

ARTICLES.

Primary and Cardinal.

By acceptance whereof, by two or more Supreme Councils, the League shall *pleno jure* have being.

ARTICLE I.

The Supreme Councils which accept these primary and cardinal Articles shall thereupon constitute a Conciliar League, to be known as "*The United Supreme Councils of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.*"

ARTICLE II.

The qualifications to entitle a Supreme Council to become a member of the League shall be :

1st. That it shall have been legitimately created and established, in some mode authorized by the Grand Constitutions of 1786.

2d. That it shall recognize those Grand Constitutions as the organic law of the Rite.

3d. That it shall be the Supreme Power of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in its Jurisdiction, as to at least all its degrees above the third, having the exclusive administration and government thereof, except as to degrees, the right to confer and administer which has of old and of right belonged to other Bodies or Powers : and that, if it be a component part of a Grand Orient, none of its actions in regard to the said degrees above the third shall be subject to review, revision or control by such Grand Orient or any other body, Council or Senate whatever.

4th. That its Sovereign Grand Commander, if elected, shall be, before his election, a Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33d degree and an active member of itself, and elected by the votes of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General active members only.

ARTICLE III.

The following propositions shall always be maintained by each of the United Supreme Councils as maxims of the fundamental law of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite ; and all relations of amity and correspondence between them or any of them, and any Supreme Council whatever, that shall violate and persist in violating either of the same shall cease, and shall not be renewed while such persistence continues.

i.—That every legitimate Supreme Council is Supreme and Sovereign over all Masons and Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, within the whole extent and in every part of its territorial jurisdiction, as defined at its creation or gained afterwards, or as proven by possession and prescription ; excepting only such Masons and Bodies as have of old and of right obeyed therein another and a legitimate Power ; that within those limits no other Power of the Rite, with

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