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CRYPTIC MASONS
OF COLORADO



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**CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND COUNCIL
OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF COLORADO**

PREAMBLE

This Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Colorado is organized not for profit. It is a fraternal order founded upon the basic principle of the Brotherhood of Man and its aims and objects are charitable. The monies received from its members and otherwise, over and above the amount necessary to pay the operating expenses and to perpetuate the existence of this Grand Council, shall be devoted exclusively to relief, educational, benevolent and charitable purposes.

ARTICLE I - NAME

SECTION 1 - NAME. The name of this Grand Council shall be "The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Colorado."

ARTICLE II - POWERS

SECTION 1 - P OWERS. This Grand Council is a body of Cryptic Masons in which is inalienably vested the sole government and Superintendence of Cryptic Masonry within the territorial Limits of the State of Colorado; and within which jurisdiction it shall possess all the attributes of sovereignty and government, legislative, executive and judicial with powers to regulate and control the actions of all Cryptic Masons as such, and of all Councils of Cryptic Masons; limited only by the ancient landmarks of Freemasonry, and by the provisions of its own constitution,slaws and regulations

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 - MEMBERS. The Grand Council shall be composed of the following named, each of whom is hereby constituted a member thereof:

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a. ITS OFFICERS, who shall be, and whose rank and titles shall be:

Most Illustrious Grand Master.
Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer
Right Illustrious Grand Recorder
Illustrious Grand Lecturer
Illustrious Grand Chaplain
Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council
Illustrious Grand Marshal
Illustrious Grand Steward
Illustrious Grand Herald
Illustrious Grand Sentinel

b. THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ITS COUNCILS, who shall be:

The Illustrious Master, the Deputy Master, and the Principal Conductor of the Work of each chartered Council under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council.

c. ITS PERMANENT MEMBERS, who shall be:

Each Past Grand Master, Past Deputy Grand Master, and Past Grand Principal Conductor of the Work of this Grand Council, and each Past Illustrious Master of every chartered Council under its jurisdiction, provided he be a member of a Council under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council.

ARTICLE IV - ASSEMBLIES

SECTION 1 -ANNUAL An annual assembly of the Grand Council shall be held at such a time and place as shall be designated by a vote of the Grand Council at the preceding annual Assembly.

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SECTION 2 - SPECIAL. Special assemblies of the Grand Council may be held upon call of the Grand Master, at such times and places and for such purposes as he may designate in due and timely notice to all its chartered Councils; provided that the Grand Master may call special assemblies for the purpose of ceremony only without giving such notice.

SECTION 3 - REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNCILS. Each Council chartered by this Grand Council shall be entitled to representation in assemblies of the Grand Council by its Illustrious Master, Deputy Master and Principal Conductor of the Work, who, as members of the Grand Council, shall constitute its legal representatives therein; and each such chartered Council shall be entitled to three votes in the assemblies of the Grand Council, subject to the conditions prescribed.

SECTION 4- PROXIES. The Illustrious Master, Deputy Master or the Principal Conductor of the Work, of a chartered Council may appoint, in writing, any member of his own Council to represent him as his proxy in any assembly of the Grand Council. No other member of the Grand Council shall be represented by proxy.

SECTION 5 - QUALIFICATIONS OF REPRESENTATIVES. No representative of a chartered Council shall be entitled to a seat or a vote, either in person or by proxy, in any assembly of the Grand Council, unless all the returns of his Council have been made, and all its dues and fees have been paid to the Grand Council, as required by the laws of the Grand Council.

SECTION 6 - CONSTITUTIONAL NUMBER. The Grand Council shall not be opened at any assembly, except at one called for the purpose of ceremony only. Nor shall any business be transacted therein, without the presence of representatives of at least one-third of its chartered Councils.

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SECTION 7 - DECISION OF QUESTIONS. Except as otherwise provided by the constitution or laws of the Grand Council, all questions coming before the Grand Council shall be decided by a majority vote of its members or their legally appointed proxies, present and voting.

SECTION 8 - VOTING. When a question is voted upon in the Grand Council, and in the election of its officers, each member of the Grand Council present shall be entitled to one vote in his own right and in one capacity only; and each individual present who holds the proxy of a representative of his own Council shall be entitled to one vote for the proxy he holds provided that the one who is a member of the Grand Council by virtue of his being an officer or permanent member there-of, and who is also present as a representative, or the proxy of a representative of his Council, and provided further, that if any representative of a Council is not present, or represented by proxy, his vote may be cast by the ranking representative of his council present, or if no actual representative be present, by the proxy of the ranking representative present; provided further, that no individual shall be entitled to cast more than two votes in any capacity.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

SECTION 1 - ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT. At each annual assembly of the Grand Council the following named officers shall be elected: the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder. All other officers of the Grand Council shall then be appointed by the Grand Master soelected.

SECTION 2 - ELIGIBILITY. No one shall be eligible to election or appointment to, or continue to hold, any office in the Grand Council who is not a member in good standing of a Council under its jurisdiction; nor shall

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anyone be eligible to election or appointment to any office, except Grand Chaplain, who has not been duly elected

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and installed Illustrious Master of a regular and duly constituted Council of Cryptic Masons.

SECTION 3 - MANNER OF ELECTION.A majority of all the votes cast at any election of officers of the Grand Council shall be necessary to elect. The method of voting shall be by the use of written ballots, and blanks shall not be counted. No one shall solicit votes for himself or another, for any office. No nomination for any office shall be made, and no officer shall be elected by motion or resolution.

SECTION 4 - INSTALLATION The officers of the Grand Council shall be installed annually, in person, by the Grand Master or his duly authorized deputy, at the annual assembly at which they are elected or appointed, unless the Grand Council shall otherwise order: and they shall perform the duties of their respective offices until their successors are duly elected or appointed, and installed.

SECTION 5 - S UCCESION. In the case of the death or disability of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work shall, in the order named, succeed to the prerogatives, powers and duties of the Grand Master, for all purposes; and the title of Grand Master shall apply to him who thus succeeds to that office. The succeeding Grand Master shall immediately call a special assembly of the Grand Council for the purpose of election of officers to fill any unfilled elective offices in the Grand Council line. In case of the death or disability of all three of the principal officers of the Grand Council, the Junior Past Grand Master of the Grand Council shall be empowered to call a special assembly of the Grand Council for the purpose of electing a Grand Master, a Deputy Grand Master and a Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. In the absence of the Grand Master from any assembly of the Grand Council the Deputy Grand Master

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and the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, shall, in succession be empowered to preside; and in the absence of all three of the principal officers of the Grand Council the Junior Past Grand Master of the Grand Council shall be

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empowered to preside. There is no succession to any other office of the Grand Council than that of Grand Master.

SECTION 6 - VACANCIES. Any vacancy in any office, or in any committee, in the Grand Council, other than the elective offices, shall be filled by appointment by the Grand Master. In the case of a vacancy in the office of the Grand Treasurer or the Grand Recorder, the Grand Master shall be empowered to fill the office, by appointment, for the remainder of the immediate year.

