

**CONSTITUTION, LAWS  
& REGULATIONS  
of the  
GRAND COUNCIL  
CRYPTIC MASONS  
of the  
STATE OF UTAH**

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## **TITLE I**

### **CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND COUNCIL**

#### **Section 1-1 POWERS AND DUTIES**

The Grand Council of Utah operates under its own Charter and is a member of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International.

#### **Section 1-2 TITLE**

The name of this Grand Council shall be "The Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of Utah".

#### **Section 1-3 SEAL OF THE GRAND COUNCIL**

The Seal of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of Utah is illustrated below.



#### **Section 1-4 JURISDICTION**

The jurisdiction of this Grand Council shall be limited to the boundaries of the state of Utah, subject only to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Utah.

#### **Section 1-5 LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

It shall have the power to adopt and amend, by two-thirds vote of those present and voting, a Constitution not inconsistent with the Code of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Utah, as may be necessary for the good of the Grand Council.

#### **Section 1-6 NEW COUNCILS**

It shall have the power to issue charters for new Councils of Cryptic Masons with the right to open and hold Councils of Royal and Select and Super Excellent Masters, also to revoke, suspend or annul the same as the emergency of the case may require.

#### **Section 1-7 ASSESSMENTS**

It shall possess authority to require from the several Councils within its jurisdiction, such proportion of the sums received by them for conferring the degrees, and also such sums in the form of annual dues from the respective members, as may be necessary for the support of the Grand Council. For current amount, refer to last date on this subject in Title V Standing Resolutions.

#### **Section 1-8 GENERAL POWERS**

This Grand Council shall have exclusive control and government of all the Councils of Cryptic Masons within the limits of this jurisdiction.

#### **Section 1-9 CONTROVERSIES**

It shall have power to assign the limits of jurisdiction of

Councils within its own jurisdiction and settle all controversies that may arise between them.

**Section 1-10 REPORTS**

The Grand Council, at its annual Assembly, shall review and consider all the official reports of its officers, and the proceedings of its constituent Councils for the preceding year.

**Section 1-11 ACCOUNTS**

It shall examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, and supervise the state and condition of the finances, and adopt such measures in relation thereto, as may be necessary to increase, secure and preserve the same, and also to ensure the utmost punctuality on the part of every accounting officer in the safekeeping and paying over of the funds and property of the Grand Council.

**Section 1-12 AMENDMENTS**

The Grand Council, upon the concurrence of two-thirds of its members present and voting at any Annual or Special Assembly, may revise, amend and alter this Constitution, provided, however, that a written copy of the motion so to amend or alter shall be filed with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Council at least forty-five (45) days before the Assembly, at which such motion is to be considered, and presented by the Grand Secretary to the Grand Council for consideration. Thirty-five days before the Grand York Rite Session a copy thereof shall be inserted in the Notice of the Assembly and sent to all Grand Council Officers, Past Grand Elected Officers and Secretaries of Constituent Councils.

**TITLE II**

**LAWS RELATING TO THE GRAND COUNCIL**

**Section 2-1 OF WHOM COMPOSED**

Grand Council consists of the following members:

- (A) The Most Illustrious Grand Master
- The Right Illustrious Grand Deputy Grand Master
- The Right Illustrious Grand Principal
- Conductor of Work



The Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer  
The Right Illustrious Grand Recorder  
The Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard  
The Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council  
The Illustrious Grand Senior Steward  
The Illustrious Grand Junior Steward  
The Illustrious Grand Sentinel  
The Illustrious Grand Marshal  
The Illustrious Grand Lecturer  
The Illustrious Grand Chaplain

The first three (3) together with the Treasurer and Recorder shall be elected by ballot and the others shall be appointed by the Illustrious Grand Master.

(B) All Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters  
All Right Illustrious Past Deputy Grand Masters  
All Right Illustrious Past Grand Principal  
Conductors of the Work, of this Grand Council,  
so long as they remain in good standing of Councils in good standing under this jurisdiction.

(C) The Illustrious Master  
The Deputy Master, and  
The Principal Conductor of the Work in good standing under this Grand Council.

(D) All Past Illustrious Master of Councils under this Grand Council, and such Past Illustrious Masters as may have demitted from another jurisdiction and who shall have been elected to membership by any Council in this Grand Jurisdiction, so long as they remain members of Councils under this jurisdiction.

(E) All Illustrious Companions of other Grand Councils who have been elected Honorary Members. Such membership shall not confer the right to vote.

(F) Each officer and member of the Grand Council must be a member of some Council within its Jurisdiction and, with the cessation of such membership, shall cease his office and membership in the Grand Council.

## **Section 2-2 TITLES**

The honorary title of a Grand Master of Cryptic Masons is Most Illustrious and the official title is Grand Master. The official title is Deputy Grand Master, Grand Conductor of the Work, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Recorder and the honorary title is Right Illustrious. The honorary title of the rest of the officers of a Grand Council is Illustrious.

## **Section 2-3 ASSEMBLY**

**Amended May 2006**

(A) The Annual Assembly of this Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Utah shall be held during the Annual Sessions of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Utah who convene on the Second Friday and the following Saturday in May. The Time and Place of the next Annual Assembly shall be determined during these sessions.

(B) There will be a Joint Session held with the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah, and Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Utah. The Sessions will be opened by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah (starting in 2006) then rotated each year in turn with the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery.

(C) The Joint Session will be opened at 9:00 am on Friday to conduct joint business.

## **Section 2-4 SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES**

Special Assemblies may be called by the Grand Illustrious Master, or in his absence or disability, by the Deputy Grand Master, or other presiding officer for the time being, whenever the welfare of the craft shall require it. Every Constituent Council must receive notice of a Special Assembly which shall state the object so far as is proper to be written. No business shall be transacted at a Special Assembly except that specified in the original notice or summons.

## **Section 2-5 QUORUM**

A quorum shall consist of nine (9) members entitled to vote therein, including an officer authorized to convene the same, provided three or more Councils are represented.

## **Section 2-6 RULES OF ORDER**

Rule 1: When the Grand Council has assembled, the Grand Recorder shall call the roll and if a constitutional number of members are present, the Grand Council shall be convened.

Rule 2: After the roll call, the proceedings of the preceding Assembly shall be read by the Grand Recorder, unless their reading is dispensed with; the Grand Master shall announce the standing and session committees, to whom all papers then in the hands of the Grand Recorder, requiring such reference, shall at once be referred; the reports of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Recorder, and Grand Treasurer shall then be presented and appropriately referred, in the order named.

Rule 3: After the business of the Assembly is thus begun, the regular order of each session during its continuance shall be as follows:

1st - Reading of the minutes of the last session.

2nd - Reception and action upon, or reference of petitions, memorials and appeals.

3rd - Reports of Standing and Session Committees, and action thereon, the Committee on Jurisprudence having the preference.

4th - Motions, resolutions and other business.

