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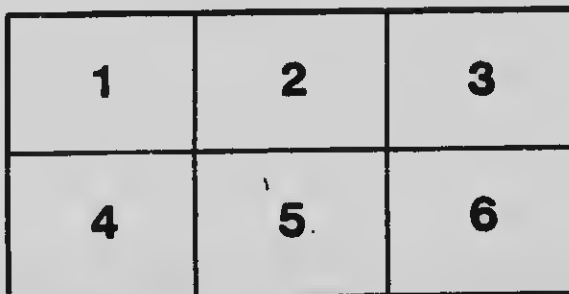
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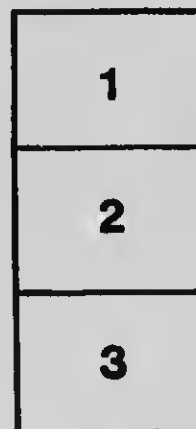
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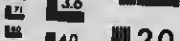
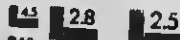
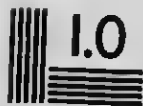
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# CONSTITUTION <sup>AND</sup> STATUTES

OF THE

GRAND LODGE, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC



Adopted by the Grand Lodge at its First Annual Convention,  
Sept. 13th, 1905. and approved by Supreme Chancellor, CHAS. E.  
SHIVELY, Nov. 9th, 1905.

P. P. LXII.



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SUPREME LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

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To all whom it may concern:

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Know ye that I, Harry R. Bangs, Supreme Chancellor of the order of Knights of Pythias, hereunto duly authorized by the Supreme Law, upon petition of the following named subordinate lodges, to-wit:

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- Ingonou, No. 2, located at Montreal;
- Crusaders, No. 3, located at Montreal;
- Desarcus, No. 4, located at Montreal;
- Ivanhoe, No. 5, located at Montreal;
- Bathbone, No. 6, located at Westmont;
- Holyrood, No. 7, located at Point St. Charles;
- Myrtle, No. 8, located at Montreal;
- Syracuse, No. 9, located at Montreal;
- Alpha, No. 10, located at Parthian; and
- Climax, No. 11, located at Montreal;

do hereby grant unto the Past Chancellors in good standing in said Lodges, upon whom the Grand Lodge Rank may have been or shall be conferred, this warrant, instituting and establishing them and their associates and successors as

THE GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS OF QUEBEC,

within and for the Province of Quebec, which shall be the domain of such Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge established under this warrant is hereby invested with all rights and powers, and charged with all the duties and obligations, conferred and imposed upon Grand Lodges by the Supreme Law of the order.

This warrant may be superseded by the Supreme Chancellor, or suspended or revoked by the Supreme Lodge, in the manner provided by Supreme law; but unless so suspended or revoked, it shall be valid until vacated by the issue of a charter in lieu thereof.

In witness whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the Supreme Lodge to be hereunto affixed, and my signature to be attested by the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, this 24th day of August, 1904, P.P. XLI.

*Harry R. Bangs*  
Supreme Chancellor

Attest:

*[Signature]*

Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal.

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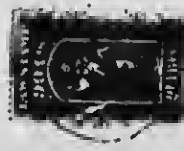
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The formation of an association under the name of the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias of the Province of Quebec to make provisions by means of Voluntary Contributions from its members for those among them or their immediate families who are affected by sickness or want of means of fortune, to provide indemnity for the beneficiaries, & decided members of the order & to provide a military burial among them has been authorized by order in Council, dated the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 1905. The Head Office is at Montreal, in the Province of Quebec.

(Signed) Armand Robitaille, Provincial Secretary  
Quebec 7<sup>th</sup> March 1905.

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## DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

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Pythian Knighthood had its conception in the exemplification of the life test of true friendship existing between Damon and Pythias.

Friendship, or mutual confidence, being the strongest bond of union between man and man, and only existing where honor has an abiding place, is adopted as a foundation principle.

As the ideal knight of olden time was the personification of the higher and nobler attributes of man's nature, the candidate for knighthood had to prove himself worthy of acceptance by those who value friendship, bravery, honor, justice and loyalty.

The Order of the Knights of Pythias—founded in Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, which it proclaims as its cardinal principles—strives to gather into one mighty fraternity worthy men who appreciate the true meaning of friendship; who are cautious in word and act; who love truth; who are brave in defending right; whose honor is untarnished; whose sense of justice will prevent, to the best of their ability, a personal act or word injurious to the worthy; whose loyalty to principle, to family, to friends, to their country, and to the constituted authority under which they enjoy citizenship, is undoubted; and who, at all times, are prepared to do unto others as they would that others should do unto them.



CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
GRAND LODGE, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS  
DOMAIN OF QUEBEC.

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The Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias doth ordain and establish this

**GRAND CONSTITUTION.**

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**ARTICLE I.**

**Title.**

This body shall be known as the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Domain of Quebec, existing by virtue of Charter, duly and regularly issued by the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, August 15th, 1904, and registered and incorporated under the Insurance Corporations' Act, 1899, 62 Vic., Chapter 32, of the Province of Quebec.

**ARTICLE II.**

**The Grand Law.**

The Grand Constitution and the laws enacted by the Grand Lodge in accordance therewith, and not in conflict with the rituals of the Order or the Supreme Constitution and Statutes, shall be the Grand law of the Order in this Domain.

## GRAND CONSTITUTION.

## ARTICLE III.

*Structure of the Order.*

The Order in this domain shall be constituted as follows :

- (a) A Grand Government.
- (b) Such subordinate lodges as possess charters or warrants legally granted by this Grand Lodge which have not been suspended or revoked.

## ARTICLE IV.

*The Grand Government.*

The Grand Government shall consist of two independent, co-ordinate departments, viz. :

A legislative and judicial department, and an executive department.

## ARTICLE V.

*The Legislative and Judicial Department.*

SECTION 1. The legislative and judicial powers of the Grand Government shall be vested in a Grand Lodge, which shall be composed of :

- (a) All Past Grand Chancellors of this domain in good standing in this Grand Lodge, and in their respective subordinate lodges.
- (b) Its Officers as designated in this Constitution.
- (c) The Grand Representatives legally elected or appointed.

SEC. 2. The Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be a Grand Chancellor, a Grand Vice Chancellor, a Grand Prelate, a Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, a Grand Master of Exchequer, a Grand Master-at-Arms, a Grand Inner Guard and a Grand Outer Guard, who shall be elected annually, as provided by law, and shall hold office for the term of one official year, or until their successors are duly elected and installed.

SEC. 3. "Grand Representatives shall be elected by the Subordinate lodges in the same manner as the lodge officers are elected ; provided that if, under this Constitution, a vacancy occur or a lodge become entitled to increased representation, and no regular convention of such lodge is to be held prior to the next regular convention of the Grand Lodge, then such vacancy may be filled, or such increased representation may be provided for, by appointment, in such manner as the Grand Lodge may by law provide, otherwise, such vacancy shall be filled, or increased representation provided for, by election, in the same manner as lodge officers are elected."

SEC. 4. Any Past Chancellor of this domain who has received the Grand Lodge Rank, and who is in good standing in his lodge,

shall be admitted to the conventions of the Grand Lodge, be eligible to any office or position in its gift and may be appointed on any standing committee, or to serve as a member of special committees. The Chairman of all standing committees must be a duly qualified representative.

SEC. 5. The regular conventions of the Grand Lodge shall be held annually, commencing at nine o'clock a.m. on the second Wednesday in September at such place as may have been designated at the preceding regular convention; provided, that if the place were not so designated, the convention shall be held in the City of Montreal, and that at any Convention of the Grand Lodge a month and a day of meeting other than the second Wednesday in September may be selected for the next succeeding convention by a vote of three-fourths of the members present entitled to vote; provided also that, should any public calamity or exigency so require, the Grand Chancellor, by and with the consent of a majority of the Executive Council of the Grand Lodge, may designate a different time or place at which such convention shall be held.

SEC. 6. A quorum of this Grand Lodge for the transaction of business shall be not less than one Grand Representative from each of one-third of the lodges.

SEC. 7. The Grand Lodge reserves to itself the following powers, viz.:

(a) To pass upon and determine all questions relative to the qualifications and election of its members.

(b) To enact laws for its own government and protection, and to prescribe rules of procedure for the conduct of its business.

(c) To prescribe the powers and duties of its officers, except as they may be fixed by the ritual, the Supreme law and this constitution.

(d) To prescribe the powers and duties of its committees.

(e) To provide by law a revenue for the Grand Government.

(f) To make appropriations of money for the maintenance of the Grand Government.

(g) To define offences against the Grand law, and prescribe penalties therefor.

(h) To provide by law for the institution of subordinate lodges within this domain, and to enact laws for their government.

(i) To provide by law for the consolidation of lodges.

(j) To grant charters to subordinate lodges, within this domain, and to provide by law for the issue, revocation, suspension, restoration and re-issue of such charters.

(k) To enact such laws as shall secure the conformity of the by-laws of its subordinate lodges to the Supreme and Grand law.

(l) To require from subordinate lodges, within this domain, such reports as may be prescribed by law.

(m) To require from any Officer of the Grand Lodge or from its subordinate lodges, such reports, credentials or certificates as may be prescribed by law.

(n) To enact laws for the promotion of the general welfare of the Order in this domain.

(o) To enact laws which shall be necessary to carry into execution all powers vested in the Grand Government by the Supreme and Grand law or any amendment thereof.

(p) To exercise all power and authority not reserved to the Supreme Government or prohibited thereby.

SEC. 8. The Grand Lodge may by law provide for the impeachment and removal from office of the Grand Chancellor, and for the trial and removal from office of any officer of the Grand Lodge other than the Grand Chancellor; it may define the offences for which such proceedings or either of them will lie; but judgment in such cases shall not extend beyond removal from office and the disqualification to hold office in the Order in this domain thereafter. In all cases, removal from office, or removal from and disqualification to hold office, shall require the affirmative vote, by yeas and nays, of two-thirds of all the members of the Tribunal which shall have been established for the trial thereof; provided that conviction shall not preclude or prevent the trial of the party for the same offence in any other tribunal of the Order having jurisdiction.

SEC. 9. All laws enacted by this Grand Lodge shall be of general application; shall be formulated as statutes and shall be styled "grand statutes," and, when introduced and while under consideration shall be styled "propositions."

SEC. 10. A proposition shall embrace not more than one subject, which shall be clearly expressed in its title.

SEC. 11. A proposition, which provides for the repeal or amendment of a statute, shall recite in its title the number and chapter of the statute to be repealed or amended.

SEC. 12. A proposition shall not become a statute until it shall first have been referred to and reported on by the appropriate committee and passed by the affirmative majority vote of all the members of the Grand Lodge present and entitled to vote; should it fail to pass, the same subject shall not be considered at the same convention of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 13. The enacting clause of every proposition shall be as follows: *Be it enacted by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the Domain of Quebec*, and shall precede or be a part of the first section of such proposition.

SEC. 14. All statutes shall take effect thirty days after their passage, unless therein otherwise provided.

SEC. 15. The resolving clause of every resolution shall be as follows: *Be it resolved by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the Domain of Quebec*, and shall precede or be a part of the first section of such resolution.

SEC. 16. No moneys shall be drawn from the exchequer of the Grand Lodge except in accordance with law.

SEC. 17. A statement of all receipts and expenditures of the Grand Government shall be reported by the proper officers to the Grand Lodge and included in the printed journal of each regular convention.

SEC. 18. A journal of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge shall be kept and published in such manner as the Grand Lodge may by law provide, and such journal shall be *prima facie* evidence of all acts of the Grand Lodge therein chronicled, unless a written protest be filed with the Grand Chancellor against any portion thereof, within sixty days after distribution.

## ARTICLE VI.

### The Executive Department.

SECTION 1. The executive powers of the Grand Government shall be vested in a Grand Chancellor who shall be elected and shall hold his office as provided in this constitution.

SEC. 2. In case of the removal from office of the Grand Chancellor, or of his death, resignation or inability to discharge the duties of said office, the same shall devolve on the Grand Vice Chancellor.

SEC. 3. In case of the death, resignation, removal from office or inability of both the Grand Chancellor and the Grand Vice Chancellor, the vacancies shall be filled as the Grand Lodge may by law provide.