**ARTICLE VI - POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS
THE GRAND MASTER**

SECTION 1 - POWERS. The Grand Master shall have and enjoy all the rights and prerogatives conferred upon him by the established usages of Cryptic Masonry and by the constitution, laws and regulations of the Grand Council. He shall have power:

To preside at all assemblies of the Grand Council.

To exercise and discharge all the executive and judicial functions of the Grand Council when it is not in session, except the granting of Charters; and his official decisions and edicts shall have all the force of law until the next annual assembly of the Grand Council, and no longer, unless approved by the Grand Council.

To command, at any time, all other officers of the Grand Council touching the duties and administration of their several offices, or for advice and assistance in all business relative to the Grand Council.

To constitute new Councils chartered by the Grand Council either in person or by deputy.

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To convene any Council, and in person or by deputy to preside therein, inspect its proceedings, and require its conformity to the laws of the Grand Council.

To grant or refuse dispensations for the formation of new Councils. and such other dispensations as are in

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accordance with the constitution and laws of the Grand Council, except during the annual assembly of the Grand Council.

To arrest the charter of any Council, or to suspend the Illustrious Master of any Council from the functions of his office, until the next annual assembly of the Grand Council.

To appoint representatives of this Grand Council near other recognized Grand Councils, and to receive and accredit representatives from such Grand Councils.

Provided that the position of a Grand representative of Colorado near any other Grand Council shall become vacant if such Grand representative shall fail to be present at the Grand assembly of the Grand Council of Colorado for two successive sessions without being excused for such absence by the Grand Master.

SECTION 2 - DUTIES. The Grand Master shall perform all the duties imposed on him by the established usages of Cryptic Masonry, and by the constitution, laws and regulations of this Grand Council, to which usages, constitution, laws and regulations he shall require a strict conformity by all Councils under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council. He shall present at each annual assembly of the Grand Council a written address setting forth all his official acts, and other matters as he may deem necessary for the consideration of the Grand Council, with such recommendations for action as to him may seem desirable.

OTHER OFFICERS

SECTION 3 - DEPUTY GRAND MASTER AND GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK. The Deputy Grand Master and the Principal Conductor of the Work

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shall attend the assemblies of the Grand Council, render the Grand Master such assistance as he may require of them, and perform such other duties as traditionally appertain to their respective offices.

SECTION 4 - GRAND TREASURER. The Grand Treasurer shall have charge of all the funds and Securities

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belonging to the Grand Council. He shall give his receipt for all moneys received by him from the Grand Recorder, and shall deposit all funds under his control, as Grand Treasurer, in some secure bank in the name of the "Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Colorado." He shall not loan out any of the funds of the Grand Council, except as ordered by the Grand Council with the approval of the Grand Master. He shall pay all warrants drawn on him by authority of the Grand Council, and signed by the Grand Master and Grand Recorder, which warrants he shall cancel when paid.

He shall keep a just and accurate account of all his receipts and disbursements as Grand Treasurer; and shall attend upon the Grand Council or Grand Master, or any committee of the Grand Council whose duty it may be to act in relation to its fiscal concerns, with the books and documents relating to his office.

He shall at each annual assembly of the Grand Council submit a faithful report of his receipts and disbursements as Grand Treasurer, in such form as the Grand Council may require, which shall be accompanied by the vouchers for all moneys paid out by him during the year, and satisfactory evidence that the cash balance as shown by such report is deposited in the bank in the name of "Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Colorado," and that the securities representing the invested funds of the Grand Council are in his possession.

He shall give bond to the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Colorado from some approved surety company, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office as herein specified, in an amount to be determined by the Grand Master, which amount shall not be less than

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one and one third times the amount in the treasury to the credit of all funds of the Grand Council. Such bond shall be subject to the approval of the Grand Master, and shall be deposited with him for safekeeping, and the premium for the bond shall be paid by the Grand Council.

He shall pay and deliver to his successor in office, or to such person as may be designated by the Grand Council

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or the Grand Master, all funds, securities, evidences of debt, books, writings, and property of the Grand Council, in his possession, making all proper assignments when necessary.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and by order of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, he may invest and reinvest such funds in obligations of the United States of America, or in funds and securities guaranteed or insured by the United States of America, or in such funds and securities consistent with the Standards for Investments under the Colorado Uniform Prudent Investors Act, Colorado Revised Statutes 15-1-304.1 and 15-1.1-101, et seq, as the same may from time to time be amended.

SECTION 5 - GRAND RECORDER. The Grand Recorder shall attend the assemblies of the Grand Council and duly record its proceedings. He shall receive all moneys due to the Grand Council from every source, keep a correct account thereof, and pay them over to the Grand Treasurer, taking his receipt therefore. He shall, at each annual assembly of the Grand Council submit a faithful report of the moneys received by him as Grand Recorder, together with a statement of any facts that may be proper for the information or action of the Grand Council.

He shall receive and preserve all petitions, applications, appeals, returns of Councils, and other documents addressed or belonging to the Grand Council.

He shall keep a register of all Councils under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council, and of their members, of

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all dispensations and charters for Councils and of the returns of Councils.

He shall conduct the correspondence of the Grand Council, under the direction of the Grand Master.

He shall keep the seal of the Grand Council, and shall sign, certify, and seal all official documents emanating from that body.

He shall give bond to the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Colorado in some approved surety company,

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conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, in an amount to be determined by the Grand Master, the premium for which bond shall be paid by the Grand Council. Such bond shall be subject to the approval of the Grand Master, and shall be deposited with him for safekeeping.

SECTION 6 - OTHER OFFICERS. All other officers of the Grand Council shall perform such duties as by tradition or established customs appertain to their respective offices, or as may be assigned to them by the Grand Council or Grand Master.

ARTICLE VII - SEAL

SECTION 1 - SEAL. The Grand Council shall have a seal bearing such device and inscription as by it may have been heretofore, or may be hereafter, determined, which shall be affixed to all instruments issued by its authority.

ARTICLE VIII - COLORADO GRAND YORK RITE LLC

SECTION 1

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF COLORADO IS A MEMBER OF THE
COLORADO GRAND YORK RITE LLC.
ADDED SEPTEMBER 7, 2007

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1 - To THE CONSTITUTION. This constitution may be amended in one of two ways.

First, by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Grand Council, or their legally appointed proxies present and

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voting at an annual assembly of the Grand Council, after the proposed amendment shall have been presented in writing to the Grand Recorder, by a member of the Grand Council. All such amendments and resolutions must be in the hands of the Grand Recorder by April 1st and by him mailed to the Constituent Councils by April 15th.

Second by unanimous vote of the members of the Grand Council, or their legally appointed proxies, present and voting at an annual assembly of the Grand Council, after the proposed amendments have been presented in

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writing to the Grand Council by a member thereof; and provided further, that changes to any proposed amendment be made by a three-fourths vote of the members of the Grand Council, or their legally appointed proxies, present and voting at such annual assembly, before voting on such amendment or amendments with such changes, at such annual assembly.

