

ARTICLE I COMMITTEES AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

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The Grand Master elect, after installation, and before closing of the Assembly, shall appoint the following committees, whose term shall correspond with the Grand Master unless by him sooner removed by appointment of his or their successors. The committees are Finance, Jurisprudence, Appeals and Grievance.

Section 1.01 Finance Committee

The Grand Master shall appoint three members to this committee, the chairman shall be the Deputy Grand Master. The Treasurer-Recorder shall be an exofficio member with no voting right.

The duties of the Finance Committee are:

- .01 Budget, recommend and approve the disbursements of the finances.
.02 All resolutions or motions for appropriations shall be referred to this Committee for approval before being voted on by the Assembly.
.03 The Finance Committee, Secretary / Recorder, and Treasurer will submit accepted copies of the books of accounts of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota to the Board of Trustees for audit who shall then report on such audit at the annual Convocation / Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota. Such accepted copies of the books of accounts shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the annual Convocation / Assembly.

Section 1.02 Jurisprudence

- .01 The Jurisprudence Committee shall consist of no less than three (3) nor more than five (5) members and shall be chaired by a Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, who will be present at the Annual Assembly, to rule on matters referred to this committee.
.02 All proposed legislation and decisions of the Grand Master relating to the laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Council shall be referred to this committee for review
.03 The Committee is to report its recommendations, in writing to the Assembly. A copy of the report to be filed with the Grand Treasurer-Recorder for inclusion in the proceedings
.04 All matters of grievance shall be referred to this committee. This committee shall evaluate all the evidence and facts and report their findings and recommendations to the Grand Master for his decision.
.05 All petitions for restoration from indefinite suspension or expulsion to be referred to this committee.

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47 .06 It shall be the duty of the committee to further Cryptic Masonry in the  
48 State of Minnesota by rehabilitating Councils and forming new ones and to  
49 contact and cooperate with similar committees of the Grand Chapter and  
50 Grand Commandery.

51 .07 On the receipt of a request for the restoration of a new Council, the  
52 Grand Master shall refer the request to the Jurisprudence Committee for  
53 examination of the records and report to the Grand Council their  
54 recommendations relating to Councils under dispensation and their request  
55 for a charter.

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57 *Section 2 Short Term Committees*

58 At least thirty days prior to the opening of the Grand Council Annual  
59 Assembly, the Grand Master shall appoint a committee on Credentials.

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61 *Section 3 Credentials*

62 The committee on Credentials shall consist of the Grand Treasurer-Recorder  
63 and two other members who shall prepare as soon as possible a roll of all  
64 companions present and entitled to participate in the proceedings of the Grand  
65 Assembly.

66 The committee on Credentials shall make a preliminary report at the opening  
67 of the Assembly to determine whether a quorum is present.

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69 *Section 3.01 Grand Council Annual Assembly Committee*

70 The Most Illustrious Grand Master shall appoint three (3) members, the  
71 Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, shall be one, and is Chairman of the  
72 Grand Council Committee, who along with the Grand Chapter Convocation  
73 Committee, of which the Grand Scribe is Chairman, are responsible for the  
74 arrangements and details relating to the next Grand Assembly, as directed by  
75 the Most Illustrious Grand Master. That the Finance Committee shall each  
76 year, recommend a dollar sum be budgeted for allocation to the use of this  
77 committee. That within (60) days following the Grand Assembly, this  
78 committee will prepare a full report for printing in the Proceedings of the  
79 Grand Council. This report shall contain a detail of all financial transactions  
80 and other pertinent activities and that any remaining dollar balance in its  
81 keeping be paid over to the Grand Treasurer, in the percentage received from  
82 the Grand Council, for return to the General Fund. The term of this committee  
83 shall begin when appointed by the Most Illustrious Grand Master in office and  
84 shall conclude upon discharge by the Most Illustrious Grand Master then in  
85 office.

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88 *Section 5 York Rite Cooperation Committee*

89 The purpose of this Committee is to strengthen the unity and cooperation  
90 between the Grand Bodies of the York Rite of Minnesota. This Grand Council  
91 Committee shall consist of the Deputy Grand Master (Chairman for the Grand  
92 Council Committee), the Grand Captain of the Guard and the Grand Sentinel.

