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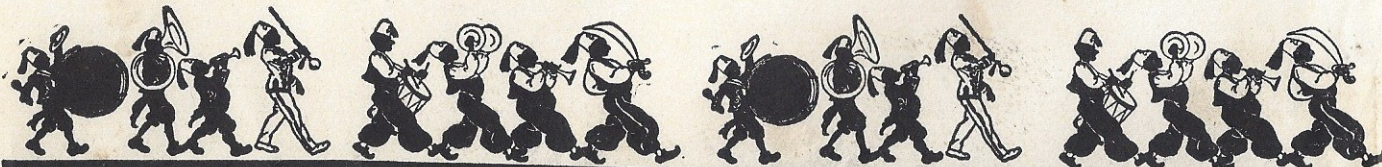
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TO ALL GROTTOS THROUGHOUT THE REALM

GREETINGS:

In accordance with Article XXXIX, Section 1, of the Supreme Council Code, the attached proposed amendments to the by-laws will be submitted and acted upon at the 60th annual session of the Supreme Council in Washington, D. C., June 7 - 10, 1950.

Fraternally submitted,

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL CODE, M.O.V.P.E.R., to be submitted and acted upon at the 60th Annual Session, Washington, D.C., June 8 - 10, 1950.

PROPOSED by the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws:

AMENDMENT No. 1

New Article which will be ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

- Section 1. HOW CONSTITUTED. A Board of Governors of the Supreme Council is hereby established, the members of which shall be all elective officers of the Supreme Council except the Grand Trustees. The Grand Monarch and Grand Secretary shall be Chairman and Secretary of the Board, respectively. The Board shall meet at the call of the Grand Monarch.
- Section 2. POWERS AND DUTIES. The Board of Governors shall have general supervision over and be responsible for the conduct of the affairs of the Supreme Council between sessions thereof. They shall perform such duties and functions as may be provided by this code, or action of the Supreme Council or the order of the Grand Monarch. In no way limiting the power herein above conferred, they shall exercise such powers as may be delegated to them by this code, or action of the Supreme Council or the Grand Monarch.
- Section 3. VOTING POWER. Each member of the Board of Governors shall be entitled to one vote, except that, in case of a tie, the Grand Monarch can cast an extra vote to break such tie. A vote of the Board of Governors may be taken by mail.
- Section 4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. There shall be an Executive Committee composed of the Grand Monarch, Deputy Grand Monarch, Grand Chief Justice, Grand Master of Ceremonies, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and the Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, which shall meet at the request of the Grand Monarch and perform such duties and have such powers as may be delegated to them by the Supreme Council Code, the Grand Monarch or a vote of the Supreme Council or the Board of Governors.

AMENDMENT No. 2

AMEND Section 1, Article V, by striking out the words "shall have general supervision over the Order" and, so that the same, when enacted, shall read:

Section 1. The Grand Monarch shall exercise all the executive functions of the Supreme Council when it is not in session.

ADD to said Section 1, Article V a new paragraph reading as follows:

Section 1 (o) Preside over all meetings of the Board of Governors, appoint committees thereof, and in other respects work in conjunction with the Board of Governors in the general supervision of the Order, between sessions of the Supreme Council.

AMENDMENT No. 3

REPEAL Section 2, Article 1, and enact the following in lieu thereof:

Section 2. PLACE AND LENGTH OF SESSIONS. The place and length of each session shall be determined by a majority vote at the preceding session, provided that the Executive Committee may change either the place or length of meeting, or both, at least thirty (30) days' notice of such change is given to all members of the Supreme Council and to Grottoes, by mail addressed to the addresses last known to the Grand Secretary or otherwise.

AMENDMENT No. 4

AMEND Article V, Section 1, by striking out the paragraph marked (c) thereof and substitute the following:

(c) To institute all Grottoes under dispensation and constitute all Grottoes, charters for which have been issued, provided that such constitution or institution may be done through a Deputy appointed in accordance with the provisions of the paragraph marked (j) hereof and that an appropriation covering all cost thereof shall be made a part of the Supreme Council budget.

AMENDMENT No. 5

AMEND Article V, Section 7, by striking out the paragraph marked (q) and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

(q) To prepare and deliver to the Grand Monarch or his Deputy appointed for that purpose all dispensations for Grottoes and charters granted and ascertain that all the laws of the Order relative thereto have been complied with before issuing the same.

ADD new paragraph (t) reading -

(t) He shall report to the Supreme Council all Grottoes who did not file annual report within the stipulated time.

AMENDMENT No. 6

AMEND Article V, Section 7-k by striking out the words "constitution, by-laws and general regulations of the Supreme Council as changes are made therein including other regulations that may be in force and approved edicts of the Grand Monarch", and substitute therefor the words "Supreme Council Code," so that the same, when amended, shall read:

(k) To have published and forwarded to Past Grand Monarchs, Grand Officers elected and appointed, Active Life Members made prior to October 2, 1907, and to the Monarch and Secretary of each Grotto copies of the Supreme Council Code.

