

CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT  
MASTERS

IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI



ALSO  
THE BY-LAWS  
OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

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# CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,  
WITH AMENDMENTS TO INCLUDE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, 2011

## ARTICLE I – NAME

This Grand Council shall be known and designated as the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in the State of Mississippi.

## ARTICLE II - ITS COMPOSITION

**SECTION 1** - The following elective officers, that is to say, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Lecturer and the following appointive officers, that is to say, Grand Conductor of the Council, Grand Steward, Grand Marshall, Grand Chaplain and Grand Sentinel. *(Amended 1961)*

**SECTION 2** - Of the Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters and Past Principal Conductors of the Work of any Grand Council, while they continue members of a council under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council.

**SECTION 3** - Of the Past Illustrious Masters of the Councils of this and other jurisdictions, while they are members in good standing of a Council under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council.

**SECTION 4** - Of the Illustrious Masters, Deputy Masters and Principal Conductors of the Work, or their proxies, duly appointed, of the chartered Councils under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council, or in their absence, then in their stead, a Representative elected by the Council.

**SECTION 5** - All members of the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem of the State of Mississippi, who were such on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1856.

**SECTION 6** - A Grand Chaplain, to be appointed from amongst the members of any Council in this State.

### **ARTICLE III - ITS POWERS**

It shall have the sole government and superintendence of the several Councils in this State, and shall have power to assign their limits, prescribe the fees for admission and settle controversies that may arise between them; also to grant Charters for constituting new Councils of Royal and Select Masters within the State of Mississippi, to which shall be affixed the seal of the Grand Council, and the signature of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Recorder; also, to hear appeals, which may be taken to this Grand Council, by any Companion, or subordinate Council interested, from the decision of any subordinate Council; and to dispose of the same as in its wisdom it may deem advisable.

### **ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS**

There shall be a Stated Annual Assembly in each year, at such time and place as the Grand Council shall direct at the previous Assembly, and such Special Assemblies as the Grand Council or Grand Master may direct.

### **ARTICLE V - QUORUM**

A quorum shall consist of the representatives of not less than three Councils.

### **ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**SECTION 1** - It shall be the duty of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, severally to inform and perfect themselves in the sublime arts and work of Royal and Select Masters; to make themselves acquainted with lectures and ancient charges, and to consult with each other, for the purpose of adopting suitable measures for diffusing a knowledge of the work and lectures and to secure uniformity in the several Councils under their jurisdictions.

**SECTION 2** - No money shall be paid out by the Grand Treasurer without an order of the Grand Council, or the written order of the Grand Master, or officer presiding.

**SECTION 3** - It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to receive all monies from the Grand Recorder; and at the State Assemblies of the Grand Council, he shall exhibit an account of receipts and disbursements to a committee to be appointed for that purpose, which committee shall make report to the Grand Council.

**SECTION 4** - It shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to receive all monies due this Grand Council; to keep a record of all the proceedings of the Grand Council; and he shall cause the same to be printed, together with the returns from the several Subordinate Councils, and forward the same to the respective Councils.

**SECTION 5** - The Grand Recorder shall be allowed for his services such sum as the Grand Council may fix from year to year.

**SECTION 6** - The Grand Lecturer shall be allowed for his services such sum as the Grand Council may fix from year to year.

**SECTION 7** - The Grand Sentinel shall receive such compensation for his services as the Grand Council may deem reasonable.

**SECTION 8** The Grand Treasurer shall be allowed, as a compensation for his services, such a sum as the Grand Council may fix from year to year.

**SECTION 9** - Any person who has attained the age of at least sixty-five years and who has been a full-time salaried employee of the Grand Council for at least ten consecutive years immediately preceding the date of retirement shall be entitled to a retirement payment from the Grand Council, payable monthly, for as long as such person shall live. The amount of the benefit under the plan is to be determined as follows: 3% of the last full year's salary earned for each full year of employment through the first five years, plus 1.5% of the last full year's salary earned for each year thereafter; provided however, that the total percentage shall never exceed 50% of the last full year's salary earned, nor more than the sum of \$2,400.00 per year, whichever is smaller. Termination of employment, either before or after, entitlement to benefits may accrue, shall be at the election of the employee or the Grand Council. The plan shall be administered by a Grand Council Retirement Plan Committee composed of the following members: the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder and Chairman of the Finance Committee. The Grand Council shall appropriate an amount annually that it deems sufficient to pay the retirement benefits for the ensuing year, based upon calculated estimates of the Retirement Plan Committee and recommended by the Finance Committee. *(Added May 9, 1969)*

## **ARTICLE VII - ELECTIONS**

The officers of this Grand Council shall be chosen annually by ballot, and shall remain in office until their successors are duly elected and installed.

