheeler spoke in favor of two Councils, saying he was instructed and could act in no other way in deciding upon the question. Brother Scottron supported the resolution, saying it was the proper order in which to proceed: first one having its proper organization where those who may not have been properly organized at first can have a fair and clear start. If then a division was thought necessary it was competent for the body so to do. The talk of expense of having but one Council in case of distant points needing to be reached was all an imaginary evil—only a ghost. The Supreme Council could probably never go to any distant point, but delegate the work to the nearest Deputy; he asked any one to take the map and show him by railroad time table how great was the vast distance dwelt on by the brethren in favor of one Council with its Grand East at New York or a nearer Council seat possibly as far south as Baltimore, Md. He said that all these Councils present properly belong to a Northern jurisdiction, and if a division was ever made at all, the dividing line must strike far South of Virginia in order to give us at the North anything like a fair proportion of the colored population

to work upon, and to give up such a line was simply to go out of the business of being useful and become mere ornaments and soon get rusty for want of work. The line which was a proper one for the South and North among white men could not be established among colored men, since in the South would be found four-fifths of the colored population.

Brother Jackson said the North has the greater intelligence, the larger number of seekers and a greater number of Masons. Brother Scottron replied that such was not true of the colored population at this day unless we should consider the line south of Virginia and running westernly across the continent as the dividing line. Brother Gilbert spoke favoring one Supreme Council for the whole United States. Brother Watty wanted two Councils and an equitable division. Brother Scottron read the last resolution adopted at the meeting on Oct. 21st, 1880, wherein all subscribed to the proposition to meet this day to form a Supreme Council for the United States and a promise to come with full power to conclude the arrangements and asked why brethren had subscribed to that declared purpose in a resolution promising their support to the same, and yet had to come here after being instructed by their Councils not to do the very thing they had agreed to do, and the very purpose for which the meeting was called. Brother Griffin said that at the time the resolutions were passed, the meeting was just a little calmed after an afternoon of great confusion, intimating that they did not understand its purport. Brother Jackson said that his Council had paid but little attention to the resolution; as for himself he knew but little about them. Brother Scottron replied that these brothers were undoubtedly intelligent and representative men, and neither dull of comprehension nor inattentive to their best interests, as would appear by the remarks of the two brothers who had just taken their seats, they no doubt simply desired to reverse their action, but he doubted their right to do so in this meeting and then consider their action binding on those who had met for a specific purpose. Brother Saint Gaudens arose to say it was necessary for him to leave and get his rest; he said he favored the organization of one Supreme Council and trusted the brethren would come to some understanding before to-morrow night when he hoped to be present. Brother Dr. Ray said it was the

only proper course to take to form one Supreme Council, and then after that, if the brethren desired, it was quite competent for them to do so. Brother Scottron said he doubted the possibility or power to organize two bodies out of five conflicting elements; he could see the possibility of five parties meeting and then agreeing that three of them might assemble by themselves and form a body, and the remaining two do like-wise; but that five parties all should vote for matters that should govern two parties, one of which by the very nature of things would be out of his jurisdiction and power the moment they had agreed to a resolution of division was a thing strange and impossible to conceive. Brother Miller said he had been waiting to speak for some time and believed the parties present had full power and could rightly and reasonably form two distinct Councils seeing a majority of the convention favored a division.

Brother Powell so amended the first resolution as to make it finally acceptable to the convention, with but slight opposition.

The second resolution was unsatisfactory in its first form as presented.

The Secretary, Brother Scottron, offered what seemed to be the desire of the convention, and it passed as a second article.

Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 were passed with but slight alteration in the wording so as to make them suit the present purpose.

Dr. Ray moved that an article be then inserted before the final and 10th Article, which should make it obligatory on each of the two Councils contemplated in the resolution, to have the same Rituals and Masonic work.

The Secretary then drafted the 9th, all of which are attached to these minutes. The 10th Article was amended only by striking out a concluding portion.

Brother Kelley spoke against the mode, in some Councils, of simply communicating the several degrees, and believed it best to make it obligatory to confer them. A general discussion followed as to the rituals of the various Councils.

Brother Jackson, in recommending Pike's, was opposed by Brother Peters on account of Albert Pike's vagaries, his constant changes and his unpatriotic and horrible treatment of the negro race in his works.

On recommendation of Brother Peters and motion by Dr. Ray, it was resolved to use the work of the Council at New York, and agreed to.

