



**CONSTITUTION
and
GENERAL REGULATIONS
of
The GRAND COUNCIL
CRYPTIC
RITE MASONS
of
WESTERN CANADA,
ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS**

Including

**The Grand Lodge of Royal Ark
Mariners
Of Western Canada**

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NOTE

The First Assembly of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Western Canada held in the City of Edmonton, Alberta, on the 10th of March, 1938, resolved that the Constitution, Rules and Regulations previously in force in its Constituent Councils be adopted provisionally with such amendments as the change of jurisdiction necessitated.

The Second Annual Assembly, held in the City of Calgary, Alberta, on the 7th of May, 1940, adopted the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Council, Royal & Select Masters of Western Canada.

The Eighth Annual Assembly, held in the City of Calgary, Alberta on the 7th of May, 1948 adopted a revised Constitution, Rules and Regulation of the Grand Council, Royal & and Select Master of Western Canada.

The Twenty-second Annual Assembly, held in the City of Winnipeg, Manitoba, on the 9th of February, 1960, adopted the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Council, Royal & and Select Masters of Western Canada.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Assembly, held in the City of Regina, Saskatchewan, on the 27th of May, 1976, adopted the revised Constitution, Rules and Regulation of the Grand Council, Royal & and Select Masters of Western Canada.

The Fortieth Annual Assembly, held in the City of Edmonton, Alberta, on the 11th of May 1978, amended the name of this Grand Council to read: **The Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada, Royal & Select Masters.**

The Fifty-fifth Annual Assembly, held in Parksville, British Columbia, on the 2nd day of June, 1993 adopted the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Council Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada, R & SM. as presented by the Laws and Jurisprudence Committee, comprised of VIComp Edgar L. Boyd, Chairman, and MIComp James M. Bremner and RIComp Ernest Tyler as members, as contained herein.

The seventy-ninth Annual Assembly, held in Winnipeg, Maanitoba, on the 27th day of April, 2017 adopted the revisions made herein as presented by the Laws & Jurisprudence Committee comprised of MIC D.B. Russell, RIC Jerry Kopp and RIC Geo. Tapley.

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ARTICLE 1 ORGANIZATION

The name of this Grand Council is the **GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC RITE MASONS OF WESTERN CANADA, R & SM** hereinafter referred to as the **GRAND COUNCIL**. The following abbreviation may be used where appropriate: **GC R & SM OF WC**.

ARTICLE 2 POWERS AND AUTHORITY

In this Grand Council is vested the sole power of Government, control and superintendence of all matters relative to the Degrees of Royal Master, Select Master and Super Excellent Master, hereinafter referred to as the **CRYPTIC RITE**; and of the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner, conferred by Royal Ark Mariner Lodges, The Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners of Western Canada, and all members thereof, as hereinafter provided.

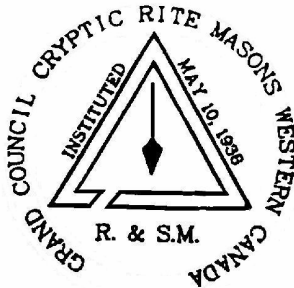
ARTICLE 3 JURISDICTION

This Grand Council shall have Masonic Jurisdiction over all Constituent Councils of Royal & Select Masters and members thereof, and all Royal Ark Mariner Lodges and members thereof in that territory contained within that part of Canada lying between the Eastern boundary of the Province of Manitoba and the Pacific Ocean, including the North West

Territories and the Yukon.

ARTICLE 4 SEAL of THE GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC RITE MASONS OF WESTERN CANADA, R & SM

The following is the Seal adopted by the Grand Council as depicted in the margin hereof:



A trowel pointing downwards within a broken triangle (the break in the left of the base);(when viewed from the front) all within a circle with the words around the circumference: **GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC RITE MASONS OF WESTERN CANADA** completed at the base of the triangle with **R & SM** and on the left and right sides of the triangle respectively, **INSTITUTED** and **May 10, 1938**

ARTICLE 5 THE WORK

The **WORK** is that work authorized by the Grand Council at its 55th Annual Assembly held on the 2nd day of June, 1993, and entitled **R and SM WESTERN CANADA -- CEREMONY RITUAL WITH DRAMATIC INTERPOLATIONS** and such lawful amendments as may hereafter be made in Annual Assembly upon the recommendation of its Committee on the Work.

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ARTICLE 6 COMPOSITION OF GRAND COUNCIL

- (a) The Grand Council consists of all Companions in good standing in a Constituent Council within this Grand Council.
- (b) Grand Council, on motion unanimously adopted at its Grand Assembly, may confer Honorary Membership upon Grand Masters or Past Grand Masters of other Grand Councils in amity with this Grand Council.
- (c) No Companion not a Past Thrice Illustrious Master shall be eligible for any office in Grand Council with the exception of Grand Chaplain, Grand Organist and Grand Sentinel.
- (d) No Companion shall be entitled to past rank in any office of Grand Council unless he has served a full term.

ARTICLE 7 OFFICERS OF GRAND COUNCIL

- (a) The Rank and Order of Precedence of Officers of Grand Council are as follows:
 - Most Illustrious The Grand Master (hereafter the “Grand Master”)
 - Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters according to seniority in office.
 - Right Illustrious Grand Deputy Master
 - Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
 - Right Illustrious Grand Inspectors General (for each of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia Mainland District, British Columbia Vancouver Island District and British Columbia Interior Districts.

- Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer
 - Right Illustrious Grand Recorder
 - Very Illustrious Grand Chaplain
 - Very Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
 - Very Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council
 - Very Illustrious Grand Marshal
 - Very Illustrious Grand Organist
 - Very Illustrious Grand Historian
 - Very Illustrious Grand Stewards (Six, one for each of the Districts)
 - Very Illustrious Grand Sentinel
- (b) Grand Honours when extended to Officers of Grand Council are as follows:
- The Grand Master and Past Grand Masters. Nine Times
 - Officers with rank = Right Illustrious
 - Seven Times
 - Officers with rank = Very Illustrious
 - Five Times
 - Officers with rank = Thrice Illustrious
 - Three Times
- (c) and shall be given right hand on left hand, left hand on right hand and right hand on left hand the number of times aforesaid according to rank, then right hand on left hand once, left hand on right hand once and right hand on left hand once.

ARTICLE 8 ASSEMBLIES OF GRAND COUNCIL

- (a) The representatives of 50% plus one of all Constituent Councils of this Jurisdiction, together with at least one of the Grand Master, Grand Deputy Master or Grand Principal Conductor of the Work shall constitute a quorum at an

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assembly of Grand Council.

- (b) The Annual Assembly shall be held at such time and place as may be determined by Grand Council bearing in mind the convenience of having it near the date and at the place selected by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons or the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons for their Annual Convocation or Communication as the case may be.
- (c) The Grand Recorder shall give notice of the Annual Assembly to all Constituent Councils at least two clear months prior to the event.
- (d) A Special Assembly may be called by the Grand Master, or in his absence or inability, by the Grand Deputy Master on 14 clear days notice to Constituent Councils. The order of business shall be set forth in the notice and no other business may be transacted.
- (e) Grand Council is declared "OPEN IN AMPLE FORM" when the Grand Master presides, in "DUE FORM" when a Past Grand Master, the Grand Deputy Master or the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work presides.

ARTICLE 9 ORDER OF BUSINESS

- (a) The following shall be the Order of Business as called by the Grand Master and may be changed by resolution of Grand Council:
 - (1) Opening of Grand Council
 - (2) Report of Credentials Committee
 - (3) Confirming Minutes
 - (4) Receiving Distinguished Guests
 - (5) Grand Master's Address
 - (6) Reports of the Grand Inspectors General
 - (7) Report of the Grand Treasurer

- (8) Report of the Grand Recorder
- (9) Reports of Committees
 - (a) Grand Executive
 - (b) Financial Review
 - (c) Finance
 - (d) Laws and Jurisprudence
 - (e) Warrants and Dispensations
 - (f) Grievances and Appeals
 - (g) Grand Master's Address
 - (h) Condition of Cryptic Masonry
 - (i) Awards and Honours
 - (j) The Work
 - (k) Fraternal Relations and Correspondence
 - (l) Fraternal Dead
 - (m) Regalia
- (10) Report of Grand Historian
- (11) Reports of Special Committees
- (12) Presentation of Notices of Motion
- (13) General Business
- (14) Closing of Grand Council

**ARTICLE 10 NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS
AND APOINTMENTS**

- (a) The Officers of Grand Council and of The Grand Executive Committee shall be elected and appointed at the Annual Assembly of Grand Council.
- (b) The elected and appointed Officers shall hold office until their successors have been duly elected or appointed and installed or invested in their stead.
- (c) The elective offices (other than Grand Inspectors General) of Grand Council are:
 - The Grand Master
 - The Grand Deputy Master
 - The Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

- The Grand Treasurer
 - The Grand Recorder
- (d) Nominations for the foregoing offices shall be in writing in the prescribed form, with the acceptance of the Nominee duly endorsed thereon, and may be made by any member of Grand Council.
- (e) A Companion's name shall **not** be submitted for more than one elective office.
- (f) To be eligible for election the nomination must be in the hands of the Grand Recorder by the 15th day of February.
- (g) A list of all nominations shall be included with the Grand Recorder's notice of Annual Assembly.
- (h) Grand Inspectors General for each District shall be elected by nomination and ballot by members of Grand Council in each District under the direction of the incumbent Grand Inspector General of the District and at a District Meeting arranged and controlled by him. To be eligible the Nominee must be of Past Thrice Illustrious Master and a member of a Constituent Council within the District.
- (i) The appointed Officers of Grand Council and the Grand Executive members shall be selected and named by the Grand Master after his installation.
- (j) The Financial Reviewers shall be elected at the Annual Assembly.