## **ARTICLE VIII - FEES AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

**SECTION 1** - No charter shall be granted for establishing a Council of Royal and Select Masters, for a less sum than fifty dollars.

**SECTION 2** - Each Subordinate Council of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in Mississippi shall pay to the Grand Council:

1. A fee for each companion greeted in the amount approved by the members of the Grand Council at an Annual Assembly. The said fee shall not be less than \$5.00.
2. Annual dues for each member as of December 31<sup>st</sup> in the amount approved by the members of the Grand Council at an Annual Assembly, except that no contribution shall be due for those members who are insane or who are duly exempted as provided for in Section 7 of the By-Laws of Subordinate Councils. Said annual dues are to include, but not limited to, an amount equal to the annual dues per non-exempt member payable to the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in Mississippi and an amount equal to the annual dues per non-exempt member payable to the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.
3. Should the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, at a Triennial Assembly, duly increase the amount payable per member by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in Mississippi to the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International for, but not limited to, annual dues, the amount of the increase shall become a part of the annual dues payable by each Subordinate Council to the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in Mississippi, ipso facto. (*Amended May 11, 1990*)

## **ARTICLE IX - THE RECORD**

Three copies of the printed Proceedings of this Grand Council shall be suitably bound and certified by the Grand Recorder as correct, and be preserved in his office as the Record of this Grand Council.

## **ARTICLE X - SUBORDINATE COUNCILS**

**SECTION 1** - A Council of Royal and Select Masters shall consist of an Illustrious Master, A Deputy Master, a Principal Conductor of the Work, Treasurer, Recorder, Captain of the Guard, Conductor of the Council, Steward and Sentinel, and as many members as may be found convenient for working to advantage, and ought to assemble for work at least once in three months.

**SECTION 2** - No Council of Royal and Select Masters in this State shall be considered legal, unless they have a charter from the Grand Council, or a Dispensation; and Masonic communication, both public and private, is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Council under this Jurisdiction or any member thereof, and any Council or assemblage that may be so illegally established, without such Charter or Dispensation, or any of their members, or

any person advanced in such illegal Council; but nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any Council or the members of any Council which may be established by proper authority in other States.

**SECTION 3** - The Grand Master shall have power, during the recess of the Grand Council, to grant Letters of Dispensation to a competent number of duly qualified petitioners, empowering them to open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters for a specified time, not extending beyond the next annual Assembly of the Grand Council, provided that a fee of \$40.00 has been paid to the Grand Recorder. And the Grand Council may continue or recall such Dispensation, or may grant the petitioners a Charter; and in case a Charter be granted a fee of \$10.00 shall be paid.

**SECTION 4** - No Dispensation or Charter for the institution of a new Council of Royal and Select Masters shall be granted, except upon the petition of not less than nine or more regular Royal and Select Masters; and shall be further accompanied by demits from the last Council of which they were members.

**SECTION 5** - In every Council of Royal and Select Masters, instituted or held by virtue of this Constitution, all questions, except upon the admission of members or candidates, shall be determined by a majority of votes; and in case of an equal division, the presiding officer shall give the casting vote.

**SECTION 6** - All applications for the degrees of Royal and Select Master, in any Council under this jurisdiction, may be acted on at the time of their presentation at a Stated Assembly, and the degrees may be conferred instantly, if the candidate be found worthy. Application for membership may also be acted upon forthwith. It will not be necessary to ballot on a petition for membership or a petition for the Degrees from a Master Mason in good standing in his Masonic Lodge and in good standing in his Chapter, or having the required prerequisites for receiving Chapter membership prior to receiving the Royal and Select Master Degrees. A rejected applicant shall not again apply under six months. *(Amended May 20, 2005)*

**SECTION 7** - The officers shall be chosen annually by ballot, and a majority of the whole of the members present shall be necessary to elect, and the officers shall remain in office until their successors are duly elected and installed; provided, that any Council failing to hold an election for officers at the regular assembly for the same, may hold an election at any subsequent assembly, either regular or called for that purpose.

