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PROCEEDINGS

Preliminary Convention, Organization

AND

FIRST ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Most Illustrious Grand Council

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

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In Convention

MASONIC HALL.

COLFAX, Washington, September 13, 1894.

By agreement a number of Royal and Select Masters met in Masonic Hall, Colfax, Washington, Thursday, September 13, 1894, to consider the advisability of organizing a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in the State of Washington.

The following companions were present, representing the several councils in the State:

Tacoma Council No. 1—DAVID L. DEMOREST,
EDWARD R. HARE.

Colfax Council No. 2—DAVID H. SHAW,
J. H. BELLINGER,
W. J. BRYANT,
ROBERT MCCOSKEY,
JAMES EWART,
A. M CRAVEN,
J. HOWARD.

Mt. Baker Council No. 3—CARMI DIBBLE.

Spokane Council No. 4—H. L. KENNAN,
S. H. RUSH,
H. W. TYLER,
F. W. CHURCHOUSE,
J. A. BORDEN.

Pomeroy Council No. 5—WALTER L. DARBY.

Seattle Council No. 6—ED. S. INGRAHAM, of King Hiram Council No. — Maine.

Also present Companion John Moore from the jurisdiction of Illinois, and Companions John Lillie and E. C. Murray, from the jurisdiction of Indiana.

On motion, Companion H. L. Kennan, (Spokane Council No. 4) was elected Chairman, and Companion Edward R. Hare, (Tacoma Council No. 1) Secretary of the meeting.

The Chairman stated the object of the meeting to be the taking of such preliminary steps as are necessary for the formation of a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in the State of Washington. After a general discussion of the subject, it was moved and carried that a committee of three, with the Chairman of the Convention as Chairman of the committee, be appointed to draft and submit a Constitution and Code of By-Laws. The Chairman appointed Companions David H. Shaw and D. L. Demorest to act with him as such committee.

On motion the Convention was adjourned to 9 o'clock, a. m., Friday, September 14, 1894.

MASONIC HALL.

COLFAX, Washington, September 14, 1894.

The Convention of Royal and Select Masters met in Masonic Hall, Colfax, Washington, Friday, September 14, at 9 o'clock, Companion H. L. Kennan, Chairman; Companion Edward R. Hare, Secretary. Present: Companions D. L. Demorest, D. H. Shaw, J. H. Bellinger, W. J. Bryant, R. McCoskey, Jas. Ewart, A. M. Craven, J. Howard, Carmi Dibble, S. H. Rush, H. W. Tyler, F. W. Churchouse, J. A. Borden, W. L. Darby, Ed. S. Ingraham, John Moore, John Lillis and E. C. Murray.

The committee appointed for that purpose, presented a Constitution and Code of By-Laws, which was adopted by the Convention. (See appendix).

Moved and carried that the proposed Constitution and Code of By-Laws, together with the records of this Convention, be submitted to the General Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters for his approval.

Moved and carried that the Convention adjourn subject to the call of the Chairman.

HENRY L. KENNAN,
Chairman.

Attest:
EDWARD R. HARE,
Secretary.

In Convention.

TACOMA, June 5, 1895.

In pursuance of a motion adopted at a preliminary convention held at Colfax, September 14, 1894, the following notice was sent to each of the Councils of Royal and Select Masters in the State of Washington:

TACOMA, Washington, May 18, 1895.

To the T. I. M., Officers and Members of———Council, R. & S. M.:

Companions:—At a preliminary meeting of Royal and Select Masters, held at Colfax, September 14, 1894, the time for holding a convention to organize a Grand Council was left with the Chairman of that meeting.

In accordance with the above, a Convention of representatives from the several Councils of Royal and Select Masters in the State of Washington will be held at Masonic Hall, in the City of Tacoma, Wednesday, June 5, 1895, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of organizing a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, in and for the State of Washington. By order of

H. L. KENNAN, Chairman Preliminary Convention.
EDWARD R. HARE, Secretary Preliminary Convention.

In response to the above notice the Convention reassembled in the City of Tacoma at Masonic Hall, Wednesday evening, June 5, at 8 o'clock, with Companion Henry L. Kennan, Chairman, and Companion Edward R. Hare, Secretary.

The Chairman stated the object of the Convention to be the organization of a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, and instructed the Secretary to read the minutes of the preliminary Convention at Colfax, which being approved, the Chairman appointed Companions W. V. Rinehart, S. H. Rush and Edward R. Hare a committee to examine the credentials of the representatives.

The Convention then took a recess.

Upon being called together, the Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report the following Companions present representing the several Councils of Royal and Select Masters in the State:

Tacoma Council No. 1, Tacoma.

EDWARD R. HARE, T. I. M.
GEORGE D. SHAVER, I. D. M.
CONRAD L. HOSKA, I. P. C. W.

PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS.

ELIJAH M. BEATTY.
DAVID L. DEMOREST.

Colfax Council No. 2, Colfax.

DAVID H. SHAW, T. I. M.
DAVID H. SHAW, proxy I. D. M.
A. M. CRAVEN, I. P. C. W.

PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER.

DAVID H. SHAW.

Mt. Baker Council No. 3, Whatcom.

FERD CHRISTMAN, T. I. M.
CARMI DIBBLE, I. D. M.
J. B. DAWSON, I. P. C. W.

Spokane Council No. 4, Spokane.
S. HARRY RUSH, T. I. M.
H. W. TYLER, I. D. M.
S. HARRY RUSH, proxy I. P. C. W.

PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER.
HENRY L. KENNAN.

Pomeroy Council No. 5, Pomeroy.
WALTER L. DARBY, T. I. M.
WALTER L. DARBY, proxy I. D. M.
WALTER L. DARBY, proxy I. P. C. W.

Seattle Council No. 6, Seattle.
N. S. PETERSON, T. I. M.
H. C. GORDON, I. D. M.
A. P. SPAULDING, I. P. C. W.

PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER.
WM. V. RINEHART.

Zabud Council U. D., Walla Walla.
WM. H. UPTON, T. I. M.
YANCEY C. BLALOCK, I. D. M.
H. W. EAGAN, proxy I. P. C. W.

Fraternally submitted,
W. V. RINEHART,
S. H. RUSH,
EDWARD R. HARE,
Committee.

After some discussion it was decided that the representatives from Zabud Council U. D. should be allowed seats and voice in the Convention without votes.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was then adopted.

Companion Wm. V. Rinehart offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The representatives of six Subordinate Councils of Royal and Select Masters duly assembled and deeming it advisable to organize a Grand Council, have adopted a Constitution and By-Laws pledging

allegiance to the General Grand Council of the United States of America; now, therefore,

RESOLVED, That we proceed to the election of officers, and organize a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Washington, and that we ask the recognition and approval of the General Grand Council.

Moved and carried that "we now proceed to the election of officers."

The Chairman appointed Companions G. D. Shaver (1) and H. C. Gordon (6) to act as tellers.