Rule 4: All reports, petitions, memorials or appeals presented shall be in writing and in triplicate and shall be read before any action is taken thereon.

Rule 5: No motion to reconsider shall be entertained unless made during the same session when the question proposed to be reconsidered was decided and unless offered by one who voted with the majority upon the question.

Rule 6: When the day and hour shall have been named for the election of Grand Officers, such election shall, at that time, take precedence over all other business, unless the Grand Master, by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, shall otherwise direct. The final report of the Committee on Credentials shall be read before balloting proceeds.

Rule 7: At every Assembly all questions shall be determined by a majority vote of those present and voting. In case the votes

are equally divided, the presiding officer shall cast the deciding vote.

Rule 8: Whenever the Illustrious Master, Deputy Master or Principal Conductor of the Works of the Constituent Council is unable to be present at the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, each of them may appoint a member of such Council to represent them at the Annual Assembly and the proxy so appointed shall be entitled to all privileges of the Officer who so appoints him. Such Proxies shall on or before the first session of the day of the Assembly at which the proxy is to be used, file the same with the Grand Recorder or with the Committee on Credentials. If any one of the three officers first mentioned is present, he may, without a written proxy, vote for the absentees. If two are present, the highest-ranking officer can vote for the absentee. Each of the Grand Officers for the time being, each Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, and Past Illustrious Master while a member of a Constituent Council shall be entitled to a vote while present; and each Constituent Council shall be entitled to three votes, subject, in each case to the regulations and by-laws adopted by this Grand Council.

Rule 9: These rules may be suspended and may at any time be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting.

Rule 10: Robert's "Rules of Order Revised" will govern the parliamentary procedure, if not contrary to the laws of this Grand Council.

Rule 11: Charters shall be granted only by the Grand Council at its Annual Assembly.

#### **Section 2-7 THE GRAND ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER**

The Grand Illustrious Master shall have and enjoy the rights and prerogatives conferred by the Constitution, usages and custom of the craft, and all other powers conferred by the By-laws, edicts and decisions of this Grand Council.

(A) At each Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, the Grand Master shall present his Annual address, giving an account of his official acts during recess and the condition of Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction and recommend to the Grand Council such measures as he may deem necessary and expedient. A copy of this

address shall be placed in the hands of the Committee on Reports of Grand Officers, at least ten days before the Annual Assembly.

Any recommendations that would affect the Grand Council should be handled as a Resolution with the proper time limitations for submission as all other proposals and resolutions.

(B) He shall appoint all committees and all officers not elected and shall fill all vacancies which may occur in any of the elective offices, to serve during the pleasure of the Grand Illustrious Master, or until their successors shall have been elected and installed. The office of the Grand Master is never vacant.

(C) He shall have the power and authority during the recess of the Grand Council, to grant or reject Letters of Dispensation. Any such Dispensation shall be in force no longer than the next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council. He also has the command of all other Grand Officers touching their official duties and may claim their assistance at any time on matters pertaining to the Craft.

(D) He may during the recess of the Grand Council, arrest the Charter or, Dispensation of a Constituent Council, or suspend from the functions of his office any officer of the Grand Council or of a Constituent Council, but in no case shall such suspension affect the standing in the Order of such officer or his membership in the Council. The Grand Master shall report his action in full to the next Assembly of the Grand Council for its final action.

(E) He may convene the Grand Council, visit and/or preside in any Council within the jurisdiction of the Grand Council and give such instructions and directions as the good of the Craft may require, to maintain a strict conformity to the established customs and laws of the craft.

(F) He may from time to time appoint Past Grand Illustrious Masters, officers of the Grand Council or Past Illustrious Masters to represent this Grand Council within sister Grand Jurisdictions, such appointees shall be known as Grand Representatives and serve at the pleasure of the Grand Master or until a successor is appointed.

(G) He may recommend to the Grand Masters of sister Grand Jurisdictions, eligible residents of this jurisdiction for

appointment as Grand Representative near this Grand Council. If such appointees fail to attend three Annual Assemblies and are not excused by the Grand Master, a replacement shall be recommended

(H) He shall see that the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer promptly discharge the specific duties enjoined upon them, as well as those duties as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.

(I) The following Session Committees shall be appointed by the Grand Master to serve at each Annual and some Special Assemblies as noted, (S).

Committee on Credentials (S)

Committee on Examining (S)

Committee on Reports of Grand Officers AKA Division and Reference

Committee on Necrology

Committee on Returns of Constituent Councils

Committee on New Councils

Committee on Unfinished Business

Each Committee shall consist of three or more members and the first named shall be the Chairman. The Grand Master shall appoint such committees at least forty-five days prior to the Annual Assembly or thirty days prior to a Special Assembly and the Grand Recorder shall immediately notify members of the committee of their appointments.

(1) DUTIES OF SESSION COMMITTEES

**Committee on Credentials**, whose duty it is to examine the credentials of all claiming the right of membership and report their names and Masonic connection to the Grand Council.

**Committee on Examining**, whose duty it is to examine visiting Companions not properly vouched for, and report their names, address, and Masonic connection to the Grand Council.

**Committee on Reports of Grand Officers**, whose duty is to examine the Address of the Grand Master and other Grand Officers required to make reports and refer the same to the correct Standing Committees for action and report the finding of these Standing Committees.

**Committee on Necrology**, jointly with Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery whose duty it shall be to report

suitable resolutions and memorials on deceased brethren of this, and other Grand Jurisdictions with which this Grand Chapter, Council and Commandery are in Fraternal Correspondence.

**Committee on Returns of Constituent Councils**, who shall examine the returns and report thereon.

**Committee on New Councils**, who shall study the records and conditions of Councils under dispensation and recommend action to the Grand Council.

**Committee on Unfinished Business**, shall be a joint committee whose duty shall be to examine the Proceedings of the previous year and make a report of any unfinished business or any business that was tabled or referred to later meetings.

## **Section 2-8 STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

### **(A) STANDING COMMITTEES**

Before each Annual Assembly adjourns, or within thirty-days thereafter, the grand Master elected at such Annual Assembly, shall appoint the following Standing Committees.

- A Committee on Cryptic Jurisprudence
- B Committee on Finance
- C Committee on Grievance and Appeals
- D Committee on Education
- E Committee on Fraternal Relations
- F Committee on Triennial Conclave
- G Committee on Utah York Rite Education Fund
- H Committee on Annual York Rite Sessions

Each Committee shall consist of three or more members and the first named shall be the Chairman, and shall serve for one year or until their successors have been appointed. Any recommendations made by either Standing or Special Committees that necessitate a change of the rules, regulations, operations, or finances shall be handled in the same time frame and manner as for proposals etc.

### **(B) SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Special Committees may be appointed by the Grand Master whenever he may deem it necessary.

