

**THE
CONSTITUTIONS AND GENERAL STATUTES
FOR THE
GOVERNMENT
OF THE
ANCIENT & PRIMITIVE RITE OF FREEMASONRY
IN AND FOR**



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**CONSTITUTION
OF THE
ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE OF FREEMASONRY**

Article I

SEC. 1 - The Illustrious Patriarchs, Sovereign Grand Conservators of the Rite, constituting the Sovereign Sanctuary of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry, in and for, being appointed, and duly convoked by the Most Ill. Sovereign Grand Conservator General, in accordance with the authority vested in him by Letters Patent granted him by the Executive Chiefs of the Rite.

The Sovereign Sanctuary, after careful and deliberate discussion, have ordained and decreed, and by these presents do ordain and decree in the manner following:

GENERAL ORDINANCES AND STATUTES

**FOR THE BETTER DISCIPLINE AND GOVERNMENT OF ALL DULY
CONSTITUTED
BODIES PRACTICING ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE
FREEMASONRY, ACCORDING TO THE VENERATED TRADITIONS
OF THE ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE, ON**

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The Sovereign Sanctuary in and for, has absolute control over all subordinate bodies of the Rite as guaranteed by this Constitution.

OF WHOM COMPOSED

The Sovereign Sanctuary is composed of the following Grand Officers General:

1. The Most Illustrious Sovereign Grand Conservator General,
2. The Illustrious Sublime Grand Administrator,
3. The Illustrious Grand Chancellor,
4. The Illustrious Grand Expert,
5. The Illustrious Grand Secretary General,
6. The Illustrious Grand Treasurer,
7. The Illustrious Grand Representative,
8. The Illustrious Grand Inspector General,
9. The Illustrious Grand Keeper of the Golden Book,
10. The Illustrious Grand Examiner,
11. The Illustrious Grand Master of Ceremonies,
12. The Illustrious Grand Keeper of the Sanctuary.

The ten Deputy Grand Officers, and all Grand Representatives, also the two first officers of all Mystic Temples, and all Ill.:Brothers in possession of the 95th Degree, and duly registered as such.

DUTIES OF GRAND OFFICERS

SEC. 2 - THE MOST III. SOVEREIGN GRAND CONSERVATOR GENERAL must be regarded as the fountain of authority governing the Ancient and Primitive Rite, and by virtue of his sanction are bodies empowered to practice and observe the Ritual of the Ancient and Primitive Rite in a proper and legitimate manner.

He will preside at all convocations of the Sovereign Sanctuary, and shall be entitled, in recognition of his dignity, to the seat of honour, when present, at every Orient beneath his jurisdiction.

It is his prerogative to grant dispensations for the formation of Mystic Temples, and Sublime Councils, Senates and Chapters of Rose Croix, in any State or Territory where no Mystic Temple exists, which he will establish, or cause to be established, after receipt of a petition couched in appropriate language, and emanating from an adequate number of Masons, to insure a correct formation of the body petitioned for.

He shall, moreover, possess authority for conferring the various Degrees of the Rite, from the 4th to the 95th Degree, inclusive. Nevertheless, he is privileged to delegate the authority organically vested in him, for the conferring of those degrees, to any Patriarch of the Rite, which shall only be done by Letters Patent, issued under his hand and the Seal of the Sovereign Sanctuary.



Seal of the Sovereign Sanctuary

He will, moreover, appoint Deputies of each of the Subordinate Grand Officers, his Grand Representatives, and the first officers of such Mystic Temples as may at any time be organized. He is also empowered to fill all vacancies among the Grand Officers, by appointment, for the unexpired term of office.

SEC. 3 - THE Sublime Patriarch GRAND ADMINISTRATOR is the second dignitary of the Sovereign Sanctuary. He shall assume, in the event of the absence or illness of the Most Ill. Sovereign Gr. Conservator General, his duties and prerogatives. At other times he shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Ritual, tending to the propagation and correct advancement and welfare of the Rite.

SEC. 4 - THE PATRIARCH GRAND CHANCELLOR shall countersign and seal with his official seal all documents of a public force emanating from the Sovereign Sanctuary., he shall have supervision over the register wherein are recorded the names, titles, rewards, honours or censures of those brethren of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, who come beneath the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Sanctuary.

SEC. 5 - THE PATRIARCH, GRAND EXPERT It shall be his duty to preserve a constant scrutiny over the workings of the bodies owing allegiance to the Sovereign Sanctuary, so that its primitive harmony be preserved, its venerable traditions respected, and its distinctive landmarks conserved against inroads and encroachments. It shall, moreover, be the duty of this dignitary to present the claims, petitions and congratulations of such Masonic Bodies as may desire to establish fraternal intercourse with the Sovereign Sanctuary, or of such subordinate bodies as may seek official intercourse with the Patriarchs of the Rite.

SEC. 6 - THE PATRIARCH, GRAND SECRETARY GENERAL, shall have charge of the correspondence of the Ancient and Primitive Rite of Memphis, official and particular; a correct copy of which he shall cause to be registered upon the Archives of the Sovereign Sanctuary, whose record it shall be his province to guard and preserve. All official documents must be attested by the signature of the Grand Secretary General, otherwise they are to be deemed void and of no effect; and to him officially must be addressed all communications and documents touching the Sovereign Sanctuary or the general welfare of the Rite; he shall, furthermore, act as the cashier of the Sanctuary receiving all monies, which he shall pay over to the Grand Treasurer General.



Seal of the Grand Secretary General

SEC. 7 - THE PATRIARCH GRAND TREASURER shall render to the Sovereign Sanctuary, at its regular convocation, a full and complete report of its financial condition, exhibiting receipts and expenditures, with vouchers, as to disbursements, and statements as to the revenue; and no monies shall be paid out except on the written order of the Most Ill. Sovereign Grand Conservator General, countersigned by the Grand Secretary Gen. and the Grand Chancellor.

SEC. 8 - THE PATRIARCH GRAND REPRESENTATIVE It shall be his duty to represent the Most Ill. Sovereign Grand Conservator General, when called upon by him to do so. He shall assist him, if necessary, in the discharge of the duties of his office, and shall at all times hold himself subject to the commands of his superior, under whose immediate supervision he shall be.

SEC. 9 - THE PATRIARCH, GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL *is* charged with the supervision of the Rituals, emanating from the Sovereign Sanctuary, that they may contain true and faithful reproductions of our Ancient and Primitive Ceremonial, Charges and Lectures, uncorrupted by errors, misrepresentations, or interpolations.

SEC. 10 - THE PATRIARCH GRAND KEEPER OF THE GOLDEN BOOK shall have in his charge the *Golden Book of the Mysteries*. The divine maxims and precepts therein inculcated he shall expound to the brethren, from time to time, as emergencies may require. In the event of a convocation of the Sovereign Sanctuary, he shall act as Hierophant (or chaplain). He is also charged with the inspection of the insignia of all subordinate bodies.

SEC. 11 - THE PATRIARCH, GRAND EXAMINER It shall be his duty to audit the accounts of the Gr. Secretary Gen. and Grand Treasurer; he shall, moreover, examine the Letters Patent and other documents presented by visiting Patriarchs and others, coming from beyond the jurisdiction of this Sanctuary.

SEC. 12 - THE PATRIARCH, GRAND MASTER OF CEREMONIES, is the expounder of the Ritual of the Rite, and shall confer the several degrees and lectures when requested so to do by subordinate bodies.

SEC. 13 - THE PATRIARCH, GRAND KEEPER OF THE SANCTUARY, shall have charge of the Peristyle of the Sanctuary, which he shall see guarded against the curious and profane. He shall, moreover, have custody of the insignia and paraphernalia of the Sovereign Sanctuary, which he shall see preserved in constant readiness and repair, so that they may be used as required by the ordinary or extraordinary convocation of the Sovereign Sanctuary. He shall furthermore be charged with the direction and marshalling of all processions of the A. and P. Rite of Memphis, at which the Sovereign Sanctuary officiates.

SEC. 14 - THE PATRIARCHS GRAND REPRESENTATIVES shall exercise the powers and prerogatives of Grand Masters of Light, until such time as a duly organized and instituted Mystic Temple is established within his jurisdiction.

SEC. 15 - No Deputy Grand Officer can supersede any elective or appointed Grand Officer.

SEC. 16 - No member of the Sovereign Sanctuary 95TH Degree, is entitled to a vote, on Election, or any question brought before the Sovereign Sanctuary, except he be a contributing member of some subordinate body of the Rite. Exceptions being made to those who reside where no subordinate body exists.

SEC. 17 - Any Officer of the Sovereign Sanctuary may be deposed by the Most Ill. Sovereign Grand Master General for a continued neglect of his duties.

CONVOICATIONS

SEC. 18 - There shall be one regular triennial convocation of the Sovereign Sanctuary on the fourth Monday of June (Summer solstice), for the election of officers and dispatch of business, due notice of which must be issued at least twenty days previous, to each and every member, by the Grand Secretary General.

The yearly convocation shall be held on the fourth Monday in March (Vernal Equinox), for the dispatch of business, notice of which shall be issued by the Grand Secretary General twenty days previous.

Special convocations may be called by the Most Ill. Sovereign Grand Conservator General, at such time and place as he may designate, of which due notice shall be given by the Grand Secretary General.

QUORUM

At all stated convocations eleven members shall constitute a quorum, three of whom must be Grand Officers.

ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

SEC. 19 - In event of the death or resignation of the Most Ill. Sovereign Grand Conservator General, the Grand Administrator shall cause the Grand Secretary General to issue special notices to each and every Sovereign Patriarch, 95th Degree, calling an election to fill the vacancy, at the next regular convocation, from among the actual officers of the Sanctuary, and the officer receiving a majority of all the votes shall be declared elected for the term of three years; when there shall be another election. The Ill. Grand Administrator General shall assume the prerogatives of Most Ill. Sovereign Grand Conservator Gen. ad *interim*; and in case of death or inability of the Grand Administrator, the next in office shall assume his duties, and so in succession; and the following five officers shall also be elected triennially by ballot, and must receive a majority of all the votes, viz. : Grand Administrator, Grand Chancellor, Grand Expert, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, and the remaining officers shall be appointed by the Most Ill. Sovereign Grand Conservator General, and immediately assume the duties of their offices.

INSTALLATIONS

Installation of officers of all bodies of the Rite shall be held either in private, as soon after election as practicable.

Article II

REVENUE OF THE SOVEREIGN SANCTUARY

SEC. 1 - The Revenue of the Sovereign Sanctuary shall be derived from the following sources, to wit: For all dispensations, charters or warrants, granted to Mystic Temples.

And for all dispensations, charters or warrants for Sublime Councils, 90th; Senates, 43rd Degree; and Chapters of Rose+Croix, 18th Degree.

Also, for all Rituals granted to the before mentioned bodies in any State or Territory where no Mystic Temple exists, from assessments and fees from all bodies working under its jurisdiction, and from all Degrees conferred by the Representatives of the Sovereign Grand Conservator General.

SEC. 2 - All charters for Mystic Temples and for all Sublime Councils, Senates, and Chapters of Rose+Croix, where no Mystic Temple exists, as well as blank charters, diplomas, certificates, and rituals, must emanate from the Sovereign Sanctuary, with the necessary seals thereunto affixed.

- Charter and full Rituals for a Mystic Temple.....
- Charter and Rituals for a Sub. Council, S. M. O. T. G. W., 90th Degree
- Blank Charter and Rituals for a Sub. Council, 90th furnished to a Mystic Temple.....
- Charter and Rituals for a Senate, 43rd Degree
- Blank Charter and Rituals for a Senate, 43rd Degree, furnished to a Mystic Temple....
- Charter and Rituals for a Chapter of Rose+Croix, 18th Degree.....
- Blank Charter and Rituals for a Chapter of Rose+Croix, furnished to a Mystic Temple...
- Letters Patent for 95th Degree, Grand Conservator of the Rite.....
- Letters Patent for 94th Degree Sub. P. of Memphis.....
- Letters Patent for 91st Degree, Grand Defender of the Rite
- Letters Patent for 90th Degree, Sub. Masters of the G. W.
- Diplomas for the Senate, 43rd Degree
- Diplomas for the Chapter of Rose+Croix, 18th Degree.....
- Letters Patent or blank Diplomas of Sub. Councils, Senates, and Rose+Croix Chapters, may be furnished Mystic Temples.....

FEES FOR CONFERRING DEGREES

SEC. 3 - The fee for conferring the Degrees of the Ancient and Primitive Rite shall be (unless conferred for merit):

For Patriarch Grand Conservator of the Rite, 95th Degree.....

For 94th, 93rd, 92nd and 91st Degrees.....

In a Sub. Council, 90th degree, for Sub. Master of the Great Work.....

In a Senate, 43rd Degree, of Hermetic Philosophers

In a Chapter of Rose + Croix, 18th Degree, for Knights of the Rose Croix.....

These are the minimum fees; but any subordinate body may increase the amount of its fees for degrees, if in their judgment they deem it for the interest of their body, and the general good of the Rite.

The 91st Degree, Grand Defender of the Rite, is conferred gratuitously upon any Sir Knight who has been duly elected as Second Mystagogue of a Sublime Council, or as Orator of Council, on proper notification to the Mystic Temple, and the necessary authorization being granted by the Sovereign Sanctuary.

The 92nd Degree, Sublime Prince of Memphis, Grand Catechist of the Order is also conferred gratuitously upon any Ill. Brother who has been duly elected as Sublime Dai, or First Mystagogue, of a Sublime Council, on proper notification to the Mystic Temple, and the necessary authorization being granted by the Sovereign Sanctuary.

DUES TO THE SOVEREIGN SANCTUARY

SEC. 4 - Each Mystic Temple shall pay into the Treasury of the Sovereign Sanctuary for each Neophyte made within its jurisdiction the following assessment:

In a Chapter of Rose+Croix

In a Senate of Hermetic Philosophers

In a Sublime Council of Sublime Masters of the Great Work

For conferring the 91st to the 94th Degrees by authorization.

Every subordinate body shall be accountable to the Mystic Temple, 90th Degree, of its jurisdiction, for the assessment of each member embraced in its returns (or to the Sovereign Sanctuary, if no Mystic Temple exists in the jurisdiction where such subordinate is established); and each Mystic Temple shall in like manner account to the Sovereign Sanctuary.

Article III

REPRESENTATIVES



Seal of the Grand Representative



Seal of the Deputy Grand Representative

SEC. 1 - There shall be a Grand Representative of the Most Ill. Sovereign Grand Conservator General in every jurisdiction where there exists a Chapter, Senate, Council or Mystic Temple of the Ancient and Primitive Rite; he shall be appointed by the Most Ill. Sovereign Grand Conservator General for his official term.

Deputy Representatives may be appointed by a Grand Representative to assist him in the active portions of his duties, subject to his supervision and direction; such appointment to be approved by the Sovereign Grand Conservator General.

SEC. 2 - Grand Representatives shall vise all returns and reports from the Mystic Temple within their jurisdiction, to the Sovereign Sanctuary They shall exercise a general supervision over the workings of the Rite, and make detailed reports on or before the first day of June in each year, to the Sovereign Sanctuary, of the condition and progress of the work within their jurisdictions.

Article IV

P E N A L T I E S

SEC. 1 - Any Mystic Temple neglecting or refusing to make returns for more than two years, its Charter may be suspended, and it can only be restored by paying all back dues, with an explanation for violating the constitutional statutes and ordinances. And all Sublime Councils, Senates and Chapters of Rose + Croix shall, on such suspension, make returns and payments to the Sovereign Sanctuary, until such suspension is annulled.

Article V

DEGREES CONFERRED

The Ancient and Primitive Rite of Freemasonry develops the principles of Religion, as taught to man in the first ages; and inculcates the practice and duty of paying homage to the Divine Author of our being.

Having for its basis the belief in the existence of a God the immortality of the soul, and man's accountability to him as a rational being.

Requiring from all who enter its portals, the exercise of benevolence, the morals derived from the study of Science and Art; also the practice of the Virtues which adorn humanity, which is the bond that unites mankind, of whatever nation or religious sentiment, in one universal brotherhood.

It is the symbol of the sweet illusion of that hope which teaches Faith in God, who redeemed, and of Charity, which blessed.

The Ancient and Primitive Rite is composed of 92 Degrees of Science; divided for instruction into Four Series or Grades.

1 - The first series, which compose a Chapter R+C, consists of 15 Degrees, from the 4th to the 18th, inclusive, which teach Morality, give an explanation of Symbolism, and encourage the beginners of philosophical research to understand the Mysteries.

2 - The second series, which compose a Senate of Hermetic Philosophers, comprises the 19th to the 43rd Degree, inclusive.

3 - The third series, which compose the Sublime Council of a Mystic Temple, comprises the 44th to the 90th Degree, inclusive.

4 - And the fourth series, which compose the 91st to the 95th and last Degree of Ancient Freemasonry.

Whereas, the Ancient and Primitive Rite, acknowledges the Blue Lodge as the foundation and fundamental basis of the beloved institution, to which the Masonic allegiance of all its members is due, and from which there can be no deviation; therefore, no Mason can be allowed to join the Ancient and Primitive Rite of Freemasonry the Rite of Memphis, unless he is a member of a Lodge in good standing, working under a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

1. Entered Apprentice.
2. Fellow Craft.
3. Master Mason.

The Degrees are:

Section 1 - CHAPTERS OF ROSE + CROIX

- 4 Grado- Maestro Discreto, Ritual
- 5 Grado- Perfecto Maestro Arquitecto, Ritual
- 6 Grado- Secretario Íntimo o Sublime Maestro, Ritual
- 7 Grado- Caballero Intendente de los Edificios, o Maestro de Palestina, Ritual
- 8 Grado- Maestro Preboste y Juez, Ritual
- 9 Grado- Caballero Maestro Electo de los Nueve, Ritual
- 10 Grado- Ilustre Caballero Electo de los Quince, Ritual
- 11 Grado- Sublime Caballero Electo, Ritual
- 12 Grado- Caballero Gran Maestro Arquitecto, Ritual
- 13 Grado- Caballero del Arco Real, Ritual
- 14 Grado- Caballero Gran Electo de la Bóveda Sagrada, Gran Escocés de la Bóveda Sagrada de Jaime VI, Ritual
- 15 Grado- Caballero de la Espada o de Oriente, Ritual
 - 2 Punto Caballero del Oriente de Strasbourg
- 16 Grado- Caballero Príncipe de Jerusalén, Ritual
- 17 Grado- Caballero de Oriente y Occidente, Ritual
- 18 Grado - Caballero Príncipe Rosa Cruz de Kilwinning o de Heredon, Ritual
 - Caballero de la Águila y del Pelicano o Soberano Príncipe R+C, Ritual
 - Caballero Rosa Cruz, Ritual
 - Hermanos de la Rosa Cruz o de los Adeptos, Ritual

Section 2 - SENATE OF HERMETIC PHILOSOPHERS

- 19 Grado - Caballero Gran Pontífice de Jerusalén o Sublime Escocés de la Jerusalén Celeste, Ritual
- 20 Grado - Venerable Gran Maestro de las Logias o Caballero Gran Maestro del Templo de Sabiduría, Ritual
- 21 Grado - Caballero o Patriarca Noaquita o de la Torre, Ritual
- 22 Grado - Caballero del Líbano o Real Hacha, Ritual
- 23 Grado - Caballero Jefe del Tabernáculo, Ritual
- 24 Grado - Caballero del Águila Roja o Príncipe del Tabernáculo, Ritual
- 25 Grado - Caballero de la Serpiente de Airain o de Cobre, Ritual

- 26 Grado - Caballero Trinitario, Príncipe de Misericordia, Ritual
- 27 Grado - Caballero de la Ciudad Santa, Ritual
- 28 Grado - Caballero del Templo, Ritual
- 29 Grado - Caballero San Andrés del Cardo, Ritual
- 30 Grado - Gran Inquisidor, Ritual
- 31 Grado - Sublime Príncipe del Real Misterio, Ritual
- 32 Grado - Caballero Teutónico, Ritual
- 33 Grado - Sublime Cabalero Kadosch, Ritual

- 34 Grado - Caballero de la Escandinava, Ritual
- 35 Grado - Gran Caballero del Templo o Gran Sublime Kador, Ritual
- 36 Grado - Caballero Philaethes o Caballero Sabio de la Verdad, Ritual
- 37 Grado - Caballero Hospitalario, Ritual
- 38 Grado - Caballero del León, Ritual
- 39 Grado - Caballero Comendador de la Estrella, Ritual
- 40 Grado - Caballero de la Triple Cruz, Ritual
- 41 Grado - Caballero del Arco Iris, Ritual (manuscrito)
- 42 Grado - Caballero del Líbano, Ritual
- 43 Grado - Sublime Sabio Filósofo Hermético, Adepto o Aprendiz Filósofo Sublime y Desconocido, Ritual

Section 3 - SUBLIME COUNCIL OF THE MYSTIC TEMPLE

- 44 Grado - Knight of Sweden, or Illuminated Philosopher, Ritual
- 45 Grado - Novicio del Interior, Ritual
- 46 Grado - Caballero del Interior, Ritual
- 47 Grado - Caballero de las Siete Estrellas o Caballero L'Iris, Ritual
- 48 Grado - Caballero Templario Kadosch de la Palestina, Ritual
- 49 Grado - Sublime Sabio de las Pirámides, Ritual
- 50 Grado - Sublime Caballero, Ritual
- 51 Grado - Caballero del Phoenix, Ritual
- 52 Grado - Minero Clave Masónica Grado 1, Ritual
- 53 Grado - Lavador Clave Masónica Grado 2, Ritual
- 54 Grado - Soplador Clave Masónica Grado 3, Ritual
- 55 Grado - Fundidor Clave Masónica Grado 4, Ritual
- 56 Grado - Escudero Novicio, Ritual
- 57 Grado - Caballero Bienhechor de la Ciudad Santa, Ritual
- 58 Grado - Profeso Caballero Bienhechor de la Ciudad Santa, Ritual
- 59 Grado - Gran Profeso Caballero Bienhechor de la Ciudad Santa, Ritual
- 60 Grado - Sublime Guardián de los Tres Fuegos o Patriarca de los Planisferios, Ritual
- 61 Grado - Juez Filósofo Gran Comendador Desconocido, Ritual
- 62 Grado - Sublime Sabio de Eléusis o de Heliópolis, Ritual
- 63 Grado - Caballero de las tres Águilas de Oro o Coronadas, Ritual
- 64 Grado - Sabio Pontífice de Mitras, Ritual
- 65 Grado - Interprete de los Jeroglíficos, o Patriarca de Isis, Ritual
- 66 Grado - Gran Consagrador, Ritual
- 67 Grado - Gran Eulogista, Ritual

- 68 Grado - Caballero de la Cábala, Ritual
- 69 Grado - Sabio Caballero de la Rama Dorada de Eléusis o Patriarca de la Verdad, Ritual
- 70 Grado - Verdadero Masón Adepto, Ritual
- 71 Grado - Caballero de los Argonautas, Ritual
- 72 Grado - Caballero del Vellón Dorado, Ritual
- 73 Grado - Aprendiz Elu Cohen, Ritual
- 74 Grado - Compañero Elu Cohen, Ritual
- 75 Grado - Maestro Elu Cohen, Ritual
- 76 Grado - Grand Arquitecto, Ritual
- 77 Grado - Grand Electo de Zorobabel o Caballero de Oriente, Ritual
- 78 Grado - Comendador de Oriente, Ritual
- 79 Grado - Sublime Filósofo, Ritual
- 80 Grado - Caballero Filósofo, Ritual
- 81 Grado - Caballero del Temple, Ritual
- 82 Grado - Patriarca de Memphis, Sublime Caballero del Triángulo Luminoso, Ritual
- 83 Grado - Novicio de la Estrella del Oriente
- 84 Grado - Profeso de la Estrella del Oriente
- 85 Grado - Sublime Gran Patriarca de la Estrella de Jerusalén
- 86 Grado - Sublime Maestro del Anillo Luminoso
- 87 Grado - Sublime Príncipe de la Masonería, Instrucción
- 88 Grado - Gran Electo de la Sagrada Cortina o Pontífice de la Ciudad Mística, Ritual
- 89 Grado - Comendador de los Astros, Ritual
- 90 Grado - Sublime Maestro de la Gran Obra, Ritual

Section 4 - SOVEREIGN SANCTUARY

- 91 Grado - Filósofo Desconocido, Gran Catequista de la Orden, Ritual
- 92 Grado - Gran Defensor de la Orden, Soberano Príncipe de Memphis, Jefe del Gobierno de la Orden, Ritual
- 93 Grado - Príncipe de Memphis, Grande Regulador General de la Orden, Ritual
- 94 Grado - Príncipe de Memphis, Gran Administrador de la Orden, Ritual
- 95 Grado - Príncipe Patriarca, Gran Conservador General de la Orden, Soberano Príncipe de los Jefes del Santuario de Memphis, Gran y Poderoso Soberano Imperial de la Orden, Ritual

The Sovereign Sanctuary Degrees shall be conferred only by authorization of the Sovereign Sanctuary, or by the Most Ill. Sovereign Grand Conservator General.

Article VI

GRAND CHANCELRY

There shall be within the body of the Sovereign Sanctuary a Grand Chancellery (consisting of the M. Ill. Sovereign Grand Conservator General, the Grand Administrator, the Grand Secretary Gen. and the Grand Inspector General) for the conferring of the decorations, which the Ancient and Primitive Rite of Freemasonry possess, which are as follows:



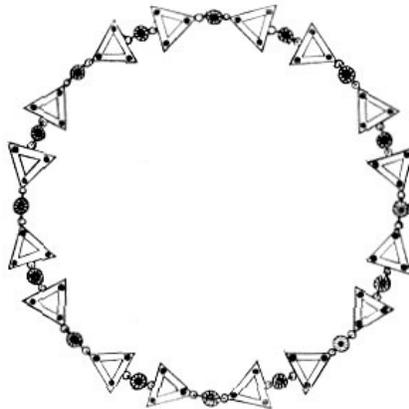
1st The Grand Star of Sirius.



2nd The Decoration of Alidee.



3rd The Decoration of the Grand Commanders of the third series of the Rite.



4th The Decoration of the Lybic Chain.



5th The Decoration of the Golden Branch of Eleusis.