Motion by Brother Jackson that the document emanating from the Baron, A. Hugo De Bulow, in possession of the New York Supreme Council, be acknowledged by the Councils for the Northern and Southern Jurisdiction, as the original and proper authority for the establishment of the A.·. S.·. Rite in the United States.

Brother Miller said he would amend by inserting the title also of Brother David Leary's papers, the difference between those possessed by the New York Council being that the former (Leary's) had been issued by a body and the De Bulow papers by an individual, though both had undoubted authority.

Brother A. C. Peters said his objection to including Brother Leary's papers in the proposed resolution of Brother Jackson was simple but effective. The Leary papers, he said, would not hold water, would not bear investigation. The Supreme Council of France, from which these documents of Leary's appear to emanate, always publish their issues and important acts, and for the year in which it is claimed that Brother Leary's patent as an Inspector General was granted, no mention is made of it, and brethren had better hesitate before dating from it. On the other hand, said he, the De Bulow papers and work is attested by contemporary writers and history, and by living witnesses as to his authority and active representative capacity among whites in this country. The amendment was not seconded or pressed, and Brother Jackson's motion was passed without dissent.

Brother A. W. Tancil moved that the secretary be requested to hand to the Grand Secretary General of each Supreme Council here represented a copy of the proceedings of this in full. Carried.

Brother Kelley moved that a vote of thanks be returned to the Supreme Council of New York, for the hospitalities extended by them to the several Supreme Councils at the present and the former meeting in October last. Seconded by Brother Miller with appropriate remarks, and by Brother Handy, and by Brother Griffin, all of whom dwelt upon the pleasure they experienced in the associations of to-day and in the final accomplishment of a great work. Carried unanimously.

Brother Powell moved a vote of thanks to the President and Secretary for their faithful and efficient service. Brother Chase said he did not think he was entitled to any complimentary recognition for service; what he had done, he said, had been imperfectly done although to the best of his ability; he felt that he owed the Council thanks for the honor conferred upon him in electing him to serve in so responsible an office. The Secretary said it was quite enough and more than a recompense for his labor when he should be able all his life to look with pleasure to the honors conferred upon him by the distinguished representative men present. The work done to-day, he said, would undoubtedly be the subject of Inspector Generals as yet unborn; and it would no doubt be a pleasure to those in whose memory he shall have a place, to contemplate the honorable office held by their relative or friend.

Brother Powell's motion passed unanimously.

Brother Gilbert made a statement as to the origin of the movement to consolidate the Supreme Councils, and was proud to say that the first conference took place in his parlor in Philadelphia between Brother Scottron and himself, and he was much pleased with the first result.

The meeting was, on motion of Brother Jackson, adjourned *sine die*, after prayer by Rev. Brother Handy, the hour being 3.50 a. m., on the 14th instant.

The following resolutions and articles were adopted and signed by the representatives present:

ARTICLE I.

WHEREAS, The representatives of the following named Supreme Councils of the A.·. A.·. S.·. Rite of Free Masonry, claiming jurisdiction in the United States, viz: The Supreme Council for the Southern and Western jurisdiction of the United States, having its Grand East at Washington, D. C., and the Southern jurisdiction having its Grand East at Baltimore, Md., and the Supreme Council for the Northern jurisdiction of the United States and known as King Frederick Supreme Council, whose Grand East is at Philadelphia, Pa., and the Supreme Council for the Northern jurisdiction of the United States whose Grand East is also at the city of Philadelphia, Pa., and commanded by Ill.·. Brother W.

H. Cooper, and the Supreme Council of the United States of America and its Territories and dependences whose Grand East is at New York City, having assembled for the purpose of promoting the welfare of our Masonic Institutions and knowing that united and concurrent action between us is the first requisite, therefore do we for ourselves and the members of our several Supreme Councils and all bodies under our jurisdiction formally and solemnly renounce, adjudicate and transfer all dignities, powers and authorities claimed by us as members of the aforesaid Supreme Councils in favor of two Supreme Councils hereinafter described, and which it is the purpose of this meeting to establish. The three Supreme Councils for the Northern United States, the two whose Grand East is at Philadelphia, Pa., and the one whose Grand East is at New York City shall unite into one Supreme Council for the Northern jurisdiction of the United States, and the two Supreme Councils the one whose Grand East is at Baltimore, Md., and the one whose Grand East is at Washington, D. C., shall unite and form one Supreme Council for the Southern jurisdiction of the United States. The jurisdiction of said Council shall be as follows:

