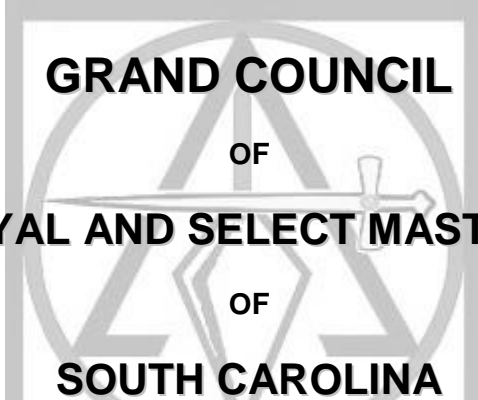


**THE CONSTITUTION  
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GRAND COUNCIL  
OF  
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA**



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**ARTICLE I**

**Name**

**SECTION I.** The Name, style and title of this Grand Council shall be “The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina.”

**ARTICLE II**

**Jurisdiction and Authority**

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina is the Supreme Cryptic authority in the State of South Carolina, and exercises full authority and control over the degrees of Royal Master, Select Master, and Super Excellent Master, and over all Councils of such, within the State of South Carolina.

**ARTICLE III**

**Members**

**SECTION I.** The Grand Council shall consist of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Chaplain, and Grand Captain of the Guard, who shall be elected by ballot; Grand Conductor of the Council, Grand Marshal, Grand Steward, six District Deputy Grand Masters, and a Grand Sentinel, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master; together with the Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, and Past Grand Principal Conductors of the Work of this Grand Council; together with the first three officers of every subordinate Council in this state.

**SECTION II.** Each of the elective officers shall be entitled to one vote. In the absence of one or two of the elective officers of any Council, the remaining elected officer present shall be entitled to three votes. Where the first three officers of a Council are absent, its votes may be cast by a Representative of such Council.

**SECTION III.** The official title of the Grand Officers shall be as follows: Grand Master – “Most Illustrious”; the officers down to and including Grand Captain of the Guard and the District Deputies – “Right Illustrious”; and all other officers – “Illustrious”.

**SECTION IV.** Upon the date that a Companion becomes a member of a Council in this Grand Jurisdiction he shall be furnished by the Council with a card signed by the Recorder, certifying his membership and standing as a Select Master. These cards shall be designed and furnished by the Grand Recorder at cost.

**SECTION V.** Each Council in South Carolina must be represented at one Grand Assembly in a three-year period. Failure to attend will be reason for arresting the Council’s charter.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

##### **Grand Assemblies**

There shall be one Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, which shall be holden at such place as the Grand Council may from time to time determine, during the Second Week in March. The Grand Master shall call such special assemblies as he shall think proper and necessary, and in case of his inability to attend, he shall have the authority to appoint the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, or a Past Grand Master to preside in his stead. The representatives of three Councils shall constitute a quorum.

#### **ARTICLE V**

##### **Regularity of Visitors**

No Select Master shall ever be acknowledged as regular, or admitted to visit any Council in this State unless he shall have received the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master in a just and legally constituted Council.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

##### **Formation of New Councils**

**SECTION I.** The Grand Master shall have the power to grant dispensations for the formation of new Councils, which dispensations shall remain in force until the next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council.

**SECTION II.** The fee for a dispensation for the formation of a new Council shall be the sum of fifty dollars, to be paid to the Grand Council.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

##### **Standing Committees**

**SECTION I.** At the Annual Assembly the presiding officer shall appoint the following Standing Committees, to serve until their successors shall have been duly appointed:

Appeals and Grievances

Auditing

Broken Triangle

Credentials and Returns

Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation

Dispensations and Warrants  
 Distribution of Work  
 Education  
 Finance  
 Fraternal Relations  
 Honorary Past M. I. Grand Masters  
 Jurisprudence  
 Life Membership Fund  
 Masonic Youth Organizations (AMENDED 1999-Added & 2006-Name Changed from DeMolay)  
 Membership  
~~Per Diem and Mileage~~ (Removed 2013)  
 Resolution of Appreciation  
~~Retirement~~ (Removed 2013)  
 Time and Place  
 Unfinished Business

**SECTION II.** The Committee on Credentials and Returns shall examine the credentials of members and representatives, shall report the Councils that are represented, shall report names of members, representatives, and others present, and the votes to which each one is entitled.

**SECTION III.** The Committee on Distribution of Work shall consider the address of the Grand Master and recommend distribution of the same to the proper committees.

**SECTION IV.** The Committee on Finance shall annually study the condition and needs of the Grand Council, as shown in the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder and as reflected in the report of the Auditing Committee. The said Committee shall take into consideration the conditions of the funds and estate of the Grand Council and all propositions and resolutions affecting its revenue which may be referred to such Committee. It shall report thereon, and may recommend any measure which, in its opinion, will operate for the financial benefit of the institution.

**SECTION V.** The Committee on Jurisprudence shall investigate and report upon all questions that may be referred to it by the Grand Council or Grand Master.

**SECTION VI.** All matters of controversy and grievance brought before the Grand Council shall be referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, whose duty it shall be to examine into the same and report thereon to the Grand Council.

**SECTION VII.** The Committee on Dispensations and Warrants shall examine work and records of all Councils under dispensation and all proceedings relating to the same, and such other matters as shall be referred to it by the Grand Council and report thereon.

~~**SECTION VIII.** *The Standing Committee on Retirement and Per-Diem and Mileage is removed from the status of a Standing Committee. If in the future they are required these committees may by action of the Most Illustrious Grand Master be appointed and duties assigned as he deems sufficient.*~~ (Removed 2013)

**SECTION IX.** The Committee on Audit shall at the close of each fiscal year make a careful examination and audit of the books of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder, settle the balance, and certify to the Grand Council the conditions, state, and repository of all funds and investments of the Grand Council.

**SECTION X.** The Committee on the Life Membership Fund shall supervise and operate the investment of all monies received. The funds shall be invested in insured instruments, government certificates, certificates of deposit, and such other instruments as may be most expedient and advantageous.

**SECTION XI.** The Committee on Broken Triangle shall review the annual mortality reports and prepare appropriate memorials.

**SECTION XII.** The Committee on Retirement shall oversee the plan on retirement for employees and report thereon.

**SECTION XIII.** The Committee on Cryptic Masons Medical Research shall receive and account for contributions and forward them to appropriate organizations.

**SECTION XIV.** The Committee on Time and Place shall recommend a city where the next Annual Assembly is to be held.

**SECTION XV.** The Committee on Unfinished Business shall see that all matters presented have had due consideration.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Grand Council Officers**

**SECTION I.** The Most Illustrious Grand Master shall govern and preside over this Grand Council when present, and in his absence the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, or Grand Captain of the Guard, taking precedence according to rank. The M.I. Grand Master shall have all the prerogatives and powers of granting dispensations usually vested in and exercised by said presiding officer. On the Day of the Grand Assembly, the M.I. Grand Master shall submit to the Grand Council a written address, to be printed with its transactions, setting forth an account of his official acts during the past year, and suggesting such recommendations for advancing such views as he may consider to be for the good of the Grand Council or its Subordinate Councils, or for the advantage of Cryptic Masonry in general.