PART B

LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF COLORADO

LAWS PERTAINING TO THE GRAND COUNCIL

ARTICLE I - ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

SECTION 1 - ANNUAL ASSEMBLY. The annual assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Colorado shall be held at city and date selected by the Time and Place committee appointed by the Illustrious Grand Master before the close of each annual assembly. The date will either be the first Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday following the first Monday of September. (The Grand Council Time and Place Committee will meet with similar committees appointed by the Grand Chapter RAM of Colorado and the Grand Commandery K T of Colorado to select a mutually agreeable date and city for meeting on successive days.

SECTION 2 - APPOINTMENT. Before the close of each Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, or as soon as practicable thereafter, the Grand Master shall appoint the following named committees of the Grand Council, to consist of three members each, who shall each be a member of some Council under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council, to serve for the ensuing year.

a . **ON CREDENTIALS**, whose duty it shall be to examine the credentials of those claiming the right of membership, or to seats in the Grand Council and to report their names and qualifications to the Grand Council.

b. **ON DIVISION AND REFERENCE** , to which shall be referred the address of the Grand Master, and such reports of other officers of the Grand Council as the Grand Council may determine, and which shall report with all convenient dispatch its recommendations for division and reference to appropriate committees of the Grand Council.

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c. **ON VISITORS**, whose duty it shall be, by order of the Grand Master, to examine all visitors not properly vouched for, and to report their respective names and Masonic connections to the Grand Council.

Article II
STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. ON JURISPRUDENCE, to which shall be referred all decisions, edicts and rulings of the Grand Master; all proposed legislation affecting the constitution and laws of the Grand Council, and all other matters of legal significance; and whose duty it shall be to report thereon to the Grand Council.

Section 2. ON FINANCE, whose duty it shall be to examine all accounts and financial matters to it referred, and to make a full report, before the close of the annual assembly, on the financial condition of the Grand Council. All motions or resolutions calling for the appropriation of any of the funds of the Grand Council shall be referred to this committee for report and recommendation before final action thereon by the Grand Council.

Section 3. ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS, to which shall be referred the work, records and proceedings of Councils under dispensation, and all petitions for charters, and whose duty it shall be to report thereon to the Grand Council.

Section 4. ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES, whose duty it shall be to examine and report on all appeals, memorials, and petitions in relation to any matter of complaint that may come before the Grand Council.

Section 5. ON CORRESPONDENCE, to which shall be referred all printed proceedings of other Grand Councils received by this Grand Council; and whose duty it shall be to present a general report at each annual assembly,

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containing such facts pertaining to Cryptic Masonry throughout the world and such opinions of the committee, as it may deem of interest to the Cryptic Masons of Colorado, but this Grand Council shall not be responsible for, or bound by, such facts or opinions unless it shall expressly concur therein. All requests for recognition by other Grand Councils shall be referred to this committee.

Section 6. ON MEMORIALS whose duty it shall be to report suitable resolutions and memorials concerning deceased Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction, and other Grand Jurisdictions with which this Grand Council is in fraternal relations.

Section 7. CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK, which shall consist of the Grand Lecturer, who shall be chairman of the committee, and two other members. This committee shall be invested with the custody, preservation, and interpretation of esoteric work, lectures, forms and ceremonies adopted by the Grand Council and required to be used by Councils. Its decisions in regard thereto shall be reviewable only by the Grand Council. It shall keep a record of such of its proceedings and rulings as may, with propriety, be committed to writing, and report all its decisions and rulings to the Grand Council.

ARTICLE III - REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

SECTION 1. - REPORTS. The report of every committee, and also every resolution or proposition offered for consideration of the Grand Council, shall be submitted in writing.

ARTICLE IV - REVENUES AND FUNDS

SECTION 1. - COLLECTION OF REVENUES. Fees for dispensations shall be paid to the Grand Master, and when received by him shall be turned over to the Grand

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Recorder of the Grand Council. All other revenues of the Grand Council shall be paid direct to the Grand Recorder.

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SECTION 2. - DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS. The funds of the Grand Council shall be disbursed only by warrants signed by the Grand Master and the Grand Recorder upon the Grand Treasurer for such amounts and purposes as are specified in the Constitution or laws of the Grand Council, or as may be designated in a duly adopted resolution of the Grand Council.

ARTICLE V - ALLOWANCES

SECTION 1. - FOR THE GRAND MASTER. The Grand Master, or his duly appointed representative, shall be allowed such sums toward his traveling and personal expenses incurred in the necessary discharge of his duties of his office, as recommended by the Finance Committee and adopted in the annual Budget.
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SECTION 2. - FOR THE GRAND RECORDER. The Grand Recorder shall be allowed, for his services and expenses, such additional sums as the Grand Council shall allow in the annual budget.

SECTION 3. - FOR THE GRAND LECTURER. The Grand Lecturer shall be allowed, for his services and expenses, such additional sums as the Grand Council shall allow in the annual budget.
Revised September 4, 2008.

ARTICLE VI - DEGREES

SECTION 1. - JURISDICTION OVER DEGREES. The degrees in Free Masonry over which this Grand Council shall possess sole jurisdiction are those of Royal Master, Select Master and Super Excellent Master; and no other body, or person, save this Grand Council and the Councils

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authorized and warranted by it possesses any power or authority over such degrees, or any of them within the State of Colorado. Every Council under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council shall have the right to confer the

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degrees of Royal Master, Select Master and Super-Excellent Master, which degrees shall always be conferred in the order here named unless by Special Dispensation of the Most Illustrious Grand Master. (Rev. Sept. 6, 2003)

SECTION 2. - MASONIC ORGANIZATIONS. This Grand Council admits that the only organizations that are regular and duly constituted Masonic bodies are those that are admitted to be such by The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Colorado, as set forth in The Book of Constitutions of that Grand Lodge.

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LAWS PERTAINING TO COUNCILS

ARTICLE I - GENERAL

SECTION 1. - AUTHORITY. Every Council of Cryptic Masons in this jurisdiction shall be held only by virtue of either a charter from the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Colorado or a dispensation to hold a Council issued by such Grand Council or its Grand Master. No Council shall become incorporated under the laws of any state.

SECTION 2. - MEMBERSHIP OF CHARTERED COUNCIL. Chartered Councils shall be composed of those Cryptic Masons to whom the charter is granted, and such Cryptic Masons and such Councils shall thereafter admit to membership by regular affiliation; together with those who, having been duly elected therein to receive the degree of Select Master shall receive that degree by the authority of such Council; each of whom shall, by virtue of any one of such procedures, become a member of such Council, and who shall remain a member, entitled to all the rights and benefits as such, until his membership shall be terminated either by his death, or by the dissolution of such Council, or by his voluntary withdrawal from membership as provided for in these laws, or by his suspension or expulsion from membership.

ARTICLE II - COUNCILS

SECTION 1. - Councils Under DISPENSATION. A Council under dispensation shall be composed of those Cryptic Masons to whom such dispensation is granted; together with those who having been duly elected therein to receive the degrees of Cryptic Masonry, shall receive those degrees by the authority of such Council; each of whom shall be entitled to vote in such Council and participate in its transactions.

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SECTION 2. - OFFICERS OF COUNCIL. The officers of each Council shall consist of an Illustrious Master, a Deputy Master, a Principal Conductor of the Work, a Treasurer, a Recorder, a Captain of the Guard, a Conductor of the Council, a Steward, a Herald, and a Sentinel.