- a Committee on Youth Organizations

## Section 2-9 COMMITTEE DUTIES STANDING AND SPECIAL

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### (A) CRYPTIC JURISPRUDENCE

The Committee on Cryptic Jurisprudence shall be part of a joint committee, known as the Jurisprudence Committee, that is made up of a chairman and one each Royal Arch Mason, Cryptic Mason, and Knight Templar. It shall consist of not less than four members. It shall meet prior to the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council and consider all decisions upon questions of Cryptic Laws and usage reported by the Grand Master and such other matters as may be referred to it by him or the Grand Council, and its conclusion shall be reported to the Grand Council. The Committee, when called upon, shall give opinions on the legislative, judicial, and executive functions of the Grand Council, and the Constituent Councils, and on the prerogatives, powers and duties of the officers and members thereof. It shall advise upon all question of Cryptic Law and report upon all proposed amendments of TITLE I, II, III, IV of the Constitution, Laws, Regulations, and Standard form of by-laws pertaining to the Grand Council of Utah, or Constituent Councils in the jurisdiction of Utah, and all decisions of the Grand Master as well as his Annual Report.

### (B) FINANCE

Amended May 12, 1995

The Finance Committee shall be a Joint Standing Committee of at least four (4) in number including a chairman. With one of the four being elected annually to a four-year term. The election of this member shall be determined by a majority vote of the delegates present, held during the Joint portion of the Grand York Rite Sessions. The initial term will be determined by elections of one each 1 year, 2 year, 3 year and 4 year members. The Grand High Priest, Grand Illustrious Master and Grand Commander will be an added part of this committee. The purpose of the committee is to manage the funds of the Grand York Rite Bodies. The actions of this committee shall be determined by majority vote of the finance committee. The ballots are to be counted as one person, one vote. The Grand Secretary-Recorder and Grand Treasurer will be ex-officio members for the purpose of record keeping, minutes, and information with no power to vote on actions of the finance committee. They may by majority vote appoint a duly qualified outside financial advisor or financial institution for suggestions and advice. The finance committee shall hold and take



title to all of the assets and funds of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery, with the exception of those funds held by the York Rite of Utah Foundation. They may co-mingle them, as long as they are spread on the books individually, as part of the Grand York Rite Funds except the general operating funds. They may loan and invest funds in such manner as the Grand Chapter, and/or Grand Council, and/or Grand Commandery may request from time to time, or in the absence of such specific direction, to the best of their judgement and ability in securities generally accepted by the Trust department of sound financial institutions. This may include but not be limited to United States Government Bonds, Treasury Bills, or other certificate of indebtedness, State and Municipal Bonds, Savings Accounts and Certificates and Corporate Bonds and Mutual Funds. A portion of these investments should be available in a timely manner transferable to pay the indebtedness of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery.

All actions taken by the Finance Committee shall be governed by the prudent man rule and with agreement of the majority. In case of a deadlock the duty shall fall to the Chairman for decisions.

They shall reinvest the interest and dividends or deposit to the General Fund amounts needed as circumstances warrant. They shall make a complete and detailed report of all assets and funds in their possession at each Annual Sessions and shall annually audit the books of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, and shall certify their findings at the Joint Portion of the Annual Grand York Rite Sessions.

They will also prepare and submit a budget for the ensuing year for each Grand York Rite body for action at the annual sessions.

Any item or items not covered herein shall be governed by the requirements of the Code and Trial Code of the Grand Lodge, F & A.M. of Utah and Masonic usage.

#### (C) GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS

The Committee on Grievance and Appeals shall be part of a joint Grand York Rite committee. It shall consist of not less than three members including a chairman which shall be a member of either Grand Chapter, Grand Council or Grand Commandery with the other two members coming from the other two Grand bodies. This committee shall investigate all grievances submitted to it and report its conclusions and recommendations. It shall examine all trial records and appeals sent from Constituent Councils to Grand

Council and shall consider and make recommendation to the annual assembly of Grand Council on all applications for restoration submitted to Grand Council after suspension or expulsion.

This committee shall make known, to any member who has a decision against him, the results of such decision and his right of appeal to the Grand Council at the next Annual Assembly of Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Utah along with the Time, Date and Place of said Assembly.

(D) EDUCATION

This committee shall submit to the Grand Council and Constituent Councils educational programs.

(E) FRATERNAL RELATIONS

The committee on Fraternal Relations shall be a joint committee, consisting of at least 3 members; 1 each from the separate Grand York Rite bodies, whose duties are to recommend to the presiding officers a Grand Representative to other Grand York Rite jurisdictions. They shall also make a written report on their actions at the Annual Grand York Rite Assemblies.

(F) TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE

The committee on Triennial Conclaves shall be a joint committee consisting of at least the three Presiding Grand Heads, of Grand York Rite bodies, who will make a written general report which should include any legislative changes or additions that would affect the Grand York Rite bodies in the State of Utah.

(G) YORK RITE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The committee on York Rite Educational Foundation will operate under its own Articles of Incorporation and By-laws, but it will be a joint Grand York Rite Committee with 10 members, consisting of three elected, during the Joint Grand York Rite Sessions, the Three Presiding Officers of these bodies, the Three second in command of these bodies and the Grand Secretary Recorder. It shall meet just prior to Grand York Rite Sessions and it will make a written report at the York Rite Sessions.

(H) ANNUAL YORK RITE SESSIONS

The committee on the Annual York Rite Sessions will be a joint committee consisting of at least 7 members, including the heads of the Grand York Rite bodies, the heads of the host Constituent York Rite bodies along with the Grand King, Deputy Grand Master, and Deputy Grand Commander with the Grand Secretary/Recorder being the

Chairman. The duties of said committee is to plan, organize and manage the Annual Grand Sessions, providing all necessary liaison and management to assure a functional and harmoniously run Grand York Rite Sessions.

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(a) MASONIC YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

This committee shall operate as a joint Grand York Rite Committee and shall consist of at least 4 members; one each from each Grand York Rite body and a chairman. This committee will be responsible for the initiation, operation and activities of the program decided upon by its members with consent of the heads of the Grand York Rite bodies. The chairman of said committee shall make a written report at the annual Grand York Rite Sessions, of the activities and any moneys collected or disbursed.

**Section 2-10 HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS**

Honorary Memberships may be granted to Grand Illustrious Masters of sister jurisdictions who attend the annual Assemblies of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Utah.

**Section 2-11 THE GRAND TREASURER**

Amended May 1994

The Grand Treasurer shall safely keep all moneys and property of every kind which shall be placed in his hands by the Secretary, or by an order of the Grand Council, and give proper receipts therefore.

He shall attend all Assemblies of the Grand Council and make a report at each Annual Assembly (or when requested to do so by the Grand Illustrious Master) of the receipts, disbursements and financial condition of the Grand Council.

He shall pay all drafts ordered by the Grand Illustrious Master and/or any lawful warrants or statements duly attested by the Grand Secretary.

He shall keep a book or books which shall contain statement of his receipts and disbursements on account of the Grand Council.