The balloting resulted in the election of the following

OFFICERS.

HENRY L. KENNAN	Spokane	Most Illustrious Grand Master
WM. V. RINEHART	Seattle	Rt. Ill. Deputy Grand Master
DAVID H. SHAW	Colfax	R. Ill. Grand Principal Conductor
DAVID L. DEMOREST	Tacoma	Rt. Ill. Grand Treasurer
EDWARD R. HARE	Tacoma	Rt. Ill. Grand Recorder
FERD CHRISTMAN	Whatcom	Rt. Ill. Grand Chaplain
JOS. B. DAWSON	Whatcom	Ill. Grand Master of Ceremonies
WALTER L. DARBY	Pomeroy	Ill. Grand Captain of Guard
HARRY C. GORDON	Seattle	Ill. Grand Conductor of Council
GEO. D. SHAVER	Tacoma	Ill. Grand Steward
A. M. CRAVEN	Colfax	Ill. Grand Sentinel

Companion Wm. V. Rinehart offered the following amendments to the Constitution, which were adopted:

ARTICLE 13.

This body shall be, and remain at all times a constituent of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America.

Amend Article 14 by adding the following:

"Provided, however, that Article 13 of this Constitution shall not be changed nor amended, but shall ever remain as therein enacted, and no amendment shall ever be adopted which shall conflict with the Constitution of the General Grand Council of the United States of America as the same may exist for the time being."

On motion the Constitution as amended was adopted.

Moved and carried that the Rules and Regulations of the General Grand Council for the government of subordinate Councils be adopted by this Grand Council.

On motion the convention adjourned.

EDWARD R. HARE,
Secretary.

In Council.

Past Thrice Illustrious Master Elijah M. Beatty presented the following commission from the Most Puissant General Grand Master:

THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE UNITED STATES.

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 31, 1895.

JOHN W. COBURN, M. P. General Grand Master: To the Royal and Select Masters of Washington, more particularly to the officers and Members of Tacoma Council No. 1, Colfax Council No. 2, Mount Baker Council No. 3, Spokane Council No. 4, Pomeroy Council No. 5, Seattle Council No. 6, of our Obedience, Greeting:

Satisfactory evidence having been submitted that the interests of Cryptic Masonry require the establishment of a Grand Council for the State of Washington, and the Councils above named having petitioned therefor,

Now, therefore, I, JOHN W. COBURN, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America, by virtue of the power in me vested, do hereby consent to the establishment of a Grand Council for the State of Washington, on the following conditions:

1. That due notice to all entitled to take part in its deliberation be given of the time and place of the holding of the Preliminary Convention.

2. That the Constitution to be adopted shall contain the following proviso as one of its articles: "This body shall be and remain at all times a constituent of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America." With the further proviso, that the above article "Should not be changed or amended, but ever remain as therein enacted, and no article, section or amendment shall ever be adopted which shall conflict with the Constitution of the General Grand Council of the United States of America, as the same may arise for the time being."

Ill. Companion Elijah M. Beatty, Past Ill. Master of Tacoma Council No. 1, is hereby appointed as Special Deputy to preside over the Convention, and after the adoption of a Constitution containing the above provisions, he is authorized and required to Constitute the Grand Council of Washington and to install the officers thereof.

It is ordered that this Dispensation be spread on the records of the Grand Council and that due return be made to the General Grand Recorder of all proceedings had under its authority.

By order of the M. P. General Grand Master.

Attested at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

HENRY W. MORDHURST,
General Grand Recorder.

Under this authority Companion Beatty proceeded to open a Council of Royal and Select Masters, with the following Companions occupying the various offices:

Comp. ELIJAH M. BEATTY.....Thrice Illustrious Master
Comp. NEIL S. PETERSON.....Illustrious Deputy Master
Comp. A. P. SPAULDING.....Illustrious Principal Conductor of Work
Comp. JOS. A. BORDEN.....Captain of Guard
Comp. CARMI DIBBLE.....Conductor of Council
Comp. EDWARD R. HARE.....Recorder
Comp. JOHN LILLIE.....Steward
Comp. F. W. CHURCHOUSE.....Sentinel

Companion Beatty, assisted by Companion H. W. Tyler as Marshal, installed the following officers of the Grand Council of Washington:

Most Ill. HENRY L. KENNAN...Spokane.....Grand Master
Rt. Ill. WILLIAM V. RINEHART..Seattle.....Deputy Grand Master
Rt. Ill. DAVID H. SHAW.....Colfax.....Grand Principal Conductor

Rt. Ill. DAVID L. DEMOREST....Tacoma.....Grand Treasurer
Rt. Ill. EDWARD R. HARE.....Tacoma.....Grand Recorder
Rt. Ill. FERD CHRISTMAN.....Whatcom.....Grand Chaplain
Ill. J. B. DAWSON.....Whatcom..Grand Master of Ceremonies
Ill. HARRY C. GORDON.....Seattle....Grand Conductor of Council
Ill. GEORGE D. SHAVER.....Tacoma.....Grand Steward
Ill. A. M. CRAVEN.....Colfax.....Grand Sentinel

The Council of Royal and Select Masters was then closed.

EDWARD R. HARE,
Recorder.

In Grand Council.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Washington was opened in Masonic Hall, City of Tacoma, in ample form, June 5, A. D., 1895, with the following officers:

Comp. HENRY L. KENNAN.....Most Illustrious Grand Master
Comp. WM. V. RINEHART.....Rt. Ill. Deputy Grand Master
Comp. DAVID H. SHAW.....Rt. Ill. Grand Principal Conductor
Comp. DAVID L. DEMOREST.....Rt. Ill. Grand Treasurer
Comp. EDWARD R. HARE.....Rt. Ill. Grand Recorder
Comp. FERD CHRISTMAN.....Rt. Ill. Grand Chaplain
Comp. GEO. N. ALEXANDER.....as Ill. Grand Captain of Guard
Comp. J. B. DAWSON.....Ill. Grand Master of Ceremonies
Comp. GEO. D. SHAVER.....Ill. Grand Steward
Comp. A. M. CRAVEN.....Ill. Grand Sentinel

And Representatives from Tacoma Council No. 1, Colfax Council No. 2, Mt. Baker Council No. 3, Spokane Council No. 4, Pomeroy Council No. 5 and Seattle Council No. 6.

No business appearing, the Grand Council was called from labor to refreshment until the close of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, at which time the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was to convene.

In Grand Council.

June 6, 1895.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was called from refreshment to labor at 4 o'clock p. m.

Officers and members as reported yesterday.

Companion Walter L. Darby, Ill. Grand Captain of the Guard elect, being present, was installed and assumed his station.

Moved and carried that the several Councils in the State return their charters to the Grand Recorder for proper endorsement.

It was moved and carried that upon proper application the dispensation of Zabud Council U. D. be endorsed by this Grand Council.