**SECTION 8** - The Master of every Council has it in special charge, as appertaining to his office, duty and dignity, to see that the By-Laws of his Council, as well as the Constitution of the Grand Council, General Grand Council, and the General Regulations of Royal and Select Masters, are duly observed and obeyed; that all the other officers of his Council perform the duties of their respective stations, and are examples of diligence and industry to their Companions. He has the special care and charge of the Charter or Dispensation of his Council; he has the right to

call his Council at pleasure, upon any emergency, and he is to fill the chair when present. It is likewise his duty, together with the Deputy Master and Principal Conductor, to attend the Assemblies of the Grand Council.

**SECTION 9** - The Recorder shall, on or before the day of election of officers, notify every member of the Council of the amount of his dues, and request payment; and should any member allow his dues to remain unpaid on the said day of election, he shall not have the right, to vote or to hold office. The Recorder shall notify such delinquent Companion on or before April 10th, to appear at the May Stated Assembly to show cause why his dues have not been paid, and if he still refuses or neglects to pay, the Council shall suspend such delinquent at the June Stated Assembly or remit his dues. If the Recorder fails to notify the delinquent to appear as required above or if the Council fails to meet or act on the matter, as required above, then the Master shall order the Recorder to notify said Delinquent to appear at the next Stated Assembly, and if he fails to pay his dues at the next Assembly, then the Council shall suspend or remit his dues. Such suspension shall be absolute, and while it continues all the Masonic rights and privileges of the Companion so suspended shall be abrogated, and no dues shall from the date thereof until reinstatement, be charged against him.

**SECTION 10** - Recorders of Subordinate Councils shall give immediate notice to the Grand Recorder of all suspensions and expulsions from their Councils, and he shall issue a monthly circular giving notice thereof to all Masonic Bodies in this jurisdiction.

**SECTION 11** - The fiscal year of this Grand Body, changed to conform to that of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery, and hereafter, Recorders of all Subordinate Councils are required to send in their report on or before February 1<sup>st</sup> for the fiscal year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, preceding, and that each Council be penalized \$2.50 per month or fractional part thereof for failure to comply with this rule.

**SECTION 12** - Whenever the laws of the Grand Council are silent in any given case, the laws of the Grand Lodge in an analogous case shall govern Councils, their officers, and members.

**SECTION 13** - Any Non-affiliated Cryptic Mason who shall not Within six months, hereafter, affiliate with a Council, shall on notice to show cause, to be given, by the Council nearest his residence, why he should not be affiliated, shall unless excused, by said Council, be suspended by it from all the rights and privileges of Cryptic Masonry.

**SECTION 14** - No Subordinate Council under this Jurisdiction shall confer the Degrees of Royal and Select Master upon any applicant whose place of residence is nearer any other Council, without the consent of the latter; provided such latter Council is located in the county of the applicant's residence. If, however, there be no Council in such county, application may be made to any Council in the State; but in that case, the Council so applied to must be satisfied of the petitioner's good standing as a Royal Arch Mason.

**SECTION 15** - If any Council under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Council shall fail to assemble and work for the space of two years, or shall fail to be represented at the Stated Assembly of the Grand Council for two stated Assemblies in succession, or shall fail for the same length of time to make Returns and pay its dues to the Grand Council, such Council may have its Charter declared forfeited, together with all its jewels, furniture and effects of every kind, to the Grand Council.

**SECTION 16** - The Seal on Returns, or on any communication from a Subordinate Council, requiring to be authenticated, shall be impressed on the paper, and not pasted thereon.

**SECTION 17** - The Grand Recorder is authorized, and instructed to issue duplicate Charters to all Subordinate Councils whose Charters may be lost or destroyed.