SEC. 4. The Grand Chancellor shall enforce the Supreme and Grand laws, and the decrees of the Supreme Tribunal.

SEC. 5. Except when otherwise provided by law, the Grand Chancellor shall fill by appointment, any vacancy in an office of the Grand Lodge which may occur during its recess.

SEC. 6. The Grand Chancellor may, as provided by law, appoint and commission Deputy Grand Chancellors for such duties as may be delegated to them.

SEC. 7. The Grand Chancellor, at each regular convention of the Grand Lodge, shall present a report of all his official acts during its recess. His report shall contain information in regard to the state of the order, and such recommendations as he may deem necessary and expedient.

SEC. 8. The Grand Chancellor may call special conventions of the Grand Lodge, in the manner provided by law.

SEC. 9. The Grand Chancellor, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, shall have authority to grant, in the manner provided by law, warrants for the institution of subordinate lodges within this domain, and warrants so granted shall be in force until suspended or revoked in the manner provided by law, or superseded by charters legally granted.

SEC. 10. The Grand Chancellor shall have power to grant such dispensations as the Grand Lodge may authorize by law.

SEC. 11. The Grand Chancellor shall require the execution and delivery to him of the bonds which may by law be required of officers of the Grand Lodge, and he shall be the custodian of such bonds.

SEC. 12. The Grand Chancellor may require, in writing, information from any lodge or member of the order in this domain as to any matter within the knowledge of such lodge or member, pertaining to the welfare of the order or the observance of the Supreme and Grand law.

SEC. 13. The Grand Chancellor shall perform such other duties as may be provided by the Supreme and Grand law.

## ARTICLE VII.

### General Provisions.

SECTION 1. All legislation and decisions of the Grand Lodge, in force prior to the adoption of this constitution, are hereby continued in full force and effect, except so far as the same are in conflict with the Supreme and Grand Constitution or superseded by Statutes.

SEC. 2. The laws of any subordinate lodge which conflict with or contravene the Statutes enacted by the Grand Lodge are hereby annulled and an attempt to enforce such laws is declared to be an act of contumacy, punishable as may be provided by law.

SEC. 3. All legislation to be brought before this Grand Lodge, or Memorials from subordinate Lodges, bearing the seal of the Lodge, must be submitted in writing to the G.K.R.S. at least thirty days prior to convention of Grand Lodge, in order that same may be incorporated in Grand Lodge official reports.

SEC. 4. This constitution shall take effect and become of force on its adoption by this Grand Lodge and approval by Supreme Lodge.

ARTICLE VIII.

Amendments.

SECTION 1. Amendments may be made to this constitution consistent with the Laws of the Supreme Lodge, at any Annual Regular Convention of the Grand Lodge, by a two-thirds vote of the members present entitled to vote; provided, that all such amendments shall be proposed in writing and referred to the Committee on Judiciary for consideration and report before final action thereon.



## GRAND STATUTES.

## ENACTING CLAUSE.

*Be it enacted by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the Domain of Quebec:*

That the following Code of Statutes shall constitute and be known as the Grand Statutes of the Order of Knights of Pythias, Domain of Quebec, and shall be designated and cited by the words "Grand Statutes," adding the number of Title, Chapter and Section, when necessary; and as such are hereby adopted and shall become the law of the order in this domain, to take effect from and after adoption by Grand Lodge and approval by Supreme Chancellor.

All laws of a general nature in force when the Grand Statutes take effect, which are repugnant thereto, are hereby repealed, except as follows:

The adoption of the Grand Statutes, and the repeal of existing laws therein provided for, shall not effect any offence or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any right established, accrued or accruing, before the Grand Statutes take effect; but when a penalty or forfeiture is mitigated by the Grand Statutes, such provision may be extended and applied to any conviction or judgment pronounced after said repeal; nor shall such appeal effect any prosecution or charges pending at the time it takes effect, for any offence committed under any of the provisions of a law repealed, except that the proceedings therein shall conform, as nearly as practicable, to the provisions of the Grand Statutes.

When a period of time, prescribed in any law repealed, for acquiring a right or barring a remedy, or for any other purpose, has begun to run, and the same or a similar limitation is prescribed in the Grand Statutes, the time of limitation shall continue to run, and shall have the like effect as if the whole period had begun and ended under the operation of the Grand Statutes.

The provisions of the Grand Statutes, so far as they are the same as existed prior to the adoption of the Grand Statutes, shall be construed as a continuation of such laws, and not as new enactments.

An official copy of the Grand Statutes shall be deposited and kept in the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, which record shall be an authentic record of such laws.



## TITLE I.

## THE GRAND LODGE.

## CHAPTER I.

To Provide for Committees of the Grand Lodge and to Prescribe their Duties.

1. The Grand Chancellor, as soon as practicable after his installation, shall appoint from the members of the Grand Lodge the following standing committees, whose terms of services shall continue until the next succeeding annual convention:

- (1.) A Committee on Judiciary, consisting of three members.
- (2.) A Committee on Grievances and Appeals, consisting of three members.
- (3.) A Committee on Finance, consisting of three members.
- (4.) A Committee on Returns and Credentials, consisting of three members.
- (5.) A Committee on Distribution, consisting of three members.
- (6.) A Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, consisting of three members.
- (7.) A Committee on the State of the Order, consisting of three members.
- (8.) A Committee on Printing, consisting of three members.
- (9.) A Committee on Warrants and Charters, consisting of three members.
- (10.) A Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, consisting of one or more members.

2. The Committee on Judiciary shall consider and report upon all proposed amendments of the Constitution or Statutes, questions of law and such portions of the reports of officers of the Grand Lodge as may be referred to it, and recommend such legislation as it may deem expedient in connection therewith. It shall examine the by-laws, or any amendments thereof, of all subordinate lodges, reject any article or section which may conflict with the Supreme or Grand Constitutions and Statutes, or make the same conform therewith, and forward a certified copy to the lodge and to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. Until approved by the Committee, by-laws or amendments thereof, shall not go into effect. The Committee may also make such recommendations to lodges regarding by-laws, as from its experience may be deemed advantageous or desirable. It shall decide all questions of law and inquire into all cases of infraction of the established laws and regulations of the order, which may be referred to it, during recess of the Grand Lodge, by the Grand Chancellor or by any lodge under its seal and the signature of the Chancellor Commander and Keeper of Records and Seal. The

decisions of the Committee shall be conclusive until reversed by the Grand Lodge or a higher tribunal.

It shall, in a book to be provided for the purpose, keep a full and comprehensive record of all the proceedings of each meeting, copies of all questions submitted to it and by-laws or amendments thereof, which book, accompanied with a report of the transactions of the committee, shall be presented at each convention of the Grand Lodge.

3 The Committee on Grievances and Appeals shall consider and report upon all grievances from Grand Lodges, subordinate lodges or members of the order, and appeals shall be allowed to it from all final judgments or decrees of any subordinate lodge.

Except by consent of all the parties thereto, no member of the committee shall preside on the trial of any cause in which his interest may prejudice his determination, or in which any of the parties shall be related to him, or in the trial of which, by an inferior tribunal, he may have participated, and in case of such disqualification the Grand Chancellor shall appoint some other Representative or duly qualified Past Chancellor to serve in his stead on that case.

It shall keep a complete record of all its transactions during the recess of the Grand Lodge and submit a report thereof, together with all the documents of any cases which may have come before it, at each annual convention.

The Grand Chancellor may, when in his judgment the interests of the order so demand, refer any case of appeal to a special tribunal, and he shall appoint the members thereof.

The judgments and decrees of the committee, or any special tribunal, shall be binding on the parties thereto until reversed by the Grand Lodge or a higher tribunal.

4 The Committee on Finance shall examine and audit the books and accounts of the Grand Chancellor, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and the Grand Master of Exchequer once in each year, and shall meet for that purpose on the day previous to the regular annual convention and report the result of such examination to the Grand Lodge, together with such recommendations as in its judgment may be necessary or desirable. It shall examine all bills and claims presented against the Grand Lodge which shall not be paid unless approved by a majority of said committee. It shall examine and report upon all resolutions, proposed statutes or amendments thereof which involve an expenditure of money from the exchequer of the Grand Lodge. It shall also consider and report upon all resolutions, proposed statutes or amendments thereof relating to the revenue of the Grand Lodge, and shall report such legislation for the raising of revenue as it may deem necessary or expedient. It shall also submit at each annual

convention a full estimate of receipts and expenditures for the coming year.

5. The Committee on Returns and Credentials shall examine such credentials of Past Masters, Chancellors and Grand Representatives as may be submitted to it by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. It shall so arrange its meetings for such purpose that it will be ready to report thereon immediately upon the opening of the convention. It shall also examine and report upon such credentials as may be referred to it by the Grand Lodge.

6. The Committee shall also carefully examine the reports from the several subordinate lodges within this domain, and shall accompany its report thereon by such recommendations relating thereto as it may deem necessary or desirable.

7. The Committee on State of the Order shall examine and report upon such portions of the reports of the Grand Officers and other matters as may be referred to it, and shall accompany its reports by such recommendations relating thereto as it may deem necessary or desirable.

8. The Committee on Printing shall have general supervisory charge, as may be provided by the Grand Statutes of all matters relating to the printing or binding of journals, books or other printed matter, except printed supplies required by the Grand Lodge. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall be a member of this committee.

9. The Committee on Warrants and Charters shall examine and report upon such portions of the reports of the Grand Officers as may be referred to it. It shall also examine and report as to all warrants for subordinate lodges issued by the Grand Chancellor, and upon all applications for charters, with such recommendations as it may deem necessary and desirable, but shall not recommend any lodge for a charter whose report does not show a fair average increase in membership and finances.

10. The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence shall, when so ordered by the Grand Lodge, examine the journals of other Grand Lodges; collate such facts in relation to the progress and laws thereof as may be deemed of interest or advantage to this Grand Lodge, and report the same at the next annual convention.

11. The Committee on Distribution shall receive the reports of the various officers of the Grand Lodge, and other reports made in accordance with the law, or by order, of the Grand Lodge, which may require subdivision and reference, on or prior to the first day of each annual Convention of the Grand Lodge, and shall subdivide the same and refer the different portions thereof to the appropriate Committee.

12. All Standing Committees shall be appointed from the qualified Representatives or duly qualified Past Chancellors, and a member of any committee neglecting to attend to the work of the committee shall be reported to the Grand Chancellor who may remove him and fill the vacancy, provided always that the Chairman of all standing Committees shall be a duly qualified representative.

13. The Grand Chancellor, when so directed by the Grand Lodge, shall appoint Special Committees, whose duties shall be such as may be designated or assigned in the legislation by which they are created.

14. Any Committee of the Grand Lodge shall hold such meetings during the recess of the Grand Lodge, as the Grand Lodge or the Grand Chancellor may direct or as may be expedient.

15. The first named on a committee shall be the chairman thereof. It shall be his duty to convene the committee when ordered by the Grand Lodge or Grand Chancellor, and proceed to the consideration of the matter or subject or the discharge of the duties that have been assigned to it.

16. Every Committee shall have authority and power to call for such books, documents, papers and other articles as are necessary to a correct understanding of the matter or subject under consideration, or the business it has been charged with.

17. The Report of a Committee shall be made in writing and signed by a majority of its members; but the minority or individual members thereof shall be entitled to present their views and conclusions in writing.

18. During the recess of the Grand Lodge the Grand Chancellor may place any matter in the hands of the appropriate committee, which shall proceed to act upon the same, and, when necessary, give due notice and a hearing to parties interested. A report to the Grand Lodge or Grand Chancellor shall be made as early as practicable.

19. During the recess of Grand Lodge, should any lodge or member desire to have any matter referred to a committee, they will be required to furnish four copies of the matter to be so referred, except in appeal cases, when duplicate copies will be sufficient.

## CHAPTER II.

To Provide for an Executive Council and the assembly thereof.

20. The Grand Chancellor shall have an Executive Council, consisting of the Supreme Representatives, the Immediate Past Grand Chancellor, the Grand Vice Chancellor, Grand Prelate, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Grand Master of Exchequer

21. The Grand Chancellor may assemble the Council whenever in his judgment its counsel and advice is necessary for the protection of the order, or to provide for or against unforeseen or impending calamity to the order, or for the general welfare thereof; and it shall be his duty to assemble said council whenever requested, in writing, so to do by a majority of the members thereof.