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95 *Section 6 Souvenir Program Booklet Committee*

96 A committee on the Souvenir Program Booklet, to consist of one or more  
97 members. It shall be the duty of the Committee to send all information  
98 pertaining to the purchase of advertisements in the Booklet for the coming  
99 Annual Assembly to all subordinate Councils and other Masonic Bodies prior  
100 to December 1, of the next Grand Assembly. To secure a printer to print the  
101 Booklet. When completed pay over to the Session Committee the net income  
102 derived from the Booklet as soon as all the outstanding Booklet accounts have  
103 been collected and the Booklet bills have been paid.

104 The Committee shall give a report on its activities at the Annual Assembly.  
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106 *Section 7 Grand Representatives*

107 The Grand Master shall appoint well informed Select Masters as  
108 Representatives near other Grand Councils, which appoint like  
109 Representatives to the Grand Council of Minnesota, and authorize them to  
110 extend fraternal greetings and good will to such other Grand Councils, and to  
111 protect the interests of the Companions of this jurisdiction, who may be in that  
112 Grand Council near which that are so accredited, as occasion may require.

113 The Grand Master is empowered to remove from office a Grand  
114 Representative who has not attended an Annual Assembly for three (3)  
115 consecutive years or who do not report on their contacts as Grand  
116 Representatives.

117 Proper commissions certifying such appointments and authority shall be  
118 issued to each Representative signed by the Grand Master and the Grand  
119 Treasurer-Recorder under the seal of the Grand Council.  
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**ARTICLE II COUNCIL UNDER DISPENSATION**

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125 *Section 2.01 How Formed*

126 A Council of Cryptic Masons can be formed only by a charter issued by  
127 the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota. However, a dispensation  
128 may be issued by the Most Illustrious Grand Master between Annual  
129 Assemblies upon a petition signed by not less than three (3) or more  
130 Companion Royal and Select Masters of known skill and character.

131 Petition submitted to be in the form shown in "Manual for use by the  
132 General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International".

133 No dispensation shall be granted by the Grand Master thirty days prior  
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142 *Section 2.02 Instituting a Council under Dispensation*

143 A Council under Dispensation shall be instituted as prescribed in the  
144 "Manual for Use by the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons  
145 International".

146 At this time complete operating instructions, in writing, with a list of  
147 required paraphernalia, books, forms and record requirements shall be given  
148 the Council U. D. (under dispensation) by the Grand Treasurer-Recorder.  
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150 *Section 2.03 Rights and Privileges*

151 A Council U. D. has all the rights and privileges of a Chartered  
152 Council, except

- 153 a) Officers are installed but do not acquire rank.
- 154 b) Cannot receive members by affiliation or restoration
- 155 c) Are not entitled to vote in the Grand Council

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**ARTICLE III CHARTERED COUNCILS**

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159 *Section 3.01 Petition for Charter*

160 To be a chartered Council, a Council U. D. must submit a  
161 petition for a charter, with the signatures of at least six (6) of its  
162 members, at least ten (10) days prior to the Annual Assembly of the  
163 Grand Council. The petition must be according to the form provided  
164 for in the "Manual for Use by the General Grand Council of Cryptic  
165 Masons International".  
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167 *Section 3.02 Information for Charter*

168 The following must accompany the petition for charter:

- 169 a) The dispensation
- 170 b) Book of Records
- 171 c) Grand Council dues for work done
- 172 d) Additional fee for charter
- 173 e) Copy of the proposed by-laws

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175 *Section 3.03 Grand Council Action on Chartered Petition*

176 The Council U. D. will have no further authority until after action has  
177 been taken by the Grand Council on the report of the Committee on  
178 Jurisprudence. Should the report of the Committee be favorable, a charter will  
179 be issued. If not favorable, the Grand Council may continue the dispensation  
180 for one more year. If the request for charter is rejected, the Companions who  
181 have received the degrees shall be provided, by the Grand Treasurer-  
182 Recorder, a certificate of non-affiliation.  
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190 *Section 3.04 Constituting a Council*

191 When a charter is granted, a Council U. D. shall be constituted as  
192 provided in the "Manual for Use by the General Grand Council of Cryptic  
193 Masons International". At this ceremony, the new officers, elected and  
194 appointed, shall be installed.