For the Northern jurisdiction of the United States hereinafter named and bounded as follows: 1st. On the North by the Northern boundary line of the United States, its States, Dependencies and Territories; on the East by the Atlantic Ocean; on the South by the following line, commencing at the mouth of Delaware Bay, thence north to the southern boundary of Pennsylvania, thence west to the Ohio River, thence along that river to the mouth of the Big Sandy River to the southern boundary of Kentucky, to the Mississippi, to the southern boundary of Missouri, thence north to the northern boundary of Indian Territory, thence west to the Pacific Ocean, not including the State of California, thence north to the northern boundary to line of beginning. The boundary as above described securing to the Northern Supreme Council, to be perpetually held by them. The following States and Territories, viz: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Wyoming, Utah and Alaska.

The States and Territories belonging to the Southern jurisdiction to be all south of the line of the southern boundary of the Northern jurisdiction, and including all States and Territories not enumerated in the list as belonging to the Northern jurisdiction. This will include the following named States under the Supreme Council of the Southern jurisdiction of the United States, viz: Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, California, Nevada, Indian Territory, New Mexico, Arizona. All the rights formerly vested in us as members of the several Supreme Councils first mentioned, to be given up, transferred and perpetually held in the two Supreme Councils now formed, one for the Northern and one for the Southern jurisdiction of the United States, to be exercised by them in conformity with the law, institutes and statues of said Supreme Councils and of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

The two Supreme Councils, the one whose Grand East is situated at Baltimore, Md., and the one whose Grand East is situated at Washington, D. C., shall select seven brethren each, (in all fourteen) and each of the Supreme Councils who are to form the Northern jurisdiction, viz: the two Councils at Philadelphia and the one at New York under these articles shall select five brethren each (in all fifteen) all to be Sovereign Grand Inspectors Generals of the 33d and last degree of the Scottish Rite, who shall meet each party in its own jurisdiction and organize Supreme Councils of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the 33d degree according to the letter and spirit of the Constitution of 1786 of our Order, then they complying with all the requirements of the Order.

All others of the Ill.·. Brethren Sovereign Grand Inspectors Generals who now form a part of the Supreme Councils now represented shall become as soon as they have taken the obligation of submission, fealty and obedience to these Supreme Councils, honorary members thereof and shall retain the titles of their previous dignities as past officers.

At a time agreed upon between the parties, an election for officers of the two Supreme Councils shall be held, which shall be done by the election of an equal number of brethren taken

from each of the Councils formally in existence and forming a part of the jurisdiction for which said election is held, said brethren to be from among the list of active members of said Councils, but the Secretary General shall invariably be a resident of the Grand East of the Supreme Council thus formed.

ARTICLE V.

Immediately after the election of the officers of the Councils, the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander of each jurisdiction shall appoint deputies for each for the several States and Territories within his jurisdiction, and shall furnish the said deputy with blank forms of the obligation of fealty and submission for each Inspector General and member of the Order of the A.·. A.·. S.·. Rite, formally acknowledging allegiance to either of the Supreme Councils, a party to these Articles and Resolutions. On the receipt of such form signed by the individual and attested by the Deputy, the Secretary General shall record the name and dignity of such member or inspector in the register of the Supreme Council, and no brother of any degree shall be acknowledged, recognized or considered regular until he shall have signed and sworn to such obligation.

ARTICLE VI.

All warrants, charters and powers of constitution, records, etc., heretofore granted or made by either of the Supreme Councils named in Art. 1, or by their subordinates, shall be placed in the hands of a committee of the Supreme Councils having jurisdiction for inspection, approval and endorsement by its seal and the signature of the proper officers; and all documents whatever not receiving such seal and signature are hereby declared null and void and of no effect.

ARTICLE VII.

The jurisdiction and the control of the degree of the A.·. A.·. S.·. Rite among Colored men in the United States of America and their territories and dependencies is claimed exclusively by the two Supreme Councils, each according to its territorial extent as defined in Art 1 of this agreement, and all bodies or individuals not authorized by said Supreme Councils to disseminate or work the said degree among Colored Masons are hereby declared to be irregular, spurious and clandestine.

ARTICLE VIII.

The two bodies, by the operation of the foregoing Articles, shall use the same Rituals and Masonic work, and shall endeavor in every way to prevent differences in their Masonic workings and usages that may obstruct the free and friendly Masonic communications between the members of their respective jurisdictions.

