

**By Laws
of
ROSKRUGE COUNCIL
No. 6
ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS, ARIZONA
at
Tucson, Arizona**



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ROSKRUGE COUNCIL NO. 6, CRYPTIC MASONS
OF TUCSON, ARIZONA

HELD UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF
THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS, ARIZONA,

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ARTICLE I
NAME, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

Section 1. This Council shall be known as Roskruge Council No. 6, Cryptic Masons, hereinafter referred to as the Council, and its officers shall consist of a Thrice Illustrious Master, (whose title is Illustrious Master), a Deputy Master, a Principal Conductor of the Work, a Captain of the Guard, a Conductor of the Council, a Chaplain, a Treasurer, a Recorder, a Steward and a Sentinel, and such other officers as the Council may deem it proper to appoint.

Section 2. Every Companion named in the Dispensation by authority of which this Council was first opened, or who has affiliated therewith, and every Companion who has received the Degrees therein shall, while in good standing, be members of this Council.

Section 3. The Illustrious Master shall, at the completion of his term of office, receive from the Council his choice of; a Past Illustrious Master Jewel, a Past illustrious Master Ring, or a Past Illustrious Master Apron, the total cost thereof, to the Council, not to exceed Two Hundred dollars (\$200.00).

ARTICLE II
THE MEETINGS OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER

Section 1. Meetings will be held monthly, except for July and August, on the first Thursday evening starting at 8:00 PM in the form of a Standard meeting, whereby there is a Full Form opening and closing according to the established ritual of Council.. The Illustrious Master may call special Meetings of the Council at any time after giving due notice to the membership.

Section 2. Minutes of the monthly meeting will reflect, at a minimum, the degree in which the formal opening was made, the number of officers and members present to establish a quorum according to the opening requirements, committee reports, unfinished and new business, and a report of the financial status.

ARTICLE III
ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Section 1. Any member in good standing, and who is not indebted to the Council, shall be entitled to vote at all elections and shall be eligible to any office in the Council.

Section 2. The Illustrious Master, the Deputy Master, the Principal Conductor of the Work, the Treasurer, and the Recorder shall be chosen annually by ballot at the Stated

Meeting in the month of April and shall occupy their respective stations until their successors are chosen and installed.

Section 3. All of the other officers of the Council shall be appointed by the Illustrious Master and shall occupy their several stations during the will and pleasure of the Illustrious Master.

Section 4. The offices of Recorder and Treasurer may be consolidated into the one office of Recorder/Treasurer, and when so combined, the Recorder shall assume and perform all of the duties of the Treasurer as set forth in ARTICLE IV, Section 2, of these By-Laws.

Section 5a. There shall be three Trustees of this Council, each of whom shall serve a term of three years, unless he sooner resigns or is removed for cause. They shall serve staggered terms, with one to be elected by ballot each year at the regular annual election of officers held at the Stated Convocation in April.

Section 5b. Each Trustee shall hold office until his successor shall be elected and installed, and by virtue of this election shall be a director of the York Rite Temple Association for his term of office.

Section 5c. In the event of the resignation, death or removal of an elected Trustee, the Illustrious Master shall appoint a Trustee to serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor Trustee.

Section 5d. No Trustee shall be reelected to succeed himself.

Section 6a. The officers shall be installed as soon as practicable after their election or appointment, and shall hold their respective office until their successors have been duly installed.

Section 6b. If an appointive officer fails to attend three successive stated meetings without good and sufficient cause as determined by the Illustrious Master, the Illustrious Master may remove such officer from office and appoint a successor to that office.

ARTICLE IV

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The Illustrious Master, the Deputy Master and the Principal Conductor of the Work shall perform such duties as are prescribed in the Statutes and Orders of the Grand Council, and as traditionally appertain to their respective stations.

Section 2. The Treasurer shall receive all monies from the Recorder, shall keep a just and accurate account thereof, and shall pay the same out only upon order duly signed by the Recorder and approved by the Council. He shall submit his books for audit prior to the Stated Meeting in March or at any other time that the Illustrious Master or the Council may require. He may receive such compensation for his services as the Council may direct.

Section 3. The Recorder, in addition to the duties prescribed in the Statutes and Orders of the Grand Council shall issue all notices of meetings; shall sign all vouchers for payment of Council funds; and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Illustrious Master or the Council. He may receive such compensation for his services as the Council may direct.

Section 4. The other officers shall perform such duties as traditionally appertain to their respective stations or which shall be assigned to them by the Illustrious Master.

ARTICLE V

PETITIONS FOR THE DEGREES AND APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Every petition for the Degrees shall declare the Lodge and Chapter in which the petitioner is affiliated, and the Council in which he will be affiliated. It shall also give his full name, date of birth, residence and occupation and shall state whether he has petitioned any other Council, and if so, the name of such Council, time, date and any action taken thereon, and the facts of his residence showing his qualifications. The petitioner shall declare by his signature that he has read the petition. The petition must be signed by two members of the Council petitioned who shall vouch for the good character and Masonic standing of the petitioner and recommend favorable action.