These five decorations are exclusively the reward for merit, and are regulated by the programme, deposited in the Grand Chancellery of the Rite.

The Grand Chancellery has alone the right to give these Masonic Decorations.

Article VII

SEALS

SEC. 1 - The Seal of the Rite and of the Most Ill. Sovereign Grand Conservator General is a Knef, with the Masonic emblems engraved thereon, with the emblem of Osiris and the nine Stars.

SEC. 2 - The Seal of the Grand Administrator is a Delta, enclosing the Mystic Number, surrounded by the nine stars of the Rite, and rays of glory.

SEC. 3 - The Seal of the Grand Chancellor is a Delta, in the centre of which is placed the grand Star of Sirius.

SEC. 4 - The Seal of the Grand Secretary General is a double Delta, interlaced, enclosing three concentric Circles, surrounded by rays of light.

SEC. 5. - The Seal of the Gr. Inspector General is a Delta permeated by rays of light, in the centre of which are the mystic characters.

ARTICLE VIII

INSIGNIA

SEC. 1. - The Most Ill. Sovereign Grand Conservator General wears a scarf of celestial blue, on which is embroidered, in gold, a Knef; the dove, surmounted by nine stars; the double-headed crowned eagle, and the banners of the Rite. The sash shall be gold coloured, with gold fringe, worn around the waist, and tied on the left.

SEC. 2. - The Patriarchs of Memphis, 95th Degree, actual officers of the Sovereign Sanctuary, wear a gold coloured scarf, trimmed with silver, on which is an embroidered Knef, with nine stars in silver, the double-headed crowned eagle, and the banners of the Rite; the sash shall be of celestial blue, with silver fringe, worn around the waist, and tied on the left.

SEC. 3. - The Sublime Patriarchs, 95th Degree, other than officers of the Sovereign Sanctuary, wear a gold coloured scarf, trimmed with silver, on which is an embroidered Knef, with the nine stars in silver, the double-headed crowned eagle, and the banners of the Rite. The sash shall be purple, with silver fringe, worn around the waist, and tied on the left.

SEC. 4. - The Sub. Patriarchs, Princes of Memphis, 94th Degree, wear a purple scarf, trimmed with gold, on which is embroidered a Delta, enclosing the N° 94 ; an eye surrounded with rays, and on each side nine gold stars, in groups of-three. The sash shall be white with gold fringe, worn around the waist, and tied on the left,

SEC. 5. - The Sublime Patriarchs, Grand Defenders of the Rite, 91st Degree, wear a scarf of black, with a white centre, in which are seven stars in gold, with a Delta enclosing an eye, the N° 91, the balance, book, and sword of justice. The sash is the same as in the 94th Degree.

REGALIA

The regalia of the members of the Sovereign Sanctuary, 95th Degree, shall be a black frock-coat and pants. Coat, standing collar, two rows of regulation gold buttons, three times three in front, four on the back, and three small ones on each sleeve. Cuffs trimmed with two rows of gold cord, and gold shoulder straps for officers, with the insignia of their office inserted in silver therein on field of scarlet. Swords with gold scabbards, red handles and gold heads. Belts and crosses, gold and red. The style of hat worn by officers and members shall be the chapeau, with one red and two black feathers, with gold Rose Croix cross and rosette on left side. Fatigue, caps, black, navy style, with gold band and cord, and Rose Croix cross red and gold. Buff gloves. In all subordinate bodies, black frock coat, one row of nine regulation gold buttons, in groups of three in front, four on the back, and three small ones on each sleeve; and black pants.

Sword-belts, swords and white gloves, must be worn in all degrees. A Sir Knight, or even a Patriarch of the Rite, may be refused admittance within any subordinate body of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, unless he presents himself properly clothed in the insignia of his rank.

On special occasions, when so ordered by the Sovereign Grand Conservator General, the members of the Sovereign Sanctuary shall appear in full evening dress, with regalia or jewel of office.

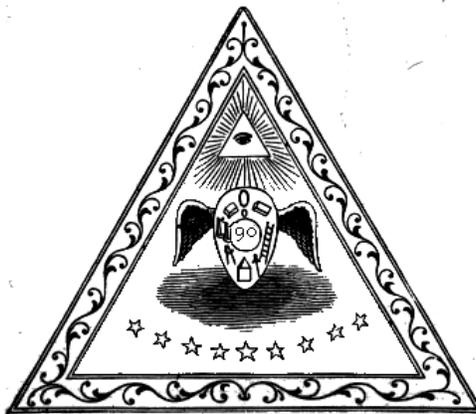
Article IX

JEWELS

The Patriarchs of the Rite, entitled thereto, wear the Decorations of the Cross of Alidee (Truth), the Grand Star of Sirius (Hope), the Golden Branch of Eleusis (Charity), and the Lybic Chain.



The jewel of the Most Illustrious Grand Conservator General



The 90th Degree jewel

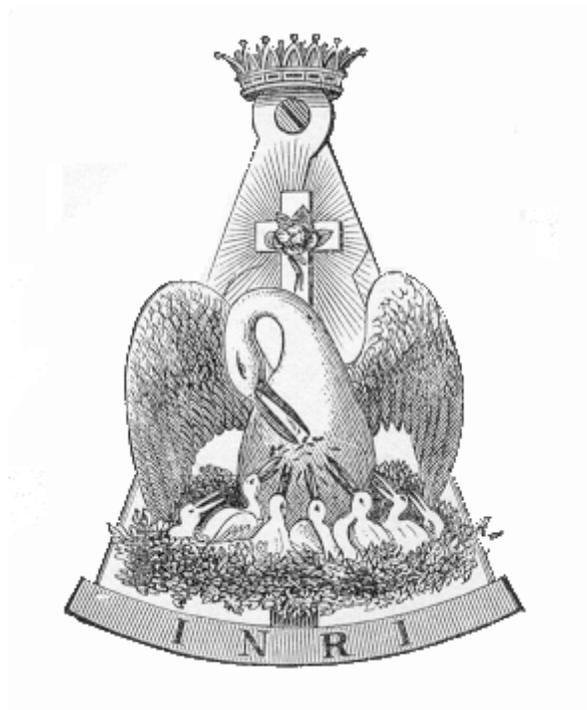
The jewel of the 90th Degree is the winged egg, on which is engraved the Masonic emblems, and is enclosed in a golden Delta.



The 43rd Degree jewel

The jewel of the Twentieth Degree is a double-headed eagle, crowned, and holding a sword, and is placed in the centre of the Hermetic Cross, surrounded by a serpent forming a circle.

In the reverse side is a flamboyant five point star with the letter G in the centre.



The 18th Degree Rose Croix Jewel

The jewel of the Rose Croix is a crowned compass extended to forty-five degrees. Between the branches of the Compass there must be on one side a pelican, on the other an eagle. Between these two emblems rises a cross, on which is a rose.

Article X

HONORS

SEC. 1 - A presiding officer of a Chapter of Rose Croix, Senate of Hermetic Philosophers or Sublime Council, must be received by the battery of the body to which he is a visitor, and the members standing, until he is seated in the Orient.

SEC. 2 - An officer of the Mystic Temple, visiting a subordinate body officially, must be received under the arch of steel, and with the battery.

SEC. 3 - A Grand Master of Light of a Mystic Temple, visiting officially a subordinate body, must be received under the arch of steel, and be conducted to the Orient by two officers of the body.

SEC. 4 - A Grand Representative or Officer of the Sovereign Sanctuary, visiting a subordinate body officially, must be received in the same manner as a Gr. Master of Light.

SEC. 5. - On an official visit, the Most Ill. Sovereign Grand Conservator General must be received under the arch of steel, with gavels beating, and be conducted to the Orient and presented with the gavel.

Article XI

MYSTIC TEMPLE, 90th DEGREE



Seal of the Mystic Temple



Seal of the Grand Annalist

SEC. 1 - In any State or jurisdiction, where there are established six subordinate bodies of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, there may be, by the presiding officers of said bodies petitioning, in due form, a Charter granted by the Sovereign Sanctuary for a Mystic Temple, 90th Degree, for such said State or jurisdiction; said petition to be accompanied by the prescribed fee, and sealed by the proper representative.

Article XII

SEC. 1 - Mystic Temples are legislative bodies, and have authority, under the Sovereign Sanctuary, in their jurisdiction, over all the Degrees, from the 4th to the 90th Degree, inclusive.

SEC. 2 - It is the province of Mystic Temples to explain and develop the dogmatic and moral portion of the Ancient and Primitive Rite of Freemasonry. It has the power to enforce the laws of the Rite for the government of Chapters, Senates and Councils; to dedicate and consecrate their temples, and install their officers; also, to observe that the Statutes and Ordinances of the Rite be properly enforced.

a) In each Jurisdiction there must be only one Mystic Temple, but there can be several Sublime Councils of the 90th degree, being the Mystic Temple considerate a Senior Sublime Council.

SEC. 3. - No member of the Mystic Temple can be deposed unless by action of the Sovereign Sanctuary, which shall act, only upon full and authentic reports of the Mystic Temple.

SEC. 4 - Decisions of the Mystic Temple, only bear authority when they have the seal of the Grand Master of Light and of the Grand Annalist, and have been registered in the great Book of Gold of the Mystic Temple.

SEC. 5 - Each Mystic Temple shall regulate the internal affairs of its jurisdiction, and make such laws for their better government as shall be necessary for the locality in which they may be established; provided, always, such do not conflict with the Statutes and Ordinances of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry. All such laws must be reported to the Sovereign Sanctuary.

SEC. 6 - Each Sublime Council or Mystic Temple shall make an annual report on or before the first day of June, to the Grand Secretary General, of all Degrees conferred in Chapters, Senates and Sublime Councils, within its jurisdiction, accompanied by the Fees, as prescribed by Secs. 2, 3 and 4, Article II, of these Statutes. Such report must be attested by the Gr. Annalist and Gr. Treasurer.

Article XIII

OF GRAND OFFICERS

A Mystic Temple is composed of eleven Grand Officers, who shall hold office for a term of two years, to wit:

1. The Sublime Patriarch, Grand Master of Light.
2. The Sublime Patriarch, Grand Orator (Deputy Grand Master of Light)
3. The Sublime Patriarch, Grand Examiner.
4. The Sublime Patriarch, Grand Keeper of Rites.
5. The Sublime Patriarch, Grand Annalist.
6. The Sublime Patriarch, Grand Treasurer.
7. The Sublime Patriarch, Grand Ceryce.
8. The Sublime Patriarch, Grand Master of Ceremonies.

9. The Sublime Patriarch, Grand Conductor.
10. The Sublime Patriarch, Grand Captain of the Guard.
11. The Sublime Patriarch, Grand Guard of the Council.

ARTICLE XIV

OFFICERS

SEC. 1 - The GRAND MASTER of LIGHT must be regarded as the legislative head of the Mystic Temple, and is entitled to the seat of honour, when present, at every Orient beneath the jurisdiction of his Mystic Temple.

It is his privilege to confer the Degrees from the 4th to the 90th, inclusive, upon a Master Mason in good standing; and he may grant a dispensation to a Chapter, Senate or Council, for the same.

He shall also grant dispensations for the formation of Chapters, Senates, and Sublime Councils, on receipt of a petition, couched in appropriate language, from a constitutional number of Masons within his jurisdiction; blanks for such Dispensation must be obtained from the Sovereign Sanctuary.

He may, moreover, appoint such officers of subordinate bodies as may be organized under dispensation.

He shall also, in the absence of any officer of the Mystic Temple, appoint assistant Grand Officers from among those Patriarchs who possess the 90th Degree, to fill the vacancy for the time being.

It is his prerogative to preside at all Installations and Consecrations.

He shall, moreover, issue his dispensation for the public procession (funerals etc) of any body within the jurisdiction of his Mystic Temple.

SEC. 2. - The GRAND ORATOR is the second officer of the Mystic Temple; in the event of the absence, sickness or death of the Grand Master of Light, he shall assume the duties of his office; at other times he shall perform the duties assigned to his office, by the Ritual of the Rite.

SEC. 3 - THE GRAND EXAMINER is charged with the supervision of the Rituals, Charters, Dispensations and Diplomas, issued by the Sovereign Sanctuary to the Mystic Temple; also to visit officially the subordinate bodies, in order that no irregularities may corrupt the harmony of the work.

SEC. 4 - THE GRAND KEEPER OF RITES shall keep a clear copy of the transactions of the Mystic Temple, for the information of the Grand Representative and the Sovereign Sanctuary, and shall read the balustre at the opening of the Mystic Temple.

SEC. 5 - THE GRAND ANNALIST shall have charge of the correspondence of the Mystic Temple. He shall register all Neophytes and Members of Chapters, Senates, Sublime Councils and Grand Tribunals, returned to him by subordinate bodies, within the jurisdiction of his Mystic Temple, with the particulars thereunto belonging.

He shall receive and safely preserve in the archives of the Mystic Temple all documents appertaining thereto.

He shall attest and seal all Charters, Diplomas, and other Instruments of the Mystic Temple emanating from the Sovereign Sanctuary.

He shall, furthermore, act as cashier of the Mystic Temple, keeping a correct account of all monies due and paid to the Mystic Temple, which he shall pay over to the Grand Treasurer.

He shall attend all meetings of the Mystic Temple, with the necessary books and writings, and transmit to the Sovereign Sanctuary, and to the several Mystic Temples, a certificate of the election of Grand Officers, and of subordinate Officers, authenticated under his hand and seal, and that of the Grand Master of Light.

SEC. 6. - THE GRAND TREASURER shall render an account to the Mystic Temple at its convocations, and a full report of its finances, with vouchers as to receipts; and no monies shall be paid out except by vote of the Mystic Temple, or upon the written order of the Grand Master of Light, countersigned by the Grand Orator and Grand Annalist.

SEC. 7. - THE GRAND CERYCE shall present the claims, petitions and correspondence, of such subordinate bodies as may desire official intercourse with the Mystic Temple.

SEC. 8 - THE GRAND MASTER OF CEREMONIES shall explain and develop those portions of the Ancient and Primitive Rite which relate to initiations and receptions, and enlighten the less instructed brethren in the knowledge of our sublime institution, and impress upon them the importance of propagating Truth, justice, Science, Honor and Wisdom.

SEC. 9 - THE GRAND CONDUCTOR shall introduce visitors to the Mystic Temple, attend to the installations in subordinate bodies, and shall have, moreover, the custody of the banner of the Mystic Temple.

SEC. 10 - THE GRAND GUARD OF THE COUNCIL shall have charge of the inner gate of the Mystic Temple, and of the insignia and paraphernalia thereof, which he shall cause to be in readiness when required, at each and every convocation of the Mystic Temple.

SEC. 11 - THE GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD shall superintend the exercise and drill of the several bodies in the tactics adopted by the Mystic Temple, and officiate as Grand Marshal.

SEC. 12 - MEMBERS OF THE MYSTIC TEMPLE - Every brother of the Jurisdiction where the Mystic Temple sits that possesses at least the 90 Degree.

ARTICLE XV

CONVOICATIONS

SEC. 1 - There shall be held one regular yearly Convocation on the first Monday in June.

SEC. 2 - There shall be a biennial meeting for the election of all the officers of the Mystic Temple (which meeting shall be held on the first Monday of June, of the second year after that upon which the grand officers received their appointments), the elected officers each to serve two years.

SEC. 3 - Quarterly Convocations may be held for the dispatch of any business of the Mystic Temple.

SEC. 4 - Special Convocations may be convened at any time, within the jurisdiction of the Mystic Temple, by the Ill. Patriarch, the Grand Master of Light.

ARTICLE XVI

GRAND DEFENDER OF THE RITE, 91st DEGREE



Seal of the 91st Degree

SEC. 1 - This Council is composed of those officers of subordinate bodies who possess the 91st Degree, to wit, of Second Mystagogues, junior Kt. Interpreters, junior Kt. Wardens, and Orators of Sublime Councils, Senates, and Rose Croix Chapters, and is held within the body of a Mystic Temple, and, when convened by that body, is styled Tribunal of Grand Defenders of the Rite.

SEC. 2 - This Tribunal shall hold one regular annual meeting, when there shall be elected as officers eleven dignitaries for the term of one year, who shall, during that term, be judges of all causes brought before them, and whose titles are

1. Grand Judge of Statutes.
2. Grand Defender.

3. Grand Arbitrator.
4. Grand Orator, "Advocate for Accused."
5. Grand Registrar, "Secretary."
6. Grand Censor, "Treasurer."
7. Grand Overseer.
8. Grand Assistant Overseer.
9. Grand Marshal.
10. Grand Pursuivant.
11. Grand Warden, "Tyler."

SEC. 3 - No one can be elected a member of the Tribunal if he is not in possession of the 91st Degree.

The Grand Tribunal is organically charged with limited supervision of Sublime Councils, 90th Degree; Senates of the 43rd Degree; and Chapters of Rose Croix of the 18th Degree.

It is designed as a judicial Chamber, whose determinations give order and harmonious regularity to all decrees, ordinances, edicts, and legislative acts affecting the government and regulation of the Rite as applied to individuals; consequently it takes cognisance more particularly upon condemnations, suspensions, and abbreviations of personal privilege, by act or resolution of subordinate bodies, working beneath the jurisdiction of the Mystic Temple, under whose immediate auspices the Grand Tribunal is held.

SEC. 4 - When the annual meeting of the Grand Defenders of the Rite is convened, the Grand Registrar (Secretary) shall notify the Grand Annalist of the names and residences of the officers composing the Grand Tribunal, which, after being signed by the Grand Master of Light, and verified by the Grand Representative, shall be transmitted to the Grand Secretary General, who shall cause the same to be filed in the archives of the Sovereign Sanctuary.

SEC. 5 - Whenever any person shall feel aggrieved by any decree, decision or condemnation of any Chapter, Senate or Sublime Council, he shall present a petition of complaint to the Grand Annalist of the Mystic Temple, formally praying for investigation or redress at the hands of the Grand Tribunal. Whereupon the Grand Annalist shall issue his warrant setting forth a narrative of the facts wherein the petition of the appeal is based, directed to the Grand judge and his two associates, or to any other two dignitaries of the Grand Tribunal, directing them to congregate in proper manner and within a reasonable period of time, to hear and determine upon the matter mentioned in the said petition and warrant.

Upon the receipt of said warrant, it shall be the duty of the Grand judge to direct the Grand Tribunal to be convened by notices sent by the Grand Registrar to all dignitaries composing the same, summoning them to meet at as early a day as convenient, not exceeding two months from the date of the Grand Annalist's warrant.

The Grand Registrar shall likewise issue a summons directed to all parties interested in the matter under consideration, commanding their attendance as witnesses, or otherwise, provided a list be furnished to him by the petitioner; but in case of the respondent, when a working body, a general notice read at a regular meeting, shall be deemed all-sufficient for this purpose.

SEC. 6 - The decisions of the Grand Tribunal, when given adverse to any party feeling himself aggrieved, are, however, not final, as an appeal can be taken by petition to the Sovereign Sanctuary of Grand Conservators Generals of the Rite, who shall command all documentary evidence and other writings to be laid before them for revisal and ultimate decision.

Upon the rendition of the determination of the Sovereign Sanctuary, and its registration upon the Archives, should it be in approval of the judgment of the Grand Tribunal, that judgment becomes obligatory upon all members of the Rite, and will be enforced by all the power and authority vested in the officers of the Rite, of whatsoever degree they may be.

SEC. 7 - After the Grand Tribunal is duly opened, the Grand Judge desires the Grand Registrar to call the calendar of cases to be argued; when the Grand Defenders of the Rite Prosecuting Advocate gives a succinct history of each case as it is called off.

As the Grand Registrar calls down the calendar, the parties summoned respond. Either the Grand Orator or some other brother of this Degree who may represent the accused, answers in his behalf, either requesting a hearing or offering a valid excuse for postponement; all such excuses are decided only by the votes of the Grand Judge and his associates.

SEC. 8 - Upon a trial being ordered to proceed, the case is opened by the Grand Defender, who exhibits the declaration against the accused, and gives in all the testimony proposed in its support. The defence is conducted by the Grand Orator or his substitute, who, being plaintiff in error, seeking to a decision, is entitled to the closing speech, in order to answer the arguments of the Grand Defender, who contends to sustain the decision of a subordinate body. All testimony given before the Grand Tribunal must be in writing, and subscribed by the deponent, in the presence of the presiding officer, from whose decision the appeal has been made; and the certificate of such officer is to be attached to each deposition.

After the defence is closed the Grand judge invites all members of the Grand Tribunal to participate in a general, but decorous discussion of the matter before them.

The vote by ballot then takes place in the presence of the assembled Grand Tribunal, and at its close the Grand Overseer declares the result to the Grand judge.

The Grand Registrar reads the record as drawn up by him, to be, when approved, transmitted to the Grand Annalist of the Mystic Temple, for preservation in the archives.

BLANK FORMS OF PROCESS

Sec. 9 - Blank Form of a Petition of Grievance:

To the Illustrious Patriarch Grand Annalist of the Mystic Temple (94th Degree), of the Valley and State of working under the auspices of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Patriarchs, Grand Conservators, 95th Degree of the Ancient and Primitive Rite of Freemasonry the Rite of Memphis, in and for the Jurisdiction of Salutation on all points of the Triangle. Respect to the Order.

The petition of Degree Ancient and Primitive Rite, respectfully showed, that on or about the day of, in the year A.D., your petitioner was a member in good and lawful standing of a regular, working beneath and under the jurisdiction of a Mystic Temple (90th Degree, in and for the Valley and State of), doing allegiance to the Sovereign Sanctuary of

This petitioner further showed, that on or about the day and date aforesaid, the said, at a meeting held in Ancient and Primitive form, in the Valley of, beneath the jurisdiction aforesaid, did entertain and enact a certain resolution, whereby the legitimate rights and privileges of this petitioner, as a Freemason of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, became and were, and still are effected, to the detriment of the Rite in general; inasmuch as, by the terms and intentions of said resolution, it was declared to the prejudice of this petitioner, as follows:

[Recite Resolution in full here]

Now, therefore, inasmuch as in and by virtue of the General Statutes and Ordinances enacted by the Sovereign Sanctuary of Patriarchs, Grand Conservators Generals of the Rite, *for* the better Government of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry, this petitioner, as well as all other Freemasons of a like degree and standing, is legally entitled to speedy and ample redress, for any and all grievances herein complained of.

The prayer of this petitioner is to the effect, that a warrant issue under the Sign Manual and Official Seal of the Grand Annalist, in pursuance of the provisions in said statutes, and ordinances contained, directed to the Grand judge and his associates, Members of the Grand Tribunal of Grand Defenders of the Rite, in and for the Valley and State of, commanding them to summon a Convention of said tribunal, in the manner prescribed by said statutes and ordinances, whereat and whereby the wrongs and grievances of this petitioner may be duly inquired into; and should it appear that injury hath been done unto him, that ample justice be awarded to him with regard to the premises of his complaint.

And your petitioner will ever pray.

Dated this day of A.D.

Residing at Valley of State of

SEC. 10 - Blank Form of Warrant issued upon Petition of Grievance:

To the Very Ill. Brethren:

- Ill. Bro. *Grand Judge.*
- Ill. Bro. *Grand Defender.*
- Ill. Bro. *Grand Arbitrator.*

Composing the presiding dignitaries of the Grand Tribunal, Grand Defenders of the Rite, 91st Degree, of the Ancient and Primitive Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in the Valley of, beneath the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Sanctuary, 95th and last Degree, in and for

Whereas, it appears by a petition of, addressed to me on behalf of the Mystic Temple (90th Degree), for the Valley and State of that he, on or about the day of,, A.D., then being a Freemason in good and lawful standing in the Degree of our Rite, did suffer wrong, injury, and grievance, at the hands of, a subordinate body, owing allegiance to the Mystic Temple aforesaid, by reason of the entertaining and enactment of a certain resolution, set forth in his petition of complaint.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the provisions contained in article XVI, section Fifth, of the General Statutes and Ordinances, enacted for the better government of the Order, by the Grand Judge aforesaid,

I, the Grand Annalist, have issued under my hand and official seal, this my warrant of redress, directed to you, and each of you, in the name of the Mystic Temple, for the Valley of and the State of, under the auspices of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry, aforesaid, commanding you to cause to be convened a Grand Tribunal of Defenders of the Rite, to be holden at some convenient time, not exceeding the lapse of 60 days from the date of this warrant, whereat and whereby the complaint of the said as against the said, shall be inquired into, and determined, so that justice may be awarded according to the tenor of his petition of grievance; and you are, moreover, commanded to bring, before you as well the said petitioner, as the said respondent, and to cause depositions to be made as to any fact or facts touching the issue joined, the originals whereof you shall cause to be filed in our office, the Grand Annalist for the Valley and State of ; and you are moreover commanded, that when the inquisition be terminated, and the judgment of said tribunal legally declared, you cause a record of the same, setting forth an abstract of the testimony taken, on either side, to be duly attested by your sign manuals and that of your Registrar, which after being furthermore authenticated by my hand and official seal, shall be transmitted to the archives of the Mystic Temple, subject to the inspection of the Sovereign Sanctuary.

Witness my hand and seal of office, thisday of the Egyptian month year of True Light, 000,000,000, answering to the day of,A.D.

Grand Annalist

SEC. 11 - Blank form of Judgment Record.

At a Grand Tribunal of Defenders of the Rite, 91st Degree, Ancient and Primitive. Freemasonry, holden in a Council Chamber overlooking the Valley of, this day of the Egyptian month, year of True Light, 000,000,000, answering to the day of, A.D.

Present:

(Give list of Officers)

The Grand Registrar having read a warrant of redress issued by the Grand Annalist of the Mystic Temple, for the Valley and State of, commanding inquiry to be made touching a petition of grievance preferred by against, parties therein named, there came before us the said petitioner (in person) or by our Grand Orator; and the said respondent, by the Grand Defender of the Rite, whereupon the deposition of was read, to the following effect:

(Give abstract of Testimony taken)

After consultation duly had, the Grand Overseer found deposited in the Urn of judgmentwhite balls, against black balls; whereupon it was adjudged and decreed that judgment be rendered in favour of [*or against*] the petition of said

In witness whereof, we, the Grand judge and associates, in solemn attestation of such being the result of an unbiased inquisition, have hereunto affixed our hands, this day of the Egyptian month,, year of True Light, 000,000,000, answering to the, day of, A.D.