ARTICLE IX.

Each Supreme Council shall pay its own indebtedness and no claim shall be allowed on account of either body of a date prior to the formation of the two Supreme Councils contemplated in these articles of agreement.

ARTICLE X.

We do hereby engage and promise each and all of us whose names are hereto appended, that we will execute and observe and be governed by all and each of the Articles and Clauses above contained and expressed, and that we will never violate nor infringe any of them in any manner whatever.

(Signed)

P. W. Ray, M. D., Sov.·. G.·. C.·. John S. Chase, Deputy S. R. Scottron, G.·. C.·. D.·.	For the Supreme Council of the United States, whose Grand East is at New York, N. Y.
L. G. Griffin Hiram Watty A. W. Tancil Jas. A. Handy	For the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, whose Grand East is at the City of Baltimore, Md.
W. H. Miller J. T. Robinson H. H. Gilbert David Leary	For the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction, whose Grand East is at the City of Philadelphia, Pa.
J. D. Kelley, M.·. P.·. Sov.·. G.·. C.·. Moses Wheeler, G.·. L.·. C.·. W. F. Powell, G.·. S.·. G.·. A. T. Bowman, Deputy for New Jersey	For the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction, whose Grand East is at Philadelphia, Pa., and known as King Frederick Supreme Council.

THORNTON A. JACKSON, for the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, whose Grand East is at the City of Washington, D. C.

Attest:

[SEAL] S. R. SCOTTRON, 33°, G.·. S.·. G.·., Supreme Council for the United States, Grand East, New York City.

New York: Jan. 31, 1881.

718 Lombard St., Valley of Philadelphia, Pa., the ninth day of the Hebrew month Nisan, A.·. M.·. 5641, answering to the eighth day of the Christian month April, A. D. 1881.

According to previous arrangements, delegates from the two Supreme Councils of the A.·. A.·. Rite of Free Masonry, whose Grand East was in the valley of Philadelphia, Pa., met in open convention for the purpose of harmonizing the differences that existed at the time between the members of the Rite in the northern part of the United States of North America. The convention was called to order at 7 o'clock p. m., by Ill.·. Brother W. S. Mower, 33°, Minister of State of King Frederick Supreme Council, who nominated Ill.·. Brother James T. Robinson, 33°, Treasurer General of King Darius Supreme Council for temporary chairman, who was duly elected. Ill.·. Brother Charles N. Brown, of King Frederick Supreme Council, was elected temporary secretary, and the chairman appointed Ill.·. Brother Thomas Cooper Sentinel of King Darius Supreme Council as temporary guard. The temporary organization being complete, the chairman called for the credentials of the delegates, when Ill.·. Brother Joshua D. Kelley, 33°, M.·. P.·. S.·. G.·. C.·. of King Frederick Supreme Council, made mention of the fact that every effort had been made to have the Supreme Council, whose Grand East is in the valley of New York, represented, but every effort had failed. After postponing of the meeting of the convention for more than one month for their benefit in hopes that they would comply with the articles of union signed by them in apparent good faith on the thirteenth day of Shebat, 5641, answering to the thirteenth day of January, 1881, but they had resented all overtures in the premises, and would not be represented, it was necessary that each Supreme Council be seven delegates Ill. William F. Powell, 33°, S.·. G.·., of King Fred-

erick Supreme Council, stated that the Supreme Council he represented had added two more delegates to their list of delegates, and hoped that King Darius Supreme Council would do the same, as he believed that by doing so the articles adopted at the Council of Deliberation held in the Valley of New York, Shebat 13, A. M. 5641, would be more fully complied with. Other delegates expressed themselves as agreeing with Ill.·. Brother Powell in regard to the matter. Ill.·. Brother William Cooper, M.·. P.·. S.·. G.·. C.·., of King Darius Supreme Council consulted with the delegates of his Supreme Council in relation to the matter, and stated that they had agreed to, and had appointed two more delegates, and proceeded to the reading of the credentials from King Darius Supreme Council by his S.·. G.·. Ill.·. William H. Miller, 33°, as follows :

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF KING DARIUS

SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°,

731 West St., Grand Orient of Philadelphia, the ninth day of the Hebrew month Nisan, A. M. 5641, April 8, 1881, V.·. E.·.