Moved and carried that the Grand Recorder be instructed to print 300 copies of the Proceedings of the Preliminary Convention, Organization and Assembly of the Grand Council. The same to include the Constitution of this Grand Council as adopted, and the General Regulations of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters.

Moved and carried that the Grand Master and Grand Recorder procure a seal and the necessary stationery and material to conduct the affairs of the Grand Council.

On motion a vote of thanks was tendered Past Thrice Illustrious Master E. M. Beatty for his assistance as the representative of the General Grand Master in organizing this Grand Council.

The Grand Master appointed the following committees:

Jurisprudence.

ELIJAH M. BEATTY, Tacoma.
S. HARRY RUSH, Spokane. NEIL S. PETERSON, Seattle.

Correspondence.

EDWARD R. HARE, Tacoma.

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS.

By unanimous vote Section 15 of the Grand Council By-Laws was amended by adding the following:

PROVIDED: That when the petitioner received the Royal and Select Master's degrees in a chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a certificate of the fact from the chapter must accompany the petition and the petitioner must be regularly healed.

Companion N. S. Peterson offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Grand Council are due and are hereby tendered the Companions of Tacoma Council No. 1 for fraternal courtesies extended to the members of this Grand Council during this its first Assembly.

It was moved and carried that the next Assembly of the Grand Council would be held in the City of Seattle, on the Monday following the Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in June, 1896.

No further business appearing, the Grand Council closed in ample form.

HENRY L. KENNAN,
Grand Master.

Attest:
EDWARD R. HARE,
Grand Recorder.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF COUNCILS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

M. I. GRAND COUNCIL OF WASHINGTON.

TACOMA NO. 1.

TACOMA, PIERCE CO.

Date of Charter, July 21, 1891.

Stated Assembly, First Monday.

OFFICERS.

Edward R. Hare, T. I. M.
George D. Shaver, R. I. D. M.
Conrad L. Hoska, I. P. C. W.
John D. McAllister, Treas.
Julian A. Lawrence, Rec.
C. Henry Hempfer, C. of G.
John C. Weatherred, C. of C.
Jacob Ralph, Steward.
Wm. G. Rowland, Sentinel.

PAST T. I. M.

Elijah M. Beatty.
David L. Demorest.

MEMBERS.

Beatty, Elijah M.
Bryer, Herman W.
Coffee, W. B.
Crane, Fremont
Demorest, David L.
Dewey, Henry W.
Davis, Rufus J.
Dickson, Warren P.
Fairweather, Wm. A.
Gardner, Geo. A.
Gilbert, J. J.
Hare, Edward R.
Hicks, Frank W.
Hoska, Conrad L.
Hempfer, C. Henry
House, Jacob C.
Holz, Christian
Johnson, Curtis M.
Johnson, I. Joseph
Lawrence, Julian A.
Lawrence, M. Willis
Mayo, Henry T.
McAllister, John D.
Prichard, Anthony P.
Phillips, Edward
Parker, Jeremiah J.
Ralph, Jacob
Rowland, Wm. G.
Shaver, George D.
Swamp, Michael
Schutzman, Chas.
Thompson, Walter J.
Truedson, Eric P.
Weatherred, John C.—34

COLFAX NO. 2.

COLFAX, WHITMAN CO.

Date of Charter, - - August 21, 1894.

Stated Assembly, First Wednesday.

OFFICERS.

David H. Shaw, T. I. M.
..... R. I. D. M.
Chas. F. Russell, I. P. C. W.
Robt. L. McCroskey, Treas.
A. M. Craven, Rec.
James Ewart, C. of G.
Wm. C. Bryant, C. of C.
Robt. K. Lonsdale, Steward.
Herbert Schriber, Sentinel.

PAST T. I. M.

David H. Shaw.

MEMBERS.

Bryant, Wm. C.
Craven, A. M.
Ewart, James
Lonsdale, Robert K.
Lippitt, Julius
Murry, E. C.
McCroskey, Robert L.
Russell, Chas. F.
Schriber, Herman
Scantlin, M. E.
Shaw, David H.—11

MT. BAKER NO. 3.

NEW WHATCOM, WHATCOM CO.

Date of Charter, - - August 22, 1894.

Stated Assembly, Second Saturday.

OFFICERS.

Ferdinand Christman, T. I. M.
Hamlin B. Williams, R. I. D. M.
Joseph B. Dawson, I. P. C. W.
Carmi Dibble, Treas.
Henry H. Peirce, Rec.
Wm. O. Nicholson, C. of G.
Daniel M'Kinnon, C. of C.
Joseph F. Cross, Steward.
Wm. J. Simonds, Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Andrews, Frank P.
Christman, Ferd
Cross, Joseph F.
Dibble, Carmi
Dawson, Joseph B.
Lee, Alfred
Lawrence, Joseph M.
Moffatt, D. L. V.
M'Kinnon, Daniel
Nicholson, William O.
Peirce, Henry H.
Simonds, Wm. J.
Williams, Hamlin B.
Wheeler, Morgan—14

SPOKANE NO. 4.

SPOKANE, SPOKANE CO.

Date of Charter, August 21, 1894.

Stated Assembly, Third Wednesday.

OFFICERS.

S. H. Rush, T. I. M.
P. A. Daggett, R. I. D. M.
W. H. Acuff, I. P. C. W.
A. P. Tilmont, Treas.
F. Z. Alexander, Rec.
F. R. Drake, C. of G.
J. A. Borden, C. of C.
Rev. Wm. Pelan, Chaplain.
F. P. Weymouth, Marshal.
H. W. Robson, Steward.
M. R. Bump, Sentinel.

PAST T. I. M.

Henry L. Kennan, M. I. G. M.

MEMBERS.

Acuff, William H.
Alexander, Fred Z.
Borden, Joseph A.
Bowman, Augustus
Bump, Menzus R.
Carpenter, Alva F.
Churchouse, Frank W.
Cooper, Hugh L.
Daggett, Pliny A.
Davis, Mark E.
Davis, Oscar V.
Dempsie, Ephraim
Drake, Francis R.
Erwin Edward K.
Gibbs, Frank D.
Glasgow, Samuel
Hinkle, John D.
Hotchkiss, Harvey B.
Hutchinson, Edwin C.
Kennan, Henry L.
Kreider, William H.
Lang, George
Lindsley, Joseph B.
McCormick, William E.
McFerron, Thomas J.
Martin, George H.
Marx, Charles
Olmstead, Elmer D.
Pelan, William
Pugh, Isaac H.
Robson, Harry W.
Rush, S. Harry
Russell, Robert
Schermerhorn, H. Louis
Shaw, John H.
Smith, Vernon W.
Sutton, William J.
Tilmont, Alexander P.
Traut, Anton
Tyler, Horace W.
Vincent, William D.
Weymouth, Frank P.—42

POMEROY NO. 5.

POMEROY, GARFIELD CO.

Date of Charter, - - August 22, 1894.
Stated Assembly, Second Saturday.

