

**CONSTITUTION  
AND  
STATUTES AND REGULATIONS**

OF THE  
UNITED GRAND IMPERIAL COUNCIL  
OF  
KNIGHTS OF THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE  
AND  
APPENDANT ORDERS,  
FOR  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AND  
ITS JURISDICTION

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**CONSTITUTION**  
**of the**  
**GRAND IMPERIAL COUNCIL**  
**OF**  
**THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE**

*Adopted February 18, 1958 and restated on June 5, 2010*

**§10.000. NAME.**

This organization is an unincorporated association which shall be known as the “United Grand Imperial Council of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders, for the United States of America and Its Jurisdiction.” For the transaction of ordinary business, the following short form may be used and will have the same force and effect as the full form title: “Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine.” *[Source: Section 2 of Article I of the 1958 Constitution of the Grand Imperial Council.] [Amended: 2022.]*

**§20.000. MEMBERS.**

- A. The Grand Imperial Council shall be composed of the Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign, the Most Eminent Grand Viceroy, the Very Illustrious Grand Senior General, the Very Illustrious Grand Junior General, the Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer, the Right Illustrious Grand Recorder, the Illustrious Grand Trustees (three in number), the Illustrious Grand High Prelate, the Illustrious Grand Chancellor, the Illustrious Grand Almoner, the Illustrious Grand Chamberlain, the Illustrious Grand Orator, the Illustrious Grand Standard Bearer, the Illustrious Grand Marshal, the Illustrious Grand Herald and the Illustrious Grand Sentinel, together with all of the Past Grand Sovereigns and Past Sovereigns of this Jurisdiction, and the Sovereign and the Viceroy of the several chartered and duly constituted Conclaves; and
- B. Members of the Grand Imperial Council shall meet in Assemblies to conduct whatever business may properly come before them.

*[Source: Section 1 of Article II and Section 2 of Article IV of the 1958 Constitution of the Grand Imperial Council.]*

### **§30.000. AUTHORITY.**

- A. The Grand Imperial Council is the supreme power and authority over The Constantinian and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and St. John the Evangelist in all parts of the United States and its territories; all parts of the Republic of Mexico and its territories; all parts of the Republic of the Philippines and its territories; and all other territory not exclusively occupied by an authority with which this Grand Imperial Council now maintains, or shall hereafter maintain, fraternal relations;
- B. The Grand Imperial Council is vested with all legislative, executive, and judicial powers in furtherance of same, limited only by a strict adherence to the Ancient Landmarks, by the other General Regulations of Masonry and by the provisions of this Constitution and any other laws and regulations as it may enact or amend from time to time;
- C. The Jurisdiction of the Grand Imperial Council includes all Conclaves, Knights Companions and Constantinian activities in its Jurisdiction, and members of Conclaves of this Jurisdiction wherever residing; and
- D. The Grand Imperial Council alone has authority to charter or grant dispensations for a Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine in this Jurisdiction.

*[Source: Sections 1, 3 and 10 of Article I of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

### **§40.000. STATUTES AND REGULATIONS.**

The Grand Imperial Council may adopt Statutes and Regulations to provide additional or supplemental laws, rules and regulations governing its Assemblies and affairs. These Statutes and Regulations shall be adopted in the same manner that amendments may be made to this Constitution. The Grand Imperial Council may take any action not limited by this Constitution or its Statutes and Regulations with a simple majority of votes cast at an Annual or Special Assembly.

### **§50.000. AMENDMENTS.**

Proposed amendments to this Constitution must be adopted at an Annual or Special Assembly of the Grand Imperial Council by two-thirds of the votes cast. If so adopted, they shall become a part of this Constitution at the close of the Assembly. *[Source: Section 1 of Article XI of the 1958 Constitution and Sections 15 and 16 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**STATUTES AND REGULATIONS**  
**of the**  
**GRAND IMPERIAL COUNCIL**  
**OF**  
**THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE**

*Adopted February 18, 1958 and restated on June 5, 2010*

**PART 1**  
**DEFINED TERMS**

The following definitions shall constitute the meaning of such terms wherever used in the Constitution or in these Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Imperial Council.

**§100.010. APPENDANT ORDERS:**

The Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and St. John the Evangelist. *[Source: Section 1 of Article I of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§100.015. BALLOT:**

A secret vote in writing.

**§100.020. CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING:**

A document, bearing the seal of a Conclave and attested to by the Recorder, evidencing that the Knight Companion therein named is a Regular or Emeritus Member in good standing of such Conclave.

*[Amended: 2011.]*

**§100.022. DEMIT:**

A document, bearing the seal of a Conclave and attested to by the Recorder, terminating Regular or Emeritus Membership in such Conclave.

*[Added: 2011.]*

**§100.025. GENERAL REGULATIONS OF MASONRY:**

The Ancient Landmarks, or unwritten law of Masonry, and the craft's ancient constitutions, regulations and charges.

**§100.030. IN GOOD STANDING:**

When dues are current or have been remitted at any time within the preceding 12 months, even though the dues accruing since remission have not been paid.

**§100.035. NOTICE:**

A call issued by the Recorder by order of the Conclave or Sovereign or by other competent authority to attend or perform as specified. Unless the context otherwise requires, any notice to a particular person required or permitted by these Statutes and Regulations shall be personally served or shall be deemed to have been delivered, whether actually received or not, three days after deposit in the United States mail, if sent in a sealed envelope by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed to the recipient at his address of record. All other notices may be sent by first class mail to the recipient at his address of record in a sealed envelope, by insertion in the Conclave bulletin sent by either first class or standard mail, or by facsimile telecommunication or electronic mail when directed to the recipient's facsimile number or electronic mail address of record that provides a record that is capable of retention, retrieval and review, and that may thereafter be rendered into clearly legible tangible form.

**§100.040. RITUAL:**

The work and lectures in the five Constantinian Orders or Degrees under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Imperial Council.

**§100.045. SUBORDINATE CONCLAVE:**

A Conclave chartered by or under dispensation from this Grand Imperial Council, unless the context indicates a Conclave chartered by or under dispensation from another Grand Imperial Council.

**§100.050. SUMMONS:**

An imperative order issued by the Sovereign and attested to by the Recorder or by other competent authority to appear as specified.

**PART 2  
PURPOSES AND INHERENT RIGHTS**

**§200.010. PURPOSES.**

The purposes of the Constantinian Orders are to commemorate the first elevation of Christianity from the position of a despised and proscribed heresy, to that of a legally recognized and honored religion; to cultivate the social virtues; appeal to the intellectual and moral qualities; preserve as far as possible the customs of the fraternity; and bring about good fellowship and understanding between all branches of Masonry. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Statutes and Regulations, the Constantinian Orders shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of these specific purposes. *[Source: 106<sup>TH</sup> Annual Assembly of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

*[Amended: 2012.]*

**§200.020. INHERENT RIGHTS.**

Within the territorial limits of this Grand Imperial Council, this grand body has, of inherent right, all the powers, privileges, prerogatives and franchises that were possessed in the Grand Imperial Council of England in the year 1872, the Grand Imperial Council of Pennsylvania in the years 1872 to 1935, the Grand Imperial Council of the United States of America, Empire of the East, in the years 1935 to 1958, inclusive, the Grand Imperial Council of Illinois in the years 1872 to 1899, the Grand Imperial Council of the Western Constantinian Jurisdiction of the United States in the years 1899 to 1907, the Grand Imperial Council for the United States of America in the years 1907 to 1946, the Grand Imperial Council for the United States of America, Mexico and the Philippines, in the years 1946 to February 1958, and the Grand Imperial Council of Vermont in the years 1875 to 1997, inclusive. *[Source: Preamble to and Section 10 of Article I of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**PART 3  
LAW**

**§300.010. ENTIRE LAW.**

The Constitution and the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Imperial Council, together with the General Regulations of Masonry and the rights and duties contained in the Ritual, constitute the entire law of this Grand Imperial Council.

**§300.020. COMPLIANCE WITH CONSTANTINIAN, GRAND LODGE AND STATE LAW.**

The law of this Grand Imperial Council governs all Conclaves, Knights Companions and Constantinian activities in this Jurisdiction, including all unaffiliated, suspended and expelled Knights Companions in this Jurisdiction. In addition, all Conclaves, Knights Companions and



Constantinian activities in this Jurisdiction shall act and be conducted in compliance with all laws, rules and regulations of the state or territory and the supreme Masonic authority for the state and territory to whose jurisdiction any such Conclave, Knight Companion or activity may be subject. *[Source: Section 15 of the General Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§300.030. CONTINUATION OF PRIOR LAW.**

The provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Imperial Council or these Statutes and Regulations, insofar as they are substantially the same on the date of adoption as then existing statutory provisions relating to the same subject matter, shall be construed as restatements and continuations, and not as new enactments.

**§300.040. RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.**

Unless the provision or the context otherwise requires, these general provisions, rules of construction, and definitions govern the construction of the Constitution of the Grand Imperial Council or these Statutes and Regulations. All personal pronouns used in the Constitution of the Grand Imperial Council or these Statutes and Regulations, whether used in the masculine, feminine or neuter gender, shall include all other genders and the singular shall include the plural and vice versa. Headings are for convenience only, and headings neither limit nor amplify the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Imperial Council or these Statutes and Regulations itself. The present tense includes the past and future tenses, and the future tense includes the present. “Shall” is mandatory and “may” is permissive. Person includes an entity as well as a natural person, unless the context indicates otherwise. “Signature” or “sign” includes a mark when the signer cannot write, such signer’s name being written near the mark by a witness who writes his own name near the signer’s name, these acts being witnessed by two persons who also sign their own names thereto. The term “signature” includes a signature in a facsimile or direct electronic document. A writing includes any form of recorded message capable of comprehension by ordinary visual means and shall include electronic transmissions by facsimile telecommunication or electronic mail when directed to the recipient’s facsimile number or electronic mail address of record and which provides a record that is capable of retention, retrieval and review, and that may thereafter be rendered into clearly legible tangible form.

**§300.050. DEADLINES ON WEEKENDS OR HOLIDAYS.**

Whenever any act is appointed by these Statutes and Regulations to be performed upon a particular day, which day falls upon a Saturday, Sunday or day recognized by the federal government as a holiday, it may be performed upon the next business day, with the same effect as if it had been performed upon the day appointed.

**PART 4  
GRAND IMPERIAL COUNCIL**

**CHAPTER 1  
POWERS**

**§401.010. EXECUTIVE POWERS.**

The executive powers of the Grand Imperial Council include:

- A. The granting of dispensations and charters to establish and perpetuate Conclaves in the United States of America, Mexico and the Philippines and in other territory where no Grand Imperial Council exists, and the revocation or suspension thereof;
- B. The issuing of special dispensations for all purposes permitted by any of the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Imperial Council or these Statutes and Regulations;
- C. The exercise of all of the powers of a natural person, except as limited by or inconsistent with the law of this Grand Imperial Council with any applicable federal or state laws, rules or regulations; and
- D. The exercise of all authority as may be convenient to carry its laws into complete effect and to secure their due observance.

*[Source: Section 10 of Article I of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§401.020. LEGISLATIVE POWERS.**

The Grand Imperial Council has an inalienable right to adopt, promulgate, amend and repeal any and all laws, rules and regulations in all matters of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders and make them applicable to all Conclaves and Knights Companions under its jurisdiction. All such laws, rules and regulations are final and binding on all Conclaves and Knights Companions under its jurisdiction until amended or repealed. The Grand Imperial Council reserves all such legislative powers to itself except those specifically delegated from time to time to the Conclaves in the Constitution of the Grand Imperial Council or these Statutes and Regulations. *[Source: Section 10 of Article I of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§401.030. JUDICIAL POWERS.**

The judicial powers of the Grand Imperial Council are:

- A. The interpretation, construction and application of its law in its jurisdiction;
- B. The decision of all controversies under its law among those subject to its jurisdiction;

- C. The review and adjudication of the enforcement of its laws upon Conclaves and Knights Companions under its jurisdiction, including the censure or suspension of Conclaves and the revocation of their charters and the censure, suspension or expulsion of Knights Companions of or resident in this Jurisdiction; and
- D. The review and adjudication of all matters of controversy or discipline under its law, which may have arisen in any of the Conclaves under its jurisdiction, and over which it has not retained original jurisdiction.

*[Source: Section 10 of Article I of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

## **CHAPTER 2 ORDERS, DEGREES, DIGNITIES AND RITUAL**

### **§402.010. ORDERS OR DEGREES.**

- A. The Grand Imperial Council has sole and exclusive jurisdiction, within its territorial limits, over the following Constantinian Orders, or Degrees, of Christian Knighthood, the first three working and last two official, conferred in the sequence named:
  - 1. Order of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine (or Perfect Knight Mason), conferred in a body styled Conclave;
  - 2. Order of Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, conferred in a body styled Sanctuary;
  - 3. Order of Knights of St. John the Evangelist, conferred in a body styled Commandery;
  - 4. Degree of Eusebius (or Perfect Priest Mason), conferred in a College of Viceroys and only on the actual Viceroys-elect and Sovereigns-elect of Conclaves, except by dispensation of the Grand Sovereign or the Intendant General for the Conclave of which the recipient is a member; and
  - 5. Degree of Sovereign (or Perfect Prince Mason), conferred in a Senate of Sovereigns and only on actual Sovereigns-elect of Conclaves, except by dispensation of the Grand Sovereign or the Intendant General for the Conclave of which the recipient is a member.
- B. The Grand Imperial Council reserves to itself the right of conferring any and all of the Constantinian Orders or Degrees named in this Section.

*[Source: Section 4 of Article I of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§402.020. DIGNITIES.**

- A. The Grand Imperial Council has sole and exclusive jurisdiction, within its territorial limits, over the following Constantinian dignities:
1. Knight Commander of Constantine, conferred by the Grand Sovereign with concurrence of Grand Viceroy; and
  2. Knight of the Grand Cross, conferred in a body styled Chapter General.
- B. The dignity of Knight Commander of Constantine (KCC) may be conferred by the Grand Sovereign, at his pleasure, with the concurrence of the Grand Viceroy, upon devoted and faithful members of the Grand Imperial Council who have served a total of ten years or more as an Intendant General, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Recorder, a Grand Trustee or the Chairman of a Standing Committee or a combination thereof, except that credit shall not be given for offices being served concurrently. The maximum number of Knights Commander of Constantine which may be conferred annually is three; provided, however, that the number of Knights Commander of Constantine shall never exceed fifty, and thereafter the dignity shall be conferred only when a vacancy in such number shall exist. Knights Companions holding this dignity shall be designated with the title "Illustrious." It shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to enter the name of the person so honored on the Matricula of Knights Commander and shall transfer the offerings into the Grand Imperial Council treasury.
- C. The dignity of Knight of the Grand Cross (KGC) may be conferred only by vote of the Grand Imperial Council at an Annual Assembly. This dignity is also known as the Knight Grand Cross of Constantine. The number of members of the Knights Grand Cross shall be limited to fifty in accordance with ancient statutes promulgated by the Emperor Michael Angelus Comnenus, and the dignity shall be conferred only when a vacancy in such number shall exist. If a vacancy in the number of Knights Grand Cross exists, the Grand Sovereign-elect shall, upon his enthronement, become eligible for election to the dignity of the Knight Grand Cross, which may be conferred upon him by the retiring Grand Sovereign, if a Knight Grand Cross, or by some Knight Grand Cross by him designated. It shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to enter the name of the person so honored on the Matricula of Knights Grand Cross and shall transfer the offerings into the Grand Imperial Council treasury.

*[Amended: 2015.]*

*[Source: Sections 4, 5 and 6 of Article I of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§402.030. RITUAL.**

- A. All five orders or degrees in this Jurisdiction must be conferred in conformity with the Ritual, and such must be adhered to by all Conclaves and Knights Companions in this Jurisdiction, except as otherwise provided in these Statutes and Regulations.
- B. The Rituals of the Red Cross of Constantine, Knights of the Holy Sepulchre and Knights of St. John the Evangelist and the Grades of Eusebius and Sovereign, together with the Knight Grand Cross, are under the sole supervision and control of the Grand Imperial Council and may be issued and published by it alone. It is unlawful for any Conclave or member thereof to use any others than those authorized by the Grand Imperial Council and issued by it, or to write, print, publish, issue or cause to be written, printed, published, issued or used, any other Ritual in connection with said Orders and Grades.
- C. The Grand Imperial Council alone has power to authorize any changes in the Ritual. Proposed amendments to the Ritual must be adopted at an Annual or Special Assembly of the Grand Imperial Council by two-thirds of the votes cast. If so adopted, they shall become a part of the Ritual at the close of the Assembly.
- D. The Grand Recorder shall arrange with a suitable printing house to produce and sell copies of the Rituals of the Red Cross of Constantine, Knights of the Holy Sepulchre and Knights of St. John the Evangelist to elected Grand Officers, Intendants General and Conclave Recorders (or other designated Conclave member).
- E. The Grand Recorder shall arrange to make the rituals of the Red Cross of Constantine, Knights of the Holy Sepulchre and Knights of St. John the Evangelist and the Grades of Eusebius and Sovereign, together with the Knight Grand Cross, available in suitable and appropriate electronic formats (CDs, pdf files or word processor formats) for the use of Conclaves and Knights Companions, such to be provided to elected Grand Officers, Intendants General and Conclave Recorders (or other designated Conclave member) and distributed by means which shall maintain a reasonable degree of privacy for our ceremonies.