**SECTION II.** The Grand Treasurer shall have charge of all the funds, securities and vouchers of the Grand Council, and shall pay all orders from the moneys on hand when such orders are signed by the M.I. Grand Master and attested by the Grand Recorder, provided that this shall not apply to payments for per diem and mileage made at the Assemblies of the Grand Council. It shall be his duty to attend all the Assemblies of the Grand Council, with the books of account, and vouchers for money paid out, in order that his accounts may be settled by a proper committee. Before entering upon the duties of his office he shall give bond in some standing guaranty company in such sum as the M.I. Grand Master may direct, the premium on said bond to be paid out of the funds of the Grand Council. In case of his failure to furnish the

required bond, as aforesaid, within sixty days from his election, it shall be the duty of the M.I. Grand Master to forthwith appoint a companion who will give said bond to act as Grand Treasurer in his stead until the next Assembly of the Grand Council. For the faithful performance of his duties, the Grand Treasurer shall receive such sum as the Grand Council shall from year to year determine.

**SECTION III.** The Grand Recorder shall record the transactions of the Grand Council, and shall attend personally each Assembly of the Grand Council with the necessary books and papers of his office, he shall attest and authenticate the signature of the M.I. Grand Master upon official documents, and to furnish Masonic certificate under seal, when so directed by the M.I. Grand Master, without charge therefore. He shall receive, receipt for, and immediately pay the Grand Treasurer all dues, fees, and other monies, taking a proper voucher therefore; he shall keep a faithful journal of all the proceedings of the Grand Council; distribute the same when ordered printed for circulation, and conduct all correspondence required of him under the orders of the Grand Council or the directions of the M.I. Grand Master; he shall procure all the necessary books and stationery, to be paid for out of the funds of the Grand Council, shall have charge of all the records, jewels, papers, parchments, certificates, and documents other than those belonging to the Grand Treasurer; he shall do and perform any other duties customary to his office under the established usage of Cryptic Masonry, and for his service he shall receive such annual salary as the Grand Council shall from year to year determine.

Before entering upon the duties of the office, he shall give bond in some standard guaranty company in such sum as the Most Illustrious Grand Master may direct. The premium for said bond to be paid out of the funds of the Grand Council; in case he shall fail to furnish the required bond within sixty days from his election, it shall be the duty of the Most Illustrious Grand Master to forthwith appoint a companion to act as Grand Recorder in his stead, who will furnish said bond, until the next regular Assembly of the Grand Council.

**SECTION IV.** The Most Illustrious Grand Master shall appoint annually six Worthy Companions as R.I. District Deputy Grand Masters, whose duties shall consist of: (a) Being the direct personal representatives of the M.I. Grand Master; (b) Executing and carrying out all of his instructions; and (c) Visiting all constituent Councils in his District.

**SECTION V.** All officers elected and appointed in Grand Council shall be a current or Past Illustrious Master.

## ARTICLE IX

### Voting in Grand Council

**SECTION I.** Each member of the Grand Council is entitled to one vote. Each chartered Council is entitled to three votes, to be cast by the top three officers, the senior officer or the Council representative.

**SECTION II.** All questions before the Grand Council shall be determined by a majority of the votes given. If the votes are equal on any question the presiding officer shall, in addition to his own vote, cast the deciding vote.

## ARTICLE X

### Per Diem and Mileage

**SECTION I.** One representative from each Council shall be entitled to receive the compensation recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Grand Council to cover his traveling expenses and also as a Per Diem for attending the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council.

**SECTION II.** Grand Officers who attend the Annual Assembly shall be entitled to the same pay as delegates, but no member shall receive pay, both as a delegate and as a Grand Officer.

## ARTICLE XI

### Property

**SECTION I.** When a Charter shall be surrendered or arrested, all the property of the Council, of whatever kind or description, shall be vested in the Grand Council for a period of ten years, subject to the debts of the Council: Provided, That upon the revival of the Council the property shall be restored to it by the Grand Council.

**SECTION II.** A Council cannot dispose of the funds of a Council for any other than strictly Masonic purposes.

## ARTICLE XII

### Candidates

**SECTION I.** No Council shall greet a candidate whose application has been rejected in any other Council, after having received notice of such rejection; and it is hereby made the duty of the Recorder of each and every Council under this Jurisdiction to give notice of the name, residence, and occupation of every rejected applicant to the Grand Recorder, who shall immediately communicate the same to the Subordinate Councils under his Jurisdiction.

(Amended 2001)

**SECTION II.** Every candidate for initiation must be of sound mind and capable of learning the art and complying reasonably with the requirements as to initiation ceremonies.

**SECTION III.** No candidate shall be elected to receive the degrees in, nor any Select Master admitted a member of, any Council in this Jurisdiction without the unanimous consent of all members of the Council then present. Nor shall any unaffiliated Mason be accepted as a candidate in any Council in this Jurisdiction.

**SECTION IV.** No petitioner for the degrees of Royal and Select Master shall be eligible unless he be a member in good standing of some Royal Arch Chapter.

## ARTICLE XIII

### Jurisdiction

**SECTION I.** A chartered Council has concurrent Jurisdiction with all other chartered Councils within the state of South Carolina. (Amended 2001)



**SECTION II.** A petitioner having a lawful Masonic residence within the Jurisdiction of a Council at the time his petition was received, the Council does not lose jurisdiction by his removing previous to his receiving the degrees. (Amended 2001)

**SECTION III.** No resident of any other State in which there is a Council can receive the degrees in any Council in this state without the consent of the Council nearest his place of residence. (Amended 2001)

**SECTION IV.** Waiver of jurisdiction completely severs all connections between Council and petitioner, and is final.

**SECTION V.** A Council conferring degrees at the request of another Council has no right to the fees or any part thereof, nor should it spread the ballot. The membership remains in the Council making the request.

## ARTICLE XIV

### Petitions

**SECTION I.** All receptions of petitions, reports on same, and all balloting must be had at stated Assemblies, and none are stated Assemblies except those designated as such in the By-Laws of the Council. This may be waived by dispensation from the M. I. Grand Master.

**SECTION II.** All petitions for degrees or membership must lie over one lunar month. This may be waived by special dispensation from the M.I. Grand Master.

**SECTION III.** After a petition is regularly received by a Council and entered upon its minutes it cannot be withdrawn.

**SECTION IV.** A petitioner for degrees or affiliation who has been rejected may, after one lunar month, be re-balloted upon and if rejected again, may after six months again re-petition in writing and the petition must be referred to a Committee and lie over one lunar month.