## **ARTICLE XI - JURISDICTION**

**SECTION 1** - The Jurisdiction of this Grand Council extends over the State of Mississippi; it however concedes to Councils in any adjoining State, the privilege of admitting as members, citizens of Mississippi, whose residence is nearer any such Council than any Council in this State; provided a similar concession of jurisdiction is made by the Grand Council of such adjoining State.

**SECTION 2** - No Council Within this jurisdiction shall receive a petition from any person whose legal residence is not in the State of Mississippi, without previous consent of the Council nearest their place of legal residence, given by unanimous ballot, at a stated assembly. And it is considered a trespass on this jurisdiction for a Council out of it to confer degrees on a person residing within it, except with consent similarly given.

## **ARTICLE XII - SUPER EXCELLENT MASTER'S DEGREE**

The degree of Super Excellent Master may be conferred by any Council on any Select Master, but said Degree shall not be a prerequisite for membership.

## **ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS**

The Grand Council shall be competent, on concurrence of two-thirds of its members present; to revise, amend, or alter this Constitution, provided a motion, duly made and seconded, is approved. Such revision, amendment or alteration is then adopted instantly. *(Amended May 11, 1990)*

## **ARTICLE XIV - PRINTING**



All future changes in the Constitution and By-Laws shall be printed at the expense of the Grand Council under the supervision of the Grand Recorder. Two copies of these changes shall be sent to each subordinate council with instructions that they be inserted in their copies of Constitution and By-Laws in their appropriate places.

## **ARTICLE XV – STANDING COMMITTEES**

The Committees on Cryptic Law, Finance, Necrology, Credentials, Perpetual Membership and Internet shall each consist of three members set up as a staggered committee so that one member shall be appointed each year by the Grand Master to serve three years. In the event of a vacancy, the Grand Master shall appoint a member to fill out the unexpired term.

The Committee on Cryptic Masons Medical Research and all other regular or special committees shall be appointed at the opening or during, each Annual Assembly from among the representatives or other members of the Grand Council in attendance for a term of one year. The Grand Master shall designate the Chairman of all committees. *(Amended May 13, 2011)*

## **ARTICLE XVI - SUCCESSION**

**SECTION 1** - In case of death, removal or incapacity to act, by sickness or otherwise, of the Illustrious Grand Master, all his powers and privileges shall devolve upon; first the Deputy Grand Master; second the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; third Past Grand Illustrious Masters, according to rank and seniority. *(Added May 8, 1981)*

**SECTION 2** - In case of the death, permanent removal from the Jurisdiction, precluding the performance of the duties of office, or the permanent disability of their respective superiors, the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work and Grand Captain of the Guard shall severally succeed to the office of such superiors and be installed therein. The office or offices vacated shall be filled by the appointment of a Past Illustrious Grand Master, according to rank and seniority, beginning with the immediate Most Illustrious Grand Master. *(Added May 8, 1981)*

## **BY-LAWS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS**

### **NAME**

**SECTION 1** - This Council shall be designated by the name of \_\_\_\_\_  
Council No. \_\_\_\_\_, and is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of  
the State of Mississippi.

### **ELECTION AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**SECTION 2** - The officers shall be those named in the Charter and be elected at the stated meeting in December  
of each year, and installed as soon thereafter as practicable. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to  
elect, and no member shall be elected to any office, or shall vote, who is in arrears to the Council. The officers shall  
remain in office, until their successors are duly elected and installed.

The first three officers shall be a Standing Committee, and shall be authorized to appropriate any sum, not  
exceeding ten dollars, for any one purpose or object, either for charity, or necessary expenses of the Council and the  
Illustrious Master may draw on the Treasurer for the same.

The Treasurer shall take charge of all funds of the Council and disburse them as required. He and the Recorder shall  
each make an annual report of their proceedings in writing to the Council, and at such other times as may be  
required.

The Recorder shall perform the duties pertaining to his office, and shall issue Diplomas to members applying  
therefore, for which shall be entitled to receive from the applicant two dollars and the cost of the blank. He shall be  
paid for his services \_\_\_\_\_.

The Sentinel shall discharge all duties of his office; and shall receive for his services \_\_\_\_\_ for each meeting,  
and \_\_\_\_\_ for each Select Degree conferred.