*[Amended: 2012; 2013; 2020.]*

*[Source: Section 12 of the 1958 General Statutes and Section 9 of the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**CHAPTER 3  
MEMBERSHIP AND ASSEMBLIES**

**§403.000. PREREQUISITE TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE GRAND IMPERIAL COUNCIL.**

Each member of the Grand Imperial Council must be a member in good standing of a chartered and duly constituted Conclave in this Jurisdiction. If such membership ceases, membership in

the Grand Imperial Council shall cease. Past Sovereigns who have been duly invested in other jurisdictions recognized by this Grand Imperial Council, on producing satisfactory evidence of their Knightly standing, may, upon affiliating with a Subordinate Conclave, be accorded all the rights pertaining to their grade, in the Grand Imperial Council. *[Source: Section 1 of Article II of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§403.005. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.**

The Grand Imperial Council, by unanimous action, may confer Honorary Membership upon distinguished members of other Grand Imperial Councils recognized by it. Being a tribute to the Masonic services and distinguished position of such member, Honorary Membership does not entitle him to any rights and privileges other than a seat in the Grand Imperial Council. *[Source: Section 1 of Article II of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§403.010. ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.**

- A. An Annual Assembly of the Grand Imperial Council shall be convened for the transaction of business at such time on such date and at such place as the Grand Imperial Council may determine. The Grand Recorder shall send notice of the time, date and place of the opening of an Annual Assembly to each officer and committee member of the Grand Imperial Council and each Subordinate Conclave of this Jurisdiction not less than sixty days in advance of the first day of the Annual Assembly.
- B. In case of contagion, pestilence or other force majeure affecting the place designated for the Annual Assembly, the Grand Sovereign, in consultation with the Grand Viceroy, Grand Senior General, Grand Junior General and the Past Grand Sovereigns, may change the time, date or place of such Annual Assembly. He shall notify the Grand Recorder immediately of any such change. The Grand Recorder shall at once inform each officer and committee member of the Grand Imperial Council and each Subordinate Conclave of this Jurisdiction in such manner as he may deem best to effect the desired object.
- C. The Grand Junior General, working with the Time and Place Committee, shall bring to the Annual Assembly at the end of his term of office as Grand Junior General a proposal for holding the Annual Assembly at the end of his anticipated term of office as Grand Sovereign. This proposal shall recommend a date and a city, and if possible, the hotel for holding this Annual Assembly. Upon acceptance of this report of the Grand Junior General and the Time and Place Committee, the Grand Imperial Council shall commit itself to this date and place for its Annual Assembly three years hence, unless the place designated is revocable without financial penalty or is made untenable by contagion, pestilence or other force majeure, in which case a change in date or place may be made as provided in paragraph A of this section.

*[Amended: 2011; 2012.]*

*[Source: Section 1 of Article IV of the 1958 Constitution and Section 14 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§403.015. SPECIAL ASSEMBLY.**

A Special Assembly of the Grand Imperial Council may be convened by the Grand Sovereign whenever, in his opinion, the welfare of the fraternity requires, and shall also be convened by him upon receipt of an application signed by the Sovereigns of at least 50% of the Subordinate Conclaves setting forth the business to be transacted. The Special Assembly shall commence at a time, on a date and at place as selected by the Grand Sovereign. The Grand Recorder shall send notice of the date, time and place of the opening of a Special Assembly, as well as the business to be transacted at it, to each officer and committee member of the Grand Imperial Council, each Subordinate Conclave of this Jurisdiction and the Sovereign and Viceroys of each such Conclave not less than fourteen days prior to the opening of such Special Assembly. No business may be transacted at any Special Assembly other than that stated in the notice for same.

*[Amended: 2011; 2012.]*

*[Source: Section 1 of Article IV of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§403.020. QUORUM.**

Fifty members of the Grand Imperial Council derived from at least thirty-five Conclaves chartered and constituted by this Grand Imperial Council shall be present in order to transact any business in the Grand Imperial Council at an Annual or Special Assembly. No member of the Grand Imperial Council shall be represented therein by proxy. *[Source: Section 1 of Article IV of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§403.025. ATTENDANCE.**

Any Knight Companion who is a member of a Subordinate Conclave in this Grand Imperial Council or other Grand Imperial Council recognized by this Grand Imperial Council may be present during any Annual or Special Assembly.

**§403.030. ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

The normal order of business at an Annual Assembly of the Grand Imperial Council shall be as enumerated below; provided that the Grand Sovereign shall be empowered to make such alterations in the order of business as he deems expedient for the efficient dispatch of business.

- A. Opening of the Grand Imperial Council (in accordance with ritual).
- B. Committee on Credentials (preliminary report).
- C. Reception of Distinguished Visitors.
- D. Reception of Knights Grand Cross.
- E. Reception of Knights Commander of Constantine.
- F. Address of Welcome (reply, usually Grand Viceroy).
- G. Recognition of Grand Representatives of sister jurisdictions.
- H. Roll call of Intendants General and Vice-Intendants General.

- I. Reading of minutes of last Annual Assembly or any Special Assembly held in the interim (unless such reading is waived by majority vote of the members present).
- J. Reading of current changes in committees (Grand Recorder).
- K. Reading of revisions for membership limitation changes (Grand Recorder). (Refer to Committee on Chartered Conclaves.)
- L. Reading of proposed amendments to the Constitution and Statutes and Regulations (Grand Recorder). (Refer to Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws.)
- M. Communications (telegrams, etc.—usually placed “on file”).
- N. Allocution of the Grand Sovereign.
- O. Report of the Grand Trustees (refer to Committee on Finance and Accounts).
- P. Report of the Grand Treasurer (refer to Committee on Finance and Accounts).
- Q. Report of the Grand Recorder (refer to Committee on Finance and Accounts).
- R. Reports of Standing Committees:
  - 1. Obituaries.
  - 2. Fraternal Relations.
  - 3. Charters and Dispensations.
  - 4. Chartered Conclaves.
  - 5. Rituals and Ritualistic Matters.
  - 6. Masonic Education and Research.
  - 7. Time and Place.
  - 8. Jurisprudence and Laws.
  - 9. Finance and Accounts.
  - 10. Credentials (final report).
- S. Reports of Special Committees.
- T. New Business.
- U. Investiture of Knights Commander of Constantine.
- V. Conferral of Honorary Membership, Grand Sovereign, Chairman.
- W. Report of Committee on Nominations. (If other nominations, appoint Judges and Tellers.)
- X. Election of Officers.
- Y. Report on Nomination for Knight Grand Cross.
- Z. Installation of Officers (name Installing Officer and Marshal).
- AA. Decoration of new Knight Grand Cross.
- AB. Reading appointments of Intendants General and Committees (Grand Recorder).
- AC. Presentation of Jewel to the retiring Grand Sovereign.
- AD. Closing of the Grand Imperial Council (in accordance with ritual).

*[Amended: 2012.]*

*[Source: Section 1 of the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§403.035. TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS.**

Transaction of business in the Grand Imperial Council shall be upon written resolutions, officer reports or committee reports presented in writing to the Grand Recorder. All such resolutions and reports to be considered at an Annual Assembly must be presented to the Grand Recorder at



least ninety days prior to the commencement date of the next Annual Assembly. This ninety day requirement shall not apply to:

- A. Emergent matters which may be presented and considered at any time upon consent of a two-thirds vote of the members present; and
- B. Reports, including resolutions which form a part of any such report, which do not purport to amend the Constitution of the Grand Imperial Council or these Statutes and Regulations or the Ritual of the Grand Imperial Council.

Written resolutions, in order to be considered for action at an Annual or Special Assembly, must bear the signature, as proponent, of at least one member of this Grand Imperial Council.

The Grand Recorder shall include a copy of such resolution to amend the Constitution of the Grand Imperial Council or these Statutes and Regulations in his notice for the Assembly at which they will be considered.

*[Source: Section 1 of Article XI of the 1958 Constitution and Sections 5, 15 and 16 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§403.040. REFERENCE TO COMMITTEES.**

Each resolution and report to be considered at an Annual or Special Assembly may be referred to such committees as shall be determined by the Grand Sovereign.

*[Amended: 2012.]*

#### **§403.045. MANNER OF VOTING.**

All questions in Assemblies of the Grand Imperial Council, except election of officers, shall be decided either by voice, hand, a rising vote or by ballot, as the Grand Sovereign shall direct, unless, before the announcement of the result thereof, three members shall demand that the vote be taken by ballot.

#### **§403.050. REQUIRED VOTE.**

Except as provided in these Statutes and Regulations, the transaction of business shall be decided by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast. Blank ballots submitted are not counted as ballots cast. *[Source: Section 1 of Article IV of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§403.055. VOTES.**

Each member of the Grand Imperial Council shall each be entitled to one vote only which shall be cast in person. *[Source: Section 2 of Article II of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§403.060. TIE VOTE.**

The Grand Sovereign shall have a regular vote in all matters before the Grand Imperial Council. In case of a tie vote, he may also cast the deciding vote.

**§403.065. EMERGENCY PROVISIONS.**

If assembling the required number of persons for holding an Annual Assembly is prohibited by competent state or national authority, the power of the Grand Imperial Council to appropriate money, assess its Subordinate Conclaves and approve acts of its Subordinate Conclaves may be exercised by a majority of the elected officers of the Grand Imperial Council. The elective officers of the Grand Imperial Council shall continue in their respective offices until the Annual Assembly following rescission of the prohibition.

**CHAPTER 4  
GRAND IMPERIAL COUNCIL OFFICERS**

***ARTICLE 1 – SELECTION OF THE GRAND IMPERIAL COUNCIL OFFICERS***

**§404.100. PREREQUISITE FOR OFFICERS.**

Each officer of the Grand Imperial Council must be a member of a Conclave in this Jurisdiction. Each officer, other than the Grand High Prelate or a Grand Chaplain must, at the time of his election or appointment, be a member of the Senate of Sovereigns. *[Source: Section 2 of Article IV of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§404.130. ELECTED OFFICERS.**

The Grand Sovereign, the Grand Viceroy, the Grand Senior General, the Grand Junior General, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Recorder, the Grand Chancellor and the Grand Almoner shall be elected by ballot at each Annual Assembly. One Grand Trustee shall be elected by ballot at each Annual Assembly for a three year term. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for an election. The Grand Imperial Council, by majority vote, may elect any one or more of its officers without a ballot.

The Committee on Nominations shall make its report before the election of officers, but nothing in this Section shall be construed as prohibiting or preventing a nomination from the floor of any member of this Grand Imperial Council for an elective office.

Each elective officer shall be installed before the close of the Annual Assembly and shall serve until the installation of his successor, subject to Section 404.310.

If an elective officer is unable to be present, due to circumstances beyond his control, he may be installed by the Grand Sovereign at an appropriate place, with such ceremony as deemed proper by the Grand Sovereign.

All elective officers of this Grand Imperial Council (other than the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Recorder and the Grand Trustees) shall be considered as part of the advancing line of succession.

*[Amended: 2012.]*

*[Source: Section 2 of Article IV of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§404.150. APPOINTED OFFICERS.**

The Grand High Prelate, the Grand Chamberlain, the Grand Orator, the Grand Standard Bearer, the Grand Marshal, the Grand Herald and the Grand Sentinel shall be appointed by the Grand Sovereign, after his election, at each Annual Assembly. In addition, one or more Grand Chaplains and an Assistant Grand Recorder may be appointed by the Grand Sovereign, after his election, at each Annual Assembly. All appointive Grand Imperial Council Officers shall be installed before the close of each Annual Assembly. They shall hold their respective offices during the will and pleasure of the Grand Sovereign. *[Amended: 2017.] [Source: Section 2 of Article IV of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§404.170. VOW OF OFFICE.**

Each officer of the Grand Imperial Council, elected or appointed, upon entering upon the duties of his office, shall take the following vow:

“I \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly promise and vow, that I will ever maintain and support the Constitution and Rituals of the United Grand Imperial Council, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders, for the United States of America and Its Jurisdiction, and to enforce obedience of its Statutes, Edicts, Laws and Regulations.”

*[Source: Section 2 of Article IV of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*  
*[Amended: 2022.]*

### ***ARTICLE 2 – DUTIES OF THE GRAND IMPERIAL COUNCIL OFFICERS***

#### **§404.210. GRAND SOVEREIGN.**

The Grand Sovereign shall be the chief executive officer of the Grand Imperial Council. The Grand Sovereign generally shall have power and authority to do and perform all acts as he may deem best for the interests of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders and which are not contrary to the Constitution of the Grand Imperial Council and these General Statutes and Regulations. Among his powers and duties are the following:

- A. To maintain a watchful supervision over all Conclaves; to see that the Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Imperial Council are duly and promptly obeyed;
- B. To have a general supervision over the work and Rituals of the Order;

- C. To appoint all committees authorized by the Constitution, Statutes and Regulations or authorized by action of the Grand Imperial Council, not otherwise provided for;
- D. To remove or suspend any officer of the Grand Imperial Council or Subordinate Conclave when in his opinion such officer has been guilty of unknighly conduct;
- E. To visit or preside over any Subordinate Conclave;
- F. To grant dispensations during the recess of the Grand Imperial Council for the formation of new Conclaves as provided in these Statutes and Regulations;
- G. To grant dispensations to Subordinate Conclaves to hold Special Assemblies in cases where the Conclave has been unable to hold the Annual Assembly at the time specified in their Bylaws and to grant dispensations for all matters pertaining to the good of the Order and not in conflict with the Constitution of the Grand Imperial Council or these Statutes and Regulations;
- H. To commission Intendants General of the various divisions of this Jurisdiction;
- I. To issue commissions to Grand Representatives of this Grand Imperial Council near the East of sister Grand Imperial Councils; provided, that such commissions shall expire with the date of the Annual Assembly of this Grand Imperial Council following the date of said commissions;
- J. To submit a copy of each decision within sixty days of rendition, to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws and make official report of all his official acts at the next Annual Assembly; and
- K. To perform such other duties as are set forth elsewhere in the Constitution, Statutes and Regulations or as may be requested by the Grand Imperial Council.

*[Amended: 2016.]*

*[Source: Section 1 of Article V of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§404.220. GRAND TREASURER.**

The Grand Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the Grand Imperial Council. It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to:

- A. Take charge of the funds of the Grand Imperial Council, except those constituting the Permanent Funds or the Swanson Fund;
- B. Pay out funds of the Grand Imperial Council upon vouchers drawn pursuant to Section 407.010;

- C. Render to the Grand Imperial Council annually, at the Annual Assembly, and more often if required by the Grand Sovereign or the Committee on Finance and Accounts, a true and correct account of his official receipts and disbursements, with proper vouchers for the latter, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles on the accrual method of accounting, using a fiscal year ending March 31st;
- D. Submit his books and accounts for inspection by the Committee on Finance and Accounts on such date immediately preceding the Annual Assembly as the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Accounts may designate; and
- E. Perform such other duties as are set forth elsewhere in the Constitution, Statutes and Regulations or as may be requested by the Grand Sovereign or the Grand Imperial Council.

*[Amended: 2017.]*

*[Source: Section 5 of Article V of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§404.230. GRAND RECORDER.**

It shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to:

- A. Record the transactions of the Grand Imperial Council and cause the same to be printed as a record in the Annual Proceedings;
- B. Receive, duly file and keep all papers and documents of the Grand Imperial Council;
- C. Prepare and attest all charters, dispensations, manifestos and other instruments emanating from the Grand Imperial Council;
- D. Have charge of the seal of the Grand Imperial Council which he shall affix to all papers requiring it;
- E. Give at least sixty days' notice of the date, place and time of all Annual Assemblies, which notice shall set out all proposed amendments to the Constitution, Statutes and Regulations to be considered at such Annual Assembly;
- F. Give at least two weeks' notice of the date, place and time of all Special Assemblies, which notice shall contain a statement of the business to be considered at such Special Assembly;
- G. Issue summons when required to do so by the Grand Imperial Council or the Grand Sovereign;

- H. Collect all revenue of the Grand Imperial Council, making necessary deposits, and to report at each Annual Assembly a detailed account of his receipts and disbursements, recording the vouchers issued for the latter;
- I. Submit his books, records and accounts for inspection by the Committee on Finance and Accounts on such date immediately preceding the Annual Assembly as the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Accounts may designate;
- J. Record all investitures of persons honored with the degree of Knight Grand Cross and Knight Commander of Constantine, to record on the Matricula of the Grand Senate of Sovereigns those Knights Companions duly coroneted Sovereigns of the Order and to record on the Matricula of the Grand College of Viceroys those Knights Companions duly consecrated Viceroys of the Order;
- K. Act as Grand Librarian under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Grand Imperial Council;
- L. Perform such other duties as shall be required of him by the Grand Imperial Council or the Grand Sovereign; and
- M. Perform such other duties as are set forth elsewhere in the Constitution, Statutes and Regulations or as may be requested by the Grand Sovereign or the Grand Imperial Council.

*[Source: Section 6 of Article V of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§404.240. GRAND TRUSTEES.**

The Grand Trustees shall serve as members of the Board of Control of the Permanent Fund and the Swanson Fund, together with the Grand Sovereign and the Grand Recorder. *[Amended: 2017.] [Source: Section 1 of Article VIII of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§404.250. OTHER OFFICERS.**

Each of the other officers of the Grand Imperial Council shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Grand Imperial Council or the Grand Sovereign or as may be provided in the Constitution, Statutes and Regulations for his office.

***ARTICLE 3 – OTHER PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE GRAND IMPERIAL COUNCIL OFFICERS***

**§404.310. VACANCY OR INCAPACITY.**

An office becomes vacant by death, removal by the Grand Sovereign, resignation, ceasing to be a member of a Conclave in its jurisdiction or suspension or expulsion as a Knight Companion. If

any office except that of Grand Sovereign becomes vacant, the Grand Sovereign shall have the right to appoint a successor for the unexpired portion of the current term, with the following exception. An appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of Grand Trustee shall in no event serve longer than until the next Annual Assembly when a Grand Trustee shall be elected for the unexpired portion of the current term.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of Grand Sovereign, or his inability to perform the functions of his office, the Grand Viceroy shall succeed to and be charged with all his powers and duties. In case of a vacancy in office or inability to perform the function of office of the officer next higher in rank, the Grand Senior General and Grand Junior General shall, in the order of their rank, succeed to and be charged with all the powers and duties of such higher office.