**SECTION V.** A petition that may have been rejected by the Council having jurisdiction thereof may, upon the recommendation by a unanimous vote of such Council wave jurisdiction for consideration to any other Council to receive and be acted upon. (Amended 2001)

**SECTION VI.** A petitioner has no right to know the names of the committee on his petition.

## ARTICLE XV

### Balloting and Objecting

**SECTION I.** A ballot need not be had on an unfavorable report.

**SECTION II.** A unanimous ballot in favor or petitioners for degrees or affiliation is required.

**SECTION III.** A new ballot is required in case a petitioner does not take the degrees for one year after his election, and a new petition shall be required if the Council desires it.

**SECTION IV.** An Illustrious Master may order a second or perhaps a third ballot when he thinks that a black ball may have been cast by mistake. This must be done before the result of a ballot is declared. Once a ballot is declared it is final.

**SECTION V.** The right of a Companion to cast a black ball cannot be questioned in any case where a secret ballot is had; neither should the Council or any of its members attempt to find out who cast it; full protection must be given to the Companion casting a black ball.

**SECTION VI.** Any Council can file objections in another Council against the conferring of any of the degrees, but the reasons must be given, and if of a trivial nature they need not be recognized; but if such as justify the preferring of charges, they must be respected.

## ARTICLE XVI

### Council Membership

**SECTION I.** A demitted Royal or Select Master, who is also a demitted Royal Arch Mason or demitted Master Mason, must affiliate with a Lodge and Chapter before he can become a member of a Council.

**SECTION II.** A Council should not consider a petition for membership unless accompanied by a demit or a certificate of Masonic standing equivalent to a demit under the law of the Grand Jurisdiction whence emanating.

**SECTION III.** No companion shall be expelled, suspended, or otherwise punished by any Council in this Jurisdiction unless written charges have been preferred at a stated Assembly, a copy of which is to be delivered to him if his place of residence be known, and trial has been had at some subsequent stated Assembly. Opportunity shall be given him to make his defense and power granted to summon witnesses if Companions, or to examine them by Commission if they are not.

**SECTION IV.** It shall require a vote of two-thirds to expel or suspend, but a majority may reprimand or censure.

**SECTION V.** No Mason having been expelled or indefinitely suspended can be restored except by a unanimous vote of the Council after petition and reference.

**SECTION VI.** A Mason expelled or suspended by a Symbolic Lodge or Royal Arch Chapter shall stand in the relation of a expelled or suspended Cryptic Mason without further trial.

**SECTION VII.** Any member may appeal from the decision of the Council to the Grand Council, whose decision shall be final; and the sentence of the Council in cases of trial shall be held in abeyance until the decision of the Grand Council is had when notice of appeal is given.

**SECTION VIII.** All trials of Companions shall take place in the Select Master Degree, but a Brother who is not a Select Master shall be tried in the degree to which he has attained, but the final decision must be taken in the Select Master Degree.

**SECTION IX.** There can be no appeal from the decision of the Grand Council to the General Grand Council.

#### **ARTICLE XVII**

##### **Work**

Nine members are necessary to open a Council of Select Masters.

#### **ARTICLE XVIII**

##### **Visitors**

**SECTION I.** Councils subordinate to the Grand Council of South Carolina must require of all visitors for examination from other Jurisdictions prior to admission a declaration in the following words: "I do not stand suspended or expelled for any cause whatever; neither has my name been stricken from the roll of members, nor have I been suspended from membership for non-payment of dues in my Lodge of Master Masons or, my Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, or my Council of Royal and Select Masters."

**SECTION II.** Councils shall admit visiting companions from such Councils only as hold warrants from Grand Councils recognized by the Grand Council of South Carolina.

**SECTION III.** A visiting companion is present in a Council by courtesy only and can participate in the Council proceedings simply to the extent that leave is granted, and his action is simply advisory.

**SECTION IV.** If a member of a Council objects to the admission of a visitor, the objection must be respected and the visitor denied admission.

#### **ARTICLE XIX**

##### **Council Fees and Dues**

**SECTION I.** Every Council under this Jurisdiction shall pay one dollar for every degree conferred therein, except for degrees conferred upon ministers of God.

**SECTION II.** Every Council under this Jurisdiction shall pay **Ten dollars and fifty cent (\$10.50)** for every regular member upon its roll, except in the case of members who are Ministers of God, who may be exempt from fees and dues by its By-Laws. **Amended 2010**

**SECTION III.** Any Companion who has been in good standing for a period of forty years, either consecutive or accumulative, shall be designated a “Life Member” and be exempt from the payment of dues.

**SECTION IV.** Every Council under this Jurisdiction shall make an annual return in the prescribed form containing full information of its members, number of degrees conferred, and due up to December 31<sup>st</sup>, and pay the amount due thereon to the Grand Recorder’s office on or before the first day of February in the current year. The Grand Recorder shall add and collect as a penalty, in addition to the fees and dues of Subordinate Councils, ten percent of the gross amount, upon all such returns as are not forwarded to the Grand Recorder’s office on or before the first day of February in the current year. Returns must be correct and accompanied by payment in full. Amended 2010

**SECTION V.** Councils may relieve or exempt any member from payment of dues to such Council, but such action will not relieve or exempt such Council from payment of the Grand Council dues for such members, except ministers of God, who may be exempt by its By-Laws.

**SECTION VI.** Any Council neglecting for one year to make due payments without good cause shown to the satisfaction of the Grand Council shall be punished by the arrest of its charter, to be restored only on the payment of the dues and satisfactory reasons given for such non-payment.

**SECTION VII.** A member’s dues begin at the date he is greeted or affiliated.

**SECTION VIII.** Members are not liable for dues during the suspension of their charter.

**SECTION IX.** A suspended Companion cannot be charged with dues during the term of his suspension.

**SECTION X.** No Council shall confer the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master for any lesser amount than the sum of twenty dollars (\$20.00), to be paid with the petition, except upon Ministers of God, who may be exempt from fees and dues by a provision of its By-Laws.

**SECTION XI.** It is unlawful to accept notes or other promises in payment of fees; and any rebate, donation or other devise which in effect reduces the fees below twenty dollars is unlawful, and upon prima facie evidence that such has been done the M.I. Grand Master shall arrest the charter of such Council until the next annual Assembly of the Grand Council.

**SECTION XII.** All dues to the Subordinate Councils shall be payable annually in advance on December 31. Any Companion failing to pay said dues on or before the following October 31 shall stand automatically erased from the roll of members. Should any Companion so erased pay said dues, or should the same be remitted by the Council, on or before the following December 31, he shall become automatically reinstated as of October 31 preceding.

**SECTION XIII.** A Council under dispensation does not collect dues nor pay Grand Council dues; those named in a dispensation creating a new Council pay dues to the chartered Council to which they belong.