OFFICERS.

Walter L. Darby, T. I. M.
G. L. Campbell, R. I. D. M.
F. E. Palmer, I. P. C. W.
C. M. Dunlap, Treas.
F. J. Elsensohn, Rec.
C. B. Owen, C. of G.
W. J. Rummons, C. of C.
H. Davidson, Steward.
H. Kausche, Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Campbell, G. L.
Davidson, H.
Darby, W. L.
Dunlap, C. M.
Elsensohn, F. J.
Gammon, C. P.
Kausche, Henry
Moon, C. E.
Owen, C. B.
Palmer, F. E.
Rummons, W. J.
Whitcomb, L. J.—12

SEATTLE NO. 6.

SEATTLE, KING CO.

Date of Charter, - - August 21, 1894.
Stated Assembly, First Thursday.

OFFICERS.

N. S. Peterson, T. I. M.
H. C. Gordon, R. I. D. M.
A. P. Spaulding, I. P. C. W.
John Haley, Treas.
Geo. N. Alexander, Rec.
A. M. Burns, Chaplain.
A. J. Forrest, C. of G.
J. N. Prather, C. of C.
Wm. McCord, Steward.
C. D. Knight, Sentinel.

PAST T. I. M.

William V. Rinehart.

MEMBERS.

Alexander, G. N.
Arthur, John
Alexander, E. S.
Bonney, L. W.
Brown, A. M.
Craven, E. W.
Cline, W. A.
Costopech, M.
Chamberlain, C. D.
Craig, R.
Dyer, T. P.
Diller, L.
Evans, L. J.
Elwell, W. T.

Frederick, D. E.
French, W. W.
French, F. F.
Forrest, A. J.
Gordon, T. W.
Gordon, H. C.
Graham, R. J.
Graham, A. B.
Haley, John
Holloway, G. M.
Henderson, J. P.
Heald, J.
Hamlin, W. G.
Johns, R. S.
Knight, C. D.
Kelsal, A. L.
Kelsey, S. T.
Langley, J. W.
Morse, J. S.
McCord, W.
McNeal, W.
Peterson, N. S.
Peterson, J. C.
Prather, J. N.
Parker, I.
Parks, J. A.
Poole, W. W.
Rinehart, W. V.
Spaulding, A. P.
Sharpe, H. S.
Winship, John
Winship, Joseph
Wolfe, L. E.
Wheeler, L. W.—48

ZABUD U. D.

WALLA WALLA, WALLA WALLA CO.

Stated Assembly, Second Tuesday.

OFFICERS.

W. H. Upton, T. I. M.
Y. C. Blalock, R. I. D. M.
R. G. Parks, I. P. C. W.
F. M. Pauly, Treas.
W. E. Russell, Rec.
G. Hunt, C. of G.
R. A. White, C. of C.
G. H. Chamberlain, Steward.
M. Murphy, Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Blalock, Yancey C.
Chamberlain, George H.
Crocker, Benj. D.
Ely, Walter M.
Eagan, Harrison W.
Fuller, Henry V.
Hunt, Gilbert
Leonard, Lewis L.
Lynch, Daniel F.
Murphy, Maurice
Mayers, Jacob
Pauley, Fred M.
Parks, Robert G.
Ries, Frank M.
Rinehardt, John A.
Russell, Walter E.
Rupp, Bernard H.
Stockwell, Joseph H.
Upton, William H.
White, Richard A.
Watson, John H.—21

GRAND COUNCILS

—AND—

ADDRESSES OF GRAND RECORDERS.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

GRAND COUNCIL.	GRAND RECORDER.	ADDRESS
Genl Grand Council	Henry W. Mordhurst	Fort Wayne, Ind.
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Minnesota	Thomas Montgomery	St. Paul
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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

—OF THE—

GRAND COUNCIL OF WASHINGTON.

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON do ordain and establish for their government, the following Constitution and By-Laws:

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The members of this Grand Council shall consist of the officers thereof, Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, Past Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Masters, Past Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductors of Work, Past Right Illustrious Grand Treasurers, Past Right Illustrious Grand Recorders, Past Thrice Illustrious Masters of Subordinate Councils, and the first three officers, for the time being, of the respective Councils under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council, each of whom shall be entitled to one vote. Provided, that should there not be a full representation from any Council, the representative present occupying the highest grade shall cast the vote of the absent representative or representatives of his Council.

ARTICLE II.

The officers of this Grand Council shall consist of a Most Illustrious Grand Master, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Work, Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer, Right Illustrious Grand Recorder, Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain, Illustrious Grand Master of Ceremonies, Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard, Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council, Illustrious Grand Steward and Illustrious Grand Sentinel, who shall perform such duties as are appropriate to their several stations.

ARTICLE III.

Every member of this Grand Council must be a member of some subordinate Council under this jurisdiction and proxies shall be members of the respective Councils whose officers they represent.

ARTICLE IV.

A representation of three subordinate Councils shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, although a smaller number may meet and adjourn from time to time.

ARTICLE V.

This Grand Council shall hold stated assemblies annually at such time and place as may be designated by the Grand Council.

ARTICLE VI.

The officers of the Grand Council shall be elected at each annual Assembly, and shall hold their offices until their successors are elected and installed.

All elections shall be by ballot, and the Companion having a majority of the votes cast shall be declared to be elected.

ARTICLE VII.

In case of the death, absence or disability of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the powers and duties of his station shall devolve upon the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Principal Conductor of Work in their order.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master shall fill any vacancies which may occur in the offices of the Grand Council, until the next annual Assembly.

ARTICLE VIII.

This Grand Council shall have the sole government and superintendence of Councils of Royal and Select Masters within the State of Washington. It shall also have power to constitute new Councils of Royal and Select Masters within the State of Washington and grant charters and dispensations for the same, to which shall be affixed the seal of the Grand Council and the signatures of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and the Grand Recorder.

For violation of its laws it may reprimand, suspend or expel any of its members; and it may require from the subordinate Councils such dues and fees as it may judge necessary for its support.

ARTICLE IX.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master shall have power and authority, whenever he shall deem it expedient during the recess of the Grand Council, to grant letters of dispensation under his hand and private seal, to a competent number of duly qualified petitioners empowering them

to open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters, until the next annual Assembly of the Grand Council. PROVIDED, That the fee for a charter is first deposited with the Grand Recorder. And in all cases of such dispensation, the Most Illustrious Grand Master shall make report thereof at the next annual Assembly of the Grand Council, when the Grand Council may either recall or continue the said dispensation, or may grant a charter of constitution. And in case such charter is granted, the fees first deposited shall be credited in payment of the same; but if a charter should not be granted nor the dispensation continued, the said fees shall be refunded to the petitioners, excepting only such part thereof as shall have been actually expended by means of their application.

ARTICLE X.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master shall have power to grant letters of dispensation to a competent Companion to communicate the degrees to such a number of Royal Arch Masons in good standing as may be necessary to form a new Council.