Thrice Illustrious and very dear Brethren :

This certifies that William Cooper, David Leary, James T. Robinson, Henry H. Gilbert, William H. Miller, William T. Freeman, and Daniel T. Masten have been duly elected commissioners to represent this Supreme Council in the formation of the new Supreme Council as agreed upon in the convention held in the City of New York, on the thirteenth day of January A. D. 1881, a true copy of the records.

(Signed) WILLIAM COOPER, 33°, M.·. P.·. S.·. G.·. C.·.

Attest: WILLIAM H. MILLER, 33°, S.·. G.·. of the H.·. E.·.

[SEAL]

Credentials from King Frederick Supreme Council, 33°.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE HOLY EMPIRE,

Bordentown, N. J., the twenty-eighth day of the Hebrew month VeAdam answering to the thirtieth day of March, A. D. 1881.

To the Chairman and Members of the Convention to form a new Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of North America, to be convened on the eighth day of April, A. D. 1881.

Ill.·. Sirs and very dear Brethren:

Salute.·. Salute.·. Salute.·.

Know ye that at a meeting of King Frederick Supreme Council, 33°, held on the above date, at the Grand East, Valley of Philadelphia, Pa., the following illustrious brethren were duly elected to represent King Frederick Supreme Council in the convention to form a new Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of North America: Ill.·. J. D. Kelley, M.·. P.·. S.·. G.·. C.·.; Ill.·. Moses Wheeler, L.·. G.·. C.·.; Ill.·. William S. Mower, G.·. Minister of State; Ill.·. Alexander T. Bowman, Deputy for New Jersey; Ill.·. William F. Powell, S.·. G.·. of the H.·. E.·.; Ill.·. Charles N. Brown, Grand Prior; Ill.·. Frederick Richardson, Grand Captain of the Guard, as delegates, and Ill.·. John Diton and Ill.·. John Hall as alternates.

In testimony whereof we have caused the seal of the Supreme Council to be hereunto affixed and have subscribed the same.

JOSHUA DAVID KELLEY, 33°, M.·. P.·. S.·. G.·. C.·.

Attest: WILLIAM FRANK POWELL, S.·. G.·. of the H.·. E.·.

[SEAL]

A motion was made and duly passed to receive the credentials from both Supreme Councils and allow the delegates therein mentioned full power and vote on all matters presenting themselves before the convention. Moved by Ill.·. W. H. Miller that a committee of three be appointed to name permanent officers. The motion passed, and the chairman was pleased to make the following appointment as said committee: Illustrious William T. Freeman, Frederick Richardson and William S. Mower. The committee after a short deliberation made the following report:

VALLEY OF PHILADELPHIA, PA., April 8, A. D. 1881.

To the Chairman and members of the temporary organization of a convention of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, 33°, of the A.·. A.·. Rite of Free Masonry, to form a united Supreme Council, 33°, for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of North America, we your Committee on Permanent Organiza-

tion beg here to present the following nominations : for chairman, Ill.·. Moses Wheeler, 33°; vice-chairman, Ill.·. William Cooper, 33°; for secretary, Ill.·. William H. Miller, 33°; sentinel, Ill.·. Thomas Cooper, 33°; assistant sentinel, Ill.·. Samuel Miller, 33°. On motion the report of the committee was received and the nominees elected by a unanimous vote of the convention. The secretary-elect, Ill.·. W. H. Miller, stated that as he was on a very important committee that had been appointed by a joint committee of the two Supreme Councils, whose see was in the valley of Philadelphia, and as much of his time would be taken up by said committee, he thought that an assistant secretary ought to be elected, and moved that Ill.·. Charles N. Brown be elected as assistant secretary. The motion was carried, and Ill.·. Charles N. Brown was made assistant secretary. The officers of the temporary organization then vacated their seats and welcomed the permanent officers. The permanent officers, one and all, returned their thanks to the convention for the honor they had conferred on them by electing them to preside over and conduct the affairs of a convention composed of such intelligent gentlemen and brother Masons. A motion was made for a committee of three on rules and regulations for the convention. The motion passed, and the Chairman appointed the following Ill.·. brethren as said committee: Wm. F. Powell, Daniel T. Masten, and William T. Freeman. The committee after a short deliberation made the following report, which was adopted.