**ARTICLE XX**

**Councils Under Dispensation**

**SECTION I.**      A petition for a dispensation to open and hold a new Council must be presented for the recommendation of the nearest chartered Council at a stated Assembly. No petitioner can vote on the question of granting the recommendation.

**SECTION II.**      The M.I. Grand Master before granting a dispensation for a new Council must have satisfactory evidence that the proposed officers are duly qualified.

**SECTION III.**      A Council under dispensation cannot meet or work without its warrant.

**SECTION IV.**      All who are named in a dispensation creating a new Council, together with those greeted therein, are entitled to vote on all matters coming before the Council.

**SECTION V.**      An officer of a chartered Council may also be an officer of a Council under dispensation.

**SECTION VI.**      A Council under dispensation has no representation in the Grand Council, except by special vote of the Grand Council.

**SECTION VII.**      The charter members of a new Council should consist of those named in its dispensation, those greeted in the Council, and such Companions as the Council may select by a unanimous ballot.

**SECTION VIII.**      A. Council under dispensation has no power or authority except to advance Masons, and for that purpose has the same territorial jurisdiction as chartered Councils.

**ARTICLE XXI**

**Miscellaneous**

**SECTION I.**      No Council can suspend its By-Laws even by unanimous consent.

**SECTION II.**      All balloting for candidates must take place in the Select Master Degree.

**SECTION III.**      On all subjects upon which these By-Laws, together with the General Grand Council, are silent, the laws, usages, and customs of Ancient Craft Masonry prevailing in this Jurisdiction shall govern.

**SECTION IV.**      All papers coming before the Grand Council which are to be referred to committees shall be placed in the hands of the Grand Recorder, and by him passed to the appropriate committee, before they shall be considered as matters for record.

**SECTION V.**      No Companion shall be permitted to sit as a visitor in the Grand Council without the consent of the Presiding Officer of the Grand Council.

**SECTION VI.** There can be no appeal from the decision of the Illustrious Master, except to the Grand Council.

**SECTION VII.** The election of the Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, Principle Conductor of Work, Treasurer and Recorder shall be by a majority vote by ballot and shall take place at the stated Assembly next preceding the festival of St John the Evangelist (December) or at the prior stated Assembly (November) and the officers-elect shall be installed as soon after the election as possible and on or before such festival, and such Officers shall hold office for the space of one year from the festival of St. John the Evangelist next succeeding their election, and until their successors shall have been duly elected and installed. Immediately after the installation the Recorder of each Council shall forward to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council a certificate in the following form:” “I hereby certify that on ..... Day of ..... Last, A.B. was elected Illustrious Master, C.D., Deputy Master and E.F. Principal Conductor of Work, of Council No. ... and that they have been regularly installed as such. Dated at ..... this .... Day of ..... , Signed, G.H... Recorder”.

All other officers named, unless differing to approved Constituent By-Laws, shall be appointed by the Illustrious Master, with the consent of the Deputy Master and the Principal Conductor of Work and they shall be installed with the elective officers. **(Section VII, Added 2008)**

**SECTION VIII.** The Illustrious Master-elect on the night of his installation shall appoint a committee of three companions to act as an Audit Committee, whose duty it shall be to examine the books of the Recorder and Treasurer and to report their findings at the stated Assembly in March. The Council at their expense may hire an outside-accredited agency to perform the audit. **(Section VIII, Added 2013)**

**SECTION IX.** The A Finance Committee shall consist of the Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, Principle Conductor of Work, Treasurer and Recorder whose duty it shall be to annually review the financial condition of the Council and to make such recommendations to the Council as they may deem necessary, and to report their actions at the Stated Assembly in December. **(Section IX, Added 2013)**

**SECTION X.** The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina shall be a full participant in the Life Membership Program Grand York Rite Bodies of Freemasonry of South Carolina. This Grand Council shall conform to and abide by the rules and regulations as set forth in the Life Membership Program. **(Section X, Added 2014)**

## ARTICLE XXII

### Amendment

No By-Law shall be altered or done away with, or new one adopted, until the proposed alteration, amendment, nullification or addition be reduced to writing and seconded by five members. It shall then be entered upon the minutes and lie over until the next succeeding Annual Assembly of the Grand Council when, if approved by two-thirds of the members present, the same shall be adopted: Provided, That by unanimous consent any proposition as aforesaid may be acted upon at the Assembly at which it is introduced.

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**NAME**

**SECTION 1.** This Council shall be known by the name of \_\_\_\_\_ Council No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**ASSEMBLIES**

**SECTION 2.** The Stated Assembly shall be held on \_\_\_\_\_ day of each month at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock p.m. During the month of (November/December) the Council will open at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock p.m. at the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name and physical address of meeting place)

**SECTION 3.** The last Stated Assembly preceding St. John's Day in November/December of each year shall be the Annual Assembly.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**SECTION 4.** The order of business at stated Assemblies shall be as follows:

1. Reading and confirming minutes
2. Receiving and referring petitions for degrees or membership
3. Reports of Committees on petitions
4. Balloting
5. Unfinished business
6. New business
7. Work

**SECTION 5.** Special Assemblies may be called at the pleasure of the Illustrious Master.

**OFFICERS**

**SECTION 6.** The officers of this Council shall consist of those persons prescribed by the By-Laws of the Grand Council.

**SECTION 7.** The duties of the officers shall be such as are traditionally appropriate to their several stations and in accordance with the established usages of Cryptic Masonry.

**SECTION 8.** It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies from the Recorder, giving his receipt for the same; to pay all orders signed by the Illustrious Master and countersigned by the Recorder; and, annually, at the close of his official term, to make out and submit a full account of the receipts and disbursements of his office, and of the financial standing of the Council. For this faithful performance of his duties he shall receive the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars per annum (he cannot be exempt from the payment of annual dues). He shall be bonded in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the faithful discharge of his duties. The Council shall pay the premium thereon.

**SECTION 9.** It shall be the duty of the Recorder to keep the records and record all the proceedings of the Council proper to be written; to receive all monies in behalf of the Council, and pay them over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same; to countersign all orders of the Treasurer; to make out all reports to the Grand Council, and at the close of his official term submit a full report in writing of all monies received and orders drawn. For the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars per annum (he cannot be exempt from the payment of annual dues). The Recorder will be bonded in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. The Council shall pay the premium thereon.