ARTICLE XI.

Each grand officer, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall be lawfully installed and make the following declaration: "I, A. B., do solemnly promise, that to the utmost of my knowledge and ability, I will strictly support and comply with the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the General Grand Council of the United States of America, the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Washington, and the ancient usages and landmarks of the Order."

ARTICLE XII.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters of other grand jurisdictions, being members of subordinate Councils of this jurisdiction, may be elected members of this Grand Council, with all the privileges of Past Thrice Illustrious Masters of this jurisdiction.

ARTICLE XIII.

This body shall be, and remain at all times, a constituent of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America.

ARTICLE XIV.

This Constitution may be amended or altered in the following manner only: The proposed alteration or amendment must be made in writing at an annual Assembly; if seconded by a majority of votes it shall be en-

tered upon the minutes until the next annual Assembly, at which time the Most Illustrious Grand Master shall put the question upon its adoption, and if concurred in by a majority of votes it shall from thenceforth be of full force and effect. PROVIDED, That any proposed amendment to this Constitution, after its reference to a committee and report thereon, at any annual Assembly, may be adopted by a unanimous vote of the members then present, and be of full force and effect thereafter. PROVIDED, however, that Article XIII of this Constitution shall not be changed nor amended, but shall ever remain as therein enacted and no amendment shall ever be adopted which shall conflict with the Constitution of the General Grand Council of the United States of America, as the same may exist for the time being.

BY-LAWS

—OF THE—

GRAND COUNCIL OF WASHINGTON.

SECTION 1.

The annual Assemblies of this Grand Council shall be held at the time prescribed in Article V of the Constitution, and shall be opened in ample form at 10 o'clock a. m.

SECTION 2.

It shall be the duty of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, at each annual Assembly, as soon as a constitutional quorum of Councils is ascertained to be present, to appoint the following committees, each to consist of three. PROVIDED, That none but members of this Grand Council shall be appointed on committees:

1. A Committee on Credentials.
2. A Committee on Chartered Councils.
3. A Committee on Councils U. D.
4. A Committee on Finance.
5. A Committee on Grievances.

6. A Committee on Reports of Grand Officers.
7. A Committee to Examine Visitors.
8. A Committee on By-Laws.
9. A Committee on Obituaries.

SECTION 3.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master elect, at each annual Assembly, shall appoint the following standing committees, who shall hold their offices until the close of the next stated annual Assembly:

1. A Committee on Masonic Correspondence, to consist of one.
2. A Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, which shall consist of three.

SECTION 4.

There shall not be a greater number of Councils established in this State than there are of Royal Arch Chapters, nor more than one Council within the jurisdiction of each Chapter.

SECTION 5.

Each subordinate Council under this jurisdiction shall consist of a Thrice Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, Principal Conductor of the Work, Treasurer, Recorder, Captain of the Guard, Conductor of the Council, Steward and Sentinel. There may also be a Chaplain and Master of Ceremonies.

SECTION 6.

Every Council under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council shall have power to confer the following degrees, and in the following order, viz: Royal Master, Select Master and Super-Excellent Master, and shall receive of each candidate the sum of not less than ten dollars previous to his receiving the degrees. And no Council, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council, shall admit to membership therein any Companion who shall not have received, in a regularly established Council, the several degrees named above of Royal Master and Select Master, or who has not been duly healed.

SECTION 7.

Each Council in the State shall have power to confer the degree of Super-Excellent Master upon such Select Masters as have not received the same, without fee, if the Council should so determine.

SECTION 8.

The territorial jurisdiction of Councils shall extend half way to the place of meeting of the nearest Council in all directions by the usually

traveled route; and no subordinate Council of this Grand Council shall entertain the application of a candidate residing nearer another Council, without the consent of said Council under seal.

SECTION 9.

The fee for instituting a new Council shall be twenty-five dollars, five of which shall be paid to the Grand Recorder when the charter is issued, and shall constitute his fee for engrossing that instrument.

SECTION 10.

Each Council working under dispensation shall return its dispensation to the next succeeding annual Assembly of the Grand Council, together with a record of its proceedings and By-Laws.

SECTION 11.

The several Councils under this jurisdiction shall be represented in the Grand Council by one or more of their first three officers or by their proxies. They shall make an annual return to the Grand Recorder on or before the tenth day of May of each year of their officers and members, and of the number of candidates greeted previous to the first day of May. Each Council shall pay to the Grand Council an annual fee of fifty cents for each member of the Council and one dollar for each candidate they have greeted.

SECTION 12.

If any Council under this jurisdiction shall fail to assemble for the space of twelve months, or to be represented at the annual Assembly of the Grand Council for two meetings in succession, or for the same length of time to discharge its duties to the Grand Council, such Council shall forfeit its charter.

SECTION 13.

No Council of Royal and Select Masters that may hereafter be formed within the jurisdiction of this Grand Council, shall be deemed legal without the sanction of a charter or warrant from this Grand Council. And the several Councils under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council are required to have their work uniform and in conformity with the work adopted by the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America.

SECTION 14.

Every candidate for the Council degrees must be a Royal Arch Mason and regularly affiliated as a member in good standing in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and have resided in the State of Washington six months next preceding the presentation of his petition. The petition shall be made in writing and signed by the applicant with his full name, stating his age, occupation and place of residence, and shall be recommended by two members thereof, and be presented at a stated Assembly of the Council, and if received shall be referred to a committee of three, who shall make report thereon at the next stated Assembly of the Council unless otherwise ordered.

SECTION 15.

All petitions for membership shall be signed by the petitioner with his full name, and shall state the name, number and location of the Council of which the applicant was last a member, and be accompanied by a dimit, or other satisfactory evidence that the petitioner has lawfully withdrawn from the Council of which he was last a member, and be recommended by two members of the Council to which he petitions, and shall be referred to a committee of three, who shall report at the same or some subsequent stated Assembly, when the ballot shall be had upon said petition. Provided, That when the petitioner received the Royal and Select Master's degrees in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a certificate of the fact from the Chapter must accompany the petition, and the petitioner must be regularly healed.

SECTION 16.

No ballot shall be taken upon any petition, either for the degrees or for membership, except at a stated Assembly of the Council, unless by authority of a special dispensation issued by the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

SECTION 17.

Each chartered Council under this jurisdiction shall have a seal, with the name and number thereof engraven thereon, an impression of which shall be transmitted to the Grand Recorder.

SECTION 18.

No money shall be paid out by the Grand Treasurer without a vote of the Grand Council.

SECTION 19.

The Grand Recorder and the Grand Sentinel shall receive such compensation for their services as the Grand Council may deem reasonable.

SECTION 20.

Any proposition to amend these By-Laws, or any part thereof, shall be made in writing and shall be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, who shall report thereon, when, if two-thirds of the members present shall vote for the same, as originally presented, or recommended by the said Committee, it shall be adopted and become a part of these By-Laws.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

—FOR THE—

GOVERNMENT OF COUNCILS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF WASHINGTON.