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196 *Section 3.05 Holding Council*

197 *.01 HOW FORMED*

198 The Holding Council known as *Grand Master Hiram Council No. 13*  
199 *U.D.*, shall be formed by the granting of a dispensation to said Council No.  
200 13 U.D. each year by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, in order that all  
201 rules and laws of the Grand Council would be complied with.

202 *.02 MEMBERSHIP*

203 Membership shall be limited to Companions of constituent Minnesota  
204 Councils which have lost or surrendered their charters, or who demitted when  
205 their council ceased to exist. It is open to any companion who demitted or  
206 withdrew or was suspended from a merged or consolidated council. Petitions  
207 for Affiliation are acceptable when accompanied with a certificate of Good  
208 Standing. Dual membership within Minnesota is prohibited

209 *.03 PROPERTY, RECORDS & FINANCES*

210 All assets, property and records of any closed Council shall become the  
211 property of the *Grand Master Hiram Council No. 13 U.D.* Revenues are  
212 derived from the dues of the members. Dues cards with the name *Grand*  
213 *Master Hiram Council No. 13 U.D.* and their previous Council would be issued  
214 from *Grand Master Hiram Council No. 13 U.D.*, using the same dues structure  
215 as their previous Council. Life Memberships shall be available based on the  
216 applicant's previous Council's dues structure. Dues notices and the collection  
217 of the dues shall be accomplished by the Grand Recorder/ Treasurer.  
218 Demitted members seeking membership shall become members by  
219 application and the paying of the current year's dues. Members suspended for  
220 Non-Payment may restore membership upon application and payment of one  
221 and one-half times (1 & 1/2) current dues.

222 *.04 OFFICERS & MEETINGS*

223 The Officers of this Holding Council shall only be the Grand Council  
224 Officers for each year, who will retain their membership in their home Council  
225 and not pay dues to *Grand Master Hiram Council No. 13 U.D.* The Grand  
226 Recorder/Treasurer shall be retained as a permanent officer of the Holding  
227 Council. The Annual Meeting will be held during the Grand Assembly session  
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**ARTICLE IV NAME, NUMBER AND SEAL**

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*Section 4.01 Name*

Each Council U. D. shall select for itself a name prior to submitting a petition for a charter. Said name to meet with approval of the Grand Council. No Council shall be named after a living person.

*Section 4.02 Number*

Councils shall be numbered by the Grand Council according to the dates of their respective charter.

*Section 4.03 Seal*

Every Council must adopt a seal with its name and number engraved thereon. the seal shall be used for certifying all official documents, reports and communications. A perfect impression of such seal must be certified to and filed with the Grand Treasurer-Recorder.

**ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP**

*Section 5.01 Petitions*

All petitions for degrees or membership shall be presented in writing at any stated or special assembly. Said petitions may be received, balloted upon and the degrees conferred at the same assembly. The voting on all petitions must be by secret ballot and to elect must be unanimous

*Section 5.02 Eligibility*

Anyone who is a Master Mason and a Royal Arch Mason affiliated in both Lodge and Chapter; or who is a Master Mason in good standing and who has petitioned a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for Capitular Degrees, (provided, however, none of the Council degrees shall be conferred upon said petitioner until he shall have received the Royal Arch Degree) is eligible to petition for the Council degrees.

*Section 5.03 Dual Membership*

A Companion Royal and Select Master in good standing in a Council in this Grand Jurisdiction may petition and hold membership in a second Council in this Grand Jurisdiction or he may hold membership in a second Council in another Grand Jurisdiction, if the second Grand Council permits dual membership in the same manner as prescribed in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Minnesota.

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**ARTICLE VI DEGREES**

The degrees to be conferred in a Council are:

1. Royal Master
2. Select Master

Following said degrees, there may be conferred, in addition, as an honorary degree that of

3. Super Excellent Master Degree

These degrees must be conferred in the order named.

**ARTICLE VII POWER AND JURISDICTION**

*Section 7.01 Power*

The power and privileges of a Council are such as are defined in its dispensation or Charter, and the Constitution and Rules of the Grand Council.