### **MEETING AND BUSINESS**

**SECTION 3** - The stated meetings of this Council shall be held \_\_\_\_\_ to-wit: on the  
\_\_\_\_\_.

The Illustrious Master or officer performing his duty, may call special meetings at discretion, at which time any  
business not herein prohibited, may be transacted.

All questions shall be determined by a majority of votes, except upon the admission of members or candidates, when the vote must be unanimous. In case of equal division, the presiding officer shall give the casting vote.

When a resolution is before the Council, no motion shall be entertained, except to lay on the table, to postpone to a certain time, to commit, or to amend; which motion shall have precedence in the order herein mentioned.

The following shall be the Order of Business:

1. Reading of the Minutes.
2. Unfinished Business.
3. Receiving petitions for Degrees and Membership.
4. Reports of Committees.
5. Petitions and Communications generally.
6. Resolutions and Motions.
7. Miscellaneous Business

## **DEGREES AND MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 4** - All applications for the Degrees of Royal and Select Master may be acted on at the time of their presentation at a stated meeting and the degrees be conferred instant, if the candidate be found worthy.

Application for membership may also be acted upon forthwith. A rejected applicant shall not again apply under six months.

## **FEES AND DUES**

**SECTION 5** - The fee for the Degrees of Royal and Select Master shall be not less than ten dollars, which fee shall accompany the application. No fee shall be charged for admission to membership, and every Companion taking the Degrees in this Council shall be considered a member thereof. Any member may demit, on application in open Council, provided he is in good standing.

## **THE SUPER-EXCELLENT MASTER'S DEGREE**

**SECTION 6** - The fee for the Super-Excellent Master's Degree shall be a minimum of one dollar which shall be remitted to the Grand Recorder by the Council conferring the degree to be deposited to the General Fund.

## **EXEMPTION**

**SECTION 7-** Any Royal and Select Master, whose membership aggregates twenty-five (25) years, and who is over seventy-two (72) years of age, shall be exempt by their Councils from dues to the Council and the Grand Council, and when any Council shall so exempt its members, a certificate of the fact shall be furnished by the Grand Council, attested by the Grand Recorder, and be by him made a matter of record, and no credit for exemption shall be allowed Councils except where certificates have been registered and attested by the Grand Recorder. (Amended May 11, 1979)

## **PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 8 -** The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Mississippi does hereby establish a Perpetual Membership Program to be financed and administered in the following manner:

### **A. General Specifications**

1. This program shall be known as the “Perpetual Membership Plan” of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Mississippi, hereinafter referred to as “the Plan”.
2. This plan is to be operated and administered by a committee consisting of three Companions appointed by the Most Illustrious Grand Master to serve as follows: one member to serve for three years, one member to serve for two years and one member to serve for one year, at the end of which all successive appointments are to be for three years, except for appointments to fill unexpired terms. The Most Illustrious Grand Master shall appoint one of the members to serve as Chairman of the Committee. The Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of this committee for advisory purposes only.
3. The Plan Committee is hereby empowered to invest all funds received by the Grand Council for this program. Investments are to be in government insured securities of maximum interest yield. The term of securities will be determined by the Plan Committee. All proceeds from the investments are to be returned to the members’ Council, except 1% of the proceeds may be set aside for administrative costs when necessary.
4. Any matter not specifically covered by this regulation shall be resolved by a committee consisting of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer and the Plan Committee. The results of such meeting will be reported at the next Grand Council Assembly, and any changes resulting therefrom shall be subject to the vote of the members of the Grand Council.

**B. Eligibility**

1. Any constituent Council of Royal and Select Masters may, by the vote of the members, participate in this plan, subject to the provisions hereinafter set forth.
2. Any Council member in good standing within this Grand Jurisdiction, who is a member in good standing of a Symbolic Masonic Lodge and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, may become a participant in this plan and receive a "Perpetual Membership Certificate" and a "Perpetual Membership Card" by paying into the Plan an amount as set forth in the cost of the plan.