He shall carefully preserve and render, from time to time, an inventory of all property belonging to the Grand Council entrusted to his keeping.

At the expiration of his term of office, the Grand Treasurer shall turn over to his successor all funds, records and other property belonging to the Grand Council

## **Section 2-12 THE GRAND RECORDER**

The Grand Recorder shall attend the Assemblies of the Grand Council and record its proceedings. He shall receive all funds belonging to the Grand Council, pay them over to the Grand Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor. He shall receive and preserve all returns from Constituent Councils and make reports thereon at each Annual Assembly. He shall also preserve all petitions, applications and other documents of importance, sign, certify and seal all documents emanating from the Grand Council, and conduct the correspondence of the Grand Council, under the direction of the Grand Master. He shall report annually to the several Grand Councils in correspondence with this Grand Council the names and addresses of the elected Grand Officers. At each Annual Assembly he shall make a complete report of all money received and expended, failure on the part of Constituent Councils in making returns and paying dues as required, and such other matters as may require attention of the Grand Council. He shall at least 30 days in advance of the Annual Assembly furnish each Constituent Council with blank return forms and instructions for preparing them properly. He shall also forward to a council under dispensation blanks for making returns and petition for charter. He shall be custodian of the Rituals belonging to the Grand Council and distribute them according to the regulations. At the expiration of his term of office, the Grand Recorder shall turn over to his successor all funds, records and other property belonging to the Grand Council.

## **Section 2-14 SURETY BOND**

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder shall furnish Corporate Surety Bond in such form and sum as the Grand Council may direct, said Surety Bond to be retained in the custody of the Grand Recorder. The cost of said Bond shall be paid by the Grand Council.

## **Section 2-15 OTHER OFFICERS**

A. All other officers are hereby required to attend all the Assemblies of this Grand Council, and to faithfully discharge the duties required in their charge of Installation, prescribed by the By-laws, and perform such duties as by ancient usage and custom pertain to their respective office.

B. The Grand Lecturer shall have charge of and shall impart the authorized work of this Jurisdiction to the officers and members of the Constituent Councils as found necessary. At each Annual Assembly he shall make a report of his official acts, together with such particulars and recommendations as he may deem necessary for the interest of the Craft.

#### **Section 2-16 TENURE OF OFFICE**

All officers of the Grand Council shall be installed annually and shall perform their respective duties until their successors in office are duly elected and installed. No officer shall be installed by proxy. Installation may be in a Constituent Council by any Illustrious Past Master. Installations may be in public or tyled meeting. Proper ceremony must be adhered to according to type of installation.

#### **Section 2-17 ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE**

1. Only members in good standing of a Constituent Council of this jurisdiction and a resident of the State of Utah are eligible to any office in the Grand Council.

2. Only members who have been elected, installed and presided over a regular Council of Cryptic Masons shall be eligible for election or appointment to any office in Grand Council.

3. The Grand Illustrious Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Recorder shall be elected by ballot at each Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, from among the Companions who are eligible thereto. All other officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master.

4. In case of death or inability to act as the Grand Illustrious Master, the powers and duties of his station shall, for the time being, devolve upon the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work in the order named.

#### **Section 2-18 APPEALS**

An appeal may be taken to Grand Council by a Companion or Constituent Council at the next Annual Assembly, but not unless written notice thereof shall have been filed with the Grand Recorder, within thirty days after the conclusion of the trial or decision of suspension or expulsion. Such appeals or notice of appeals along with Trial records, affidavits and all papers pertaining to said action will be transmitted promptly to the

Committee on Grievance and appeals. The steps and procedures of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Utah will be closely followed along with the forms for appeals with changes made to coincide with Grand Council of Cryptic Masons language.

### **Section 2-19 FINANCES**

Each Council may set their dues and fees as prescribed by the membership, in their By-laws, provided such dues and fees shall not be less than the annual per capita due the Grand Council.

The dues and fees of Councils having concurrent jurisdiction need not be the same.

The revenue of the Grand Council shall be derived from fees and dues charged as follows:

(A) For a Dispensation to form a New Council, Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars.

(B) For each Royal and Select Degree conferred, Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be paid by the Council of which the candidate receiving the Degree shall thereupon become a member, provided that no fee shall be due the Grand Council for courtesy work done for Councils outside of Utah.

8) Each Constituent Council shall remit to the Grand Council, at the time of making the Annual Returns, the assessed dues for each Companion who was a member at the close of the fiscal year. For current amount, refer to last date on this subject in TITLE V Standing Resolutions.

(D) For the Triennial Fund, the assessed amount, on the latest date as referred to in TITLE V Standing Resolutions.

(E) Such special assessments and fees as the Grand Council shall levy.

### **Section 2-20 REMISSION OF DUES**

A Council may remit all or any part of the dues of any of its members; provided, that Grand Council dues shall be paid by each Council upon all of its members.

### **Section 2-21 TRIENNIAL FUND**

The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, and Grand Recorder shall share in the Triennial Fund assets to defray their expenses to the Grand Council Triennial.

In no case shall any one of these be paid more than Three

Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00) for any one Triennial.

**Section 2-23 UNIFORM**

Amended May 2005

The Uniform of the Grand Council shall be the black trousers with no cuff, white shirt, black tie, black shoes/boots, and purple dress coat with the broken triangle insignia over the left pocket.

**Section 2-25 AMENDMENTS**

All proposed amendments to the Laws relating to Grand Council shall be submitted in writing to the Grand Recorder at least forty-five days before the next Annual Assembly. At least THIRTY-FIVE days before such Annual Assembly of Grand Council the Grand Recorder shall transmit to the Grand Council Officers, Past Grand Elected Officer and Recorders of the several constituent Councils of this jurisdiction, and to the members of the Jurisprudence Committee of Grand Council, copies of any such proposed amendments.

All proposed amendments shall first be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for its opinion and report. Any proposed amendment, ruled by the Committee on Jurisprudence to be "not" in proper form, shall not be placed upon the floor of the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, for vote, until said amendment shall have been put in proper form. Responsibility for "Proper Form" shall be with the author of the amendment.

The Committee on Jurisprudence shall advise the author, or authors, of proposed amendments, prior to the Annual Assembly, if such amendments are "not in proper form". After "proper form" is satisfied, if the amendment is then approved in Annual Assembly by a majority of the votes, then such amendment shall become effective. Grand Council may suspend the forgoing provisions by two-thirds vote at the Annual Assembly or a Special Assembly called for such Purpose.

**Section 2-26 REFERENCE TO CODE OF GRAND LODGE**

Any item or items not covered herein by these By-Laws and Regulations of the Grand Council including the subjects of Masonic discipline and Councils under dispensation, shall be governed by the requirements of the Code and Trial Code of the Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of Utah and Masonic usage.

**Section 2-27 STATUTES MUST BE AVAILABLE**

Each Constituent Council shall own not less than three copies of the laws of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Utah. One each shall be furnished the Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, and Recorder at the time of installation, together with a copy of the By-Laws of the Council.