ARTICLE 11 INSTALLATION AND INVESTITURE

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At the Annual Assembly the Officers of Grand Council shall be installed and invested by the Grand Master or by a Past Grand Master appointed as his deputy. In the case of the absence of an Officer, he shall be installed or invested, as the case may be, under the direction of the Grand Master as soon as convenient thereafter.

ARTICLE 12 REGISTRATION AND VOTING PROCEDURE

- (a) The Ballot papers shall be printed under the direction of the Grand Recorder.
- (b) At least thirty (30) days prior to the annual assembly of Grand Council, the Grand Master shall appoint a Chairman of the Credential Committee. Hereafter “the Chairman”, who shall be of rank not less than Thrice Illustrious Master.
- (c) The Chairman shall appoint the Scrutineers (not less than three (3) in number), the same restrictions apply to the Scrutineers as to the Chairman.
- (d) It shall be the duty of the Credentials and Registration Committee to register all delegates attending the Annual Assembly of Grand Council, in accordance with the Annual Returns filed in the office of the Grand Recorder.
- (e) Each Companion entitled to vote shall receive a ballot paper (No proxies, one man one vote)
- (f) Proxy voting has been removed
- (g) Each Past Thrice Illustrious Master being a member of this Grand Council shall be entitled to one vote.

- (h) Membership in more than one Constituent Council shall not entitle a Companion to more than one vote.
- (i) A Nominee for the office of Grand Master, Grand Deputy Master or Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, in order to be elected, must receive a majority of all votes cast. If upon the first ballot a majority of votes has not been obtained by a nominee, the Companion receiving the lowest number of votes shall have his name withdrawn and another ballot shall be taken. This process shall be repeated until one nominee has a clear majority.
- (j) The Nominee for any other office of Grand Council that receives the greatest number of votes is duly elected.
- (k) A ballot paper not properly completed is void.
- (l) Registration of Delegates will take place during the time printed in the Notice convening Grand Council and as established by the Grand Master. A minimum of six (6) hours shall be provided for Registration and distribution of ballots. The ballot will be closed at 11:00 am on the day of the Annual Assembly of Grand Council.
- (m) After the election all ballot papers shall be destroyed under the direction of the Grand Recorder.

ARTICLE 13 VOTING AT THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

- (a) All matters shall be decided by a majority of votes unless otherwise provided herein.
- (b) Votes shall be signified by a show of hands. The

Grand Recorder shall count the votes unless, in the opinion of the Presiding Officer, the numbers are so unequal as to render this unnecessary.

- (c) Each member of Grand Council shall be entitled to one vote.
- (d) In the case of a tie the Presiding Officer shall have a casting vote.

ARTICLE 14 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GRAND MASTER

- (a) The Grand Master shall, during the Annual Assembly, install and invest or cause to be installed or invested all officers who require installation or investiture and who are present, and shall give directions for the installation and investiture of those who are absent.
- (b) He shall exercise all the executive and judicial functions of this Grand Council during its recess. At each Annual Assembly he shall communicate in writing a statement of his official acts during such recess and recommend such measures as he shall deem expedient.
- (c) When present he shall be the Presiding Officer of Grand Council and will cause the necessary preparations to be made for all Assemblies of Grand Council.
- (d) He may preside over any Council and may direct the business thereof during his visit thereto.
- (e) He may authorize a Present or Past Grand Council officer to visit any Council at any time as his representative.
- (f) He may personally, or by a committee of inquiry

appointed by him, investigate any subject of Masonic complaint which may be brought before him. He may give such orders and directions with respect to the attendance of Companions and the production of books and papers, including the Warrant and banking accounts of any Council, as he deems necessary for the purpose of the investigation. Should his orders or directions be disobeyed he may suspend any offending Companion for such disobedience until the next Annual Assembly or for such shorter period as he may consider advisable.

- (g) He may, when such action appears necessary or expedient, suspend any Companion. He may arrest the Warrant or Dispensation of any Council and suspend the operation thereof until the next Assembly of Grand Council, or for such shorter period as he may consider advisable.
- (h) He may entertain an appeal from a decision or action of a Grand Inspector General and approve or modify that decision or action.
- (i) He has the power to appoint Representatives of this Grand Council near recognized Grand Councils and to receive and accredit representatives of recognized Grand Councils near this Grand Council.
- (j) All Committees will be appointed by the Grand Master unless otherwise provided for elsewhere in this Constitution.
- (k) He has the authority to grant Dispensations for the following;
 - (l) To authorize the requisite number of Companions to meet as a Council until the next Annual Assembly of Grand Council.

- (1) To relieve from Masonic disability any member of any Council which has been suspended and where Masonic disability results from that suspension.
 - (2) To hold any function in the name of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Western Canada.
 - (3) To permit the election and installation of the Officers of a Council at a time other than the time stated in that Council' s By-Laws.
 - (4) To hold a Council of Instruction.
- (m) It is the prerogative of the Grand Master to perform the ceremonies of constituting Councils and investing Grand Council Officers. No Companion can lawfully perform any of these ceremonies unless authorized by the Grand Master to act as his representative.
- (n) All correspondence with the Grand Master, or any business concerning Companions or Cryptic Rite Masonry, shall be conducted through the office of the Grand Recorder.
- (o) In the event of the death, resignation or permanent disability of the Grand Master the Immediate Past Grand Master, if able, or the next Immediate Past Grand Master, and so on to the Past Grand Master who is able to act, shall act as Grand Master until the next Annual Assembly of Grand Council.
- (p) Vacancies in all other elective offices occurring during the recess of Grand Council may be filled by appointment by the Grand Master until the next Annual Assembly of Grand Council.

- (q) The power and prerogatives of the Grand Master contained in this Article are not to be construed as limiting or abridging the powers and prerogatives attached to the office of Grand Master by Masonic law or custom except insofar as they are directly limited or abridged by this Constitution.
- (r) Upon retirement from office The Grand Master will be provided with the Jewel, Chain Collar and Apron of a Past Grand Master.
- (s) The Grand Master shall receive such monies as Grand Council may from time to time determine to assist him with the cost of traveling on the business of this Grand Council.

**ARTICLE 15 POWERS AND DUTIES OF
THE GRAND DEPUTY MASTER**

- (a) The Grand Deputy Master shall be the Chairman of the Grand Executive Committee.
- (b) In the case of the temporary absence of the Grand Master, the Grand Deputy Master shall act until his resumption of his duties.
- (c) He shall exercise such judicial functions as are delegated to him by the Grand Master.
- (d) He shall report in writing to the Grand Master any and all official acts performed by him during his term of office.

**ARTICLE 16 POWERS AND DUTIES OF
THE GRAND PRINCIPAL
CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK**

- (a) It is the duty of the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work to act as Vice Chairman at the meetings of the Grand Executive Committee and in the

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absence of the Grand Deputy Grand Master to preside.

- (b) He shall conduct, with the assistance of the Grand Chaplain, the Memorial Service for the Fraternal Dead at the Annual Assembly of Grand Council.
- (c) He shall exercise such judicial functions as are delegated to him by the Grand Master.
- (d) He will report in writing to the Grand Master any and all official acts performed by him during his term of office.