COUNCILS—HOW COMPOSED.

1. All lawful Assemblies of Royal and Select Masters are called Councils, as those of the Ancient Craft degrees are called Lodges.

2. Every Council of Royal and Select Masters under this immediate jurisdiction must have the following officers, viz:

Thrice Illustrious Master.
Right Illustrious Deputy Master.
Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work.
Treasurer.
Recorder.
Captain of the Guard.
Conductor of the Council.
Steward.
Sentinel.

3. Every Council of Royal and Select Masters within the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Council must have a dispensation or charter, duly issued by authority of this Grand Council, and any Council or Assembly of Royal and Select Masters not complying with the foregoing provision, is hereby declared irregular and clandestine; and all Masonic intercourse or communication whatever, either public or private, with such unlawful and clandestine association, or with any member thereof, is hereby interdicted and strictly forbidden under penalty of expulsion.

COUNCILS—HOW ORGANIZED.

4. A petition for a dispensation to organize a Council must be signed by at least nine regular Royal and Select Masters.

5. The petitioners for the dispensation, who are desirous of maintaining their membership in the Council when constituted under charter, must have deposited their dimits before or at the time the Council is constituted.

6. The office of Thrice Illustrious Master, Right Illustrious Deputy Master and Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work, of a Council under dispensation, is filled by appointment of the Grand Master, and all other officers necessary to form a Council while under dispensation, are filled by appointment of the Thrice Illustrious Master.

7. No installation of the officers of a Council under dispensation is necessary or proper, nor does any title of honor or distinction accrue by reason of service in any office under dispensation.

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

9. A delegate from a Council working under dispensation is not entitled to vote in the Grand Council until a charter is granted.

10. When the work of a Council under dispensation has been approved, and a charter issued by order of the Grand Council, before such Council can lawfully meet as such it must be assembled by or under the authority of the Grand Master, duly constituted, and the officers named in the charter installed.

11. The Thrice Illustrious Master, when installed, will have the right to fill, by appointment, all other offices necessary to the organization of the Council, and all such officers will then serve as such until their successors are duly elected, and installed at the time as provided for in these regulations.

12. All expenses incurred by the Grand Master or his proxy, in constituting and dedicating a Council and installing the officers, must be paid by the Council receiving the services; in no case can such expenses come against the Grand Council.

13. It is the duty of every chartered Council under this jurisdiction to be duly represented in the Grand Council, and each Council must pay the amount of its dues to the Grand Recorder on or before the tenth day of May, annually.

COUNCILS—THEIR CIVIL JURISDICTION.

14. The territorial jurisdiction of Councils shall extend half way to the place of meeting of the nearest Council in all directions by the usually traveled route; and no Subordinate Council of this Grand Council shall entertain the application of a candidate residing nearer another Council, without the consent of said Council under seal.

15. No Council shall have the right to confer the Council degrees upon one whose place of residence is within the jurisdiction of another Council, without first obtaining the consent of such Council.

16. Should any Council within this jurisdiction violate the provisions of the last preceding section, such Council so offending shall forfeit and pay over to the Council nearest the applicant's place of residence the full amount received for the degrees so conferred, and the Grand Master may, at his discretion, arrest the charter of such offending Council.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

17. The election for officers of a Council regularly constituted under charter, must be held on the day provided for in the By-Laws of said Council.

18. Councils may provide by their By-Laws for the election of Thrice Illustrious Master, Illustrious Deputy Master, Principal Conductor of the Work, Treasurer and Recorder, only, and for the appointment of all others by the Thrice Illustrious Master-elect, at any time before his installation.

19. All elections for officers of a Council must be by ballot, and a majority of the votes cast is necessary to elect. Blank ballots are not votes, and shall not be counted.

20. All business must be transacted in open Council of Select Masters.

21. If, for any cause, a Council fails to elect its officers at the time provided for in these Rules, the officers last installed will continue in the discharge of the duties of their respective stations until their successors shall have been duly elected and installed.

22. The Grand Master possesses the power to grant dispensations to hold special elections for officers in case of a failure to elect at the specified time.

23. Any member of a Council is eligible to be elected to and hold any office in his Council.

INSTALLATIONS.

24. Officers elected or appointed, (except those of Councils under dispensation) before exercising any of the functions of their office, must, in all cases, be regularly installed according to the formula adopted by this Grand Council.

25. All installation ceremonies must be performed as near the election as practicable, except that officers elected at a special election should be installed immediately after the election if possible; but no officer can be installed unless he be actually present, and take upon himself the responsibilities of the office. This can not be done by proxy.

26. Officers appointed by dispensation from the Grand Master, act merely as the proxies of the Grand Master, and are not, therefore, entitled to installation.

SPECIAL DUTIES OF THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER.

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

28. He has the authority of convening his Council at pleasure, and it is his duty to attend all Assemblies of the Grand Council, either in person or by proxy.

RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

29. The associations of Masonry being voluntary, the Grand Council recognizes the right in any officer of a Council to resign his office, in which case the Thrice Illustrious Master will fill such vacancy by appointment until the next stated election.

30. Should the Thrice Illustrious Master resign, the next officer in rank will succeed to his duties, with power to fill all such other vacancies as may occur.

31. Should the Thrice Illustrious Master-elect decline to be installed, the Illustrious Deputy Master and Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work, or either of them, being installed, will succeed respectively to the duties of the chair.

32. Should all the above named officers-elect decline to be installed, the officers last installed shall continue in office until their successors are duly elected and installed.

33. Should the offices of Thrice Illustrious Master, Illustrious Deputy Master and Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work, after installation, all become vacant by resignation or otherwise, the Grand Master

may, by special dispensation, fill the same; or he may authorize the Council to hold a special election for that purpose, as he may judge best for the welfare of the Council.

34. In the absence of the Thrice Illustrious Master, the Illustrious Deputy Master will take the chair, and in the absence of the Illustrious Deputy Master, the Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work will preside; PROVIDED, however, that either of the above named officers may waive his right to preside in favor of any experienced past officer present.

35. In the absence of all three of the above named officers no Council can be legally opened or business transacted.

36. No officer of a Council, during his continuance in office, can legally be a petitioner for a new Council.

ASSEMBLIES AND BUSINESS.

37. All Assemblies of a Council are either stated or called. Stated Assemblies are those provided for at fixed periods in the By-Laws of the Council. Called Assemblies are those convened by the Thrice Illustrious Master to meet some emergency.

38. No business can be transacted at a Called Assembly but that for which it was convened; and resident members must be notified of the meeting and its objects either in person or by notice through the mails.

39. A verbal summons, notifying the members of the time and objects of the Assembly, is sufficient.

40. A Council duly opened in Stated Assembly can not be called off to meet on some subsequent day, but must be regularly closed.

41. Every Council should meet for work at least once in every three months; but in no case can a Council fail to meet for an entire year without forfeiting its charter, unless by special permission from the Grand Master.