To Chairman, Officers and Members of the Convention: We, your committee, beg leave to present the following report; That this session of the convention shall be closed at 12 o'clock p. m., open at 10 o'clock a. m. on the morning of the ninth inst., close at 1 o'clock p. m., open at 3 o'clock p. m., and adjourn at will. First, that in all questions of debate the speaker shall not occupy a longer space of time than five minutes unless unanimous consent be given for a longer time. Second, that all debates shall cease by order of the chairman, and that all appeals from the decision of the chair shall only be decided by a two-third vote of the convention. Third, that at the morning session of the convention the minutes of the previous session shall be read.

(Signed) W. F. Freeman,
W. F. Powell,
Daniel T. Masten.

The convention being now ready for business, the articles of union as agreed upon at the convention of Supreme Councils held in the valley of New York, on the thirteenth day of Shebat, A.·. M.·. 5641, being the thirteenth day of January, A. D. 1881, was read and approved as the guide by which the convention should be governed. A motion was made and passed to appoint a committee of three on constitution. The Chairman was pleased to make the following appointments: Ill.·. Brothers H. H. Gilbert, Wm. H. Miller, Wm. S. Mower. The Committee on Constitution retired for consultation, when Ill.·. Brother Wm. Frank Powell submitted the following preamble as the first part of the Constitution, which was adopted:

PREAMBLE.

Preamble and Constitution of the United Supreme Council, 33°, of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of North America, founded upon the Constitutions of 1762 and 1786 and the secret Constitution of the Order formed in pursuance of the decrees of a convention of Supreme Councils, held in the valley of New York, on the thirteenth day of Shebat, A.·. M.·. 5641, in which was represented the Supreme Council whose see is in the valley of New York, King Darius Supreme Council, whose see is in the valley of Philadelphia, King Frederick Supreme Council, whose see is in the valley of Philadelphia, Star of Bethlehem Supreme Council, whose see is in the valley of Baltimore, Supreme Council, whose see is in the Valley of Washington, D.C., and in which convention it was solemnly agreed to form two Supreme Councils for the United States of North America; the three in the North to each select five delegates to form one Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of North America. The two in the South to select seven delegates to form a Supreme Council for the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of North America. On taking the same into consideration, this instrument of constitutional powers is the governmental authority for regulating the bodies of the Rite in the United States of North America, together with

power to draft rituals and regulate Inspector Generals. The articles of union as adopted in the Council of Deliberation held in valley of New York, on the thirteenth day of Shebat, A.·. M.·. 5641, answering to the thirteenth day of January, A. D. 1881, was then read for the benefit of the Inspectors present. After the reading of the Articles of Union and the passage of a resolution to approve and stand by the same, the Chairman called on the Committee on Constitution for their report. It being about 12 o'clock p. m., the convention adjourned.

Morning session 10 o'clock a. m., Saturday morning the tenth day, the Hebrew month Nisan, A.·. M.·. 5641, being the ninth day of April, A. D. 1881.

The Convention re-assembled, the officers in their respective stations, meeting open with singing and prayer, Ill.·. Brother James T. Robinson leading in devotional exercises. The first business was the report of the Committee on Constitution. The chairman of said committee, Ill.·. Brother W. S. Mower, 33°, proceeded to read constitution which had been previously prepared. A motion was made and passed to adopt the constitution by sections, to save the second reading of the constitution. The constitution was then adopted. See constitution.

After the adoption of the Constitution a motion was made to go into an election of officers for the next three years. After the passage of the above resolution, Ill.·. Brother Joshua David Kelley, 33° M.·. P.·. S.·. Grand Commander of King Frederick Supreme Council, arose, and in some very feeling remarks, placed in nomination Ill.·. Brother William Cooper, 33° M.·. P.·. S.·. G.·. C.·. of King Darius Supreme Council, for M.·. P.·. S.·. G.·. C.·. of the United Supreme Council of the Northern jurisdiction of the United States of North America. Ill.·. Brother Cooper was elected by a unanimous vote of the Convention. Brother Cooper then made some very appropriate remarks and returned thanks for the honor conferred on him by a Convention of his peers, and placed in nomination for Lieut.·. G.·. C.·., Ill.·. Brother Moses Wheeler, 33°, Lieut.·. Grand Commander of King Frederick Supreme Council. For Lieut.·. Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council, Ill.·. Wheeler was elected by a unanimous vote of the Convention. Ill.·. Wheeler also made some remarks and