22. Meetings of the Council shall be held in the City of Montreal, at such time as the Grand Chancellor may determine, and reasonable notice thereof shall be given to each member. A majority shall constitute a quorum, and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall be *ex-officio* the secretary of the Council.

### CHAPTER III.

#### To Provide for the Calling of Special Conventions of the Grand Lodge.

23. The Grand Chancellor with the concurrence of one-third of the lodges may call a special convention of the Grand Lodge and shall call a convention when requested by a majority of the lodges. Such conventions shall be held in the City of Montreal, at a time to be fixed by him or as may be designated in the request. Only such matters as may be specified in the call shall be considered, and at least twenty days' notice of the time of such special convention shall be given to each member of the Grand Lodge. Only those entitled to vote at the last regular convention shall be entitled to vote at such special convention.

### CHAPTER IV.

#### Relating to the Revenue, Supplies and Penalties of the Grand Government.

24. The Revenue of the Grand Government shall be derived from per capita tax, fees for warrants and charters, and the sale of supplies and dispensations.

25. Every lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge, with each semi-annual report, fifty cents per capita tax for every Page, Esquire or Knight, or such amount as the Grand Lodge may at its annual convention determine.

26. Every application for a Warrant to institute a lodge shall be accompanied by a fee of sixty dollars.

27. Every application for a Charter from a warranted lodge shall be accompanied by a fee of five dollars.

28. All forms and blanks shall be as prescribed by the Supreme Lodge and this Grand Lodge from time to time, and none others shall be legal.

29. The following supplies shall be obtainable only from the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal: Application Cards

(or petitions for membership), Charters, Dedicatory Ceremony, Funeral Service, Grand Lodge Cards, Installation Service, Official Jewels, Memorial Service, Music or Ode Cards or Books, Reports of Decisions of the Supreme Tribunal, Rituals, Second Rank Blanks, Travelling Shields, Transfer Cards, Withdrawal Cards, Diplomas and Credentials of Rank, Honor, Official Receipts, Question Books, Supreme Constitution and Statutes, Grand Constitution and Statutes, Lodge Roster, Receipts of Evening Books, Officers' Roll Books, Warrant Books, M. of F. Receipts from M. of E.

30. Should any lodge or individual member manufacture for its or his own use, or for the use of another, or obtain from any other source than that specified in the preceding section, any of the supplies therein enumerated, said lodge or individual member shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the order, and punished as hereinafter prescribed.

31. In case the offender is a lodge, the Grand Chancellor, on being convinced beyond a reasonable doubt of the commission of the offense, shall have power to suspend the warrant or charter of said lodge for such length of time as he may deem proper.

32. In case the offender is an individual member of the order, the Grand Chancellor, on being convinced beyond a reasonable doubt of the commission of the offense, shall prefer charges against said individual for such offense, before the lodge of which he is a member, and upon conviction, the penalty shall be suspension or expulsion from the order, as the lodge may determine.

33. The prices of the supplies as enumerated in section 29 shall be fixed by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and said prices shall be such as to yield a reasonable percentage of profit to the Grand Lodge.

## CHAPTER V.

### *Relating to Officers of the Grand Lodge.*

34. In addition to any duties prescribed in the rituals, installation service, constitution and statutes of the Supreme Lodge or constitution of the Grand Lodge, officers of the Grand Lodge shall be required to observe and conform to such regulations pertaining to their respective office as shall be provided in this chapter.

#### 35. THE GRAND CHANCELLOR:

(1.) He shall preside at all conventions of the Grand Lodge and decide all questions of order, subject to such rules as may be adopted by the Grand Lodge.

(2.) Install the officers of lodges in person or by deputy.

(3.) Visit lodges within his domain and give such instructions as may be required, or arrange for such visitations by other officers or competent members whom he shall commission for such purpose.

(4.) Sign all orders drawn on the Grand Master of Exchequer in accordance with law and not inconsistent with the purposes and principles of the order, and such other documents as may require his signature to authenticate the same.

(5.) Refer all appeals and grievances, by-laws or amendments thereto and questions of law submitted to him during the recess of the Grand Lodge to the appropriate Committee.

(6.) Exercise a general supervision over the order in this domain.

36. THE GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL:

(1.) He shall enter upon the duties of his office after his installation.

(2.) He shall attend all the conventions of the Grand Lodge, and every session of each convention, and keep a true and comprehensive record of all the proceedings thereof, which when printed, shall be styled and cited as the "Official Records of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Knights of Pythias," of which he shall transmit to each lodge two copies, and one copy to each representative; one to each Grand Lodge officer and Past Grand Chancellor; two to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of each Grand Lodge and the Supreme Chancellor and Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal.

(3.) He shall have charge of the archives, seal, books, papers and similar property of the Grand Lodge, and of the sale of all supplies that are furnished by the Grand Lodge, and of the manufacture and sale of such supplies as are not procured from the Supreme Lodge; conduct the official correspondence of the Grand Lodge; prepare all warrants and charters for lodges; keep a roster of all Past Chancellors of this domain entitled to admission to the Grand Lodge, and perform all other services which may from time to time be required of him by the Grand Lodge.

(4.) He shall keep an accurate account showing the financial condition of the Grand Lodge; keep the accounts of the lodges with the Grand Lodge, and draw all orders on the Grand Master of Exchequer that may be authorized by law. He shall submit his books and accounts to the Committee on Finance, for examination and inspection whenever the Grand Lodge or Grand Chancellor may direct, and shall present at the opening of each annual convention a printed report showing the general condition of the order, and the financial condition of the Grand Lodge.

(5.) He may provide himself, at the expense of the Grand Lodge, with the books, papers and stationary necessary for the fulfilment of his duties.

(6.) The actual incumbent of the office of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall receive, as compensation for his services, for each fiscal year, such amount as the Grand Lodge may from time to time determine.

(7.) Before entering upon the duties of his office he shall furnish to the Grand Lodge, bond or security in such sum as the Grand Lodge may direct, duly issued by some reliable fidelity, guaranty or surety company authorized to do business in the Province of Quebec, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, the premium for said bond to be paid by the Grand Lodge. After approval to be placed in the hands of the Grand Chancellor as custodian thereof.

### 37. THE GRAND MASTER OF EXCHEQUER :

(1.) Before entering upon the duties of his office he shall furnish to the Grand Lodge, bond or security in such sum as the Grand Lodge may direct, duly issued by some reliable fidelity, guaranty or surety company authorized to do business in the Province of Quebec, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, the premium for said bond to be paid by the Grand Lodge, after approval, to be placed in the hands of the Grand Chancellor as custodian thereof.

(2.) He shall receive all funds that should come into his hands by virtue of his office, and send his receipt therefor at once to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

All other moneys received by him for the Grand Lodge for supplies or other purposes shall be acknowledged by him on the face of the letter accompanying such remittance, and the letter shall be immediately forwarded to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal for fulfilment of order or filing as may be required.

(3.) He shall pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, when countersigned by the Grand Chancellor, and such orders, when properly endorsed by the respective payees, shall be his only valid vouchers for the disbursement of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

(4.) He shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of his office, and shall submit his books and accounts to the Committee of Finance, for examination and inspection, whenever the Grand Lodge or Grand Chancellor may direct.

(5.) He shall attend all the conventions of the Grand Lodge, and every session of each convention, and shall be prepared to pay all accounts which the Grand Lodge may allow, and to turn over to his successor in office all the funds in his possession.

(6.) He shall present to the Grand Lodge, at the opening of each annual convention, a report giving a detailed account of the receipts and disbursements of his office during the preceding fiscal year.



## CHAPTER VI.

To Provide for the succession in case of vacancies in the offices of Grand Chancellor or Grand Vice Chancellor, or both.

38. In the case of a vacancy in the office of Grand Chancellor, caused by the death, resignation or removal from office of the incumbent as provided by law, the duties of the office shall immediately devolve upon the Grand Vice Chancellor, who shall act as Grand Chancellor for the remainder of the current annual term, and until the said office shall have been duly filled by election and installation at the ensuing regular convention of the Grand Lodge.

39. While acting as Grand Chancellor, in case of vacancy in said office the said Grand Vice Chancellor shall be entitled during the period of such service to all honors, benefits and privileges of such office; and upon the completion of term of service, as hereinbefore provided, shall be entitled to the honor of Past Grand Chancellor; provide that, in case such vacancy in the office of the Grand Chancellor shall have been caused by removal from said office, such honor shall not be so attained, unless such vacancy shall have occurred at least sixty days prior to and exclusive of the date fixed by the Grand Lodge for its ensuing annual convention.

40. Within ten days from the time a vacancy shall have been caused by the death, resignation or removal from office of the Grand Chancellor, the Grand Chancellor *ad interim* shall appoint a Grand Representative to the office of Grand Vice Chancellor, and shall, prior to the ensuing convention of the Grand Lodge, install such officer.

41. If, in case of death, resignation, impeachment or removal from office of the Grand Chancellor, a vacancy should exist in the office of Grand Vice Chancellor, caused by the death, resignation or removal from office of the incumbent of such office, or in case of the death of the Grand Vice Chancellor before entering upon the duties of the Grand Chancellor, then, and in such case, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall forthwith notify each officer of the Grand Lodge of the existence of such vacancies in the offices of Grand Chancellor and Grand Vice Chancellor, and shall appoint a time at which such officers shall assemble in council. Assembly shall be held in the City of Montreal, and the time selected shall be not more than ten days subsequent to the date upon which the vacancy in the office of Grand Vice Chancellor shall have occurred.

42. The officers of the Grand Lodge, when assembled in council as hereinbefore provided, shall choose one of their number for chairman, and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall be *ex-officio* secretary and they shall elect from the Grand Representatives upon whom has been conferred the Grand Lodge rank, one to be Grand Chancellor and one to be Grand Vice Chancellor. Such election

shall be by ballot, and a majority of the votes of those present shall be necessary to an election.

43. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall notify each officer elect of his election, within one day thereafter; and if, within ten days from the date of his election, such officer shall be installed by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, or by any officer of the Grand Lodge in the presence of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, he shall forthwith enter upon the duties of the office to which he may have been elected. But if such officer elect shall not within the time named for installation be duly installed, then the office to which he was elected shall be deemed to be vacant, and such vacancy shall be filled up as provided by this chapter.

#### CHAPTER VII.

**Providing for the Impeachment of the Grand Chancellor and for the Removal from office of Grand Lodge Officers, other than the Grand Chancellor.**

44. The Grand Chancellor shall be liable to impeachment and any Grand Lodge officer, other than the Grand Chancellor, may be removed from office, for drunkenness, or for a breach of trust in connection with the funds of the order, or for any violation of the criminal laws of his country involving moral turpitude, or for wilful neglect of his official duties or obligations, or for any betrayal of the interests of the order, or for any conduct unbecoming a Knight of Pythias.

45. Articles of impeachment may be preferred against the Grand Chancellor by five or more Grand Representatives or by three or more ritualistic Grand Lodge officers.

46. Charges may be preferred against a Grand Lodge officer by two or more members of the Grand Lodge.

47. The Executive Council and the rest of the Grand Lodge officers, other than those preferring the articles, shall be the tribunal to try the Grand Chancellor, and the senior Supreme Representative shall preside.

48. The Executive Council shall constitute the tribunal for the trial of the Grand Lodge officer against whom charges shall have been preferred as provided by this chapter, and if a member of the Executive Council be the one under charges, the Grand Chancellor shall appoint a Past Grand Chancellor to fill the vacancy.

49. The Grand Chancellor shall preside on the impeachment of a Grand Lodge officer, unless he be one of those preferring the articles, in which event, the Senior Supreme Representative or officer of the Grand Lodge highest in rank, not so disqualified, shall preside.

50. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, shall be the Recorder of the trial tribunal, unless he shall be a party to the case, in which event, the presiding officer shall appoint a Recorder who shall perform the duties herein provided for the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

51. In all cases, either party may be represented by counsel of his own selection, who shall be members of the order in good standing.