SUGGESTED FORM OF BY-LAWS FOR SUBORDINATE COUNCILS-pg.2**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Section 10. The Illustrious Master-elect on the night of his installation shall appoint a committee of three companions to act as an Audit Committee, whose duty it shall be to examine the books of the Recorder and Treasurer and to report their finding at the stated Assembly in March. The Council at their expense may hire an outside-accredited agency to perform the audit. **Adopted 2010**

Section 10a. A Finance Committee shall consist of the Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, Principle Conductor of Work, Treasurer and Recorder whose duty it shall be to annually review the financial condition of the Council and to make such recommendations to the Council as they may deem necessary, and to report their actions at the stated Assembly in December. **Adopted 2010**

**PETITIONS**

**SECTION 11.** All petitions for membership or degrees must be in writing, stating age, occupation and residence of the petitioner, also the Chapter and Lodge of which he is or last was a member, and whether or not he has ever been rejected by another Council; must be signed by the applicant and be recommended by two Companions who are members of the Council. The petition shall be received and referred to a committee of three, who shall examine into the character and Masonic standing of the applicant, and report at the next stated Assembly of the Council, at which time a ballot shall be had if the report of the committee is favorable.

**SECTION 12.** In all cases where a petition for the degrees or for membership is rejected, the fee accompanying such petition shall immediately be returned to the petitioner, with information of the rejection, which information shall in no case be communicated by any member of this Council or any visitor who may be present to one not a Select Master, under penalty in the former case of liability to discipline and in the latter case of not being again permitted to visit the Council. The same shall also apply to the improper disclosure of any of the proceedings of this Council.

**FEES AND DUES****SECTION 13.**

- a. The fees for the degrees in this Council shall be \$ \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, divided as follows:
- |                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Fee accompanying petition           | \$ _____ |
| Fee for the Degree of Royal Master  | \$ _____ |
| Fee for the Degree of Select Master | \$ _____ |

which sums respectively shall be paid at or before the time of receiving the petition or the conferring of the degree to which the payment is applicable.

- b. The fee for affiliation shall be \$ \_\_\_\_\_, which sum shall accompany the petition.

c. Each member of this Council shall pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_ annually to the Recorder as dues, to be paid on or before the Annual Assembly of each year, except ministers of God, who may be exempt from the payment of dues.

d. Any increase in per capita to the Grand Council, Royal & Select Masters of South Carolina shall be automatically added to the amount of dues paid (Rounded off to the nearest \$1.00) by each dues paying member.

**DISCIPLINE AND TRIALS**

**SECTION 14.** Any member who is in arrears for one year's dues shall be suspended from membership unless excused by the Council.

**SECTION 15.** All questions of discipline and trials shall be governed by, and in accordance with, established Masonic usage.



SUGGESTED FORM OF BY-LAWS FOR SUBORDINATE COUNCILS-pg.3

**WITHDRAWALS**

**SECTION 16.** Any Companion desirous of withdrawing from this Council shall send his application for a demit in writing, through the Recorder, which shall be read at a regular Assembly, when, if any arrearage are paid, and there are no charges against him, he shall be entitled to a demit from this Council, to which may be added a general recommendation to the Craft by the vote of the Council.

**AMENDMENTS**

**SECTION 17.** These By-Laws may be amended at a Stated Assembly by a two-thirds vote of the members present, A resolution to insert, alter or amend shall have been presented at the Stated Assembly preceding the one when the vote is to be taken, and the same shall become operative when approved by the M.I. Grand Master.

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

This is to certify that the foregoing By-Laws were read at a Stated Assembly of the Council held \_\_\_\_\_ and adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the Stated Assembly held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

(Seal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Illustrious Master \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recorder \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Approved Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Seal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
M. I. Grand Master \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Attest:

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

Approved Date \_\_\_\_\_

*(A Microsoft Word.doc formatted copy of this form can be obtained from the Grand Recorders Office that can be completed with a Computer but they must have original signatures and dates (not electronic) when submitted for approval of the M.I. Grand Master)*

ADDENDIUM A (Original Constitution 1860)

CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
GRAND COUNCIL  
OF  
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

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ADOPTED ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF FEBRUARY, 1860

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**ARTICLE FIRST.**

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina is formed by a power delegated to the several subordinate councils in this State, so to do, by the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, from whom their Warrants of Constitution were originally derived, and under the express stipulation that all the rights and privileges of the said Inspectors over the said degrees, except so far as the granting of Dispensations and Warrants, and the exercise of supreme Masonic control over the Councils, and their members shall be reserved inviolate to the said Inspectors, and that the Grand Council will assume no authority to open Councils beyond the limits of the State of South Carolina. And this and the following Article of the Constitution shall be forever unrepealable as fundamental principles of law, except by and with the consent of the said Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General.

**ARTICLE SECOND.**

No Royal and Select Master shall ever be acknowledged as regular, or admitted to visit any Council in this State, if he has been made under the authority of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, nor unless he has received the degrees in a just and legally constituted Council, or, being a Royal Arch Mason, at the hands of a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General.

**ARTICLE THIRD.**

The Grand Council shall consist of the following officers and members: Most Puissant Grand Master, Thrice Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Works, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Captain of the Guards, Grand Conductor of the Council, Grand Steward; The Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Conductors of the Works; and the first three officers of every subordinate Council in the State, each of whom, except the Grand Steward, shall be entitled to one vote: Provided, That in the absence of one or two of the representatives of any subordinate Council, his or their vote shall be cast by the representative or representatives present, so that each subordinate council shall be thus entitled to three votes.

**ADDENDIUM A (Original Constitution 1860)**

**ARTICLE FOURTH.**

Where it is impracticable for any one of the first three officers of a Subordinate Council to attend the convocation of the Grand Council, the said Council may elect any member of its body to represent it as a delegate to the Grand Council, which delegate shall exercise all the rights of a representative except that of holding office, to which he cannot be elected unless he be a Past Grand Master, Past H. of T., or Past P. C. of the W. of a Council.

**ARTICLE FIFTH.**

The Grand Council shall meet annually, on the Wednesday after the first Monday in February, at the place on which the Grand Council shall, at its previous convocation, have determined by a majority of votes. Three Subordinate Councils shall constitute a quorum.

**ARTICLE SIXTH.**

The Grand Master shall have the power to grant dispensations for the formation of new Councils, which dispensations shall remain of force until the next convocation of the Grand Council.

**ARTICLE SEVENTH.**

The fee for a dispensation shall be twenty-five dollars, to be paid to the Grand Council. And should a warrant be granted by the Grand Council, no further fee shall be exacted. But out of the fee for the dispensation, the sum of five dollars shall be paid to the Grand Recorder for preparing the warrant.

**ARTICLE EIGHTH.**

No Subordinate Council shall confer the degrees for a less sum than ten dollars, which fee must, in all cases, be paid in advance.

**ARTICLE NINTH.**

At every Assembly of the Grand Council the Grand Master shall appoint the following Standing Committees: On Dispensations and Warrants; on Grievances; on Unfinished Business; on the Books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder.

**ARTICLE TENTH.**

All elections in the Grand Council shall take place annually, on such day, as the Grand Council shall determine.

**ARTICLE ELEVENTH.**

Each Subordinate Council shall make an annual return to the Grand Council, through the Grand Recorder, and shall pay the sum of twenty-five cents for every member, and fifty cents for each degree conferred.