Should the offices of the Grand Sovereign, Grand Viceroy, Grand Senior General and Grand Junior General all become vacant or all the incumbents become incapacitated, the immediate living Past Grand Sovereign who is not incapacitated shall succeed to and be charged with all the powers and duties of the Grand Sovereign.

*[Source: Sections 2, 3 and 4 of Article V of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§404.320. PAST GRAND SOVEREIGNS.**

One who has filled by installation and term of service the office of Grand Sovereign shall retain the rank and title of the office with the word “Past” preceding and qualifying the title. *[Source: Section 2 of Article IV of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

### **CHAPTER 5 INTENDANTS GENERAL**

#### **§405.010. APPOINTMENT.**

The Grand Sovereign shall apportion this Jurisdiction into divisions and appoint an Intendant General for each such division. Intendants General shall be members of the Imperial Senate of Sovereigns. No grand officer in the advancing line of succession shall be eligible to appointment as Intendant General. The appointment of all Intendants General shall lie in the discretion of the Grand Sovereign, and in every case their offices shall terminate with the retirement of the Grand Sovereign by whom they were appointed. Intendants General may be reappointed to serve up to a maximum term of ten full years. Intendants General shall hold their respective offices during the will and pleasure of the Grand Sovereign. After completion of ten full years of service as Intendants General, they shall become Past Intendants General. Fractional years, due to interim appointments, shall not count as a full year of service. *[Amended: 2019.] [Source: Section 1 of Article X of the 1958 Constitution and Section 2 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§405.020. DUTIES OF AN INTENDENT GENERAL.**

It shall be the duty of each Intendant General to have the general supervision of the affairs of the Order in his division, including the convening and functioning of joint assemblies. He shall exercise such general powers as are granted by the Constitution of the Grand Imperial Council and these Statutes and Regulations, and such special powers as may be delegated to him from time to time by the Grand Sovereign. He shall make an annual report of the conditions in his division to the Grand Sovereign which shall be filed with the Grand Sovereign and Grand Recorder by April 1st of each year. *[Amended: 2016.] [Source: Section 1 of Article X of the 1958 Constitution and Section 2 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§405.030. VACANCY OR INCAPACITY.**

A member ceases to be an Intendant General by death, removal by the Grand Sovereign, resignation, ceasing to be a member of a Conclave in this jurisdiction or suspension or expulsion as a Knight Companion. If the position of Intendant General for a division becomes vacant, the Grand Sovereign shall have the right to appoint a successor for the unexpired portion of the current term.

**§405.040. VICE-INTENDANT GENERAL.**

The Grand Sovereign may appoint, at the opening of each Annual Assembly, from the members of the Senate of Sovereigns in attendance, and belonging to the particular division, a Vice-Intendant General to serve in lieu of the absent Intendant General of such division during the Annual Assembly of the Grand Imperial Council for which he is appointed. *[Source: Section 4 of the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§405.050. INTENDANTS GENERAL-AT LARGE.**

The Grand Sovereign, in his discretion, may appoint Intendants General at Large, who need not be members of the Imperial Senate of Sovereigns but who must be members of a constituent Conclave, to hold their positions during the will and pleasure of the Grand Sovereign. Their appointments shall terminate with the retirement of the Grand Sovereign by whom they were appointed. There shall be a maximum of five Intendants General at Large at any one time. Intendants General at Large are honorary positions and shall not be assigned responsibility for any division. *[Source: Section 1 of Article X of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**CHAPTER 6  
GRAND IMPERIAL COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**§406.000. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP.**

Members of committees shall be members of the Grand Imperial Council. If a member has served as chairman of the committee for ten consecutive years, he shall be ineligible for



reappointment as chairman of that committee until the lapse of one year. In addition to the regular membership of all committees, the Grand Sovereign may appoint as a consultant to a committee one or more other Knights Companions in good standing of a constituent Conclave. The Grand Sovereign may remove a consultant at any time. Consultants shall perform services, render advice, and attend committee meetings, as may be directed by the chairman of the committees to which they are assigned, but shall have no vote. *[Amended: 2016.] [Source: Article VI of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§406.005. STANDING COMMITTEES.**

The members of standing committees (other than those who serve ex-officio) shall be appointed by the newly installed Grand Sovereign at each Annual Assembly before the close thereof. A member ceases to be a standing committee member by death, removal by the Grand Sovereign (other than those members who serve ex-officio), resignation, ceasing to be a member of a Conclave in this jurisdiction or suspension or expulsion as a Knight Companion. In the event of any vacancy on any standing committee other than the Committee on Nominations, the Grand Sovereign may appoint a successor for the balance of the current term. All standing committee appointments (other than those who serve ex-officio) shall expire at the close of the next succeeding Annual Assembly.

The following are the standing committees of the Grand Imperial Council: Chartered Conclaves, Charters and Dispensations, Credentials, Divisional and Regional Assemblies, Finance and Accounts, Fraternal Relations, Jurisprudence and Laws, Masonic Education and Research, Nominations (all of whose members serve ex-officio), Obituaries, Rituals and Ritualistic Matters and Time and Place.

Each standing committee (other than the Committee on Nominations and the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws) shall consist of not less than three nor more than five members each. The Committee on Nominations shall consist of the Grand Sovereign, the Grand Viceroy, the Grand Senior General and all Past Grand Sovereigns of the Grand Imperial Council in attendance at the Annual Assembly. The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws shall consist of not less than five nor more than eleven members.

*[Amended: 2011; 2012.]*

*[Source: Sections 1 and 2 of Article VI the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§406.015. CHARTERED CONCLAVES.**

The Committee on Chartered Conclaves shall carefully examine such Annual Returns of Conclaves as may be referred to it by the Grand Recorder and report on same to the Grand Imperial Council with such recommendations as it may deem necessary or expedient. It shall also examine and report upon any matters relating to Subordinate Conclaves as may be referred to it by the Grand Sovereign, the Grand Recorder or the Grand Imperial Council, with such recommendations as it may deem necessary or expedient. It shall consider all requests for

increases in Conclave membership limits and report its recommendation as to their approval. It shall also consider whether all new or amendments to the Bylaws of Subordinate Conclaves are consistent with the Constitution and Statutes and Regulations of this Grand Imperial Council and report its recommendation as to their approval. *[Source: Section 1 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§406.020. CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.**

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations shall examine the reports and returns from Conclaves working under dispensation from the Grand Sovereign or the Grand Imperial Council, noting particularly the nature and progress of their work. It shall report thereon and also upon all applications to the Grand Imperial Council for Dispensations or Charters and upon all applications for the restoration of dispensations or charters which may have been arrested. It shall also report upon all matters connected with the subject of dispensations and charters which are referred to it. *[Source: Section 1 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§406.025. CREDENTIALS.**

The Committee on Credentials shall examine the credentials and conduct the registration of all those attending the Assemblies of the Grand Imperial Council, and shall report as soon as practicable after the opening of the Annual Assembly the names of the members present entitled to participate in the proceedings thereof. *[Source: Section 1 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§406.030. DIVISIONAL AND REGIONAL ASSEMBLIES.**

The Committee on Divisional and Regional Assemblies shall coordinate all activities pertaining to the holding of Divisional and Regional Assemblies and shall report on such activities at each Annual Assembly. *[Source: Section 1 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§406.035. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.**

The Committee on Finance and Accounts shall audit or arrange for an audit of the accounts of the Grand Imperial Council and shall examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, as well as the records of the Board of Control of the Permanent Fund and the Swanson Fund and such other committees, officers and members as may have possession of any funds or property of the Grand Imperial Council. The committee shall examine and report in detail on the investments and securities belonging to this Grand Imperial Council in the custody of the Board of Control of the Permanent Fund and the Swanson Fund. The committee shall prepare a budget for consideration by the Grand Imperial Council and recommend such appropriations as may be necessary for the current expenses of the Grand Imperial Council for the current fiscal year. No appropriation of funds shall be made, until the proposal thereof has been referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts and its report thereon made. The committee may approve the additional expenditure of money, not appropriated by the budget, if

in its opinion such approval is warranted. The committee must approve any depository banks for funds of the Grand Imperial Council. The committee shall consider and make recommendations on any matters pertaining to the financial affairs of the Grand Imperial Council. *[Amended: 2011, 2016, 2017.] [Source: Section 1 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§406.040. FRATERNAL RELATIONS.**

The Committee on Fraternal Relations shall report to the Grand Imperial Council on all matters of interest connected with sister Grand Imperial Councils, make such suggestions as may conducive to the benefit and good of the Constantinian Orders throughout the world, and consider and report upon such correspondence as may be had between this Grand Imperial Council and any sister Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine. *[Source: Section 1 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§406.045. JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.**

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws to consider all decisions upon questions of Constantinian laws and usage reported by the Grand Sovereign and such other matters as may be referred to it by him or the Grand Imperial Council and its conclusions shall be reported to the Grand Imperial Council. The Committee, when called upon, shall give opinions upon the legislative, judiciary and executive functions of the Grand Imperial Council and its Subordinate Conclaves and on the prerogatives, powers and duties of the officers and members thereof. It shall advise upon all questions of Constantinian law and report upon all proposed Amendments to the Constitution and these Statutes and Regulations. *[Source: Section 1 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§406.050. MASONIC EDUCATION AND RESEARCH.**

The Committee on Masonic Education and Research shall report on and acknowledge receipt of gifts of Masonic books, writings, articles and other matters (particularly those of Constantinian interest) that may come to the Grand Imperial Council. The committee shall cooperate with the Grand Recorder to create and maintain a library, especially for Constantinian students, and provide storage for these valuable papers, writings, articles and other items that will further the knowledge and better understanding of the truths and principles of the Order and that will promote its aims and purposes. *[Source: Section 1 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§406.055. NOMINATIONS.**

The Committee on Nominations, before the annual election at each Annual Assembly, shall present and recommend nominations for all elective officers of the Grand Imperial Council. *[Source: Sections 2 of Section IV of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§406.060. OBITUARIES.**

The Committee on Obituaries shall report at each Annual Assembly the death of each member of the Imperial Senate of Sovereigns as well as the Imperial College of Viceroys occurring since the last Annual Assembly with a suitable memorial to our dead. *[Source: Section 1 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§406.070. RITUALS AND RITUALISTIC MATTERS.**

The Committee on Rituals and Ritualistic Matters shall have general supervision over all ritualistic matters, including the Regalia of the Grand Imperial Council, and shall make recommendations to the Grand Imperial Council for its approval. *[Source: Section 1 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§406.075. TIME AND PLACE.**

All invitations for the succeeding Annual Assembly shall be referred to the Committee on Time and Place, and it shall recommend to the Grand Imperial Council a suitable time and place for holding such Assembly. *[Source: Section 1 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§406.080. SPECIAL COMMITTEES.**

The Grand Sovereign shall appoint such Special Committees as may be authorized and directed by the Grand Imperial Council. During the recess of the Grand Imperial Council, the Grand Sovereign may appoint such Special Committees from time to time as he deems necessary to handle temporary matters which may arise and which are not in the province of a Standing Committee. All special committees appointed by the Grand Sovereign during the recess of the Grand Imperial Council shall terminate at the close of the next succeeding Annual Assembly unless continued by the newly installed Grand Sovereign. The duties and size of each special committee shall be within the discretion of the Grand Sovereign, unless otherwise directed by the Grand Imperial Council. A member ceases to be a special committee member by death, removal by the Grand Sovereign, resignation, ceasing to be a member of a Conclave in this jurisdiction or suspension or expulsion as a Knight Companion. In the event of any vacancy, the Grand Sovereign may appoint a successor for the balance of the current term. *[Source: Section 3 of Article VI of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§406.085. COMMITTEE PROCEDURES.**

Subject to the approval of the Grand Sovereign, each committee shall establish such rules and procedures to govern its operations as each may determine, subject to the other provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Imperial Council and these Statutes and Regulations governing the operations of that committee.

**§406.090. COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

Committees shall file such written reports with the Grand Sovereign as he may request. The Grand Sovereign may direct that the report or any portion thereof be presented orally by the committee during the Annual Assembly. *[Source: Section 4 of Article VI of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**CHAPTER 7  
FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**§407.010. GRAND IMPERIAL COUNCIL REVENUE.**

The Grand Imperial Council may receive the following types of financial support only:

- A. Voluntary contributions and other voluntary financial assistance from its own members, from its Subordinate Conclaves and from such other persons and entities as may be approved from time to time by the Grand Sovereign;
- B. Interest, dividend, rental, royalty and other forms of investment income;
- C. Proceeds from the sale or exchange of assets;
- D. Consideration for the provision of goods and services consistent with its tax status as may be approved from time to time by the Grand Sovereign; and
- E. Other types of support as are specifically authorized in this Chapter 7.

No other forms of financial support are permitted.

*[Source: Section 1 of Article VII of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§407.015. REVENUE FROM SUBORDINATE CONCLAVES.**

The Grand Imperial Council shall receive the following types of financial support from the Subordinate Conclaves:

- A. Fees and other contributions collected as provided in Section 407.020;
- B. Contributions levied upon Conclaves, which shall always be equal and uniform, in proportion to their membership, as provided in Section 407.025; and
- C. Funds, dues, and proceeds of all property of dissolved Conclaves in this Jurisdiction as provided in Section 810.050.

No other forms of financial support from the Subordinate Conclaves may be levied by the Grand Imperial Council.

*[Source: Section 10 of Article I of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§407.020. FEES AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS.**

The following amounts shall be collected by the Grand Imperial Council, for:

- A. A dispensation to form a new Conclave, a fee of \$100;
- B. A charter to form a new Conclave which has not previously operated under a dispensation, a fee of \$100;
- C. Letters Patent certifying the membership of a Knight Companion of the Order, upon the request of the Recorder of a Subordinate Conclave, a fee based upon the charges for such certificate, which fee must accompany the request;
- D. A Knight Companion's consecration in the Imperial College of Viceroys, a contribution of \$10.00;
- E. A Viceroy's coronation in the Imperial Senate of Sovereigns, a contribution of \$20.00;
- F. A Knight Companion's admission to the grade of Knight Commander of Constantine, a contribution of \$20.00; and
- G. A Knight Companion's admission to the grade of Knight Grand Cross of Constantine, a contribution of \$25.00.

*[Source: Section 3 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§407.025. PER CAPITA CONCLAVE CONTRIBUTIONS.**

Each Conclave, whether chartered or under dispensation, shall pay with its Annual Return the sum of \$25 for each Knight Companion born upon its roll at any time during the year, regardless of his status at the end of the year. Any other provision of the Constitution and these Statutes and Regulations to the contrary notwithstanding, for each Conclave in Vermont, the annual per capita contribution shall be \$3.00 for those members on the roll of that Conclave on June 6, 1997.

*[Amended: 2011; 2015.]*

*[Source: Section 3 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§407.030. EXPENDITURES.**

Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution of the Grand Imperial Council or in these Statutes and Regulations, funds of the Grand Imperial Council may be used for any purpose it deems proper.

No Grand Imperial Council officer may receive any compensation for service as such, other than the Grand Recorder who shall receive such compensation as the Grand Imperial Council may direct.

This Grand Imperial Council may not levy any assessments or fees, nor may it appropriate any monies, to cover mileage and per diem of officers or representatives to attend any Annual Assembly or Special Assembly of the Grand Imperial Council.

*[Source: Section 10 of Article I of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§407.035. GENERAL FUND.**

The General Fund of the Grand Imperial Council shall consist of all funds collected by the Grand Recorder and shall be deposited in the name of the “Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine” in such depositories as may be designated by the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

The General Fund of the Grand Imperial Council shall be disbursed only on vouchers signed by the Grand Recorder or by any two of the following: Grand Sovereign, Grand Treasurer and the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Accounts. No vouchers shall be issued unless the Grand Imperial Council shall have made appropriation to cover same, except in case of emergency or necessity when the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Accounts shall have approved such expenditure.

Three dollars of each annual per capita assessment collected pursuant to Section 407.025 shall be deposited into an Annual Assembly Expense Fund to help defray expenses of the Host Conclave or Division at Annual Assemblies.

*[Source: Section 2 of Article VII of the 1958 Constitution and Section 3 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§407.040. PERMANENT FUND.**

- A. The Permanent Fund shall consist of the permanent investments of this Grand Imperial Council and shall be under the management and care of the Board of Control of the Permanent Fund.
- B. The Board of Control of the Permanent Fund shall consist of five members: the Grand Sovereign, the Grand Recorder and the three Grand Trustees.

- C. The Board of Control of the Permanent Fund shall manage the Permanent Fund. Such funds shall be invested with the care, skill, prudence and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing, including but not limited to the general economic conditions and the anticipated needs of the entity whose funds are being invested, that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of like character and with like aims to accomplish the purposes of that entity. Thus, the Permanent Fund, and any proceeds from such fund other than its income, may be invested in United States Government, State, County and Municipal interest bearing securities, acceptable as trust funds, and in common and preferred corporate stocks. The Board of Control of the Permanent Fund shall similarly invest all such sums of money as may from time to time be appropriated for such purpose by the Grand Imperial Council.
- D. The Board shall render to the Grand Imperial Council at each Annual Assembly, and oftener, if required by the Grand Sovereign or the Committee on Finance and Accounts, a true and correct account in detail of all its receipts and disbursements, together with a descriptive inventory, covering all of its investments and funds and shall submit its books and records for examination by the Committee on Finance and Accounts on such date immediately preceding the Annual Assembly as the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Accounts may designate.
- E. All investments in the Permanent Fund shall be made in the name and for the use of the Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, Permanent Fund. Income received on all investments in the Permanent Fund shall be withdrawn as received in an amount not to exceed five (5) percent per annum of the corpus of the Permanent Fund and deposited into the General Fund. Withdrawals of principal from the Permanent Fund that are not for the purpose of reinvestment, may only be made at the Annual Assembly, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and Accounts, and the approval of three-fourths of the members of the Grand Imperial Council present and voting.
- F. Immediately after the close of the Annual Assembly of the Grand Imperial Council, the members of the Board of Control of the Permanent Fund shall meet and organize for the ensuing year. From their membership, they shall elect a Custodian of the Permanent Fund, together with a Chairman of the Board, both to serve until the next Annual Assembly, unless removed for cause, by the Grand Sovereign. A vacancy among Grand Trustees shall be filled by the Grand Sovereign with the approval of a majority of the remaining members of the Board of Control of the Permanent Fund.
- G. The securities which constitute the Permanent Fund shall be deposited in a safe deposit box of a reliable company, maintained in connection with a National Bank, Federally insured, said box to be in the name of the "Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine" and the right of access thereto, shall be invested in the Grand Recorder and one other member of the Board of Control of the Permanent Fund. Alternatively, some or all of the securities which constitute the Permanent Fund may be held in the name of a nominee or in the name of a custodian nominee as the depository for such securities, all as approved by the Board of Control of the Permanent Fund. A nominee shall always be



a bank or trust company chartered by the United States of America or the state in which is located the office of the Grand Recorder or a securities brokerage firm covered by Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC). Such securities shall be withdrawn only on the written order of the Grand Recorder and one other member of the Board of Control of the Permanent Fund.