returned thanks for the honor conferred and placed in nomination Ill.·. William H. Miller, 33° S.·. G.·. of King Darius Supreme Council for Ill.·. Minister of State, who was unanimously elected. Ill.·. J. D. Kelley, then placed in nomination Ill.·. J. T. Robinson, 33° Treasurer General of King Darius Supreme Council, for Treasurer General of the United Supreme Council, who was duly elected. Ill.·. Robinson arose and thanked the Ill.·. Brothers for the honor conferred in a very able speech of ten minutes length. After remarks by Ill.·. Robinson, Ill.·. Wm. H. Miller placed in nomination Ill.·. J. D. Kelley, 33° M.·. P.·. S.·. G.·. C.·., of King Frederick Supreme Council, for Secretary General of the Holy Empire. Ill.·. Brother Kelley was duly elected and returned thanks. Ill.·. William F. Powell, 33° Secretary General of King Frederick Supreme Council, then nominated Ill.·. Charles N. Brown, 33° of King Frederick Supreme Council, for Grand Master of Ceremonies. Illustrious Brown was duly elected and returned thanks in a few well-timed remarks, and nominated Illustrious Henry Harrison Gilbert, 33° of King Darius Supreme Council, for Grand Keeper of the Arceives. Illustrious Gilbert was duly elected and returned thanks for the honor conferred. Illustrious Gilbert then nominated Illustrious William Tell Freeman, 33° of King Darius Supreme Council, for Grand Standard Bearer. Illustrious Freeman was duly elected and returned thanks. Illustrious Freeman then placed in nomination Illustrious Brother Frederick Richardson, 33° of King Frederick Supreme Council for Grand Marshal General. Illustrious Richardson was duly elected. Illustrious Richardson also made some remarks and thanked the Illustrious Brothers for the honor conferred. Illustrious William S. Mower was then nominated and duly elected Grand Captain of the Guard. After Illustrious Mower had returned thanks for the honor conferred, the Convention adjourned.

Saturday afternoon session, 3 o'clock, p. m., Nisan 10th, A.·. M.·. 5641, answering to April 9th, 1881, Officers in the chair as at the morning session.

Illustrious Brother W. F. Powell 33°, stated that the thanks of the Inspectors and Representatives of the Convention was due to the Chairman and Officers of the Convention for the able, courteous and dignified manner in which they had conducted the

affairs of the Convention, and offered a motion to that effect which was passed by a unanimous vote. The M.·. P.·. S.·. G.·. C.·. elect, Illustrious Brother Wm. G. Cooper 33° requested Illustrious Brother J. D. Kelley, 33° Past M.·. S.·. G.·. C.·., to open the United Supreme Council and install the officers elected for the next three years. Illustrious Kelley stated that he would with pleasure comply with the request of Illustrious Brother Cooper, but before doing so, he desired to administer to those present the oath of fealty to the United Supreme Council. The following Inspectors were present and took the oath of fealty; William Cooper, Moses Wheeler, David Leary, William S. Mower, John Hall, W. H. Randolph, James T. Robinson, W. T. Freeman, C. N. Brown, A. T. Bowman, Frederick Richardson, W. F. Powell, William Beals, H. H. Gilbert, John Diton, William H. Miller, J. P. Penneville, Samuel Miller, Thomas Cooper, W. L. Underwood, Daniel T. Masten, after which Illustrious Brother J. D. Kelley took the oath of fealty from Illustrious Brother William Cooper, Illustrious Brother Jonathan Miller, 33°, also taking the oath of fealty from Illustrious Brother William Cooper. No other business, the Convention on motion adjourned *sine die.*

Illustrious Moses Wheeler, 33°, Chairman.

Attest: Illustrious W. H. Miller, 33°, Secretary.

Eight o'clock, p. m., Saturday evening, Nisan, the 10th A.·. M.·. 5641, being the 9th day of April, A. D., 1881, at the Tabernacle of Revealed Truth, 718 Lombard Street, Valley of Philad'a, Pa.,

Illustrious Brother J. D. Kelley, 33° P.·. M.·. P.·. S.·. G.·. C.·., opened the United Supreme Council and installed the following, viz:

Ill.·. William Cooper, 33° M.·. P.·. S.·. G.·. C.·.
Ill.·. Moses Wheeler, Lieut.·. G.·. C.·.
Ill.·. William H. Miller, G.·. Minister of State.
Ill.·. James T. Roberson, G.·. Treasurer General.
Ill.·. Joshua D. Kelley, 33° G.·. S.·. G.·.
Ill.·. Henry Harrison Gilbert, 33° Gr.·. Keeper of the Archive.
Ill.·. Charles Newton Brown, 33° G.·. Master of Ceremonies.
Ill.·. William Samuel Mower, 33° G.·. Captain of the Guard.
Ill.·. Frederick Richardson, 33° G.·. Marshal General.
Ill.·. Thomas Cooper, 33° G.·. Guard.