42. Councils must hold all their Assemblies in some suitable room at the place named in the dispensation or charter, and in no case can they change their place of Assembly without special permission of the Grand Council or Grand Master. A Council may, however, remove its Council room from one house to another in the same place by a vote of a majority of its members present at a Stated Assembly, due notice of the proposed removal having been given in writing at a previous Stated Assembly.

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

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

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

46. A quorum for the transaction of business, except conferring the degrees, consists of nine members entitled to vote, including an officer entitled to congregate and open the Council. And for conferring the degrees nine Royal and Select Masters may constitute a quorum.

DEGREES AND RITUALS.

47. The degrees recognized by the General Grand Council are as follows:

First—Royal Master;

Second—Select Master;

And the appendant degree of Super-Excellent Master;

And must be conferred in the order here enumerated.

48. The ceremonies and rituals in conferring the several degrees of the Council, as well as the opening and closing ceremonies, must conform in each particular to that arranged and adopted by the General Grand Council. No other ritual or ceremony whatever will be permitted in any Council within this jurisdiction.

49. Should any Council be found violating any of the provisions of the foregoing rules, it shall be the duty of the Grand Master to arrest the charter and suspend the functions of such Council until further ordered by the Grand Council.

MEMBERSHIP.

50. A Companion, free from charges, whose dues are paid to date, upon written application is entitled to a dimit, which should be granted, by a majority vote of the Council.

51. A Companion receiving the degrees of Royal and Select Master, becomes a member of the Council electing him to the degrees, and by whose right they are conferred.

52. No Council can legally admit to membership a Companion from another Council until he shall have produced satisfactory evidence that he has paid all dues and demands against him to the Council of which he was last a member, and at his own request regularly dimitted therefrom.

53. No member can forfeit his membership or right to vote in a

Council by operation of law merely, but only by a vote of the Council after due notice and investigation into the merits of the case.

54. When a Council, duly organized, shall surrender its charter, or the organization thereof be otherwise dissolved, the members thereby become unaffiliated, with the right to seek admission into another Council upon the payment of all dues then owing their Council, to the Grand Recorder, who shall, thereupon, issue to such Companions a certificate of their former membership, which certificate shall be equivalent to a dimit.

55. No Companion can be a member of more than one Council at the same time so as to be held for the payment of dues to each, except that Councils may confer the distinction of honorary membership upon such affiliated Companions not members of the Council conferring the honor, as may have merited the same by long or eminent services to the craft.

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

PETITIONS AND ACTION THEREON.

57. All applications for the degrees or membership in a Council must be made in writing, signed by the applicant, and recommended by two members of the Council to which application is made, and must then be referred to a committee for investigation, and lay over for consideration until the next Stated Assembly of the Council, except in cases of emergency, when, by the unanimous consent of the members present, action on such application may be immediately had.

58. No petition for degrees in the Council can be received from one who is not at the time a Royal Arch Mason, and regularly affiliated as a member in full standing in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; nor from one who may have been rejected by another Council, without the consent of such Council, until at least one year from the time of such rejection shall have passed.

59. All petitions for the Council degrees must be presented to the Council located nearest the petitioner's place of residence, and all other Councils are strictly prohibited from receiving such petition without the consent of such Council first obtained.

60. When a Council shall have legally received a petition, no other Council can have jurisdiction in the case, or in any manner interfere with the legitimate work of the Council without the consent of such Council first obtained.

61. After a petition shall have been regularly received by a Council, and the facts entered upon its records, it shall not be withdrawn without

the consent of the Council, and not then after the committee have reported.

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

63. A Companion regularly dimitted from another Council is not compelled to apply for membership to the Council nearest his residence. Any Council can legally receive his petition and admit him to membership.

BALLOTINGS, ETC.

64. The ballot for admission to the degrees, as well as for membership, must be unanimous, and every member present must vote, when, should one negative vote appear, the Thrice Illustrious Master shall cause another ballot to be immediately had, when, should one or more negative votes appear, he shall declare the applicant rejected.

65. After a petitioner is declared rejected his case can not be brought before the Council again except upon petition, as in the first instance, and lie over for consideration until the next Stated Assembly of the Council.

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

67. No debate must be allowed after a ballot is ordered, and no inquiry permitted as to who may have cast a negative vote.

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

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

70. A vote to reinstate must also be taken by ballot, and it shall require the same vote to remove a penalty that it does to impose it.

71. A separate and distinct ballot must be had on each particular case before the Council.

72. A vote by ballot can in no case be reconsidered.

73. In all other cases not hereinbefore mentioned, the vote may be taken by ayes and noes, or by a show of hands, as the Thrice Illustrious Master may deem proper, and a majority will decide the question.

RIGHT TO VISIT.

74. The right to determine upon the propriety of admitting a visiting Companion is the prerogative of each and every Council in this jurisdiction. No visitor can, therefore, be admitted into a Council while a single member present objects. Nor can an objecting member be required to assign his reasons therefor, but may do so if he choose.

UNAFFILIATED COMPANIONS.

75. It is the duty of every Royal and Select Master to be a member of some Council, and obey the laws and regulations relative to the payment of dues and contributions to the charity fund.

76. Councils may, therefore, deny to unaffiliated Companions the privilege of visiting a Council or joining in the public procession of the craft.

PUBLIC PROCESSIONS, CEREMONIES, ETC.

77. All public processions of Councils, except on purely Masonic occasions, are strictly prohibited.

78. Cryptic Masonry has no ceremony for the burial of the dead.

79. Councils within this jurisdiction may, at their discretion, have a public installation of their officers according to the formula adopted by the Grand Council, a competent Companion, who is at the time a member of a Council, being present and officiating.

80. Councils may also have the ceremonies of constituting and dedicating their Council performed in public. But in such cases, the Grand Master, or a competent Companion appointed by him, must be present and officiate.

81. Councils may join with Lodges and Chapters in celebrating the anniversaries, or in any public demonstration allowed by the laws of their respective Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters, but all such public processions and ceremonies must be strictly and purely Masonic. No mixture with other orders or societies whatever can be allowed.

COUNCIL REVENUES.

82. No Council shall confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master upon any one for a less sum than ten dollars. The full amount required for the degrees must, in every case, be actually paid into the hands of the Recorder before the applicant be permitted to receive the first degree.

83. Each Council has the right to assess and collect from its members such regular quarterly or yearly contributions as shall be necessary to pay the Grand Council dues, defray the expenses of the Council and keep up its charity funds; PROVIDED, That no dues shall be charged against a member while under sentence of suspension or expulsion.

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

85. Each Council may remit the dues of any member who, through indigence or misfortune, may be unable to pay the same. And in all such cases the Council shall not be required to account to the Grand Council for dues on any such member.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

86. It is the duty of each Council, on or before the tenth day of May in each year, to make out and transmit to the Grand Recorder an annual report, according to the form to be furnished by the Grand Recorder

PENALTY FOR FAILING TO REPORT.