SECTION 3. - WORK. Every Council in this jurisdiction shall use the system of work and lectures adopted by this Grand Council. The delivery or teaching of any so called Masonic work or lectures not so authorized; or the buying, selling, giving or having possession, of any book or work purporting to be the standard work of Cryptic Masonry, that has not been approved by this Grand Council, or of any paraphrase of the work of Cryptic Masonry, shall be a Masonic offense.

SECTION 3a. - WORK. All portions of the authorized Colorado Cryptic Mason ritual pertaining to the OBLIGATIONS AND SIGNS shall be changed to a single letter key.

ARTICLE III- COUNCILS UNDER DISPENSATION

SECTION 1. - DISPENSATION FOR A NEW COUNCIL. A dispensation for the formation of a new Council may be granted by the Grand Council or Grand Master, upon the petition of twelve or more Cryptic Masons in

Good standing, each of whom shall be a resident within the territorial jurisdiction of the proposed Council.

SECTION 2. - PETITION FOR DISPENSATION . A petition for a dispensation to form a new Council shall be in the form required by the Grand Council or Grand Master, and shall be accompanied by the following; a demit from, or a certificate of membership in, a regular and duly constituted Council of Cryptic Masons certified by the Grand Recorder

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of the Grand jurisdiction from which issued, for each of the petitioners; a recommendation from the Council nearest to the location of the proposed new Council; and a fee of twenty-five dollars. The Grand Recorder shall send notice of the petition to all Councils in the jurisdiction. If there is an objection from any Council, it shall be made in writing to the Grand Master within 30 days of receipt of the notice, who shall have authority to grant or refuse such dispensation; a statement from the Grand Master or his representative, certifying that the proposed Illustrious Master, Deputy Master and Principal Conductor of the Work are each able to open and close a Council of Cryptic Masons, and that among them, they are able to confer the Council Degrees in full.

SECTION 3. - CERTIFICATES WITH PETITION. Any member, not an officer, of a Council under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council, may join in a petition for a dispensation for a new Council, without withdrawing from membership in his Council; and in lieu of a demit may furnish a certificate from his Council that he is in good standing therein, with his dues paid up to at least the next annual assembly of the Grand Council. If such dispensation should be granted, and the new Council thus formed should be subsequently chartered by the Grand Council with such petitioner as a charter member thereof, his membership shall cease in his former Council, and shall begin in the new chartered Council as of the date when the new Council is constituted, of which fact the Recorder shall notify his former Council. **EXCEPTION.** Plural membership is permitted in both Councils if member consents to dues in both Councils.

SECTION 4. - GOVERNMENT . A Council under dispensation shall be governed by the provisions of the dispensation under whose authority it is held, and by the laws of the Grand Council. The territorial and personal jurisdiction. of a Council under dispensation, except for discipline, shall be

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that of a chartered Council. If discipline becomes necessary the charges shall all be preferred in and tried by

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such Council as the Grand Master shall designate. No election of officers shall be held by a Council under dispensation, nor shall its officers be installed, nor shall it make any by-laws for its government, nor shall it receive or act upon any petition for affiliation.

SECTION 5. - TERMINATION OF DISPENSATION. T h e dispensation for a new Council shall terminate on the day immediately preceding the annual assembly of the Grand Council, unless sooner revoked by the Grand Master, and on or before that date such Council shall forward to the Grand Recorder its dispensation, returns of work, books of record, and the sum of three dollars for each Select Master made by the authority of such Council, and if a charter is desired, it shall at the same time forward to the Grand Recorder a petition for charter, in the form provided by the Grand Council, accompanied by three copies of its proposed By-Laws and a charter fee of (\$25.00) twenty-five dollars.

SECTION 6. - PETITION FOR CHARTER. O n l y t h o s e t o whom the dispensation for a new Council shall have been granted, and those who shall have received the Super-Excellent Master degree by its authority, shall be eligible to sign the petition for a charter. A charter for a Council shall be granted only by the Grand Council at an annual assembly and only to those who signed the petition and were eligible to do so; provided that the Grand Council may refuse to include in the charter the name or names of any such petitioner or petitioners and that the number to whom a charter may be granted shall not be less than twelve.

SECTION 7. - CONSTITUTION OF COUNCIL. E v e r y chartered Council shall be duly constituted, and its officers shall be installed by the Grand Master, or his duly

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appointed deputy, before it shall proceed to work or transact any business. The charter shall name the Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, and Principal Conductor of the Work of the new Council; and before the Council is

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constituted the Illustrious Master so named shall appoint the remaining officers of such Council.

ARTICLE IV - CHARTERED COUNCILS

SECTION 1. - ANNUAL RETURNS. Every Chartered Council shall annually make full returns to the Grand Recorder showing the names of the officers and the number of members of such Council on June 30th, and also showing all work done by the Council, all the Grand Council may require with the dates of the respective facts, for the period from July 1st to June 30th, both inclusive. Such annual returns shall be signed by the Thrice Illustrious Master, and attested under the seal by the Recorder of the Council, and shall be delivered to the Grand Recorder on or before July 1st.

SECTION 2. -ANNUAL DUES AND FEES. Each chartered Council shall pay Annually to the Grand Council the sum of \$23.00 as dues, for each member of such Council on June 30th, as shown by its annual returns, and the further sum of \$3.00, as fees for each Companion who shall have received the Select Master Degree by authority of such Council during the year. Such dues and fees shall be paid to the Grand Recorder on or before July 31st. rev (9/8/2012), rev (9/8/2018)

SECTION 28. - ANNUAL DUES AND FEES. (Life MemOrial Fund) The Grand Council will remit to each Chartered Council for each of its Living Life Members an amount equal to the difference between the current dues per member and the dues per member for the year in which his Life Membership contribution was made. The Colorado York Rite Life Memorial Fund will send, with its annual

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distribution, a statement for each Chartered Council and for the Grand Council showing Life Members, year of contribution, and the amount to be remitted, which amount shall be known as an adjustment to the total dues in the Chartered Council's annual return. However, the remission by the Grand Council shall not apply to those Life

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Members whose memberships were purchased at twenty times constituent body dues plus per capita. (Rev. Sept. 6, 2003)

SECTION 3. - REPORTING MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

The recorder of each Council shall report to the Grand Recorder each suspension or expulsion from, or reinstatement to, membership in such Council before the end of each month on forms as prescribed by the Grand Recorder.

SECTION 4. - REPORTING NAMES OF OFFICERS. O n o r

before July 1st of each year the Recorder of each Council shall forward a report to the Grand Recorder, showing the names and addresses of the officers of such Council, elected or appointed for the ensuing year.

SECTION 5. - CONSOLIDATION OF COUNCILS. Two or more Councils having contiguous or concurrent jurisdiction may consolidate and form one Council upon such conditions as may be prescribed by the Grand Master, subject to the approval of the Grand Council.

SECTION 6. - DUPLICATE CHARTER. When the Charter of a Council shall have been destroyed, stolen, or surreptitiously taken and detained, or shall have become defaced or illegible, rendering it unfit for use, the Grand Master may order a duplicate charter to be issued by the Grand Recorder, without fee, which duplicate shall show on its margin the reason for its issuance.