**ARTICLE 17 POWERS AND DUTIES OF
THE GRAND INSPECTOR
GENERAL**

- (a) The Grand Inspector General, being the representative of the Grand Master in his district, shall have the authority to preside at any Council Assembly in his district and may direct the business during his visit.
- (b) He shall make one official visit to all Councils in his district during his term of office and shall see that each Council is working in the authorized manner. He shall ensure that the Returns (as hereinafter elsewhere provided), together with all monies due, have been regularly forwarded to the Grand Recorder.
- (c) He will send to the Grand Recorder, on or before the first day of March, a report in duplicate of his official acts and a description of the state of Cryptic Rite Masonry in his district.
- (d) He shall review applications from Constituent Councils to amend By-Laws and shall forward such completed applications duly endorsed with

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his findings to the Office of the Grand Recorder for further action. He shall also receive and review applications for the formation of proposed new Councils and report his findings and recommendations in writing to the Office of the Grand Recorder for further action.

- (e) He shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Grand Master.
- (f) He may appoint a Secretary to act during his term of office.
- (g) A Grand Inspector General may be removed from office for cause by the Grand Master, and following proper notification to the Officer concerned, may be replaced by an appointee of the Grand Master for the balance of his term. Neither the Officer so removed nor the Officer who replaces him shall be entitled to Past Rank of Office.

ARTICLE 18 POWERS AND DUTIES OF OTHER GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS

(1) GRAND TREASURER

The Grand Treasurer shall:

- (a) Take charge of all funds, securities and vouchers received from the Grand Recorder. He may be bonded, the cost of the Bond being borne by Grand Council.
- (b) Deposit all monies received by him in a Chartered Bank or a Trust Company chartered under the laws of Canada the funds to be deposited in the name of The Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada, R. & S.M. All

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securities are to be kept in a Safety Deposit Box of one of the aforesaid institutions.

- (c) Attend on the Grand Council, or its Presiding Officer, when required with all books and documents relating to his office. He shall attend the meetings of any Committee whose duty it may be to act in relation to the financial affairs of Grand Council.
- (d) Be the custodian of the Bond of the Grand Recorder. (If required)
- (e) Report his accounts annually to the Grand Executive Committee and Grand Council.
- (f) Cause the accounts of Grand Council to be closed annually on the last day of February and submit them to the Financial Reviewers for their report to the Grand Executive Committee and Grand Council.
- (g) Receive such compensation as Grand Council may direct.
- (h) Transfer and deliver to his successor at the end of his term of office, or as soon as can be conveniently done thereafter, all monies, securities, records and books of Grand Council in his possession that pertain to the office of Grand Treasurer.

(2) GRAND RECORDER

The Grand Recorder shall:

- (a) Have custody of the Seal of Grand Council and affix the same to all documents issued under the authority of Grand Council or the Grand Master.

- (b) Record all transactions of Grand Council, conduct all correspondence and sign and certify all instruments issued from Grand Council.
- (c) Have custody of all papers, documents, records and books of Grand Council other than those of the Grand Treasurer.
- (d) Be responsible for all property, jewels, furniture, regalia and paraphernalia of Grand Council.
- (e) Issue summonses for all Assemblies of Grand Council, the Grand Executive and such other Committees as may be directed by the Grand Master or Grand Council and record the Minutes of the proceedings.
- (f) Prepare the list of members of Grand Council entitled to vote, together with the names of all Constituent Councils entitled to representation at the Annual Assembly of Grand Council.
- (g) Send, prior to the Annual Assembly of Grand Council, to each Constituent Council and to all Officers of Grand Council, a list of members nominated for elective office in Grand Council together with copies of all Notices of Motion.
- (h) Send to each Council annually a list comprising all demitted, expelled, suspended and restored members for the previous year.
- (i) Prepare and have printed the Annual Proceedings of Grand Council.
- (j) Send copies of the aforesaid Annual Proceedings to each Council, each Officer of Grand Council, each member of the Grand Executive and to each Grand Council in amity with this Grand Council.

- (k) Receive the returns of Constituent Councils, enter them in the books of Grand Council, pay all monies received to the Grand Treasurer and report annually to the Grand Executive such general business as may be the proper concern of Grand Council.
- (l) Arrange signing Officers for Grand Council for the conducting of Grand Council banking.
- (m) May be bonded, the cost of such bond to be borne by Grand Council.
- (n) In conjunction with the Grand Treasurer close all accounts on the last day of February in preparation for the Financial Reviews.
- (o) Perform such other duties which pertain to his office or which the Grand Master may direct.
- (p) Receive such compensation as Grand Council may from time to time direct.
- (q) Deliver to his successor in office all material pertaining thereto.

(3) GRAND CHAPLAIN

- (a) The Grand Chaplain shall attend all Assemblies of Grand Council and offer prayer. He shall also participate in such other ceremonies as the Grand Master may direct.
- (b) He shall assist at the Memorial Service for the Fraternal Dead at the Annual Assembly of Grand Council.

(4) GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD

- (a) The presence of the Grand Captain of the Guard is essential at all Assemblies of Grand Council.

- (b) It shall be his duty to assist the Grand Master in the conducting of the ceremonial portions of the Assemblies of Grand Council and to perform such other duties as may be directed by the Grand Master.

(5) GRAND CONDUCTOR OF COUNCIL

- (a) The presence of the Grand Conductor of Council is essential at all Assemblies of Grand Council.
- (b) It shall be his duty to assist the Grand Master in conducting the ceremonial portions of the Assemblies of Grand Council and to perform such other duties as may be directed by the Grand Master.

(6) GRAND MARSHAL

- (a) The presence of the Grand Marshal is essential at all Assemblies of Grand Council.
- (b) It shall be his duty to arrange the proper execution of the ceremonial at the opening and closing of the Annual Assembly of Grand Council and to arrange the introduction of distinguished guests with such assistance as he may require.
- (c) He shall perform such other functions as the Grand Master may direct.

(7) GRAND ORGANIST

The presence of the Grand Organist is desirable at all Assemblies of Grand Council so that he may attend to the musical portion of the Ceremonies.

(8) GRAND STEWARDS

The Grand Stewards shall perform such functions as

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may be directed by the Grand Master and shall be particularly diligent in following the directions of the Grand Inspector General of the District to which their appointment pertains.

(9) GRAND SENTINEL

The Grand Sentinel shall assist in arranging the Assemblies of Grand Council and he shall ensure that none are admitted thereto but those who come properly clothed and entitled to admission.

ARTICLE 19 GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(a) The Grand Executive Committee shall comprise:

- The Grand Master
- All Past Grand Masters
- The Grand Deputy Master
- The Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
- The Grand Inspectors General
- The Grand Treasurer
- The Grand Recorder
- The Grand Chaplain
- The Grand Captain of the Guard
- The Grand Conductor of Council
- The Grand Marshal

(b) In addition to the foregoing the Grand Master may appoint six (6) members, one (1) from each District.

(c) The Grand Deputy Master shall be the Chairman of the Grand Executive Committee or in his absence the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. In the absence of both, an acting Chairman shall be elected from among the members present.

(d) A Companion appointed to the Grand Executive Constitution and General Regulations of Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada, R. & S.M.

shall be entitled to the rank of Very Illustrious Companion.

- (e) The Grand Executive Committee shall exercise the powers and perform the duties hereafter set forth.
 - 1) Be responsible for the finances of Grand Council and for this purpose may:
 - (a) Inspect the books and records of Grand Council,
 - (b) Make rules and regulations prescribing the method of keeping monies and accounts,
 - (c) Summon any Companion having possession of any books, documents or accounts to appear before it.
 - 2) Through the office of the Grand Treasurer, submit a budget for the ensuing year to Grand Council.
- (f) The Committee shall meet at the call of the Grand Deputy Master.
- (g) Seven (7) members of the Grand Executive Committee present at a regularly called meeting shall constitute a quorum. All questions shall be decided by majority vote with the Chairman holding a casting vote in the case of a tie.
- (h) The Committee shall, under the direction of the Grand Master, at the Annual Assembly of Grand Council appoint the following sub-committees whose Chairmen shall submit their reports at the next Annual Assembly of Grand Council.

- Finance
 - Laws and Jurisprudence
 - Warrants and Dispensations
 - Grievances and Appeals
 - Condition of Cryptic Rite Masonry
 - Honours and Awards
 - Ritual
 - Fraternal Dead
 - History
 - Regalia
 - Fraternal Relations and Correspondence
 - Such other Committees as may be deemed necessary from time to time.
- (j) The Grand Recorder shall be Secretary of the Grand Executive Committee.
- (j) The Grand Recorder shall report the proceedings of the Grand Executive Committee of the past Masonic Year at each Annual Assembly of Grand Council. Report to include the meeting just prior to the Grand Assembly.

ARTICLE 20 FEES AND DUES

The Grand Council shall determine annually the amount of Fees and Dues payable by Constituent Councils. Such list, if altered, shall be distributed to all Constituent Councils shortly after Grand Council Assembly by the Grand Recorder.

Life Membership section capped 2004-06-12. None to be sold.