87. If any Council under this jurisdiction shall fail to assemble for the space of twelve months, or to be represented at the annual Assembly of the Grand Council for two meetings in succession, or for the same length of time to discharge its duties to the Grand Council, such Council shall forfeit its charter.

88. Such charter, when so arrested, can only be restored upon such terms as the Grand Council may prescribe.

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

OFFENSES AND PENALTIES.

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

91. Communicating the proceedings of a Council to persons not Royal and Select Masters is a high offense against that particular Council and the proprieties of the craft. If done by a visitor it shall bar his

right to visit the Council, and if done by a member, the Council must mete out the penalty according to the aggravation of the offense.

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

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

94. Any member who shall fail to pay his dues at the time as provided for in the By-Laws of the Council, may be suspended until such dues be paid or remitted by the Council.

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

96. The General Grand Council having adopted a system of work and lectures for the conferring of the degrees in the Council, placed it in the care and under the control of the General Grand Master, in order that uniformity shall be observed, therefore, Councils are expressly prohibited from receiving instructions in what is commonly called the work and lectures from any other than a member of such Council, without express authority from the Grand Council or the Grand Master.

97. The only penalties for offenses against Masonic law and propriety are four, to-wit:

1st. Reprimand.
2d. Suspension to a definite time.
3d. Suspension indefinitely.
4th. Expulsion.

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

JURISDICTION OVER OFFENSES.

98. The penal jurisdiction of a Council extends over all Royal and Select Masters within its territorial limits. It is, therefore, the duty of each Council to take cognizance of the conduct of every Companion within its jurisdiction, and for a violation of any moral or Masonic duty, to vindicate the law and administer justice: PROVIDED, That Thrice Illustrious Masters are answerable only to the Grand Master and Grand Council for facts growing out of their official duties. For any official

misconduct the Grand Master may suspend the Thrice Illustrious Master of a Council from his office.

99. A member of a Council in another jurisdiction shall be held to answer for any unmasonic conduct to the Council within whose particular jurisdiction the offense may have been committed.

100. A member of a Council shall be held to answer for a breach of the moral code, either to the Council of which he may be a member or to the Council within whose jurisdiction the offense may have been committed. Whichever of these Councils shall take cognizance of the case first shall have jurisdiction.

101. An unaffiliated Companion shall, in all cases, be held to answer to the Council within whose jurisdiction the offense may have been committed.

102. No one can be held to answer anywhere, except upon written charges specifically setting forth the particular matter complained of, or the offense committed.

CHARGES AND SPECIFICATIONS.

103. No Companion can be reprimanded or suspended, except as is provided for in the non-payment of dues (see section 94) or expelled by any Council for any cause whatever, only upon written charge and specifications; and due notice of the time and place of trial, except in cases where the accused may have absconded before service of notice.

104. Any affiliated Companion has the right to prefer charges or matters of complaint, but in no case can this privilege be extended to one who is not affiliated.

105. Complaint against a Thrice Illustrious Master for official misconduct must be made to the Grand Master, in vacation, or to the Grand Council when in session, who will proceed to investigate the same according to the rules governing the case.

106. Charges and specifications against the Thrice Illustrious Master of a Council for unmasonic conduct, not growing out of the discharge of his official duties, must be made to the Grand Master, and if approved by him, he will fix a time for trial, before the Council of which he is a member, and notify the Council, with a copy of the charges and specifications, and the time fixed for trial, and instruct the Recorder of the Council to serve a like copy upon the accused.

107. In all things relating to the trial of the Thrice Illustrious Master, by his Council, except as otherwise specified in these rules, the same proceedings must be had as in the trial of other members for like offenses, only that the Grand Master or a special deputy appointed by him must be present and preside.

108. In complaints for non-payment of dues the account current against the delinquent member shall be deemed a sufficient charge and specification for the Council to take action upon, after proper notice to the delinquent member.

109. The accused must, in all cases, when practicable, be furnished with a copy of the charges and specifications, and at least ten days' notice of the time and place of trial.

110. Charges for unmasonic conduct must be made in writing and signed by the Companion making them, setting forth, with reasonable certainty, specifications thereof, the time and place of the commission of the offense complained of, and must then be presented to the Council at a Stated Assembly, when they shall be read in open Council and spread on the record. The Thrice Illustrious Master shall then set a time for trial and order the Recorder to serve a copy of the charge and specifications upon the accused, and also notify him of the time set for trial; but in no case shall less than ten days' notice be deemed a sufficient notice to the accused.

111. The Companion making the complaint must also file with the Council a list of the names of the witnesses by whom the facts alleged can be proven.

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

TRIALS.

113. Trials shall be held in accordance with the regulations adopted by the Grand Lodge of Washington F. & A. M.

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

EFFECT OF PENALTIES WHEN IMPOSED.

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

116. A suspension or expulsion, for any cause, by a Lodge of Master Masons, or by a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, is effectually a suspension or expulsion from a Council of Royal and Select Masters, and must be so regarded by every Council in this jurisdiction.

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

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

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

WHAT REMOVES A PENALTY.

120. Submitting to the penalty of reprimand fully restores the Companion to his former standing.

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

122. The payment of all dues, for which a member may stand suspended, fully restores him to membership: PROVIDED, That Councils may remit the dues of a member for which he was suspended, and thereby restore him to his former standing in the Council, but a petition for such remission must be received at a previous Stated Assembly referred to, and reported upon by a committee.

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

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

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

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

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

128. It is not proper nor right for a Council to restore a Companion who may have been suspended or expelled by a Council in another jurisdiction.

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

130. A proposition to restore a Companion who may have been suspended or expelled, for other cause than non-payment of dues, must be made in writing at a Stated Assembly of the Council, and shall then be referred to a committee and lie over until the next Stated Assembly of the Council, when it shall require the same vote to remove the penalty that it did to impose it.

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

NEW TRIALS.

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

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

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

APPEALS.

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

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

137. A Companion desiring an appeal, must make such desire known to the Council in writing, either in person or by some Companion in his

behalf, which must contain a statement of the case, the exceptions taken to the decision or judgment appealed from, and the grounds upon which he bases his right of appeal.

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

MISCELLANEOUS.

139. The appropriate badge for the Council degrees is "a white lambskin apron," of such form and size as usually worn by Master Masons, bordered on the sides and bottom and lower edges of the flaps with a band of purple, and are provided with purple strings or tape.

140. Councils are required to preserve at least one copy of the printed proceedings of the Grand Council as the same are issued, and have them bound in convenient volumes for preservation and use of the Council.

141. It is hereby made the duty of each Council to so amend its By-Laws as to make them conform in all respects to the foregoing GENERAL REGULATIONS.

AMENDMENTS.

142. The rules may be altered, amended or repealed at any Assembly of the Grand Council by being proposed in writing, referred to and reported upon by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and then concurred in by a majority of the members present.

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