Grand judge.

Grand Defender.

Grand Arbitrator.

A true record :

Grand Registrar

Be it known, that the above is the original judgment record of a Grand Tribunal of the Defenders of the Rite, rendered the day and date above written; and that the original of the depositions, here above recited, have been duly filed in my office, in the Valley of this day of, , A.D.

Grand Annalist

Article XVII

GENERAL STATUTES AND ORDINANCES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
SUBLIME COUNCILS, SUBLIME MASTERS OF THE GREAT WORK.

SEC. 1 - Sublime Councils of Sublime Masters of the Great Work of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, shall be under the immediate jurisdiction of the Mystic Temple, 90th Degree, of the State or Territory wherein located, under the auspices of the Sovereign Sanctuary.

SEC. 2 - The principal Convocation of a Sublime Council Sublime Masters of the Great Work shall be held on or before the Sun's entrance into the first point of Aries, the 21st of March, when the election of officers shall be hold, and the festival of the Vernal Equinox celebrated, in honour of the revivification of Nature. A festival may be held on or before the Sun's entrance into the first point of Libra, about the 23rd of September, to celebrate the Autumnal Equinox; also, on or before the Summer Solstice, about the 24th of June, and the Winter Solstice, about the 27th December.

SEC. 3 - The officers of the Sublime Council are

1. Sublime Dai.
2. First Mystagogue.
3. Second Mystagogue.
4. Orator.
5. Grand Expert.
6. Secretary.
7. Treasurer.
8. Archivist.
9. Messenger of Science.
- 10 Accompanier.
- 11 Standard Bearer.

12. Sword Bearer.

13. Guardian of Sanctuary.

14. Sentinel.

The first seven of whom shall be elected by ballot at the regular convocation held nearest the Spring Solstice (21st of March). The remaining officers shall be appointed at the same or succeeding convocation by the Sublime Dai.

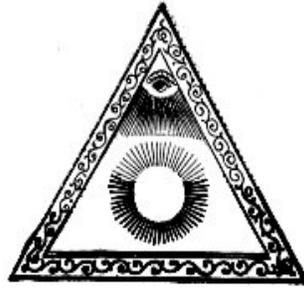
SEC. 4 - When at labor the Temple of the Sublime Council represents the place of meeting of the 12 Deities of the Egyptian Mysteries, and is decorated with the banner of the Council, which is placed at the north-east of the altar. There must also be 9 banners, each of which bears a sign of the Zodiac - the Winter signs, Scorpio, Sagittarius, and Aquarius, being omitted. In the Vale of Amenthes is placed the veiled Statue of Isis. In the Orient is displayed the symbol of Osiris and of Egyptian Theogony, the Knef.

SEC. 5 - The insignia of a Sublime Master of the Great Work is a white scarf trimmed with gold, worn from the right shoulder to the left hip, on which is embroidered in gold, the distinctive symbol of Osiris (a delta), in which is an eye, with rays, and the number 90 in scarlet ; with twelve gold stars in groups of three. The sash shall be white, with gold fringe, worn around the waist and tied on the left. Swords with silver scabbards, red handles and silver heads. Sword-belt, Tricorn hat, and white gloves.

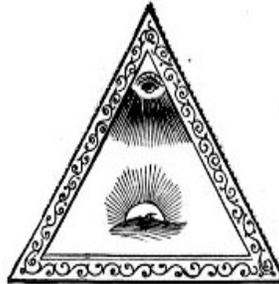
A Sublime Master of the Great Work may be refused admittance into the Council or into any Senate or Chapter of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, if not properly clothed.

OFFICERS ROBES AND JEWELS

SEC. 6 - The Sub. Dai represents Osiris - his jewel is a golden delta on which is engraved a sun; he wears a robe of celestial blue, showered with silver stars.

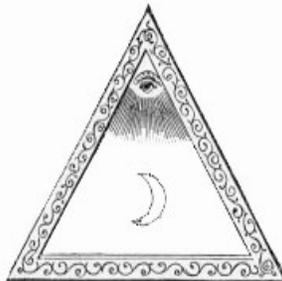


Sublime Dai



First Mystagogue

The First Mystagogue represents Serapis - his jewel is a rising sun, engraved on a golden delta ; he wears a scarlet robe.



Second Mystagogue

The Second Mystagogue represents Horus - his jewel is a half moon, engraved on a golden delta; he wears a scarlet robe.



Secretary

The Secretary represents Thoth - his jewel is the crossed stylus, engraved on a golden delta ; he wears a grey robe.



Archivist

The Archivist wears a white robe his jewel is a book, engraved on a golden delta.



Orator

The Orator represents Hermes Trismegistus - his jewel is a scroll, engraved on a golden delta; he wears a green robe.



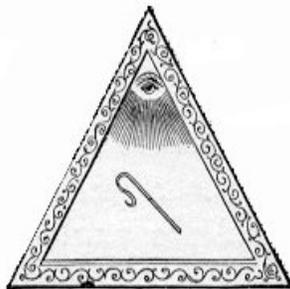
Treasurer

The Treasurer wears a robe of dark blue - his jewel is a chest, engraved on a golden delta.



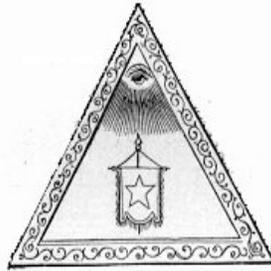
Grand Expert

The Grand Expert represents Anubis- his jewel is a sphinx, engraved on a golden delta; he wears a yellow robe.



Messenger of Science

The Messenger of Science represents Harpocrates - his jewel is a shepherd's crook, engraved on a golden delta; he wears a black robe.



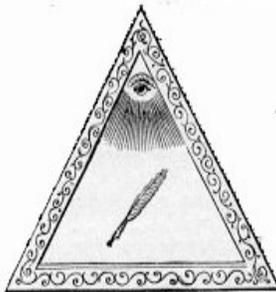
Standard Bearer

The Standard Bearer represents Sirius - his jewel is a star on a flag, engraved on a golden delta he wears a green robe.



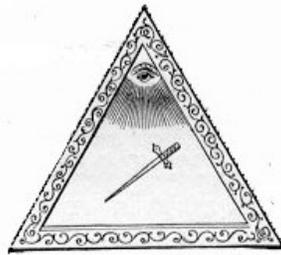
Guardian of Sanctuary

The Guardian of the Sanctuary represents Canopus - his jewel is a dogs head, engraved on a golden delta, he wears a purple robe.



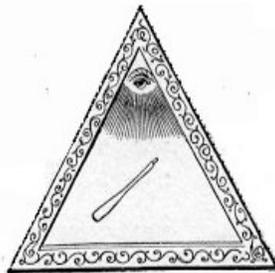
Accompanier

The Accompanier represents Charon - his jewel is an oar, engraved on a golden delta he wears a black robe.



Sword Bearer

The Sword Bearer represents Orion - his jewel is a sword engraved on a golden delta ; he wears a purple robe.



Sentinel

The Sentinel represents Hercules - his jewel is a club, engraved *on a golden delta*.

SEC. 7 - All Sir Knights applying for admission into a Sub. Council, must come well recommended from the Senate of which they are members.

SEC. 8 - No III. Brother can be elected to preside as Sub. Dai unless he has regularly filled the office of First or Second Mystagogue or Orator, or has previously presided one year as Grand Commander of a Senate of H. P., or as Most Wise of a Chapter of Rose Croix.

SEC. 9 - A Sublime M. of the G. W., proven guilty of unmasonic conduct, and deprived of his membership in a Sublime Council, cannot be received in any subordinate body of the A. and P. Rite, until restored to his Masonic standing.

SEC. 10 - A Sublime M. of the Great Work has the right to appeal to the 91 Degree, Grand Defenders of the Rite, which is the Judicial Degree, and is the Grand Tribunal of the Rite.

SEC. 11 - On the death of a Sub. M. of the G. W., each and every Sub. M. of the G. W. is solemnly bound to attend in full regalia, and assist in consigning the remains of the deceased to the bosom of our common mother earth.

SEC. 12 - A Sublime Master of the Great Work must sign the By-Laws and Oath of Fealty before he can become an actual member of a Sublime Council.

DEGREES

SEC. 13 - The Degrees of a Sublime Council are :

44th to the 90th Degree Inclusive.

And are worked in a Sublime Council.

SEC. 14 - Sublime Councils shall pay into the Mystic Temple (or to the Sovereign Sanctuary if no Mystic Temple exists), \$..... for each Ill. Bro. receiving the 90th Degree.



Seal of the 90th Degree

SEC. 15 - The seal of a Sublime Council is a Knef, containing the Rose Croix and the Masonic implements; it is surmounted by the Emblem of Deity, and the 21 stars are arranged in groups of 3, 9, and 9 at the top, the whole surrounded by a Serpent forming a circle.

Article XVIII

GENERAL STATUTES AND ORDINANCES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF SENATES OF HERMETIC PHILOSOPHERS

SEC. 1 - Senates of Hermetic Philosophers, 43rd Degree, of the Ancient and Primitive Rite or Rite of Memphis, shall be under the immediate jurisdiction of the Mystic Temple, 90th Degree, P.'s of M., of the State or Territory wherein located, under the Auspices of the Sovereign Sanctuary.

SEC. 2 - The principal meeting of a Senate of Hermetic Philosophers shall be held on or before the Sun's entrance into the first point of Aries, the 21st of March, when the annual election of officers shall be holden, and the festival of the Vernal Equinox celebrated, in honour of the revivification of Nature. A festival may be held on or before the Sun's entrance into the first point of Libra, about the 23d of September, to celebrate the Autumnal Equinox; also, on or before the Summer Solstice, the 24th of June, and the Winter Solstice about the 27th of December.

OFFICERS

SEC. 3 - The Officers of a Senate are:

- 1 Grand Senator president of the Senate.
2. First Senator.
3. Second Senator
4. Ill. Senator Orator.
5. Ill. Senator Recorder.

6. Ill. Senator of Finance.
7. Ill. Senator Marshal.
8. Ill. Senator Archivist.
9. Ill. Senator of Introduction.
- 10 Ill. Senator Accompanier.
- 11 Ill. Senator Captain of the Guard
12. Ill. Senator Standard Bearer.
13. Ill. Senator Sword Bearer.
14. Ill. Senator Guardian of the Sanctuary.
15. Ill. Senator Sentinel.

The first seven of whom shall be elected by ballot, at the regular convocation, held on or before the 21 St Of March in each year. The remaining officers shall at the same time, or at the next regular convocation, be appointed by the Grand Senator.

DEGREES

SEC. 4 - The Degrees of Senates of Hermetic Philosophers are:

19th to the 43rd degree inclusive.

SEC. 5 - Senates shall pay into the Mystic Temple, or to the Sovereign Sanctuary, if no Mystic Temple exists, \$..... for each Ill. Senator receiving the 43rd Degree.

A Senator Hermetic Philosopher must sign the By-Laws and Oath of Fealty before he can become an actual member of a Senate.

SEC. 6 - No Ill. Senator can be elected to preside as Sub. Grand Commander, unless he has previously filled the office of First or Second Senator, or Orator, or has presided one year as Most Wise of a Chapter.

No Senate can be opened, unless three of its officers and two members be present, or an officer of the Sovereign Sanctuary, or Mystic Temple.

SEC. 7 - All Senators applying for admission into a Senate of Hermetic Philosophers, must come well recommended from the Chapter of Rose + Croix, of which they are members.

A Senator H. P. proven guilty of unmasonic conduct, and deprived of his membership, cannot be received or admitted into any body of the A. and P. Rite, until restored to his Masonic standing.

A Senator H. P. has the right of appeal to the 91st Degree, Grand Defenders of the Rite.

JEWELS OF A SENATE



Grand Senator

SEC. 8 - For the Grand Senator the hermetic cross in the centre of a triple triangle, surrounded by a serpent.



First Senator

First Senator, a mallet in a triple triangle, surrounded by a serpent.



Second Senator

Second Senator, a balance in a triple triangle surrounded by a serpent.



Recorder

Recorder; a stylus or pen in a triple triangle, *surrounded by* a serpent.



Marshal

Moust III. Marshal, a baton in a triple Triangle surrounded by a Serpent.



Orator

Ill. Senator Orator, a scroll in a triple triangle, surrounded by a serpent.



Senator of Finance

Ill. Senator of Finance, a chest in a triple triangle, surrounded by a serpent.



Archivist

III. Archivist, a book in a triple triangle, surrounded by a serpent.



Senator of Introduction

III. S. of Introduction, a winged rod in a triple triangle, surrounded by a serpent.



Capt. of Guard

III. Senator Captain of the Guard, an axe in a triple triangle, surrounded by a serpent.



Standard Bearer

III. Senator Standard Bearer, a standard in a triple triangle, surrounded by a serpent.



Accompanier

III. Senator Accompanier, a caduceus in a triple triangle, surrounded by a serpent.



Guard of the Sanctuary

III. Senator Guardian of the Sanctuary, an extended hand in a triple triangle, surrounded by a serpent.



Sword Bearer

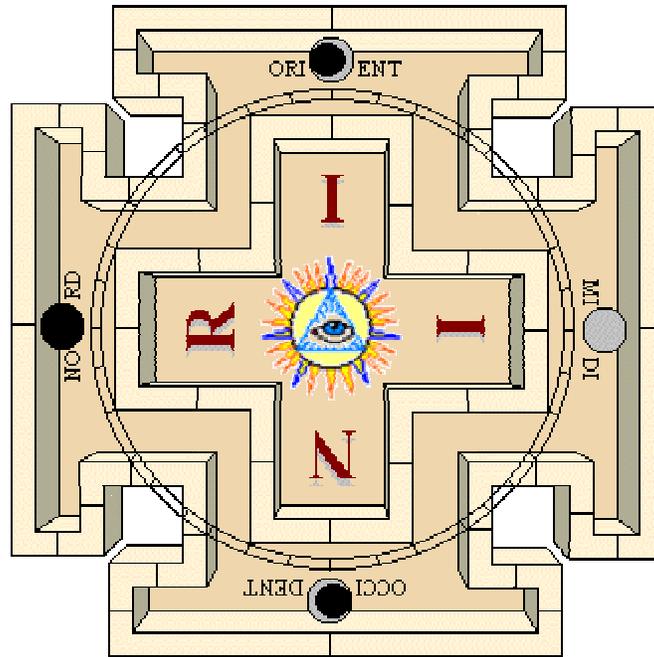
III. Senator Sword Bearer, a sword in a triple triangle, surrounded by a serpent.



Sentinel

III. Senator Sentinel, a javelin in a triple triangle, surrounded by a serpent.

SEC. 9 - The insignia of a Senator H. P. is a violet scarf, trimmed with silver, and has on it the Hermetic Cross with the double headed eagle, and on each side three silver stars in a triangle. The remaining portion (with the exception of the sash), the same as in the 90th Degree.



The Seal of a Senate, 43rd Degree

SEC. 10 - The Seal of a Senate is the hermetic cross having the emblem of Deity in the centre. No procession of a Senate (except funeral), wearing the insignia of the Rite, shall be permitted without the dispensation of the Grand Master of Light, or the approval of a Representative on the application of the Grand Senator.

Article XIX

GENERAL STATUTES AND ORDINANCES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF CHAPTERS OF ROSE CROIX.

SEC. 1 - Chapters of Rose + Croix, of the Ancient and Primitive Rite or Rite of Memphis, shall be under the immediate jurisdiction of the Mystic Temple, 90th Degree, of the State or Territory wherein located, under the auspices of the Sovereign Sanctuary.

SEC. 2 - The principal meeting of a Chapter of the R. + C. shall be held on or before the Sun's entrance into the first point of Aries, on the 21st of March, when the annual election of officers shall be holden, and the festival of the Vernal Equinox celebrated in honour of the revivification of Nature. A festival may be held on or before the Sun's entrance into the first point of Libra, about the 23rd of September, to celebrate the Autumnal Equinox; also on or before the Summer Solstice, about the 24th of June, and the Winter Solstice, about the 27th of December.

OFFICERS

SEC. 3 -The Officers of a Chapter of Rose Croix are

1. Most Wise.
2. Ill. Kt. R+C Senior Warden.
3. Ill. Kt. R+C Junior Warden.
4. Res. Kt. R+C Orator.
5. Res. Kt. R+C Archivist.
6. Res. Kt. R+C Treasurer.
7. Res. Kt. R+C Conductor.
8. Kt. R+C Captain of the Guard.
9. Kt. R+C Guard of the Tower.
- 10 Kt. R+C Prelate.
- 11 Kt. R+C Organist.
12. Kt. R+C Sentinel.

The first seven of whom shall be elected by ballot at the regular conclave held on or before the 21st day of March of each year. The remaining officers shall at the same or succeeding conclave, be appointed by the Most Wise.

DEGREES

SEC. 4 - The Degrees of a Chapter of Rose Croix, are:

4th to the 18th degree inclusive.

SEC. 5 - No one can be admitted into a Chapter of Rose + Croix, unless he is a Master Mason, in good standing, in a lodge of such, working under an acknowledged Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and be proposed by a member of the Rose + Croix ; and no Chapter shall confer the Degrees for a less sum than \$.....; and shall pay to the Mystic Temple under whose jurisdiction it shall work, the sum of \$..... for each neophyte on whom it confers the R.+C. Degree. On receiving which, the Sir Kt. shall sign the By-Laws of the Chapter and the Obligation of Fealty to the Sovereign Sanctuary, which shall be kept in a book for that purpose in each and every Chapter.

SEC. 6 - Any Sir Knight who is competent, and well-versed in the Ritual, can be elected from the floor to the office of Most Wise, Sen. or Jun. Kt. W., or Orator.

SEC. 7 - No Chapter can be opened unless three of its officers and two members be present, or an officer of the Sovereign Sanctuary or Mystic Temple.

SEC. 8 - A Kt. Rose + Croix, is bound by his honor to the service of his God, his country, and the Statutes of the Ancient and Primitive Rite; and he shall not contest bodily with another Kt. R. C. on any pretext, but shall help, aid, and assist him.

SEC. 9 - No Chapter shall be closed without the box of fraternal assistance being first presented to the Sir Knights.

SEC, 10 - A Knight Rose Croix proven guilty of unmasonic conduct, and deprived of his membership, cannot be received or admitted into any body of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, until restored to his Masonic standing. A Knight Rose + Croix has the right of appeal to the 91st Degree, Grand Defenders of the Rite.

SEC. 11 - If a Kt. R.+C. falls sick, all the rest shall visit him, to see that he wants for nothing. If a Kt. R.+C. die, all the Knights must attend the funeral, wearing the insignia of their Degree; and, if the deceased have no relatives, they must cause his jewel to be buried with him. The name of a deceased Kt. R.+C. must not be stricken from the rolls; but a skull and cross-bones should be delineated beside it, to signify that he no longer exists.

Sir Knights Rose Croix wear black clothes, with white gloves, sword and red belt; a chapeau, with black and red feathers, and Rose + Croix on the left side; the scarf is black, and edged with half inch silver lace; on the front part must be a representation of one of the sides of jewel.

JEWELS OF A CHAPTER



Most Wise

SEC. 12 - Most Wise, a five pointed star, on which are engraved the letters F H C J N R J ; the star is placed in the centre of the interlaced Deltas, which are surrounded by a serpent forming a circle.



Kt Senior Warden

Senior Kt. Warden - A Byzantine cross surmounted with a rose, placed as the other.



Kt. junior Warden

Jun. Kt. Warden - A square and compass.



Kt. Conductor

Kt. Conductor - A winged rod.



Treasurer

Kt. Treasurer - A key.



Guard of the Tower

Kt. Guard of the Tower - An axe.



Orator

Kt. Orator - A scroll.



Archivist

Kt. Archivist - a Pen.



Capt. of Guard

Kt. Cap. of Guard - A spear.



Organist

Kt. Organist - A lyre.



Prelate

Kt. Prelate-A book.



Sentinel

Kt Sentinel - A sword.



Sample of a Seal of a Rose Croix Chapter, 18th Degree

The seal of a Chapter of Rose Croix is a serpent forming a circle, with a rose on a cross, in the centre, surmounted by a delta, with appropriate characters.

Article XX

GENERAL ORDINANCES

SEC. 1 -The Presiding Officer of every Rose Croix Chapter Senate or Sublime Council, has it in special charge to see that the By-Laws of his body, the Constitution and Regulations of the Mystic Temple (in his jurisdiction), and the Constitution, General Statutes, Ordinances, and Edicts of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Patriarchs, 95th Degree, are strictly adhered to and observed, that accurate records be kept, and just accounts and reports rendered; that regular returns be made to the Mystic Temple annually, and that all fees are promptly paid.

He has authority to convene Special Convocations at pleasure, at which no business can be transacted save that specified in the summons; but no Convocation of any body of the Rite can be held unless its Charter is present.

SEC. 2 - Every Sublime Dai and first Mystagogue, as well all Brothers of the 90th degree, must attend all Annual and Biennial Convocations of the Mystic Temple General, 90th Degree, in person or by proxy.

SEC. 3 - At every conclave of a subordinate body all questions shall be decided by a majority vote; should the votes be equal, the presiding officer shall give the casting vote.

SEC. 4 - There can be no appeal to the Chapter Senate or Sublime Council, from the decision of their presiding officer.

SEC 5 - Any member has the right of appeal from a decision given in a subordinate body to the Grand Tribunal of the Rite, 91st Degree.

SEC. 6 - The Archivists, Recorders and Secretaries of the subordinate bodies, must keep a correct register of each and every initiation, the date of receiving the various degrees, the age of the Neophyte, his occupation, residence, and the name and number of the Lodge of which he is a member; copies of which shall annually be sent to the Grand Annalist, with the returns, and the notifications of all deaths and removals for the year last past.

SEC. 7 - Any member of the Ancient and Primitive Rite who shall be expelled from the Master Masons Lodge to which he is attached, shall be declared expelled from all bodies, of which he may be a member, belonging to the Ancient and Primitive Rite or Rite of Memphis.

SEC. 8 - Any member of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, who shall be suspended in his Lodge for un-masonic conduct, shall in like manner be declared suspended in all our bodies until regularly reinstated by action of his Lodge, or of the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction in his case.

SEC. 9 - Any member of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, visiting a Chapter, Senate or Sublime Council, other than the one to which he is a member, is entitled to vote on the admission of a Neophyte.

A visitor is entitled to speak in any body upon matters relative to the general welfare of the Rite but he shall have no voice in the financial or private affairs of the body he visits

In passing the ballot in any body of the Rite, if one or more black balls appear, it is the prerogative of the presiding officer to order a second ballot. If the black ball still appears, the brother shall be declared rejected for six months, when another application may be made.

SEC. 10 - Charity being one of the first duties of a Mason, no Chapter, Senate, Sub. Council, or other body, shall be closed without the box of fraternal assistance being presented to the members.

SEC. 11 - Any officer absenting himself from his Chapter, Senate or Sublime Council, for three consecutive meetings, without reasonable excuse, the presiding officer shall declare his station vacant, and appoint another, who shall be entitled to all the privileges of the position.

SEC. 12 - The powers and privileges of a Chapter of Rose Croix, Senate of H. P., and Sub. Council are such as are defined in their several Charters, by the Constitution of the Mystic Temple and the Sovereign Sanctuary. Subordinate bodies can only be organized as follows:

By dispensation of the Most Ill. Sovereign Grand Master General or that of his Representative, or by the Grand Master of Light of a Mystic Temple, or his Deputy Representative, or by Charter from the Mystic Temple, or from the Sovereign Sanctuary, if no Mystic Temple exists in the locality.

SEC. 13 - A Chapter, Senate or Sublime Council, can only be dissolved:

1. By the act of the Mystic Temple, or Sovereign Sanctuary whereby its charter is forfeited ; and
2. By a voluntary surrender of the charter, by a majority vote of the members, when duly summoned for that purpose, with due information of the intention of the meeting.

SEC. 14 - The acts for which a Chapter, Senate, or Sublime Council charter may be forfeited are : Contumacy to the authority of the M. Ill. Sovereign Gr. Conservator Gen. or his Grand Representative, or to the Grand Master of Light, or Mystic Temple, 90th Degree, or Sovereign Sanctuary, 95 Degree.

Deviations from the Rituals and Constitutions, and ceasing to meet for one year or more.

The surrender or forfeiture of a charter of a Chapter, Senate, or Sublime Council, shall be conclusive upon the members of either of the before-named bodies, and carries with it all the property of the Chapter, Senate, or Sublime Council, which becomes the property of the Mystic Temple, 90 Degree, and must, on demand, be surrendered by the Most Wise, Sub. Gr. Commander, or Sublime Dai, or whoever has its custody, to the Mystic Temple, or the officer authorized by that body as their agent.

If no Mystic Temple exists, such property shall in like manner be surrendered to the Sovereign Sanctuary, or its authorized agent.

SEC. 15 - No charter of a Chapter, Senate, or Sublime Council, can be forfeited, except upon charges regularly made in the Mystic Temple, 90 Degree, at its Annual or Triennial Convocation (or in the Sovereign Sanctuary), and an opportunity of being heard in defence. But a charter may be suspended by the Sovereign Sanctuary, Mystic Temple, Sovereign Gr. Conservator Gen., Grand Master of Light, or Representative, at any time upon proper cause shown, which suspension shall not extend beyond the next regular Convocation of the Mystic Temple or the Sovereign Sanctuary.

SEC. 16 - A Chapter, Senate, or Sublime Council, shall not remove from the Valley named in its charter, nor from one place to another in the same Valley, except by a concurrent vote of two-thirds of the members present, at a meeting to be appointed by the summons to attend such meeting, stating its object, and which summons must be served at least seven days previous to such meeting; and such removal from a Valley must be sanctioned by the Mystic Temple.

SEC. 17 - A Chapter, Senate, or Sublime Council, has full power and authority to enact laws for its own government, conformably to the Constitution, Statutes, and General Ordinances of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry, and any By-Law inconsistent therewith is absolutely void.

SEC. 18 - A Chapter of Rose Croix cannot confer degrees upon any M. M., without being masonically assured that he has not been rejected by a sister Chapter.

Senates and Sublime Councils shall be guided by the same ordinance.