*Section 7.02 Jurisdiction*

The jurisdiction of each Council in the State of Minnesota shall be concurrent with all other Councils within the confines of the State.

**ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION**

*Section 8.01 Officers*

A legal and regular Council of Cryptic Masons shall consist of at least six (6) officers, including 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 and 11 of the following recommended list.

1. Illustrious Master
2. Deputy Master
3. Principal Conductor of the Work
4. \*Treasurer
5. \*Recorder
6. Chaplain (Optional)
7. Captain of the Guard
8. Conductor of the Council
9. Marshal (Optional)
10. Steward
11. Sentinel
12. Trustees

\* These may be combined and as many members as may be convenient, congregated and working by virtue of a dispensation from the Grand Master or a charter from this Grand Council, and at the place designated in said dispensation or charter by this Grand Council.

330 *Section 8.02 Elected and Appointed*

331 The first five named officers of a Council shall be elected by ballot,  
332 without nomination, at any stated assembly in either the month of November  
333 or December which the Council may designate as its annual assembly for the  
334 election of officers. The Master shall, prior to his installation, appoint the  
335 remaining officers so they, together with the elected officers, may be installed  
336 at the same time. Installation of all officers shall take place as early as  
337 practicable after election, but no later than the first stated assembly after  
338 January 1st of the following year with the installation being performed by either  
339 a Past or Present Master. When installed, the officers shall hold their  
340 respective offices until their successors are installed.

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343 *Section 8.03 Precedence of Rank*

344 The precedence of Rank in the Constituent Councils of this Jurisdiction  
345 shall be as follows:

- 346 1. Illustrious Master
- 347 2. Deputy Master
- 348 3. Principal Conductor of the Work
- 349 4. Past Illustrious Masters according to juniority of service
- 350 5. Treasurer
- 351 6. Recorder
- 352 7. Chaplain (if one)
- 353 8. Captain of the Guard
- 354 9. Conductor of the Council
- 355 10. Marshal (if one)
- 356 11. Steward
- 357 12. Sentinel

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359 *Section 8.04 Succession and Successors*

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361 *Section 8.041 In the Event of Death*

362 In the event of death or absence from the jurisdiction, either temporarily  
363 or permanently, of the Illustrious Master, or of his inability for any reason to  
364 serve his Council, the Deputy Master and the Principal Conductor of the Work  
365 in order will succeed in his duties and prerogatives, except to install officers.  
366 Should the office of Principal Conductor of the Work be vacant, a Past Master  
367 shall be called to fill the vacancy.

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369 *Section 8.042 of the Treasurer or Recorder*

370 In the event of the resignation or vacancy in the office of the Treasurer  
371 or Recorder, an election may be held to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term,  
372 at any Stated Assembly, by giving at least ten days' notice of such election by  
373 mail to each member of the Council.

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378 *Section 8.043 in appointed offices*

379           In the event of a vacancy or resignation in an appointive office, the  
380           Illustrious Master shall appoint a Companion to fill this office for the unexpired  
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**ARTICLE IX DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

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386 *Section 9.01 Illustrious Master*

387           The Illustrious Master shall be the chief executive officer of the Council,  
388           and when present, shall preside at its meetings and open and close the same  
389           in form, enforce a due observance of the By-Laws of the Council, and the  
390           Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Council, and of the General Grand  
391           Council International; have custody of the Charter, see that the officers of his  
392           Council perform their respective duties, that accurate minutes of the meetings  
393           be kept, that full and correct report of all financial matters be submitted from  
394           time to time, and that the annual returns be promptly made to the Grand  
395           Recorder. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, inspect  
396           and announce the results of all balloting and votes, draw orders on the  
397           Treasurer with the consent of the Council, and perform such other duties as  
398           may be required of him by the usages of the Cryptic Rite. It shall be his duty  
399           to attend the Assemblies of the Grand Council either in person or by proxy  
400           when duly notified to do so.

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402 *Section 9.02 The Deputy Master and the Principal Conductor of the Work*

403           The Deputy Master and the Principal Conductor of the Work shall  
404           render the Illustrious Master such assistance as may be required of him. It  
405           shall be their duty to attend the Grand Assemblies of the Grand Council either  
406           in person or by proxy when duly notified to do so.