52. The articles of impeachment, or charges herein provided for, shall specify the offense charged, and in what it or they consist, with clearness and precision and with reasonable detail as to time and place and circumstances, and be signed by the parties preferring them, and shall be filed with the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

53. When articles of impeachment or charges have been preferred and filed the presiding officer of the trial tribunal shall fix a time and place for the trial, and at once notify the other members of the tribunal of the time and place appointed. Thereupon the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall attest and issue a summons, citing the accused to appear before the trial tribunal on the day and at the place so appointed, which shall be specified in the summons. He shall issue at the same time a correct copy of the articles of impeachment, or charges, which shall accompany the summons and be left with the accused. Such summons and articles may be served by any member of the order authorized by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal so to do, or by registered letter mailed by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to the usual post-office address of the accused.

54. Evidence on the trial may be oral or by deposition. At least ten days notice of the time and place of taking depositions shall be given the adverse party. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, upon application of the accused, may designate by order in writing, which shall be filed and kept with the papers, the party upon whom notice to the prosecution may be served. The notice may be served either by personal service, or by registered letter mailed to the proper address of the person entitled thereto.

55. The trial tribunal may, on proper application, grant continuances, or for good cause shown change the place fixed for the trial, having reference always to economy in expenditures and to the reasonable convenience of the accused.

56. After all the evidence shall have been heard and considered as hereinbefore provided, the guilt of the accused shall be determined by the trial tribunal by vote, by yeas and nays, and the vote shall be entered in full upon the minutes of its proceedings, full and accurate record of all of which shall be kept by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. If two-thirds of all of the member, shall vote in favor of conviction, the judgment shall be removal of the accused from office

and disqualification to hold any office in the order thereafter, or removal from office only, as the trial tribunal may determine, and the judgment shall be recorded on the minutes. If less than two-thirds of all the members vote for conviction, the accused shall stand acquitted, and the judgment shall be so recorded on the minutes.

57. The record of the proceedings of the trial tribunal, signed by the presiding officer thereof and attested by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, shall be returned to the Grand Lodge at its next convention and filed in the archives of that body.

58. Either party shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Lodge may, upon its own motion, by a majority vote, take up and consider any cause so tried, which trial shall be upon the record only, and a two-thirds vote of the members of the Grand Lodge shall be required to reverse the finding of the trial tribunal. If the judgment of the Grand Lodge is "guilty," in cases where the trial tribunal found "not guilty," then the Grand Lodge shall by a majority vote, fix the penalty as provided in this chapter.

59. The Grand Chancellor impeached hereunder shall be suspended from the exercise of his official duties until his acquittal and the Grand Vice Chancellor shall discharge the duties of Grand Chancellor during such suspension.

60. If the Grand Chancellor impeached shall be convicted, the judgment shall not extend beyond removal from office and disqualification to fill any office in the order thereafter.

61. If the Grand Chancellor impeached hereunder shall be convicted and removed from office, the duties of the office shall at once devolve upon the Grand Vice Chancellor for the unexpired term of said Grand Chancellor.

62. The Grand Lodge officer accused may be suspended from the exercise of his official duties while such charges are pending against him, and the temporary vacancy thus occasioned shall be filled by the Grand Chancellor by appointment.

63. If the Grand Lodge officer so accused shall be convicted, the judgment shall not extend beyond removal from office and disqualification to fill any office in the order thereafter.

64. Upon removal from office of a Grand Lodge officer by trial and conviction as herein provided for, the duties of said office shall devolve upon the person appointed thereto by the Grand Chancellor until the next convention of Grand Lodge.

65. Conviction and removal from office hereunder shall not preclude or prevent the trial and punishment of the offender for the same offense before any other tribunal of the order having jurisdiction of the party and of the offense.

66. Either party shall have the right of appeal and writ of error from the judgment of the Grand Lodge, and the appeal and writ of error shall be to the Supreme Tribunal.

### CHAPTER VIII.

#### *Relating to the Granting of Dispensations.*

67. The Grand Chancellor shall have power to grant dispensations for the following purposes and none other, and no fee shall be charged therefor :

- (1.) To confer the ranks of the order upon persons over fifty years of age.
- (2.) To confer the ranks on maimed persons, in conformity with Supreme Law.
- (3.) To remove the place of holding conventions of a lodge from one hall to another.
- (4.) To change the night of convention of a lodge.
- (5.) To allow lodges to meet monthly or semi-monthly, provided regular dates are fixed such as first Monday, or second and third Wednesday in each month.
- (6.) To allow lodges to make a public display, hold a public meeting, or for any purpose in which the name of the order is to be used, except in case of funerals. Two or more lodges in one district, acting in concert, may have a dispensation granted to the senior lodge for itself and associate lodges.
- (7.) To confer two or more ranks of knighthood upon the same person, at the same convention of a lodge.
- (8.) To ballot upon an application for the ranks of knighthood, at the same convention of the subordinate lodge at which it was received.

### CHAPTER IX.

#### *Districts, the Appointment, Powers and Duties of Deputy Grand Chancellors.*

68. The domain shall be divided into districts, as conditions may require by the Grand Chancellor.

68a. The appointment of a Deputy Grand Chancellor is the special prerogative of the Grand Chancellor, and he shall be deemed the representative of the Grand Chancellor, and may be appointed or removed by him at his discretion. He shall be subject at all times to the instructions and control of the Grand Chancellor, and shall be responsible to him for the manner in which his duties may be discharged.

69. In order to facilitate the work of a new Grand Chancellor, and to promote harmony as far as possible throughout the domain,

it shall be the duty of each Deputy to call a meeting of all the Past Chancellors in the district within one month prior to the meeting of Grand Lodge, for the purpose of nominating one of their number as a duly qualified member to receive the appointment for the ensuing term. The name and address of the Past Chancellor receiving the nomination shall be forwarded to the Grand Chancellor, to be given by him to his successor in office. This nomination, however, shall not be binding on the Grand Chancellor, and nothing in this section shall prevent him from making such appointments as he may deem proper.

70. Every Deputy Grand Chancellor shall be commissioned by the Grand Chancellor, and such commission, unless sooner revoked, shall expire by its own limitation, or with the term of office of the Grand Chancellor issuing the same.

71. No power or duty delegated or assigned to a Deputy Grand Chancellor shall be assigned or delegated by him to any other person whomsoever except that he may appoint another Past Chancellor to install the officers of a lodge and perform the duties incident thereto, except the communication of the S. A. P. W. which shall only be given to the Chancellor Commander by the Deputy Grand Chancellor in person.

72. A Deputy Grand Chancellor shall not hold the office of Chancellor Commander or Vice-Chancellor.

73. The duties of a Deputy Grand Chancellor shall be as follows, and no authority not herein delegated, except such as are specially given him by the Grand Chancellor in his commission, or in writing, shall be assumed by him.

(1.) To visit each lodge in his district at least once during the semi-annual term, and when making such official visits to be provided with his commission.

(2.) To see that the work of the order is uniformly and correctly given to those entitled to receive it, and that the laws are strictly enforced.

(3.) In the absence of the Grand Chancellor, to install the officers of the lodges under his charge, but in no case shall this be done until the semi-annual reports, properly filled out, are received and per capita tax paid to him. He shall satisfy himself that the officers bonds have been duly filled, as required by law.

(4.) To have general supervision of all lodge rooms in his district, and satisfy himself of their security as a place of meeting.

(5.) To examine all receptacles wherein the private work is deposited, cause all irregularities to be corrected, and places of deposit made secure.

(6.) To receive from lodges all applications for dispensation and to act in accordance with the provisions embodied in his commission.

(7.) To call a meeting of all Past Chancellors in his district as provided in section 69 of this chapter.

(8.) To make a written report to the Grand Chancellor, at least thirty days previous to the meeting of Grand Lodge, of the condition of the lodges in his district, making such suggestions and recommendations as he may deem to be to the interest of the order

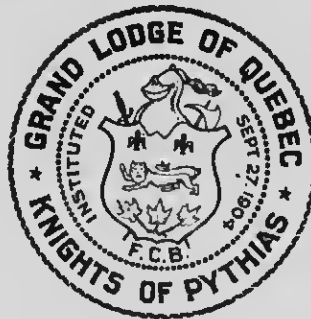
74. All communications of whatever kind from lodges to him, and his answers shall be in writing.

75. Special Deputies may be appointed by the Grand Chancellor to aid and assist him in extending the usefulness of the order in such portions of the domain where it is not already established, but in no case shall such special deputies in any manner interfere with territory under the jurisdiction of a Deputy Grand Chancellor without his consent.

#### CHAPTER X.

##### *Prescribing and Regulating the use of Seals.*

76. The Seal of the Grand Lodge shall be in accordance with the following design, and shall be kept in the custody of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and shall be used by him in authenticating such documents as require his official attestation.



#### CHAPTER XI.

##### *To Regulate the General Printing required by the Grand Lodge.*

77. The Official Record of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Constitution and Statutes and any special printing required which will amount to twenty-five dollars or over shall be done by contract.

78. The Committee on Printing shall invite proposals from

leading printing establishments and adopt such other methods as it may deem necessary in order to secure advantageous terms for the printing required by the Grand Lodge.

79. All proposals for printing, as referred to in the preceding sections shall be obtained by the Chairman of the Committee on Printing, who, as soon as possible, shall call a meeting of the committee to whom the said tenders shall be submitted and the contract so awarded as, in the judgment of the committee, shall be deemed for the best interests of the Grand Lodge. No contract shall be awarded unless there are present at least two members of such committee.

80. Nothing contained in this statute shall be construed to apply to the printing of circulars, orders or other printing incidental to the carrying on of the official business of the Grand Lodge and its officers.

#### CHAPTER XII.

##### *Relating to the Disposal of the Funds of the Grand Lodge.*

81. The Funds of the Grand Lodge shall not be applied to any purpose that is inconsistent with the principles or purposes of the order.

82. No expenditure shall be made from such funds except under appropriations made in accordance with the law, and upon an exchequer order properly signed and attested.

#### CHAPTER XIII.

##### *Relating to the Election of Grand Lodge Officers and their Installation.*

83. Subject to the provisions of Art. 5, Sec. 2, of the Grand Constitution, the officers named in said section shall be elected at each annual convention of the Grand Lodge hereafter held. The election of such officers shall be by ballot and shall take place as provided in the order of business.

84. Every candidate for office must be regularly nominated previous to the election, and no vote shall be valid, or recorded part of the poll, unless it be given for a candidate thus nominated. No qualified Past Chancellor shall be excluded from the list of nominees because he is not present—Provided, he shall have signified his intention to accept the office for which nominated.

85. The nominations for each office shall be followed by the election, before the nomination for the next office, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice; when there are more than two nominees for the same office the one receiving the lowest number of votes on each ballot shall be dropped until an election is had, and when only one candidate is in nomination, the Grand Chancellor may declare him elected by consent.



86. When an election is to be held for any office, the Grand Chancellor shall appoint two tellers to conduct the same and shall direct that those not entitled to vote, shall be separated from the legislative body, and so remain until the close of each election. Should the number of votes cast be greater than the number of legally qualified voters present, the presiding officer shall declare the ballot illegal and order another one.

87. During the nomination and election of officers no motion or other business shall be entertained, except by unanimous consent.

88. The Grand Officers elect shall be installed as provided in the order of business. If an officer elect is absent at the time of installation, unless excused by the Grand Lodge, his office shall be declared vacant, and an election held at once to fill said vacancy. If an absent officer has been excused by the Grand Lodge, the Grand Chancellor shall have the power to install such officer during recess, at his convenience, provided that the installation of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Grand Master of Exchequer shall be subject to the provision of section 36, sub-section 7, and section 37, sub-section 1 of these statutes.

#### CHAPTER XIV.

##### *Relating to the Election of Supreme Representatives, and their Duties.*

89. Supreme Representatives shall be elected in the same manner as, and immediately after, the officers of the Grand Lodge, subject to the provisions of the Supreme Constitution and Statutes.

90. They shall attend all conventions of the Supreme Lodge, and every session thereof; faithfully represent the interests and special instructions of the Grand Lodge; make a full written report at the next annual convention thereof of all matters acted upon by the Supreme Lodge which they deem of interest to this domain and exemplify the secret work at all conventions of the Grand Lodge.

#### CHAPTER XV.

##### *Relating to Voting and the Order of Business in the Grand Lodge.*

91. Voting in the Grand Lodge shall be confined to the members comprising the legislative department of the Grand Government.

92. A majority of the legal votes cast shall determine all questions before the Grand Lodge, unless otherwise provided by law.