ARTICLE 21 Was LIFE MEMBERSHIP (deleted)

ARTICLE 22 REGALIA AND INSIGNIA

- (a) The regalia or insignia that may be worn by the Constitution and General Regulations of Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada, R. & S.M.

members of a Constituent Council is that specified herein.

- (b) The Jewels that may be worn by the members of a Constituent Council are as follows:
- Past Thrice Illustrious Master
 - Past Commander Noah
 - Royal Ark Mariner
 - Grand Council Service Award
 - Grand Master's Service Award
 - General Grand Council International Merit Award
 - Western Canada Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters
 - Order of Knights of the York Cross of Honour
 - Jewels specified for the Officers and members
 - Jewels that may be authorized from time to time by Grand Council

APRONS

- (c) The apron to be worn in a Constituent Council, shall be triangular in form, 300mm on each side with a triangular flap 175mm on each side as near to these dimensions as currently available.
- (d) The apron shall consist of white genuine neutralized lambskin with a border added to the two sides of 38mm wide corded ribbon, *Phoenician Purple* in colour. The flap shall be of the same lambskin material and shall have a border added to the two sides of 25mm wide corded ribbon. The flap shall be lined with either white or purple material but the apron shall be lined with a heavy quality purple taffeta, bengaline, satin or similar material of rich appearance. The apron and flap shall be bound together along the top edge with 38mm purple

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corded ribbon with approximately 16mm of this ribbon visible on the front of the apron and flap.

- (e) In the center of the flap shall be the badge of the Order, a Triangle 50mm on each side, broken at the left end of the base, the apex pointing upwards surmounted by a Trowel point vertically downwards, all embroidered in purple.
- (f) A purple web belt 32mm wide, of rich appearing material shall be attached to the top edge of the apron and enclosed by the top edge of the ribbon binding. The belt shall be adjustable and joined together at the left upper corner of the apron by a gold-finished serpent metal fastener.
- (g) For general use Constituent Councils may provide, for their members and visitors, aprons of similar size and design but fabricated from white textile materials.
- (h) The apron of an Officer of a Constituent Council shall be of the same specifications as those of members with the exception that the badge of the respective office, embroidered in purple, shall replace the badge of the Order on the flap.
- (i) The apron of a Past Thrice Illustrious Master shall be of the same specifications as described above, except that the purple ribbon shall be 38mm in width on the flap and 50mm in width on the body of the apron.
- (j) The aprons of the Officers of Grand Council shall be of the same specifications described above with the exception that the border ribbon shall be edged with 11mm gold braid on the inside and outside edges of the apron and flap for Appointed Officers. Elected Officers shall have, in addition,

a gold fringe 25mm in length on the flap and 38mm in length on the body of the apron. The badge of office corresponding to the jewel of the respective office shall be embroidered on the flap within a narrow circle in gold metallic.

- (k) The aprons of Past Grand Council Officers shall be of the same specifications as those described above except that the circle shall be replaced by a laurel wreath.

COLLARETTES

- (l) The collarettes of the Officers of a Constituent Council shall be a purple corded ribbon 38mm in width lined with a felt material having a gold-finished metal fastener at the point to which the jewel of the respective office is to be attached.
- (m) The collarette of the Thrice Illustrious Master shall be of the same size and design as that of the Officers of a Constituent Council.
- (n) The collarette of Present and Past Grand Council Officers shall be of the same size and design as those of the Officers of a Constituent Council except that the ribbon shall be purple corded silk with the addition of gold braid 6mm in width along the edge of the ribbon and shall have a gold-finished metal fastener at the point to which the jewel of the respective Office shall be attached.
- (o) The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work shall wear a metal gold-finished chain collar mounted on a purple silk backing designated by sixteen pieces. Mounted on the center front disc shall be an enameled shield of Western Canada and the North West Territories and the Yukon, end

engraved above the shield the words **GRAND COUNCIL**, and below **WESTERN CANADA**. Alternating from the center shall be wreaths containing a Triangle broken at the left end of the base apex pointing upwards surmounted by a Trowel, pointing vertically downwards, and a Star, eight of the former and seven of the latter. The jewel of the respective Office shall be suspended therefrom by a gold-finished metal fastener.

- (p) Past Grand Masters shall wear the same chain collar as the Grand Master except that it shall be mounted on a purple velvet backing.

JEWELS

- (q) The jewel of the Order which may be worn by the Companions of a Constituent Council shall be metal, gold- finished and consist of a Triangle 70mm on each side broken at the left end of the base, the apex pointing upwards, surmounted by a Trowel, pointing vertically downwards. The jewel shall be suspended therefrom by a gold-finished metal fastener.
- (r) The jewel of the Officers of a Constituent Council shall be gold-finished metal and shall consist of a Triangle 70mm on each side, broken at the left end of the base the apex pointing upwards, surmounted by a Trowel, pointing vertically downwards, and including in the center the following insignia of the respective Office:

Thrice Illustrious Master	A Square, angle downwards united with a pair of compasses extended to forty-five (45°) degrees
Illustrious Deputy Master	A Square, angle downwards united with a level arranged vertically
Illustrious Principal	A Square, angle downwards united

Conductor of the Work	with a plumb rule arranged vertically
Chaplain	The Volume of the Sacred Law open
Treasurer	Keys crossed diagonally wards downwards.
Recorder	Quills crossed diagonally penned downwards
Captain of the Guard	Sword point downwards.
Conductor of the Council	Swords crossed diagonally, points upward
Marshal	Batons Battle Axe blade upwards, edge to the left and crossed diagonally
Organist	Lyre
Steward	Sword and Trowel, points upwards
Sentinel	Sword, point upwards

(s) The pocket jewel of a Past Thrice Illustrious Master shall be metal gold-finished and consist of a Triangle 56mm on each side, broken at the left end of the base, the apex pointing upwards, surmounted by a Trowel pointing vertically downwards and also containing in the center a square, angle downwards united with a pair of Compasses extended to forty-five (45) degrees with a sixty (60) degree segment of a circle at the points. The jewel, which shall be furnished with a metal gold-finished bar on which may be engraved the name and number of the Constituent Council, shall be suspended from a purple corded ribbon 40mm in width.

(t) The collarette jewel of the Officers of Grand Council shall be the same size and design as that of the respective Officers of a Constituent Council except that it shall be mounted on a metallic gold-finished circle.

The collarette jewel of a Grand Inspector General shall consist of a Triangle broken at the left end of the Constitution and General Regulations of Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada, R. & S.M.

base 70mm on each side, the apex pointing upwards with a Trowel, pointed vertically downwards, between a pair of Compasses extended to forty-five (45) degrees, all mounted on a Circle in gold-finished metal.

- (u) The jewel of the Grand Master and Grand Deputy Master shall be surmounted by a Crown.
- (v) The jewel of all Past Grand Council Officers shall be the same size and design as that of Present Grand Council Officers except that the circle shall be replaced by a Laurel Wreath.
- (w) The Medals of the Grand Council and Grand Master's Service awards shall be of a design authorized by Grand Council.
- (x) Pocket jewels shall be worn in the following order, from the center of the body outwards:
 - Past Thrice Illustrious Master
 - Order of the Silver Trowel
 - Past Commander Noah
 - Cryptic Rite Foundation Jewel
- (y) The Regalia of Grand Lodge Officers, both elected and appointed, will be provided by Grand Council and passed to their successors in office.

ARTICLE 23A GRAND COUNCIL AND GRAND MASTER'S SERVICE AWARDS

- 1) Grand Council may award the **Grand Council Service Award** to a Companion in the form of a special decoration, accompanied by a suitable Certificate and Citation.
- 2) The award is to be made in recognition of outstanding service by a Companion who has

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devoted himself and his talents with distinction to his Council and Cryptic Rite Masonry in the jurisdiction and who, in the opinion of the Honors and Awards Committee, has not been nor is ever likely to become a Thrice Illustrious Master.

- 3) Nominations for the award will be received only from Constituent Councils of this jurisdiction and shall be signed by the Thrice Illustrious Master and the Recorder of the Council and delivered to the Grand Recorder prior to the last day of February.

Article 23B

- 1) The Grand Master may award the **Grand Master's Service Award** to a Companion in the form of a special decoration, accompanied by a suitable Certificate or Citation.
- 2) The award is to be made in recognition of outstanding service by a Companion who has devoted himself and his talents with distinction to his Council, his District or to the Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada. This award will be available to any Companion.
- 3) The Grand Master shall notify the Grand Recorder of his selection prior to the last day of February.

Article 23C

- 1) The nomination for either award shall include the following information
 - Full name of Nominee.
 - Address of Nominee.
 - Masonic rank of Nominee.
 - Years of Cryptic Rite membership.
 - Councils to which nominee has belonged.