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408 *Section 9.03 The Treasurer and Recorder*

409           The Treasurer and Recorder duties shall be as outlined under ARTICLE  
410           IV Section 4.093 sub-section .01 through .05; and .08 through .12 except the  
411           title Grand shall be omitted.

412           It shall also be his duty to submit the Annual Report of his Constituent  
413           Council, with the necessary per capita and fees, by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

414           Any Council failing to submit the Annual Report by March 1<sup>st</sup> shall be  
415           assessed a late charge of \$ 25.00

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417 *Section 9.04 Other Officers*

418           The other officers of the Council shall perform such duties as may be  
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**ARTICLE X MEETINGS**

*Section 10.01 Openings, Quorum and Voting*

Nine (9) members of the Council must be present to constitute a quorum for business, including an officer entitled to preside. All business must be transacted while open in the degree of Select Master. All questions shall be resolved by a majority vote except as otherwise provided. If nine members are not present, a six (6) member opening is allowable to enable the council members to ballot on petitions and conduct council business using the ritual on file in the Grand Recorders office.

The Grand Council Officers of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota visiting any subordinate Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota’s stated meeting may at such said stated meeting serve in the acting role of a member to establish a quorum for the sole purpose of conducting business of such Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota. The Grand Officer of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota unless he is a member of such Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota serving in the acting role of member does not have voting rights at such Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

*Section 10.02 Frequency of Meetings*

Every Council should meet as often as four times per year. If any Council fails to meet once in every year, or shall fail to make returns or pay its per capita or be represented at the Grand Council for two successive years or disobey the laws of the Grand Council, or the order of the Grand Master, it shall thereby forfeit its charter, records, jewels, regalia, furniture, money and all other property to this Grand Council to be taken possession of and disposed of as it may direct, provided that before the Grand Council acts in the matter the delinquent Council shall be notified of the intended action and given an opportunity of being heard in defense. The Grand Master, however, may arrest the Charter of any Council for good cause, which will suspend meetings of the Council until lawfully restored.

*Section 10.03 Changes in Date of a Stated Assembly*

Should a Constituent Council determine that a day and date specified in its By-Laws be in conflict with a recognized holiday or with another masonic event or celebration over which it has no control, the Constituent Council may, by a motion and its adoption, at the Stated Assembly immediately preceding the usurped date, adjust the day and date of the Stated Assembly by no more than fifteen days to a day and date determined to be more favorable. Provided, however, that the membership of the Constituent Council is informed of the change in date at least 10 days in advance of either the date established by law or the adjusted date, whichever is earlier. Such notification to be by the normally accepted means employed by the Council.

**ARTICLE XI FINANCE**

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*Section 11.01 Fees*

No Council shall confer the degree of the Cryptic Rite for less than \$ 15.00, one third of which shall accompany the petition and the balance to be paid to the Recorder of the Council before any degree shall be conferred.

*Section 11.02 Dues*

Council dues shall be not less than \$ 2.00 per year, plus the Grand Council per capita, for each member payable in advance. Each Council may increase its dues equal to the Grand Council per capita increase without changing its By-Laws

*Section 11.03 Grand Council Financed*

The Grand Council is financed by the Constituent Councils in the following manner:

*Section 11.031*

A payment of \$ 100.00 for a dispensation for a new Council.

*Section 11.032*

A payment of \$ 100.00 for a Charter granted after such a dispensation.

*Section 11.033*

\$ 15.00 for each fee received by a Council for each petition for degrees.

*Section 11.034*

\$20.00 Plus the General Grand Council Per-Capita for each member reported in good standing by a Council in its last annual return, unless a member has his dues remitted while serving stateside or in foreign countries in the Armed Forces of the United States during times of war or conflict. This resolution will apply to any Cryptic Council member who is serving in the United States Air Force, United States Marine Corps, United States Navy, United States Army, and the United States Coast Guard; United States Space Force, or in their respective reserves either serving stateside or serving in foreign countries during times of war or conflict. These companions will have their dues remitted by the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota. Such dues remittance will begin to those active or reserve military personnel serving as of January 1,2011

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*Section 10.04 Annual Returns*

Every Council shall make an Annual Return to the Grand Treasurer-Recorder on blanks furnished by him, embracing a report of all gains and losses in membership and other data required concerning the same, during the year preceding commencing January 1st and ending December 31st, said returns duly certified by the Master, and attested by the Recorder with the Council Seal affixed, to be forwarded on or before March 1st, and be accompanied by the required fees and dues. Representative Councils will not be entitled to a vote in the Grand Council unless the requirements are complied with. Councils under U. D. are also required to make a return of work done, and to pay one dollar for each Companion greeted, and if a Charter is desired will forward their books for inspection by the Grand Council.