SEC. 19 - Membership in a Chapter, Senate, or Sublime Council, can only be acquired by unanimous consent, and by dispensation of the M. Ill. Sovereign Gr. Conservator General, or the Grand Master of Light, or Representative ; in case of the organization of a new Chapter, Senate, or Sub. Council, and by previous proposal, and a ballot thereon which must be unanimous.

No Mason can be in full membership in more than one Chapter of Rose Croix, one Senate, and one sublime Council, at the same time; he may, however, be an honorary member of as many bodies as may be pleased to confer that dignity upon him.

SEC. 20 - Membership in a Chapter, Senate, or Sublime Council, can only be terminated by either of the said bodies ceasing to have a legal existence, by voluntary demission, or by the suspension or expulsion of the member.

Demission is a mutual act of the Chapter, Senate, or Council; but a member may withdraw to assist in forming a new body, and on the granting of its charter he ceases to be a member of his former Chapter, Senate, or Council.

Expulsion is the act of the Sovereign Sanctuary, or the Mystic Temple, and the Sublime Council, Senate, or Rose Chapter. Suspension is the act of the Sublime Council, Senate, or Chapter only.

SEC. 21 - The penalties imposed by the Constitution and Laws of the Ancient and Primitive Rite are : Suspension, either limited or indefinite, and expulsion, terminating the intercourse and connection of the member expelled, not only with the Chapter, Senate, or Sublime Council inflicting it, but from the Ancient and Primitive Rite entirely, unless an appeal be made.

SEC. 22 - Suspension applies to Chapters, Senates, and Councils, as well as individuals, and when inflicted on either of the above bodies, suspends all the members thereof, unless expressly excepted.

Suspension is only imposed when an offence is against some regulation of the Rite.

Expulsion follows a wilful violation of the Moral and Masonic Law.

SEC. 23 - When a member of a Chapter, Senate, or Council, commits an offence, it shall be the duty of a member or members to prefer charges against the offender, through the Jr. Kt. Warden of a Chapter, the Most Learned junior Kt. Interpreter of a Senate, or the Second Mystagogue of a Sublime Council.

The presiding officer of the body where the charges are presented, shall appoint a commission of not more than five, nor less than three Brothers, of good standing in the Rite, to hear and determine the same. After the charges have been served, the commission shall appoint a convenient time and place for trial, and summon the parties and their witnesses.

SEC. 24.-The commissioners shall, immediately on the conclusion of the trial, make their report to the Chapter, Senate or Council of which the accused is a member, and, on the body concurring with the judgment of the commission, the accused shall abide by the penalty by them inflicted, unless an appeal be taken therefrom to the Grand Defenders of the Rite, Thirty-first degree, within three months.

SEC. 25 - Any member of the A. and P. Rite visiting a foreign body of the Rite, must produce the Diploma of the Degree he possesses, signed and sealed by the M. Ill. Sovereign Gr. Conservator Gen., Grand Chan., and Gr. Secretary General, and the officers of the body of which he is a member, which Diploma must be vised by the highest officer of the jurisdiction he visits.

SEC. 26 - It shall be permissible and allowable for the officers of subordinate bodies, owing fealty to the Sovereign Sanctuary, to receive as visitors to the bodies under their charge Masons in good standing of other Rites, who shall be received in the degrees corresponding to those of their Rite. (Special instructions, however, must first be obtained from the Sovereign Sanctuary).

**FORM OF PETITION
FOR A SUBLIME COUNCIL 90th DEGREE**

TO THE SOVEREIGN PATRIARCHS COMPOSING THE SOVEREIGN
SANCTUARY 95th DEGREE, IN AND FOR THE, SITTING
IN THE VALLEY OF :

The petition of the undersigned respectfully showeth:

That your petitioners have the most exalted opinion of the exercises of Benevolence, the study of the Sciences, of Philosophy, Virtue and Theosophy, as taught in the Masonic Degrees of the A. and P. Rite, and that they are Masons in good standing, having the propagation of the Rite and the general good of humanity at heart, which can be better consummated by having a regularly constituted Sublime Council in the vicinity of their immediate residences. The petitioners are therefore anxious to commence and carry on their Masonic labours under the sanction of a charter from the Sovereign Sanctuary sitting in the Valley of, and of the Mystic Temple, 90 Degree, for the Valley and State of

....., by the name and title of Sublime Council of Sublime M. G. W., No.in the Valley ofState of..... , and No.....of the Sovereign Sanctuary.

And your petitioners propose the following to be the first officers of said Council, viz:

Ill. Brotherto be Sublime Dai.

- III. Brotherto be First Mystagogue.
- III. Brotherto be Second Mystagogue.
- III. Brotherto be Orator.
- III. Brotherto be Secretary.
- III. Brotherto be Treasurer.
- III. Brotherto be Grand Expert.
- III. Brotherto be Archivist.
- III. Brotherto be Messenger of Science.
- III. Brotherto be Accompanier.
- III. Brotherto be Standard Bearer.
- III. Brotherto be Sword Bearer.
- III. Brotherto be Guardian of the Sanctuary.
- III. Brotherto be Sentinel.

May it, therefore, please the officers of the Sovereign Sanctuary and the Mystic Temple to grant our petition, and constitute your petitioners into a regular Sublime Council, and we will obey all the Statutes, Rules, Regulations, Edicts and Constitutions of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, to which we pledge our honor and truth as true Freemasons,

Form of *PETITION*
FOR A SENATE OF H. P., 43 DEGREE.

TO THE SOVEREIGN PATRIARCHS COMPOSING THE SOVEREIGN
SANCTUARY,
95 DEGREE, IN AND FOR,
SITTING IN THE VALLEY OF

The petition of the undersigned respectfully showeth:

That your petitioners have the most exalted opinion of the exercise of Benevolence, the study of the Sciences, of Philosophy, of Virtue and Theosophy, as taught in the Masonic Degrees of the A. and P. Rite or Rite of Memphis, and that they are Masons in good standing, having the propagation of the Rite and the general good of humanity at heart, which can be better consummated by having a regularly constituted Senate in the vicinity of their immediate residences. The petitioners are therefore anxious to commence and carry on their Masonic labors under the sanction of a Charter from the Sovereign Sanctuary, sitting in the Valley of and of the Mystic Temple,

90 Degree, for the Valley and State of, by the name and title ofSenate of Hermetic Philosophers,
No.in the Valley ofState of,
and
No. of the Sovereign Sanctuary.

And your petitioners propose the following to be the first officers of said Senate, viz :

- Sir Knightto be Sublime Grand Commander.
- Sir Knightto be Senior Knight Interpreter.
- Sir Knightto be junior Knight Interpreter.
- Sir Knightto be Knight Recorder.
- Sir Knightto be Knight of Finance.
- Sir Knightto be Knight Orator.
- Sir Knightto be Knight Marshal
- Sir Knightto be Knight Archivist.
- Sir Knightto be Knight of Introduction.
- Sir Knightto be Knight Accompanier.
- Sir Knightto be Knight Captain of the Guard.
- Sir Knightto be Knight Standard Bearer.
- Sir Knightto be Knight Sword Bearer.
- Sir Knightto be Knight Guardian of the Sanctuary.
- Sir Knightto be Knight Sentinel.

May it, therefore, please the officers of the Sovereign Sanctuary and the Mystic Temple to grant our petition, and constitute your petitioners into a regular Senate, and we will obey all the Statutes, Rules, Regulations, Edicts and Constitutions of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, to which we pledge our honour and truth as true Freemasons

FORM OF PETITION
FOR A CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX.

TO THE SOVEREIGN PATRIARCHS COMPOSING THE SOVEREIGN SANCTUARY,
95 DEGREE, IN AND FOR
SITTING IN THE VALLEY OF:

The petition of the undersigned respectfully showeth

That your petitioners have the most exalted opinion of the exercise of Benevolence, the study of the Sciences, of Philosophy, of Virtue and Theosophy, as ta humanity at heart, which can be better consummated by having a regularly constituted Chapter in the vicinity of their immediate residences.

The petitioners are therefore anxious to commence and carry on their Masonic labors under the sanction of a Charter from the Sovereign Sanctuary, sitting i No..... , in the Valley of State of, and No.of the Sovereign San

And your petitioners propose the following to De the first officers of said Chapter of Rose Croix, viz:

- Brotherto be Most Wise.
- Brotherto be Sen. Warden.
- Brotherto be Jun. Warden.
- Brotherto be Orator.
- Brotherto be Archivist.
- Brotherto be Treasurer.
- Brotherto be Conductor.
- Brotherto be Captain of the Guard.
- Brother to be Guard of the Tower.
- Brotherto be Prelate.
- Brotherto be Organist.
- Brotherto be Sentinel.

May it, therefore, please the officers of the Sovereign Sanctuary and the Mystic Temple to grant our petition, and constitute your petitioners into a regular Chapter, and we will obey all the Statutes, Rules, Regulations, Edicts and Constitutions of the Ancient and Primitive Rite - to which we pledge our honor and truth as true Freemasons.

FORM OF DISPENSATION

FOR A NEW CHAPTER OF ROSE + CROIX

In the name and under the auspices of the Sovereign Sanctuary of the Ancient and Primitive Rite of Freemasonry, in and for
Salutation on all points of the Triangle. Respect to the Order.
Peace, Tolerance, Truth.

To all Masons on the face of the Globe: Union, Prosperity. Friendship, Fraternity. Know ye that we, the M. Ill. Sovereign Grand Conservator General of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry, in and for, and we the Sovereign Sanctuary 95th having received a Petition, from a constitutional number of Masons in A. and P. form, stating that they have the interests of our beloved Rite at heart, and that they desire to propagate and extend its sublime teachings by forming a chapter of Rose Croix in the Valley of, State ofunder our jurisdiction, by the distinctive name and title ofRose Croix Chapter, No.....,and N°....., of the Sovereign Sanctuary, sitting in theValley of , State of.....: Now, therefore, We, believing that there are good reasons for granting the prayer of the said Petitioners, do, by virtue of the powers in us vested by the Sovereign Sanctuary, issue this our Dispensation, empowering our Ill.:Brother to act as Most Wise; Ill. Brother , to act as Sen. Kt Warden; Ill. Brother to act as Jun. Kt. Warden; and Ill. Brother to act as Orator, of a Chapter of Rose Croix, to be holden in the Valley of State ofby the name and title of Rose Croix Chapter, No. of the State of , and No....., of the Sovereign Sanctuary. And we furthermore do authorize the said Ill.: Brethren to confer the several Degrees of a Chapter of Rose + Croix, according to the Constitution, Ordinances and General Rules of the Sovereign Sanctuary, Thirty-third Degree, and in no other manner. And this our Dispensation shall continue of force until the Sovereign Sanctuary shall issue a Charter for the same, or until this Dispensation be revoked by us.

Done in our Sanctuary, where reign Peace, Knowledge, and the fullness of all that is good, thisday of the Egyptian monthyear of True Light 000,000,000, answering to.....(A.D.)

Witness our hand and seal of office,

(Signed)

M. Ill. Sovereign Grand Conservator General 95th and last degree

Attest

Grand Secretary General

[L. S.]

(The Dispensation for a Senate and Sublime Council is worded in the same style).

Masonic Calendar of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry

Season of SCHA: The autumn, the start of the Sacred Year.

August the 29th answers to the first day of the Egyptian monthThoth.

29th SeptemberPaophi.

28th OctoberAthyr.

27th NovemberKhaoiak.

Season of PRE: Winter

27th December.....Tybi.

26th January.....Mekhein.

25th FebruaryPhamenoth.

27th March.....Pharmouthi.

Season of SCHEMON: Spring

26th April Pakhous.

26th May Psyrie.

25th June..... Epiphi.

25th July Messori.

The 12 month ends on the 23 August. The 5 Epagomeni days are 24 August Birth of Osiris, 25 of August Birth of Horus, 26 of August Birth of Seth, 27 of August Birth Isis, 28 of August Birth of Nephthys. The following caption is to be used at the commencement of all Edicts, Proclamations, Letters Patent, &c., in all degrees of the Rite.

To the Glory of the Supreme Architect of the Universe. In the name of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry, in and for, sitting in the Valley of Salutation on all Points of the Triangle. Respect to the Order.

And must be dated as follows :

Done this day of the Egyptian month, year of True

Light, 000,000,000, answering to, (A.D.)

FORM OF Application FOR MEMBERSHIP IN A CHAPTER OF ROSE
CROIX

To the Most Wise, Officers and Sir Knights ofRose+Croix
Chapter, No..... , of the State of and No.....
of the Sovereign Sanctuary, Ancient and P.
Freemasonry,....., day of the month year A.D., year of
True Light 000,000,000.

The subscriber, residing atbeing a Master Mason in
good standing inLodge, No., by occupation
....., agedyears, born in
....., desires more Light and Truth in Masonry, and
respectfully solicits the privilege of being admitted into the Mysteries
of your Chapter of Rose Croix, and enrolled as a member therein.
(Signed)

Being well acquainted with the Character, Disposition, and Reputation
of the above-named petitioner, Bro..... I do cheerfully and
confidently propose and recommend him for membership in this
Chapter.

(Signed)
Referred to Sir Kt.
Sir Kt.
Sir Kt.

Committee of Investigation.

We, the undersigned, a Committee appointed to investigate the
Character, Disposition, and Reputation of the above-named candidate,
would respectfully report that we find him, in our opinion, of admission
into membership in this Chapter, and ask to be discharged from the
further consideration of the subject.

} Committee.

FORM OF APPLICATION

FOR MEMBERSHIP IN A SENATE OF HERMETIC PHILOSOPHERS, 43rd
DEGREE.

To the Grand Senator, Officers and Senators ofSenate of H. P., No., of the State of, and No. of the Sovereign Sanctuary of A. and P. Freemasonry, day of the month, year of True Light 000,000,000, Corresponding to the year of our Lord

The subscriber, residing at....., being a Rose Croix Mason in good standing in..... Chapter, No..... by occupation aaged..... years, desires more Light and Truth in Masonry, and respectfully solicits the privilege of being admitted into the Mysteries of your Senate of H.P.'s, and enrolled as a member therein.

(Signed)

Being well acquainted with the Character, Disposition and Reputation of the above named petitioner, Ill. Senator. I do cheerfully and confidently propose and recommend him for membership in this Senate.

(Signed)

Referred to
Senator.
Senator.
Senator.
Committee of Investigation

We, the undersigned, a Committee appointed to investigate the Character, Disposition and Reputation of the above named candidate, would respectfully report that we find him in our opinion,

of admission into membership in this Senate, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

} *Committee.*

FORM OF Application

FOR MEMBERSHIP IN A SUBLIME COUNCIL SUB. M.O.T. G. WORK, 90th DEGREE.

To the S. Dai, Officers and Members of Council S. M. O.
T. G. W. 90 Degree, No..... of the State of and
No....., of the Sovereign Sanctuary,
Valley of day of the month and year A.D., year of True
Light 000,000,000.

Your petitioner being a member in good standing of
.....Senate, No....., residing at, and
desirous of possessing all Light and Truth that can be imparted to him,
solicits membership in S. Council. No....., and promises that if
enrolled as a member therein, he will cheerfully abide by the rules
thereof.

(Signed)

Being acquainted with Sir Kt., 43 Degree, I do in all honor propose and
recommend him for membership in this Sublime Council.

(Signed)

Referred to Ill. Bro. Ill. Bro. Ill. Bro.

Committee of Investigation.

We, the undersigned, being appointed to investigate the qualifications
of the above-named petitioner in the Royal Art, respectfully report that
we find him, of admission as a member of this
Sublim Council, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of
the subject.

Ill. Bro.

Ill. Bro.

Ill. Bro.

Committee.

INSTALLATION OF A CHAPTER OF ROSE + CROIX

[The officers and members being at their respective stations, and the
visitors seated.]

Most Wise [strikes! with gavel, saying]: Sir Knights: this being the time appointed for the Installation of the Officers elect and appointed for the ensuing Masonic year, of Chapter of Rose + Croix Masons, No..... , of the State of, the Grand Master of Light of the State of.....[or the Representative of the Most Ill. Sovereign Grand Conservator General], has arrived to perform the Ceremony of Installation. Let strict silence be maintained.

[The Ill. Grand Master of Ceremonies from without strikes on the door].

Guard of the Tower - Most Wise: an alarm at the door of the Chapter.

Most Wise - Demand the cause.

Gd. of Tower [opening door] - Who alarms this Chapter?

Grand Master of Ceremonies - *The Grand Master* of Ceremonies of the Mystic Temple, 90 Degree, for the State of, requests admittance for the purpose of communicating the Orders of the Illustrious Grand Master of Light, for the State of

Most Wise - Let the Arch of Steel be formed.

[This is done by seven Brothers, who are detailed for the purpose, each bearing a light and a sword, with which they form an Arch of Steel at the door].

Admit the Grand Master of Ceremonies.

[The door is opened, and the Grand Master of Ceremonies passes under the Arch of Steel, and stands in front of the V.M. Altar].

Most Wise - Together, Sir Knights : all give the Battery : 6+1 - 6+1 - 6+1 .

Gr. Mas. of C. - Most Wise, Officers and Sir Knights ofChapter, No....., of Rose + Croix Masons, I have the honour to inform you that the Grand Master of Light of the Mystic Temple, of the State ofis in waiting to install the Officers of this Chapter.

Most Wise - Illustrious Grand Master of Ceremonies, you will please report to the Grand Master that the Officers and Sir Knights are gratified by the honour about to be conferred, and await his pleasure.

[The Grand Mas. of C. retires under the Arch of Steel and reports to the Grand Master; that done, he strikes on the door as before 6+1].

Gd. of Tower - *Most Wise*: an alarm at the door of the Chapter.

Most Wise - Demand the cause.

Gd. of Tower [opens door] - Who alarms the Chapter?

Gr. *Mas. of C.* - The Ill. Grand Master of the Mystic Temple of the State of , with the Grand Officers 90 Degree.

Gd. *of Tower* - [Repeats to *Most Wise*].

Most Wise - Let the Arch of Steel be formed.

[9 Knights form Arch of Steel as the 7 did before].

Admit the Grand Master and the Officers of the Mystic Temple.

[GUARD OF TOWER opens door. The Grand Officers, with the Grand Master last, enter the Hall. When they approach the Altar, the Grand Officers form a double line, facing inward; the Grand Master passes through lines to the V.M. Altar].

Most Wise - To Order Sir Knights : observe the Orient.

(Battery 6+1 - 6+1 - 6+1)

Most Wise - *Ill.* Grand Master: the Officers and Sir Knights of this Chapter welcome you, and assure you that we will use our best endeavors to propagate the sublime teachings of our Ancient and Primitive Rite; and to deserve the confidence of the grand body of which you are the Grand Master; and trust that you will at once proceed to our Installation.

Grand Mas. *of Light* - *Most Wise* and Sir Knights ofChapter, No..... , of Rose + Croix Masons, it is our duty and pleasure to comply with your request; and we assure you of our confidence, fraternal approval, and good will.

Most Wise - Conduct the Grand Master to the Orient.

[The Sir Knights Conductor and Captain of the Guard lead him to the Orient ; the Most Wise gives him the gavel].

G. M. - Strikes! Officers : take your respective stations.

[The Grand Officers take the places vacated by the Officers of the Chapter].

G. M. - As no important business should be commenced without first invoking the aid of Deity, let us implore the S. A. O. T. U. to bless us, and to guide and protect our present work.

[The Grand Orator offers the following. All kneel].

PRAYER

Supreme Architect of the Universe ! Soul of the World, which is filled with Thy Glory and Thy Goodness. We adore Thy Supreme Majesty. We bow down before Thy Infinite Wisdom, which has created all, and which preserves all. Deign, Being of beings, to receive our prayers, and the homage of our love. Bless the work we are engaged in, that of installing the Officers of this Rose + Croix Chapter, to the service of universal Masonry, the propagation of the divine principles of Fraternity, Liberty, and the Glory of Thy Name. Bless the work and the teachings here to be exemplified; make them conformable to Thy Laws; enlighten them with Thy Divine Light, that they may have no other end in view than obedience to Thee, the prosperity of Masonry, and the general good of humanity. We pray Thee, oh Adonai, our God, which was, which is, and which will be when time shall be no more. Enlighten those who are swayed by prejudice, ignorance, and interest. Remove the bands of error wherewith they are blinded; and may the whole human race be benefited by the sublime truths, and divine morals, hereafter to be taught in this Temple, by the practice of our Primitive laws, which we now dedicate to Thy Holy Name.

All say - Glory to Thee, oh Lord! Glory to Thy Name! Glory to Thy Works!

[All rise and resume stations].

G. M. - Sir Knights and Ill. Brethren: let us sing the following:

ODE

Almighty God! whose sovereign power,
Sustains Thy creatures every hour,
We would invoke Thy presence here,
To guide our thoughts-our hearts to cheer.
Bless our solemn mysteries here,
Fill each heart with holy fear,
Lead us aright to learn, Thy will,
And every duty to fulfil.

G. M. - Ill. Grand Master of Ceremonies: you will receive the Insignia from the Officers of the Chapter, and place them on the Altar of the V.M. [This is done].

You will now present the Most Wise elect for installation. [Presents the Most Wise in front of the Altar].

G. M. of C - Ill Grand Master, I have the honor to present for installation Ill. Brother....., who has been elected to preside in the Valley of Rose + Croix Chapter, No..... .

G. M. - Sir. Knights: are you still satisfied with the choice you have made of a Most Wise to preside over your Chapter?

[The Sir Knights respond].

Ill. Brother: this mark of confidence reposed in you by the Knight Masons of your Chapter is a gratifying proof of your energy and ability. Before taking your official seat you must solemnly bind yourself to perform the duties imposed upon you by the Statutes of the Ancient and Primitive Rite. You will stand erect at the Altar of Obligation, with your right hand resting on the sacred Book of Laws, the Sword, symbol of honour, and the Myrtle, emblem of initiation, when the Grand Orator will administer the Oath of Office.

[Grand Master strikes ! ! ! all rise ; the Grand Orator and

Most Wise elect approach the Altar. The Grand Orator administers the O. B.]

To the Glory of the Supreme Architect of the Universe. In the name of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry in Salutation on all points of the Triangle. Respect to the Order:

I,....., promise on the Sacred Book of Laws, the Sword, symbol of honour, and the Myrtle, emblem of initiation, to fulfil to the best of my ability the duties confided to me as Most Wise of Chapter of Rose + Croix Masons, No.....; and that I will govern my Chapter with justice and equity; and that I will not permit political or religious discussions to mar the harmony thereof.

I promise to use my best efforts for the prosperity of my Chapter in particular, and of our beloved Rite in general; and that I will not confer the Degrees of a Chapter of Rose Croix upon any person who has not previously received the Degrees of E. A., F. C. and M. M., in a just and duly constituted Lodge of such, and is in good standing as a M. M.

I promise fidelity and obedience to the Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the Mystic Temple (90 Degree), for the State of And to obey and cause to be obeyed, so far as in me the power lies, the Constitution, General Statutes, and Ordinances of the Sovereign Sanctuary, 95 Degree, of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry, in and for

I promise, furthermore, to be especially careful of the Rituals of the Chapter entrusted to my care; and that I will not print, write, engrave, or copy them, or allow the same to be done by any other person, if in my power to prevent it.

I promise never to acknowledge any person claiming to be of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, unless he or they be acknowledged by the Sovereign Sanctuary. Finally, I do promise to bind my successor in office to the observance of this Obligation, or see that he same be done. And may the G.A.O.T.U. be my help! Amen.

G. M.- Ill. Grand Master of Ceremonies: invest the Most Wise with his jewel.

[This is done].

Ill. Grand Conductor: lead the Most Wise elect to the Orient.

[This is done].

Ill. Brother: your jewel of office is the interlaced Deltas, surrounded by a serpent forming a circle ; in the centre is placed the five-pointed star, on which is engraved the letters F. H. C. J. N. R. J ; they are familiar to you in the Degree of Rose Croix. The serpent forming a circle represents the immensity of the power of God, which hath neither beginning nor end. The intersected Deltas are emblematic of Fire and Water, Prayer and Remission; Creation and Redemption; Life and Death; and of Resurrection and judgment; and denote that the Mason who is worthy of this jewel should fulfil his duty to God and to man; and fill with justice, truth, and honour, his place in creation wherein T. S. A. O. T. U. has pleased to place him. The star is emblematic of the only true and living God, whose love and power is universal, without beginning and without end.

I present you with the Gavel, emblem of Masonic power; wield it with discretion, wisdom, and justice. I place in your keeping the Charter of your Chapter, which empowers you to work and confer the several degrees, from the Fourth to the Rose Croix inclusive, upon M.M.'s in good standing; together with the rules and ordinances for the government of a Chapter of Rose Croix, also the by-laws of your Chapter. The Sacred Book of Laws which is placed upon the Altar of our Masonic Vows, I also entrust to your care: guided by that great light in every degree of Masonry, you cannot fail to act with honour, dignity and truth. I now place you in the seat of honour in the Orient. Sir Knights: look upon your Most Wise. Most Wise: look upon the Sir Knights of your Chapter. Sir Knights: join me in saluting your Most Wise.

[All give Battery 6+1].

Ill. Grand Master of Ceremonies : you will now present for installation the Respectable Senior and junior Knights Wardens, and Orator.

[This is done as before].

G. M. of C. - Ill. Grand Master: I have the honour to present for installation Sir Knights , who have been elected to serve as Senior and junior Knights Wardens, and Orator of this Chapter.

G. M. - Sir. Knights; do you solemnly promise to assist the Most Wise in his efforts for the prosperity of the Chapter ?

[Answer].

Do you promise to abide by the same obligation which he has just taken ?

[Answer].

Do you promise that if you are called upon to take charge of the Chapter in the absence of the Most Wise, that you will exert your best ability for the benefit of the Chapter and the propagation of our sublime institution?

[Answer].

III. Grand Master of Ceremonies: invest the Sir Knights with the Insignia of their rank and jewel of office.

Respectable Senior Knight Warden: the jewel of your office is a Cross surmounted by a Rose., the rose is the emblem of discretion; the Cross is an emblem of science in the mind of man, and is the first object in every system of human worship. Your jewel, Sir Knight junior Warden, is the Square and Compass, and is a monitor to remind you that none can be exalted to the sublime degree of a Rose Croix Mason until he has been proved by the compass to have acted on the square in the first 3, or symbolic degrees,

Sir Knight Orator : your jewel is a Scroll; your duty is to deliver the charges and history of the several degrees to the Neophyte who seeks Truth, Light, and Perfection. The jewel is a reminder to you of the antiquity of our Ancient and Primitive Rite.