93. On the call of five members, entitled to vote, the yeas and nays on any question shall be taken and entered on the record.

94. "Robert's Rules of Order" shall be the parliamentary guide of the Grand Lodge, and all subordinate lodges, on questions of order not otherwise provided for

95. The business of the annual convention shall be taken up in the following order after the opening ceremonies :

1. The officers being stationed, the Roll of Grand Representatives shall be called, and it being ascertained that a legal quorum is present, the Grand Chancellor shall request the members to clothe themselves with the proper jewel, without which no member is privileged to appear, and the Grand Master at Arms, with such assistance as he may direct, shall examine all present in the requisite passwords, and report to the Grand Chancellor.

2. Opening Ceremonies.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Conferring the Grand Lodge Rank.
5. Roll Call.
6. Reading and Passing upon the Minutes.
7. Communications.
8. Reports of Grand Officers.
9. Report of Supreme Representatives.
10. Reports of Standing Committees in the following order :
  - (1.) Committee on Judiciary.
  - (2.) Committee on Grievances and Appeals.
  - (3.) Committee on Finance.
  - (4.) Committee on Returns and Credentials.
  - (5.) Committee on Distribution.
  - (6.) Committee on State of the Order.
  - (7.) Committee on Printing.
  - (8.) Committee on Warrants and Charters.
  - (9.) Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.
11. Reports of Special Committees.
12. Unfinished Business.
13. Miscellaneous Business.
14. Nomination and Election of Officers.
15. Installation of Officers.
16. Report of Committee on Mileage and Per Diem
17. Closing Ceremonies.

The order of business up to and including No. 14 may be transposed or dispensed with at the discretion of Grand Lodge, but the Grand Lodge Rank shall not be conferred at any session after roll call.

96. The roll of members shall be called at the opening of each session during the convention.

97. When nomination of officers shall have commenced no one shall be permitted to retire before the Grand Lodge is formally closed without the consent of the Grand Lodge.

TITLE II.  
SUBORDINATE LODGES.

CHAPTER I.

*Relating to the Institution of Lodges.*

98. Whenever twenty or more persons, eligible under the Supreme Law to receive the ranks of knightlood, shall desire to establish a lodge of the order within this domain, they may petition the Grand Chancellor for a warrant. Such petition shall be signed by each petitioner in his own handwriting, giving the age, residence and occupation of each, and shall be in the following form :

*Application for Warrant.—Grand Domain of Quebec.*

*To the Grand Chancellor of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Knights of Pythias:*

98a. The undersigned I represent that they are white males, of good moral character, not less than twenty-one and not more than fifty years of age; believers in a Supreme Being, in good health and sound in mind and body, able to read and write, and not engaged in either of the occupations known as professional gambler, saloon-keeper, bartender or retail dealer in spirituous liquors, wine, ale or beer (except bona fide hotel-keepers or druggists); that they believe in the maintenance of order and the upholding of constituted authority in the government in which they live; that they have not within six months been rejected as applicants for the ranks of Knightlood; and that they have been for the six months last past actual residents in this Province.

They respectfully petition that you will grant them a warrant for the institution and establishment of a subordinate lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, Province of Quebec, of the Order of the Knights of Pythias, to be located at..... Province of Quebec, County, or Parish of..... Lodge, Number..... and to be known as..... Knights of Pythias, of Province Quebec.

Should this petition be granted, we hereby covenant and agree that we will, as individuals, and as a lodge, in all respects observe and obey the laws of the Grand Lodge of this Province and those of the Supreme Lodge of the Order.

The withdrawal cards or transfer cards held by any of us a  
hereto as d.

WARRANT FEE HEREWITH, \$60.00. (INCLUDING SUPREME LODGE  
SUPPLIES AS PER MEMO.)

NOTE. - Each applicant must sign his own name, and the blanks for age, residence  
and occupation must invariably be filled. In order to avoid errors in preparing  
Warrant a type-written list of the names of applicants should accompany the  
application.

"And especially do we covenant and agree for ourselves and  
the future members of said proposed lodge, and each of us and them  
that the property in, and the right to possession of, all supplies  
rituals, books, jewels, paraphernalia, furniture, cards and all pro-  
perties furnished to us for the said proposed lodge, or bought by us,  
or said lodge, from its funds, is in and shall remain in the Grand  
Lodge of Quebec, and that all funds both beneficiary and general,  
shall be and remain the property of said Grand Lodge, for the  
purposes of discharging the obligations raised by the grant of this  
petition, and that in both cases, we and our and the said proposed  
lodge's officers, shall be trustees only of the said properties and funds  
for the said Grand Lodge, and liable to all the penalties of the law  
for misappropriation or misapplication."

99. The petition described in the foregoing section shall, with  
the fee of sixty dollars be forwarded to the Grand Keeper of Records  
and Seal and, having receipted it for the amount, he shall forward it to  
the Grand Chancellor. The petition must be accompanied by the recom-  
mendation of a majority of the lodges, if three or more lodges are  
already established in the place where the proposed lodge is to be  
located. Should there be only two lodges the application must be  
endorsed by one of them, and the Grand Chancellor shall decide upon  
the advisability of issuing a warrant.

100. If the Grand Chancellor, after due investigation, shall  
determine to grant such petition, he shall cause a warrant for the  
institution of such lodge to be at once prepared by the Grand Keeper  
of Records and Seal, and shall issue the same in the form prescribed  
by the Supreme Lodge.

101. When a petition for a lodge shall have been granted and  
a warrant issued therefor the Grand Chancellor shall designate the  
time at which said lodge shall be instituted, and shall cause the  
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal officially to notify the petitioners  
that, at that time and place, such lodge will be instituted, provided  
that at least twenty of the petitioners shall pay the fees for the ranks  
of knighthood. At the time and place designated in the notice, the  
Grand Chancellor, or his duly authorized deputy, as the case may be,  
having examined the hall and satisfied himself that it is adapted for  
conferring the ranks, shall call the meeting of petitioners to order,

and, in case of a deputy, shall read his commission as instituting officer, and proceed with the institution in the following manner :

(1.) He shall read the petition for the institution of the lodge, call the list of names upon the petition, and satisfy himself of the identity of each person answering such roll call.

(2.) Collect from each of the petitioners who are not already members of the order, the fees for the three ranks, which shall not be less than ten dollars, and from those who are members of the order not less than one dollar, and shall strike off from the list the names of those who have not paid the fees for the ranks.

(3.) Require the applicants to vote by secret ball ballot on each name on the list, beginning with the last. He may, however, at his discretion, allow a single ballot to be taken for the entire list, having previously notified the applicants that if two black balls shall appear on the general ballot, a separate ballot will be required on each name. If the general ballot be "fair," he shall declare all the applicants elected. If two black balls appear he will then require a separate ballot as above directed. Should any be rejected, he shall return the fees paid by such rejected persons.

(4.) He will then exclude from the hall all who are not in possession of the semi-annual password, and proceed to confer the ranks of knighthood upon the several petitioners who have been elected thereto. In conferring the ranks, precedence shall be given to those of the petitioners who, at a preliminary meeting, may have been selected as the first officers of the lodge.

(5.) The ranks of knighthood having been conferred upon such selected applicants the instituting officer may proceed to hold a formal election and install the officers of said lodge for the current term, provided that the number of petitioners, as required by section 101, shall have paid their fees.

(6.) He shall then cause a name for the lodge to be selected, or the former selection, if one has been made, to be ratified by vote, provided it shall not be the name or title of a living person, and shall then officially declare the lodge duly instituted, as "— Lodge, No.—, of the grand Domain of Quebec," and deliver to the Chancellor Commander the warrant therefor.

102. The instituting officer shall then pay over to the Master of Exchequer of the lodge the entire amount received as rank and card fees from the petitioners, taking a receipt therefor which he will transmit with his report, and at the same time he shall cause an order to be drawn for the payment of the amount of his expenses in instituting the lodge.

103. Within one week after the institution of a lodge, the instituting officer shall forward to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal a report showing:

- (1.) The name, number and location of the lodge, together with a list of its officers and the date of its institution.
  - (2.) The names of the petitioners for the institution of the lodge showing those on whom the ranks were conferred.
  - (3.) A list of the names of the applicants withdrawn from petition or rejected by ballot.
  - (4.) The total amount received for ranks and deposit of cash with the receipt of the Master of Exchequer therefor.
  - (5.) An itemized statement of the expenses incurred by him in the institution of a lodge, certified by the Master of Exchequer as being a duplicate copy of the one presented to the lodge.
104. At the institution of a lodge four members shall be selected to receive the honor of Past Chancellor and they shall be eligible to be elected as Grand Representatives.
105. The following supplies will be furnished to new lodges without charge: Four rituals; three installation books; one set of officers' jewels; one each Supreme and Grand Statutes; one question book; one lodge roster; 100 application blanks; 100 second rank blanks, book of official receipts.

CHAPTER II.

*Relating to the Granting, Suspension, Revocation, and Restoration of Charters*

106. A lodge having worked under a warrant for one year may petition the Grand Lodge for a charter in lieu of such warrant and the petition shall be in form as follows:

*To the GRAND LODGE, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, OF QUEBEC:—*

The undersigned, by authority and on behalf of .....  
 Lodge, No. .... of ..... working under a warrant  
 dated ..... 19 .. would respectfully report that our  
 lodge is in good working condition and that its future prospect of  
 permanency are also good. The officers are punctual in the per-  
 formance of their duties, and the attendance of the members is  
 regular. The membership now numbers ..... being an increase  
 of ..... since institution, and we have \$..... in the treasury.  
 We, therefore, pray that your Grand Body will grant the lodge a  
 charter in lieu of the warrant and enclose herewith the fee of five  
 dollars.

Dated this ..... day of ..... 19....

SEAL

..... C.C.  
 ..... K.R.S.

The petition, accompanied with the prescribed fee, shall be presented to the Grand Lodge, in convention assembled, when a charter may be granted or refused at the pleasure of the Grand Lodge.

107. Charters shall be issued only on the recommendation of the Committee on Warrants and Charters.

108. The issue of a charter, as provided in the preceding sections, shall vacate the warrant under which such lodge was instituted, and such warrant shall be at once returned to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

109. No charter shall be granted to a lodge to be known by a name or title which is the name of a living person.

110. Should the charter of a lodge be lost or destroyed, the Grand Chancellor may issue a warrant to serve in lieu of such charter until the next convention of Grand Lodge, when upon petition of the lodge, and at the pleasure of the Grand Lodge, a duplicate charter may be issued.

111. No convention of a lodge shall be legal unless its charter be displayed in the lodge room whenever in session.

112. A lodge shall not surrender its charter so long as seven members shall vote against such surrender, nor unless two weeks notice, in writing, of the convention at which the proposed surrender is to be acted on, shall have been given to every member of the lodge.

113. The charter of a lodge which shall be guilty of conduct disloyal or discreditable to the order, or which shall neglect or refuse to conform to, observe or enforce the Supreme or Grand law, or any mandate of the Supreme Chancellor, or any law of this Grand Lodge, or any mandate of the Grand Chancellor thereof, or either of them, may be suspended.

114. The charter of a lodge shall not be suspended or revoked until the lodge shall have been duly notified of its alleged offense, and opportunity given for answer and defence.

115. The charter of a lodge shall not be revoked except by formal vote of the Grand Lodge.

116. The charter of a lodge, which has been surrendered or suspended in accordance with the provisions of this chapter may be restored at the pleasure of the Grand Lodge, or of the Grand Chancellor, and in such case the members thereof, and all persons holding unrevoked withdrawal cards from, or under suspension by, such lodge, shall hold the same relation to the reinstated lodge as they held thereto at the date of the surrender or suspension of its charter.

117. The restoration of a charter, as referred to in the preceding section shall be granted only on the petition of at least twenty

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former members of the lodge, or with sufficient applicants for the ranks of knighthood, as will, with the members thereof who petition for its restoration, make a total of twenty.

118. The charter of a lodge which has been revoked under the provisions of this chapter may be restored by the Grand Lodge (or by the Grand Chancellor under instructions from the Grand Lodge) to such of the members thereof, as petition therefor, and are approved by the Grand Lodge; provided that the number of such petitioners, or applicants for the ranks of knighthood in addition thereto, shall make a total of twenty. Such lodge, so reorganized, shall have jurisdiction or control only over the persons to whom such charter may have been restored, except as others may subsequently become members thereof in the manner provided by law.