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SECTION 7. - ARREST OF A CHARTER. The Charter of a Council may be arrested or suspended by the Grand Master or Grand Council at any time should the interests of Cryptic Masonry require it. When the charter of a Council shall have been arrested by the Grand Master the rights, privileges, and jurisdiction of The Council, and the Council standing of its members, shall remain in abeyance until the Grand Council shall have passed upon the arrest.

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Immediately upon the arrest of a charter of a Council, the person or persons having custody of the property of such Council shall forward to the Grand Recorder the funds, books of record and account papers, seal, and jewels of the Council, and hold all other property of the Council subject to the order of the Grand Recorder.

SECTION 8. - REVOCATION OF CHARTER. The Grand Council may revoke the charter of a Council for disobedience to the Grand Council constitution, laws, rules, edicts, or orders; or whenever, in the judgment of the Grand Council, the condition of the Council as to discipline or otherwise is such that its continued existence is detrimental to the interest of Cryptic Masonry. If a Council shall fail to make its annual returns, or to pay its dues and fees, to the Grand Council at the time required by these laws; or if it shall fail to meet for twelve consecutive months; or if for two consecutive years it shall fail to be represented in the annual assemblies of the Grand Council; its charter may be subject to arrest and revocation.

SECTION 9. - SURRENDER OF CHARTER. A Council may surrender its charter; provided, that at a stated assembly, after at least thirty days notice to all the members, a majority of the members of such Council, present, vote to do so; and there are less than nine negative votes.

SECTION 10. - DISSOLUTION OF COUNCIL. A Council can be dissolved only by the surrender or revocation of its

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charter, which shall be conclusive upon the Council; and its members shall thereupon become non-affiliated; and all the property of the Council shall thereupon become property of the Grand Council, subject to its absolute disposal and must on demand be surrendered to the Grand Council, or its authorized agent, by the person or persons having it in custody. The Grand Council shall, in no case be liable for any indebtedness of a defunct, Council beyond the net amount received from the sale of the property of the Council, and from unpaid dues

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collected, after paying all expenses attending the settlement of the affairs of such Council.

SECTION 11. - CERTIFICATES OF STANDING. Any Companion in good standing in a Council at the time of revocation or surrender of its charter shall, upon application in writing to the Grand Recorder, be entitled to a certificate from the Grand Council, setting forth the facts in relation to the dissolution of the Council and his standing; provided, that his dues to such Council have been paid up to the date of the revocation or surrender of the charter, or provided, that he pay such dues to the Grand Recorder; which certificate shall have the force and effect of a demit. One who has been suspended or expelled from membership in such a Council prior to its dissolution shall be restored to the standing of a non-affiliated Cryptic Mason only by action of the Grand Council, upon his written application, accompanied by a recommendation of the Council within whose jurisdiction he is residing.

ARTICLE V - JURISDICTION

SECTION 1. - TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION. All Councils in the State shall have concurrent jurisdiction over the territory included in the boundaries of the State of Colorado.

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SECTION 2. • PERSONAL AND PENAL JURISDICTION. A Council shall have personal jurisdiction over its members, its unfinished material, and its elected petitioners for the degrees, wherever residing; and it shall have penal jurisdiction over any Cryptic Mason residing or sojourning within its territorial jurisdiction with the approval of the Grand Master.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

SECTION 1 - ANNUAL ELECTION. The Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, Principal Conductor of the Work, Treasurer,

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and Recorder, of each Council, shall be elected annually, at the first stated assembly in June provided such assembly is held no later than June 14th, in which latter event such officers shall be elected at the last stated assembly in May; and all other officers of the Council shall then be chosen as each Council may provide in its by-laws: Membership in a Council is necessary to constitute eligibility to any office in such Council provided, that any Select Master in good standing may be appointed Sentinel. The method of voting for officers shall be by the use of written ballots, and a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. No one shall solicit votes for any office for himself or for another: no nomination for any office shall be made, and no officer shall be elected by motion or resolution.

S E C T I O N 2. - INSTALLATION. All officers of a Council of Cryptic Masons, elected or appointed shall be installed in person in open assembly at which the annual election of officers is held or at a Stated or Special Assembly of the Council, or at a ceremony open to Council members and their invited or non-Masonic guests at the option of the elected Thrice Illustrious Master of the Council, as soon as practicable after the Annual Election, but not later than June 30th, unless by special dispensation of the Most Illustrious Grand Master. They shall perform the duties of

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their respective offices until their successors are elected or appointed and installed. The installation ceremony shall be in conformity with the guidelines prescribed by the Custodians of the Work, and none but a Past Thrice Illustrious Master shall be qualified to install the officers of a Council.

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S E C T I O N 3. - VACANCIES. In the event of temporary absence, disability, removal, or mental or physical incapacity of the Thrice Illustrious Master, the Deputy Master shall act as Thrice Illustrious Master. In case of like disability of both Thrice Illustrious Master and Deputy Master, the Principal Conductor of the Work shall act. In

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case of the death, permanent removal from the Jurisdiction precluding the performance of the duties of his office, or the permanent mental or physical disability of the Thrice Illustrious, the Deputy Master shall succeed to the office and be installed. In case of like disability of the Deputy Master or his advancement as above provided, the Principal Conductor of the Work shall succeed to the office and be installed. In case of the like disability of the Principal Conductor of the Work, or his advancement as above provided, the office shall be vacant and the Most Illustrious Grand Master shall issue a dispensation for an election to fill the vacancy and any other that may occur in consequence thereof. In case of like disability of all three officers, a dispensation may be issued for a special election to fill the vacancies and any others which may result there from, pending which the Junior Past Thrice Illustrious Master able to serve shall act as Thrice Illustrious Master.

SECTION 4. - DUTIES OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER. T h e Illustrious Master of a Council shall be responsible to the Grand Council for the government of his Council and for the transactions thereof; and it is his duty to see that the constitution, laws, and regulations of the Grand Council,

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the edicts and orders of the Grand Master, and the by-laws of his own Council, are duly observed.

SECTION 5. - DUTIES OF THE OTHER OFFICERS In the absence of the Illustrious Master from an assembly of his Council, the Deputy Master shall preside over such assembly, and in the absence of both the Illustrious Master and the Deputy Master, the Principal Conductor of the Work shall preside. The duties of all other officers of a Council are such as appropriately attached thereto as set forth at their installation, or such as may be assigned to them by the Council or the Illustrious Master.

ARTICLE VII - TRANSACTIONS

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SECTION 1. - GOVERNMENT OF THE COUNCIL. Every Council shall be governed by the Constitution, laws, and regulations of the Grand Council, and by its own by-laws not inconsistent therewith, and no Council shall do any work or transact any business contrary thereto, except by authority of the Grand Master, through his special dispensation issued in case of emergency.

SECTION 2. - BY-LAWS. Every Council shall have the right to amend its by-laws in the manner provided, that no such amendment shall become effective until approved by the Grand Master. A Council shall not suspend its by-laws, or any of them, or adopt a motion or resolution nullifying, waiving or diminishing the effect of, any of its by-laws.