III. Grand Conductor : lead to their respective stations the Senior and junior Knights Wardens and Orator.

[This is done].

III. Grand Master of Ceremonies: conduct to the Altar for installation the Knights Archivist and Treasurer elect.

[This is done].

G. M. of C. - Ill. Grand Master of Light: I have the honor to present for installation Sir Knights who have been elected Archivist and Treasurer.

G. M. - Ill. Grand Master of Ceremonies: invest the Sir Knights with their jewels,

[This is done].

Sir Knight Archivist: the jewel of your office is a Pen; your duty is to keep the graven tablets of your Chapter, so that no errors occur to mar the harmony thereof, and also that they may be ever ready for the inspection of the Officers of the Mystic Temple.

Sir Knight Treasurer: your jewel is a Key; your duty is to guard the treasures of this Chapter, and I charge you to be as faithful to your trust as was our brother of old, Gedaliah.

Ill. Grand Conductor: lead them to their stations.

Ill. Grand Master of Ceremonies: you will conduct to the Altar the Knights Conductor, Captain of the Guard, Guard of the Tower, Prelate, Organist, and Sentinel elect, for installation.

[This is done by Grand Master of Ceremonies as before].

Sir Knight you have been chosen as Conductor of this Chapter; your jewel is a Winged Rod, and is to remind you that you should ever fly to the relief of those who may be overcome by poverty or sickness, in rough or darksome roads, and to cheer the Neophyte who is entrusted to your guidance.

Sir Knight, you have been chosen as Captain of the Guard of this Chapter; your jewel is a Spear; your duty is to prepare the Neophyte who knocks for admission at the gate of the Temple.

Sir Knight Guard of the Tower: your jewel is the Axe; your duty is to guard the inner door of the Chapter.

Sir Knight Prelate: your jewel is a Book, emblematic of the Sacred Book of Laws ; your duty is to offer prayers of gratitude to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for the manifold blessings He has bestowed upon us.

Sir Knight Organist: your jewel is a Lyre; your duty is to preside at the organ, and assist in offering to Heaven our grateful songs of love.

Sir Knight Sentinel: your jewel is the Sword, symbol of honor; your duty is to guard the approaches to the Chapter. Look well to the gate of the Temple.

The Sir Knights ofChapter, No..... of Rose Croix Masons, with the Officers Elect, will now form a circle around the Altar of Obligations and take the Vow of Fealty. Ill. Grand Orator attend to your duty.

[All surround the Altar of the V.M.. Grand Orator gives the following O. B.]

OBLIGATION.

To the Glory of the Supreme Architect of the Universe. In the name of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry, in and for Salutation on all points of the Triangle. Respect to the Order:

I , do most solemnly promise on the Sacred Book of Laws, the Sword, symbol of honour, and the Myrtle, emblem of initiation, fidelity to the Rules and Regulations of the Mystic Temple of this jurisdiction, or any other jurisdiction that I may hereafter hail from; also, the General Statutes, Constitution, and Edicts, emanating from the Sovereign Sanctuary of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry, in and for I further promise, that I will be true and faithful to my country; that I will endeavor to disseminate the True Light; eradicate error, dispel ignorance, and extend the influence of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, and may the GAOTU help, aid and assist me. *Amen.*

G. M. - Ill. Grand Master of Ceremonies and Grand Conductor: Induct the Officers Elect in their respective stations.

[This is done].

Ill. Brothers and Sir Knights: let us sing the:

INSTALLATION ODE

When out of chaos sprang this earth,
(And darkness deep, reigned at its birth),

Ere order first began ;
 The Architect divine but spoke,
 And lo ! from silence, nature broke
 Her brightest jewel, man.
 At the Almighty's voice, deep night
 Surrendered to refulgent light,
 And harmony, began ,
 Throughout the soundless realms of space,
 The mighty anthem roll'd apace.
 Through every sphere it ran.
 And man the sovereign over all
 The things on this terrestrial ball,
 Received an influx then ;
 Which with wisdom love combined.
 And formed that gem the human mind,
 Which stamps the race of men.
 Oh, Adonai, let songs arise,
 And reach thy throne beyond the skies.
 The just, the great I Am;
 Oh ! may we feel in all our care,
 That his kind spirit watches near,
 To guard from every harm.

G. M. - Illustrious Grand Annalist: you will read the Charter of the Chapter.

[Grand Annalist reads the Charter].

G. M. - Illustrious Grand Guard of the Council: you will proclaim at the north-west and south-west angles of the Chapter, and at the Orient, that the officers have been duly elected and installed in Ancient and Primitive form.

[The Grand Guard of the Council draws his sword, and makes the Proclamation, first at the North-west, then at the South-west, and at the Orient].

PROCLAMATION

T. T. G. O. T. S. A. O. T. U. under the auspices of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry, in and for , and of the Mystic Temple, 90 Degree of the State of

I proclaim the Officers of Chapter of Rose + Croix
Masons, No.....duly elected and installed in Ancient and Primitive
form.

CHARGE

Enlightened brethren, another fold in the Banner of Masonry unfurls
itself.

Benevolence, that goddess smiling and beautiful as the dawn of
Spring, has descended among us; listen to her gentle voice; noble
minds are grouped around and must await her commands. August
Orient, it is in thy region of decay and ruin that we must search for the
origin of the human race.

Thy plains were the cradle of intellectual culture. Thy sumptuous
aspect, Oh Memphis, Queen of cities, once adorned the banks of the
Nile. Stately Memphis! where once the goddess Isis received a
magnificent homage.

Isis the symbol of nature, the mother, and the nurse of men and of
events, what more significant emblem could we choose wherewith to
decorate the front of our Temples.

On what more solid basis could we build our structure than on the
broken and moss-covered columns, that forty centuries since
witnessed the great reformers of antiquity, as they came to seek for
the keys of abstruse science, and of sublime wisdom.

When we contemplate the immense field that is open to our labour;
when we would examine its many phases - its beneficent genius - we
know not where to commence. Shall we grope among the ruins and
hieroglyphics of Egypt, or search among the fabulous and obscure
traditions of antiquity for a starting point, in order to show the
connection between the ancient societies, that cultivated wisdom by
the fertile Nile, and Masonry as it exists in our day? But what we shall
search for (vainly perhaps), in the associations of antiquity, are the
great principles of a pure humanity; the effort to awaken the
sentiments of union and fidelity in the human heart; freedom of
conscience in philosophy and religion, tolerance, charity and
philanthropy.

The different phases of development that have been assumed since the remotest times, the brotherhood, worshipping the Supreme

Architect of the World, represent a society, intimately connected with man's most exalted destiny, and with the highest culture of his mind. An alliance having many branches, and but a single object, which is to hasten the improvement of our nature, in all that is most pure; an alliance, which, if it shall advance and continue faithful to the essential spirit of Freemasonry, despising all obstacles, shows us the path by which the most sublime results shall be attained.

It is for you then, my brothers, to develop the principles of fraternal alliance, pure, universal and conformable to truth. The work is great, arduous and difficult, but it is noble. The path has been traced and partly opened by gifted spirits in every condition, age, and country.

Having said this much in behalf of Masonic principles in general, permit me, my dear brothers, to recur to this Chapter, whose officers are now installed. May the Supreme Architect of the Universe protect the workmen; direct the work, and bless their efforts, by rendering them useful to humanity, so that the wisest and best of men of our nation may be proud of the honour of being enrolled beneath the banners of our Ancient and Primitive Rite.

CLOSING ODE

Oh Thou whose power over moving worlds presides,
Whose voice created and whose wisdom guides:
On darkling Man, in full effulgence shine,
And cheer his clouded mind with light divine.

This Tine alone, to calm the pious breast, With silent confidence and
holy rest From Thee, Great God, we spring, to Thee we bend, Path,
Motive, Guide, our origin and end.

BENEDICTION

G. V. - Let the chain of union be formed, and the grasp of Masonic
Faith encircle the Temple, from the august Orient to the columns in the
West.

[The chain is formed]

Omnipotent G.A.O.T.U.! God of Life, of Light, and Truth. Listen, we implore Thee, to the outpourings of our hearts; deign, we beseech Thee, to bless us: Oh, Thou Eternal One, mighty in power and of majesty incomprehensible, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands; give grace and strength to the officers this day installed in Thy name, endow them with memory and understanding, that their efforts to enlighten the Brotherhood may illuminate humanity with the light of Peace, Tolerance, Truth, Charity, and Fraternity, and dissipate the dark clouds of Ignorance, Despotism and Superstition, that enchain the mind. Be ever with them in the performance of their Masonic duties to Thee and to mankind, that whether health, sickness, fortune or adversity attend them, they may never lose sight of the source from whence they came, ever remembering that the power which giveth hath the power to take away.

Bless, Oh G.A.O.T.U., this Temple; Bless Thy servants whom today we have installed:

Bless them with Wisdom and Understanding; bless them with Peace and with Knowledge; and to Thee our loving Father, who art in Heaven, be honour and glory forevermore. Amen.

All - So mote it be.

Installation of a Senate

GRAND INSTALLATOR

The introduction of the Grand Officers is the same as used in the Installation of a Chapter of Rose Croix Masons.

[When all have entered, the Grand Orator offers the following]

PRAYER

Supreme Architect of the Universe! Immutable God, Father of Nature, we prostrate ourselves before the eternal Laws of Thy Wisdom. Bless the work we are now engaged in. Bestow upon the officers of this Senate, Strength, Energy, and Wisdom, to bear the duties they have assumed; energy to combat those enemies of Masonry - Ignorance, Superstition and Prejudice - strength to support them in the practice of Virtue, and the propagation of the sublime teachings of our Ancient and Primitive Rite; and Wisdom that they may observe Tolerance, Charity, and Fraternal Love, that even the profane may bear witness, that we seek not idle and useless ceremonies, nor use titles to elevate ourselves above our fellow men; but to teach wisdom, forgiveness of wrongs, peace to man, and constant resistance to Ignorance, Superstition, and Despotism!

Bless, we beseech Thee, Oh G.A.O.T.U.! all those who have been enlightened, that our Ancient and Primitive Rite may diffuse its blessed and beneficent principles throughout the world by the observance of that divine maxim : " Do unto others whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you." Amen.

All say - Glory unto Thee, Oh Lord! Glory to Thy Name, Glory to Thy Works!

G. M. - Sir Knights let us sing the

OPENING ODE

[See Chapter Installation].

G. M. - Ill. Grand Master of Ceremonies: you will receive the Insignia of the Officers Elect, and place it on the altar.

G. M. - Illustrious Grand Master of Ceremonies: present for installation the Sublime Grand Commander Elect ofSenate, No.

[Grand Master of C. presents the Sub. G. Com. in front of the Altar].

G. M. of C. - I have the honor to present for installation, Sir Knight, who has been elected to act as Sublime Grand Commander of Senate, No.....of the State of, and No.....of the Sovereign Sanctuary

G. M. - Sir Knights: do you still remain satisfied with your choice of a Presiding Officer?

[Sir Knights respond].

Ill. Brother: this mark of confidence reposed in you by the Sir Knights of your Senate, is a gratifying proof of your energy and ability. Before taking your official seat you must, however, solemnly bind yourself to perform faithfully the duties required of you by the Statutes of our Ancient and Primitive Rite. Ill. Grand Orator: you will administer the oath of Office.

[Grand Master strikes !!! all rise; the Grand Orator gives the O. B.]

Obligation

To the glory of the G. A. O. T. U. and under the Auspices of the Sovereign Sanctuary, of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry in and for Salutation on all points of the Triangle. Respect to the Order.

I, , promise on the Sacred Book of Laws, the Sword, symbol of honor, and on the Myrtle, emblem of Initiation, to fulfil the duties confided to me as Sublime Grand Commander of Senate No., of the State of and No..... of the Sovereign Sanctuary to the best of my ability; and that I will govern my Senate with justice and equity, and that I will not permit political or religious discussions to mar the harmony thereof.

I promise to use my best efforts for the prosperity of my Senate in particular, and of our beloved Rite in general; and that I will not confer the degrees of a Senate upon any person who has not received the degree of Rose + Croix, in a regular Rose + Croix Chapter, or by proper authorization, and is in good standing.

I promise fidelity and obedience to the laws, rules and regulations of the Mystic Temple (90 Degree) for the State of; and to obey and cause to be obeyed, so far as in me the power lies, the Constitution, General Statutes and Ordinances of the Sovereign Sanctuary (95 Degree), of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry in and for

I further promise to be especially careful of the Rituals entrusted to my care, and never to print, copy, or engrave them, or allow the same to be done by any other person if in my power to prevent it.

I promise never to acknowledge any person claiming to be of the A. and P. Rite, unless he or they be acknowledged by the Sovereign Sanctuary.

I do furthermore solemnly promise to bind my successor in office to the observance of this Obligation, or see that the same be done, and may the G.A.O.T.U. be my help. Amen! Amen! Amen!

[Salute Book of Laws].

G. M. - Ill. Grand Master of Ceremonies : invest the Sublime Grand Commander with his jewel.

[This is done].

Ill. Grand Conductor: lead to the Orient the Sublime Grand Commander Elect.

[This is done].

Sublime Grand Commander: the jewel with which you have been invested is a Triple Triangle within a circle of silver, in the centre of which is placed the Hermetic Cross; the triangles denote Earth, Air, Fire and Water; Spring Youth and Morning; Summer, Manhood and Noon; Autumn, Age and Evening; Winter, Night and Death; the circle is an emblem of Eternity and of the Omnipresence of Deity.

The color of your Scarf is violet, and denotes Reverence, the three stars on each side of which are emblematic of Truth, Wisdom and Science.

The Red Cross is the symbol of the life to come; the origin of this Cross is of the highest antiquity.

In the centre of the Cross is the Flaming Star, with a Delta in the middle, bearing in its centre the simple, but great character of ONE GOD! - the point signifying the Universe, which is governed by invariable rules.

I now present you with the Gavel, emblem of authority; wield it with discretion and deliberation. I give in your care the Sacred Book of Laws; never depart from the precepts laid down in that great Masonic Light.

I present you with the By-laws of your Senate; it is your duty to see them properly adhered to; lastly, I present you with your Charter, which empowers you to work and confer the Degrees of a Senate from the 19 to the 43 Degrees, inclusive, upon Rose + Croix Masons in good standing. I now place you in the seat of honor in the Orient.

[Does so].

Sir Knights: look upon your Sublime Grand Commander. Sublime Grand Commander: look upon your Senate. Together Sir Knights.

[All give the Battery !!!!! !!!!! !)

III. Grand Master of Ceremonies : present at the altar for installation the Most Learned Senior and junior Knights Interpreters Elect.

[This is done].

G. M. of C. - I have the honor to present for Installation Sir Knights, who have been elected as Senior and Junior Knights Interpreters of this Senate.

G. M.-Sir Knights: you have been elected as Senior and junior Knight Interpreters of this Senate; do you solemnly promise to abide by the obligation the Sub. Grand Commander has just bound himself to in your hearing? Do you faithfully promise to assist him in the inspection and regulation of the work wherever or whenever you may be called on? Do you. promise to defend the Ancient and Primitive Rite against the ignorant who revile its teachings, by rendering good for evil, and justice towards all men?

[Answer].

III. Grand Master of Ceremonies: invest the Sir Knights with their jewels of office.

[This is done].

Most Learned Senior Knight Interpreter: the jewel of your office is a Gavel; it denotes the constant efforts we should make to become perfect in Virtue. Your jewel, Most Learned Junior Knight Interpreter, is a Balance, and indicates the equality of Love you should endeavor to establish between those Brethren whom human weakness has caused to err.

Ill. Grand Conductor: lead the Learned Senior and Junior Knights to their stations at the South-west and North-west angles of the Senate.

[This is done].

Ill. Grand Master of Ceremonies: present at the Altar for Installation, the Knights Orator, Recorder, Treasurer and Archivist Elect.

[This is done].

Sir Knight Orator: your jewel is a Scroll, it denotes the pure doctrine elevated by Morality, which teaches us to propagate Science and Truth.

Your jewel Sir Knight Recorder, is a Stylus, and denotes Intelligence.

Sir Knight of Finance: your jewel is a Chest, typical of the Sacred Ark of the Traditions. Do you as sacredly preserve the Treasures of this Senate.

Your jewel, Sir Knight Archivist, is a Book, emblematical of the Sacred Book of Laws on which our vows are registered; do you as carefully register the transactions of your Senate.

Ill. Grand Conductor: lead to their respective seats the Knights Orator, Recorder, Knight of Finance, and Archivist.

[This is done].

Ill. Grand Master of Ceremonies: present at the Altar for Installation the Sir Knight Marshal, Knight of Introduction, Accompanier, Captain of the Guard, Standard Bearer, Guardian of the Sanctuary, Sword Bearer, and Sentinel.

[This is done as before).

Sir Knight Marshal: your jewel is a Baton, and denotes that it is your duty to see that the Neophytes entrusted to your care swerve not from the path that leads to Truth.

Sir Knight of Introduction: your jewel is a Winged Rod, emblem of that divine love that should ever pervade our hearts.

Sir Knight Accompanier: your jewel is a Caduceus, emblem of Science.

Sir Knight Captain of the Guard. your jewel is an Axe, emblematic of Masonic Work, and it is typical of those workmen of Gebal who squared the timbers of Lebanon, for that Temple which was the glory of Israel and of the World.

Sir Knight Guardian of the Sanctuary: your jewel is an Extended Hand, emblematic of Fraternal union which should ever beautify and grace our Temples.

Sir Knight Standard Bearer: your jewel is a Standard, emblematic of the elevated Wisdom, Honor and Truth, which form the highest attributes of our Ancient and Primitive Rite.

Sir Knight Sword Bearer: your jewel is the Sword of Honor, denoting the War we wage against Ignorance, Intolerance, and Despotism.

Sir Knight Sentinel: your jewel is a javelin, and your duty is to guard against the indiscretions of the profane; the triple triangle and circle are the same as that of the Sub. Grand Commander, and have been explained.

Go, Sir Knights, in company with the Grand Conductor, to your respective stations, and attend well to your allotted duties.

[They go to their stations].

Sir Knights: will now sing the:

INSTALLATION ODE

[See Chapter Installation].

Sir Knights and Officers of the Senate will assemble around the Altar and take the Vow of Fealty.

[The Grand Orator gives the Vow of Fealty, the same as in the Chapter Installation ; the Benediction, Ode and Charge are also the same]

Installation OF A Sublime Council

[The Hall is appropriately fitted up with the Banners and Emblems of the Degree. The Officers and Brethren wear the Insignia of their rank, and occupy their respective stations and places. When the Visitors are seated and all is ready, the Sublime Dai strikes !].

Sub. Dai. - This being the time appointed for the Installation of the Officers of this Sublime Council, the Grand Master of Light [or the Sovereign Grand Conservator General, or the Grand Representative] of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, in and for, with the Grand Officers, have arrived to perform that Ceremony. Let strict silence be observed.

[The Grand Master of Ceremonies from the outside, strikes on the door !!! !!!!!!!! !!!!!!!!).

Guard of Sanctuary - (opens the door, saying): Who disturbs the Council ?

Grand Master of Ceremonies - *The Grand Master of Ceremonies of the Mystic Temple (90th Degree), for the State of, requests admittance for the purpose of communicating the orders of the Illustrious Grand Master of Light of the State of , [or M. Ill. S. G. C. G.]*

[Guard of Sanctuary reports to the Sub. Dai].

Sub Dai. - Let the Arch of Steel be formed.

[This is done - the Grand Master of Ceremonies is received with 9 lights and 9 swords.

Admit the Grand Master of Ceremonies.

- The Grand Master of Ceremonies enters the Hall, and stands at the Altar, facing the Orient].

G. M. of C. - Sub. Dai. and Ill. Brethren of this Sublime Council, I have the honour to inform you that the Ill. Grand Master of Light for the State of is waiting to proceed with the Installation of the Officers of Sublime Council No....., of the State of and No. , of the Sovereign Sanctuary.

Sub. Dai. - Ill. Grand Master of Ceremonies: you will report to the Ill. Grand Master of Light, that the Officers and members of this Sublime Council are grateful for the favour about to be conferred, and will obey his orders.

[*G. M. of C.* retires under arch of steel; reports to the *G. M. of L.*, then strikes on door! !-! ! !! ! ! ! ! !-! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! !].

G. of S. - Who disturbs the Council?

G. M. of C. - The Ill. Grand Master of Light for the State of with the Grand Officers of the Mystic Temple.

[Guard of Sanctuary reports to the Sub. Dai].

Sub. Dai. - Let the Arch of Steel be raised and the lines formed.

[Brethren with swords and lights, form lines as before].

Admit the Ill. Grand Master of Light and his Officers.

- The Grand Officers enter in the following order:- 1st. Grand Guard of the Council and Grand Conductor - 2d. Grand Master of Ceremonies and Grand Ceryce - 3d. Grand Keeper of Rites and Grand Examiner - 4th. Grand Treasurer and Grand Annalist - 5th. Grand Orator and Grand Representative - 6th. The Grand Master. The procession enters the Council and stops at the columns of the first and second Mystagogues, the lines are opened and face inward, and the Illustrious Grand Master advances to the Altar].

Sub. Dai. - Ill. Brethren: observe the Orient, and assist in saluting your Grand Officers.

[Battery !!!!!!! I!! !!!! !!!11111.

Sub. Dai. - Ill. Grand Master: this Sublime Council is proud to receive you and the officers of the Mystic Temple, and assure you that we will use our best endeavors to propagate our Ancient and Primitive Rite, and to deserve the confidence of the Sovereign Sanctuary, and also of the Mystic Temple of the State of over which you preside; and trust that you will at once proceed to our Installation.

G. M. - Sublime Dai, and Illustrious Brethren: it is no less our pleasure than our duty, and we assure you of our confidence and fraternal approbation.

- The Grand Master walks to the Orient, followed by the Grand Officers. The Sub. Dai gives him the Gavel].

G. M. - (Strikes!) The Officers of Sublime Council No....., will resign their Stations to the Officers of the Mystic Temple.

[The grand Officers take their places as follows: The Grand Representative in the Orient with the G. M. The Grand Orator at the Southwest. The Grand Examiner at the North-west. Grand Keeper of Rites takes the Archivist's seat. The Grand Ceryce, the seat of Grand Expert. The Guard of Council, the seat of Mess. of Science. The Grand Master of Ceremonies and the Grand Conductor remain by the Grand Master. The Grand Annalist and Grand Treasurer take Secretary and Treasurer's seats. After all are seated, the G. M. of L. says]:

G. M. - As no man Should enter upon any great or important business without imploring the aid of Deity, let us invoke a blessing that G. A. O. T. U. may guide and prosper our present work.

PRAYER

Eternal Father of the innumerable worlds which are controlled by the inscrutable laws of Thy Supreme Wisdom, deign to bless our present labor which we dedicate to Thy glory, for the regeneration of humanity.

G.A.O.T.U. grant that these Brethren, whom we are now to install, may never swerve from the straight line of perfect duty, the practice of which we inculcate in our Temples. Bless the officers of this Sublime Council, who have been selected, that they may teach justice, Benevolence, Light and Truth. Give them strength to fulfil the noble and glorious mission of cultivating science, that they may render reason profitable, and protect themselves and our Ancient and Primitive Rite from error and falsehood. May they, by Thine aid, inculcate love to Thee, to their country, to their neighbors, and to the world at large. Banish from their hearts, envy, hatred and falsehood - thus shall they indeed be Masters of the Great Work of disseminating Light, Reason and Truth, thereby adding to their honor, to the glory of Freemasonry, and the elevation of humanity.- Amen.

G. M. - Bless them, Oh, G.A.O.T.U.

All - We implore Thy blessing on this Council.

G. M. - Bless this Council, Oh, G.A.O.T.U.

All - We implore Thy blessings for all Masons.

G. M. - Bless all Masons, Oh, G.A.O.T.U.

All - So mote it be.

G. M. - Ill. Brethren: let us sing the

OPENING ODE

[See Chapter Installation]

G. M.- Illustrious Grand Master of Ceremonies: you will receive the Insignia of the Officers Elect, and place them on the Altar.

[This is done].

Grand Master of Ceremonies: you will conduct to the Altar the Sub. Dai elect.

G. M. of C. - Ill. Grand Master: I have the honour to present Ill. Brother....., Sublime Dai elect of this Council.

G. M. - Ill. Brother: do you solemnly promise that you will labor unceasingly for the prosperity of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, and for the propagation of Light, Truth and Knowledge; and that you will oppose Ignorance, Fanaticism and Superstition, and shun every evil that may bring dishonor upon Masonry?

[Answer].

Do you promise to govern your Council with justice, and never to be guided by animosity, nor by political or religious opinions in matters of difference (should any occur), between members of your Council?

(Answer).

Do you promise to pay all due respect to the dead of this Degree, and to see their remains decently placed in the bosom of our common Mother Earth, if within your power?

[Answer].

Do you promise that you will not confer the Degrees of the Ancient and Primitive Rite upon any person who has not been regularly initiated, passed and raised in a just and duly constituted Lodge of M. M's., and that you will be as careful of the Rituals entrusted to you, as of the secrets of the Ancient and Primitive Rite?

[Answer].

Do you promise to support and maintain the Laws, Rules, Regulations and Officers of the Mystic Temple of the State of, and the Constitution, Regulations, and Edicts of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry in and for, and to obligate your successor in Office to the performance of the aforesaid requirements, or see the same performed?

[Answer].

Ill. Brother: being assured of your fidelity to execute the trust confided to your care, I present you with your Robe of Office; its celestial blue is emblematic of that starry decked heaven where all good Masons hope to arrive by a strict adherence to the teachings of our Sublime Institution. I present you with the jewel of your office, a Sun, emblem of Osiris, and of the Widow's Son; it is to remind you that there is but one Life, one Death, one final Judgment, and one God; that the body dies, but the soul liveth.

I present you with the Gavel, emblem of authority, wield it with discretion and deliberate judgment.