119. The charter of any suspended lodge shall not be restored by a Grand Chancellor if at any time restoration has been refused by the Grand Lodge.

120. The provisions of sections 111 to 120 inclusive shall also apply to warranted lodges.

### CHAPTER III.

#### *Relating to the Trial of Lodges.*

121. Before the charter of a lodge is suspended, except in cases otherwise provided for, the lodge shall be entitled to a trial on the cause or causes alleged for such suspensions and the trial of such causes shall be before a Special Tribunal, and the notices and processes of trial in the cause or causes shall be subject to the rules of procedure as provided by law. The tribunal shall, after due hearing of the cause, return a verdict, award the penalty, if any, and make the necessary order or orders in the cause. In all such causes, the verdict, penalty or orders of the tribunal shall be certified to the Grand Chancellor and parties in interest, and in case the said verdict, penalty or order shall require the punishment of a lodge, or the suspension of its charter, the Grand Chancellor shall immediately enforce the requirements of the order and decree of said tribunal in the cause.

122. The rules of procedure for the presentation of charges against a lodge and for the trial thereof shall be as follows:

(1.) The charge or charges shall be presented to the Grand Chancellor in duplicate and shall specify the offense charged, and in what it consists, with clearness and precision, and with reasonable detail as to time, place or circumstances.

(2.) The Grand Chancellor shall, within one week after receiving said charges, appoint a special tribunal of five members of the Grand Lodge (none of whom shall, in any respect, be interested in the



cause), to investigate the same, and forward the names of said tribunal and the charges to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, who shall immediately notify each member of the tribunal of his appointment.

(3.) The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall forthwith serve upon such lodge a copy of said charges and specifications under the seal of the Grand Lodge with the names of the members of the trial tribunal and service shall be made: first, by delivering to and leaving with the Chancellor Commander or Keeper of Records and Seal, of such lodge, a copy of said charges; or second, by depositing the same properly enclosed, and forwarded by registered letter mail, directed to the Chancellor Commander, or Keeper of Records and Seal of such lodge, at his last known post office address.

(4.) Within one week of the date of receiving notice of service having been made upon the lodge the chairman shall call the tribunal together, when a President and Recorder shall be selected, and a time and place fixed upon for a hearing and the date so fixed shall be such as to allow fifteen days notice to be served upon the complainant and the accused. The notices shall be in writing, signed by the Recorder, and shall be served as provided in the preceding subsection.

(5.) At the time and place appointed the tribunal shall meet and proceed with the trial, and full opportunity shall be given for the introduction of evidence and the cross-examination of witnesses. The tribunal having heard the testimony shall report to the Grand Chancellor, as follows:

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To.....GRAND CHANCELLOR,

The undersigned special tribunal appointed to try the charges and specifications preferred against.....Lodge No..... respectfully report as follows:

- (1.) .....(Here recite the specification and the finding upon each in their order.).....
- (2.) .....(Here insert the general charge, and the general verdict thereon).....
- (3.) .....(Here state the penalty fixed by the tribunal.).....

The minutes of the proceedings, evidence taken, and papers pertaining to the trial have been forwarded to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

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123. The minutes of the tribunal shall show :
- (1.) The date and place of each meeting, and the parties present or means taken for notifying them to be present.
  - (2.) Exceptions taken by either party, and the decisions thereon.
  - (3.) Parole evidence in full, subscribed by the witnesses, unless signature be waived by parties.
  - (4.) All documentary evidence marked as exhibits.

124. Either party shall have the right to be present, in person and by counsel, and in case either party is represented by counsel service of any of the notices upon such counsel shall be equivalent to service of notice upon such party.

125. Either party may appeal from the decision of the tribunal to the Grand Lodge within thirty days from the filing of the verdict and findings with the Grand Chancellor by the tribunal.

126. When an accused lodge neglects or refuses to answer at the time set forth by the trial, it shall be deemed guilty of contempt and the tribunal shall proceed with the case and report its findings to the Grand Chancellor who shall take such action in the premises as he may deem proper.

#### CHAPTER IV.

##### Relating to suspended or Dissolved Lodges.

127. When a lodge is suspended or dissolved, or its charter arrested, the charter, books, jewels, funds and all other property and effects shall at once revert to the Grand Lodge and it shall be the duty of its last Chancellor, Commander, or of its senior officer, the trustees or other officers in custody thereof, to deliver to the Grand Chancellor or his deputy, the charter, books, jewels, funds and all other property and effects.

128. Effects received by the Grand Lodge from a dissolved or suspended lodge may be sold to the best advantage and the amount realized placed to the credit of the lodge, which shall be refunded in the event of its charter being returned within two years; provided that any legitimate claims there may have been against said lodge at the time of dissolution or suspension, for borrowed money, paraphernalia, rent or any necessary running expenses shall be paid by the Grand Lodge out of the amount realized; but if the Grand Lodge shall not have received sufficient to liquidate said claims then the amount so received by the Grand Lodge shall be applied to the payment of such claims against said lodge, *pro rata*.

129. A lodge having been suspended or dissolved for two years shall forfeit its name and number, and any balance remaining to its account in the books of the Grand Lodge shall be carried to profit and loss.

## CHAPTER V.

*Relating to the Conventions and Business of a Lodge.*

130. The stated conventions of a lodge shall be held once a week (unless a longer interval is allowed by dispensation from the Grand Chancellor) at the place and on the day appointed and shall not be changed without the approval of the Grand Lodge or Grand Chancellor, and previous notice to all the members. The hour of convening shall be prescribed in the by-laws.

131. Special conventions may be ordered by a lodge, or on the written request of seven members. In every case at least twenty-four hours' notice must be given either by a written or printed notice to each member, or through the public press, and no business shall be transacted except that stated in the call.

132. Lodges shall be opened at the time prescribed if seven members of the knight's rank, in good standing, and belonging to the lodge, are present; but not less than that number shall constitute a quorum, and if seven members only be present no appropriation of money shall be made, unless it be by unanimous consent.

133. In the event of the absence of the Chancellor Commander at the time fixed by law for calling a convention to order, or in case he is present at that time and fails or refuses to call the lodge to order within fifteen minutes of the time fixed for opening the lodge, and a quorum is present, the Vice-Chancellor shall take the chair and perform, for the time being, the duties of Chancellor Commander. If both of these officers are absent, or are present and neglect or refuse to preside, the members present shall proceed to select, by vote, some one from among themselves to preside, voting first upon the Past Chancellors, and, in case of failure to secure a presiding officer from among them, then upon those who have received the rank of knight. The person so selected to preside shall have, while in the chair, the same power to conduct the business of the lodge, and to preside while the ranks are being conferred, that is devolved by law upon a Chancellor Commander.

134. All business, except conferring the rank of Page or Esquire, or when proceeding with the trial of a Page or Esquire, shall be transacted when open in the rank of Knight.

135. When the convention of a lodge has been closed it shall not be re-opened, except with unanimous consent of all present when the lodge was closed.

136. The following shall be the "Order of Business" in a lodge and may be transposed by the Chancellor Commander or by vote of the lodge, after passing order No. 4:

1. Opening Ceremonies.
2. Calling the Roll of Officers.

3. Reading the minutes of the last Regular or Special Convention
4. Report of Relief and Visiting Committee.
5. Does any brother know of a knight, or the family of a knight in distress.
6. Reading Communications.
7. Presentation of Accounts.
8. Petitions for membership shall be read and referred to Committee for Investigation.
9. Report of Investigating Committee and balloting for candidates.
10. Examination of Pages or Esquires in open lodge for advancement.
11. Initiation and conferring ranks on candidates that have been elected.
12. Reports of Officers and Trustees.
13. Reports of Committees.
14. Does any member desire insurance in the Endowment Rank? or to join the Uniform Rank?
15. Unfinished Business.
16. New Business.
17. Good of the Order.
18. Nominations for office and elections.
19. The announcement of Receipts and Disbursements in detail.
20. Closing Ceremonies.
21. Counting of Rituals and Report to Chancellor Commander.

## CHAPTER VI.

### *Relating to Rules of Order for Lodges.*

137. Robert's "Rules of Order" shall be the guide in all cases not hereinafter provided.
138. When the Chancellor Commander takes the chair the officers and members shall be invested with proper jewel and take their seats.
139. The business shall be proceeded with as prescribed, except in the case of official visitations from Supreme or Grand Lodge officers, when all business, except when a rank is being conferred, should immediately be laid aside until the object of the visit is accomplished.
140. Any member who shall misbehave in the convention of a lodge, disturb the order or harmony thereof by using abusive, disorderly, or profane language, or refuse obedience to the rules, shall be admonished for his offense, and if he offend again shall be excluded from the room for the evening, and afterwards dealt with as the laws prescribe.

141. When an appeal is taken from the decision of the Chancellor Commander the question shall be, "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the lodge?"

142. Before putting a question the presiding officer shall ask, "Is the lodge ready for the question?" If no member rise to speak, and a majority of the lodge is ready for the question, he shall rise and put it; and after he shall have risen, members shall not be permitted to speak.

143. If two or more members rise to speak at the same time the presiding officer shall decide which is entitled to the floor, and such decision shall not be questioned.

144. Each member speaking shall rise and respectfully address the presiding officer, confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid all personalities, indecorous or sarcastic language.

145. A member shall not be interrupted while speaking, except to call him to order.

146. If a member, while speaking, be called to order, he shall take his seat until the question of order is determined, when, if permitted, he may then proceed.

147. A member shall not speak more than once on the same question, until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice without permission of the presiding officer; and every member speaking shall designate any officer or member he may refer to by his proper rank or title.

148. A majority of all the valid votes cast shall decide all elections or motions not otherwise provided for, but questions that involve an appropriation or expenditure of money shall require the concurrence of two-thirds of the valid votes cast.

149. On the demand of a brother all members shall be required to vote to determine any election, motion or question before the lodge.

150. Any member can call for a division of a question when the sense will admit of it, but a motion to strike out and insert shall be indivisible except with the consent of both the mover and seconder.

151. A question shall not be subject to debate until it has been seconded and stated from the chair.

152. When a question is before the lodge, no motion shall be in order, except it be to proceed to close, the previous question, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone for a certain time, to divide, to commit, or to amend, which motions shall severally have precedence in the order herein arranged. The first three shall be decided without debate.

153. A motion "to proceed to close" shall always be in order after the regular lodge business has been transacted, which motion shall be decided without debate, but if declared in the affirmative it is no adjournment until the lodge is closed in due form.
154. When a question is postponed indefinitely, it shall not be acted on during that or the next succeeding stated convention.
155. A motion for reconsideration shall not be received unless made at the same convention, by a member who voted with the majority in the first instance.
156. A motion shall be reduced to writing at the request of any member.
157. On the call of two members, a majority of the lodge may demand the previous question, which shall always be put in this form: "Shall the main question be put?" and until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and all further debate.
158. When a blank is to be filled the question shall first be taken upon the highest sum or number, and the longest and latest time proposed.

## CHAPTER VII.

### *Relating to the Officers of a Lodge, their Nominations, Election and Installation and for Filling Vacancies.*

159. The ritualistic officers shall be as designated in the ritual and the official terms of such officers shall continue for twelve months from the first day of January in each year, or until their successors are elected and installed.
160. The non-ritualistic officers may be lodge trustees, hall trustees, an organist and a physician.
161. The official term of a lodge trustee shall be three years from the first day of January, provided, in new lodges, three trustees shall be elected, one to serve one year, one to serve two years and one to serve three years from the first day of the preceding January. The terms of the other non-ritualistic officers shall be one year from the first day of January in each year.
162. All officers shall be elected by separate ballots at the last regular meeting in the month of December and any knight in good standing shall be eligible to any office in the lodge of which he is a member, but the Chancellor, Commander, Vice-Chancellor, Keeper of Records and Seal, Master of Finance, or Master of Exchequer shall not be eligible to serve as a trustee.
163. Nomination of candidates for any office shall be made on the night preceding and on the night of election and may be made at any time prior to the balloting for such candidates.

164. There shall not be an election for any office without a previous nomination of candidates, and on the night of election nominations for each office shall be followed by the election before the nomination for the next office.