**ARTICLE XII SUSPENSIONS,  
NON-AFFILIATION DEMIT, AND TRIALS**

*Section 12.01 Non-payment of Dues*

Whenever a member is two years or more in arrears for dues or assessments to his Council, the Recorder shall report the facts to the Council, stating the amount of such arrears and thereupon he, or any member, shall give notice at the same or subsequent stated meeting, that at the next or some future meeting to be named by him, he will move the delinquent be suspended from membership. The Recorder shall make a record of such action and shall immediately give written notice thereof to the delinquent member by mail, addressed to him at his last known address. If such arrears are not paid, a motion may be made at the Assembly indicated, to reject or postpone the suspension. If the motion to suspend finally prevails by a majority vote, the delinquent Companion shall thereupon cease to be a member of such Council.

*Section 12.02 Notice to Members in Arrears*

No member shall be suspended for non-payment of dues to his Council until after due notice has been given to such member to appear at the time it is proposed to act upon the matter and an opportunity given him to be heard.

*Section 12.03 Summons to Show Cause*

When a member of a Council is summoned to appear to show cause why he should not be suspended for non-payment of dues, and fails to appear, the Illustrious Master cannot declare him suspended until the Council has so voted.

*Section 12.04 Non-affiliation*

*Section 12.041 Involuntary non-affiliation*

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565                   Involuntary non-affiliation in a Chapter for six months shall deprive a  
566                   Council member of his membership in the Council. Due notice thereof will be  
567                   given by the Grand Recorder.

568                   *Section 12.042 Voluntary non-affiliation*

569                   Voluntary non-affiliation as used in this section shall apply to those who  
570                   are on demit from a Chapter, and not those who have been suspended.

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572                   *Section 12.0430 Demit*

573                   Any member of a council in good standing and clear of the books,  
574                   except the Illustrious Master, Deputy Master or Principal Conductor of the  
575                   Work, may apply, either in writing filed with the Recorder, or orally at a  
576                   Stated Assembly, for, and be granted, a demit, without vote, by order of the  
577                   Illustrious Master, entered upon the minutes, which shall take effect as of the  
578                   date when the request therefor was filed with the Recorder or so made to the  
579                   council; and the companion so demitted immediately becomes a non-affiliate,  
580                   whether the certificate of such demission is immediately issued or not - such  
581                   certificate being only the written evidence of such demission.

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583                   *Section 12.0431* In the case of the loss of a demit, upon written application, and  
584                   showing such loss, a duplicate of demission may issue, by vote of the  
585                   Council if it is still in existence, or by the Grand Recorder in case the Council  
586                   is defunct.

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588                   *Section 12.0432.* Any member of a council, except the Illustrious Master, Deputy  
589                   Master or Principal Conductor of the Work, if in good standing and free from  
590                   charges, may withdraw from membership therein, by written notice to that  
591                   effect, filed with the Recorder. Such notice shall be disposed of in the  
592                   manner and subject to the same conditions as an application for a demit.  
593                   When such withdrawal is consummated, the record should show that the  
594                   companion was "dropped from the roll at his own request," He will thereafter  
595                   be an unaffiliated Cryptic Mason, and have no rights whatsoever, except to  
596                   petition the Grand Council for restoration, and to defend himself against any  
597                   charges of unmasonic conduct subsequently made against him, for which he  
598                   thereafter shall be subject to discipline, as he was before withdrawal.

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601                   *Section 12.05 Suspension by a Lodge or Chapter*

602                   When a Council member has been suspended from a Lodge or Royal  
603                   Arch Chapter for any reason. and notice of such suspension is received, he  
604                   shall after due notice, be suspended from the Council. Affiliation in Lodge and  
605                   Royal Arch Chapter is essential to membership in a Council.