I present you with the Charter, under which you are empowered to open and hold a Council of P. P., S. M. of T. G. W., and confer the Degrees thereunto belonging.

The Sacred Book of Laws (the Holy Bible), the true Masonic Light, and the Myrtle of Initiation, I also confide to your especial care.

I now present you my hand, and place you in the Orient, where our eyes were first greeted with light, and intelligence, and the knowledge of human inventions.

[The Grand Master conducts him to the Orient].

Ill. Brothers: join with me in saluting your presiding Officer.

[All salute with battery !!!-! 1 ! ! ! ! ! ! ! !-!! 1 ! 1 ! ! ! ! !].

G. M. - III. Grand Master of Ceremonies: you will conduct to the Altar Ill. Brother....., First Mystagogue elect of this Sublime Council.

G. M. of C. - (Does *so, saying*): Ill Grand Master of Light: I have the honor to present Ill. Brother ,First Mystagogue elect of this Sublime Council.

G. M. - Ill. Brother: you have been elected to preside in the S. W. Valley of this Council; do you promise to exert your ability to obey and assist the Sub. Dai in the inspection and regulation of the work, wherever and whenever you may be called upon to officiate, and in his absence to assume his duties?

[Answer].

I invest you with your Robe of Office; its color is Scarlet, emblematic of Zeal, Perseverance, and Virtue, and denotes the zeal with which Masons combat the ignorant who oppose the Order. Your jewel is a Rising Sun, emblem of Serapis, foster brother to Osiris. Look well to the S. W. Valley.

[The Grand Conductor conducts him to his Station].

Ill. Grand Master of Ceremonies: you will conduct to the Altar Ill. Brother Second Mystagogue elect of this Sublime Council.

G. M. of C. - (Does so, saying): Ill. Grand Master of Light: I have the honor to present Ill. Brother, Second Mystagogue elect of this Sublime Council.

G. M.- Ill. Brother: you have been duly elected Second Mystagogue of this Sublime Council; it is with pleasure that I cause you to be invested with your Robe of Office; its color is Red; it is the emblem of the authority you are to exercise in the absence of the two first Officers of the Council: your jewel is a Half Moon, emblem of Horus, Son of Osiris and Isis, who drove into darkness, Typhon, the destroying spirit! as the mild rays of the silver moon govern the night, so do you govern with mildness the Brothers at your column. Look well to the N. W. Valley.

[The Grand Conductor conducts the Second Mystagogue to his station].

Ill. Brother Grand Master of Ceremonies: you will conduct to the Altar Ill. Brother Orator elect of this Sublime Council.

G. M. of C. - (Does so, saying): Ill. Grand Master of Light: I have the honor to present Ill. Brother Orator elect of this Sublime Council.

G. M. - Ill. Brother you having been elected Orator of this Sublime Council, it is with pleasure I invest you with your Robe of Office; its color is Green, emblematic of Hope; your jewel is a Scroll, and is typical of Hermes Trismegistus, the law giver of Egypt, who unveiled the laws of the Universe to the Ancients; your station is on the R. and in front of the S. D. Look well to the discourses that harmony may be attained.

[The Grand Conductor leads the Orator to his station].

Illustrious Brother Grand Master of Ceremonies; conduct to the Altar
Ill. Brother Grand Expert elect of this Sublime Council.

[Grand Master *of* Ceremonies does so as before].

Ill. Brother Grand Expert: your Robe of Office is Yellow, symbol of Divine love and wisdom: your jewel is a Sphinx, emblematic of the Sages whopresided over the Ancient Mysteries; your station is on the L. and in front of the S. D. Look well to the paths you travel.

[The Grand Conductor leads the Grand Expert to his station].

Ill. Brother G. M. of C.: you will conduct to the Altar the Treasurer, Secretary and Archivist elect, for installation.

[This *is* done].

Ill. Brethren: do you accept the offices to which you have been elected ?

[Answer].

Brother Treasurer: your jewel is a Golden Delta on which is engraven a Chest, which once contained that immortal Treasure, which all Sublime Masters hold in veneration. Your Robe is of Dark Blue, emblematic of Watchfulness. Watch well your treasure.

Bro. Secretary : you in this Council represent Thoth, one of the twelve deities of the Egyptian Theogony. Your jewel is a Delta, bearing on it the crossed Stylus or Pens. Your Grey Robe, emblem of steadiness, I now invest you with. Set down nothing in your books but what is proper to meet the eye of the world without.

Bro. Archivist: your jewel is the Book upon the Golden Delta. Your robe White; let its purity remind you of the purity endeavored by us to be attained. Your duties are to offer prayers at the opening and closing of the Sublime Council. Conduct to their places the Treasurer, Secretary and Archivist.

[This is done].

Ill. Brother Grand Master of Ceremonies: conduct to the Altar the Messenger of Science elect.

[This is done].

Ill. Brother: the Messenger of Science is one of the most important offices in the Sublime Council, for you have at many times to take all charge thereof. Your robe is Black, and your jewel is a Shepherd's Crook, emblem of watchfulness, and is to remind you of the importance of your trust when presiding in the regions of Harpocrates. Look well to the dark abode in the W.

[The Gr. Conductor leads the Messenger of Science to his seat].

Ill. Brother Grand Master of Ceremonies: conduct to the Altar the Sword Bearer elect.

[This is done].

Ill. Brother: your robe is Brown, emblem of good counsel; your jewel, the Sword, is the emblem of honor. Look well to the South.

[He is taken to seat in the South].

Ill. Brother Grand Master of Ceremonies; conduct to the Altar the Standard-Bearer elect of this Sublime Council.

[This is done].

Ill. Brother: you have been elected Standard Bearer of this Council; your robe is Green, and denotes our belief in the immortality of the soul; your jewel is the Standard, on which is emblazoned the Star of Sirius, or Hope. Look well to the North.

[Standard Bearer is taken to seat].

Ill. Brother Grand Master of Ceremonies: conduct to the Altar the Accompanier elect of this Sublime Council.

[This is done].

Ill. Brother: you have been elected Accompanier: your robe of office is Black, emblematic of the sorrow we feel for the sufferings of humanity, occasioned by Despotism and Superstition; your jewel is an Oar, symbolical of the steady course Masonry ever steers, amid the shoals of Ignorance, toward Truth. Look well to the Inner Gate.

[He is conducted to his station].

Ill. Brother Grand Master of Ceremonies; conduct to the Altar the Guardian of the Sanctuary elect of this Sublime Council.

[This is done].

Ill. Brother: you have been elected Guard of the Sanctuary; your robe is Purple, emblem of Divine goodness; your jewel is a Dog's Head, symbol of Canopus, and denotes Fidelity. Look well to the Outer Gate.

[He is conducted to his station].

Ill. Brother Grand Master of Ceremonies: conduct to the Altar the Sentinel appointed.

[This is done].

Ill. Brother: you have been appointed Sentinel of this Council; your jewel is a Club, symbol of Hercules, emblem of Strength. Look well to the precincts of this Council.

Ill. Brethren will sing the

INSTALLATION ODE

[See Chapter Installation]

The Illustrious Brethren and Officers will form at the Altar and take the vow of Fealty.

[See Chapter Installation].

G. M. - Ill. Brother Grand Master of Ceremonies: make the Proclamation.

[Grand Master of Ceremonies goes to the North-west, South-west and Orient, and proclaims as follows]:

G. M. of C. - To the Glory of the Sublime Architect of the Universe. In the name of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry, in and for and of the Mystic Temple, 90 Degree, of the State of

I proclaim the officers of..... Sublime Council (90 Degree),
duly elected and installed in Ancient and Primitive form.

G. M.- Brethren will sing the following ODE. Almighty God! in mercy
smile, With favor on our humble toil; Our hearts from guilty passions
free, And gently lead our minds to Thee.

Oh G.A.O.T.U. ! be pleased to hear Thy servants, filled with holy fear,
Oh grant them peace and holy love, From Thy bright throne, in realms
above.

We pray Thee Lord, Thy suppliants hear, Who learn Thy will Thy name
revere; Oh grant more light, let wisdom shine, And Youth and Love, in
us combine.

[Charge is given by a Grand Officer].

CLOSING ODE

Oh Thou whose power over moving worlds presides, Whose voice
created and whose wisdom guides: On darkling Man, in full effulgence
shine, And cheer his clouded mind with light divine.

Tis thine alone, to calm the pious breast, With silent confidence and
holy rest ; From Thee Great God, we spring, to Thee we bend, Path,
Motive, Guide, our origin and end.

BENEDICTION

Gr. Mas. Gen. - Let the chain of union be formed and the grasp of
masonic faith encircle the Temple, from the august Orient to the
columns in the West.

[The chain is formed - See Chapter Installation].

Instalation OF A Mystic Temple

A Mystic Temple, 90 Degree, is installed by an officer of the Sovereign
Sanctuary ; the reception is the same as that used in the installation
services of a Chapter, Senate, or Council.

[The Officers and Ill. Brethren being seated, the Grand Master of Light
strikes !!!!! saying]:

[The Grand Master General of Ceremonies retires under the Arch of Steel and reports to the Grand Master that done, he strikes on the door as before ! ! ! ! !).

G. of G. - Very Ill. Grand Master of Light: an alarm.

G. *M. of L.* - Demand the cause.

G. of C. - (*opening door*) - *Who* disturbs the Mystic Temple?

G. M. G. *of C.* - The Most Ill. Grand Master General and the Grand Officers General of the Sovereign Sanctuary.

[G. of C. reports to G. M. of L.]

G. *M. of L.* - Let the Arch of Steel be formed.

(Arch of Steel is formed).

Admit the Most Ill. Grand Master General and the Grand Officers of the Sovereign Sanctuary.

[GUARD OF COUNCIL opens door. The Grand Officers General with the Most Ill. Grand Master General last. enter the Hall. When they approach the Altar, the Grand Officers form a double line facing inward: the Most Ill. Grand Master General passes through lines to Altar. The gavels are kept rapping].

G. M. *of L.* - Ill. Brethren, observe the Orient, and assist in saluting your Grand Officers.

[Battery!!!!!!!! !!!!!!!)

G. M. *of L.* - Most Ill. Sovereign Grand Master General: the Grand Officers of this Mystic Temple welcome you and the Grand Officers of the Sovereign Sanctuary, and assure you that our best endeavors shall be used to propagate the sublime teachings of our beloved Ancient and Primitive Rite, and to deserve the confidence reposed in us by the Sovereign Sanctuary, and trust that you will at once proceed to our installation.

M. Ill. S. G. C. G. - Very Ill. Grand Master of Light, and Ill. Grand Officers, it is no less our pleasure than our duty, and we assure you of our confidence and fraternal approbation.

[The Most. Ill. Grand Conservator General is led to the Orient ; he takes the gavel].

M. Ill. Sovereign G. C. G.-The Grand Officers of the Mystic Temple will resign their seats to the Grand Officers General of the Sovereign Sanctuary.

[This is done].

M. Ill. S. G. C. G. - As no man should enter upon any great or important undertaking without first imploring the aid of Deity, let us invoke a blessing that the Sublime Architect of the Universe may guide and prosper our present work.

PRAYER.

Omnipotent, Omniscient, and Omnipresent God of Nature, look with love upon this temple; grant us Thy benignant grace to enable us to carry out the influences of our Rite; let a portion of Thy holy power permeate the hearts of the Officers of this Temple, that they may rule with justice and equity; that they may practice honor and patriotism, and do to others as they would be done by; love their brethren as themselves, and extend Peace and Charity to all mankind. Grant, Oh Father of Light and Truth, that Tolerance, Virtue, Honor and Truth, may ever stimulate them in their endeavors to perfect the Royal Art whilst laboring in this Temple, for Thy honor and for the enlightenment of the Craft. Inspire them with a portion of Thy wisdom, that happiness may be attained, and to Thee, Almighty Father, shall be the praise and the glory, now and forever. Amen!

All - So mote it be.

M. Ill. S. G. C. G. - Ill. Brethren, let us sing the

OPENING ODE

[See Chapter Installation]

M. Ill. S. G. C. G. - Ill. Grand Master General of Ceremonies: you will cause the Grand Officers elect and appointed to assemble in front of the Sacred Altar of our Masonic Vows.

[This is done].

Illustrious Brethren: the grand aim and end of Masonry is the common welfare and good of all the initiated members of the Rite, the diffusion of knowledge, practical charity, mutual protection and fraternal love ; this can only be gained by strict adherence to the precepts and laws of the institution. Obedience to an established and authorized government is as necessary in a society as it is in a State, especially where its authorities are of our own free selection. An army may as well be supposed to be as well disciplined, well provided, and well conducted, without either general or officers, as a society without a regular body of recognized officials. It is, therefore, the duty of every Mason to shape his actions in accordance with the obligations he has taken to the time-honoured laws of the Institution he has the privilege and blessing of being connected with.

The only foundation of Masonry is belief in the existence of a Supreme Being, the Creator and Ruler of all things in the past, the present, and the future. This grand trust is dwelt on, and earnestly inculcated in every degree of the Rite, from the very outset; without it, Masonry would be a body without a soul, and its teachings devoid of point, meaning and method.

Recognizing the existence of the Omnipotent Deity, we seek not to interfere with the various forms of faith pertaining to different countries, races and ages, for they are but modifications, and in some instances, corruptions of the pure and simple religion, which Nature itself teaches us. What is sacred in the eyes of the members of one sect, may appear childish and absurd to all the others; but in the belief in a Supreme Being, a dogma running beyond the memory of man, before the dawn of history and the invention of fabulous traditions, we can all meet on the common ground of mutual toleration.

On that ground of toleration, then, my Brethren, let all your Masonic actions be based. We do not dedicate this Mystic Temple to St. John, to Jaques de Molay, or even to Solomon, but to the Common Father of all mankind G.A.O.T.U.; ever remembering that we seek not to influence the religious feelings of any. Every man is free to worship God as his own heart dictates, and God alone has the right to judge his children!

III. Brethren of this Mystic Temple, are you satisfied with your choice of Grand Officers ?

[Response].

III. Grand Officers Elect and appointed, if you still adhere to your resolution of devoting your energies to the several duties to which you have been selected, extend your right hands upon the Sacred Book of Laws, the Sword, symbol of honor, and the Myrtle, emblem of initiation, and repeat in presence of God, our Father, and these witnesses, your oath of office.

OBLIGATION

TO the Glory of the Supreme Architect of the Universe. In the name of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry in and for, Salutation on all points of the Triangle. Respect to the Order.

I, do most solemnly promise on the Sacred Book of Laws, the Sword, symbol of honor, and the Myrtle, emblem of initiation, fidelity to the Rules and Regulations of the Mystic Temple of this jurisdiction, or any other jurisdiction that I may hereafter hail from; also, the General Statutes, Constitution and Edicts, emanating from the Sovereign Sanctuary of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry, in and for I further promise, that I will endeavor to disseminate the, True Light; eradicate error, dispel ignorance, and extend the influence of the Ancient and Primitive Rite.

I further promise to be especially careful of the Rituals entrusted to my care, and never print, copy, or engrave them, or allow the same to be done by any other person if in my power to prevent it.

I promise never to acknowledge any person claiming to be of the A. and P. Rite, unless he or they be acknowledged by the Sovereign Sanctuary.

I do furthermore solemnly promise to bind my successor in office to the observance of this Obligation, or see that the same be done, and may the G.A.O.T.U. be my help. Amen! Amen! Amen!

Ill. Brethren - The Grand Master of Light must be regarded as the legislative head of the Mystic Temple, and is entitled to the scat of honor, when present, at every Orient within his jurisdiction.

It is his privilege to confer the Degrees from the 4 to the 90, inclusive, upon a Master Mason in good standing, and he may grant a Dispensation to a Chapter, Senate or Council for the same.

He shall also grant dispensations for the formation of Chapters, Senates and Sublime Councils, on receipt of a petition from a constitutional number of Masons within his jurisdiction.

He shall moreover, appoint such officers of subordinate bodies as may be organized under dispensation.

He shall also, in the absence of any officers of the Mystic Temple, appoint assistant Grand Officers from among those who possess the 90 Degree, to fill the vacancy for the time being.

It is his prerogative to preside at all public Installations and Consecrations.

He shall, moreover, issue his dispensation for the public procession of any body within the jurisdiction of his Mystic Temple.

And now, Ill. Sir, I give into your charge the Charter of the Mystic Temple for the State of..... ; the Gavel, emblem of Masonic authority, it is needless to explain the use of; the Sacred Book of Laws (the Holy Bible) I also give into your especial charge, with the Constitution of our beloved Rite.

I now present you my hand, and place you in the scat of honor in the Orient.

[This is done].

Ill. Brethren: Join with me in saluting your presiding officer.

[All salute with battery!!!!!!!! !!!!!!!]

Ill. Brother: The Grand Orator or Deputy Grand Master of Light is the second officer of the Mystic Temple; in the event of the absence, sickness or death of the Grand Master of Light, you must assume his duties. At other times you must perform the duties assigned by the Ritual of the Rite. Your station is at the South-west column to which the Grand Master General of Ceremonies will conduct you.

[He is led to his station].

Ill. Brother: the Grand Examiner is the third officer of the Mystic Temple; you are charged with the supervision of the Rituals, Charters, Dispensations and Diplomas, issued by the Sovereign Sanctuary to the Mystic Temple; also to visit officially, the subordinate bodies, in order that no irregularities may corrupt the harmony of the work. Your station is at the North-west column.

Ill. Grand Master General of Ceremonies conduct the Ill. Grand Examiner to his station.

[This is done].

Ill. Brother: you, as Grand Annalist, shall have charge of the correspondence of the Mystic Temple. You must register all Neophytes and Members of Chapters, Senates, Sublime Councils and Grand Tribunals, returned to you by subordinate bodies within the jurisdiction of this Mystic Temple, with the particulars thereunto belonging.

Receive and safely preserve all documents in the archives of the Mystic Temple, and attest and seal all Charters, Diplomas, and other instruments of the Mystic Temple emanating from the Sovereign Sanctuary.

You shall act as cashier of the Mystic Temple, keeping a correct account of all monies due and paid to the Mystic Temple, which you must pay over to the Grand Treasurer; attend all meetings of the Mystic Temple, with the necessary books and writings, and transmit to the Sovereign Sanctuary, and to the several Mystic Temples, a certificate of the election of Grand Officers, and of Subordinate Officers, authenticated under your hand and seal, and that of the Grand Master of Light. Your seat is on the left of the Very Ill. Grand Master of Light.

Ill. Brother: As Grand Treasurer, you are to render an account to the Mystic Temple at its convocations, a full report of its finances, with vouchers as to receipts; and no moneys shall be paid out except by its vote, and upon the written order of the Grand Master of Light, countersigned by the Grand Annalist.

Ill. Brothers Grand Master General of Ceremonies and Grand Expert General, conduct to their seats the Ill. Grand Annalist and Grand Treasurer.

[This is done].

Ill. Grand Keeper of Rites, you must keep a clear copy of the transactions of the Mystic Temple for the information of the Sovereign Sanctuary, and shall read the balustre at the opening of the Mystic Temple.

Ill. Grand Ceryce, it is your duty to present the claims, petitions and correspondence of such subordinate bodies as may desire official intercourse with the Mystic Temple.

Ill. Grand Master of Ceremonies: your duty is to explain and develop those portions of the Ancient and Primitive Rite which relate to Initiations and Receptions, and enlighten the less instructed brethren in the knowledge of our sublime institution, and impress upon them the importance of propagating Truth, justice, Science, Honor and Wisdom.

The Ill. Grand Conductor shall introduce visitors, attend to the installations in subordinate bodies, and shall, moreover, have the custody of the banner of the Mystic Temple.

The Ill. Grand Captain of the Guard shall superintend the exercises and drill of the several bodies of the Rite in the tactics adopted by the Mystic Temple and in processions officiate as Grand Marshal.

The Ill. Grand Guard of the Council shall have charge of the inner gate of the Mystic Temple, and of the insignia and paraphernalia of the same, which he shall cause to be in readiness, when required, at each and every convocation.

Ill. Grand Conductor and Grand Master of Ceremonies: you will conduct to their respective posts the Grand Officers of the Mystic Temple.

[This is done].

III. Brethren: join in singing the

INSTALLATION ODE

Almighty Father! heavenly king,
Before Thy sacred name we bend;
Accept the praises which we sing,
And to our humble prayer attend.
All hail ! great Architect divine,
This universal frame is Thine.
On Thy Omnipotence we rest,
Secure of Thy protection here
And hope hereafter to be blest,
When we have left this world of care.
All hail! great Architect divine,
This universal frame is Thine.
Grant us, great God ! Thy powerful aid,
To guide us through this vale of tears For when
Thy goodness is displayed,
Peace soothes the mind, subdues our fears.
All hail ! great Architect divine,
This universal frame is Thine.

The Officers and Members of the Mystic Temple will form around the Altar. III. Grand Keeper General of the Golden Book: you will receive from them the Oath of Fealty.

[This is done. The Grand Keeper General of the Golden Book propounds the following O. B.]

To the Glory of the Supreme Architect of the Universe. In the name of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry in and for Salutation on all points of the Triangle. Respect to the Order.

I..... , do most solemnly promise and swear, on the Sacred Book of Laws, the Sword, symbol of honor, and the Myrtle, emblem of initiation, fidelity to the Rules and Regulations of the Mystic Temple of this jurisdiction, or any other jurisdiction that I may hereafter hail from; also, the General Statutes, Constitution and Edicts, emanating from. the Sovereign Sanctuary of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry, in and for I further promise, that I will be true and faithful to my country ; that I will endeavor to disseminate the True Light; eradicate error, dispel ignorance, and extend the influence of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, and may the G.A.O.T.U. help, aid and assist me. Amen!

S.G.C.G. - G. Master of Ceremonies make the usual proclamation at the North-west, Southwest and at the Orient.

[The Grand Master of Ceremonies makes at the N. W., S. W, and at the Orient the following]

PROCLAMATION

G.M. of C - To the Glory of the S.A. O.T.U. and under the auspices of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry, in and for Salutation on all points of the Triangle. Respect to the order.

I proclaim the Grand Officers of this Mystic Temple 90 Degree in and for the Valley and State of, regularly elected and duly installed in Ancient and Primitive Form.

S.G.C.G. - If any person has an objection or aught to say, let him now speak,

[The above is repeated thrice]. or else for ever after hold his peace ! the G. Officers of this Mystic Temple are Installed in A. and P. form, and so I do declare them!

[Strikes ! all sit].

LECTURE

Brethren and Friends: the ceremonies which you have now witnessed may appear to the outside world puerile and frivolous, but believe me, there is a holy, a reverential object in each ceremony.

From the very earliest ages, the wisest and most intellectual men of all nations have found it necessary to conceal their most matured and liberal ideas from the great mass of their countrymen, and form societies of congenial natures for the intercommunication of knowledge and philosophy. This pandering to popular prejudices, may at first seem almost contemptible, but in former days it was absolutely essential to their safety from the blind and bloody persecution of the vulgar herd of society. The priests of all religions, were men who belonged to such associations, men who preferred to ride in safety on the topmost crest of popular feeling rather than be overwhelmed and destroyed by it; they therefore taught the people such tenets as they knew would suit their vulgar prejudices, and love of the marvellous; invented legends, made sacrifices, reared idols, taught in parables, built splendid temples, and manufactured miracles by the hundred. This was tangible and satisfactory to the masses, but in all this apparent mummery there was an inner meaning, known only to the initiated. To them these things were but allegories and symbols, conveying lessons of morality and philosophy, too far advanced for the popular mind to grasp and understand, for it is far easier to blindly believe than to reason and digest.

Can any one conceive it possible that the great intellects of Greece and Rome, the sages, statesmen and poets of those countries, actually credited the *personal existence* of its deities in their mythology? Impossible. To the common people they were indeed Gods and Goddesses; but to the initiated they were only types of various passions, qualities and seasons.

As regards the Egyptian Mysteries, you are already conversant with their ceremonies, and the real interpretation of them. Aided by the light of Truth and Reason, we cannot but admire and respect the pure and primitive philosophy, the soundness and accuracy of their instructions. They reveal to us a religion consonant with the laws of Nature, inculcating a doctrine simple in truthfulness, and beneficent through its universality.

Zoroaster also taught a pure system of morality and natural religion, under the veil of brilliant metaphor. This course he was compelled to adopt by the spirit of the age in which he lived, and the oriental love of allegory ; but the veil of mystery once raised, we are startled and delighted by the simple sublimity and beauty of his doctrines, almost identical with those of pure and practical Christianity.

The Druids of Britain, Gaul, and other countries, were men (intellectually) centuries in advance of the nations in which they lived and labored—they were the illuminati of their race and age and possessed unbounded power over the semi-barbarous tribes by which they were surrounded. That they were adepts in many of the arts and sciences is proved by the many Druidical remains scattered over Europe, and such traditional information as has descended to us of their knowledge of Astronomy, Music, Poetry, Eloquence, Natural and Mechanical powers, and above all, their belief in One Supreme Being. Such knowledge as this could not have originated with themselves. It must have been attained in, or communicated from the cradle of Civilization—the East—and most probably through the medium of some order resembling our Ancient and Primitive Rite. That there were many such, has been historically proved beyond the possibility of doubt. Civilization, at one period, would have sunk beneath the waves of ignorance and barbarism, had it not been for the active, though secret exertions, of such institutions. There is, and ever has been, light among men, but they in darkness comprehend it not; for us, the light of Masonry has revealed and explained the mighty mysteries of the ancient days, in all their pristine purity.

Masonry combines in itself all that is true, instructive, humanizing, and worthy of attainment in every doctrine taught by the creeds of the past and present. Its temple is built upon the solid rock of Light and Reason; its foundations are deeply laid; its pillars are strong—Truth, Integrity, Charity, and Wisdom. It has endured unshaken, for many ages the assaults of Bigotry and Ignorance, and doubtless will continue firm and majestic for countless ages yet to come.

Nearly every Society known at the present day, owes its origin, and most valuable knowledge to Masonry; while our Order itself has spread in every nation of the earth, till now it has become nearly an impossibility for any Brother to be far distant from some other members of the fraternity. How proud then should we be of its mighty progress and universality, and how strictly should we guard its honor and integrity. Let us so regulate our actions by its noble precepts that the uninitiated may respect the very name of a Freemason; let us prove by our conduct not only to each other, but to all men, that our principles are *practiced*, and not merely *professed*; that being a Brother of the Mystic Tie, does not interfere with the duties we owe society and our families, as honest and law abiding citizens, sincere and honorable friends, and loving husbands and fathers.