165. The presiding officer shall not close the nominations until every member present has had an opportunity to be heard, nor shall a qualified member, duly nominated, be excluded from the list of nominees because he is not present, provided always, that on the night of election, he shall either be present or notify the lodge in writing of his willingness to accept the office for which he has been nominated.

166. When an election is to be held for any office the Chancellor Commander shall appoint two members as tellers, and the knights entitled to vote shall be counted and their number noted. When the poll has been declared open each knight shall deposit his ballot. After collecting and counting the ballots, should it appear that a greater number of votes were cast than there were knights voting, and that such excess of votes equals or exceeds the majority which the successful candidate received, then the Chancellor Commander shall declare the ballot illegal and void, and direct that another be taken immediately. Votes polled for members that have not been duly nominated, or votes in blank, shall be deemed scattering, and be reported as such.

167. In case no candidate receives a majority of all the valid votes polled on the first ballot, the name of the candidate receiving the least number of votes shall be withdrawn and so on in each succeeding ballot until an election is had, but should a tie occur on the lowest vote no name shall be withdrawn on that ballot.

168. When only one candidate is in nomination for an office, the Chancellor Commander may designate some member to cast the vote of the lodge for such nominee.

169. Except as hereinafter provided, all officers of a lodge shall be installed at the first stated convention of the term for which they are to serve; provided, that all requirements of this Grand Lodge relative thereto have been complied with, and provided also that no such officer shall be installed unless he be in good standing and has fully paid to his lodge all dues and claims of whatsoever nature then accrued.

170. Should the installation for any cause not be held at the meeting designated, then it shall take place at the earliest convention thereafter which the convenience of the lodge and of the installing officer will allow, but in such case the Keeper of Records and Seal shall notify all officers elect to be present at such convention.

171. If any officer elect shall be disqualified for installation, or shall be absent at the time designated for installation, unless such absence be excused by formal vote of the lodge, the installing officer shall declare a vacancy in the office, which vacancy shall at once be filled by election. Any officer elect who may be absent from the regular installation, and whose absence shall be excused by his lodge, may be installed at a subsequent convention, at the convenience of the lodge and of the installing officer.

172. No officer elect shall assume the duties of the office to which he has been elected until he has been regularly installed.

173. All installations of officers shall be conducted by the Grand Chancellor, or a deputy duly commissioned therefor by such authority, and only in the manner and form prescribed by the Supreme Lodge in the established installation service.

174. All vacancies in office, except as provided in section 171, shall be filled in the manner of the original selection, and such officers shall be installed at the earliest convenience of the lodge and of the installing officer. Officers so chosen and installed shall hold office for the remainder of the official term, and shall, upon installation of their successors, or upon installation as their own successors, and not otherwise, be deemed to have served the full term, and in the case of the Chancellor Commander shall be entitled to the honor of Past Chancellor.

175. Every officer against whom charges are preferred shall have a fair and impartial trial, in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations of the order, but he may officiate in his office, except on matters connected with the charges or trial, until the same have been settled.

176. Any officer, for inattention to the duties of his station, conduct unbecoming his standing in the order, or for being absent from his station (without satisfactory excuse) for three consecutive conventions, may be removed from office by a vote of the lodge to that effect, provided, that notice of such motion has been given at the regular convention previous to that at which the vote is taken and the offender notified of such intended action.

177. Lodges may, in their by-laws, provide for compensation to be given to such officers as they deem fit, or may make appropriations therefor from time to time.

## CHAPTER VIII.

### *Defining the Duties of the Officers of a Lodge.*

178. THE CHANCELLOR COMMANDER shall preside at all conventions of the lodge, and preserve decorum therein; decide all



questions of order, subject to an appeal to the lodge; enforce the laws, rules and regulations of the lodge and those of the Grand Lodge and the Supreme Lodge; appoint a majority of all committees, unless otherwise ordered by the lodge; sign orders on the Master of Exchequer, attested by the Keeper of Records and Seal, for such money as shall be ordered by a vote of the lodge to be paid; see that all the officers of the lodge and members of committees faithfully discharge their duties; inspect all ballots and announce the result thereof to the lodge; give the casting vote on all questions where there is an equality of votes; sign all lodge certificates and papers which may require his signature to authenticate them; have charge of the warrant or charter, which he must always have present in the lodge when in convention; and perform such other duties as pertain to his office. The Chancellor Commander at his pleasure may call any knight to the chair to assist in conferring any rank of knighthood; or, by consent of the lodge, he may assign the work to a team organized or drilled for such work, a part or all of whom may be members of other lodges; provided that the lodge shall remain under the control of its Chancellor Commander or one of its officers legally qualified to preside; *but the S. A. P. W. must be communicated only by the Chancellor Commander or (in his absence) by the Vice Chancellor of the lodge.*

179. THE VICE CHANCELLOR shall assist the Chancellor Commander in preserving order in the lodge and aid in conducting the ceremonies of the several ranks. He shall appoint a minority of all committees, unless otherwise ordered by the lodge; have charge of the inner door and preside in the absence of the Chancellor Commander.

180. THE PRELATE shall open and close the lodge with prayer and shall perform all obligatory ceremonies as prescribed in the ritual. He shall warn any brother whom he may find careless and forgetful of his pledge and obligations; or whose conduct and habits may bring injury to himself, and, through him, to the order, and keep his own conduct above reproach, so that his advice and admonitions may be enforced by the illustration, in his daily life, of the virtues of Pythian knighthood.

181. MASTER OF WORK.—To have special supervision of all preparations, and be held responsible for all floor work or ceremonies in conferring the several ranks.

182. THE KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL shall keep an accurate record of all the proceedings of the lodge; make out the semi-annual report of the work and business of the lodge for the Grand Lodge, and such other documents and notices as may be ordered, and have charge of the correspondence, records and seal of the lodge. He

shall notify the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal *immediately* of any change being made in his office, past office address or residence, and give notice to lodges in his district of all rejections of candidates and the suspension and reinstatement of members immediately after their being read to the lodge. Whenever a member shall be declared expelled from the order or suspended from membership therein, for any cause, he shall immediately forward to the Board of Control of the Endowment Rank a notice of such expulsion or suspension, signed by him and attested by the Chancellor Commander over the seal of the lodge, and give the cause and time of such suspension.

NOTE.—The Keeper of Records and Seal shall so keep his minute book that it will be a correct and accurate history of the lodge during his term. In regard to reports he should be especially careful and note all important portions, so that in the event of any being lost or destroyed the lodge will still have a record of what was done by its officers or committees. For example, the Keeper of Records and Seal should be able to make out the semi-annual report to Grand Lodge entirely from the minute book, without any reference to the other officers except to compare results.

183. THE MASTER OF FINANCE shall keep just and accurate accounts between the lodge and its members and notify all those in arrears to the amount of three months dues or more. Receive all moneys for the lodge; pay the same immediately to the Master of Exchequer, taking his receipt therefor and announce to the lodge and furnish the Keeper of Records and Seal with the amount of receipts previous to the close of each convention, showing in detail the source from which received. He shall make out and submit to the lodge a report of the transactions of his office to the end of the semi-annual term on the first regular convention in January and July.

184. THE MASTER OF EXCHEQUER shall receive from the Master of Finance all moneys received by him for the lodge giving his receipt therefor. He shall keep a correct account of all moneys received by him for the lodge and make no disbursements thereof unless authorized by the lodge under an order from the Chancellor Commander, attested by the Keeper of Records and Seal. He shall make out and submit to the lodge a report of the transactions of his office to the end of the semi-annual term on the first regular convention in January and July.

NOTE.—Before entering upon the duties of their office, the M. of F. and the M. of E. shall each furnish a bond of not less than two hundred dollars in some duly registered Surety Company doing business in the Province of Quebec, the fee for such to be paid by the lodge.

185. THE MASTER-AT-ARMS, in addition to duties prescribed by the ritual, shall have charge of the working properties of the

lodge and be held responsible for their safe keeping, and shall immediately inform the lodge if the same or any part thereof shall have become impaired or unfit for use, and perform such other duties as may be directed from time to time by the lodge.

186. THE INNER AND OUTER GUARDS shall perform such duties as are required by the work of the order and as may be directed from time to time by the lodge.

187. In addition to the foregoing duties each officer is expected to make himself thoroughly familiar with the ritual so that the work of the order may be rendered in an efficient and impressive manner. The charges in the installation service are also to be remembered and acted upon.

188. THE LODGE TRUSTEES, shall be charged with the general supervision and care of investments and other lodge property in order that they may look after its material interests and welfare; receive all moneys ordered to be drawn from the Master of Exchequer for any specific purpose, and deposit the vouchers with the Master of Finance to be placed with the Master of Exchequer for safe keeping. They shall negotiate and sign all leases, invest in such loans, stocks or other securities as the lodge may direct; call in, sell, and realize on loans, stocks and other investments whenever the lodge shall order the same to be done; collect all interests, dividends, rents and other money arising or accruing from any and all the investments belonging to the lodge, and immediately pay the money collected by them to the Master of Finance, which in the case of a special investment shall be placed to the credit of the fund on behalf of which such special investment had been made. They shall keep a correct inventory of all the properties of the lodge, and its approximate value, and submit a written report at the first convention in January and July of each year, giving a detailed statement of all their transactions during the preceding term. Lodges may, in their by-laws, prescribe such other duties for their trustees as may be deemed expedient.

189. The duties of other non-ritualistic officers shall be as prescribed in the by-laws of the lodge.

## CHAPTER IX.

### Relating to Committees.

190. Lodges shall have power to appoint committees, from time to time, for such purposes as may be deemed proper, and shall be responsible for their actions.

191. When a committee is appointed it shall have its duties specified in writing, under the seal of the lodge and the signatures of the Chancellor Commander and Keeper of Records and Seal.

192. The member first named on a committee shall act as chairman until another is chosen by the members of the committee.
193. Committees shall, under no circumstances, exceed their specified duties and shall be held responsible for any dereliction of duty or illegal action on their part.
194. A committee having contracted any liability shall not be discharged nor shall any member thereof be released therefrom, until a final report is made showing that all debts contracted by it have been paid.
195. All committees shall make their reports in writing signed by a majority of its members.
196. Any member may excuse himself from serving on a committee, if, at the time of his appointment, he is a member of two other committees.
197. A member cannot, without his consent, be appointed on a committee when absent from the lodge, except in the case of the visiting committee when a lodge may, for the purpose of fully carrying out the tenets of the order, provide in its by-laws that any member may be called upon to perform his share of this important duty.
198. Lodges, in their by-laws, shall provide for the appointment, and specify the duties, of a committee to visit sick or disabled members, of which the Chancellor Commander and Vice Chancellor shall be two, *ex-officio*.
199. Lodges may appoint an investigating committee to stand throughout the term instead of making separate appointments on each application for membership, and, when such a course is adopted, the committee shall be appointed at the first convention in each year. Should any member of the committee recommend an applicant for membership, another member of the lodge shall be appointed to serve on the committee in his stead on such application. It shall be the duty of the committee to make all necessary investigations as to the character, health and qualification of applicants and report at the next regular convention of the lodge. In all cases the committee shall consist of three members.
200. On the last convention in June and December of each year there shall be appointed a committee of three knights, who are not executive or financial officers of the lodge, to audit the reports, books and accounts of the Keeper of Records and Seal, Master of Finance, Master of Exchequer and all Trustees. It shall be the duty of the auditing committee to thoroughly examine such books and accounts and satisfy itself as to the correctness of the same. The committee shall have authority and power to call for the production

of any books, documents or other articles that may be necessary to a correct understanding and examination of the business it has been charged with. The committee may make separate reports on the books of each officer submitted to it, but in all cases such reports must be in writing.

CHAPTER X.

Relating to Past Chancellors.

201. The honor of Past Chancellor can only be attained by a Chancellor Commander, who shall have served to the end of his official term, upon the installation of his successor; and at the institution of a lodge, by the four members thereof who shall have been chosen by the lodge to receive that honor.

202. A condition precedent to the reception of the Grand Lodge rank shall be the filing of a certificate with the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, showing that the members desirous of receiving the rank did attain the honor, as provided in the preceding section.

203. When the honor of Past Chancellor is claimed to have been attained by service as Chancellor Commander, the certificate shall be as follows :

PAST CHANCELLOR CERTIFICATE.

(BY SERVICE)

CASTLE HALL..... Lodge No.....