- H. Nothing in this section shall be construed as to prevent or prohibit the Board of Control of the Permanent Fund, with the approval of the Grand Sovereign, and the Committee on Finance and Accounts, from establishing contractual relations with a reputable Trust Corporation connected with a National Bank and entering into an investment management agreement for the purpose of investing and reinvesting such funds and for the safekeeping of the securities in the Permanent Fund, the collection of interest and principal, which become due and are paid, the Trust Corporation to receive the usual fee charged for such service. The Board of Control, however, shall continue to make its reports as required in this section.

*[Amended: 2016.]*

*[Source: Section 2 of Article VII of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§407.043. DONALD R. SWANSON INTENDANTS GENERAL FUND.**

- A. The Donald R. Swanson Intendants General Fund (“Swanson Fund”) shall consist of the assets received pursuant to that certain agreement dated November 15, 1998 between Donald R. Swanson and this Grand Imperial Council (“Agreement”), including the undistributed net return on those assets since their receipt and hereafter earned, and shall be maintained as a separate fund pursuant to the Agreement and this section under the management and care of the Board of Control of the Permanent Fund.
- B. This Fund shall consist of two funds:
1. The Endowment Fund shall consist of assets, to be held in cash or in kind, equal in value to \$173,988, the sum contributed from time to time for this purpose by Donald R. Swanson. The Endowment Fund shall be considered a permanent endowment. It shall be kept intact and invested in accordance with the investment policies set from time to time by the Grand Imperial Council.
  2. The Income Fund shall consist of the balance of the Swanson Fund. The Income Fund shall be used to provide Intendants General with jewels of their office, lapel pins, lady’s pins, name badges and business cards. Additional items may be provided at the discretion of the Grand Sovereign and the Grand Trustees and the availability of funds in the Income Fund. Funds for these purposes shall be transferred each fiscal year to the Grand Imperial Council General Fund to the extent they are available and used for these purposes.

- C. If at any time the Grand Trustees in consultation with the Grand Sovereign determine that the purpose for which this Fund was established no longer exists, the Agreement and this section shall be amended by them to utilize this Fund for such alternate purpose as the Grand Trustees and the Grand Sovereign shall mutually agree upon. This Fund shall at all times retain its identity as the Donald R. Swanson Intendants General Fund.
- D. The Board of Control of the Permanent Fund shall manage the Swanson Fund. The Fund shall be invested in securities, consisting of but not limited to, common stocks, preferred stocks, bonds, mutual funds and similar instruments. Such funds shall be invested with the care, skill, prudence and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing, including but not limited to the general economic conditions and the anticipated needs of the entity whose funds are being invested, that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of like character and with like aims to accomplish the purposes of that entity.
- E. The Board shall render to the Grand Imperial Council at each Annual Assembly, and oftener, if required by the Grand Sovereign or the Committee on Finance and Accounts, a true and correct account in detail of all its receipts and disbursements, together with a descriptive inventory, covering all of its investments and funds and shall submit its books and records for examination by the Committee on Finance and Accounts on such date immediately preceding the Annual Assembly as the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Accounts may designate.
- F. All investments in the Swanson Fund shall be made in the name and for the use of the Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, Swanson Fund.
- G. The securities which constitute the Swanson Fund shall be deposited in a safe deposit box of a reliable company, maintained in connection with a National Bank, Federally insured, said box to be in the name of the "Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine" and the right of access thereto, shall be invested in the Grand Recorder and one other member of the Board of Control of the Permanent Fund. Alternatively, some or all of the securities which constitute the Swanson Fund may be held in the name of a nominee or in the name of a custodian nominee as the depository for such securities, all as approved by the Board of Control of the Permanent Fund. A nominee shall always be a bank or trust company chartered by the United States of America or the state in which is located the office of the Grand Recorder or a securities brokerage firm covered by Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC). Such securities shall be withdrawn only on the written order of the Grand Recorder and one other member of the Board of Control of the Permanent Fund.
- H. Nothing in this section shall be construed as to prevent or prohibit the Board of Control of the Permanent Fund, with the approval of the Grand Sovereign, and the Committee on Finance and Accounts, from establishing contractual relations with a reputable Trust Corporation connected with a National Bank and entering into an investment management agreement for the purpose of investing and reinvesting such funds and for the safekeeping of the securities in the Swanson Fund, the collection of interest and

principal, which become due and are paid, the Trust Corporation to receive the usual fee charged for such service. The Board of Control, however, shall continue to make its reports as required in this section.

- I. If the terms of the Agreement conflict with the terms set forth above, the terms of the Agreement shall control.

*[Added: 2017.]*

**§407.045. ANNUAL ASSEMBLY EXPENSE FUND.**

- A. The Annual Assembly Expense Fund exists to encourage attendance at the Annual Assemblies by assisting Host Conclaves or Divisions in minimizing costs and thus providing a lower registration fee.
- B. At each Annual Assembly, the Committee on Finance and Accounts shall recommend the maximum registration fee that can be charged by the next Host Conclave or Division. The next Host Conclave or Division shall be eligible to apply for assistance from the Annual Assembly Expense Fund only if it charges a registration fee which is no greater than the maximum fee which has been approved by the Grand Imperial Council.
- C. Not less than nine months prior to the next Annual Assembly, the Host Conclave or Division shall submit to the Committee on Finance and Accounts a budget showing all projected income and expenses for the next Annual Assembly, along with a proposed registration fee. Upon receipt of this budget, the Grand Recorder shall forward \$6,000 to the Host Conclave or Division from the Annual Assembly Expense Fund.
- D. If the proposed registration fee is equal to or less than the maximum fee which has been approved for the next Annual Assembly by the Grand Imperial Council, the Host Conclave or Division may submit expenses to the Annual Assembly Expense Fund in an amount not to exceed 120% of the most recent annual collections of the Annual Assembly Expense Fund.
- E. Within three months of the completion of an Annual Assembly, the Host Conclave or Division must submit to the Grand Imperial Council a complete accounting of all income and expenses at that Annual Assembly. If income exceeded expenses, the Host Conclave or Division must return such excess to the Annual Assembly Expense Fund with its accounting.
- F. The Grand Imperial Council may at any time and from time to time transfer from the Annual Assembly Expense Fund to the General Fund up to an amount by which the balance in the Annual Assembly Expense Fund then exceeds 120% of the most recent annual collections of the Annual Assembly Expense Fund.

*[Amended: 2011, 2016.]*

*[Source: Section 14 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§407.047. NED DULL AND G. WILBUR BELL ENDOWMENT FUND.**

- A. The Ned Dull and G. Wilbur Bell Endowment Fund (“Dull and Bell Fund”) shall consist of the assets received pursuant to the Moneta E. Bell Declaration of Trust dated May 31, 2006, as amended and restated on May 25, 2016, including the undistributed net return on those assets, and shall be maintained as a separate fund pursuant to this section.
- B. The income and principal of the Dull and Bell Fund shall be distributed in such amounts and at such times as shall be determined from time to time by the Grand Imperial Council.
- D. The Board of Control of the Permanent Fund shall manage the Dull and Bell Fund. The Fund shall be invested in securities, consisting of but not limited to, common stocks, preferred stocks, bonds, mutual funds and similar instruments. Such funds shall be invested with the care, skill, prudence and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing, including but not limited to the general economic conditions and the anticipated needs of the entity whose funds are being invested, that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of like character and with like aims to accomplish the purposes of that entity.
- E. The Board shall render to the Grand Imperial Council at each Annual Assembly, and oftener, if required by the Grand Sovereign or the Committee on Finance and Accounts, a true and correct account in detail of all its receipts and disbursements, together with a descriptive inventory, covering all of its investments and funds and shall submit its books and records for examination by the Committee on Finance and Accounts on such date immediately preceding the Annual Assembly as the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Accounts may designate.
- F. All investments in the Dull and Bell Fund shall be made in the name and for the use of the Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, Dull and Bell Fund.
- G. The securities which constitute the Dull and Bell Fund shall be deposited in a safe deposit box of a reliable company, maintained in connection with a National Bank, Federally insured, said box to be in the name of the “Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine” and the right of access thereto, shall be invested in the Grand Recorder and one other member of the Board of Control of the Permanent Fund. Alternatively, some or all of the securities which constitute the Dull and Bell Fund may be held in the name of a nominee or in the name of a custodian nominee as the depository for such securities, all as approved by the Board of Control of the Permanent Fund. A nominee shall always be a bank or trust company chartered by the United States of America or the state in which is located the office of the Grand Recorder or a securities brokerage firm covered by Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC). Such securities shall be withdrawn only on the written order of the Grand Recorder and one other member of the Board of Control of the Permanent Fund.

H. Nothing in this section shall be construed as to prevent or prohibit the Board of Control of the Permanent Fund, with the approval of the Grand Sovereign, and the Committee on Finance and Accounts, from establishing contractual relations with a reputable Trust Corporation connected with a National Bank and entering into an investment management agreement for the purpose of investing and reinvesting such funds and for the safekeeping of the securities in the Dull and Bell Fund, the collection of interest and principal, which become due and are paid, the Trust Corporation to receive the usual fee charged for such service. The Board of Control, however, shall continue to make its reports as required in this section.

*[Added: 2021.]*

#### **§407.050. BUDGET.**

The Committee on Finance and Accounts shall prepare a budget for consideration by the Grand Imperial Council and recommend such appropriations as may be necessary for the current expenses of the Grand Imperial Council for the current fiscal year. After receipt of the budget report from the Committee on Finance and accounts, the Grand Imperial Council shall adopt at each Annual Assembly a budget for the current fiscal year. The expenses of the Grand Imperial Council shall be continued in the subsequent fiscal year at the same levels as provided in such budget until the adoption of a budget for such subsequent fiscal year at the next Annual Assembly. *[Amended: 2016.] [Source: Section 1 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§407.055. FIDELITY COVERAGE.**

The Grand Recorder shall secure from a reputable casualty company and maintain in force a blanket fidelity insurance covering the Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer and members of the Board of Control of the Permanent Fund and the Swanson Fund in the form, manner and amount as prescribed by the Committee on Finance and Accounts and approved by the Grand Imperial Council. The premiums for such insurance shall be paid by the Grand Imperial Council. *[Amended: 2017.] [Source: Section 7 of Article V and Section 4 of Article VIII of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§407.060. INDEMNIFICATION.**

The Grand Imperial Council shall indemnify and hold harmless each of its members for any act performed by them within the scope of the authority conferred on them by the Constitution of the Grand Imperial Council or these Statutes and Regulations, except for acts of malfeasance or gross negligence or for acts in violation of any applicable law (other than unintentional violations of governmental laws or regulations) or for damages arising from any misrepresentation, provided that any indemnity hereunder shall be provided out of and to the extent of the Grand Imperial Council assets and insurance only, and no member of the Grand Imperial Council shall have any personal liability on account thereof.

## **CHAPTER 8 DISCIPLINE**

### **§408.010. DISCIPLINE.**

- A. The Grand Imperial Council allows an appeal to itself from the decision of the Grand Sovereign, but his decisions and opinions shall stand as the judgment of the Grand Imperial Council unless otherwise determined by a vote of two-thirds of all members present.
- B. Every Knight Companion shall be amenable to the discipline of his own Conclave, but appeals will lie to the Grand Imperial Council as a tribunal of last resort.
- C. No appeal shall lie to the Conclave from the decision of the Sovereign, but an appeal from his decision may be made by any member of the Conclave to the Grand Sovereign or to the Grand Imperial Council, through the Intendant General of the division in which the Conclave is located.

*[Source: Section 11 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

## **CHAPTER 9 SISTER JURISDICTIONS**

### **§409.010. RECOGNITION.**

The Grand Imperial Council may recognize and maintain fraternal relations with authorities exercising power and authority over The Constantinian and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and St. John the Evangelist in any territory not exclusively occupied by this Grand Imperial Council. This Grand Imperial Council may recognize and maintain fraternal relations with any such authority only if it is composed exclusively of Royal Arch Masons who are Master Masons of Lodges chartered by or holding allegiance to Grand Lodges recognized by a minimum of twenty Grand Lodges in the United States which are members of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America. The Grand Sovereign may suspend recognition of and fraternal relations with any Grand Imperial Council which no longer satisfies any of the foregoing conditions until the next Annual Assembly of the Grand Imperial Council.

*[Amended: 2013.]*

### **§409.020. TITLE AND RANK FROM A SISTER JURISDICTION.**

A recognition of merit, title or rank, given by a Constantinian body recognized by, or a predecessor of, this Grand Imperial Council shall be given official acknowledgment and recognition by all Knights Companions and Conclaves in this jurisdiction. *[Source: Section 2 of Article IV of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**CHAPTER 10**  
**REGALIA, JEWELS AND PROTOCOLS**

**§410.010. REGALIA AND JEWELS.**

- A. **Dress.** For all social functions and for reception of invitees, the prescribed clothing consists of the evening dress of society. Where evening dress is worn, a sash or ribbon, without any device thereon, may be displayed under or over the vest, or cummerbund, diagonally from the right shoulder, toward the left hip.
- B. **Sash.** A royal purple watered silk sash or ribbon of four inches in width, without edging or embroidery, or any device thereon of any description, is the only authorized sash for all Knights Companions and members of the Grand Imperial Council, except that a sash or ribbon, of the same description as to colors and width as the Cordon used for the investiture of a Knight Grand Cross, may be worn by such Knights Grand Cross as noted under C below.
- C. **Cordon.** A white silk Cordon, or sash, four inches (4") in width, bordered on each side by three bands in color, five sixteenths of an inch (5/16") in width, one in purple between two in red. To be used ceremonially upon the occasion of the enthronement of a Knight Grand Cross and a similar Cordon to be presented for personal use thereafter.
- D. **Collar Ribbons for Jewels.** Collar ribbons shall be used for all Jewels of the Order, except the Knight Grand Cross. The collar ribbons (without edging or embroidery of any description) shall be of royal purple silk, approximately one inch (1") in width, except that the collar ribbons of Knight Commander of Constantine shall be crimson silk and those of the Grand Officers of the Grand Imperial Council and Past Grand Sovereigns shall be of royal purple velvet.
- E. **The Jewels of the Order.** The Jewels of the Order, except as otherwise directed, are worn suspended by a collar ribbon, passing around their neck, and are as follows:
1. **Knight Grand Cross.** The Knight Grand Cross of the Order, when awarded, shall be worn by the Grand Sovereign and all Past Grand Sovereigns upon the left breast, attached by a pin or clip, and described as follows:

An Imperial Roman Eagle of gold with two heads; surcharged upon the eagle, a floriated Greek Cross enameled in red and edged in gold, having between its lower arm and its two side arms a curved band of gold leaves; bearing upon each arm four stars and upon the intersection of the arms the letters, I H S, above the same the letter A and below Ω; all in black on a background of a gold Greek Cross with the ends of the arms rounded; all surrounded by a laurel wreath in gold having a ribbon bow at its lower center; and above the cross, an Imperial Crown; all surcharged upon a silver star of eight points, two and one half inches (2½") in diameter.

The symbolic Knight Grand Cross jewel is to be presented to the incoming Grand Sovereign with the symbolic Cordon, if there be no objection, and remain in the possession of the Grand Imperial Council. The jewel itself shall then be presented to the Grand Sovereign for his personal and continued use and shall remain in his possession.

2. **Officers of the Grand Imperial Council.** The officers of the Grand Imperial Council wear jewels suspended from a collar ribbon, as described under D which are the property of the Grand Imperial Council as a loan during the term of their respective offices. Each is identified as to station.

The Jewel of the Grand Viceroy, and all officers of the Grand Imperial Council junior to him in rank, shall be a Greek Cross floriated, charged with the Sacred Monogram Chi Rho. On the arms of the Cross, there shall be the letters I H S V. The jewel shall be all of gold and red enamel. Above the Cross there shall be an Imperial Crown. All of the foregoing is superimposed on a gold circle approximately one quarter inch in width and with an outer diameter of  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches, said circle to be embellished with a floriated wreath of gold laurel leaves.

The Jewel of the Grand Sovereign shall be as described for the Grand Viceroy, except that there shall be a full circle of rays emanating from the center of the cross to a diameter of approximately  $15/16$  inch.

3. **Past Grand Sovereign.** The Jewel of a Past Grand Sovereign shall be the jewel of the sitting Grand Sovereign, surrounded by a golden circle approximately one quarter inch in width and with an outer diameter of approximately  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches. Across the bottom of this circle shall be inscribed in red letters: Past Grand Sovereign.
4. **Intendants General and Knights Commander of Constantine.** Intendants General and Knights Commander of Constantine wear a Sovereign's jewel superimposed upon an embellished floriated half wreath of gold laurel leaves encompassing the lower half of such jewel.