- Resume of special services rendered.
- 2) The Grand Recorder will forward all nominations to the Honors and Awards Committee. A favorable decision by the Committee shall be unanimous and subject to the final approval of the Grand Master.
 - 3) One Grand Council Award and one Grand Master's Award may be awarded each year.
 - 4) The presentation of the awards shall be made to the recipients by the Grand Master or his designate, if possible, at an Annual Assembly of Grand Council
 - 5) The Grand Recorder shall maintain a Grand Council Service Award and a Grand Master's Service Award register.

ARTICLE 24 GENERAL

- (a) Should a Grand Council Officer cease to be a member of a Constituent Council within the jurisdiction his Office in Grand Council will immediately be vacated.
- (b) The Grand Master may remove or suspend a Grand Council Officer for cause, however, such removal or suspension must be ratified at the next Annual Assembly of Grand Council.
- (c) Should any Companion be suspended or expelled from any Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, such Companion shall, ipso facto, be suspended from all privileges as a Royal and Select Master while such disciplinary action continues.
- (d) No person will be admitted at any Assembly of Grand Council unless properly and lawfully

clothed as a Royal and Select Master with the exception of the representatives of other bodies in attendance as distinguished guests, who will be permitted to wear the Regalia of their respective Office.

ARTICLE 25 WESTERN CANADA COUNCIL OF THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

- (a) The Western Canada Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters (Order of the Silver Trowel) operates under a Charter granted by The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, U.S.A. to this Grand Council on the 4th day of October, 1968.
- (b) The Western Canada Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters as authorized confers the Degree of Thrice Illustrious Master. This Council shall have its own Officers and Administration, but its finances shall be administered by Grand Council.
- (c) The Western Canada Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters shall abide by the Rules and Regulations as set forth in this Constitution.
- (d) The annual Proceedings of the Western Canada Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters will be included in the proceedings of Grand Council.

ARTICLE 26 MASONIC AMITY

The following Masonic bodies are regarded as being in amity with this Grand Council:

- The Grand Lodges, A.F. & A.M. of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia and Yukon.
- The Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British

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Columbia and the Yukon.

- The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templar
- The Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada of the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine
- The York Rite Sovereign College of North America.
- The Convent General Knights of the York Cross of Honour.
- The Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Grand College of The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

ARTICLE 27 CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

- (a) A "Constituent Council" is an assembly of Royal and Select Masters operating under a Warrant issued by this Grand Council.
- (b) A "Council Under Dispensation" is an assembly of Royal and Select Masters operating under a Dispensation granted by the Grand Master.
- (c) A "Companion of Royal and Select Masters" is a member who has been Honoured as a Royal Master, Chosen as a Select Master and Greeted as a Super Excellent Master in any Council operating under a Warrant or Dispensation within this Jurisdiction, or Grand Councils in amity with this Grand Council.

ARTICLE 28 REQUISITES FOR THE FORMATION OF A COUNCIL

- (a) Every Council of Royal and Select Masters within the jurisdiction of this Grand Council must have a Warrant of Constitution from Grand Council, or a Dispensation from the Grand Master permitting it to work pending the issue of a Warrant. No

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Council may be deemed to be legally constituted without such Warrant or Dispensation. Such Warrant shall remain the sole property of this Grand Council.

- (b) Every application for a warrant to form a new Council shall:
- (1) Be submitted by Petition in prescribed form to the Grand Inspector General for his review and recommendation to the Grand Recorder for consideration by the Grand Master.
 - (2) Be signed by at least nine (9) Companions of the Cryptic Rite in good standing in this Jurisdiction. At least one Companion must have attained the rank of Thrice Illustrious Master. Evidence of membership must be submitted for each Petitioner.
 - (3) Include the proposed dates and intended place of assembly.
 - (4) Include the proposed name of the Council.
 - (5) Include the names of the Companions who are proposed for the offices of Thrice Illustrious Master, Deputy Master and Principal Conductor of the Work.
 - (6) Be accompanied by a sponsoring resolution from a Council in the District in which the proposed new Council is to be located and be consented to by not less than one-half of the remaining Councils of that District. Refusals as well as consents shall be filed with the resolution, and the responsibility for the acquisition and filing thereof rests with the sponsoring Council.

- (7) Be accompanied by the recommendation of the Grand Inspector General of the District in which the Council is to be located.
- (c) A motion consenting to the formation of a new Council must be passed in open Council by a majority of votes at a Regular Assembly, which may be without prior notice. The Certificate of such motion shall be signed by the Thrice Illustrious Master and Recorder of the Council and affixed with the Seal of the Council.
- (d) Should the Petition be granted by the Grand Master, the Companions are thereby authorized to meet as a Council under Dispensation.
- (e) The only powers and privileges possessed by a Council under Dispensation are those that are conferred by its Dispensation, however such Council may pass resolutions delineating initiation fees, affiliation fees and annual dues.
- (f) A Council under Dispensation shall not have the power to elect, install or invest Officers, nor to adopt By-Laws.
- (g) The Thrice Illustrious Master of such Council must have attained that rank prior to the issuing of the Dispensation.
- (h) A Council under Dispensation must meet all of the requirements of the Constitution and a Warrant must be issued within two (2) years of the granting of that Dispensation, otherwise the Dispensation shall be withdrawn.
- (i) A Council under Dispensation shall not be represented by proxy at the Annual Assembly of Grand Council but will be presented at the Annual Assembly of Grand Council at which a

Warrant is issued.

- (j) A Council under Dispensation shall transmit to the Grand Recorder not less than eight (8) weeks before the Annual Assembly of Grand Council at which its Warrant is to be presented, its Minute Book, proposed By-Laws and a record of its work for review by the Grand Master. These documents shall be returned to the Council immediately after the granting of its Warrant.
- (k) Every newly Warranted Council shall be severally constituted, dedicated and consecrated according to ancient Masonic custom by the Grand Master or by his designated Grand Council Officer, and thereafter the previously issued Dispensation returned to the Grand Recorder.
- (l) The naming of a Council after a living person is prohibited, nor should the Council be associated with any outside Club or Organization.
- (m) After the issue of a Warrant of Constitution to a Council, its Officers shall be installed by the Grand Master or his designated Grand Council Officer.

ARTICLE 29 OFFICERS OF A COUNCIL

- (a) The elected and appointed Officers of a Council are as follows:
 - The Thrice Illustrious Master
 - Immediate Past Thrice Illustrious Master
 - Illustrious Deputy Master
 - Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work
 - Treasurer
 - Recorder
 - Chaplain
 - Captain of the Guard

- Conductor of the Council
 - Marshal
 - Organist
 - Historian
 - Steward
 - Sentinel
- (b) The Officers will severally hold office until their successors have been regularly elected or appointed and installed or invested in their stead.
- (c) A Companion may hold only one office in a Council at one time, except that the Office of Treasurer and Recorder may be combined.
- (d) A Council may by way of By-Law establish Committees for the better administration of the Council

ARTICLE 30 ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

- (a) Every Council shall elect annually by separate written ballot at a Regular Assembly the following Officers:
- The Thrice Illustrious Master
 - Deputy Master
 - Principal Conductor of the Work
 - Treasurer
 - Recorder
- (b) and by open vote the Sentinel, two (2) Financial Reviewers and an Examining Board of three (3) Thrice Illustrious Companions. In the event of a tie vote the Thrice Illustrious Master shall have a casting vote.
- (c) The remaining Officers shall be appointed by the Thrice Illustrious Master following his election.

- (d) Every Companion who is a Member in good standing is eligible for any office in the Council of which he is a member; except that of Thrice Illustrious Master or Deputy Master, unless he has served a full term as Principal Conductor of the Work, or has been granted a special Dispensation by the Grand Master.
- (e) A Companion may **not** be elected to office in a Council unless he is in attendance at the time of the election, or has given his written consent to accept the office if elected.
- (f) In the event that either of the offices of the Thrice Illustrious Master or Deputy Master become vacant, the Immediate Past Thrice Illustrious Master or a Past Thrice illustrious Master shall, subject to the approval of the Grand Master, fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.
- (g) In the event any other office becomes vacant, such vacancy shall forthwith be filled by election or appointment as the case may be. Notice of election must be given in the next summons.
- (h) Any Officer of a Council, other than the Thrice Illustrious Master, may be removed from office for cause deemed sufficient by the Council by written ballot at a Regular Assembly of which Notice of Motion to hold such ballot has been published in the summons convening such Regular Assembly.
- (i) The Thrice Illustrious Master may only be removed from office by order of the Grand Master.
- (j) A Thrice Illustrious Master who serves less than a full term of office may be granted Past Rank by order of the Grand Master.

