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ARTICLE II.

The regular meetings of this Chapter shall be held on the first Friday in each and every month, and Monday night of each Court.

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The officers of this Chapter shall be elected annually at the regular meeting immediately preceding the festival of St. John the Baptist; unless at that meeting another be appointed for that purpose; and shall be installed on the day of said festival.

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All elections of officers shall be by ballot, and be decided by a majority of the votes cast; after the third ballot, should so many take place, all candidates except the two highest shall be withdrawn.

ARTICLE V.

All questions submitted to the Chapter shall be decided by a majority of the members present, unless otherwise set forth.

ARTICLE VI.

Petitions for the degrees of this Chapter must be made in writing at a regular meeting; signed by the applicant and recommended by a member, and said petition shall be referred to a Special Committee of three, and lay over until the next regular meeting; unless in cases of emergency so deemed by a majority of the members present; and the ballot in all cases either for degrees or membership must be unanimous to admit.

ARTICLE VII.

No fee shall be charged for the admission to membership of any companion who has been exalted in the Chapter, and such companion may become a member by signing the By-Laws, if he does so within three months after his exaltation; after which time he must make regular application, and abide the decision of the ballot.

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The fees for the Degrees in this Chapter shall be Thirty Dollars; for Healing Ten Dollars for persons having received one or more Degrees elsewhere; and for admission to Membership Three Dollars, and said fees must in all cases accompany the petition.

ARTICLE IX.

Every member shall pay yearly to the Secretary for the use of the Chapter fifty cents, and should he neglect his dues for twelve months, he shall forfeit all the privileges of membership so long as he remains a delinquent; and at the expiration of two years should his arrearages not be paid, his name shall be stricken from the list of members, due notice of such delinquency having been given him by the Treasurer. Nor can he again be admitted to membership until all arrearages are paid; provided that the Chapter shall have the right to remit arrearages whenever the inability of a member to pay the same is apparent.

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Members wishing to demit must make application at a regular meeting, and if there be no objection, the Secretary shall, after all his dues are paid, furnish him with a certificate of withdrawal if required.

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It shall be the duty of the High Priest to see that the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of this Chapter are duly observed, that all the Officers and Committees perform their duties faithfully, and that the records and accounts are true and faithfully kept. He shall have power and authority to convene the Chapter when in his judgment any emergency may require it. He shall sign all orders on the Treasurer, see that order is strictly observed in the Chapter, that the regular returns are made to the Grand Chapter, and that this Chapter

is duly represented at each Grand Convocation.—He shall cause the balance sheet to be read before each balloting, and each member entitled to vote shall deposit his ballot as his name is called.

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It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep just and true accounts, and at every meeting to have a balance sheet on his table, which shall be read before any balloting or voting takes place.—He shall receive all monies due the Chapter through the hands of the Secretary, giving his receipt for the same. He shall pay no money without a written order signed by the High Priest. At the first regular meeting in December, and oftener if required, he shall exhibit a full account of all receipts and expenditures, together with a general statement of Members accounts, setting forth the exact financial condition of the Treasury. It is his especial duty also to notify every member in arrears for twelve months, to see that in twelve months thereafter, the names of all such as do not settle be stricken from the list of members, apprising the Chapter thereof, and having the same entered on the minutes. At every Regular meeting he shall have a corrected balance sheet on the High Priest's desk, and shall furnish the Secretary with a correct copy every quarter, and shall receive 2½ per cent. commissions on receipts.

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