

ever names their meeting, may be designated, any person belonging to any Masonic order or degree which shall be in rebellion against any or either of the contracting parties, or any person who shall hereafter belong to any Masonic order or degree not recognized by one or other of the contracting parties, and not subject to the Judicial Council hereinafter described. Provided always, and it is hereby agreed, that the Grand Lodge of Mark Master shall be at liberty to ally itself with a governing body, to be formed for the purpose of working the following ancient Masonic degrees—that is to say, that of “Royal and Select Master,” “Excellent Master,” “Super Excellent Master,” and “Most Excellent Master,” without such act being considered an infringement of the present convention, or as obligatory on the associated orders to acknowledge or receive as an associated body the governing body of the hereinbefore mentioned degrees. Provided always that all orders or degrees now claimed and worked by either of the associated orders shall be considered as belonging to them.

II. For the purpose of hearing and deciding appeals as hereinafter provided, and of settling disputed questions between the respective orders and degrees, and for the more effectual promotion of their interests in general, the contracting parties will nominate, from time to time, a Judicial Council consisting of three delegates from each authority to wit, the Grand Conclave of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital, three members; the Supreme Council three members, and the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, three members—of whom one representative present from each of the above bodies shall form a quorum. Provided always, that if on the summons of the second meeting a quorum shall be present as aforesaid, then those present shall and may act and make their decree as though a member or delegate from each authority had been present.

III. It shall be computed to either of the associated orders to summon such Judicial Council or giving to the other contracting parties, and to any persons or persons interested in the matter to be decided or judged, clear twenty-one days’ notice of such council, together with the time and place at which it is intended that such meeting or council shall be held; the subject matter of such meeting, and the judgment, degree, or sentence of such council shall be definite and conclusive.

IV. Any member of either of the associated orders or degrees, on conviction by any one of them of a Masonic offence, may, within clear twenty-eight days after receiving notice from the proper authority of the associated order by which he shall have been so convicted, that the judgment, degree, or sentence will be duly communicated to the other contracting parties, lodge notice of appeal to the Judicial Council of the associated orders or degrees hereinbefore mentioned, with the acting authority of such orders or degrees, viz.—the Grand Chancellor of the Order of Knights Templar, the Secretary General of the Thirty-third Degree, and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters; and if such appeal be lodged in due form within the space of clear twenty-eight days, the said provincial Council shall be summoned within clear twenty-one days of such notice being so lodged to meet before the expiry of clear twenty-one days, as hereinbefore provided, for the purpose of adjudicating on such appeal.

V. All judgments, decrees, or sentences shall be communicated to the supreme authorities of all the contracting parties, and shall be valid and executory without question or further process, and no appeal, error,