ARTICLE 31 INSTALLATION AND INVESTITURE

- (a) At the next Regular Assembly following such election, or at the option of the Council, at the same Regular Assembly as the Election, the Officers shall be duly installed and invested by the Grand Inspector General, the Thrice Illustrious Master, or by a Past Thrice Illustrious Master acting as his deputy.
- (b) The Ceremony of Installation and Investiture of the Officers of a Council shall be performed as set forth in the Manual of Installation.
- (c) Whereas the Thrice Illustrious Master is installed, the other Officers of a Council are invested, and no elected Officer may be installed or invested by proxy.
- (d) Any Officer re-elected or re-appointed into office need not be either re-installed or re-invested, a declaration being sufficient.
- (e) The installation of any elected Officer at a later date, because of his inability to attend the annual Ceremony of Installation and Investiture, will be back-dated to the date of that Annual Ceremony.
- (f) Illustrious Master, the Deputy Master and the Principal Conductor of the Work may not be installed or invested into office until after their examination by an Examining Board, whose Chairman will certify their proficiency in writing to the Installing Thrice Illustrious Master.
- (g) Two (2) or more Councils may by resolution hold Joint Ceremonies of Installation and Investiture.
- (h) The Ceremony of Installation and Investiture may NOT be opened to the public.

ARTICLE 32 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER

- (a) The Thrice Illustrious Master is responsible for the due observance of the Constitution, the By-Laws of his Council and all other laws, rules, and regulations relating to Councils in this jurisdiction, and is required to produce all books, minutes and accounts when requested by lawful authority
- (b) The clothing, regalia and furniture of every Council belong to and are the property of the members of the Council and the proper care and maintenance thereof, and the insurance thereon, are the responsibility of the Thrice Illustrious Master.
- (c) He is responsible to Grand Council for the following:
 - (1) That the Grand Recorder be provided with the names of all Officers, elected and appointed, immediately after their installation and investiture.
 - (2) That the Grand Recorder be annually given, in proper form, the name and rank of all members of his Council entitled to vote at Grand Council.
 - (3) That proper returns and fees are submitted when required to the Grand Recorder.
 - (4) That a copy of every summons is sent to the members of the Council, the Grand Master, the Grand Deputy Master, the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, the Grand Recorder and the Grand Inspector General of his District.

- (d) He will ensure that proper books of records are kept.
- (e) He is responsible for the general conduct of the Council and the dignity and solemnity of its ceremonies.
- (f) He is responsible for the conferring of degrees with the assistance of the Companions, provided that the Obligations must be administered by a Companion, preferably himself, holding the rank of Thrice Illustrious Master.
- (g) It is his duty to install his successor in office or ensure that duty is properly discharged by a Past Thrice Illustrious Master.
- (h) He shall be ex-officio a member of all Committees of his Council.
- (i) He is entitled to the rank of 'Thrice Illustrious Companion.

**ARTICLE 33 POWERS AND DUTIES OF
THE ILLUSTRIOUS DEPUTY
MASTER**

- (a) He shall act as Chairman of the Executive Committee and shall perform such other duties as required of him by the Thrice Illustrious Master in the government of the Council and the conferring of its Degrees.
- (b) He is the custodian of the regalia and jewels of the Council and will transfer to his successor in office an inventory of the same.
- (c) He is entitled to the rank of "Illustrious Companion".

**ARTICLE 34 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE
ILLUSTRIOUS PRINCIPAL
CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK**

- (a) He will act as Chairman of the Executive Committee in the absence of the Illustrious Deputy Master
- (b) He is responsible for the refreshment hour and such other duties delegated to him by the Thrice Illustrious Master
- (c) He is entitled to the rank of Illustrious Companion

**ARTICLE 35 POWERS AND DUTIES OF
THE TREASURER**

- (a) The Treasurer is responsible for the funds, securities and financial affairs of the Council.
- (b) He will maintain all books and records as required by the Constitution, receive all monies, and deposit those monies in a Chartered Bank or Nationally Chartered Trust Company in the name of the Council.
- (c) He shall pay out such funds only with the authority of the Council over the signatures of two of the Thrice Illustrious Master, the Recorder and himself.
- (d) He may receive such compensation for his services as the Council may direct.

**ARTICLE 36 POWERS AND DUTIES OF
THE RECORDER**

- (a) The Recorder shall keep an accurate record of all

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transactions of the Council.

- (b) He shall, by authority of the Thrice Illustrious Master, issue summonses and distribute them in accordance with Article 32 (c) 4 hereof.
- (c) He shall complete all returns required by Grand Council in accordance with this Constitution.
- (d) He shall pay over to the Treasurer upon receipt all monies received by him on account of the Council.
- (e) He will keep accurate minutes of all assemblies of the Council and all proceedings of the Executive Committee.
- (f) He will keep an accurate Roll of the Council members.
- (g) He will, on behalf of the Thrice Illustrious Master, attend to those matters provided for in Items 1, 2 & 3 of sub-section (c) of Article 32.
- (h) He may receive such compensation for his services as the Council shall direct.

ARTICLE 37 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SENTINEL

- (a) The Sentinel is responsible for ensuring that every Companion and visitor signs his name in the Register and is properly clothed prior to entering the Council Chamber.
- (b) He may receive such compensation for his services as the Council shall direct

ARTICLE 38 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS GENERAL

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- (a) The powers and duties of the Officers of a Council will conform to customary usage as prescribed by the Manual of Installation and Investiture and the By-Laws of the Council.
- (b) A Council may require from its Treasurer or from its Recorder, or from both, a Fidelity Bond. The cost of such Fidelity Bond shall be borne by the Council.

ARTICLE 39 DUTIES OF THE FINANCIAL REVIEWERS

Prior to the last day of February the books and accounts of the Council shall be audited by the Financial Reviewers who will report to the Council in writing at the next regular assembly of the Council.

ARTICLE 40 COUNCIL ASSEMBLIES

- (a) The month, day and hour of the Regular Assembly of a Council and its place of meeting shall be specified in the By-Laws of a Council. The By-Laws shall further specify that not less than four (4) such Assemblies shall be held during the calendar year.
- (b) An Emergent Assembly may be called at any time by the Thrice Illustrious Master.
- (c) A summons shall be prepared and issued under the direction of the Thrice Illustrious Master for each Regular and each Emergent Assembly. A summons for a Regular Assembly may include a summons for an Emergent Assembly.
- (d) A summons for an Emergent Assembly shall state the reason for the Assembly and no business, except that stated in the Summons, shall be transacted at that Assembly,

- (e) A summons for an Assembly, either Regular or Emergent, shall be mailed at least ten (10) days prior to the Assembly being called.
- (f) Regular and Emergent Assemblies shall be chaired by the Thrice Illustrious Master or in his absence by the Immediate Past Thrice Illustrious Master or a Past Thrice Illustrious Master. Should there be no Past Thrice Illustrious Master present or capable then the Assembly shall be chaired by the Illustrious Deputy Master or in his absence by the Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work who will chair the Assembly from their respective chairs of office.
- (g) A Council Assembly, Regular or Emergent, shall not be held on a Sunday except for the purpose of attending Divine Service.
- (h) Where possible Council Assemblies should be held in Masonic Temples.
- (i) The Warrant (or Dispensation if applicable) of a Council must be present when the Council is open.
- (j) Cryptic Rite Ceremonies shall not be recorded by way of Visual Image or sound.
- (k) Dispensations may be granted by the Grand Master for the conferral of degrees outside the jurisdiction of this Grand Council.
- (l) A quorum shall consist of nine (9) Companions and without a quorum present a Council shall not be opened.
- (m) The business of a Council, except for the conferring of degrees, shall be conducted in the Select Master degree.

- (n) A Council shall not hold more than one Assembly in one day nor has a Council the power to adjourn from day to day.
- (o) Voting in a Council shall be by a show of hands except where the Council decides by vote that a written ballot shall be taken, in which case the Thrice Illustrious Master has a casting vote.
- (p) No Constituent Council shall hold a meeting within three (3) days prior to or three (3) days following a Grand Council Assembly. A dispensation to change the date of a meeting that occurs in this time frame shall be at no cost to the Council

ARTICLE 41 COUNCIL BY-LAWS

- (a) Every Council shall have By-Laws for its government. The By-laws of a Council shall **not** conflict with the provisions of this Constitution and have no force until approved by the Grand Master upon the recommendation of the Grand Inspector General of the District.
- (b) Every Council upon receipt of its Warrant of Constitution shall, at its next Regular Assembly thereafter, appoint a Committee to draft its By-Laws in accordance with the requirements of this Constitution. It shall then proceed without delay to ratify and adopt those By-Laws and to forward them through the Grand Inspector General of the District for approval by the Grand Master.
- (c) In submitting By-Laws or amendments thereto the following documentation is required:
 - (1) Two (2) copies of the Council summons containing the Notice of Motion in which the proposed By-Laws or amendment is contained in full.