Section 2. When a petition for the Degrees or an application for Affiliation has been received, it shall be acted upon in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Council of Arizona.

Section 3. When an applicant shall be rejected, the fee accompanying his application shall be at once returned to him; and when one who has been elected to receive the Degrees shall neglect to present himself for that purpose within twelve months after receiving notice thereof, unless valid reason is given, his election may be declared void and his fee may be forfeited to the Council.

Section 4. Affiliation in a Lodge and a Chapter is necessary to qualify a petitioner for membership in the Council.

Section 5. An application for Affiliation must show evidence of affiliation in a Lodge, a Chapter and a Council in order to qualify him for membership in the Council.

Section 6. A petition for plural membership must be accompanied by a Certificate of good standing issued by the Council of which the petitioner is a member. Plural membership shall be subject to all the requirements of the Grand Council of Arizona.

Section 7. Every member of the Council must sign the By-Laws thereof in order to be eligible to vote and hold office therein.

ARTICLE VI
FEES AND DUES

Section 1. The fee for the Degrees, including the Degree of Super Excellent Master, shall be Sixty dollars (\$60.00) and shall invariably accompany the petition, out of which fee the applicants dues for the first year shall be paid. The fee may be lowered by majority vote of the Companions present, provided that a written resolution to do so be presented at one stated convocation and notice sent to all members that the resolution will be voted upon at the next stated convocation, and provided further that the minimum fee shall be no less than that set forth in the Constitution of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Arizona.

Section 2. There shall be no fee for affiliation with the Council.

Section 3. The annual dues for membership in this Council shall be 10 dollars (\$10.00) per year plus the Grand Council Per Capita Fees, rounded up to the nearest whole dollar. Dues are due January 1, each year and payable in advance.

Section 4. Any member of this Council who shall be one year in arrears for dues shall be notified thereof by order of the Illustrious Master, and if said dues shall not be paid at or before the stated time, or sufficient reason be given for Nonpayment, he shall be suspended by vote of the Council.

Section 5. Any member of this Council, suspended for non-payment of dues, may be restored to membership by a majority vote after payment of the arrearages.

Section 6. This Council shall allow the purchase of Perpetual Memberships from the Grand Council in accordance with the provisions for the same in the Constitution of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Arizona. The current rate for purchasing the same is 15 times the Annual Dues of the Council and must be immediately remitted to the Grand Recorder upon receipt thereof.

ARTICLE VII
COMMITTEES

Section 1. The first three officers of the Council shall constitute a Standing Committee, whose duty it shall be to report any un-Masonic conduct on the part of its members; to reconcile, if possible, any differences which may exist among or between them; and to receive and examine into applications for assistance from all Companions, their widows and orphans, and if found worthy, afford relief as their immediate necessities may require.

Section 2. The Illustrious Master, at the Stated Meeting after his installation, shall appoint an auditing committee, whose duty it shall be to examine and correct all accounts against the Council before presentation by the Secretary.

Section 3. At the Stated Meeting in February, a committee shall be appointed to examine and audit the Books of the Treasurer and the Recorder, and such committee shall report thereon at the next Stated Meeting.

Section 4. Such other committees as the Illustrious Master or the Council may deem proper or necessary may be appointed from time to time by the Illustrious Master or the Council. All committees shall present their reports in writing. The Illustrious Master shall be ex officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE VIII WITHDRAWALS

Section 1. Any member of this Council, in good standing, may withdraw there from upon payment of all dues, and giving notice of such withdrawal at a stated meeting.

ARTICLE IX UNLAWFUL REVELATIONS

Section 1. Any member of this Council, or a Companion within its jurisdiction who shall be so unmindful of his duties as to improperly reveal any of its transactions may, after due trial and by a majority vote of the Council, be suspended or expelled.

ARTICLE X THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1. The order of business at a Stated Meeting shall be as follows:

1. Reading the Minutes of the preceding meetings.
2. Reports on Receipts and Disbursements.
3. Reception of Committee Reports.
4. Reception and referral of Petitions and Applications.
5. Balloting on Petitions and Applications.
6. Reading of Communications.
7. Unfinished and Miscellaneous Business.
8. New business.
9. Good of the Order including conferring of the Degrees when required..

ARTICLE XI
AMENDMENTS AND REVISION

Section 1. A Committee shall be appointed by the Illustrious Master, at least biannually, to review these By-Laws and submit recommendations for any additions, changes and deletions deemed necessary by the Committee.

Section 2. These By-Laws may be amended at any Stated Meeting by the votes of two-thirds of the members present, provided that notice of such amendment shall have been given at the Stated Meeting preceding, and also, that the membership shall have been notified by mail previous to its being taken; but such amendment shall not be valid until approved by the Grand Council or the Most Illustrious Grand Master, and until such approval shall have been transmitted to the Grand Secretary.

Adopted:

/s/ _____, Date
Recorder

(SEAL)

Approved: _____ Date:
Most Illustrious Grand Master

Attest: _____ Date:
Grand Recorder

(Grand
Council
Seal)

Bibliography of subsequent revisions:

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