Before concluding let us take a brief retrospective view of the probable origin of Masonry. The Egyptian Mysteries are the first of which we have any positive and definite information, and on our knowledge of them is based the ceremonies of our Ancient and Primitive Rite, as far as they are in accordance with the spirit and intelligence of the present day. The mysteries of the Greeks and Romans were founded on those of Egypt. With the spread of Christianity and the downfall of the Pagan religion, the persecuted became the persecutors, and in their intolerant zeal sought to sweep out of existence much that was wise, good and beautiful, with that which was erroneous and evil. That "truth crushed to the earth will rise again," was verified in this instance, for when the spirit of religious intolerance seemed triumphant, and the countless hordes of Northern barbarians covered the face of Europe, there were many who, faithful to the cause of light and progress, cherished and taught the classic literature and moral philosophy of the refined Greeks, Romans and Egyptians, in secret and in danger.

On the return of the Crusaders from their fruitless conflicts with the more highly civilized Saracens, a taste for Oriental Science was developed, which displayed itself in a passion for Astronomy and Alchemy. The educated and enlightened of that day, seized the favorable opportunity, and under the pretence of studying the Occult Sciences, prosecuted their researches in philosophy and rational science, undisturbed and in safety; they were in constant communication with each other, exchanging experiences, the results of their experiments, and all other information which was of mutual benefit; thus sprang into life the most wide-spread secret societies of the Middle Ages.

From the storehouse of the East came the exhumed treasures of Pagan and early Christian Philosophy, which enthusiastic toilers at the printing press scattered broadcast over a prolific soil; the heresy of Luther, sanctioning dissemination of the Scriptures in vulgar tongues, cemented the foundation of modern languages; while the teachings of Pythagoras, Socrates, Plato, and the Byzantine Fathers, became favourite dogmas with the erudite, and the rhetoric schools.

During the dawn of resuscitated light, the enlightened conceived the project of discarding prior subterfuges, variously designated as Alchemy, Astrology, Magic and Rosicrucianism, beneath which they had concealed prosecution of rational science. Courageous as were these men, nevertheless, they dared not openly propagate their doctrines. Could they, with the Inquisition tracking their tread, venture to combat ecclesiastical supremacy? Could they, with the sword of King-craft suspended over their heads, enunciate emancipation from temporal authority? Above all, could they, when Catholicism was the avowed religion of the State, incur certainty of Martyrdom, by reviving the ancient mysteries, obnoxious, as identified with Paganism ? But one course was left to the sagacious sons of light; finding the Hebrew book of laws a convenient basis for a system of religious discipline, alike acceptable to the Christian, the Israelite, and the Moslem, they proclaimed to the world that they had combined to re-erect a Mystic Temple, physically extinct, but still capable of symbolic reconstruction; unwilling to be identified with the Templars, and other Monk Knights, sworn enemies to the Moors, persecutors of the Jews, and oppressors of Christians, of lower degrees, the new order assumed a grade in mechanical labor, and beneath this unostentatious guise, sought to combine humanity, into a harmony of religion, race and privilege.

G. M - This ends the Installation Ceremonies of a Mystic Temple. Brethren, depart in peace, and may the Spirit of the all-powerful G.A.O.T.U., be above, around, about, and with you for all time. Amen.

Installation

OF THE GRAND OFFICERS GENERAL OF THE SOVEREIGN SANCTUARY
OF ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE FREEMASONRY, IN AND FOR

.....

[The Members of the Rite being seated, the Installing Grand Officer presiding in the Orient, strikes !].

S.G.C.G. - Grand Conservators Generals of the Rite: let us pray.

PRAYER

Sovereign G. A. O. T. U., Divine Origin, we implore the light of Thy love. Inspire us to excite in all hearts the sacred fire of Truth. Thou art the source of :ill our joys, the germ of all our actions, the hope of our felicity! The universal centre of our affections!

Thy aid is needed that we may work efficaciously in this Sanctuary, in the promulgation of Truth, justice and Wisdom!

Our souls pine for the rays of Intelligence which emanate from Thy transcendent glory!

However low we have fallen, Thy omnipotent arm can raise us from the darkness of Error and Iniquity.

We claim Thy pity, we supplicate Thee to annoint us with Thy holy and salutary grace in order that we may realize the vivifying influences which shall cause the treasures of Wisdom to germinate in our souls.

Do not suffer our feeble understandings to be led astray by false doctrines; grant, we beseech Thee, Oh, God! that our intellectual being be as pure at the end of our earthly career as it was at its commencement; let it yield itself calm and virtuous into Thy hands who made it, so that, when Thou, G. A. lookest into our souls, Thou mayest recognize Thy work and imprint.

Vouchsafe, OH LORD ! to bless our exertions, that they may have no other aim than the enlightenment of man, and the praise of Thy Holy Name!

RESPONSE - Glory to Thee, Oh God! Peace to man! Love to the Brotherhood ! Amen!

S.G.C.G. - The Ill. Patriarchs, Grand Conservators Generals, 95 and last degree, who have been elected as Grand Officers General, will stand in front of the Sacred Altar of Masonry.

[This is done].

Ill. Grand Officers General: you have been elected as officers of the Sovereign Sanctuary. Do you accept the offices to which your co-conservators have elected you ?

[Response].

Most Ill. Sovereign Grand Master General: your office is the highest Masonic dignity in the world. I present you with the Holy Book of Laws, which is your guide in Masonry. The Gavel in your hands is a vast power, for, with this in your grasp, you will have to decide questions in the Sovereign Sanctuary that affect our Ancient and Primitive Rite, not only in this, but in every State upon this vast continent. I give into your keeping the Charter, guard it as sacredly as your Life or Honor, for it is the Only Legitimate Charter emanating from an authorized Masonic body to confer the higher Masonic degrees EVER GRANTED! ! By virtue of this Charter and your Office, you must be regarded as the Fountain of Authority governing the Ancient and Primitive Rite on
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You will preside at all convocations of the Sovereign Sanctuary, and shall be entitled, in recognition of your dignity, to the scat of honour, when present, at every Orient beneath your jurisdiction.

It is your prerogative to grant dispensations for the formation of Mystic Temples; and Sublime Councils, Senates, and Chapters of Rose Croix, in any State or Territory where no Mystic Temple exists, which you will confer, or cause to be conferred, after receipt of a petition, couched in appropriate language, and emanating from an adequate number of Masons, to insure a correct formation of the body petitioned for.

You, moreover, possess authority for conferring the various Degrees of the Rite, from the 4th Degree to the 95th Degree, inclusive. Nevertheless, you are privileged to delegate your authority for the conferring of those Degrees, to any Patriarch of the Rite, which shall be done by Letters Patent, issued under your hand and the Seal of the Sovereign Sanctuary.

You, moreover, appoint Deputies, Grand Representatives and the first officers of such Mystic Temples as may at any time be organized. I now invest you with your insignia of office. Your Baldric is of Celestial Blue, on which is embroidered the Knef, emblem of the Creation; the Dove, emblematic of the Spirit of G.A.O.T.U., and the Nine Stars, symbolical of the nine signs of the Zodiac, of Spring, Summer and Autumn; the double-headed crowned Eagle, indicative of the aspirations of Truth to emerge from the darkness of Ignorance, and the Banners of the Rite, bearing the motto of this degree, Truth! justice! Wisdom! Your jewels are: first, the Cross of the Alidee, or Truth, the Star of Sirius, or Hope ; the Golden Branch of Eleusis, or Charity ! Your particular jewel is the Delta enclosed in a Blazing Star, emblematic of the triple essence of Divinity, Omniscience ! Omnipotence ! and Omnipresence! May those powers ever guide you in council, and endow you with Wisdom, Truth and justice. It is now necessary that you take

THE OATH OF OFFICE

T. T. G. O. T. S. A. O. T. U. In the name of the S. S. of A. and P. Freemasonry. Salutation on all points of the Triangle. Respect to the Order. In the glory of the Lord God our Father, who is in Heaven ; on the Sacred Book of Laws, His Holy Word; the Sword, symbol of honor; and the Myrtle, emblem of initiation and of Immortal Life after death.

I,, do most sincerely promise on the word of a Regular Mason, to adhere to the Constitution, Ordinances, and General Statutes of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, and to cause the provisions of the same to be faithfully obeyed; that I will cause my Representatives to take this same vow, and that I will administer this vow to my successor in office, or see that the same be done. I do solemnly swear that I will be always true to the interests of the Rite, uphold its principles, and that I never will renounce the obligation I now take. Finally, I swear by my faith in the G.A.O.T.U., and by the religion I profess, to use my best interests to keep our beloved Rite united in Peace and Love, and to denounce Impostors, Renegades and Perjurers. To - all of these I promise and swear, without reservation, and - with full determination to perform the same. Amen! Amen! Amen!

S.G.C.G. - Most Ill. Sovereign Grand Conservator General: I now place you in the Orient. Brethren of the Ancient and Primitive Rite : behold your new Most Ill. Sovereign Grand Conservator General; join with me in acknowledging him as such and salute him

[All salute with battery 9+9+9].

Grand Officers General elect : do you promise to fulfil the various duties to which you have been elected ?

[Response].

Do you solemnly promise before God and the Brethren, that you will abide by the Oath of Office your Most Ill. Sovereign Grand Master General has just taken in your hearing ?

[Response].

Ill. Sovereign Pat. Gr. Administrator General: you are the second dignitary of the Sovereign Sanctuary. You must assume, in the event of the absence or illness of the Most Ill. Sovereign Gr. Conservator General, his duties and prerogatives. At other times you will perform such duties as may be assigned you by the Ritual, tending to the welfare of the Rite, its propagation and correct advancement. Your seat is in the Southwest.

Ill. Gr. Chancellor General : you are the third officer of the Sovereign Sanctuary, and shall countersign and enseat with your official seal all documents of a public force emanating from the Sovereign Sanctuary ; you shall have supervision over the register wherein are recorded the names, titles, rewards, honors or censures of those brethren of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, who come beneath the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Sanctuary. Your seat is in the North-west.

The Sovereign Patriarch Grand Expert General, is the fourth officer of the Sovereign Sanctuary. It shall be your duty to preserve a constant scrutiny over the workings of the bodies owing allegiance to the Sovereign Sanctuary, so that its primitive harmony be preserved, its venerable traditions respected, and its distinctive landmarks conserved against inroads and encroachments. It shall, moreover, be your duty to present the claims, petitions and congratulations of such Masonic Bodies as may desire to establish fraternal intercourse with the Sovereign Sanctuary, or of such subordinate bodies as may seek official intercourse with the patriarchs of the Rite. Your seat is on the Left, and in front of the S. Grand Conservator General.

Sovereign Patriarch Gr. Sec. Gen., as the fifth officer of the Sovereign Sanctuary, you shall have charge of the correspondence of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, official and particular; a correct copy of which you shall cause to be enregistered upon the archives of the Sovereign Sanctuary, whose records it shall be your province to guard and preserve. All official documents must be attested by the signature of the Grand Secretary General, otherwise they are to be deemed void and of no effect; and to you officially must be addressed all communications and documents touching the Sovereign Sanctuary or the general welfare of the Rite; you shall, furthermore, act as the cashier of the Sanctuary, receiving all monies due, which you shall pay over to the Grand Treasurer General. Your seat is on the Left of the M. Ill. S. G. C. G.

Sovereign Patriarch Gr. Treasurer Gen., as the sixth officer of the Sovereign Sanctuary, you shall render to the Sovereign Sanctuary at its regular convocations, a full and complete report of its financial condition, exhibiting receipts and expenditures, with vouchers, as to disbursements, and statements as to the revenue ; and no monies shall be paid out except on the written order of the Most. Ill. Sovereign Gr. Conservator General, countersigned by the Gr. Secretary Gen. and the Gr. Chancellor Gen. Your seat is on the Right of the M. Ill. S. Gr. C. Gen.

Sovereign Patriarch Gr. Representative Gen., as the seventh officer of the Sovereign Sanctuary, it is your duty to represent the Most Ill. Sovereign Grand Conservator General when called upon by him to do so. You will also assist him, if necessary, in the discharge of the duties of his office, and will hold yourself subject to his commands, under whose immediate supervision you will be. Your seat is in the Orient, at the Right of the M. Ill. S. Gr. C. G.

Sovereign Patriarch, Grand Inspector General, as the eighth officer of the Sovereign Sanctuary, you are charged with the supervision of the Rituals, emanating from the Sovereign Sanctuary, that they may contain true and faithful reproductions of our Ancient and Primitive Ceremonials, Charges and Lectures, uncorrupted by errors, misrepresentations or interpolations. Your seat is on the Left, and in front of the Grand Expert General.

Sovereign Pat. Gr. Keeper Gen. of the Golden Book, as the ninth officer of the Sovereign Sanctuary, you shall have in charge the Golden Book of the Mysteries. The divine maxims and precepts therein inculcated, you shall expound to the brethren, from time to time, as emergencies may require. In the event of a convocation of the Sovereign Sanctuary, you shall act as Hierophant (or chaplain). You are also charged with the inspection of the insignia of all subordinate bodies. Your seat is on the Right and in front of the M. Ill. Sovereign Gr. C. Gen.

Sovereign Patriarch, Grand Examiner General, as the tenth officer of the Sovereign Sanctuary, it shall be your duty to audit the accounts of the Gr. Secretary Gen. and Gr. Treasurer Gen.; you shall, moreover, examine the Letters Patent and other documents presented by visiting patriarchs and others, coming from beyond the jurisdiction of this Sanctuary. Your seat is on the Right of the Gr. Keeper of the Golden Book.

Sovereign Patriarch, G. Master of Ceremonies, as the eleventh officer of the Sovereign Sanctuary, you are the expounder of the Ritual of the Rite, and shall confer the several degrees and lectures when requested so to do by subordinate bodies. Your seat is in the West between the columns.

Sovereign Patriarch, Gr. Keeper of the Sanctuary, as the twelfth officer of the Sovereign Sanctuary, you shall have charge of the Peristyle of the Sanctuary, which you shall see guarded against the curious and profane. You shall, moreover, have custody of the insignia and paraphernalia of the Sovereign Sanctuary, which you are to see preserved in constant readiness and repair, so that they may be used as required by the ordinary and extraordinary convocations of the Sovereign Sanctuary. You are furthermore charged with the direction and marshaling of all processions of the A. and P. Rite, at which the Sovereign Sanctuary officiates. During the convocation of the Sovereign Sanctuary, your seat is inside the door.

Ill. Deputy Grand Officers General, you will officiate in the absence of your principals.

Your insignia, Most Ill. Patriarchs Grand Officers General, is a gold colored scarf or baldric, worn from the right shoulder to the left hip, on which is the knif, nine stars, the double-headed crowned eagle, and the banners of the Rite. The sash is blue, worn around the waist and tied on the left.

S.G.C.G.- We will now sing the:

Our labors are ended; to the G.A.O.T.U. let us raise, With voices united, one glad song of praise; To him who sustains us and makes us to move In bright paths of Virtue, of Honor and Love.

Almighty to Thee be our praise, Who watches our movements and lengthens our days; Who guards us from danger, whose spirit is nigh, To shield and protect us, and cheer every sigh.

S.G.C.G - Ill. Grand Master General of Ceremonies: you will now cause the Sovereign Patriarchs to assemble around the Sacred Altar of Freemasonry, and contract the

OBLIGATION OF FEALTY

(This is done. The Grand Administrator administers the O. B.)

T.T.G.O.T.S.A.O.T.U. in the name of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry.

Salutation on all points of the Triangle.

Respect to the Order.

To the Glory of the Lord God our Father, who is in Heaven; on the Sacred Book of Laws, His Holy Word; the Sword, symbol of honour, and the Myrtle emblem of initiation and of Immortal Life after death.

I,....., do most solemnly promise and swear, to obey, and cause to be obeyed, the General Statutes, Constitution and Edicts, emanating from the Sovereign Sanctuary of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry, in and for I further promise, that I will be true and faithful to my country; that I will endeavour to disseminate the True Light; eradicate error, dispel ignorance, and extend the influence of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, and may the G.A.O.T.U. help, aid and assist me. Amen.

S.G.C.G. - Ill. Brothers Gr. Expert and Gr. Inspector: you will induct into their official seats the Grand Officers General.

[This is done].

S.G.C.G. - Ill. Grand Master of Ceremonies: you will now proclaim at the North-west, South-west and at the Orient, that the Grand Officers General of the Sovereign Sanctuary have been elected and installed into office in Ancient and Primitive Form.

[The Grand Master of Ceremonies makes at the North-west, South-west, and the Orient]

THE PROCLAMATION

To the Glory of the Sublime Architect of the Universe. In the name of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry in and for Salutation on all points of the Triangle. Respect to the Order:

I proclaim the Grand Officers General duly elected and appointed, inducted into office and regularly installed in Ancient and Primitive Form, and I call upon all Brethren of our Rite to recognize and obey them as the just and legitimate heads of the Rite for !

S.G.C.G. - If any one has anything to offer for or against this day's work, let him now speak,

[Repeat this thrice].

Or forever after hold his peace. The Grand Officers General, 95 and last degree of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry, for, ARE INSTALLED, and so I now proclaim them!

[Strikes ! All sit].

LECTURE

This is the highest degree known, and none but those who have laboured assiduously in the Masonic Art, Symbolic and Ineffable, thereby obtaining that Wisdom, without which our labour is useless, and our energy wasted in vanity; giving evidence that they have been purified from the Errors of Ignorance, Intolerance and Superstition, can ever attain to this Masonic dignity.

What can be more sacred than Freemasonry? What is more binding and impressive ? What cause is purer and more philanthropic ? What possible honest reason can any human being have to betray the ceremonies and harmless mysteries of an order founded on the grand principles of Love, Truth, Light and Progress? Of what benefit can such treachery be to the traitor himself or to the world at large ? None. Every effort made to injure the order, has only made it shine brighter and nobler to the eyes of the world.

My Brethren, we can never be too cautious in our intercourse with those who are not initiated in our rites and mysteries, in all matters pertaining to the order - Many a light and careless word may be perverted to our prejudice, and, like the falling snow, swell into a mighty avalanche. Let it be not only our united but our individual care that such occasions for prejudice shall never occur.

In our intercourse with the world, let us carefully guard ourselves against depreciating any brother of the order, no matter what his faults may be. Let no words of ill will fall from our lips, relating to the members of other Rites. If, from motives of jealousy, at our success and progress, they choose to be antagonistic to us, let all the aggressive acts be on their side-for if Masons disagree among themselves, and make their dissensions matters of public notoriety, what opinion of us can we expect from the outer world, and how can it believe in our professions of Brotherly Love and Friendship ?

Let us in our Lodges, Chapters, Senates, and in the Sublime Council, be ever ready to yield prompt and cheerful obedience to the presiding officers of such bodies, and, when acting as such ourselves, to always consider the good of the order and the brethren, and not the gratification of our own vanity or authority. Let us be careful not to remove one of the ancient landmarks; let no ceremony be deprived of its due solemnity, and let no portion of the work be curtailed or lightly passed over, but preserved and performed in all its purity and integrity. It is this very thing which constitutes the charm and beauty of this Rite, together with its lessons of high and holy philosophy and progress.

I have dwelt upon this subject at some length, my Brethren. You have already gained all the Masonic light and knowledge known to every Rite in existence, for ours, like our language, combines the beauty, power, and extent of all others, for it has descended to us from the beginning.

It is an incontrovertible fact, that the real birth-place of the most important and sublime portions of Masonry, was that mighty land of Mystery and Wisdom - the land of Egypt. Egypt, whose very origin is obscured by the mists of countless ages - upon the banks of whose great River Nile once stood 100 magnificent cities, some whose populations seem almost of fabulous amount - whose gorgeous temples, and whose mighty works of art laugh to scorn the efforts of modern civilization. Their architectural works have withstood the ravages of time and the destructive hand of man, for thousands of years, and will for ages yet to come - whose gigantic pyramids rear their unbroken summits to the clouds, eternal mementos of a mighty race. Egypt! the mother of civilization - the home of wisdom and of art, when Greece and Rome were yet unsung, unheard of, and the mighty empires of the Present were not.

It is the belief of many learned and accomplished Masons, that Masonry itself existed previous to the flood, and that after that event, Noah, Shem, Ham and Japhet, re-established and reformed it ; that in the very Tower of Babel were rooms set apart for Masonic purposes ; that on the destruction of that building, and the dispersion of the people, they carried a knowledge of, and the precepts of the Rite with them into many countries-in which it gradually assumed different forms, but all still showing one common origin. Doubtless, this is true. Materials for everything have existed since the world commenced; but the clay must be fashioned by the potter's hand ere it becomes a vessel: the mighty monarchs of the forest must be hewn, shaped, and put together by the skill of man before the gallant ship floats upon the waters. It is the art of the sculptor that, from the shapeless mass of marble, creates a statue-a form of beauty that may endure for ages-the *stone* had existed before, but not the work of art.

So was it with Masonry; the outline, the rough material was there-the belief in and yearning for something better and more beautiful, but it lacked that which Egypt had to bestow: Wisdom, Learning, and Organization.

Yes, it was in the land of Egypt, in the Valley of Memphis, where our beloved Rite first assumed a coherent form, and gained from the greatest and best of Egypt's sages those lessons of wisdom, virtue and charity, which, with their knowledge of the arts and sciences combined, has preserved through thirty centuries or more, even through wars, famine, plagues, barbarism, and the darkness of the middle ages the Ancient and Primitive Masonic Rite, in all its pure, unsullied beauty.

When the Mysteries first flourished in Egypt, and attained so strong a footing therein, that all the most learned and powerful of its population were members of the Mystic Tie. The wealth and influence of the order was almost beyond computation. Buildings of enormous magnitude were erected in which our rites were celebrated. The greatest precautions were observed to guard our mysteries from the profane; so much so, that in the time of the Grand Hierophant Moeris (who succeeded Osymandias), he caused a great lake to be dug around the temple, sacred to our meetings, and called it after his own name; but in the course of ages that lake became choked up by the sands of the desert. The meetings of the Rite from that time were held in the Pyramids.

From every part of the then known world came the most learned philosophers, the most heroic warriors, the most powerful princes, seeking admission within the portals of our temples. Willing and eager to submit to the rigorous examinations, the long probations, the fasts, the vigils, the hardships, the terrible trials of courage, strength and endurance, which were then exacted from all candidates before they were allowed to receive even the first degree. The Greek and Roman mysteries were nothing but corrupt perversions of the moral teachings of Masonry, but the Jews, who acquired their knowledge of the craft in Egypt, were so truly imbued with the pure doctrines of the Rite and its teachings, that they preserved them intact, with the exception of altering the names and locality, and, as it were, nationalizing the earlier degrees.

The idea of *one* Supreme Being is common to all religions, even in those which run into Polytheism and the worship of idols. The Eternal Spirit of Buddha, the Zervane Akerene of the ancient Persians; the Supreme Essence floating on the surface of the dark waters of the ancient Scandinavian mythology; the Belus of the Chaldeans: the Kneph of the Egyptians ; the Virococha of the Mexican, are all identical and represent the God of the Jews, Christians, and Mahommedans. Every faith has its two opposing influences of good and evil- God and Satan; Ormuzd and Ahriman; Belus and Moloch; Osiris and Typhon; and the Vitzliputzli and Tetslipuca. All have their heavens and hells, and three have purgatories, namely; the Roman Catholics, Egyptians, and the Parsees.

The number four seems common to all-the four elements, the four Seasons, the four cardinal points, North, South, East, and West; but it is almost useless to multiply instances of this. The number seven occurs so often in all religions and their ceremonies, that it almost conclusively proves a connecting link between them. Let us commence with the 7 days of the week: the Jewish Rabbi's describe 7 hells and give their names; the Mahommedans believe in 7 hells and 7 heavens. Zoroaster says there are 7 classes of demons; the seven Periades ; the seven Titans and Titanides; the seven Hyadel; the body of Bacchus was cut into seven pieces by the Bacchantes; there were seven holy temples in Arabia; seven lamps in the temple of Bactria. I might cite a thousand instances of its universality. To readers of the Bible I need not mention its continual recurrence in connection with all its most important events. The number twelve is another which is met with *repeatedly* in all religious rites.

My brothers, may all the blessings of our Rite be yours now and forever. Remember this - never condemn unheard. EXAMINE, REFLECT, and TOLERATE!

DEDICATION OF A Masonic Temple

[The invited Guests and Visitors being seated, and the Officers in their respective stations, the Hall is darkened].

Most Wise - (*Strikes !*) Brethren, this being the time appointed for the Inauguration and Dedication of this Hall, as a Masonic Temple, the S. Grand Conservator General [or the Grand Representative] of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry, in and for, has arrived, and is now waiting to perform the Ceremony of Consecration. Let strict silence be observed.

[The Grand Master General of Ceremonies strikes 3 upon the outer door].

Guard of Tower.- An alarm at the door of our Sanctuary.

M. W - Sir Kt. Guard of the Tower: attend to the alarm and ascertain the cause.

G. of T - (Opens door) : The Most Wise desires to know who it is that thus disturbs us ?

Grand Master *of Ceremonies* - It is the S. Grand Conservator General [or the Representative] of the A. and P. Rite, and we come to inaugurate and consecrate this place as a Temple for the propagation of the peaceful teachings and sublime morals of our Ancient and Primitive Rite, under the auspices of the Sovereign Sanctuary, in and for, sitting in the Valley of, and of the Mystic Temple 90 for the Valley of, in the name, and to the Glory of the Supreme Architect of the World.

G. of T. - Most Wise: it is the S. Grand Conservator General of the Sovereign Sanctuary [or the Representative] of our Ancient and Primitive Rite, and he comes hither to consecrate this Temple to the service of God, and the A. and P. Rite.

M. W - Admit the M. Ill. Sovereign G. C. G. with the officers of the Sovereign Sanctuary

[They enter, are received with the Battery as in the Installation ceremonies and remain standing between the two columns].

M. W - Since this edifice is to be dedicated and consecrated to such sublime and glorious purposes, I will, with the assistance of my officers, present the key.