SECTION 3. - SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS. A request from a Council to the Grand Master for a special dispensation shall set forth fully the emergency, and shall be accomplished by a fee of five dollars.

SECTION 4. - PLACE OF MEETING. Every Council shall have a regular place of meeting, in a building and hall designated as such by action of the Council and approved

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by the Grand Master; and no assembly of such Council shall be held elsewhere unless approved by the Grand Master, provided that any Council in this Grand Jurisdiction may take its charter into a lodge hall or Asylum within this jurisdiction for the purpose of receiving and balloting on petitions and to confer the Cryptic Degrees upon such elected petitioner.

SECTION 5. - STATED ASSEMBLIES. Except as otherwise authorized or permitted by the laws of the Grand Council, all the business of each Council shall be transacted at its stated assemblies, which shall be held at the times specified in its by-laws, and while the Council is opened on the Royal Master Degree, Select Master Degree, or Super Excellent Master Degree as appropriate as determined by the Thrice Illustrious Master of the Council. (Rev. Sept. 6, 2003)

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SECTION 5A. - STATED ASSEMBLIES . Council business may be conducted in conjunction with a convocation of a regular Chapter of Colorado Royal Arch Masons or conclave of a regular Colorado Commandery of Knight Templar, or both, following application to and approval of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and following application to and approval of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knight Templar of similar applications of their regular constituent bodies. For such combined sessions it is necessary that one body be opened by its officers in form, after which the presiding head or heads of the other body or bodies after taking positions on the podium may declare their respective bodies open. Under no circumstances except by the prerogatives of the three Grand bodies, may a constituent body be opened or closed by declaration. The participating Bodies, whether Chapter, Council or Commandery; Chapter and Commandery; Council and Commandery, must alternate in the openings and closing in form.

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SECTION 6. - SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES. Special assemblies of a Council may be called by the Illustrious Master for the purpose of conferring degrees; for installing officers of the Council; for performing deeds of charity; for receiving a visit from an officer of the Grand Council; for receiving or imparting Masonic instruction; or for transaction of any special business permitted by dispensation of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

SECTION 7. - CONSTITUTIONAL NUMBER.A Council shall not be opened, nor shall any business be transacted therein, unless there be present nine or more Select Masters, at least five of whom shall be members of such Council, and at least one of whom shall be its Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, or Principal Conductor of the Work: provided, that a Council may be opened and degrees may be conferred therein if there be present nine or more Companions who have received the degree in which the

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work is to be done, including at least one of the three principal officers of such Council.

SECTION 8. - VOTING. Except as otherwise provided by these laws or the by-laws of the Council, all questions coming before a Council shall be decided by a majority vote of the members of such Council present and voting.

SECTION 9. - FUNDS. A Council shall not appropriate or donate any of its funds for any other than strictly Masonic purposes. No Council shall at any time dispose of its general funds, or any part thereof, by the general distribution among its members.

SECTION 10. - PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS. In all its discussions or debates, in a Council, personal reflections and all allusions to political or sectarian topics are strictly prohibited. A Council, as such, shall not present a petition to the civil authorities, or take part in municipal, state, or national affairs, nor shall any Cryptic Mason do so in an

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official Masonic capacity. The circulating in any Council, or in the rooms adjacent to where a Council is being held of any petition concerning any matter not strictly Masonic, is prohibited. No Council shall sponsor or endorse any organization not strictly Masonic. No Council shall appear in public procession, without the permission of the Grand Master; nor shall it conduct or engage in any entertainment or form of amusement for profit, or for which a charge is made; nor shall it endorse any public entertainment for the purpose of influencing public patronage. No Council shall issue, or officially endorse, any letter or document to any person or organization, to be used for business or begging purposes, nor in writing or otherwise solicit pecuniary assistance from any Mason or Masonic organization, or from the general public, nor entertain begging letters from any source, unless authorized to do so by the Grand Council or Grand Master.

SECTION 11. - VISITORS. No visitor shall be admitted to a Council until his Masonic qualifications have been

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ascertained by due examination or lawful information. The examination of a visitor shall be made by two competent Select Masters appointed for that purpose by the Illustrious Master.

SECTION 12. - OBJECTION TO VISITOR. No visitor shall be admitted to any Council, if a member of such Council who is present, objects either privately or in open Council to the Illustrious Master; but such objection shall not extend beyond the assembly at which it is made, and it shall not be recorded; provided that no such objection shall be valid against an officer of the Grand Council visiting in an official capacity, nor against a Select Master in good standing who is acting as counsel for a Companion on trial.

Article VIII - Membership

SECTION 1. - IN COUNCIL. It shall be the duty of every

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Select Master to be a member of some Council. Any Select Master who shall have withdrawn from membership in some Council, shall be a voluntary non-affiliated Select Master; and shall not be permitted to visit any Council in this jurisdiction, except for the purpose of qualifying himself to petition for membership therein; nor shall he be entitled to any of the rights and benefits of Cryptic Masonry.

SECTION 2. - DUAL MEMBERSHIP. In Councils in Colorado, a Council Companion domiciled in Colorado, who belongs to a Council within this Grand Jurisdiction with which this Grand Council is in fraternal relations, and which Grand Council permits dual membership may continue that membership and also become a Companion of a Council in this Grand Jurisdiction. He shall have visited the Council before presenting his petition for membership shall be accompanied by a certificate showing that he is a member in good standing from the Council in which he already has membership shall be by a written petition for affiliation. A Council Companion becoming a dual member of a Council in this Grand Jurisdiction shall have all other rights, benefits and obligations of any other Companion. The

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Council shall count him as a regular Companion on its rolls. He shall pay the same dues or contributions as it pays for other Companions to the Grand Council. He shall be eligible to hold a dais office in only one Council in Colorado at one time.

SECTION 3. - PLURAL MEMBERSHIP. A member Of a Colorado Council who is in good standing may be admitted to plural membership in any Council in this Grand jurisdiction . The petition must be accompanied by documentation from the Council of which the petitioner is a member. He shall have all the rights, benefits and obligations of membership as any other companion but he shall be eligible to hold a dais office in only one council in Colorado at the same time. He shall be exempt from the payments of such amounts as the council is required to

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pay the Grand Council as dues in the subsequent council of membership.

SECTION 4 - IN LODGE AND CHAPTER. Membership in a Council shall be dependent upon, and co-existent with, membership in a regular Lodge of Master Masons, and membership in a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. The suspension or expulsion from, or the reinstatement to, membership in a Lodge or Chapter, of a member of Council, shall automatically have the same effect upon his membership in the Council.

SECTION 5. - NON AFFILIATION IN LODGE OR CHAPTER. Any Select Master who shall have withdrawn from membership in a Lodge of Master Masons or a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and who for twelve consecutive months thereafter shall have failed to petition for membership in some Lodge or Chapter, shall be considered a voluntary non-affiliated Master Mason or Royal Arch Mason, and shall be thereby subject to suspension from membership in his Council. The Illustrious Master of a Council shall investigate the status of the member and upon verification that the member is no longer a member of a Lodge of Mater Masons and is no longer a

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member of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, then the Illustrious Master shall report the fact to the Council and declare him suspended from membership in the Council. Should such suspended member subsequently furnish the Illustrious Master with satisfactory evidence that he has become affiliated Master Mason or Royal Arch Mason, the Illustrious Master shall report the fact to the Council and declare him reinstated to membership in the Council.