Each Council shall own or have access to a copy of the Code of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Utah.

**Section 2-29 UNIFORM**

Deleted Aug. 2020

**Section 2-30 PROCEEDINGS**

Adopted May 2000

A record of the Grand Sessions of the Grand York Rite of Utah shall be printed annually.

A copy of said proceedings shall be sent to Grand Council Officers, Dias Officers of Local Council and the Office of each Council. The above-mentioned Proceedings will be at no cost to those receiving them.

**TITLE III**

**REGULATIONS RELATING TO CONSTITUENT COUNCILS**

**Section 3-1 OF WHOM COMPOSED**

A Council consists of the following officers:

The Illustrious Master

The Deputy Master

The Principal Conductor of Work

The Treasurer

The Recorder

who shall be elected annually by ballot, and

The Captain of the Guard

The Conductor of the Council

The Steward

The Chaplin

The Marshal

The Sentinel

who shall be appointed annually by the Illustrious



Master. No companion shall hold any two offices at the same time, except Recorder and Treasurer. A council may also elect a board of Trustees in such manner and terms as provided in its By-laws.

### **Section 3-2 DISPENSATION**

A petition to the Grand Master for Special Dispensation shall set forth the emergency. No fee shall be charged.

(A) The Grand Master is authorized, at the request of a Council, to change by dispensation its location or place of meeting. After such request has been granted, the membership should be notified not less than fifteen (15) days prior to said change in meeting date.

### **Section 3-3 FEE FOR CONFERRING DEGREES**

Within the jurisdiction of the Grand Council the several degrees of Royal Master, Select Master and Super Excellent Master shall be conferred for not less than \$25.00 which shall accompany the petition, or be paid by the candidate in such sums as may be required by the by-laws of the Council.

(A) A Council, with the approval of the Grand Master, may without fee, confer the Super Excellent Master's Degree upon a petitioner for affiliation, or upon a visitor who was made a Royal and Select Master in a jurisdiction which does not confer this degree.

### **Section 3-4 ASSEMBLIES**

(A) The stated Assemblies of every Council within this Jurisdiction shall be held at least four times a year at such place and hour as may be specified in its Charter or designated in its By-Laws.

(B) Any Council failing to hold at least one Assembly for 12 months or fails for 24 months to make returns or pay dues, forfeits all of its rights as a Council; whereupon its Charter, with all of its property and effects, shall be surrendered to the Grand Master subject to the order of the Grand Council.

(C) Special Assemblies may be called by the Illustrious Master

at his discretion, but no business shall be transacted at such called Assemblies except for the conferring of the Degrees on a candidate previously elected, or that which is specified in the notice or summons.

### **Section 3-5 QUORUM**

A quorum of a Council consists of five (5) members entitled to vote therein, including an officer authorized to open the same, for the purpose of conducting business. A Council that is being formed or conferring the degrees would require nine (9) members entitled to vote and an officer entitled to open the same to meet the quorum requisite.

### **Section 3-6 JURISDICTION**

Each of the several Councils in this jurisdiction shall have concurrent jurisdiction with every other Council.

(A) That Council first receiving a petition for the degrees or affiliation shall have exclusive jurisdiction of the petition and the petitioner until such petition shall be acted upon.

### **Section 3-7 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Amended May 2016

The election of officers of a Constituted Council shall be held annually at the stated assembly provided in its bylaws. The Installation of Officers then elected and appointed may be held in a tyled assembly or public installation program that shall take place on or before St. John the Evangelist Day unless by special dispensation.

### **Section 3-8 SUCCESSION IN OFFICE**

In the absence of the Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, and Principal Conductor of the Work, a council may be opened for business and/or work, by the junior Past Illustrious Master present.

### **Section 3-9 SPECIAL ELECTION**

If a vacancy shall occur in any of the offices, except when there is a right of succession, the Grand Master may authorize a special election to fill such vacancy upon written request to that effect by the Council.

### **Section 3-10 THE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER**

(A) The Illustrious Master has it in special charge to see that the By-Laws and Regulations of the Council are duly observed, as well as the Constitution, Laws, and Regulations of the Grand Council, that accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered and that regular returns are made to the Grand Council annually and that the dues are paid promptly.

(B) The honorary title of the presiding head of a Council is Illustrious and the official title is Master.

(C) It is his duty, together with the Deputy Master and Principal Conductor of the Work to attend the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council; and it is the duty of these officers to attend the Assemblies of their Council.

(D) It is his duty and obligation as Master of a Constituent council to open, conduct and close his Council in accordance with the Regulations and Ceremonies adopted by this Grand Council.

(E) It is clearly the duty of the Illustrious Master of a Council to suspend from office any officer of his Council for unbecoming or un-Masonic conduct, in advance of charges and trial for the same.

### **Section 3-11 TREASURER**

The Treasurer shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the Constitution Laws and Regulations of the Grand Council and the By-Laws of the Council.

### **Section 3-12 RECORDER**

(A) It is the duty of the Recorder to issue notice of Stated and Special Assemblies; and, in the notices for Special Assemblies, he shall, under the direction of the Illustrious Master, state the particular business to be transacted.

(B) He will also issue summons when directed by the Illustrious Master or Council.

(C) To record all transactions of the Council.

(D) To collect all dues and to use every effort to prevent

delinquency. When the dues of any member are delinquent for two years or more, the Council may direct the Recorder to notify the delinquent Companion of such fact, and also cite him to appear at a Stated Assembly of the Council, fixing the date (which shall not be less than thirty days from the date of service) and show cause why he should not be suspended for non-payment of dues. The service of such notice may be personal, that is, by delivery to him of a copy, a statement of which service shall be endorsed on the notice and returned to the Council duly signed by a Companion. Or such service may be by Certified Mail, return receipt requested, sent by the Recorder. The service is completed when the Companion receives the copy or when the certified letter is duly mailed, addressed to the delinquent at his last known place of residence. In case of service by Certified Mail, the Recorder shall make a report thereof to the Council at the next Stated Assembly. In case of service by either method, the same must be entered of record. If the dues of the delinquent member continue unpaid, and he fails to appear, or appearing fails to show sufficient cause for remission (of which the Council shall judge), the Companion may be suspended by a majority vote of the Council. A Companion so suspended who pays his dues within one year thereafter shall be thereby reinstated without action of the Council. If such payment is made after one year, he can be reinstated by petition therefor and a majority vote of the Council. If the Council refuses reinstatement, dues so paid shall be refunded to the delinquent. Dues shall not be charged during suspension.

(E) To have in charge the Seal of the Council and affix it to all papers requiring the same.

(F) To submit his books for examination whenever required to do so by the Council or by the Grand Council.

(G) To promptly transmit to the Grand Master and Grand Recorder copies of all the By-Laws and Regulations adopted by the Council.