A Past Intendant General's jewel shall be identical to the Intendant General's jewel, except that it will be suspended by a gold silk ribbon approximately one inch (1") in width. Such ribbon shall be divided vertically, one half gold and one half crimson for those who also hold the rank and dignity of Knight Commander of Constantine.

5. **Sovereign.** A Sovereign wears a Greek Cross floriated, charged with the Sacred Monogram – Chi, Rho. On the arms of the Cross, the letters I H S V. Above the Cross, an Imperial Crown. All of gold with red enamel. Length of arms, approximately one and three-eighths ( $1\frac{3}{8}$ "") to one and one-half inches ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ""); width of arms approximately three-eighths ( $\frac{3}{8}$ "") to one-quarter inch ( $\frac{1}{4}$ "").



6. **Viceroy.** A Viceroy wears the same jewel as for Sovereign, but with Mitre instead of Crown.
7. **Officers.** There are no official Jewels for the line officers of a Conclave. In this respect, the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine differs from other Masonic organizations.
8. **Knights Companions.** Knights Companions wear a plain Greek Cross, floriated, enameled in red, with the letters I H S V displayed on the arms.
9. **Ladies' Miniature Emblem.** The Grand Imperial Council permits the use of the Member's Cross, in miniature, by his female relatives.

F. **Standards.**

1. **Labarum.** The Labarum is a banner of purple silk or satin, lined with a suitable material of the same color, twelve inches square (or in proportion thereto) with a Rho Cross, composed of the Greek letter Chi (X) superimposed upon the Greek letter Rho (P), thereon in crimson, trimmed with 1/2" gold edging and 1" gold fringe at the bottom. To be supported by a gold colored crossbar with round ends and a gold hanging cord extending down each side with gold tassels at the ends; attached in a suitable manner to a gold colored staff of a length in proportion to the size of the Labarum.
2. **Conclave Standard.** The Standard of the Conclave shall be of cream-colored silk or satin, lined with suitable material of the same color, twenty-four inches wide and thirty-six inches high (or in proportion thereto). To be trimmed with 1/2" gold colored edging and 1" gold colored fringe at the bottom which is cut triparte. In the center a red floriated Greek Cross edged with gold, and the initial I at the end of the top arm of the Cross, the initial H at the end of the left arm, S on the right arm and V on the bottom arm, all in gold. The name of the Conclave may be placed above the Cross and its location below, all in black letters. To be supported by a gold colored crossbar with spear ends and a gold hanging cord extending down each side with gold tassels at the ends; attached in a suitable manner to a gold colored staff approximately seven feet in height.
3. **Grand Standard.** The Grand Standard of the Grand Imperial Council shall be of cream colored silk or satin, lined with suitable material of the same color, thirty inches wide and forty-eight inches high (or in proportion thereto). To be trimmed with 1" gold colored edging and 1½ "-2" gold fringe at the bottom which is cut triparte.

The **Insignia** of the Grand Imperial Council, which is in the center of the Standard, is a red floriated Greek Cross, edged with gold, four white five-pointed stars in the form of a rhombus at each end of the arms of the Cross; superimposed upon a double-headed black eagle; with green leaves and lilies of the valley

between the inside points of the Cross near the right talon and green leaves and red roses similarly between the inside points of the cross near the left talon; upon the intersection of the arms the letters I H S with a Greek alpha (Α) above the letters and a Greek omega (Ω) below, in black on a background of a gold Greek Cross with the ends of the arms rounded; above the red floriated Greek Cross an Imperial Gold Crown with five converging arches, the space between the arches and inside the Crown in red.

The full name of the Grand Imperial Council should be above and below the Insignia in black letters, edged with gold. The Standard to be supported by a gold colored cross-bar with spear ends and a gold hanging cord extending down each side with gold tassels at the ends; attached in a suitable manner to a gold colored staff approximately eight feet in height; at the top of the staff a red Rho Cross edged with gold.

*[Amended: 2012, 2016.]*

*[Source: Section 6 of the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§410.020. COLORS.**

The United States Flag shall be displayed at all formal Assemblies of Conclaves in the United States of America. The National Flag of Mexico shall be displayed at all formal Assemblies of Conclaves in Mexico. The National Flag of the Philippines shall be displayed at all formal Assemblies of Conclaves in the Philippines. Alternatively, all such Flags may be used with the Flag of the country in which the Conclave is located in a dominant position.

The size of the Flag is not specified, but should be appropriate to the occasion. When visitors from foreign sister jurisdictions are present, it is an appropriate courtesy to also display the national colors of their country.

*[Source: Section 2 of the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§410.030. TITLES.**

- A. The title “Knight Companion” (plural “Knights Companions”) applies to all members of the Order and may be used immediately preceding the name of any such member.
- B. The titles “Most Illustrious,” “Most Eminent,” “Very Illustrious,” “Right Illustrious,” “Illustrious,” “Puissant,” and “Eminent” apply to the appropriate offices, but do not apply to the individuals who hold such office and are to be used only when speaking to or about a person whose rank entitles such usage. These titles are not to be used by any person when referring to himself or to his own rank, nor in connection with his signature to a letter or to an order, nor upon any envelope enclosing a letter or an order.

- C. In speaking to or about any past or present Grand Officer of the Grand Imperial Council, these examples would be correct:

Knight Companion John Doe, Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign.  
Knight Companion John Doe, Most Illustrious Past Grand Sovereign.  
Knight Companion John Doe, Most Eminent Grand Viceroy.  
Knight Companion John Doe, Very Illustrious Grand Junior General.  
Knight Companion John Doe, Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer.  
Knight Companion John Doe, Right Illustrious Grand Recorder.  
Knight Companion John Doe, Illustrious Grand Sentinel.

- D. In speaking to or about any present or Past Intendant General, these examples would be correct:

Knight Companion John Doe, Illustrious Intendant General.  
Knight Companion John Doe, Illustrious Past Intendant General.

- E. In speaking to or about any Officer of a Subordinate Conclave, these examples would be correct:

Knight Companion John Doe, Puissant Sovereign.  
Knight Companion John Doe, Eminent Viceroy.  
Knight Companion John Doe, Puissant Past Sovereign.

In amplification of the foregoing, the following usage is NOT correct:  
Most Illustrious John Doe, Grand Sovereign.  
Right Illustrious John Doe, Grand Recorder.  
Puissant John Doe, Sovereign.

- F. It is not appropriate for any person at any time to use the words “Illustrious,” “Eminent” or “Puissant” as applied to himself or his own office, nor in the signing of any letter or order.

- G. The recommended established style in closing and signing letters should be the words “Yours in Faith, Unity and Zeal,” followed by the signature of the individual, under which may be typed, or written, the words “Grand Sovereign,” “Grand Recorder,” “Sovereign” or “Recorder,” et cetera (thus stating writer’s rank, but not his title).

*[Amended: 2014.]*

*[Source: Section 3 of the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§410.040. PREFIX INSIGNIA.**

The official Prefix Insignia for all Knights Companions in the obedience of this Grand Imperial Council, shall be as follows:

- A. Grand Sovereign. Cross of Salem or Triple Cross.
- B. Knight Grand Cross. Cross of Salem or Triple Cross.
- C. Sovereign. Patriarchal Cross or Cross with two bars.
- D. Knights Companions, below rank of Sovereign. Greek Cross or Cross with equal arms.

*[Source: Section 5 of the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**PART 5  
IMPERIAL COLLEGE OF VICEROYS**

**§500.010. MEMBERSHIP.**

The Imperial College of Viceroys shall consist of all current and former Viceroys of the Order who have been duly consecrated to the Priesthood of Eusebius in the Imperial College and are members in good standing of a Conclave under the jurisdiction of the Grand Imperial Council. All members of the Imperial College are of equal dignity and retain full rank for life, or so long as they shall remain members in good standing of a Conclave under the jurisdiction of the Grand Imperial Council. *[Source: Sections 7 and 8 of Article I of the 1958 Constitution.]*

**§500.020. OFFICERS.**

The Officers of the Imperial College shall be styled and take rank according to the Ritual. *[Source: Section 7 of Article I of the 1958 Constitution.]*

**§500.030. ASSEMBLIES.**

A Special Assembly of the Imperial College may be convened at any time by the Grand Sovereign, or an Intendant General acting as his proxy, or by any other member of the Imperial Senate, delegated by the Intendant General or Grand Sovereign for the purpose of consecrating to the Priesthood of Eusebius worthy Knights Companions who shall have been regularly elected to the office of Sovereign or Viceroy by their respective Conclaves. The required offering shall be made for every candidate. The convening officer shall appoint pro tempore the various Officers of the Imperial College for such Special Assembly only.

*[Amended: 2012.]*

*[Source: Section 7 of Article I of the 1958 Constitution.]*

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## **PART 6 IMPERIAL SENATE OF SOVEREIGNS**

### **§600.010. MEMBERSHIP.**

The Imperial Senate of Sovereigns shall consist of all Sovereigns and Past Sovereigns of the Order who have been duly invested with the grade of Sovereign in the Imperial Senate, have been duly consecrated to the Priesthood of Eusebius in the Imperial College and are members in good standing of a Conclave under the jurisdiction of the Grand Imperial Council.

Conforming to ancient, constitutional regulations, the Imperial Senate shall consist of thirty-three active members, who shall take rank according to priority of the respective dates of their coronation. All others shall be styled associate members but shall possess and may exercise all the rights of active members. The foregoing notwithstanding, all members of the Imperial Senate are of equal dignity and retain full rank for life, or so long as they shall remain members in good standing of a Conclave under the jurisdiction of the Grand Imperial Council.

*[Source: Sections 7 and 8 of Article I of the 1958 Constitution.]*

### **§600.020. OFFICERS.**

The Officers of the Imperial Senate shall be styled and take rank according to the Ritual.  
*[Source: Section 7 of Article I of the 1958 Constitution.]*

### **§600.030. ASSEMBLIES.**

A Special Assembly of the Imperial Senate may be convened at any time by the Grand Sovereign, or an Intendant General acting as his proxy, or by any other member of the Imperial Senate, delegated by the Intendant General or Grand Sovereign for the purpose of investing with the grade of Sovereign worthy Knights Companions who have been duly consecrated to the Priesthood of Eusebius in the Imperial College and who shall have been regularly elected to the office of Sovereign by their respective Conclaves. The required offering shall be made for every candidate. The convening officer shall appoint pro tempore the various Officers of the Imperial Senate for such Special Assembly only.

*[Amended: 2012.]*

*[Source: Section 7 of Article I of the 1958 Constitution.]*

**PART 7  
PATRIARCHAL COUNCIL**

The ancient Patriarchal Council of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre is existent within the bosom of the Grand Imperial Council and may be convened by the Grand Sovereign at such times as may suit his pleasure. It shall possess no powers, nor exercise any authority over the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, it being the intention to preserve only a nominal existence of the Patriarchs in conformity with ancient tradition. *[Source: Section 9 of Article I of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**PART 8  
SUBORDINATE CONCLAVES**

**CHAPTER 1  
FORMATION AND CHARTER**

**§801.010. FORMATION.**

A Conclave can be formed only by authority of a dispensation from the Grand Sovereign, or of a charter issued by the Grand Imperial Council. The Grand Imperial Council has the sole right to grant or direct a charter to be issued to worthy Knights Companions if qualified. The Grand Imperial Council shall have the power to issue a charter to a Conclave upon such terms and in such manner as it deems proper without any dispensation having been issued. *[Source: Section 8(c) of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§801.020. DISPENSATION.**

- A. The Grand Sovereign during the recess of the Grand Imperial Council shall have the power and authority to grant a dispensation to open and hold a Conclave of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, Holy Sepulchre and St. John upon the petition signed by at least eleven Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, or eleven Royal Arch Masons, in good standing, or a combination of both, after completion of the following procedure.
- B. The form of petition for a dispensation shall be secured from Grand Recorder. There shall be two forms of petition, one for Knights Companions and the other for Royal Arch Masons. If both Knights Companions and Royal Arch Masons who are not Knights Companions are petitioners, both petitions shall be used. The signed and completed petition shall be accompanied by a \$100.00 fee and filed with the Grand Recorder who shall determine if any of the petitioners have been rejected by other Conclaves. The petition shall then be sent to the Chairman of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations for investigation and consideration by the committee's members. After completing their investigation, the Committee on Charters and Dispensations shall send the petition and its recommendation to the Grand Sovereign for his consideration and decision.

- C. The Grand Sovereign shall pass on the qualifications for membership in the Order of each petitioner who is not a Knight Companion before issuing a dispensation.
- D. No dispensation shall be issued for a new Conclave in any county or similar political district where a Conclave is already established or at a place which is within fifty miles of an established Conclave, without the recommendation and approval of each such existing Conclave.
- E. After receiving the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, the Grand Sovereign may grant the petitioners a dispensation to open and hold a Conclave at the place named therein, under such name as shall be approved by him, with the authority, when duly assembled, to admit, receive, constitute and install, according to ancient custom, such persons possessing the requisite qualifications, as they deem worthy, of the honor of Knighthood in our Chivalric Fraternity and to receive members by affiliation, for a specified term not extending beyond the next ensuing Annual Assembly of the Grand Imperial Council. In the dispensation, the Grand Sovereign shall appoint the Sovereign and Viceroy of the new Conclave. The dispensation shall be signed by the Grand Sovereign and attested to by the Grand Recorder.
- F. The dispensation authorizes the conferral of the Orders of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders by communicating the secret, ritualistic work of the several Orders to those petitioners who are Royal Arch Masons but not Knights Companions. It shall lie within the prerogative of the Grand Sovereign to confer the Constantinian Orders of Knighthood for the purpose of instituting a new Conclave. Alternatively, he may delegate this power to any Intendant General of the Order by a special dispensation under his hand and seal of the Grand Imperial Council.
- G. Upon the issuance of a dispensation for a new Conclave, those Knights Companions named in the dispensation shall become members of the new Conclave. Each Knight Companion named in the dispensation shall retain his membership in any Subordinate Conclave of which he may be a member and shall be liable for current dues to such Conclave, which shall be paid before the new Conclave can be chartered. Each Subordinate Conclave to which he belongs shall remain liable for the per capita due the Grand Imperial Council.
- H. A Conclave under dispensation is a Conclave for all purposes and thus has all the rights and privileges thereof and is governed by all the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Imperial Council or these Statutes and Regulations governing Subordinate Conclaves, except that its Sovereign and Viceroy shall not have votes as such at any Assembly of the Grand Imperial Council.
- I. When issued, the dispensation shall be duly recorded in the office of the Grand Recorder and be in force until the close of the next Annual Assembly.

- J. The Grand Sovereign shall report on each such issuance at the next Annual Assembly of the Grand Imperial Council, which may then continue or recall such dispensation or may grant the petitioners a charter.

*[Source: Section 1 of Article V of the 1958 Constitution, Sections 6 and 9 of the 1958 General Statutes and the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§801.030. TERMINATION OF DISPENSATION.**

The dispensation for a Conclave shall terminate upon the close of the next Annual Assembly. A Conclave under dispensation shall return its dispensation, its proposed Bylaws, the roll of its members, together with Annual Returns and the fees on new members installed, and the record of its proceedings to the Grand Recorder at least thirty days prior to the opening of the next Annual Assembly of the Grand Imperial Council, together with the petition for a charter, which petition shall include only those who originally signed the petition for dispensation and such Knights Companions as may have been installed or affiliated under the dispensation.

The Grand Recorder shall examine their records and proceedings and report his findings and recommendations to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations prior to the close of the next Annual Assembly. If the Grand Imperial Council does not order the issuance of a charter to the Conclave at that Annual Assembly, it may in the alternative revive the dispensation in which event the Grand Recorder shall return it, together with the Bylaws, books of records and returns to the Conclave which presented them. The Conclave may then proceed to work under the revived dispensation, unless legally revoked, until the close of the next Annual Assembly.

*[Amended: 2011.]*

*[Source: Section 9 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§801.040. ISSUANCE OF CHARTER.**

- A. The members of a Conclave under dispensation may petition the Grand Imperial Council for a charter at any time. In addition, any eleven or more Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, in good standing, may petition the Grand Imperial Council for a charter without having previously been issued a dispensation.
- B. The form of petition for a charter shall be secured from Grand Recorder. The signed and completed petition shall be accompanied by a \$100.00 fee if a dispensation had not previously been issued for the proposed Conclave and shall be filed with the Grand Recorder who shall determine if any of the petitioners have been rejected by other Conclaves. The petition shall then be sent to the Chairman of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations for investigation and consideration by the committee's members. After completing their investigation, the Committee on Charters and Dispensations shall make its recommendation to the Grand Imperial Council at its next Annual Assembly.



- C. No charter shall be granted for a new Conclave in any county or similar political district where a Conclave is already established or at a place which is within fifty miles of an established Conclave, without the recommendation and approval of each such existing Conclave.
- D. The Grand Imperial Council shall then consider the petition and may order the issuance of a charter to the Conclave and assign it a name. The charter shall be issued as of the closing date of the Annual Assembly at which it was granted. Once the charter has been issued, the Conclave shall have all the rights and privileges thereof and be governed by all the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Imperial Council or these Statutes and Regulations governing Subordinate Conclaves.
- E. A Knight Companion upon becoming a member of a new Conclave shall, as of the date on which the charter for the new Conclave shall issue, shall become a Regular Member of the new Conclave and a Dual Member of the older, or parent, Conclave.

*[Source: Section 9 of the 1958 Constitution and the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

## **CHAPTER 2 CONCLAVE CHARTER AND BYLAWS**

### **§802.010. CONCLAVE CHARTER.**

A Conclave's charter shall contain the name of the Conclave, the date of the charter, the city, town or community where the Conclave is located, the names of the charter Sovereign and Viceroy and such other provisions as the Grand Imperial Council may order. The charter shall be signed by the Grand Sovereign and the Grand Viceroy and attested to by the Grand Recorder with the Grand Imperial Council Seal affixed. Once the charter has been issued, it becomes the authority for the Knights Companions therein named, when duly assembled, to admit, receive, constitute and install, according to ancient custom, such persons possessing the requisite qualifications, as they deem worthy, of the honor of Knighthood in our Chivalric Fraternity.