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SECTION 6. - WITHDRAWAL FROM MEMBERSHIP. Any member of a Council other than an installed officer, may, upon proper application and by complying with these laws, withdraw from membership in such Council. Such

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application shall be in writing, signed by the member, shall be presented to the Council at a stated assembly, and shall be laid over for action until at least the next stated assembly, when, if the dues of the member shall have been paid or remitted to the date when his application was presented to the Council, and if he is not otherwise indebted to the Council; and if no charges are pending against him in the Council, and none are known to be pending against him in a Lodge of Master Masons or a Chapter of a Royal Arch Masons; and if no objections are offered; the application shall be granted, by order of the Illustrious Master, without vote of the Council; the fact shall be entered of record; and the membership of such application in such Council shall thereupon terminate; and the Recorder shall issue to him a certificate to that effect, which certificate shall be termed a dimit. No objection to the granting of a dimit shall be entertained unless the objector shall prefer charges against the applicant, or give notice that he will do so at the next stated assembly of the Council, at which time if no charges shall have been preferred the dimit shall be granted.

SECTION 7. - ANNUAL D UES. Each Council shall designate in its by-laws the amount to be paid annually by each of its members as dues to such Council; and it shall not assess its members beyond such amount. Dues begin

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to accrue from the date membership is acquired in a Council; and in the absence of exemption by the provisions of the by-laws, or remission by action of the Council, continue until membership shall have been terminated. Dues to a Council are payable at the time provided therefore by its by-laws, and become in arrears one day after the date thus fixed for the payment thereof.

SECTION 8. - REMISSION OF DUES. The accrued dues of any member of a Council may be remitted in whole or in part, for good cause, by a majority vote of the members of such Council, present and voting at any stated assembly of the Council.

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SECTION 9. - NON-PAYMENT OF DUES. Whenever the dues of a member of a Council shall be in arrears for one year, the recorder shall notify him of such delinquency, by mail, in a sealed envelope addressed to his last known place of residence. Should the delinquent fail to pay the amount of arrears within twenty days after the issuance of such notice the Recorder shall notify the Illustrious Master of such failure, who shall at the next stated assembly order the Recorder to serve such notice on the delinquent to appear at a designated subsequent stated assembly and show cause why he should not be suspended for the non-payment of dues. The Recorder shall serve such notice to appear by delivering or causing to be delivered to the delinquent, a copy thereof at least ten days before the next stated assembly at which the delinquent is required to appear; or by sending such copy of notice to appear, by registered mail, to the last known place of residence of the delinquent at least twenty days before the date on which he is required to appear. If at the assembly designated in the notice the dues of the delinquent have not been paid, or remitted for good cause, or the time of payment thereof extended by vote of the Council, the Illustrious Master, upon proof of service of notice and the fact of indebtedness as shown by the books of the Recorder, shall put the question: "Shall Companion____ be suspended from membership in this Council for the non-payment of dues?", which shall be determined by written ballot and if a majority of the members of the Council present vote "Yes,"

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such Companion shall be thereby suspended from membership; but if a majority of the members present vote "No," no further action shall be taken in the Case for a period of one year thereafter the no vote shall be considered the dues being remitted.

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SECTION 10. - REINSTATEMENT. A Companion suspended for the non-payment of dues shall be reinstated to membership in the Council by the payment within two

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years after his suspension of all arrearage of dues up to date of his suspension; or the Council may, by a majority vote of the members present at any stated assembly, remit the whole or any part of the arrearage, and thereby reinstate him. If a Companion shall remain suspended from membership for more than two years, for the non-payment of dues, he can be reinstated to membership only by a majority vote of the members present at a stated assembly after he has paid all dues he owed to the Council at the time of his suspension, and has made proper application in writing; provided that the Council may by a majority vote of the members present at any stated assembly, remit part or all of such dues, and then consider his application for reinstatement.

ARTICLE IX - PETITIONS

SECTION 1. - PETITIONS FOR DEGREES OR MEMBERSHIP. A petition for the degrees or for membership shall be received by a Council only at a stated assembly, unless otherwise permitted by a special dispensation of the Grand Master. Such petition shall be signed by the petitioner with his name in full; shall be recommended by two members of the Council to which the petition is presented; and shall be accompanied by the fee required by the by-laws of such Council. If it be a petition for membership it shall be accompanied by a dimit from the Council of which the petitioner was formerly a member, or by a certificate that he is a member in good standing of a regular Council. Provided that petitioner for the degrees of Royal and

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Select Master may present such petition at the same time he petitions for the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry, and that the degrees shall not be conferred until after such petitioner shall have received the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry.

SECTION 2. - QUALIFICATIONS OF PETITIONERS. No petition for the degrees or for membership shall be received by a

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Council unless the petitioner is at the time a member in good standing of a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; has complied with all laws, edicts and decrees of the Grand Chapter under whose jurisdiction he claims membership.

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SECTION 2a. - QUALIFICATIONS OF PETITIONERS. Any Colorado Mason petitioning for the degrees of Cryptic Masonry must have been declared proficient, in the third degree, by his symbolic lodge.

SECTION 3. - PETITION FOR DEGREES. A petition for the degrees of Cryptic Masonry shall be for the degrees of Royal Master, Select Master and Super-Excellent Master; and one ballot shall elect to all three degrees, A petition for the degrees shall not be received by a Council unless the petitioner shall have within the territorial jurisdiction of such Council resided at least six months immediately preceding the reception of the petition; provided, that such a petition may be received from one who resides within the jurisdiction of another Council, for the purpose of applying for and obtaining a waiver of jurisdiction over the petitioner. A petition for the degrees shall not be received by a Council from one who shall have been previously rejected by any Council until at least six months after the date of such rejection.

SECTION 4. - PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP. A Select Master may petition any Council in this jurisdiction for membership by affiliation, regardless of his residence; but a Council shall not receive such a petition from one who

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has not visited such Council, except from a former member of that Council. When a petitioner for membership by affiliation shall have been rejected by a Council, he may petition that or any other Council for membership at any time thereafter.

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SECTION 5. - CONDITIONAL ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP.

Any Select Master, otherwise qualified, who is a member of a regular and duly constituted Council, may present his petition for membership by affiliation to a Council of which he is not a member; and in lieu of a dimit, may accompany the petition with a certificate of membership issued under seal by the Council of which he is a member; and such petition shall then take the usual course provided for a petition for membership in these laws. If the result of the ballot upon such petition should be favorable to the petitioner, he shall become a member of the Council he petitioned for membership only by filing with its recorder, within ninety days after the ballot, a dimit from his former council, which shall be entered in the minutes. The petitioner shall become a member of the Council, which thus elected him conditionally, as of the date the dimit was filed; but if the petitioner shall fail to file such a dimit within the time prescribed his conditional election shall become null and void.

SECTION 6. - OBJECTION TO PETITION.