(H) To transmit to the Grand Recorder, immediately after the Annual Assembly, a complete list of the elected and appointed officers with their mailing addresses.

(I) To transmit to the Grand Recorder by no later than January 15, of each year its Annual Returns, in such form as shall be prescribed by the Grand Council, covering the immediately

preceding period January 1st to December 31st, both inclusive, together with all sums due the Grand Council.

(J) To see, at the Annual Installation of officers, that the newly installed Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, and Recorder have received or will receive from their predecessors, one copy each of the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Council, and the By-Laws of the Constituent Council.

(K) To record in the minutes that the report of investigating committees on petitions was received.

### **Section 3-13 SURETY BONDS**

Recorders and Treasurers of the Constituent Councils will furnish Corporate Surety Bonds in such form and sum as the Master may direct, said Surety Bond to be retained in custody of the Grand Recorder. The cost of said Bonds will be paid by the Council to the Grand Council.

### **Section 3-14 FEES**

In each Council under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of Utah, the fee of the Royal Master, Select Master and Super Excellent Master, shall not be less than Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00). The fee may not be remitted directly or indirectly.

### **Section 3-15 UNIFORMS**

The Uniform or Proper Attire of a Constituent Council will be that decided upon by its members or be covered in the guidelines of its By-laws.

### **Section 3-16 ELIGIBILITY TO DEGREES AND AFFILIATION**

Anyone -

(A) Who is a Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason affiliated and in good standing in Lodge and Chapter; or who is an affiliated Master Mason in good standing and who has petitioned a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the Capitular degrees provided however none of the Cryptic Degrees will be conferred upon said petitioner until he shall have received the Royal Arch Degree.

(B) Who, has resided within the State of Utah during the immediate preceding six months.

(C) Who will state on petition for degrees their full name, age, place and date of birth, residence and occupation, the name, number, location and jurisdiction of the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of which they are a member, the name, number, location and jurisdiction of the Lodge in which they were raised and of the one in which they are now a member, whether they have ever been elected or rejected in any other Council, if so, which and when, and shall be recommended by at least two members of the Council to which they apply. It shall also be signed with petitioner's full name and no initials used.

(D) Who will state on petition for affiliation the same facts and be signed in the same way as a petition for the degrees, and in addition shall give the name, number, location and jurisdiction of the petitioner's former affiliation, and be accompanied by a demit or a certificate of good standing from the former Council.

### **Section 3-17 RITUAL**

The Ritual of this Council is in all essentials that adopted by the Grand Council of Utah and the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons, and delivery or teaching of any Masonic work not authorized, or which has not received the sanction of the Grand Council or its lawful authority, is forbidden.

### **Section 3-18 ORDER OF SUCCESSION**

The Degrees will be conferred in the following succession: Royal Master and Select Master. These Two Degrees may be conferred in short form. These Two Degrees May be communicated if extreme emergency occurs but dispensation must be granted by the Grand Illustrious Master.

(A) The Super Excellent Master Degree may be conferred each year. This Degree must be conferred in full form according to the ritual with prologue and epilogue. Refer to Section 3-3 (A).

(B) The Feast of Beltshazzar may from time to time be conferred to better illustrate the Cryptic Degrees as well as the beauty of this section of York Rite Ritual.

### **Section 3-19 PETITIONS**

All petitions must be on a form approved by the Grand Council. A petition signed by more than one petitioner will not be accepted.

### **Section 3-20 WITHDRAWAL OF PETITION**

A petition may be withdrawn by the petitioner at any time before ballot.

### **Section 3-21 PETITION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

A petition, whether for Degrees or Membership, shall be referred to a committee of three (3) members of the Council, who shall know or personally interview the petitioner, but who may, if no objection is raised report upon the petition at the time of presentation. No ballot shall be taken until a report has been made. The fact of a report being made, shall be entered in the Minutes of the Council.

### **Section 3-22 DUAL MEMBERSHIP**

Grand Lodge Code Section 3-6-3 and 3-12-3.

### **Section 3-23 BALLOT**

(A) Petitions may be voted upon collectively and in the event a black cube appears in a collective ballot, all petitions must be balloted upon individually. In balloting upon petitions, all members present must vote.

(B) The ballot is examined first by the Principal Conductor of the Work and the Deputy Master, and finally by the Illustrious Master. The results shall be declared by the latter, unless a single black cube shall appear, in which event, he shall order a re-ballot, before any member of the Council has left the Assembly, the result of which shall be final.

(C) The ballot upon a petition for the Degrees must be secret and unanimous. The reason for casting a black ball or cube cannot be disclosed or inquired into.

(D) The doors of the Assembly must be closed and guarded before balloting begins and until it is entirely finished.

### **Section 3-24 REJECTED PETITIONS**

A rejected petitioner for the Degrees, may again petition after the expiration of six (6) months, but shall not petition any other Council until the expiration of one (1) year after such rejection unless consent is given by unanimous ballot of Council which rejected him.

A rejected petitioner for affiliation may renew the petition any time.

### **Section 3-25 DEMISE OF COUNCILS**

Upon the demise of any Council, the Recorder and Treasurer of the same will transmit within three months, to the Grand Recorder all books, papers, jewels, furniture, funds and other property of the demised Council.

### **Section 3-26 DISCIPLINE**

(A) Any Royal and Select Master under this jurisdiction, who has been has been suspended from a Lodge of Master Masons or a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, will be deprived of all rights and privileges in the Council or to hold Masonic intercourse with Royal and Select Masters, until reinstated by the Lodge or Chapter which suspended him. A notation on the records of the Council of the action of the Lodge or Chapter shall be all that is necessary to suspend or reinstate under such circumstances.

(B) Expulsion by a Lodge or Chapter carries the same penalty in the Council. The adoption by the Council of the action of the Lodge or Chapter will be sufficient without trial by the Council.

### **Section 3-27 DUES AND ASSESSMENTS**

(A) The dues of the members of each Council shall be such as provided in its By-Laws. The Council may suspend any member who shall be delinquent in the payment of dues for a period of two (2) years, unless remitted as provided in Section 3-12 (D) of these Statutes.

(B) Each Council may set their dues as prescribed by their membership, provided such dues shall not be a less amount than the annual per capita due the Grand Council.

(C) Dues of Councils having concurrent jurisdiction need not



be the same.

**Section 3-30 APPEALS**

All appeals will be in writing and filed with the Grand Recorder, and applicant shall give the other party reasonable notice thereof.

**Section 3-31 USE OF MASONIC NAME AND EMBLEMS**

Code of Grand Lodge of Utah, Sections 3-5-9 and 3-5-10.

**Section 3-32 AMENDMENTS**

(A) All proposed amendments to TITLE III should be handled exactly as the amendments for TITLE II.

(B) By-Laws of Constituent Councils will be adopted for their government not inconsistent with TITLE I, II, and III of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Utah. By-laws adopted by the Constituent Councils shall NOT become effective until approved by the Grand Master or the Grand Council.