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607                   *Section 12.06 Restoration*

608                   When a member has been suspended from his Council solely because  
609                   of his suspension from his Chapter, restoration in such Chapter shall entitle  
610                   him to apply for restoration in his Council, by written application, and such  
611                   application shall be read at a stated Assembly, and he may be restored by a  
612                   majority vote at such Assembly.

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*Section 12.07 Trials*

In the matter of trials for un-masonic conduct, and restoration to membership of those who apply after having been suspended or expelled, the same procedure shall be followed as provided for in such cases by the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota, so far as applicable.

**ARTICLE XIII DUES CARDS**

The Grand Council shall furnish and charge the Constituent Councils for dues cards properly imprinted with their name and number; numbered numerically and carrying the date of the year in which they are issued.

**ARTICLE XIV THIRTY-FIVE AND FIFTY YEAR AWARDS**

Any Select Master, a member in a Council in Minnesota who has thirty-five (35) years or more of Council membership, shall be entitled to receive from the Grand Council a thirty-five (35) year card evidencing said membership. The Grand Treasurer-Recorder will have available thirty-five (35) year buttons that may be purchased by the Council for presentation at the time the card is presented.

Any Select Master, a member in a Council in Minnesota who has fifty (50) years or more of Council membership, shall be entitled to receive from the Grand Council a fifty-year certificate evidencing said membership. The Grand Treasurer-Recorder will have available fifty (50) year buttons that may be purchased by the Council for presentation at the time the certificate is presented.

**ARTICLE XV AWARDS**

*Section 1. ISH - SODI AWARD*

The three principal officers of each council will recommend, prior to January first each year, one Companion from their Council who, in their opinion deserves special commendation for outstanding interest and zeal in promoting Cryptic Rite Masonry, and which member is not at the time one of the three principal or salaried officers of the Council, (remission of dues shall not be considered salary) and it is further provided that he is not one of the three principal Grand Council Officers.

From these recommendations, prior to the Grand Assembly, the three principal Officers of the Grand Council shall select the most worthy to be invested at the Grand Council Assembly, with the title of ISH-SODI with suitable certificate of such award.

**GENERAL REGULATIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA**

660 The Grand Recorder-Treasurer shall keep a permanent record of all  
661 recommendations and appointments for the use of succeeding Grand Officers.  
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663 **Section 2. CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD**

664 The three (3) principal officers of each Council will recommend, prior to  
665 January 1<sup>st</sup> each year, *one* Companion from their Council for the General  
666 Grand award.

667 This award will be made only for exceptional and meritorious service to  
668 Cryptic Masonry above and beyond the call of duty. No Past or Present Grand  
669 Master, or advancing line officer of the Grand Council shall be eligible for this  
670 award.

671 This Companion may also be a nominee for the ISH - SODI Award  
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673 **Section 3. ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD**

674 The three (3) principal officers, with the concurrence of the Council, will  
675 nominate one Companion or other person, who may be a non-Mason or a  
676 female, for this award.

677 This medal will be presented to a nominee who is a leader in one of the  
678 youth organizations recognized by the General Grand Council namely; Order  
679 of DeMolay, Order of Rainbow for Girls, Order of Job’s Daughters or Boy or  
680 Girl Scouts.  
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683 **Section 4. MINNESOTA YOUTH AWARD**

684 Each Council shall nominate one person or a couple that have done an  
685 outstanding job working with youth organizations in their activities and  
686 promotion of the group. The nominees need not be Masonic affiliated.  
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**ARTICLE XVI AMENDMENTS**

693 These rules may be amended at any stated Assembly of the Grand  
694 Council by a majority vote of the Constituent Councils. The vote to be by  
695 Constituent Councils and each Constituent Council shall be entitled to one (1)  
696 vote for each Dias Officer and Recorder present or by Proxy and one (1) vote  
697 for each Past Illustrious Master present; provided he is not an elected Dias  
698 Officer or Recorder of a Constituent Council. Then the Past Illustrious Master  
699 shall be entitled to only one vote as a Council Dais Officer or Recorder.  
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