AMENDMENT No. 7

AMEND Article V, Sec. 16, by inserting after the word "Council" in the fourth line thereof the words "The Board of Governors" so that said section shall read:

Section 16. GENERAL DUTIES OF OFFICERS. It shall be the duty of the several officers of the Supreme Council, in addition to the duties here specified, to perform such other duties as may from time to time be delegated to them or required by the Supreme Council, the Board of Governor or the Grand Monarch.

AMENDMENT No. 8

REPEAL Section 2, Article VI, and substitute the following:

Section 2. PAST MONARCHS. The rank of Past Monarch can be attended only by elected Monarchs who have been duly installed and who shall serve more than six months, and by Monarchs of Grottoes under dispensation who shall serve from the institution thereof until a charter is granted. The rank cannot be given, either honorary or otherwise, to any Prophet who has not so served, except as provided in Article XXI.

AMENDMENT No. 9

AMEND Article XIII, Section 5, by striking therefrom the last sentence thereof, namely, "Its Monarch, after serving until a charter is granted to the Grotto is entitled to the rank of Past Monarch" so that the same shall read:

Sec. 5. A Grotto under dispensation cannot elect its officers, nor discipline its members, but it possesses all other powers and privileges, and must perform all the other duties of a chartered Grotto, except that it need not have a seal.

AMENDMENT No. 10

AMEND Article VIII, Section 2, by inserting after the words "Humanitarian Work" and before the word "and" in the fourth line thereof the words "a Committee on Memorial Properties" so it shall read, as follows:

Section 2. STANDING COMMITTEES. At the annual session or within thirty days thereafter, the Grand Monarch shall appoint from the membership of the Supreme Council, a Committee on Ritual, a Committee on Humanitarian Work, a Committee on Memorial Properties, and such ad-interim committees as may be authorized by resolution of the Supreme Council from time to time. He shall also appoint one member of the Committee on Finance and one member of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws for a term of three years. He shall also appoint, annually, a Contest and Parade Committee, except that the chairman of the Contest and Parade Committee shall be appointed every third year to serve a term of three years.

AMENDMENT No. 11

ADD an Article to follow Section 11, Article VII, as follows:

Section 12. MEMORIAL PROPERTIES COMMITTEE. The Committee on Memorial Properties shall consist of three members and shall have charge of the Archive Room of the Order in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia, and of the Founders' Memorial at Hamilton, New York. The Committee shall have full authority and it shall be their duty to properly, appropriately and creditably furnish said Archive Room and Founders' Memorial and provide, from time to time, for their adequate maintenance and, as the occasion demands, employ such custodians and services as may be necessary for that purpose.

AMENDMENT No. 12

ADD a Section to be known as Section 5, Article XII, reading as follows:

MEMORIAL PROPERTIES FUND

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Section 5. Each Grotto, chartered or under dispensation, shall pay annually on its membership, when making its annual return, the sum of five (5) cents per member, which sum shall be segregated and used exclusively by the Memorial Properties Committee for the purposes for which said Committee is created.

AMENDMENT No. 13

STRIKE Section 4, Article XII and enact the following in lieu thereof:

CONVENTION FUND

Section 4. Each Grotto, chartered or under dispensation, shall pay annually on its membership, when making annual return, the sum of ten (10) cents per member, which sum shall be segregated and used exclusively for aid to the Host Grotto or its organization, entertaining the sessions of the Supreme Council. The fund shall be allocated by the executive committee. No other monies shall be used for such purpose and no expenditures are to be incurred in excess of the amount so made available.

+ 10 cts

AMENDMENT No. 14

AMEND Article XIII, Section 1, by striking the words "twenty-five (25)" in the 7th line thereof and substituting the word "fifty (50)" so that the same shall read:

Section 1. The Grand Monarch may grant a dispensation for the organization of a Grotto within any jurisdiction of the Realm where there is not already an existing and actively functioning Grotto, duly chartered by the Supreme Council and conforming with its laws and regulations, upon petition therefor signed by at least fifty (50) Master Masons in good standing, in addition to such Prophets as may join therein; provided, however, that, in the case of what are commonly known and recognized as "Greater" or "Metropolitan" areas within the Realm, the Grand Monarch may with the consent of the Monarch, Chief Justice and Master of Ceremonies of an existing and actively functioning Grotto or Grottoes within any such area, grant a dispensation for the organization of a new Grotto therein, upon a similar petition therefor.

AMENDMENT No. 15

AMEND Article XIII, Section 2, by striking therefrom the words "except that the Grand Monarch, in his discretion and for good cause shown, may permit a reduction of that fee to not less than \$15.00 until the Grotto is duly chartered" so that the same shall read:

Section 2. Every petitioner for the formation of a Grotto other than those who are Prophets, shall pay a fee of not less than \$25.00 to the

Secretary of the Grotto. The fees payable to the Supreme Council shall be taken therefrom and sent to the Grand Secretary before the dispensation is delivered.