- (2) Two (2) complete copies of the existing By-laws of the Council (except in the case of a Council applying for approval of its first By-Laws) with all previous amendments noted therein.
 - (3) Two (2) copies of an extract from the minutes of the Regular Assembly at which the motion was adopted setting forth the proposed amendment in full.
 - (4) Two (2) copies of a certificate signed by the Thrice Illustrious Master and the Recorder certifying that the By-Laws or Amendments, as the case may be, were legally adopted by a majority of the members present at the Assembly at which the motion was adopted.
- (d) All new By-Laws and amendments to existing By-Laws will be forwarded by the Grand Recorder to the Committee on Laws and Jurisprudence for approval prior to submission to the Grand Master for final approval.
 - (e) The By-Laws of a Council, together with all amendments thereto shall be typewritten or in booklet form and a copy thereof shall be delivered to the Thrice Illustrious Master at the time of his Installation.
 - (f) Every member of a Council shall subscribe to its By-Laws and shall be furnished with a copy thereof on becoming a Select Master or upon Affiliation.
 - (g) Every Council under Dispensation shall, by resolution select, as its By-Laws for the time being, the Code of the By-Laws of an existing Warranted Council in this jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 42 MEMBERSHIP

- (a) A Companion who is a Royal Arch Mason and in good standing in any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia and the Yukon or within the jurisdiction of any other Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons recognized and in Fraternal Correspondence with the aforesaid Grand Chapters is eligible as a Candidate for the Degrees of the Cryptic Rite within this Grand Council.
- (b) A Candidate's application shall be by Petition in prescribed form setting forth his name in full, his date of birth, his residence and occupation and the name and number of the Royal Arch Chapter of which he is a member at the time of his Petition.
- (c) He must be recommended by two (2) Companions who are members in good standing of the Council to which he seeks admission and he must also produce proof of his own good standing as a Royal Arch Mason.
- (d) The Petition shall be submitted to the Recorder of the Council who shall cause it to be included in the first summons after receiving same and read out at that assembly.
- (e) Notification of intention to ballot on the petition must be given in the Summons for the Regular Assembly at which the ballot shall be taken, such notification to state the full name, residence, age and profession of the Petitioner together with the names of his sponsors.
- (f) Where an application has been rejected by a Council, The Recorder shall immediately notify

the Grand Recorder who will notify all Councils within this jurisdiction. No application from a rejected petitioner shall be received by any Council within this jurisdiction until twelve (12) months have elapsed from the time of rejection.

- (g) Where a Candidate for the Degrees is not honored as a Royal Master within twelve (12) months from the date of his acceptance, another application must be processed if the Candidate expresses a desire to continue. The period that a Council is in recess according to the provisions of its by-laws does not count towards the computation of the twelve (12) month period.
- (h) Should the ballot prove unfavorable to the Petitioner, the Thrice Illustrious Master shall order a second ballot, the results of which shall be final
- (i) A Royal and Select Master who is a member in good standing of a Council in this jurisdiction or in a Council of a Grand Council in amity with this Grand Council shall be processed in the same manner as that of an application for Degrees.
- (j) The application for affiliation shall be by petition in the prescribed form and shall be processed in the same manner as that for the Degrees.
- (k) An Affiliated member shall have the same rights and privileges as a Member.

ARTICLE 43 DEMITS

- (a) An application for a demit shall be in writing signed by the Applicant.
- (b) The application shall be presented at the next regular Assembly of the Council following its receipt by the Recorder. The dues of the

Applicant being paid to the date of the receipt of the application for the demit, the demit shall be granted and a Certificate of Demission issued.

ARTICLE 44 NON PAYMENT OF DUES

- (a) A Companion twelve (12) months in arrears of Dues may be suspended by the Thrice Illustrious Master. A Companion twenty-four (24) months in arrears of dues shall automatically stand suspended.
- (b) A Companion suspended in one Council is deprived of all rights and privileges of a Royal and Select Master, even though he may be a member in good standing of another Council.
- (c) A Companion suspended under Sec. (a) of Article 44 may be restored to good standing in his Council by submitting in writing an application for reinstatement provided he has complied with the following:
 - 1) If within two (2) years of the date of demission, (1) the application for reinstatement is made, then upon payment of the amount due at the date of demission plus the dues since payable The Thrice Illustrious Master shall, without a vote of Council, declare the Companion reinstated.
 - 2) If the application for reinstatement is made after two (2) years from the date of demission, the Companion may only be reinstated by a resolution of the Council, of which Notice of Motion has been given, passed by a majority vote of the members present, and upon payment of an amount not to exceed the amount owing at the date of demission plus the dues for the current year.

- (d) A Royal and Select Master who has been suspended for non-payment of dues by a Council that has subsequently ceased to exist may petition Grand Council for restoration.

ARTICLE 45 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- (a) This Constitution may be amended by motion, of which notice has been given in the manner hereinafter prescribed, made at an Annual Assembly of Grand Council and carried by a two-thirds majority of those members present and entitled to vote. Notice of such motion shall be submitted in writing by a Council to the Grand Recorder. A copy of any Notice of Motion received by the Grand Recorder by the first day of February shall be sent by him to each Council and to each Grand Council Officer prior to the last day of February and shall also be published in the Notice Paper convening the Grand Assembly next following, at which Assembly, unless previously withdrawn, the motion will be made.
- (b) A motion proposed by the Laws and Jurisprudence Subcommittee, or by a Special Committee appointed by the Grand Council or the Grand Master, to bring in an amendment to the Constitution, does not require a Notice of Motion to be made by a Council.
- (c) Any proposed amendment to this Constitution which has been rejected by Grand Council shall not be placed before Grand Council at any time within three (3) years of that rejection, except by leave of Grand Council by a two-thirds vote, no debate to be permitted.

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ARTICLE 1 ORGANIZATION

The name of this Grand Lodge is the **GRAND LODGE Of ROYAL ARK MARINERS OF WESTERN CANADA** (hereafter the "**Grand Lodge**") which is moored to the **Grand Council Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada, R. & S.M.** (hereafter the "**Grand Council**").

ARTICLE 2 POWERS, AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION

This Grand Lodge is allied with and under the government and administration of the Grand Council. It possesses the same powers, authority and jurisdiction with respect to Constituent Royal Ark Mariner Lodges moored to their respective Constituent Councils, and the degree of Royal Ark Mariner, as is provided in the Constitution of the Grand Council.

ARTICLE 3 SEAL

The Seal of this Grand Lodge shall be the authorized Seal: of the Grand Council.

ARTICLE 4 COMPOSITION OF GRAND LODGE

The Grand Lodge consists of all Past and Present Worthy Commanders "Noah", Senior Wardens "Japheth" and Junior Wardens "Shem" of all Constituent Royal Ark Mariner Lodges on the Register of the Grand Lodge, who are members in good standing.

ARTICLE 5 OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE

- (a) Any Worthy Past Commander "Noah" who is a member in good standing of a Constituent Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners of Western Canada is eligible for any office in this Grand Lodge.
- (b) The Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council: of Royal and Select Masters of Western Canada, (hereafter "Grand Master") providing he is a Worthy Past Commander "Noah" of a Royal Ark Mariners Lodge, shall be considered elected Most Worthy Grand Commander "Noah" of the Grand Lodge of Royal: Ark Mariners of Western Canada.
- (c) All other Officers of Grand Lodge shall be appointed annually by the Most Worthy Grand Commander "Noah" and invested at the time of the Annual Assembly of Grand Lodge.
- (d) Each Officer of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Western Canada, provided he is a Worthy Past Commander "Noah" of a Royal Ark Mariners Lodge shall hold the following Office relative to his Grand Council Office.