### **§802.020. CONCLAVE BYLAWS.**

The following set of Bylaws is suggested as a guide for the use of Subordinate Conclaves. In the event of any conflict between the Bylaws of a Subordinate Conclave and the Constitution of the Grand Imperial Council or these Statutes and Regulations, the Constitution of the Grand Imperial Council and these Statutes and Regulations shall govern. In all matters not specifically mentioned in the Bylaws of a Subordinate Conclave, the Constitution of the Grand Imperial Council and these Statutes and Regulations shall govern when they are directly, or by natural inference and analogy, pertinent and applicable.

BYLAWS  
OF  
\_\_\_\_\_ CONCLAVE  
KNIGHTS OF THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE  
AND APPENDANT ORDERS  
City of \_\_\_\_\_  
State of \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

ARTICLE I  
Name

Section 1. This Conclave shall be known as \_\_\_\_\_ Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders, with its location at the City of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, such name and location having been authorized by the United Grand Imperial Council in the charter granted \_\_\_\_\_.

ARTICLE II  
Jurisdiction

Section 1. This Conclave shall have exclusive jurisdiction in \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_, concurrent jurisdiction in all other Counties in the Division of \_\_\_\_\_, except those Counties which are the locale of a Conclave which has exclusive jurisdiction in the County in which it is located, or such territory as may have been made exclusive and assigned to a Conclave by the United Grand Imperial Council.

(Note: Conclaves that have been assigned jurisdiction over any special or particular territory should here specify such territory that has been made exclusive by the United Grand Imperial Council.)

ARTICLE III  
Membership

Section 1. The maximum number of Regular Members of this Conclave shall be \_\_\_\_\_.

Section 2. The maximum number of Emeritus Members of this Conclave shall be \_\_\_\_\_.

Section 3. There is no limit on the number of Dual Members or Honorary Members this Conclave may have.

ARTICLE IV  
Fees and Dues

Section 1. The fee for installation in this Conclave shall be such amount as may, from time to time, be set by action at a Regular Assembly.

Section 2. The fee for affiliation in this Conclave shall be such amount as may, from time to time, be set by action at a Regular Assembly.

Section 3. The fee for a Dual Member in this Conclave shall be such amount as may, from time to time, be set by action at a Regular Assembly.

Section 4. Dues in this Conclave shall be such amount as may, from time to time, be set by action at a Regular Assembly.

ARTICLE V  
Amendments

Section 1. No addition, alteration, repeal or amendment to these Bylaws shall be made unless a motion therefor be presented in writing at a Regular Assembly signed by at least two members of the Conclave. It shall be read by the Recorder and lay over until the subsequent Regular Assembly, without debate. The Recorder shall cause the addition, alteration, repeal or amendment to be printed in full in the notice of the next Regular Assembly, when it shall be acted upon, and if approved by a majority of the Knights Companions present, it shall be adopted.

Section 2. Such additions, alterations, repeal or amendments shall not be in effect until approved by the United Grand Imperial Council.

AMENDMENT ENDORSEMENTS  
CONCLAVE CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the amendment(s) to the Bylaws regularly adopted at an Assembly of \_\_\_\_\_ Conclave of \_\_\_\_\_, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 20\_\_, A.O. [year less 313].

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recorder

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sovereign

*[Amended: 2011; 2012.]*

*[Source: Section 10 of the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§802.030. ADOPTION OF BYLAWS.**

The petition for a dispensation to open and hold a Conclave shall be accompanied by three copies of a proposed set of Bylaws for the Conclave signed by all of the petitioners. Once these Bylaws have been approved by the Grand Sovereign, these Bylaws shall become the Bylaws of

the Conclave until the issuance of its charter. The Grand Sovereign shall return one copy of the approved Bylaws to the Conclave, provide one copy to the Grand Recorder for his records and provide the third copy to the Chairman of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The petition for a charter to open and hold a Conclave shall be accompanied by three copies of a proposed set of Bylaws for the Conclave signed by all of the petitioners. Once approved by the Grand Imperial Council, these Bylaws shall become the Bylaws of the Conclave. The Grand Recorder shall return one copy of the approved Bylaws to the Conclave, retain one copy in his records and provide the third copy to the Chairman of the Committee on Chartered Conclaves.

*[Source: Section 10 of the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§802.040. AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS.**

Any changes to the Bylaws of a Subordinate Conclave shall be initiated by a written motion signed by at least two of its members. The motion may be presented at a Regular Assembly. The Recorder shall cause the proposed changes to be printed in full in the next notice of a Regular Assembly, when the motion shall be acted upon. If approved by a majority of the Knights Companions present, a copy of the proposed changes to the Bylaws shall be sent to the Grand Recorder. Each copy shall contain the date of action by the Conclave and be signed by the Recorder and attested to by the Sovereign.

The Grand Recorder shall review the proposed changes as to form and format and submit the copies to the Chairman of the Committee on Chartered Conclaves for review. A proposed amendment to the Bylaws shall not become effective until approved as follows. Any Bylaws amendment which does not increase the number of Regular Members or Emeritus Members in the Conclave shall not become effective until approved by the Grand Recorder and the Chairman of the Committee on Chartered Conclaves. The Grand Recorder and the Chairman of the Committee on Chartered Conclaves shall report any Bylaws amendment which increases the number of Regular Members or Emeritus Members in the Conclave to the Grand Imperial Council. Any Bylaws amendment which increases the number of Regular Members or Emeritus Members in the Conclave shall not become effective until approved by the Grand Imperial Council at an Annual or Special Assembly. One copy of the proposed changes to the Bylaws shall be returned to the Conclave when approved.

*[Amended: 2011; 2012; 2014.]*

*[Source: Section 5 of the 1958 General Statutes and Section 10 of the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

## **CHAPTER 3 POWERS AND DUTIES**

### **§803.010. POWERS AND DUTIES.**

The powers and duties of a Conclave are those prescribed in its dispensation or charter, by the Constitution of the Grand Imperial Council or these Statutes and Regulations, by the General Regulations of Masonry or by the Ritual. In the exercise of its powers and duties, each Conclave shall in all circumstances bear allegiance to the Grand Imperial Council, under whose authority each Subordinate Conclave holds its charter.

### **§803.020. EXECUTIVE.**

The Conclave shall have executive powers in directing and performing its work, as prescribed by the Grand Imperial Council, under the control of the Sovereign.

### **§803.030. LEGISLATIVE.**

The Conclave shall adopt legislation to govern its affairs, which shall not be in violation of its Bylaws, the General Regulations of Masonry, the Constitution of the Grand Imperial Council or these Statutes and Regulations or the Ritual.

### **§803.040. JUDICIAL.**

Subject to a revision by the Grand Imperial Council upon review, the Conclave shall exercise discipline over its own members (except the Sovereign and the Grand Sovereign) and all other Knights Companions within its jurisdiction.

## **CHAPTER 4 MEMBERSHIP**

### **§804.100. ELIGIBILITY.**

In accordance with ancient customs and the traditions of the Constantinian Order of Christian Knighthood, membership is only by invitation from a Subordinate Conclave given to outstanding Master Masons who have shown high qualities of leadership, exemplified high moral and intellectual attributes, and have contributed substantial service to the Craft, or the civic, industrial and religious life of their community, subject to the following. The Constantinian Order of Christian Knighthood may not be conferred by a Subordinate Conclave upon anyone who is not a Royal Arch Mason in good standing. The Constantinian Order of Christian Knighthood may not be conferred upon anyone who does not subscribe to a belief in the Christian religion as revealed in the New Testament. *[Source: Section 4(b) of Article I of the 1958 Constitution and Section 6 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§804.105. JURISDICTION TO ADMIT MEMBERS.**

- A. Each Subordinate Conclave shall have the exclusive jurisdiction to receive into membership by installation those Royal Arch Masons who reside in the territory as may have been made exclusive to such Conclave by the Grand Imperial Council and concurrent jurisdiction to receive into membership by installation those Royal Arch Masons who reside in all other areas of the division in which such Conclave is located, except those resident in any portion of the division in which another Conclave has been granted exclusive jurisdiction by the Grand Imperial Council. In addition, St. Simeon Stylites Conclave of Washington, D.C. shall have concurrent jurisdiction to receive into membership by installation those Royal Arch Masons who reside in those portions of the District of Columbia Metropolitan area located in Maryland with the Conclaves of Maryland and in those portions of the District of Columbia Metropolitan area located in Virginia with the Conclaves of Virginia. Muscogee Conclave of Columbus, Georgia shall have concurrent jurisdiction to receive into membership by installation those Royal Arch Masons who reside in Lee and Russell Counties of Alabama with the Conclaves of Alabama.
- B. In addition, a Conclave may act upon a proposal for membership by installation of any Royal Arch Mason residing outside its exclusive and concurrent jurisdiction by first obtaining a written waiver of jurisdiction from all Conclaves possessing exclusive jurisdiction over such Royal Arch Mason or, if no other Conclave possesses exclusive jurisdiction, then from that Conclave possessing concurrent jurisdiction over such Royal Arch Mason which is located nearest to his residence. The Conclave requesting a waiver of jurisdiction over a particular Royal Arch Mason shall include in its request full particulars and reasons for such Mason's selection. Among other reasons, waivers of jurisdiction may be used to allow a Royal Arch Mason to be admitted to the Conclave in the area of his Masonic membership and activities, rather than the Conclave in the area in which he may reside.
- C. In divisions comprising two or more Conclaves, no Conclave in such division shall take any action on any proposal for Regular Membership by installation, extend an invitation for Regular Membership by installation, nor shall such Conclave confer the Orders, nor request that any other Conclave confer the Orders, until it reports its proposed action to the Grand Recorder, and a report has been received from the Grand Recorder that there is no invitation to such Royal Arch Mason outstanding from any other Conclave in the division, or any objection or unfavorable report previously registered against such Royal Arch Mason. No other Subordinate Conclave shall extend an invitation for membership by installation to or confer the Orders, or request any other Conclave to confer the Orders, upon such Royal Arch Mason, until after the expiration of the first to occur of: (1) one year from the date of such clearance hold, (2) his rejection by the Conclave submitting his name to the Grand Recorder, and (3) the release of such clearance hold by the Conclave submitting his name to the Grand Recorder.
- D. A Knight Companion may be admitted to Regular, Dual or Honorary Membership in a Subordinate Conclave regardless of his residence.

*[Amended: 2011; 2012; 2018.]*

*[Source: Sections 5, 6 and 7 of the 1958 General Statutes and Section 10 of the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§804.110. CLASSIFICATIONS AND NUMBER OF MEMBERS.**

- A. There are four classifications of members in this Jurisdiction: Regular Members, Dual Members, Honorary Members and Emeritus Members. A Knight Companion may be a Regular Member or an Emeritus Member but not both at the same time and may be a Regular Member or an Emeritus Member of only one Subordinate Conclave at a time. A Knight Companion may be a Dual Member of any number of Conclaves at the same time. A Knight Companion may be an Honorary Member of any number of Conclaves at the same time.
- B. No Conclave may be formed with less than eleven Regular Members. A Subordinate Conclave may, however, be allowed to work with only three Regular Members and, in conformity with ancient traditions, may be retained on the roll of the Grand Imperial Council with only a single Regular Member. The maximum number of Regular Members of a Subordinate Conclave shall be set by its Bylaws.
- C. The maximum number of Emeritus Members of a Subordinate Conclave shall be set by its Bylaws, which number shall not be more than a total of twenty at any one time. There is no limit on the number of Dual or Honorary Members a Subordinate Conclave may have.

*[Amended: 2011.]*

*[Source: Section 8 of the 1958 General Statutes and Section 10 of the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§804.115. REGULAR MEMBERSHIP.**

- A. Regular Membership in a Conclave may be attained only by invitation, which invitation shall be extended only after proper clearance through the Grand Recorder's Office, if required. Only Royal Arch Masons on whom the Constantinian Order of Christian Knighthood may be conferred and Knights Companions of this or any sister Jurisdiction holding a Demit, Certificate of Good Standing or similar document may be invited as Regular Members of the Conclave.
- B. Any Regular, Dual or Emeritus Member may suggest the name of a prospective invitee for membership to the Recorder, provided the suggestion is accompanied by the prospective invitee's complete Masonic record and a statement that he is a Royal Arch Mason in good standing who subscribes to a belief in the Christian religion as revealed in

the New Testament or is a Knight Companion holding a Demit or Certificate of Good Standing who is also a Royal Arch Mason in good standing.

- C. Each Conclave shall have full authority to decide what procedure it shall follow before extending an invitation to a prospective invitee, provided, that at least thirty days shall have elapsed from the date of a regular assembly, at which the name was first proposed, to the assembly at which the proposal shall be considered. Once an invitation authorized by the Conclave has been issued, there can be no further ballot or other ordeal. An individual thus invited who is not already a Knight Companion shall present himself for installation within one year after his selection. In case he does not so present himself for installation within one year, his selection shall be void, but his name may again be presented.
- D. An individual thus invited shall, before his installation or admission by affiliation, file his Acceptance of Invitation in writing, stating that he is a believer in the Christian religion as revealed in the New Testament, giving his Masonic affiliations in the Lodge and Chapter, his residence, date and place of birth, and present occupation, all over his official signature and in the form prescribed by the Grand Imperial Council. Such acceptance shall be preserved in the archives of the Conclave. With his acceptance, he shall also make his offering in the sum prescribed by the Conclave. If admission to Regular Membership by affiliation is pursuant to a Certificate of Good Standing, his acceptance shall indicate whether he desires to transfer his membership or hold multiple memberships. If the applicant desires to transfer his membership, the Recorder of the selecting Conclave shall immediately complete and forward the Request for Demit to the Conclave in which the applicant then holds Regular or Emeritus Membership. Regular Membership in the selecting Conclave shall commence as of the date of the issuance of the Demit. If the applicant desires to hold multiple memberships, Regular Membership in the selecting Conclave shall commence as of the date of the selection. The Recorder of the selecting Conclave shall advise the Recorder of the Conclave in which the applicant last held Regular or Emeritus Membership of the applicant's change in status to a Dual Membership in that Conclave.
- E. The foregoing provisions notwithstanding, in a Subordinate Conclave of five or fewer members, the Grand Sovereign alone shall pass on the qualifications of any Royal Arch Mason proposed for conferral of the Orders and only he may issue the invitation for membership by installation. If the invitation is accepted, the Grand Sovereign possesses the prerogative to confer the Orders upon such invitee. The Grand Sovereign may delegate the power to confer the Orders to any Intendant General or any Past Sovereign.

*[Amended: 2011; 2012.]*

*[Source: Sections 5 and 6 of the 1958 General Statutes and Section 10 of the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*



**§804.120. DUAL MEMBERSHIP.**

- A. A Knight Companion in good standing in a Conclave in this or any sister Jurisdiction may be selected to Dual Membership in any other Conclave as provided in Section 804.115 of these Statutes and Regulations.
- B. A Dual Member shall have the same rights and privileges as a Regular Member and shall pay dues and assessments collected by the Conclave.
- C. The withdrawal of a Knight Companion from the Conclave in which he holds a Regular or Emeritus Membership automatically converts his Dual Membership into a Regular Membership, subject to the allowed limit for Regular Members. If he holds Dual Membership in more than one Subordinate Conclave, he shall designate the Conclave in which his Dual Membership shall automatically convert into a Regular Membership, subject to the allowed limit for Regular Members. By notice given to both the Subordinate Conclave in which a Dual Member holds Regular Membership and a Subordinate Conclave in which he holds Dual Membership, he may switch his Regular and Dual Memberships between those two Conclaves, subject to the allowed limit for Regular Members in the Conclave in which such classification is sought.
- D. A Dual Member holding original membership in a Conclave not under the jurisdiction of this Grand Imperial Council shall annually submit to the Recorder of the Conclave evidence of his continued good standing in the other or original Conclave. Failure to submit evidence of good standing, upon due notice, shall be cause for termination of such Dual Membership in the Conclave.

*[Amended: 2011; 2012.]*

*[Source: Section 5 of the 1958 General Statutes and Section 10 of the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§804.125. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.**

A Conclave may confer an Honorary Membership upon a member in good standing of another Conclave in this or any sister Jurisdiction who has performed an outstanding service for Freemasonry or the Constantinian Order and upon whom the Conclave may desire to confer special distinction. Honorary Membership entitles the holder to no rights and privileges in this Jurisdiction other than a seat in the Conclave in which he holds an Honorary Membership. Termination of membership for any other reason in the original Conclave automatically forfeits his Honorary Membership.

*[Amended: 2011.]*

*[Source: Section 5 of the 1958 General Statutes and Section 10 of the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§804.130. EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP.**

A Conclave may convert to an Emeritus Membership the membership of a Regular Member of the Conclave when such member is prevented from regular attendance through no fault of his own. The conversion of a Regular Membership to this classification shall require the consent of the member. Emeritus Members shall have the same rights and privileges as Regular Members, except as the Conclave may otherwise specify, and shall pay such dues and assessments as the Conclave may specify, unless by vote of the Conclave their dues are remitted. In either case, the per capita tax shall be paid to the Grand Imperial Council the same as for Regular Members. At the request of an Emeritus Member, the Conclave may convert his membership to that of a Regular Member, subject to the allowed limit for Regular Members.