After the Installation, the M.·. P.·. S.·. G.·. C.·. was pleased to make the following appointments:

Ill.·. and Rt. Rev. Bro. P. Campbell, 33° D. D. LL. D., G.·. Prior.

Ill.·. Thomas Cooper, 33° G.·. Sentinel.

Ill.·. A. T. Bowman, 33° Deputy for New Jersey.

Ill.·. Milton F. Fields, 33° Deputy for Missouri.

Ill.·. J. D. Kelley was installed after the other officers by the M.·. P.·. S.·. G.·. C.·.

After the installation and appointments being made, the Grand Marshal General Ill.·. Frederick Richardson, 33°, proclaimed the same throughout the two hemispheres. At this stage of the proceedings it was announced that a fine banquet was in readiness for the Supreme Council in an adjoining room, and the business of the Supreme Council being over, a resolution passed conferring the rank of P.·. M.·. S.·. G.·. C.·. on Ill.·. David Leary, 33°, and motion was made to adjourn to meet on the first day of the Hebrew month, Nisan A.·. M.·. 5641, corresponding to the 29th day of April, A. D., 1881. So adjourned.

Attest: J. D. KELLEY, 33° S.·. G.·. of the H.·. E.·.

NAMES OF INSPECTORS GENERALS OF THE UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL.

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*William Cooper, 1029 Lombard St.,.....Philadelphia.
Moses Wheeler, 332 S. Juniper St.,..... ..... "
William H. Miller, 731 West St., ... "
Joshua David Kelley, 1115 Rodman St., ... "
*James T. Robinson, 330 Dugan St.,..... "
Charles Newton Brown, 252 S. 12th St., ... "
Henry Harrison Gilbert, 625 Pine St.,..... "
*Frederick Richardson, 1723 Afton St.,..... "
William Tell Freeman, 913 Lombard St.,..... "
*Thomas Cooper, 1029 Rodman St.,..... ..... "
Samuel Miller, 1707 Katur St.,..... "
Edward W. Carney, 1406 Ogden St., ... "
William Beals, 1807 Naudain St., ... "
Alexander R. Lively, 719 Lebanon St., ... "
*David Leary, 846 McGrath St.,..... ..... "
William H. Randolph, 225 Acorn Alley, ... "
Moses Johnson, South Marrack St.,..... "
Daniel T. Masten, 1020 S. 9th St.,..... "
George Wellington Roper, 232 Prosperous St.,..... "
Jonathan Miller, 1111 Bainbridge St., ... "
Wilson L. Underwood, 1101 Rodman St.,..... "
*Rt. Rev. J. P. Campbell, 1923 N. 11th St., ... "
*John Brown, 1111 Rodman St., ... "
*John Hall, M. D., 1120 Stiles St.,..... "
*Francisco R. Burlasque, 1131 Lombard St.,..... "

William F. Powell, 572 Clinton St.,..... ....Camden, N. J.
Phillip Tucker Colding, 736 Chestnut St ,..... "
Alexander T. Bowman, 1835 South St.,..... "
*Jacob Thomas Derrickson, 716 Sycamour St ,..... "
Charles Jordan, 108 W. 5th St.,.....Wilmington, Del.
*Jacob Preston Penneville, 1124 Orange St ,..... "
William Henry Caldwell, 419 E. 5th St.,..... "
Major Richardson Poole, 147 Bleeker St.,.....New York, N. Y.
*Joseph Denby, 34 Clift St.,..... "
George H. Bond, 1 Grove Place,.....Boston, Mass.
John H. Dorsey, 48 Philip St.,..... ..... "
Lemuel Gogans, 135 Smithfield St.,.....Pittsburgh, Pa.
John S. Brown,..... .....Portland, Me.
Thomas W. Walker, 65 High St.,.....Cleveland, O.
Elias Chase,.....Williamsburg, Va.
*James K. Hillyard, 443 Robert St.,.. .....Saint Paul, Minn.
William E. Gibson,.....Sioux City, Iowa.
George Oscar Mitchell,..... Port-au-Prince, Hayti.

*Deceased.