**ARTICLE TWELFTH.**

No candidate can receive the Council degrees who is deformed, maimed or imperfect in his limbs; nor can any candidate be elected, or Select Master affiliated in any Council, without the unanimous consent of all the members present.

**ARTICLE THIRTEENTH.**

No alteration of, or amendment to, this Constitution shall be made unless it shall be read at one convocation, and adopted at a subsequent one, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present: Provided, That an amendment or addition may be made after two readings, at one and the same convocation, by the unanimous consent of all present.

**ADDENDIUM B (Resolutions Adopted since 1961)****RESOLUTIONS****RESOLUTION OF POLICY**

*BE IT RESOLVED*, That we declare it to be a policy of this Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina that Representatives to the Triennial Sessions shall be chosen in the following manner: Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Recorder will be expected to attend. If funds permit the Deputy Grand Master and the immediate past Most Illustrious Grand Master shall also be invited to attend. (*Adopted March 13, 1962*)

**RESOLUTION OF UNITY**

*WHEREAS*, It is apparently the unanimous desire of concerned Sir Knights and Companions of Commandery, Council and Chapter to foster and encourage a closer working relationship between the York Rite Bodies.

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, That we recommend for all Jurisdictions the following steps in order to achieve this purpose.

- 1) That the meetings of the three York Rite Bodies in cities in which there is a Chapter, Council and Commandery, hold monthly meetings on the same evening, one following the other.
- 2) That the Sir Knight who is Recorder of the Commandery be elected as Secretary and Recorder of the Chapter and Council respectively.
- 3) That the same plans outlined in the first two suggestions be followed so far as the Grand York Rite Bodies are concerned; that is, that provision be made in the Constitution of By-Laws of the three Grand York Rite Bodies to meet in the same city with one following another until all three have completed their deliberations and that the practice be adopted of electing one Sir Knight and Companion as Grand Secretary-Recorder of the three Bodies. (*Adopted March 11, 1968*)

**FLORAL OR MEMORIAL FOR PRESIDING OR PAST GRAND HEAD**

*WHEREAS*, Considerable embarrassment has been caused from time to time when Grand Officers or their relatives have been called by death, because of the lack of a definite policy regarding floral offering or memorials, *THEREFORE*, Be it

*RESOLVED*, That is and shall be the policy of the Grand Body that a suitable floral or memorial offering not to exceed the sum of fifteen (\$50.00) dollars, shall be given following the death of a Presiding Grand Officer or Past Presiding Grand Officer, only. (*Adopted March 9, 1970, Amended 1995 - Amount*)

**SECTIONAL MEETINGS**

*WHEREAS*, Area and Sectional Meetings are constantly being sponsored by the National and International York Rite Grand Bodies, and

*WHEREAS*, It is essential that we have representation at these meetings that we may be well informed of what is transpiring in matters relating to our Grand York Rite and the York Rite in General, Therefore, Be it

*RESOLVED*, That the sum of fifty (\$50.00) dollars be appropriated by the Finance Committee for the M. I. Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, if so much be needed, to help defray the expenses to Area Meetings when called by the General Grand Council. (*Referred to Finance and later adopted, March 9, 1970*)

**FUNDS FOR ENTERTAINMENT OF VISITING LADIES**

*RESOLVED*, The Grand Council should consider a separate appropriation to pay the expenses of the Annual Grand Council Assembly for the entertainment of our visiting ladies.

*MOTION*, That the Finance Committee be instructed to appropriate funds to pay the entire cost of the Annual Assembly being in the neighborhood of \$1,000.00 for the three Grand Bodies. (*Adopted and referred to the Finance Committee March 10, 1975*)

ADDENDIUM B (Resolutions Adopted since 1961)

**RESOLUTION TO RECIPROCATATE FOR VISITING DIGNITARIES**

*WHEREAS*, The Expenses of the Grand York Rite Bodies of South Carolina are experiencing a deficit in present financing, and

*WHEREAS*, other Grand Jurisdictions are finding it necessary to reduce expenditures for visiting Grand Heads:

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Grand York Rite Bodies of South Carolina reciprocate in kind with the visitation policies of other Grand Jurisdictions in the Southeast Region. *(Adopted March 10, 1991)*

**RESOLUTION TO PAY EXPENSES FOR VISITING DIGNITARIES**

The Grand Council pays for two days hotel reservations, banquet, breakfast (KYCH & RCC) for men, and ladies brunch for the following:

- General Grand Master or his personal representative
- Southeastern Regional Deputy Right Illustrious General Grand Master

The Grand Council will pay for banquet, breakfast (KYCH & RCC) for men, ladies brunch and hotel room (if their state reciprocates) for the following:

- Most Illustrious Grand Master
- Grand Recorder of the Grand Council

**All other Companions are invited at their own expense.** *(Adopted March 15, 1993)*

**PER DIEM AND MILEAGE**

*WHEREAS*, the three Grand York Rite Bodies of South Carolina, viz: The Grand Royal Arch Chapter; the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters; and the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar plan and hold their annual meetings at the same place and two-day period with each holding a separate meeting within a specified time period; and

*WHEREAS*, present and existing rules and procedures provide for per diem and mileage expenses be paid the certain representatives.

*THEREFORE*, be it resolved that the following guidelines be adopted as the proper procedure of qualification and payment of expenses:

- 1) Payment shall be made to the Presiding Officer of a Constituent Body – or – to his legal representative if the Presiding Officer is not present at any time during the above described meetings schedule.
- 2) No member shall be paid expenses more than once regardless of the number of Grand or constituent body offices he may represent.
- 3) No representative of the Presiding Officer shall receive expenses payment in either of the above bodies if the Presiding Officer has received payment in any capacity of any of the above bodies.

*(Adopted March 10, 1997)*

**ANNUAL BANQUET GUIDELINES**

In the past some of the banquets of the Grand York Rite have exceeded a normal time, praying that would be enjoyed by most those in attendance, which forced the need for guidelines for those planning the auspicious occasion.

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, that those planning the banquet consider the following guidelines:

1) Arrange the dining and program to a two-hour limit, bearing in mind that the Most Worshipful Grand Master must be introduced last. There should be no program or introductions after he is introduced.

2) Awards – The proper place to present all awards is considered to be at the open meeting of the appropriate body and not at the banquet. Those receiving awards and distinguished guests may in the discretion of the presiding officers, be asked to stand as a group and be recognized at the banquet.

**ADDENDIUM B** (Resolutions Adopted since 1961)

3) Because of the extraordinary amount of time consumed by introductions of our distinguished guests of the Grand Bodies, the Grand Secretary-Recorder should plan so that when a distinguished guest registers he is asked to list his current most important title and he should be introduced by this title only. If the presiding Marshal feels that more veracity is needed he may add that this distinguished visitor has many Masonic achievements.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that the foregoing standing resolution should be printed prominently in each pursuing proceedings. (*Adopted March 9, 1998*)

**YORK RITE RING**

The Columbia York Rite Bodies have thoroughly discussed the needs and requirements of a York Rite ring, and they have requested Balfour Jewel Manufacturers to design a ring for York Rite use which will consist of the emblems of the Chapter, Commandery and Council on it.