[The Most Wise comes down from his seat. The Senior and junior Knights advance with him to the Altar, on the cushion of which is the Sacred Book of Laws, the Sword, Myrtle, 3 Gavel, and a Key. They take up the cushion and convey it to the Occident, where the Grand Master General (or his Representative) meets them; he takes up the Key, and the Grand Examiner General and Grand Master General of Ceremonies take the cushion from the Most Wise and Senior and Junior Knights, who then return to their proper stations. The Grand Master General and his Officers stand facing the Orient].

SGCG - Brethren, at the Consecration of a Masonic Temple, our first desire is, that our labour may prove welcome to the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and find grace in His eyes, that He may look with favour on our work; with that intent, let us pray.

(All kneel)

PRAYER

Supreme Architect of the Universe! Soul of the World, which is filled with Thy Glory and Thy Goodness. We adore Thy Supreme Majesty. We bow down before Thy Infinite Wisdom, which has created all, and which preserves all. Deign, Being of beings, to receive our prayers, and the homage of our love. Bless the work we are now engaged in, that of consecrating this edifice to the service of universal Masonry, the propagation of the divine principles of Fraternity, Liberty and Equality, and to the Glory of Thy Name. Bless the work and the teachings here to be exemplified; make them conformable to Thy Laws; enlighten these thy servants with Thy Divine Light, that they may have no other end in view than obedience to Thee, the prosperity of Masonry, and the general good of humanity. We pray Thee, GAOTU, which was, which is, and which will be when time shall be no more, enlighten those who are swayed by prejudice, ignorance and interest. Remove the bands of error wherewith they are blinded; and may the whole human race be benefited by the sublime truths and the divine morals hereafter to be taught in this Temple by the practice of our Primitive Laws, which we now dedicate to Thy Holy Name.

All say - Glory to Thee, Oh Lord! Glory to Thy Name! Glory to Thy Works!

[All rise, the Grand Master General, followed by his Officers, make a tour of the Hall, and stop at the station of the junior Knight, where there are three candles or lamps, in a triangular form].

SGCG - Sovereign Ruler of Immensity! whom we invoke by many names; Thou who reignest supreme; All Powerful; Unchangeable; Father of Nature; Source of Light. Supreme law of the Universe; deign to bless the lights we now enkindle; may they light the steps of the Neophyte towards the Temple of Truth, under the direction of the Ill. Bro., to whose hands I now confide this Gavel, symbol of the power of office; may prudence, zeal, and justice be his innate monitors, to guide his every action towards good, and the prosperity of our Ancient and Primitive Rite.

[S.G.C.G. gives the Gavel to the junior Knight. The Grand Expert General lights the 3 candles].

Illustrious Brother Junior Knight, what is the meaning of your 3 lights?

Junior Knight - They represent the brightness of the flame of virtue, unceasingly reminding us that virtue is the support of our Ancient and Primitive Rite; and that, without virtue there would be no happiness on earth ; the Divine Light of Truth, and the honour of a true Freemason, which, kept pure and unstained, will ever shine with radiant splendour.

(The S. Grand Conservator General and the assisting Grand Officers now proceed to the desk of the Illustrious Senior Knight in the south-west angle of the room, where are three candles, as at the junior Knight's desk].

S. Gr. C. Gen.- Omnipotent Father of Light and Love; fruitful source of knowledge, virtue and happiness; cast Thine all-seeing eye upon this, Thy servant, whose lights we are now about to kindle, and to whom we now confide this Gavel. Grant that the flame of zeal for our dearly beloved Institution may ever burn with unquenchable brightness within his breast, and that he may never use the Gavel but with discretion, wisdom and deliberate judgment; so may his labours tend towards the propagation and benefit of our Ancient and Primitive Rite.

[G. M. G. gives the Gavel to the Senior Knight. The Grand Expert General lights the three candles]

Ill. Brother Senior Knight what is the meaning of your lights ?

Senior Knight - They represent Faith in our sublime Institution, Hope in a glorious immortality, and Charity to all mankind.

[The S. Grand Conservator General and the Grand Officers now proceed to - the Orient].

S.Gr. C. Gen. - Here, in the east of the Sanctuary, cast the rays of Thy goodness, we beseech Thee, GAOTU, with a triple brightness, upon this, the chief officer, standing at the apex of the triangle in this may he tend to the elevation of Masonry, and the dignity of our Rite; and may this Gavel, wielded by his hand, with confidence and impartiality, be ever reverentially respected by the brothers.

[S.G.C.G. gives gavel to the Most Wise. The three candles are lighted].

Most Wise : what is the meaning of your lights?

M. W - They are symbolical of the three-fold luminous essence of the Supreme Architect of the World - Wisdom, justice and Patriotism, which we, members of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, are enjoined to propagate among our fellow men.

S.Gr.C.Gen.- Sovereign Patriarch Grand Administrator General: place upon the Altar the Sacred Book of Laws, the Sword, symbol of honor, and the Myrtle, emblem of initiation.

[The Grand Administrator places the Sacred writings upon the Altar, then the Sword, and the branch of Myrtle on the Book].

Grand Administrator - Ill. Brethren : behold, I place upon the Altar the Sacred Book of Laws, the guide of our conduct, the silent, but holy witness of our Masonic vows; may the inspired writings, here deposited, ever admonish us to persevere in the propagation of our beloved Rite; and may our every action be as pure and unsullied as the bright blade of the Sword of honor, which, with the Myrtle, emblem of initiation, I now place in this.....; may they long remain with honor in your care, my dear Brethren, as a sacred charge.

[The S. Grand Conservator General and other Grand Officers form around the Altar. The S. Grand Conservator General burns a perfume, and carries it in a censor around the Hall].

G.Gr.C.Gen. - Behold, I consecrate this hall to the service of Freemasonry, as practiced by the votaries of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, by the purification of fire.

May no impurities enter here. Amen.
- [All respond].

May peace prevail. Amen.
- [All respond].

May all the social virtues unite us. Amen.
- [All respond].

May charity flow forth from this Amen,
- (All respond).

May the blessings of truth, patriotism, love and charity, prevail within and around this, Amen.
- [All respond].

May the brethren observe and practice all these, so that our Ancient and Primitive Rite shall be honoured and respected by the profane, and become a blessing to humanity. Amen.

- [All respond].

[The S. Grand Conservator General remains at the East while the Grand Administrator takes a vase of water and sprinkles the different parts of the Hall].

Gr. Admin. - Be purified, and be ever as pure as the undefiled water which I now use, in accordance with the ancient customs of our venerated Rite. The consecration by Water is of the highest antiquity; it was used by the Chaldeans and Egyptians, and is the origin of the "Lustral Waters of the Greeks;" and teaches us, that to be purified, man must rid himself of his evil intentions.

[The S. Grand Conservator General strikes 3 which is repeated by the Senior and junior Knights. All rise].

S.Gr.C.Gen. - *Gr. Administrator* General: assemble the Brethren composing this, in a triangular form about the Altar, there to pronounce the obligation of Fraternal Union.

[The Grand Administrator forms the members in due position, the Most Wise at the East ; the Senior Knight at the South-west, and the junior Knight at the North-west Angles. All kneel and extend the right hand towards the Altar, and the left hand upon the heart].

To the Glory of the Sublime Architect of the Universe. in the name of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry in and for Salutation on all points of the Triangle. Respect to the Order.

In the name of the Supreme Architect of the World, I do most solemnly promise on my faith and honour, as a true Freemason, ever to recognize and uphold this, as a duly and regularly constituted Masonic body, according to the Warrant received by them: to obey its By-Laws, Rules and Regulations ; also, the Laws, Rules and Regulations of the "Mystic Temple for the Valley of..... , and the Decrees emanating from the Sovereign Sanctuary of, sitting in the Valley of; to this we sacredly pledge ourselves; and may God keep us pure and truthful. Amen.

S.G.C.G.- May we, with fraternal mind, Bless our Brothers of mankind
May we, through redeeming love, Be the blest of GOD above!

Gr. Admin. Gen. - Doth not wisdom cry; and understanding put forth
her voice ?

She crieth at the gates; at the entry of the city; at the coming in at
the doors.

Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of men.

O, ye simple, understand wisdom; and ye fools, be ye of an
understanding heart.

Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips
shall be right things.

For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to
my lips.

All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing
forward or perverse in them.

They are all plain to him who understandeth ; and right to them that
find knowledge.

Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than
choice gold.

For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be
desired are not to be compared with it.

I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty
inventions.

The fear of the Lord is to hate evil, pride and arrogance; and the evil
way and forward mouth do I hate.

Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I have understanding; I have
strength.

Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness.

The Lord possessed me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old.

I was set up from everlasting; from the beginning; or ever the earth was.

When he prepared the heavens, I was there; when he set a compass upon the face of the deep.

Then I was by him, as one brought up with him; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him.

Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.

Now, therefore, hearken unto me, O, ye children, for blessed are they that keep my ways.

Hear instruction and be wise, and refuse it not.

Blessed is the man that heareth me watching daily at my gates, waiting at the post of my doors.

For whose findeth me, findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the Lord.

S.Gr.C.Gen. - To your appointed places, Brethren.
[All resume stations].

Brother Guard of the Tower: approach the Orient.
[He does so].

The safety of this Temple is henceforth confided to your care. I deliver you the key. Be especially cautious to admit none but Masons worthy of the name. And you, officers and members, who compose this, bear this in mind, that any brother presenting himself for admission, must be clad in the proper insignia appertaining to his highest Masonic grade. All must observe the most strict decorum. The most scrupulous attention should be given to all the ceremonies; and profound silence must be observed.

The Presiding Officer should remember, that on him, to a very great extent, depends the welfare of his..... . His first care should be to banish any rudeness in either manners or language; to call around him brothers of acknowledged ability, therewith to be enabled to conduct the work according to the requirements of our Ancient and Primitive Rite.

If a brother fail in his duty, and is guilty of a fault, reprimand him, not too harshly; but strive to lead him back to the path of rectitude.

The *true* Freemason should lift his heart directly to the Master of all; to that Infinite and Incomprehensible Power, which, in his inmost heart, speaks for the good and just; testifying to the feelings, embracing and subduing the spirit.

Enlightened by Wisdom and Truth, the Mason diffuses the light like a man of wealth and judgment; he bestows his treasures upon those who are really in need, and not upon the *schemer*, the *flatterer*, or *egotist*.

True Masons respect all forms of worship; tolerate all opinions; fraternize with all men; are charitable to all unfortunates; self sacrificing; thinking, speaking, and acting well to others.

The officers in this work should chiefly occupy themselves in demonstrating by their example and instruction, that the moral perfection of man is the chief aim of our institution. The practice of virtue hastens its advancement, and that science enlightening the spirit, leads to that happiness to which divine wisdom destines us. The Mason nobly forgives offences and injuries.

Brethren, you have inaugurated a Temple; each of you contributing according to his means; the Rite will do you justice; your good intentions are fully appreciated. Forget not your duty to brothers less advanced, give them the example of Masonic virtue, and duty faithfully performed. To your equals in dignity, manifest all that fraternity includes in its most extended sense. This task will be easy to those whose hearts are penetrated by the *true* principles of Masonry, as taught in the Ancient and Primitive Rite.

Brethren: now give your attention to the Masonic Decalogue.

Gr. Admin. Gen. - Hate superstition; adore God, who in creating thee a being, free, intelligent and capable of virtue, has made thee the arbiter of thine own destiny.

Gr. Keeper Gen. of the Golden Book - Listen to the voice of reason, which cries to thee, all men are equal; all are members of one family; be tolerant, just and good.

Grand Examiner Gen. - Let all thy actions be directed to utility and goodness; judge of them beforehand; if any of thy meditated actions be of doubtful character, abstain from them.

Gr. Master of Ceremonies - *Practice virtue*; it is the charm of existence: it consists in mutual benefits.

Grand Expert Gen. - Know that thy felicity is inseparable from that of thy fellow-being; do to them as thou would'st wish them to do unto thee; let thy devotion to humanity involve, if necessary, even the sacrifice of thy life.

Grand Secretary General - *The moral law* is universal; let its sacred text be graven on the hearts of men; whosoever transgresses it shall unflinchingly be punished.

Grand Treasurer General - *The just man*, strong in his approving conscience, is beyond the reach of misfortune and persecution ; his trust is in the justice of the Supreme Being.

Grand Inspector General - *The wicked* undergo punishment without ceasing ; no "Lethan Waters" can extinguish the fires of remorse.

Grand Chancellor General - *Forget not*, thy soul is not material, and, therefore, cannot perish as does the body, which dissolves into its component elements; beware of staining it with vice.

Grand Keeper Gen. of Sanctuary - Remember unceasingly, that thy felicity is of thy own creation, and that thy place is at the head of created beings.

S.Gr.C.Gen. - And now, by virtue of the high Masonic dignity, with which I am empowered, in the name of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and under the auspices of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry, in and for, sitting in the Valley of, I declare this Temple duly consecrated to the service of true and pure Freemasonry; to justice, Wisdom Patriotism, Faith. Hope, Charity, Virtue, Truth and Honor.

May the whole fraternity be Benevolent, Tolerant and just. Bless our Works. Make the walls of this Sanctuary, Salvation ! and its Arch, Praise! May the brothers meet in Unity! work in Love! and part in Harmony! May Fidelity guard the gate of our Sanctuary; Faith, promote our duties; Hope, inspire our labours; and Charity diffuse the blessings of our Ancient and Primitive Rite; may Virtue and Honor distinguish the Brethren; and Masonry be honoured throughout the world.

Illustrious Brethren: join me in rejoicing on this happy occasion.

[All give battery 3 raise their hands and say]:

In the name of the Most High, prosperity to this Temple of Masonry.

[All give battery 3+3+3 raise their hands, saying]:

To Thy honour we do this, Almighty Father; to Thee we commend the whole Masonic family; bless them, O God!

S.Gr.C.Gen. - Let the chain of union be formed, and the grasp of Masonic faith encircle the Temple, from the august Orient to the columns in the West.

[The chain is formed].

Father of Nature! God of Love! Source of all Perfection! We, Thy children, assembled in this Temple (which we have consecrated to Thy Name), testify our boundless gratitude for the signal favours Thou hast lavished upon us; continue to shed, we implore Thee, Merciful Father, over all Masons, the beneficence of Thy Divine Love ! Bless this Sanctuary, and the culture of that Mystic Science, which, in the end, will re-unite all Thy children in Thy Glorious Sanctuary above. Amen!

All - So mote it be.

Public Funeral CEREMONIES.

No mason can be interred with the formalities of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, unless he has received the Degree of Kt. Rose Croix.

The Chapter, Senate, or Council, of which the deceased was a member, must be opened in Ancient and Primitive form, and when in procession, shall be under the immediate charge of its Presiding Officer; strict decorum must be observed, and none can leave the Cortège without his consent.

ORDER OF FUNERAL PROCESSION.

The Symbolic LODGE TO WHICH THE DECEASED BROTHER
BELONGED.

SENTINEL, WITH SWORD REVERSED, PRECEDING THE R. + C.
CHAPTER.

S. K. W.

J. K. W.

BANNER OF THE CHAPTER.

KNIGHTS ROSE CROIX.
Gd. OF T.

KNIGHTS ROSE CROIX.
CHAPLAIN. CAPT. OF Gd.

ORATOR WITH BIBLE.
ARCH.

TREASURER. CONDUCTOR. *MOST WISE*. ORGANIST. ARCHIVIST.
MARSHAL.

SENTINEL OF SENATE.

S. K. I.

J.K. I.

BANNER OF THE SENATE.

KNIGHTS.
G. OF S.

ARCH.

KNIGHTS.
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R. S. W - Respect for the dead. Because the body is the dwelling and sanctuary of the soul ; because the Grand Architect of the Universe made man in his own image, and because our mortal members are the fit instruments of an immortal mind. The four sides of the grave are indicative of the virtues which should adorn the person of every sublime Mason, and which we thus explain : Reverence, Truth, justice and Purity, and are opposed to the vices of the ruffians who would destroy Masonry, namely - Ignorance, Falsehood, Envy and Egotism. The sprig of acacia or myrtle, is the vivifying life that pervades all nature , and the urn implies the intellectual treasure, or immortal soul the body of man contains.

M. W. - What now remains to be done?

R. S. W - To deposit the remains of our lamented Brother in its final resting place.

M. W. - Let it be done.

[The body is now lowered by the Sir Knights into the grave].

M. W - Sir Knight Orator : let the eulogy be pronounced.

Orator - Even as the acacia bends before the tempest, and falls into the waters which murmur at its feet, so has fallen our beloved Sir Knight. Sorrow darkens our countenances, and our eyes are dimmed with tears, for we have lost a bright light; the Masters are plunged in sorrow; the Craftsmen lament, and even among the profane the voice of grief is heard!is no more !

Eternal and immutable Being, whose presence fills immensity, Thine omnipotence, operating throughout nature, brings about changes without number. But nothing is lost, nothing annihilated; each atom remains and constitutes a part of the great whole. Thou hast created all men to be happy, and hast therefore bestowed upon them an intelligent mind, whose innate faculties are the evidence of its immortality, and, if well employed, capable of rendering them more and more perfect, and more fit to appreciate Thy greatness and enjoy Thy blessings. Thy infinite wisdom has so ordained nature that nothing in the universe can be lost, and our souls are not more subject to annihilation than our bodies, whose elements only suffer decomposition after death in order that they may re-assume their primitive condition.

Thanks to Thee, O Supreme Being, for the consoling ideas that Thou hast given us respecting the future existence of our souls, whereby Thou dost mitigate the grief we feel in the presence of the dead.

May our Illustrious Brother who has been taken from us, rest in peace; and his soul rise in glorious immortality. Let nature assume her empire over his inanimate remains, and may his immortal soul enjoy the happiness which his virtues have deserved.
Amen.

All say. - So mote it be.

M. W - Sir Knights and Brethren: to the will and by the action of the Eternal of all ages - past, present, and to come - do we owe our origin and being; and when our earthly pilgrimage has ended, to that Parent source of all Creation must we return.

We are but infants in His mighty hands - the clay which, by the master skill, is moulded into forms of beauty and delight, the blank scrolls on which may be engrossed the golden words of Wisdom or the senseless murmurings of the profane.

We are but the creatures of His will. How then shall we presume to define, as with a line and rule, the extent of His power, His attributes of love, justice, wrath or wisdom ?

We are but atoms in creation's plan, our world itself a mere speck in the immense regions of boundless space, and our very Universe but one, among countless thousands.

What we are now, so once was this poor frail emblem of humanity - what he is now, shalt thou be ere many more years have sped their way into Eternity. Within this frame once beat a heart, as proud and joyous, or as humble as your own, and these limbs were endowed with the full strength of proud, exultant manhood.

From this now silent Brother once issued words of eloquence, love, devotion and friendship-and now, behold! Is this the end of all this beauty, glory, strength, and intellect-this silent, lifeless form.

Believe it not, my brethren. Death is but the end of this earthly life; beyond its portal lies the land of immortality, where, fresh from the turmoils of this life, purified from all mortal passions, the enfranchised spirit ascends to the mansions of the blest, and rejoices evermore in the glorious light which emanates from the throne of the Eternal.

Shrink not, then, from these emblems of the grave and death; what are they but the broken fragments of that mould in which the work of perfection has been cast and completed by the GreatArtificer !

I now deposit with our departed Brother this wreath of Cypress, the emblem of Death and of Eternity.

Sir Knights: draw swords.

[All draw and extend them over the grave].

PRAYER

Omnipotent! Omniscient! and Omnipresent! God of Heaven and Earth, Thou hast been pleased to call from his earthly career the spirit of our dear Brother, whose mortal part we now consign to the bosom of our common mother-Earth. Grant, we beseech Thee, that Thou, all Powerful, may receive it as pure and virtuous as it was first sent by Thee to pass its short probation upon earth! Pity and love those who are left behind. Look with benign mercy upon the widow and the orphans, who have to struggle with the toils, troubles and tribulations of this transitory existence.

Bless our Rite and all the human family, and grant that in Thy name, Omnipotent Being! we may arise, and may the remembrance of the sprig of acacia which was found on the temporary grave of him who was truly the most excellent of Masons, and who parted with his life sooner than betray his trust, ever stimulate his successors to imitate his glorious example, that virtue may enshrine our beloved Rite, and exalt our intellectual parts ; and when Death, the grand leveler of all human greatness, hath drawn his sable curtain around us, when the last arrow of our mortal enemy hath been dispatched, and the bow of this mighty conqueror broken by the iron arm of time; when Thou declarest, Oh Lord! that time shall be no more, and when, by this victory, Thou hath subdued all things to Thyself, then, Oh God! may we receive the reward of our virtue by acquiring the possession of an immortal inheritance in those heavenly mansions veiled from mortal eye, where every secret of Masonry will be opened, never to be closed. Then, we pray Thee, S. A. O. T. U. welcome us into Thy Celestial Sanctuary, where peace, knowledge, and the fullness of all that is good, eternally reigns, world without end! Amen.

Response. So mote it be.

M. W. - Death has inflicted a painful blow upon our family by taking away from us a Brother whom we loved. A secret emotion which I can not repress, agitates me as I stand at the head of this open grave and think how he was so intimately associated with our work that it is with difficulty that I can persuade myself that his spirit has gone to his Creator, and that his manly form is now returning to the dust from whence it came.

I know the mournful duty that devolves upon me, as I mingle my sorrows with yours.

Since the Sublime Architect of the World has called us into existence, it must, in the order of his plans, be a blessing, and since he has allotted to it a term, we cannot, without contradiction, pronounce this term an evil; I would not hesitate to affirm that the fear of death has been implanted in us as a conservative instinct; but it lessens as we advance in years, and as we feel the bitterness of time and of experience.

Such is the language of reason, but the heart says more; to suffer for our own or others is the lot of every well - constituted being whose heart is not steeled against natural affections and the sentiments of friendship. The common lesson of experience teaches us, that in life evil predominates over good.

Think not my brothers, that I wish to spread among you the gloomy doctrine which exaggerates the evil of existence and deprives us of the energy necessary for the fulfilment of its duties. Wherefore should I calumniate life in presence of the tomb of a Brother who so nobly employed it; why deny the existence of happiness when we have in memory the image of our Illustrious Brother, who to his latest day united it with wisdom, fortitude and probity. What I wish to prove or rather to recall is: that whatever the duration of our earthly journey, it is unworthy of a true Mason to dread its inevitable end. Be he fortunate or otherwise, the man void of reproach knows not the terrors of death ; the weak alone fear to contemplate their last abode; the wicked only need fear to die. But though Death is no evil to the virtuous man, how fearful it is to those loving friends who lose the cherished objects of their affections. Alas! amid the fugitive consolations which remain to us; amidst our sorrows, like flowers in the desert, what treasure is more precious to us, more enviable than those affectionate and tender sentiments which double our joys, and alleviate our grief, Who could support an existence deprived of this inexpressible charm. Immortality itself would seem worthless at such a price-for is not friendship the sweetest consolation, the brightest ornament, the loveliest flower of life ?

Friendship! my brethren: in pronouncing its sacred name at the head of this open grave, I feel the chords of my heart unloosened, the firmness which my duty demands seems about to leave me.

A dark cloud covers my sight, and the universal gloom that surrounds me seems to have entered into the deepest recesses of my soul. Yes, dear and faithful friend whom we have lost, and who will never pass from our memory; thy brothers cannot feel that thou art gone from among them forever; everything reminds them of thee; every step we take in the Temple reminds us of thy footsteps, the very walls speak to us of thee; and this solemn moment, where, according to the Rite that was sacred in thine eyes ; we are about to pronounce our last farewell, methinks thy honoured shade rises from the tomb to gather the tribute of our tears, and to receive, amid the incense of flowers, the homage which Friendship renders to thy virtue.

M. W - Sir. Kts. Sr. & Jr. Wardens; announce in your Valleys that we are about to burn sacred perfumes, and to cast flowers upon the grave of our Brother.

[First and Second Officers make above announcement. *M. W.* burns the perfume and says]:

May the soul of our Illustrious Brother re-ascend toward the skies.

[The M. W., followed by the First and Second Officers, pass round the grave three times, each time throwing flowers therein, and burning perfume].

Join me in forming the chain of union. Let us link closely this sacred chain, and let friendship console us for the only real sorrow which she can inflict upon virtuous hearts.

[They form chain. Afterwards all take their places, and the M. W. extending his hand over the grave, says]:

Brother: Adieu for ever.

S. Kt. W - Brother: adieu for ever.

J. Kt. W - Brother: adieu for ever.

M. W - We shall follow in the course ordained by nature, and may we one day be mourned as thou art.

[M. W. dips his hand in the Lustral Water and sprinkles the gravel.

You have just heard the last honors to an Illustrious Brother, whose memory will never perish in our hearts, and you have satisfied at once a debt of friendship and of gratitude; but you will stray from the spirit of an order and from the object of Masonry, if grief drives from your heart one of the most consoling truths that can awaken our meditations. Sorrow has its allusions, as have all the sentiments of the human heart; when we meet beside the remains of those who were dear, we grieve in fact but for ourselves, for they whom we loved are only relieved by death from the evils that are inseparable to human life; and when they have fulfilled their earthly duties, they enjoy in the bosom of eternal rest, the price which Divine justice awards to virtue.

If this truth be applicable to all men, how cordially we should welcome it in our Temples.

The true Mason, who pays his ultimate tribute to Nature, accomplishes the great and last ordeal of his initiation, and the darkness of the tomb has no terror to him and is only a change to the mansion of eternal light and everlasting peace.

Illustrious Officers and Brothers, unite with us in the most solemn acclamations in celebration of the triumph of virtue, which has been gained by the Illustrious Brother.

[The Brethren give the battery. 3+3+3. Raise hands 3 . Battery 3+3+3 Raise hands 3)

Sublime Architect of the Universe: Father of Nature: Eternal source of all perfection and of all virtue.

We, Thy servants, are here assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to a departed Brother. May this solemn occasion teach us the importance of being ever watchful, for we know not when the silent messenger may come. And when we are called, may it find us prepared to enter Thy everlasting Chapter, where sin and death are unknown, and where we may meet those who have gone before, and with them enjoy that eternal rest Thou hast promised to all Thy children. Amen.

[After the Ceremony the procession returns to the Asylum in reverse order].