**TITLE IV**

**STANDARD FORM OF BY-LAWS FOR CONSTITUENT COUNCILS**

BY-LAWS  
\_\_\_\_\_ COUNCIL NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF UTAH

**ARTICLE I**

Name and Time of Meetings

Section 1. This Council will be known as \_\_\_\_\_ Council No. \_\_\_\_\_, Cryptic Masons of the State of Utah, and will work under the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Utah, insofar as they apply to Constituent Councils.

Section 2. There will be ten Stated Meetings held jointly on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the month at \_\_\_\_\_ P.M.. The Council will be in charge of opening and closing three of these meetings and as

necessary the Annual Meeting. The Council may be recessed or dark during the months of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of each year.

Section 3. The Master may call a Special Assembly upon due notice in writing to the membership stating the reason for and there is, in his judgment, a necessity therefor.

## ARTICLE II

### Officers and Elections

Section 1. In addition to the Officers prescribed by the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Utah, this Council shall elect a board of Trustees three in number. At each annual election of officers there shall be elected one Trustee to serve for a term of three years. Said Officers Elected and Appointed may be installed at the Annual Assembly, or at a Public Installation.

Section 2. At the Annual Assembly in \_\_\_\_\_ of each year, the election of officers shall be held. The Companion receiving a majority of the votes cast for each office shall be declared duly elected.

Section 3. In case of a vacancy in an elective office (except that of Illustrious Master) either from death or removal from the jurisdiction, the Council will elect by ballot a successor to fill such vacancy until the next annual election and installation. The Illustrious Master will fill all vacancies in the office under his appointment to serve until their successor shall be appointed and installed.

Section 4. The Master may declare any office under his appointment vacant, for neglect of duty.

## ARTICLE III

### DUTIES OF OFFICERS

#### Illustrious Master

Section 1. It will be the duty of the Master to preside at every Assembly, preserving order and decorum; to see that the Rituals, Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Utah, the By-Laws of this

Council, and the ancient customs of Freemasonry are duly observed and enforced. He shall arrange for the appropriate conferring of the Degrees and attend with the Deputy Master and Principal Conductor of the Work, the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Utah.

Section 2. When the Master is absent, or in case of his inability to act, his powers and prerogatives shall vest in the Deputy Master and in succession to the Principal Conductor of the Work. All officers will perform their customary duties and those assigned by the Council and the Master.

#### Treasurer

Section 1. The Treasurer will receive from the Recorder and deposit in the Council's checking account all moneys belonging to the Council; pay all bills authorized by the Council by check signed by the Master and countersigned by the Treasurer or Recorder, or signed by such other members of the Council as shall be designated; and will keep a correct account of receipts and disbursements and make a full report thereof at the Annual Assembly in \_\_\_\_\_ of each year and as required.

#### Recorder

Section 1. The Recorder will keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Council, keep a correct account with each member, and receive all moneys due to the Council and pay the same over to the Treasurer; will issue notices and summonses when ever required to do so, will communicate to the Grand Recorder all rejections, suspensions, expulsions and reinstatements, and make such reports as are required. He shall have charge of the Seal, books, papers and records belonging to the Council and will deliver them over to his successor whenever called upon; will report to the Master in \_\_\_\_\_ of each year a statement of all unpaid balances; will make reports to the Council as required; will inform all committees of their appointment and the purpose for which they are appointed; will perform such other duties as the Master and Council may designate.

Section 2. In consideration of such duties, he may receive such compensation as the Council may determine.

## Board Of Trustees

Section 1. The funds, jewels, costumes, furniture and other property belonging to this Council are hereby vested and declared to be the property of the Trustees and their successors in office forever for the use of the Council.

Section 2. The Trustees shall carefully guard and preserve all the property of the Council and invest its funds, and reinvest, collect or otherwise dispose of the same as the Council shall from time to time direct. They shall carefully examine the books and accounts of the Treasurer and Recorder prior to the Annual Assembly in \_\_\_\_\_ of each year, of the condition of the property of the Council, and the state of the funds, and shall make such other and further report and perform such other duties as the Council may direct.

## Sentinel

Section 1. The Sentinel will tyle all Assemblies of the Council and serve notices and summonses when required to do so; see that the Hall is properly equipped and the furniture is in good and proper condition for the holding of Assemblies at the appointed time; and perform such other duties pertaining to his office as may be required.

Section 2. The Sentinel may receive such compensation as the Council may determine.

## ARTICLE IV

### Surety Bonds

Section 1. The Treasurer and Recorder, before entering upon the duties of office, shall each give a surety bond running through the Council to the Grand Council, conditioned upon the faithful discharge of the duties of the office, in such sum and form as the Grand Council may designate. The premium therefor is to be paid out of the funds of the Council to the Grand Council.

## ARTICLE V

### Committees

Section 1. The Master, Deputy Master and Principal Conductor of the Work shall constitute a standing committee for the purpose of extending charity to distressed Masons, their wives, widows and orphans, and shall cooperate with like committees of other Masonic Bodies.

Section 2. Other committees may be appointed by the Master.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### Dues and Fees

Section 1. The dues of each member of this Council will be \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents per annum, payable on or before January 1st of each year. Newly created members of this Council shall pay pro-rata dues of \_\_\_\_\_cents for each month remaining in the current year after being Greeted.

Section 2. A life membership in this Council may be granted when good and sufficient reason exist. Such action must be on a motion duly made and seconded and passed by a majority vote of the members present at a stated Assembly of the Council.

Section 3. This Council may remit the dues of a member for good and sufficient reasons by a majority vote of those present at a stated conclave of the Council, remembering that dues and per capita must be paid to the Grand Council on all members paid or remitted.

Section 4. No appropriation of any of the funds of this Council shall be made at any other than a stated Assembly, except for charitable purposes.

Section 5. The fee for the Degrees of this Council will be \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars, which sum shall accompany the petition.

#### ARTICLE VII

##### Petitions

Section 1. All petitions for Degrees and for membership will be referred to a committee of three members of the Council, which committee shall make careful inquiry into the character and qualifications of the candidate and report thereon.

Section 2. A petition for the Degrees or for membership must be acted upon within three months after it is presented, except in the case of the petitioner's death or removal from the Jurisdiction, in which event the fee will be returned.

Section 3. Should the applicant be elected and fail to come forward for advancement within one year, his fee will be forfeited, and nothing further can be done in the case, unless for good reasons the Master otherwise directs.

Section 4. Should the applicant be rejected, the deposit fee shall be returned to him.

Section 5. Petitions may be voted upon in the same Assembly in which they are presented.

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### By-Laws, Amendments, Etc.

Section 1. All members of the Council are required to sign the By-Laws upon receiving the Royal Master and Select Master Degree or upon affiliation.