*[Amended: 2011.]*

*[Source: Section 5 of the 1958 General Statutes and Section 10 of the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§804.135. MEMBERSHIP FEES.**

All fees for installation, affiliation or Dual Membership must in all cases accompany the application. *[Source: Section 5 of the 1958 General Statutes and Section 10 of the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§804.140. REJECTIONS.**

- A. Where the name of any person has been presented to the Conclave for the Orders and such a person has been rejected, his name shall not again be presented in any Conclave until after the expiration of one year from the date of the Regular Assembly at which such person has been rejected.
- B. Where the name of any person has been presented to the Conclave for affiliation or Dual Membership and such a person has been rejected, his name shall not again be presented in such Conclave until after the expiration of one year from the date of the Regular Assembly at which such person has been rejected. A rejection or withdrawal of the proposal for membership by affiliation shall not affect the rights of the proposed Knight Companion unattached as a former member of the Order. A rejection or withdrawal of the proposal for Dual Membership shall not affect the rights of the proposed Knight Companion in the Order. The proposed Knight Companion's name may be proposed in any other Subordinate Conclave at any time.
- C. In case of the rejection of a proposal for installation, affiliation or Dual Membership, no member or visitor shall disclose either the name of the man rejected or the name of any member who objected to the proposal under the penalty of suspension or expulsion, if a member, or, if a visitor, under the penalty of never being permitted to visit the Conclave again or to become a member of it. The Sovereign, in all proper cases, shall cause this

section to be read immediately after the rejection of a proposal for installation or affiliation.

*[Amended: 2011.]*

*[Source: Sections 5 and 8 of the 1958 General Statutes and Section 10 of the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§804.145. PENAL JURISDICTION.**

A Subordinate Conclave has penal jurisdiction over all of its members wherever residing for any violation of the laws of Christian Knighthood. A Subordinate Conclave has penal jurisdiction over all unaffiliated Knights Companions, residing within its exclusive territorial jurisdiction, for any violation of the laws of Christian Knighthood. *[Source: Section 5 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§804.150. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP.**

- A. A member of a Conclave ceases to be such by death or by withdrawal, suspension, expulsion or termination of required membership in a prerequisite Masonic body, as provided in this section. Termination of membership in a Conclave in this or any other Jurisdiction for any reason other than withdrawal automatically terminates his membership in any Subordinate Conclave in which membership was held.
- B. Any member desiring to withdraw from membership in a Conclave shall present his request for withdrawal in writing at a Regular Assembly. If no valid objection is offered, his membership shall then automatically terminate, and if he is a Regular or Emeritus Member a Demit shall be granted to him. No action shall be taken upon the requested withdrawal of a member pending any inquiry into his conduct, nor until his dues or financial obligations to the Conclave shall have been paid or remitted.
- C. A member may be suspended for non-payment of dues by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a Regular Assembly.
- D. A member may be suspended or expelled for any violation of the laws of Christian Knighthood. Such a suspension or expulsion shall require a two-thirds vote of the members present at a Regular Assembly (not counting the vote of the accused). A member who has been suspended or expelled from a Conclave for any violation of the laws of Christian Knighthood may appeal his suspension or expulsion directly to the Grand Imperial Council as the tribunal of last resort.
- E. A member whose required membership in a prerequisite Masonic body has been terminated by demit or otherwise automatically ceases to be a member in the Conclave. Termination of membership in a prerequisite Masonic body by suspension or expulsion shall not terminate his membership in the event of an appeal of such action until the final decision has been had in the body to which such appeal shall have been taken. However,

until the final decision on such appeal, all of his rights and privileges in the Conclave are suspended.

*[Amended: 2011.]*

*[Source: Sections 5, 8 and 11 of the 1958 General Statutes and Section 10 of the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§804.155. RESTORATION OF MEMBERSHIP.**

- A. If a member ceased to be such by withdrawal, he may be restored by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a Regular Assembly of the Conclave from which he withdrew if he is then in good standing in all prerequisite Masonic bodies.
- B. A member who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, may, upon payment of same, be restored by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a Regular Assembly of the Conclave from which he was suspended if he is then in good standing in all prerequisite Masonic bodies.
- C. A member who has been suspended or expelled for any violation of the laws of Christian Knighthood may be restored by the unanimous vote of the members present at a Regular Assembly of the Conclave from which he was suspended or expelled if he is then in good standing in all prerequisite Masonic bodies.
- D. If a member ceased to be such by reason of the termination of his membership in a prerequisite Masonic body, he may be restored by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a Regular Assembly of the Conclave in which his membership was thus terminated if he is then in good standing in all prerequisite Masonic bodies.

No one may be restored to membership if such action would cause the Conclave to exceed the maximum number of members in the applicable classification.

*[Amended: 2011; 2012.]*

*[Source: Sections 5, 8 and 11 of the 1958 General Statutes and Section 10 of the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§804.160. LIFE MEMBERSHIPS.**

The creation or issuance of Life Memberships is hereby prohibited; however, life memberships heretofore issued shall not be invalidated by the adoption of this statute. *[Source: Section 5 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

## **CHAPTER 5 OFFICERS**

### **§805.010. OFFICERS.**

- A. The elected officers of a Conclave shall consist of the Sovereign (as Constantine with title Puissant), Viceroy (as Eusebius, with title Eminent), Senior General, Junior General, Treasurer and Recorder, who shall be elected at the Annual Assembly of the Conclave or at a Regular Assembly previous to the Annual Assembly. It is not permissible for one Knight Companion to be installed into more than one elective office for simultaneous or concurrent terms of service, except that the Intendant General may grant a dispensation allowing one member to be installed as both the Treasurer and Recorder of a single Subordinate Conclave.
- B. Previous to his own enthronement, the Sovereign shall appoint a Prelate, Prefect, Standard Bearer, Herald and Sentinel to serve during his term of office but subject to his removal at any time.
- C. A Conclave may elect or appoint additional officers, such as Trustees, an Orator, Stewards and Organist, as the Conclave may provide.
- D. Each officer of a Conclave must be a regular, Dual or Emeritus Member in good standing in that Conclave.
- E. Subject to Section 805.050, the officers of a Conclave shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected, or appointed, and installed.
- F. The officers of a Sanctuary of Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, and of a Commandery of Knights of St. John, shall be styled and take rank according to the Rituals as promulgated by the Grand Imperial Council. These offices shall be filled pro-tem by the appointment of the Sovereign.

*[Amended: 2016.]*

*[Source: Section 8 and 10 of the 1958 General Statutes and Section 10 of the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

### **§805.020. INSTALLATION OF THE OFFICERS.**

- A. The officers of a Conclave shall be invested with their respective offices at the time of election or as soon thereafter as practicable.
- B. Previous to the enthronement of a Sovereign-elect, he must solemnly promise on his honor as a Christian Knight to submit to all of the following ordinances and promise to observe and practice them faithfully:

1. That you will exert your best endeavors to promote the true happiness of your Brother Knights Companions?
  2. That you will not confer the dignity of Knighthood upon anyone who is not of the Christian religion and upon only such as you have reason to believe will cheerfully conform to all our laws and precepts?
  3. That you will endeavor to promote the general good of the Order upon all convenient occasions?
  4. That to the utmost of your power, you will preserve the solemnity of our Ceremonies, and conduct yourself in open Assembly with the most profound respect and reverence as an example to the Knights Companions under your rule?
  5. That you will not acknowledge, nor have intercourse with, nor visit, any Conclave which does not work under a constitutional charter from a recognized Grand Imperial Council of the Order?
  6. That you will ever maintain and support the authority of the United Grand Imperial Council of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders for the United States of America and Its Jurisdiction, and enforce due obedience to its Edicts, Statutes, and Regulations, and strictly observe its ancient traditions and general principles?
  7. That you will bind your successor in office to the observance of these rules to which you now assent?
- C. Every officer of a Subordinate Conclave shall take the following obligation before he enters upon the exercise of their respective offices:

I \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly promise and vow, that I will ever maintain and support the By-laws, Rules and Regulations of this Conclave, and the Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders for the United States of America and Its Jurisdiction, and enforce obedience to its Statutes, Edicts, and Regulations.

*[Source: Section 10 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*  
*[Amended: 2022.]*

**§805.030. CONDITIONS TO INSTALLATION OF THE SOVEREIGN AND VICEROY.**

- A. No Knight Companion shall be qualified to preside over a Conclave of the Order until he shall have been duly invested with the grade of Sovereign in the Imperial Senate, nor shall the grade be conferred upon anyone who has not previously been consecrated a Viceroy and who has not been duly conferred as a member of the Orders of Knight of the Holy Sepulchre and Knight of Saint John the Evangelist. Where the restriction of

membership of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre and St. John the Evangelist work a hardship, the Grand Sovereign, or the Intendant General, acting in his behalf, may grant a waiver in each instance. It shall be the duty of all Knights Companions who shall be selected by their Conclave as a Sovereign to forthwith apply to an Intendant General for official investiture. In the event that the services of such officer cannot be procured, the Grand Sovereign or Intendant General may deputize any member of the Imperial Senate to make the investiture.

- B. No Knight Companion shall be qualified to sit in a Conclave as a Viceroy who shall not have been duly consecrated to the Priesthood of Eusebius in the Imperial College of the Order and who has not been duly conferred a member of the Orders of Knight of the Holy Sepulchre and Knight of Saint John the Evangelist. Where the restriction of membership in the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and St. John the Evangelist work a hardship, the Grand Sovereign, or the Intendant General acting in his behalf, may grant a waiver in each instance. It shall be the duty of all Knights Companions who shall be selected by their Conclave as a Viceroy to forthwith apply to an Intendant General for official investiture. In the event that the services of such officer cannot be procured, the Grand Sovereign or Intendant General may deputize any member of the Imperial Senate to make the investiture.

*[Source: Sections 8(b) and 8(c) of Article I of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

#### **§805.040. DUTIES OF OFFICERS.**

- A. The Sovereign has it in special charge to see that the Bylaws of the Conclave are duly observed as well as the Constitution, Statutes, Regulations and Laws of the Grand Imperial Council; that accurate records are kept, and regular accounts, reports and returns are made to the Grand Recorder of the Imperial Council annually, and that the fees and dues are paid promptly. He shall preside over the Conclave and see that the opening, closing and other ritualistic work is performed in a dignified and creditable manner. It is also his duty to attend all Assemblies of the Grand Imperial Council.

The Sovereign shall appoint, at least one month before the date of the Annual Assembly, an Auditing Committee consisting of three Knights Companions, none of whom shall be an elective officer, whose duty it shall be to audit or have audited the books of the Recorder, Treasurer and Trustees, if any, and to make a report in writing at the Annual Assembly, or, not later than the first Regular Assembly after the Annual Assembly.

The Sovereign shall have such other powers as are in keeping with the growth and needs of the Conclave and which are consistent with the provisions of the Constitution, Statutes, Regulations and Laws of the Grand Imperial Council, and the Bylaws of the Conclave.

- B. The Viceroy shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Conclave or are traditionally appropriate to his station. It is also his duty to attend all Assemblies of the Grand Imperial Council.
- C. The Senior General and the Junior General shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the Conclave, or such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.
- D. The Treasurer shall keep a correct account of all moneys received by him, on account of the Conclave, giving his receipt therefor. He shall keep an accurate account of all moneys received from whatever source on account of the Conclave. He shall pay out such funds only upon orders drawn upon him by authority of the Conclave, and signed by both the Sovereign and the Recorder. He shall open an account in the name of the Conclave with a Bank or Trust Company, which has been approved by the Conclave. He shall annually submit in writing an account of all moneys received and disbursed by him and submit his books and records for audit and approval. He shall perform such other duties as pertain to the office.
- E. The Recorder shall keep full and correct minutes of the proceedings of the Conclave and issue notices for each Regular and Special Assembly. He shall receive all moneys which may be paid to the Conclave and pay the same forthwith to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor. He shall submit his books and accounts to the Auditing Committee for examination, together with the statement of all receipts and expenditures. From time to time, he shall notify the members concerning any dues or other financial obligations which are owing the Conclave. He shall on or before March 1st of each year submit the Annual Returns in writing to the Grand Recorder, upon such forms as may be provided by the Grand Imperial Council. He shall perform such other duties as pertain to the office.
- F. The Trustees, if such officers are elected, shall be custodians of the tangible assets of the Conclave. The Conclave, may, if it desires, require the Recorder, Treasurer and Trustees, if any, to give bond in surety form, the premiums thereof to be paid by the Conclave.
- G. The Sentinel shall be the custodian of, and shall have charge of, all of the paraphernalia of the Conclave under the direction of the Sovereign.
- H. The duties of the remaining officers of the Conclave shall be such as prescribed by the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Imperial Council, or in the absence of such statutory provisions, such as are usually incident to the office.

*[Amended: 2011.]*

*[Source: Section 8 of the 1958 General Statutes and Section 10 of the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*



**§805.050. VACANCY OR INCAPACITY.**

- A. An office in a Conclave becomes vacant if the holder is removed by the Sovereign, the holder resigns his office or the holder ceases to be a regular, Dual or Emeritus Member in good standing of such Conclave.
- B. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Sovereign, or his inability to perform the functions of his office, the Viceroy shall succeed to and be charged with all his powers and duties, upon him having been coroneted a member of the Senate of Sovereigns. In case of a vacancy in office or inability to perform the function of office of both of their superiors, the Senior General and Junior General shall, in the order of their rank, succeed to higher office. The most junior Past Sovereign of the Conclave, able and willing to serve, shall be empowered to preside until such time as a successor to the Sovereign has been coroneted a member of the Senate of Sovereigns.
- C. If any other elective office becomes vacant, an election to fill the vacancy shall take place at the next Regular Assembly, upon due notice to the members.
- D. If any appointed office becomes vacant, the Sovereign may appoint a successor for the unexpired portion of the current term.

*[Amended: 2012.]*

*[Source: Section 10 of the 1958 General Statutes and Section 10 of the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§805.060. PAST SOVEREIGNS.**

The title of Past Sovereign applies only to a member who:

- A. Has been regularly selected or named in a charter as Sovereign in this or any sister jurisdiction;
- B. Has been installed as Sovereign of a Subordinate Conclave in this or any sister jurisdiction;
- C. Has served until the installation of his successor, except in the case of death or consolidation, as provided below, or has served until his own installation as Sovereign of such Conclave for the subsequent year; and
- D. Is at the time in good standing in a Conclave in this Jurisdiction.

If a Sovereign resigns before the installation of his successor, he forfeits all right to the title of Past Sovereign and to membership in the Grand Imperial Council, unless otherwise qualified. If a member has been regularly elected or named in a charter and installed as Sovereign of a Subordinate Conclave in this Jurisdiction and dies while serving as Sovereign, he may by

resolution of his Conclave be designated as a Past Sovereign. A member in good standing in a Subordinate Conclave in this Jurisdiction who has been regularly elected or named in a charter and installed as Sovereign of a Subordinate Conclave in this Jurisdiction shall have the title of Past Sovereign, if the Conclave consolidated while he was serving as Sovereign and he did not become Sovereign of the consolidated Conclave. *[Source: Section 8 (d) of Article I of the 1958 Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

## **CHAPTER 6 COMMITTEES**

### **§806.000. COMMITTEES.**

The Conclave may have such committees as the Sovereign or the Conclave may deem proper to appoint. All committees shall be appointed by the Sovereign from the membership of the Conclave, unless the Conclave or these Statutes and Regulations provide otherwise.

## **CHAPTER 7 ASSEMBLIES**

### **§807.000. DATE, TIME AND PLACE.**

- A. The Annual Assembly of a Conclave shall be held on or before the Festival of St. John the Evangelist (December 27), or within thirty days thereafter.
- B. Dates, times and places of Annual and Regular Assemblies may be set by the Sovereign and written or printed notice given to all members at least ten days prior thereto.
- C. Special Assemblies may be called by the Sovereign or by written request of three members of the Conclave. Notice shall be given to all members of the date, time and place of such Assemblies at least ten days prior thereto, and no business shall be transacted except that for which it is called and which is specified in the notice.
- D. No Assembly shall be held during the Annual Assembly or any Special Assembly of the United Grand Imperial Council, unless approved in writing by the Grand Sovereign.

*[Amended: 2012; 2021.]*

*[Source: Section 8 of the 1958 General Statutes and Section 10 of the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

### **§807.030. QUORUM.**

At all Assemblies five members exclusive of the Sovereign shall constitute a quorum. *[Source: Section 8 of the 1958 General Statutes and Section 10 of the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§807.060. VOTING.**

A majority vote of all members present at an Assembly shall be required to approve all business transactions, except those matters for which other provision is made in the Bylaws of the Conclave or in the Constitution of the Grand Imperial Council or these Statutes and Regulations. The Sovereign shall have a regular vote in all matters before the Conclave. In case of a tie vote, he may also cast the deciding vote. *[Source: Section 8 of the 1958 General Statutes and Section 10 of the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**CHAPTER 8  
FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**§808.010. FEES.**

- A. The fee for installation in the Conclave shall be such amount as may, from time to time, be set by action at a Regular Assembly, which in no event shall be less than the sum of \$50.
- B. The fee for affiliation for a Knight of the Order shall be such amount as may, from time to time, be set by action at a Regular Assembly.
- C. The fee for a Dual Member shall be such amount as may, from time to time, be set by action at a Regular Assembly.

*[Source: Section 6 of the 1958 General Statutes and Section 10 of the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§808.050. DUES.**

- A. Dues shall be such amount as may, from time to time, be set by action at a Regular Assembly. All dues shall be payable in advance on or before the first day of January of each year.
- B. Any member in arrears to the Conclave for more than one year's dues, or other financial obligation, and neglecting or refusing to pay for same after he has been duly notified, may be suspended from membership unless his arrearages shall have been paid or remitted by a majority vote of the Conclave.
- C. Any member who has been suspended for non-payment of dues or assessments, may upon payment of same, be restored to membership by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a Regular Assembly.