Any member of a Council to which a petition for the degrees or for membership is presented has the right, before a ballot is spread, to object, either orally or in writing, to the reception of the petition, in which event the petition shall be returned to the petitioner, without further action on the part of the Council, and the fact of the objection shall be entered in the minutes, without the name of the objector appearing. If the objection be to a petition for the degrees, the petitioner shall not be permitted to petition again for the degrees to such Council within six months after such action. If the objection be to a petition for membership, the petitioner may present another petition for membership to the Council in which the objection was made, or to any other

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Council, at any stated assembly held after the objection was made.

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SECTION 7. - RECEIVING A PETITION.When a petition for the degrees or for membership is presented to a Council, if no objection is offered, it shall be received; and a ballot spread at the proper time: the fee accompanying the petition shall be turned into the funds of the Council; and the petition shall not thereafter be withdrawn, but shall be balloted on except as hereinafter otherwise provided.

SECTION 8. - FAILURE OF CANDIDATE TO APPEAR. If an elected candidate shall fail to present himself to receive the Royal Master degree within twelve months after he shall have been notified to appear for that purpose, his election shall be void and his fee shall be forfeited; provided, that if such candidate shall make a satisfactory excuse to the Council for his failure to appear he may regularly petition again without repayment of the fee; and, provided, further, that if such candidate shall have permanently removed from the jurisdiction of such Council, the Council may waive the forfeiture and return his fee.

SECTION 9. - BALLOTING. No balloting shall be taken upon a petition for the degrees or for membership except at a stated assembly of the Council, unless by special dispensation of the Grand Master. In balloting on such petitions all members of the Council present shall vote. Unless the ballot is unanimous in favor of the petitioner he shall be declared rejected.

SECTION 10. - SECRET BALLOT. The ballot shall be free and secret, and no member shall divulge the nature of his vote. There shall be no discussion at any time of the result of any ballot on any petition for the degrees or for membership.

SECTION 11. - OBJECTION TO CANDIDATE. Any member of a Council shall have the right to object to the conferring

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of the degrees upon an elected candidate of such Council;
and, provided the Royal Master degree has not been

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conferred upon such candidate, such objection shall have the same effect as a rejection by ballot. Such objection may be made privately to the Illustrious Master, in which case the name of the objector shall not be divulged; or it may be made in open Council, in which latter case the name of the objector shall not appear in the minutes in connection with the record of the objection.

SECTION 12. - OBJECTION TO ADVANCEMENT. Any member of a Council shall have the right to object to the advancement of a Royal Master or a Select Master who is the material of such Council; in which event the Council shall, at some subsequent stated or special assembly, upon at least two weeks notice to the objector, take up and try the sufficiency of the objection. If the Council shall, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at such trial, and voting by written ballot, hold the objection to be sufficient, such candidate shall not be advanced unless the objection shall be withdrawn by the objector, or unless the objector shall cease to be a member of such Council.

Article X - WORK

SECTION 1. - FEES FOR DEGREES. The degrees of Cryptic Masonry shall not be conferred by a Council for fees of a less aggregate sum than fifteen dollars, at least half of which fees shall accompany the petition. No Council shall confer any degree until the required fee there-fore shall have been paid; nor shall any written or verbal promise to pay be accepted in lieu of a fee; nor shall any Council, directly or indirectly, refund such fee or any part thereof.

SECTION 2. - CONFERRING DEGREES BY REQUEST. When a Council shall have elected a candidate to receive the degrees of Cryptic Masonry it may request another Council to confer any one or all of such degrees upon him. A Council may, at the request of another Council, confer any

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one or all of the degrees, upon a candidate of such requesting Council. All requests to confer degrees, either to or from Councils outside of the jurisdiction of this Grand Council shall be made or acted upon only by authority of the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Colorado.

SECTION 3. - FESTIVALS. A festival is considered to be the conferring of York Rite Degrees which includes the Cryptic Council Degrees during a short duration with the purpose of completing all the degrees in one or two degree sessions with multiple candidates from any number of Councils.

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SECTION 3A. - IN-STATE FESTIVALS. A Colorado York Rite Degree Festival, which includes the conferring of the Cryptic Council Degrees, must be authorized by a Special Dispensation and approved by the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

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SECTION 38. - OUT-OF-STATE FESTIVALS. Festivals held in another jurisdiction of which Colorado Grand York Rite is in fraternal relations with, which includes the conferring of the Colorado or other jurisdictional Cryptic Council Degree in which Colorado Companions will be receiving the degrees, may be authorized by the Most Illustrious Grand Master. These out-of-state festivals would include the Great Plains Rendezvous. The conferral of the Cryptic Council Degrees by another jurisdiction will be considered an approved Cryptic Council Degree by this jurisdiction for Colorado Companions receiving such degrees.

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Article XI - TRIALS

SECTION 1 - GENERAL. As Symbolic Masonry is the foundation upon which Cryptic Masonry rests, every

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breach of the general Masonic law is a violation of the duty of a Cryptic Mason, but at the same time a Council has no control over the relations of a Mason to his Lodge, his Chapter, or his Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter. Every violation of the special obligations and laws of Cryptic Masonry is an offense for which one is answerable to the Council alone. A Royal Master or a Select Master, therefore, may be proceeded against for a trial in the Council for violation of the moral law; or of the general Masonic law if the offense involves moral turpitude, or of the constitution, laws, or regulations of the Grand Council; or of the by-laws of his Council.

SECTION 2. - PROCEDURE IN TRIALS. In the absence of any specific laws of the Grand Council on the subject, the laws of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Colorado upon the subject of "Trials," with such necessary changes in forms and methods as will render them applicable, shall apply to and govern all actions taken by Councils upon charges of unmasonic conduct preferred in such Councils, except as otherwise provided in these laws or the regulations of the Grand Council.

SECTION 3. - CHARGES. Charges may be preferred against one who has been disciplined by a Lodge of Master Masons, or by a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; and upon conviction in the Council a severer penalty may be inflicted than that imposed by the Lodge or Chapter.

ARTICLE XXII - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. - LAWS. These Laws pertaining to the Grand Council or the Councils may be amended in one of two ways:

First, by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Grand Council, or their legally appointed proxies, present and voting at an annual assembly of the Grand Council, after

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the proposed amendment shall have been presented in writing to the Grand Recorder, by a member of the Grand

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Council. All such amendments and resolutions must be in the hands of the Grand Recorder by April 1st and by him mailed to the constituent Councils by April 15th.

S E C O N D , by the unanimous vote of the members of the Grand Council, or their legally appointed proxies, present and voting at an annual assembly of the Grand Council, after the proposed amendment shall have been presented in writing to the Grand Council by a member thereof; and provided further, that changes in any proposed amendment may be made by a three-fourths vote of the members of the Grand Council, or their legally appointed proxies, present and voting at such annual assembly, before voting on such amendment or amendments with such changes, at such assembly.

SECTION 2. - REPEAL All laws or parts of laws, and decisions in conflict with this Constitution and these Law are hereby repealed; provided, that such repeal shall not affect any right accrued under such repealed laws; and, provided, further, that this Constitution and these Laws shall take effect on and be in force from, the twenty-eighth day of January, 1966.