GRAND COUNCIL

Grand Master
 "Noah"
 Grand Deputy Master
 "Japheth"
 Grand Principal Conductor
 of the Work
 Grand Inspector General
 Grand Treasurer
 Grand Recorder
 Grand Chaplain
 Grand Captain of the Guard
 Grand Conductor of the Council
 Grand Marshal:
 Ceremonies Grand Lecturer
 Grand Organist
 Grand Historian
 Grand Steward
 Grand Sentinel

GRAND LODGE

Grand Commander
 Grand Senior Warden
 Grand Junior Warden
 "Shem"
 Grand Inspector General.
 Grand Treasurer
 Grand Scribe
 Grand Chaplain
 Grand Senior Deacon
 Grand Junior Deacon
 Grand Director of
 Grand Lecturer
 Grand Organist
 Grand Historian
 Grand Guardian
 Grand Warder

**ARTICLE 6 DESIGNATION OF
 OFFICERS OF GRAND
 LODGE**

- (a) The Grand Commander "Noah" and Past Grand Commanders "Noah" shall be known as Most worthy Grand Commander "Noah" and Most Worthy Past Grand Commanders "Noah" respectively.
- (b) Grand Council Officers and Past Grand Council Officers who have the rank of Right Illustrious Companion and are, or have been, appointed to Offices in Grand Lodge shall have the rank of Right Worthy Grand, followed by the title of their respective office.
- (c) All Grand Council Officers and Past Grand Council Officers who have the rank of Very Illustrious Companion and are, or have been, appointed to Offices in Grand Lodge shall be

known as Very Worthy Grand, followed by the title of their respective office.

ARTICLE 7 ASSEMBLIES OF GRAND LODGE

The Assemblies of Grand Lodge shall be held immediately following the closing of the Assemblies of Grand Council.

ARTICLE 8 QUORUM

- (a) Representatives of fifty (50) per cent plus one of all Constituent Royal Ark Mariner Lodges on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction, together with either the Grand Commander "Noah", the Grand Senior Warden "Japheth" or the Grand Junior Warden "Shem", shall constitute a quorum at all Assemblies.
- (b) Grand Lodge shall be declared Open in Ample Form when the Grand Commander "Noah" presides and Open in Due Form when either a Past Grand Commander "Noah", the Grand Senior Warden "Japheth" or the Grand Junior Warden "Shem" presides.

ARTICLE 9 ORDER OF BUSINESS

The following shall be the order of business as called by the Grand Commander "Noah". The order may be changed by resolution of Grand Lodge.

- (a) Opening of Grand Lodge
- (b) Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Assembly
- (c) General Business
- (d) Installation and Investiture of the Officers of Grand Lodge
- (e) Closing

**ARTICLE 10 POWERS AND DUTIES OF
GRAND LODGE OFFICERS**

The Officers of Grand Lodge shall assume the same duties and responsibilities, necessary changes having been made, as are applicable and defined in the Constitution of Grand Council.

**ARTICLE 11 GRAND EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL**

The Grand Executive Committee of Grand Council shall be the Administrative body of Grand Lodge and shall assume the same duties and responsibilities, necessary changes having been made, as are applicable and defined in the Constitution of Grand Council.

ARTICLE 12 FEES AND DUES

The Grand Council shall determine annually the amount of Fees and Dues payable by Constituent Councils. Such list, if altered, shall be distributed to all Constituent Councils shortly after Grand Council Assembly by the Grand Recorder.

ARTICLE 13 REGALIA AND INSIGNIA

- (a) The provisions of Article 22, Sections (a) and (b) of the Constitution of Grand Council shall apply to the Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners of Western Canada.

APRONS

- (a) The apron to be worn by a Royal Ark Mariner in a Constituent Royal Ark Mariner Lodge shall be rectangular in form, 400mm in width and 350mm in depth, with a segmental flap 160mm in depth at the centre.

- (b) The apron shall consist of a white neutralized lambskin having a border around the two sides and bottom of 50mm rainbow corded moire ribbon. The flap shall be of the same lambskin material and shall have a border around the bottom of 38mm rainbow corded moire ribbon. The flap shall be lined with either white or maroon material but the apron shall be lined only in heavy quality maroon taffeta, bengaline, satin or similar material of rich appearance. The apron and flap shall both have an interlining the full size of the apron and flap. The apron and flap shall be bound together along the top edge with a 38mm rainbow corded moire ribbon with approximately 16mm of this ribbon showing on the front of the apron.
- (c) Three rosettes of 25mm rainbow corded moire ribbon with centres of buttons covered with the same ribbon shall be attached, two on the body of the apron and one on the flap. Each rosette shall consist of not less than nineteen (19) pleats and shall not be more than 57mm in diameter.
- (d) A maroon web belt 32mm in width of rich appearing material shall be attached to the top edge of the apron and enclosed by the top edge ribbon binding. The belt shall be adjustable and joined together at the left upper corner of the apron by a silver-finished serpent fastener.
- (e) The apron of the Officers of a Constituent Royal Ark Mariners Lodge shall be as aforesaid with the exceptions noted hereafter.
- (f) For the apron of Worthy Commander "Noah" or a Worthy Past Commander "Noah", the three rosettes shall be replaced by three (3) metallic silver-finished triangles 56mm on each side mounted on a maroon background, the edges of which shall show very slightly beyond the edges

of the triangles.

- (g) The apron of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners shall be of the same size and design as that of an apron of a Worthy Past Commander "Noah", except that the triangles and fastener shall be gold-finished.

COLLARS

- (a) The collar of the Officers of a Constituent Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners shall be of rainbow corded moire ribbon 100mm in width throughout. The centre seam at the bottom of the collar shall be covered with a silver cord and a convex button 22mm in diameter, midway on the length of the cord. The collar shall be lined with maroon cloth material and shall have a silver-finished metal fastener at the point to which the jewel of office is attached. Alternatively, a rainbow corded moire ribbon collarette 38mm in width with a silver-finished metal fastener at the point to which the jewel of office is attached may be substituted for the Collar.
- (b) The collarette of the Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be of rainbow corded moire ribbon 38mm in width from which the Jewel of the respective office shall be attached by a gold- finished metal fastener.

JEWELS

- (a) The Jewel of the Order which may be worn by a member of a Constituent Royal Ark Mariner Lodge shall be a segmental plate representing a rainbow suspended from the centre of which is a dove flying, an olive leaf in her beak. The plate shall be suspended from a plain bar by a rainbow corded moire ribbon 38mm in width; the metal parts to be silver-finished.

(b) The Jewel of the Officers of a Constituent Royal Ark Mariner Lodge shall be metal, silver-finished consisting of a Triangle 70mm on each side, the apex upwards and the insignia of each respective Office mounted thereon as follows:

Worthy Commander "Noah"	Representation of Noah's Ark, a large three-storied chest-like vessel with door and window.
Worthy Past Commander "Noah"	Letter "N"
Senior Warden "Japheth"	Letter "J"
Junior Warden "Shem"	Letter "S"
Treasurer	Keys crossed diagonally. wards down
Scribe	Quills crossed diagonally. wards down
Chaplain	Volume of the Sacred Law, open
Senior Deacon	Dove flying, olive leaf in her beak
Junior Deacon	Dove flying, olive leaf in her beak
Director of Ceremonies	Batons crossed diagonally
Organist	Lyre
Historian	Scroll surmounted by a torch, inflamed.
Guardian	Axes crossed diagonally, blades upwards and outwards.
Steward	Cornucopia, mouth downwards.
Warder	Axe, blade upwards, edge to the left.

(c) The Jewel of a Past Commander "Noah" shall be metal, gold-finished, consisting of a Triangle 56mm on each side surmounted by the letter "N". The Jewel shall be suspended by a rainbow corded moire ribbon from a plain metal bar on which may be engraved the name and number of the Constituent Lodge.

- (d) The Jewel of the Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be of the same size and design as that of the respective Officers of a Constituent Lodge except that it shall be mounted on a metal gold-finished circle.
- (e) The Jewel of Grand Inspector General shall consist of a Triangle 70mm on each side, the apex pointing upwards surmounted by a representation of a floating Noah's Ark in gold-finished metal, with the words Royal Ark Mariners of Western Canada inscribed on the circle.
- (f) The Jewel of the Grand Commander "Noah" shall be a winged terrestrial globe suspended from a rainbow corded moire ribbon 38mm in width.
- (g) The Jewel of all Past Grand Lodge Officers shall be of the same size and design as that of Grand Lodge Officers except that the circle shall be replaced by a Laurel Wreath.

ARTICLE 14 RITUAL

The authorized Ritual is the Ritual of Royal Ark Mariners adopted by the Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners of Western Canada at its 55th Annual Assembly held on the 2nd day of June, 1993 at Parksville, British Columbia and such lawful amendments as may hereafter be made in Annual Assembly upon the recommendation of the Committee on the Work of Grand Council.

ARTICLE 15 MEMBERSHIP

Membership in a Constituent Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners shall be restricted to **Companions of Royal and Select Masters** in a Constituent Council of Royal and Select Masters within this Jurisdiction or in any other Council within the Jurisdiction of a Grand Council in amity with this Grand Council, upon proof Constitution and General Regulations of Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada, R. & S.M.

of good standing.

ARTICLE 16 GENERAL

- (a) The fiscal year of Grand Lodge shall be the same as Grand Council.
- (b) In all matters not covered by these regulations, the Constitution of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Western Canada shall govern, necessary changes having been made.