**C. Cost of the Plan**

1. The entire cost of a Perpetual Membership shall be paid by the participating member, or his Council, in accordance with the formula set forth herein.
2. The formula used to compute the cost will use the annual dues of the Constituent Council multiplied by fifteen (15). *(To prevent a loss in revenue, the Constituent Council should also collect, and retain for its own use, any current dues that may be payable at the time the application is submitted to the Council.)*
3. Upon receipt of an application for Perpetual Membership (form to be supplied by the Grand Recorder) and the payment of an amount computed from the above formula, the Constituent Council Recorder will transmit to the Chairman of the Plan Committee the payment plus the application. The application form should include the name of the applicant, the name and number of his Symbolic Lodge, the name and number of his Royal Arch Chapter, the name and number of his Council, his birthday, the date when he became a Select Master, and the inclusive dates of any suspension for non-payment of dues. The chairman of the Plan Committee shall deposit any funds received, verily the above information with the Grand Recorder, verify the computation, and if all is correct, issue a Perpetual Membership Certificate effective the following January 1, and send it to the Council Recorder who will issue the Companion a Perpetual Membership Card. Should there be a discrepancy in information or computation, it must be resolved prior to the issuance of the Certificate.

**D. Administration**

1. The administration of the Plan shall be vested in the Perpetual Membership Plan Committee and under the supervision of the Most Illustrious Grand Master. All moneys received shall be placed in trust in the name of the Constituent Council and all funds derived from the investment of moneys in trust shall be returned to the Constituent Council prior to January 15 of each year, except that 1% of the interest on the above trust funds may be set aside as necessary for administrative costs.

2. The Plan Committee shall keep a complete record of all funds paid into a Councils Perpetual Membership Trust Fund, the amount of interest earned by the above funds, the payment of interest to the Council, and the name of the individual to whom the Perpetual Membership Certificate is issued. The Plan Committee shall make an annual report to the Grand Council at the Annual Assembly regarding the financial status of each account so established, together with the cost of administration of the Plan. The Plan Committee may operate jointly with equivalent committees of the other Grand York Rite Bodies of this Grand Jurisdiction, as appropriate.
3. The initial and future cost of the administration of the Plan will be paid on a pro rata basis by all participating Councils; expenses in excess of 1% of the interest on moneys in trust are subject to a vote of the members in attendance at an Annual Assembly.
4. Disposal of moneys in trust in the name of a Constituent Council shall not be made in any other manner except as herein designated.
5. No refund shall be made from the Plan to any person for any reason.

#### **E. Change of Membership**

1. Upon the holder of Perpetual Membership Certificate transferring to another Constituent Council within this Grand Jurisdiction, the Chairman of the Perpetual Membership Committee shall upon notice thereof cause to be transferred on the books of the Perpetual Membership Plan the moneys received from such Perpetual Membership to the credit of the Council transferred to, regardless of by whom such Perpetual Membership was purchased. If the transferor's new Council is not a participating Council in the Plan, such transfer of membership shall automatically establish an account in the new Council's name, and all interest is to be credited to the members new Council as herein provided.
2. The death of a holder of a Perpetual Membership Certificate does not alter the payment of interest to the participating Council.
3. Upon the holder of a Perpetual Membership Certificate demitting to a Council outside of this Grand Jurisdiction, or taking a demit and not affiliating with another Council, the moneys received for such Perpetual Membership shall remain in the account of the members Council prior to taking the demit.
4. Upon the holder of a Perpetual Membership Certificate being suspended or expelled from the Symbolic Lodge, or a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, or Council of Royal and Select Masters the moneys received

for such Perpetual Membership shall remain in the account of the member's Council prior to being suspended or expelled.

5. When two or more Councils consolidate, all moneys in the respective Perpetual Membership Plans of the Councils involved shall be transferred to the credit of such consolidated Council.
6. Upon the dissolution of a Council, holders of Perpetual Membership Certificates shall have such memberships transferred as provided in sub-paragraph 1 hereof. All funds received for Perpetual Memberships from deceased members of the dissolved Council, and all funds for Perpetual Memberships from members who do not transfer their perpetual memberships to another Council, shall remain in the Plan and be credited to the Grand Council, and all interest received from such moneys will be distributed on a pro rata basis with the remaining constituent Councils in the Plan. *(Amended March 14, 2013)*