Section 2. These By-Laws may be amended or altered upon notice in writing filed with the Recorder at a Stated Assembly. The Recorder shall give written notice of the proposed amendment or alteration by mail to each member of the Council at least fifteen days before the next Stated Assembly. At the next Stated Assembly after the notice of amendment or alteration is received, the same will be voted upon, and, if two-thirds of the members present and voting concur, will be adopted subject to approval by the Grand Master.

#### ARTICLE IX

##### Order of Business

The order of business at Stated Assemblies will be:

1. Reading of Minutes
2. Reports of Committees
3. Reception of Petitions
4. Balloting

- 5. Unfinished Business
- 6. New Business
- 7. Conferring of Degrees

ARTICLE X

This will certify that the above By-Laws were regularly adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the Assembly of Council No. \_\_\_ held \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Master

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recorder

The above By-Laws of \_\_\_\_\_ Council No. \_\_\_ of Cryptic Masons of the State of Utah, are hereby approved/disapproved.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_.

Grand Master

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grand Recorder

**TITLE V**

**STANDING RESOLUTIONS**  
**of the**  
**GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS OF UTAH**

**MAY 1991** - New formatting was implemented by the Committee on By-Laws appointed by the Grand Master and the Standing Resolutions Section was added to give an historical record of the various changes to the Constitution - Laws - Regulations that effect this body

***MAY 1988 PER CAPITA***

The Committee on Finance proposed and voters approved a raise in per capita of \$.50 or a total of \$2.25.

**MAY 1989 TRIENNIAL FUND**

The Committee on Finance proposed and the voters approved a raise in the per capita to the Triennial Fund by \$.10 or a total of \$.35.

**MAY 1989 TRIENNIAL FUND**

The Committee on Finance proposed and the voters approved Budget Proposal #2 to raise Triennial Fund Allowance for Grand Recorder to \$350.00, and not to exceed \$350.00.

**MAY 1991 NEW CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS GRAND COUNCIL, BY LAWS  
CONSTITUENT COUNCILS, STANDARD FORMS**

It was proposed and the voters approved a new complete set of By-Laws for the Grand Council of Utah that would more closely conform to existing By-Laws of the other Grand York Rite Bodies for purposes of looking up items that need to be referred to from time to time.

**MAY 1991 FORMAT AND TITLE V STANDING RESOLUTION**

It was proposed and the voters approved the following:

(1) A loose-leaf format be utilized in printing and publishing the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of Utah, and;

(2) That a TITLE V - Standing Resolutions - be adopted and include all changes in the documents mentioned in (1) above from 1991 and into the future and be inserted in numerical order after TITLE IV.

**MAY 1993 PROCEEDINGS**

It was proposed and the voters approved the following:  
TITLE II Section 2-28 be added to provide for printing and distribution of Annual Proceedings.



**MAY 1993 TRIENNIAL FUND**

It was proposed and the voters approved the following:

The full amount of the Triennial Fund Expense was rescinded and reallocated to the Per Capita Fees. This brings the total amount of Per Capita at this time to \$2.60.

**MAY 1993 PER CAPITA**

It was proposed verbally and the voters approved the following:

Raise in Per Capita one dollar, forty cents more (\$1.40) to a total of Four dollars (\$4.00).

**MAY 1994 GRAND TREASURER**

It was proposed by resolution and adopted by majority vote that the duties of the Grand Treasurer be amended on May 21, 1994.

**MAY 1995 FINANCE COMMITTEE DUTIES**

It was proposed by written resolution of the Ad Hoc Committee for definition of the Finance Committee functions and adopted by majority vote that TITLE II COMMITTEE DUTIES STANDING AND SPECIAL Section 2-9 FINANCE(B) be amended as of May 12, 1995.

**MAY 1997 GRATUITIES**

It was proposed as part of the Joint Finance Committee Report and was passed by majority vote that the Gratuities list to visiting dignitaries at Grand Sessions be amended to read as follows: The Personal Representative of Grand Illustrious Master must be a current dias officer in the body he is representing.

**MAY 1997 PER-CAPITA**

The following was proposed as part of the written Joint Finance Committee Report and was passed by majority vote:

The per-capita dues for the Grand Council be reduced by .50

cents. The per-capita dues will be (\$3.50) for the Grand Council.

**MAY 1997 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The following was proposed as part of the written Joint Finance Committee Report and was passed by majority vote:

A decision by York Rite Jurisprudence Committee sets the finance committee to a total of seven (7) members 4 elected trustees and the elected heads of the three bodies.

**MAY 2000 PROCEEDINGS**

It was proposed in writing and adopted by a majority that Section 2-30 be amended by deletion of some recipients as per page 56 or the 2000 proceedings.

**MAY 2002 PER-CAPITA**

It was proposed by the Finance Committee at the Joint Sessions and approved by majority vote to increase per-Capita by \$1.00 in the Grand Council. The per-capita dues will be (\$4.50) for the Grand Council Cryptic Masons in Utah.

**MAY 2002 YORK RITE EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

It was proposed by the Finance Committee at the Joint Sessions and approved by majority vote to Accept the amended Y.R. Education Foundation by-laws and to place them as an appendix to the Utah Grand York Rite Regulations and By-Laws.

**May 2004 PER CAPITA**

It was proposed by the Finance Committee at the Joint Sessions and approved by majority vote to increase per capita by \$1.50 in the Grand Council. The per capita dues will be (\$6.00) for the Grand Council Cryptic Masons in Utah

### ***May 2005 UNIFORM***

The Uniform of the Garand Council shall be the black trousers with no cuff, white shirt, black tie, black shoes/boots, and purple dress coat with the broken triangle insignia over the left pocket.

### ***MAY 2010 COMMITTEES***

It was proposed at the Joint Session and approved by majority vote to add the three Second in command of each body to the York Rite Educational Foundation Committee.

### ***MAY 2015 PER CAPITA***

It was proposed and approved by majority vote to increase per capita by \$1.00 in the year 2016 for a total per capita of \$6.00; THEN an additional \$0.50 beginning in the year 2017 for a total per capita at that time of \$6.50.

### ***MAY 2016 ELECTION OF OFFICERS***

It was proposed and approved by majority vote to change Title III Section 3-7 as follows: The election of officers of a Constituted Council shall be held annually at the stated assembly provided in its bylaws. The Installation of Officers then elected and appointed may be held in a tiled assembly or public installation program that shall take place on or before St. John the Evangelist Day unless by special dispensation."

### ***AUGUST 2020 UNIFORM***

It was proposed and approved by majority vote to remove Section 2-29 UNIFORM as it was a duplicate of section 2-23

### ***AUGUST 2020 QUORUM***

It was proposed and approved by majority vote to change section 3-5 Quorum to modify the number of members needed to open a Council.

***AUGUST 2020 RECORDER***

It was proposed and approved by majority vote to change Section 3-12 RECORDER to modify the date that Annual Returns are submitted and the reporting period of the reported information.

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M.I.G.M.= Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Utah

R.E.G.C = Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Utah

Subordinate Chapters of Utah

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