AMENDMENT No. 16

REPEAL paragraph (a) of Section 1, Article XIV and enact the following in lieu thereof:

(a) Provided, however, that during the interim between Supreme Council Sessions, the Grand Monarch may, in his discretion, grant a charter to any Grotto under dispensation which, during such interim, shall satisfy all the requirements prescribed by the Code for the issuance of a charter by the Supreme Council itself.

AMENDMENT No. 17

AMEND Article XX, Section 1, as follows:

Add after "Venerable Prophet" the words "Three or more Trustees who shall be elected for a period of three or more years as determined by the by-laws of the Grotto" so that said Section 1 shall read:

Section 1. ELECTIVE OFFICERS. The elective officers of a Grotto shall consist of:

MONARCH
CHIEF JUSTICE
MASTER OF CEREMONIES
TREASURER
SECRETARY

VENERABLE PROPHET, and THREE OR MORE TRUSTEES who shall be elected for a period of three or more years as determined by the by-laws of the Grotto. Provided, however, that no trustees are necessary if an equivalent board or committee is otherwise provided for.

AMENDMENT No. 18

ADD to Article XXII the following Section to be known as Section 8:

TERMS OF SERVICE AND DUTIES OF TRUSTEES

Section 8. The length of the terms of office of the Trustees and the time of expiration thereof shall be such that the terms of not more than one-third of their number shall expire each year. They shall hold title to all the property of unincorporated Grottoes in trust for the use and benefit of the Grotto and in all Grottoes, whether incorporated or not, they shall have charge of the investment of the permanent funds of the Grotto.

AMENDMENT No. 19

REPEAL Section 3, Article XX and enact the following in lieu thereof:

PROFICIENCY IN RITUAL

Section 3. At least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which nominations for office for the ensuing year are to be made, the Monarch shall appoint a Committee of Past Monarchs, the number of members of said committee to be determined by him, who shall examine all of the elected officers of the Grotto as to their proficiency in the ritual. At the meeting at which nominations for office are to be made and prior to the making of such nominations, said committee shall report and if said committee shall find any of said officers not proficient in the ritualistic work, they shall not be eligible for nomination for any higher office.

AMENDMENT No. 20

ENACT the following as an additional Section of Article XXV.

DISPOSITION OF CANDIDATE. In case any candidate's petition has been received and he shall have been initiated in any Grotto in violation of the provisions of this Article, then the Grotto whose jurisdiction has been invaded may ballot upon such candidate as on a petition for affiliation and if he is elected said Grotto may request the offending Grotto to issue him a demit and his membership shall be transferred to such Grotto and all dues and fees collected from him shall be paid over by the offending Grotto to the Grotto whose jurisdiction was invaded. The provisions of this Section shall not prevent disciplinary action in case the invasion of the jurisdiction as aforesaid shall have been the result of fraud or bad faith.

AMENDMENT No. 21

REPEAL Section 7 of Article XX

AMENDMENT No. 22

REPEAL Section 5, Article XXVIII and enact the following in lieu thereof:

Section 5. REPORTING NAMES ADDED TO THE ROLLS. The Secretary of each subordinate Grotto shall report to the Grand Secretary the names of all prophets who have been added to the rolls of membership whether by initiation, reinstatement, or affiliation within ten days after such names are so added to the rolls.

AMENDMENT No. 23

AMEND Article XXXII, Section 5, by striking therefrom the words "provided that the minimum fee shall be \$60.00" in the 10th and 11th lines thereof so that said Section 5 shall read, as follows:

Section 5. LIFE MEMBERSHIP. A Grotto may provide by by-laws or otherwise for the granting of life membership for meritorious service and by sale, but no Grotto shall make life members based on length of membership. Life membership for meritorious service must be, in each case, approved by the Grand Monarch, the Deputy Grand Monarch and the Grand Secretary before becoming effective. Life memberships shall not be sold for less than an amount equal to fifteen times the annual dues currently assessed resident members of the Grotto.

Fraternally submitted,

Realf Ottesen, P.M., Chairman
Waldo Willhoft, P.M.
John B. Nicklas, Jr., P.M.

April 27, 1950

JURISPRUDENCE & LAWS COMMITTEE

SUBMITTED by LONGI Grotto as Section 3, Article XXXIII:

The Board of Governors of LongI Grotto have passed the following resolution at a special meeting, to be considered at the Supreme Council Session in June - Washington, D.C.

"A member of any Grotto in good standing may become by regular affiliation or by joining as petitioner in the founding of a new Grotto and may continue a member of two Grottoes in this or a sister jurisdiction, provided he shall be liable to pay the fee as provided by the Supreme Council; and shall be liable to pay dues in each Grotto of which he is a member; shall be entitled to vote in each Grotto of which he is a member and to bear office therein excepting that he shall not be Monarch of more than one Grotto at the same time in an involuntary loss of membership in any Grotto shall be carried as loss of membership in all Grottoes."

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