*WHEREAS*, In order to have one official design for the entire jurisdiction and to avoid having local York Rite Bodies who might decide to use a York Rite ring selecting a design that they would choose, we request that the Grand Council adopt this design as the official ring for South Carolina. This request is made in order that we may have only one ring for our use in the State and that each York Rite Body would be able to purchase rings at a less expensive price than if they use a particular design that they might decide on locally. There have been many requests for information as to whether or not there is an official York Rite ring, and if so, where it could be purchased. This ring may also be purchased by those members who so desire to have one. (*Adopted March 11, 1974*)

**ROTATION OF ANNUAL MEETING TIMES**

*WHEREAS*, the By-Laws and Constitution of these Grand York Rite Bodies have been diligently searched for any statement with regards to the order of the meetings of these Grand Bodies, *AND*

*WHEREAS*, the search could find no reference to any order designating date of meeting except the Grand Chapter, it being stated only the second week in March, *AND*

*WHEREAS*, the procedure of meeting has only been by custom and agreement, *AND*

*WHEREAS*, the past custom has been that the Grand Commandery meet on Monday a.m., Grand Council on Monday p.m. and Grand Chapter on Tuesday a.m. of the second week in March, *AND*

*WHEREAS*, a rotating system would be more agreeable to the Craft, *AND*

*WHEREAS*, the Grand Commandery could retain their church service on Sunday evening with no interruption.

*NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED* that beginning with these Grand York Rite Meetings in the year 2010, they should be rotated as follows:

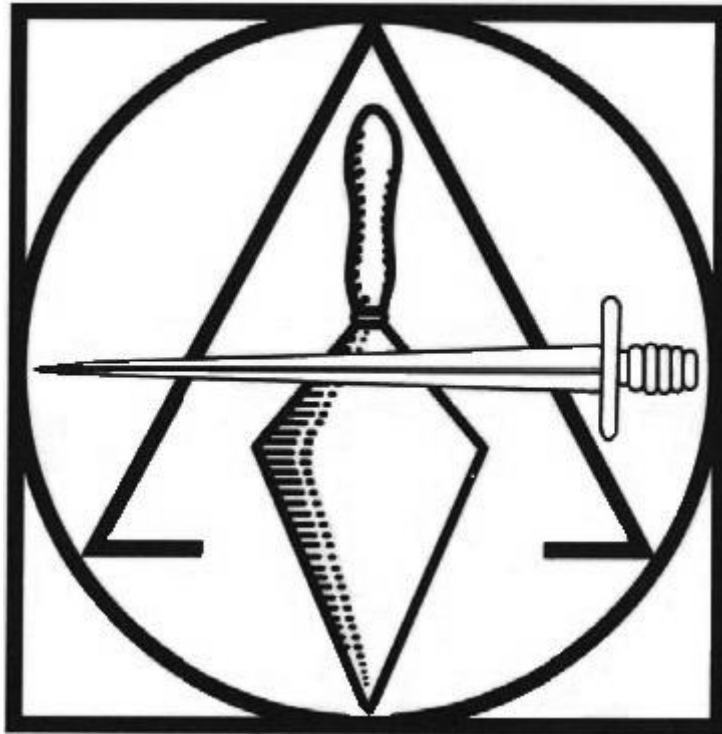
Monday a.m. - Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina.

Monday p.m. - Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina.

Tuesday a.m. - Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of South Carolina.

*AND FURTHER*, each Grand Body would move up one space each year and the presiding officer of that Grand Body at the top of the list will be responsible for presiding at the consolidated meeting on Monday a.m. and the introduction of the visiting dignitaries. (*Adopted March 15, 1999 - Amended 2008*)

## OFFICIAL CRYPTIC INSIGNIA



The above insignia was adopted by the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International at the Thirty-sixth Triennial Assembly held in Orlando Florida on October 20-24, 1987.

The same insignia was adopted by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina at the One Hundred, Twenty-eighth Annual Grand Assembly held in Columbia, South Carolina on Monday, March 14, 1988.

## MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS 1860 - 1986

### Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>
* 1860-71	Albert G. Mackey, <i>Charleston</i>	* 1942-43	Joseph E. Hart, <i>York</i>
* 1872-73	James Bernie, <i>Greenville</i>	* 1944-45	Paul Fowler, <i>Switzer</i>
* 1874-78	W. G. DeSaussure, <i>Charleston</i>	* 1946-47	R. H. Etheredge, <i>Saluda</i>
* 1879-82	W. H. D. Gaillard, <i>Pendleton</i>	* 1948-49	Chas. F. Middleton, <i>Charleston</i>
* 1883-84	J. E. Brazeale, <i>Anderson</i>	* 1950-51	J. O. Cartrette, <i>Conway</i>
* 1885	A. H. White, <i>Rock Hill</i>	* 1952-53	James L. Howe, <i>Rock Hill</i>
* 1886	W. T. Branch, <i>Abbeville</i>	* 1954	Velver E. Bentley, <i>Kelton</i>
* 1887	W. W. Humphreys, <i>Anderson</i>	* 1955	Samuel Aiken, <i>Greenville</i>
* 1888	G. T. Berg, <i>Columbia</i>	* 1956	Ben T. Jones, <i>Marion</i>
* 1889-90	A. Doty, <i>Charleston</i>	* 1957	Leonard C. Ripley, <i>Charleston</i>
* 1891	Eduard Scholtz, <i>Newberry</i>	* 1958	A. J. M. Wannamaker, <i>Orangeburg</i>
* 1892-93	S. S. Buist, <i>Charleston</i>	* 1959	Mendel C. Jeanes, <i>Columbia</i>
* 1894	F. T. Wilhite, <i>Anderson</i>	* 1960	J. Anderson Bass, <i>Rock Hill</i>
* 1895	H. C. Moses, <i>Sumter</i>	* 1961	W. C. Wylie, Jr., <i>Chester</i>
* 1896	C. F. Panknin, <i>Charleston</i>	* 1962	E. I. Johnson, <i>Spartanburg</i>
* 1897	J. T. Barron, <i>Columbia</i>	* 1963	W. N. Bradford, <i>Sumter</i>
* 1898	Byron Holley, <i>Greenville</i>	* 1964	Marion L. Watson, <i>Florence</i>
* 1899-1900	Albert E. Fugle, <i>Columbia</i>	* 1965	Fred S. McFadden, <i>Rock Hill</i>
* 1901-03	John R. Bellinger, <i>Bamberg</i>	* 1966	Thomas A. Bolt, <i>Greenville</i>
* 1904	James R. Johnson, <i>Charleston</i>	* 1967	George W. Romanstine, <i>Columbia</i>
* 1905	F. E. Harrison, <i>Abbeville</i>	* 1968	Daniel T. Lambright, <i>Gaffney</i>
* 1906-07	George S. Mower, <i>Newberry</i>	* 1969	Marvin N. DeYoung, <i>Clinton</i>
* 1908-09	George T. Bryan, <i>Greenville</i>	* 1970	Angus Hinson, <i>Rock Hill</i>
* 1910-11	J. L. Michie, <i>Darlington</i>	* 1971	M. Carl Watt, <i>Anderson</i>
* 1912	John M. Graham, <i>Columbia</i>	* 1972	J. Erskine Thompson, <i>Van Wyck</i>
* 1913	Joseph Lindsay, <i>Chester</i>	* 1973	Clarence E. Barnett, <i>Taylors</i>
* 1914	John M. Graham, <i>Columbia</i>	* 1974	James D. Penley, Jr., <i>York</i>
* 1915-16	O. Frank Hart, <i>Columbia</i>	* 1975	H. Dwight McAlister, <i>Columbia</i>
* 1917	Myron H. Sandifer, <i>Rock Hill</i>	* 1976	Caldwell T. Hinson, <i>Lancaster</i>
* 1918	William E. Gantt, <i>Charleston</i>	* 1977	W. J. "Wally" Knopp, <i>Aiken</i>
* 1919-20	Kenneth Baker, <i>Greenwood</i>	* 1978	Paul E. Creel, <i>Conway</i>
* 1921-22	W. W. Wannamaker, <i>Orangeburg</i>	* 1979	Russell G. Lengel, <i>Orangeburg</i>
* 1923-24	Samuel T. Lanham, <i>Spartanburg</i>	1980	William R. Logan, <i>Greenwood</i>
* 1925-26	Charles K. Chreizberg, <i>Rock Hill</i>	* 1980 ❖	Robert F. Secretst, <i>Columbia</i>
* 1927-28	John D. Lee, <i>Sumter</i>	1981 ❖	John H. Scogin, <i>Spartanburg</i>
* 1929-30	M. L. Smith, <i>Laurens</i>	* 1981	John H. Martschink, Jr., <i>Charleston</i>
* 1931-32	E. Johnson Brown, <i>Latta</i>	* 1982	O'Neal Roberts, <i>Kershaw</i>
* 1933	E. S. C. Baker, <i>Conway</i>	* 1983	Charles P. Wimberly, <i>Inman</i>
* 1934-35	Wm. A. Giles, <i>Graniteville</i>	* 1983 ❖	J. B. McGuirt, <i>Camden</i>
* 1936-38	W. Robin Zemp, <i>Camden</i>	* 1984	Harold W. Rhodes, <i>Rock Hill</i>
* 1939-40	Paul T. McNeel, <i>Union</i>	1985	Wilson C. Hardee, <i>Georgetown</i>
* 1941	E. Capers Haselden, <i>Georgetown</i>	1986	J. Gordon Cartrette, <i>Marion</i>

\* Deceased      ❖ Honorary

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## MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS 1987 - PRESENT

### Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>
1987	J. Frank Gilliland, <i>Pendleton</i>	2001	Harold S. Gregory, <i>Lancaster</i>
* 1987 ❖	Willard F. Bond, Jr., <i>Aiken</i>	2002	Gary B. Hinson, <i>Aiken</i>
1988	Robert D. Yonce, <i>Ridge Spring</i>	* 2003 ❖	R. Henry Brown, <i>Camden</i>
* 1989	LeRoy W. Wells, <i>Sumter</i>	2003	Bobby J. Sprouse, <i>Spartanburg</i>
* 1990	Neal H. Brown, Jr., <i>Camden</i>	* 2004	Willie R. Smith, <i>Abbeville</i>
* 1990 ❖	Vernon A. Amick, <i>Columbia</i>	2005 ❖	Johnnie T. Morris, <i>Columbia</i>
1991	T. Henry Waldrep, <i>Westminster</i>	2005	Robert W. Kendrick, <i>Greenville</i>
1991 ❖	G. Ray Marsh, <i>Anderson</i>	2006 ❖	G. Kent Elkins, <i>Greenville</i>
1991 ❖	J. C. Hubbard, Jr., <i>Clemson</i>	2006	C. Leroy Alsbrooks Jr, <i>Sumter</i>
1992	Joseph L. McGee, <i>Columbia</i>	2007	John T. Dickson, <i>York</i>
1993	Johnnie L. Bolt, <i>Laurens</i>	2008	George R. Peters, <i>Spartanburg</i>
1994	Earl P. Hudgens, Jr., <i>Easley</i>	2009	Ronald T. Elvis, Sr., <i>Conway</i>
1995	Laland D. Lowie, <i>Anderson</i>	2010	O. Walt Sealy, <i>Rock Hill</i>
* 1995 ❖	Ford M. Thornton, Jr., <i>Aiken</i>	2011	Joseph Parnell, <i>Williamston</i>
1996	Douglas G. Lee, <i>Gaffney</i>	2012	Gary B. Jolley, <i>Gaffney</i>
* 1996 ❖	Everette T. Deitz, <i>Aiken</i>	2013	Douglas R. Knauer, <i>Lyman</i>
1997	Phillip G. Russell, <i>Charleston</i>	2014	F. Dean Tollison, <i>Union</i>
1998	Charles E. Mackey, <i>Kershaw</i>		
1999	Larry Dempsey, <i>Orangeburg</i>		
2000	W. Penn Colvin, <i>Chester</i>		

## GRAND RECORDERS 1860 - PRESENT

### Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>
* 1860-71	H. W. Schroder, <i>Charleston</i>	* 1953-62	Henry F. Collins, <i>Columbia</i>
* 1872-77	Alex Lindstrom, <i>Charleston</i>	* 1963-71	Hugh N. Layne, <i>Columbia</i>
* 1878-82	Zimmerman Davis, <i>Charleston</i>	* 1971-73	Henry F. Collins, <i>Columbia</i>
* 1883-86	D. D. Moore, <i>Rock Hill</i>	* 1973-81	Robert F. Secrest, <i>Columbia</i>
* 1887-1909	Zimmerman Davis, <i>Charleston</i>	* 1981-91	George W. Romanstine, <i>Columbia</i>
* 1910-14	O. Frank Hart, <i>Columbia</i>	* 1991-92	Mendel C. Jeanes, <i>Columbia</i>
* 1915-16	Bryan E. Miot, <i>Columbia</i>	* 1992-97	Robert C. Hopple, <i>Columbia</i>
* 1917-50	O. Frank Hart, <i>Columbia</i>	1997-	Johnnie T. Morris, <i>Columbia</i>
* 1951-52	Henry F. Collins, <i>Columbia</i>		
* 1952-53	Fred S. McFadden, <i>Rock Hill</i>		

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