*[Source: Section 6 of the 1958 General Statutes and Section 10 of the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**CHAPTER 9  
OTHER MATTERS**

**§809.010. NAME AND SEAL.**

Every Subordinate Conclave shall be known only by its name and the city and state or other political district named in its charter. Its seal shall show its name and the words “Red Cross of Constantine” with date of charter, and all official communications, reports, certificates and matters of like nature shall be authenticated thereunder. *[Source: Section 8 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§809.030. DECISION OF SOVEREIGN.**

There shall be no appeal to the Conclave from any decision of the Sovereign. Objections to a decision of the Sovereign may be presented to the Grand Sovereign and dealt with by him. *[Source: Section 11 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§809.060. ANNUAL RETURNS.**

- A. Every Subordinate Conclave shall return to the Grand Recorder annually, on blanks to be furnished by him, a statement showing the roll of its officers and all members, together with all installations, admissions, demissions, deaths, expulsions, suspensions, and reinstatements, Dual Member registrations and elected Emeritus Members, also the number of Assemblies held during the year. Said report shall be forwarded so as to reach the Grand Recorder’s office not later than the last day of February in each year.
- B. With its Annual Returns, each Conclave shall forward such dues and fees as may be required by the Constitution of the Grand Imperial Council or by these Statutes and Regulations.

*[Amended: 2023.]*

*[Source: Section 4 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**CHAPTER 10  
DISSOLUTION AND CONSOLIDATIONS**

**§810.010. DISSOLUTION.**

A Conclave shall be dissolved by:

- A. The voluntary surrender of its charter.
- B. The revocation of its charter by action of the Grand Imperial Council at an Annual or Special Assembly after one or more charges against the Conclave have been presented to

and investigated by the Grand Imperial Council, and the accused Conclave has received due notice of the charge or charges.

**§810.050. EFFECT OF DISSOLUTION.**

The dissolution of the Conclave upon the surrender or revocation of its charter shall be conclusive upon the Conclave and its members. Upon the dissolution of a Conclave, the Grand Recorder, or his duly authorized representative, shall, in such manner as shall seem to him most judicious:

- A. Proceed at once to receive its funds on hand;
- B. Collect outstanding dues;
- C. Dispose of its jewels, furniture, and other property; and
- D. Place the proceeds thereof, after the payment of all just debts and necessary expenses, in the General Fund of the Grand Imperial Council.

Upon dissolution of the Conclave, all memberships in the dissolved Conclave shall terminate. No Demits shall be issued to any of the Knights Companions of the dissolved Conclave. Those of the dissolved Conclave's Knights Companions who are Dual Members in other Conclaves shall remain members of such other Conclaves. Those of the dissolved Conclave's remaining Knights Companions shall become members of the Grand Sovereign's Conclave, as provided in Section 812.010 of these Statutes and Regulations.

*[Amended: 2016.]*

*[Source: Section 8 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

**§810.075. CONSOLIDATION.**

Two or more Conclaves may consolidate into one Conclave upon such terms as may be agreed between the Conclaves. If the consolidated Conclave does not bear the name of one of the Conclaves comprising it, the consolidated Conclave shall obtain a new seal and shall either receive a new Charter without charge or have an endorsement of the authorization of the consolidation by Grand Imperial Council made upon the Charter of one of the component Conclaves. The consolidated Conclave succeeds to all the funds and property of its constituents and is responsible for the debts of each Conclave. The pro rata portion of the dues paid in excess of the dues established by the consolidated Conclave shall be credited as dues paid in advance. The members of each Conclave become such of the new Conclave.

*[Added: 2016.]*

## **CHAPTER 11 UNUSUAL CASES**

### **§811.010. UNUSUAL CASES.**

In cases not especially provided for by the traditions of this Order, or by the Grand Imperial Council, or by the Bylaws of the Conclave, the Conclave shall be governed by the usages of Ancient Craft Masonry so far as the same may apply. [Source: Section 10 of the 1958 Standing Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council.]

## **CHAPTER 12 GRAND SOVEREIGN'S CONCLAVE**

### **§812.010. GRAND SOVEREIGN'S CONCLAVE.**

The Grand Sovereign's Conclave is a special classification of Conclave which shall be subject to all provisions of The Constitution and the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Imperial Council applicable to Conclaves, except as follows:

- A. There shall be only one Grand Sovereign's Conclave in this Jurisdiction, and it shall be chartered with the name "Grand Sovereign's Conclave;"
- B. The officers of the Grand Sovereign's Conclave shall be the Grand Sovereign as Sovereign, the Grand Viceroy as Viceroy, the Grand Treasurer as Treasurer, and the Grand Recorder as Recorder, each of whom shall serve in this office *ex officio*;
- C. Membership shall consist only of:
  - 1. As *ex-officio* members, the Grand Sovereign, the Grand Viceroy, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder; and
  - 2. Those Knights Companions of a Conclave at the time that the Conclave's charter is surrendered or revoked who are not at the time a Dual Member in another Conclave;
- D. Membership in the Grand Sovereign's Conclave shall cease for any Knight Companion upon taking a Demit therefrom or becoming a Dual Member in another Conclave;
- E. The Grand Sovereign's Conclave shall hold no meetings nor confer any of the Constantinian Orders or Degrees;
- F. Dues for the operation of the Grand Sovereign's Conclave shall be established by the Grand Sovereign each year in an amount sufficient to offset any cost to the Grand Imperial Council for the operation of the Grand Sovereign's Conclave, imposing no burden on the per capita. These dues shall be sufficient not only to pay the costs of the

operation of the Grand Sovereign's Conclave, but also the per capita due Grand Imperial Council each year; and

- G. All other actions requiring the consent or vote of the Conclave shall be effected by the Grand Sovereign acting alone.

*[Added: 2016.]*

## **PART 9 AMENDMENTS**

### **§900.000. AMENDMENTS.**

Proposed amendments to these Statutes and Regulations must be adopted at an Annual or Special Assembly of the Grand Imperial Council by two-thirds of the votes cast. If so adopted, they shall become a part of these Statutes and Regulations at the close of the Assembly. *[Source: Sections 15 and 16 of the 1958 General Statutes of the United Grand Imperial Council.]*

## Appendix

### Jurisdiction of Subordinate Conclaves

To specify certain special jurisdictions of Subordinate Conclaves, the Grand Imperial Council has approved the following:

Jurisdiction of St. John's Conclave, Chicago, Illinois, is made exclusive in Cook County, and in the Counties contiguous, Lake, Kane, McHenry, DuPage, Kendall and Will, of the State of Illinois.

Jurisdiction of St. Helena Conclave, Peoria, Illinois, is made exclusive in Peoria County. (See 2003 Proceedings)

Jurisdiction of St. Louis Conclave, St. Louis, Missouri, is made exclusive in the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County.

Jurisdiction of St. Leonard Conclave, Jackson, Mississippi, is made exclusive in the Counties of Hinds, Madison, Yazoo, Warren, Cliborne, Sipiah and Simpson in the State of Mississippi.

Jurisdiction of St. Boniface Conclave, Water Valley, Mississippi, is made exclusive in the Counties of Yalobusha, Panola, Lafayette, Tallahatchie, Calhoun and Grenada in the State of Mississippi. (See 1958 Proceedings)

Jurisdiction of Albany Conclave, Albany, New York, granted October 19, 1927, was verified exclusive in Counties Clinton, Franklin, Essex, Hamilton, Warren, Washington, Saratoga, Fulton, Montgomery, Schenectady, Schohaire, Albany, Rensselaer, Columbia, and Greene. (See 1968 Proceedings)

By-Laws of St. Janus Conclave amended to provide for change of location from Bend, Oregon, to Medford, Oregon, granting exclusive jurisdiction in the County of Jackson and concurrent jurisdiction in all other Counties except the locale of another Oregon Conclave. (See 1972 Proceedings). By-Laws of St. Janus Conclave amended to provide for change of location from Medford, Oregon to North Bend, Oregon, granting exclusive jurisdiction in the County of Coos and concurrent jurisdiction in all other Counties except the locale of another Oregon Conclave. (See 2019 Proceedings).

Jurisdiction of St. Justin Conclave, Kansas City, Kansas, granted June 5, 1976, is made exclusive in Wyandotte and Johnson Counties, of the State of Kansas.

By-Laws of San Lorenzo Conclave, Ancon, Republic of Panama, amended to provide for change of location from Ancon to Balboa, Republic of Panama. Adopted: June 13, 1981

Jurisdiction of St. Alban Conclave, Seattle, Washington, in addition to the County of King in which it is located, is granted exclusive jurisdiction in Pierce County, Washington. Adopted: June 8, 1985



Change the location of Miami Conclave from Miami, Florida to West Palm Beach, Florida, granting exclusive jurisdiction in the County of Palm Beach and concurrent jurisdiction in all other counties except the locals of another Florida Conclave. (See 2001 Proceedings)

At the Annual Assembly on June 6, 1997, the Jurisdiction of the Conclaves in Vermont was specified by town. This allocation was modified at the Annual Assembly on June 1, 2018. As a result, the exclusive and concurrent jurisdiction of the Conclaves in Vermont is as follows.

EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF STAR OF BETHLEHEM

Addison	Georgia	Pittsfield
Albany	Glover	Pittsford
Alburg	Goshen	Richford
Avery's Gore (Franklin County)	Grand Isle	Richmond
Bakersfield	Granville	Ripton
Barton	Greensboro	Rochester
Belvidere	Hancock	St. Albans City
Benson	Hardwick	St. Albans Town
Berkshire	Highgate	St. George
Bolton	Hinesburg	Salisbury
Brandon	Holland	Shelburne
Bridgport	Hubbardton	Sheldon
Bristol	Huntington	Shoreham
Brownington	Hyde Park	South Burlington
Buels Gore	Irasburg	South Hero
Burlington	Isle La Motte	Satarksboro
Cambridge	Jay	Stowe
Charlestown	Jericho	Sudbury
Charlotte	Johnson	Swanton
Chittenden	Leicester	Troy
Colchester	Lincoln	Underhill
Cornwall	Lowell	Vergennes
Coventry	Middlebury	Waltham
Craftsbury	Milton	Waterville
Derby	Monkton	Westfield
Eden	Montgomery	Westford
Elmore	Morgan	Westmore
Enosburg	Morristown	Weybridge
Essex	New Haven	Whiting
Fairfax	Newport City	Williston
Fairfield	Newport Town	Winooski
Ferrisburgh	North Hero	Wolcott
Fletcher	Orwell	
Franklin	Panton	

EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF SAINT HELENA

Averill	Fayston	Roxbury
Avery's Gore (Essex County)	Ferdinand	Royalton
Barnard	Granby	Ryegate
Barnet	Groton	St. Johnsbury
Barre City	Guildhall	Sharon
Barre Town	Hartford	Sheffield
Berlin	Hartland	Standard
Bethel	Kirby	Stockbridge
Bloomfield	Lemington	Stafford
Bradford	Lewis	Sutton
Braintree	Lunenburg	Thetford
Bridgewater	Lyndon	Topsham
Brighton	Maidstone	Turbridge
Brookfield	Marshfield	Verhsire
Brunswick	Middlesex	Victory
Burke	Montpelier	Waitsfield
Cabot	Moretown	Walden
Calais	Newark	Warner's Grant
Canaan	Newbury	Warren
Chelsea	Northfield	Warren's Gore
Concord	Norton	Washington
Corinth	Norwich	Waterford
Danville	Orange	West Fairlee
Duxbury	Peacham	Wheelock
East Haven	Plainfield	Williamstown
East Montpelier	Pomfret	Woodbury
Fairlee	Randolph	Woodstock
		Worcester

## CONCURRENT JURISDICTION

Andover	Ludlow	Shrewsbury
Arlington	Manchester	Somerset
Athens	Marlboro	Springfield
Baltimore	Mendon	Stamford
Bennington	Middletown Springs	Stratton
Brattleboro	Mount Holly	Sunderland
Brookline	Mount Tabor	Tinmouth
Castleton	Newfane	Townshend
Cavendish	Pawlet	Vernon
Chester	Peru	Wallingford
Clarendon	Plymouth	Wardsboro
Danby	Poultney	Weathersfield
Dorset	Pownal	Wells
Dover	Proctor	West Haven
Dummerston	Putney	Westminster
Fair Haven	Reading	Weston
Glastenbury	Readsboro	West Rutland
Grafton	Rockingham	West Windsor
Guilford	Rupert	Whitingham
Halifax	Rutland City	Wilmington
Ira	Rutland Town	Windham
Jamaica	Sandgate	Windsor
Killington	Searsburg	Winhall
Landgrove	Shaftsbury	Woodford
Londonderry		

**CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS OF A SUBORDINATE CONCLAVE  
ADOPTED AT 123RD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY JUNE 9, 1995 (AS AMENDED ON JUNE  
4, 2022).**

*(When the officers of a Subordinate Conclave are ready for Installation the Reigning Sovereign, or a Past Sovereign designated by him, shall appoint a Marshal and direct him to place the Puissant Sovereign-elect directly West of the Altar facing East, with the other elected and appointed officers behind him in line; except that upon reelection of either the Treasurer, Recorder or a Trustee, it will not be necessary to install that Officer.)*

*((CONSTITUTION) Article I. Section 8. RANK. (a) No Knight Companion shall be qualified to preside over a Conclave of the Order until he shall have been duly invested with the Grade of Sovereign in the Imperial Senate, nor shall the grade be conferred upon anyone who has not previously been consecrated a Viceroy and who has not been duly conferred as a member of the Orders of Knight of the Holy Sepulchre and Knight of Saint John the Evangelist. Where the restriction of membership in the Order of the Holy Sepulchre and St. John the Evangelist work a hardship. The Grand Sovereign, or the Intendant General, acting in his behalf, may grant a waiver in each instance.*

*(b) No Knight Companion shall be qualified to sit in a Conclave as a Viceroy who shall not have been duly consecrated to the Priesthood of Eusebius in the Imperial College of the Order and who has not been duly conferred a member of the Orders of Knight of the Holy Sepulchre and Knight of Saint John the Evangelist. Where the restriction of membership in the Orders of Knight of the Holy Sepulchre and St. John the Evangelist work a hardship, the Grand Sovereign, or the Intendant General acting in his behalf may grant a waiver in each instance.)*

INSTALLING OFFICER: Knight Companion Recorder, read the names of the officers to be installed. Knight Companion Marshal, place the Puissant Sovereign-elect West of the Altar facing East, the other officers in line behind him.

*(As the Recorder reads each name of elected or appointed officer, the officer rises and is conducted by the Marshal to his place West of the Altar.)*

INSTALLING OFFICER<sup>1</sup>: In Freemasonry we are admonished never to engage in any great or laudable undertaking without first invoking the blessings of Deity. All please rise. Knight Companion \_\_\_\_\_, Acting Prelate, please give the invocation.

ACTING PRELATE<sup>2</sup>: Gracious God, Great Architect, and Blessed Trinity, made known to us through Jesus Christ whom we acknowledge as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, we beseech Thy blessing upon this, our present undertaking, as we install the officers who now assume leadership in conclave of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine.

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<sup>1</sup>These lines are to be used by the Installing Officer only in the case of an open installation when the Conclave is not open.

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May he who would now command be imbued with the courage and constancy, and compassion of our Illustrious Founder, Constantine. May he be an exemplar of faith, unity, and zeal within this Conclave and in all his doings. May he be loyally supported by all the Knights Companions so that this Conclave and our Order may thrive to the honor and glory of Thy kingdom. All this we ask in the name and for the sake of the all-conquering cross Bearer, Jesus Christ. Amen. (Dr. Harold A. Dunkelberger, Ill. Grand Chaplain, 1987)

INSTALLING OFFICER: (*addressing those present*) You may be seated.

INSTALLING OFFICER: Puissant Sovereign-Elect, previous to your installation, it is necessary that you signify your assent to these ancient rules and regulations which point out your duties as a Sovereign.

Do you solemnly promise, upon your Honor as a Christian Knight:

1. That you will exert your best endeavors to promote the true happiness of your Brother Knights Companions?
2. That you will not confer the dignity of Knighthood upon anyone who is not of the Christian religion and upon only such as you have reason to believe will cheerfully conform to all our laws and precepts?
3. That you will endeavor to promote the general good of the Order upon all convenient occasions?
4. That to the utmost of your power, you will preserve the solemnity of our Ceremonies, and conduct yourself in open Assembly with the most profound respect and reverence as an example to the Knights Companions under your rule?
5. That you will not acknowledge, nor have intercourse with, nor visit, any Conclave which does not work under a constitutional charter from a recognized Grand Imperial Council of the Order?
6. That you will ever maintain and support the authority of the United Grand Imperial Council of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders for the United States of America and Its Jurisdiction, and enforce due obedience to its Edicts, Statutes, and Regulations, and strictly observe its ancient traditions and general principles?
7. That you will bind your successor in office to the observance of these rules to which you now assent?

Do you submit to all these ordinances, and promise to observe and practice them faithfully.

*(After Puissant Sovereign-Elect has answered, the Installing Officer will approach the Altar and obligate him and the other officers as follows:)*

INSTALLING OFFICER: Puissant Sovereign-Elect, you and your associate officers will now be obligated according to the rules and regulations of our Order. All Knights Companions will please stand. Officers, place your right hand over your heart and repeat after me.

I \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly promise and vow, that I will ever maintain and support the By-laws, Rules and Regulations of this Conclave, and the Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders for the United States of America and Its Jurisdiction, and enforce obedience to its Statutes, Edicts, and Regulations.

*(Installing Officer will then direct the Knights Companions other than the officers to be seated and will present the jewel of his office to the Sovereign, along with the charter of the Conclave, a copy of the Constitution, Statutes, and Regulations of the Grand Imperial Council and a copy of the By-Laws of the Conclave. These presentations to be in words of the Installing Officer's choosing.)*

INSTALLING OFFICER: *(after returning to his station)* Knight Companion Marshal, you will conduct the officers to their stations. *(Done)*

INSTALLING OFFICER: In the name of the United Grand Imperial Council of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders for the United States of America and Its Jurisdiction, I proclaim the Officers of \_\_\_\_\_ Conclave, of the City of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, to be duly installed.