To the GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS :

This is to certify that..... was duly installed as Chancellor Commander of this lodge, on the ..... day of..... 19.. P.P....., and served as such until the installation of his successor at the end of his official term, on the..... day of..... 19.. P.P....., and became thereby entitled to the honor of Past Chancellor.

Witness the seal of the lodge and the signature of its Chancellor Commander, attested by its Keeper of Records and Seal, this. .... day of..... 19.. P.P.....

.....  
Chancellor Commander.

.....  
Keeper of Records and Seal.



Attest. ....

204. When the honor of Past Chancellor is claimed to have been attained by virtue of election at the institution of a lodge, the certificate shall be as follows :

PAST CHANCELLOR CERTIFICATE.

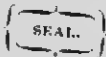
(BY ELECTION)

CASTLE HALL..... Lodge No.....

To the GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS:

This is to certify that this lodge was instituted on the..... day of..... 19.. P.P....., and that..... is one of the four members thereof who were on that date elected by the lodge to receive the honor of Past Chancellor.

Witness the seal of the lodge and the signature of its Chancellor Commander, attested by its Keeper of Records and Seal, this..... day of..... 19.. P.P.....



Attest. .... Chancellor Commander, Keeper of Records and Seal.

205. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall issue the forms necessary for carrying into effect the provisions of the preceding sections.

206. Any Past Chancellor of another domain depositing his card in any lodge in this domain must, in order to be recognized as having such honor, or being entitled thereto, present a rank credential from his former Grand Lodge which shall be endorsed by the Keeper of Records and Seal of the lodge in which he deposits his card and be forwarded to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

CHAPTER XI.

Relating to Grand Representatives.

207. There shall be elected annually by each lodge, at the same time and in the same manner as lodge officers are elected, two Grand Representatives, whose term shall be for one year from the first day of January following such election.

208. Any lodge hereafter organized shall, at the time of its institution, while in convention assembled, elect two Grand Representatives, and the term of the Grand Representatives so elected shall be for one year from the first day of January preceding such election.

209. Whenever the regular semi-annual report from a lodge shall show the total membership of such lodge to exceed fifty members, then such lodge shall be entitled to one additional Grand Representative for each additional twenty-five members.

210. The right of a lodge to the additional representatives provided for in this chapter shall not accrue until after it shall have

forwarded the per capita tax and semi annual report to the proper Grand Lodge officers and received from the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal a blank certificate for such additional representatives.

211. Additional representatives shall be elected in the same manner as lodge officers are elected, except as hereinafter provided, and the term shall be for the remainder of the year in which elected.

212. Should a lodge be entitled to an additional representative and but one regular convention of the lodge is to be held prior to the next convention of the Grand Lodge, then such additional representative may be elected at that convention; but, if a convention of the Grand Lodge is to be held prior to a regular convention of the lodge, then such additional representative may be appointed by the Chancellor Commander.

213. If from any cause the position of Grand Representative of a lodge should become vacant on its last convention prior to the convention of the Grand Lodge, then such vacancy may be filled by an immediate election; but should any vacancy occur when the convention of the Grand Lodge is to be held prior to the regular convention of the lodge, then such vacancy may be filled by appointment by the Chancellor Commander.

## CHAPTER XII.

### Relating to Semi-Annual Reports and Per Capita Tax from Lodges.

214. At the close of every semi-annual term, each lodge shall make a full report, on the blank furnished by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, correctly filled out, duly attested with the signatures of the Chancellor Commander and Keeper of Records and Seal, and seal of the lodge, and shall be signed by a majority of the auditing committee.

215. Each lodge will be supplied with two forms, one of which shall be retained by the lodge and the other shall be forwarded in time to reach the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal on or before the first day of February or the first day of August, as the case may be. For every day which shall elapse between the first day of February or the first day of August, and the date of the reception by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, of the report for the semi-annual term preceding the above dates, the delinquent lodge shall incur a penalty of one dollar, and said lodge shall not be allowed representation in the Grand Lodge until the total amount of the penalty incurred shall have been paid. The Grand Chancellor may remit the same.

216. The dues to Grand Lodge shall be a *per capita* tax for every member (Page, Esquire or Knight) on the books of the lodge

at the close of each semi-annual term, and shall be at such rate as may be fixed by the Grand Lodge.

217. No lodge shall receive the pass-word or have its officers installed until the report and tax are in the hands of the proper Grand Lodge officers.

### CHAPTER XIII.

#### *Relating to the Disposal of Funds of a Subordinate Lodge.*

218. The receipts from fines and assessments shall be carried to such fund or funds as the Subordinate Lodge may direct, by a three-fourths vote of the members present.

219. The receipts from donations or bequests shall be carried to such fund or funds, or applied to such purpose or purposes, as the donors may direct, provided such direction is in conformity with the principles and purposes of the order; and provided further that, should the donation or bequest be made without directions as to the purpose to which it shall be applied, such donation or bequest shall be carried to the trust fund.

220. All monies received by the lodge shall constitute a trust fund, to be known as a General Fund, for carrying out the fraternal and beneficial features of the Order, and shall not be expended for any other than those purposes, and the payment of the necessary expenses of the lodge. Subordinate Lodges may, by by-law, establish a fund separate from the general fund, to be known and designated as special fund. Such fund shall consist of such donations as may be made to it, and the profits of any entertainments given by the lodge. If a lodge discontinues such special fund, then all the money to its credit shall accrue to the general fund of the lodge. This fund shall not be subject to partition among the members of a lodge; and in case a lodge shall from any cause cease to exist, said fund shall revert to the Grand Lodge.

221. If at any time the amount to the credit of any fund should accumulate to such an extent as to warrant a lodge in making an investment, then the same shall be done by the trustees in such manner as the lodge, by a three-fourths vote of members present, may direct.

### CHAPTER XIV.

#### *Relating to Dues, Fines and Assessments.*

222. Lodges shall require all their members to pay dues, which shall be payable monthly or quarterly, without notice, the quarterly terms from which dues shall begin to run shall commence with the first day of January, April, July and October in each year, and at the end of each of said quarters, if the dues therefor remain unpaid, the same shall be deemed to have accrued and the member be in arrears.



223. The Master of Finance is the only person authorized to receive dues on behalf of the lodge (but a special collector, a member of the order, may be appointed by a lodge, in which case he shall be deemed to be the representative of the Master of Finance) and dues may be paid to him at any time or place up to and including the last regular convention of the lodge in any quarter, and any payment made to him after the said last convention and prior to the end of the quarter shall date only from the first day of the succeeding quarter.

224. Dues shall begin with the date of initiation as Page, reinstatement or of affiliation by card, and if the date of said initiation, reinstatement or affiliation be after the beginning of a quarter, the said Page or member by reinstatement or affiliation shall be charged for the unexpired portion of such quarter.

225. Lodges may, subject to the Supreme law, provide for the imposition of lines and assessments, which lines and assessments shall become due and payable upon the next succeeding date for the payment of dues, and their non-payment at such date shall thereupon render the member in arrears, provided that assessments imposed within one month preceding the end of a stated period for which dues are payable shall not become due and payable until the next succeeding date for the payment of dues.

## CHAPTER XV.

### *Relating to the Payment of Benefits.*

226. The question of the payment of weekly benefits shall be determined by each subordinate lodge for itself.

227. Lodges that provide for the payment of weekly benefits shall, in their by-laws, prescribe the amount to be paid and may make such provisions in relation thereto as they deem proper.

228. Each lodge may pay upon the death of any member thereof in good standing, a funeral benefit, said sum to be paid to his nearest relative.

229. A lodge which provides for the payment of a funeral benefit, may prescribe conditions under which, and the person or persons to whom, the amount shall be paid, or it may provide that the amount shall be expended under the direction of the lodge toward defraying the funeral expenses of the deceased member. To be entitled to the privileges conferred by this section, a lodge must take advantage thereof by the adoption of such provisions in its by-laws as will secure them.

230. The suicide of a member shall not release his lodge from payment of the funeral benefit.

231. Lodges may in their by-laws prescribe for the payment of benefits to the widow, orphan children or dependent relatives of a member who, at the time of his death was entitled to benefits.

232. If a member, entitled to or receiving benefits, be suspended for cause, and appeals from such suspensions, then such benefits as he or his relatives would, but for the suspension, he or become entitled to during the time the appeal is pending, shall not be paid by the lodge, but a correct account of the amount accruing shall be kept until a final decision in the case is rendered, and if the judgment of the lodge be reversed the full amount due to him, or his relatives, shall be paid without further delay.

## CHAPTER XVI.

### Regulating Appeals for Aid.

233. Appeals for aid, in behalf of a lodge within this Domain, or of a member or members thereof, may be issued and circulated within this domain only by permission of this Grand Lodge or the Grand Chancellor thereof.

234. Appeals for aid, in behalf of a lodge within this Domain, or of a member or members thereof, shall not be issued to lodges outside of this domain except the same shall be endorsed by this Grand Lodge or the Grand Chancellor thereof, and permission first obtained from the Grand Chancellor of each domain in which it is desired to circulate such appeal, or from the Supreme Chancellor for lodges not within the domain of a Grand Lodge.

235. Appeals for aid by sister Grand Lodges, or by lodges within their domain, shall not be issued, circulated or read in any lodge in this domain, unless said appeal, when made by a lodge, is endorsed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Chancellor of the domain from which the appeal emanates and then only by permission of this Grand Lodge or the Grand Chancellor thereof.

236. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit the issuing, circulating or reading appeals for aid, in case of public calamity or disaster, when emanating from the Supreme Chancellor, or for purposes duly approved by the Supreme Lodge.

## CHAPTER XVII.

### General Provisions.

237. When the convention of a lodge falls on a holiday, or the eve thereof, it may, at the preceding convention, arrange for another date to take the place of said convention, and due notice of such change shall be mailed to each resident member.

238. Each lodge shall have an official seal, which shall bear its name, number, location and date of institution, and such appropriate devices as it may adopt. Said seal shall be kept in the custody of the Keeper of Records and Seal, and shall be used by him in authenticating such documents as require his official attestation.

239. Lodges shall, in their by-laws provide that a register book shall be kept in which all members and visiting brethren shall record their names and the name, number and location of their lodge.

240. When a lodge is instituted all who affiliate by card or attain the rank of knight within the first four conventions including institution and not otherwise, shall be entitled to have their names placed upon the charter and shall be known as charter members.

241. Lodges or individual members are prohibited from purchasing paraphernalia from any dealer or other person, unless such dealer or person shall have received and hold unrevoked a valid certificate from the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, but this shall not operate to prevent a lodge from manufacturing paraphernalia for its own use.

242. Two or more lodges located in any one district may appoint one or more of their members to form a General Relief Board for the purpose of extending such relief as may be deemed expedient, to transient members, under such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the board and approved by the lodges represented thereon.

243. The diplomas and credentials of rank or of honor in the order are as prescribed in the Supreme Statutes, Title XI, and no others than those described shall be recognized, and lodges in this domain are hereby expressly forbidden to permit their Keeper of Records and Seal to certify by his signature or to authenticate by seal of the lodge, any credential or diploma of rank or honor in the order, other than those therein described.

244. The rituals of a lodge shall be in the custody and control of the Chancellor Commander except when they may be in actual use during the convention of the lodge and when not in use they shall be kept by him securely locked in a box or other receptacle prepared therefor. He shall not loan any ritual to any officer or member nor permit them to be taken from the lodge rooms; but he may permit them to be used within the lodge room by any officer or member of the rank of knight who may desire to familiarize himself therewith, upon pledge of his knightly honor that such ritual shall not be taken from the lodge room. At the installation of officers the outgoing Chancellor Commander shall deliver the rituals to the installing officer to be by him delivered to the incoming Chancellor Commander, upon his receipt therefor.

## CHAPTER XVIII.

*Relating to By-laws of Lodges and Amendments Thereto.*

245. Each Lodge shall have the right to make and adopt a code of by-laws, in conformity with the Supreme and Grand laws, for its government, which can be made, altered, amended or added to, by submitting the proposition to the lodge in writing, signed by two members of the Knight rank, and having the same read at three regular conventions previous to being acted upon, when, two-thirds of the valid votes cast concurring, they shall be adopted.

246. When an amendment to by-laws is upon its passage at the time provided, it is competent to change, alter, amend, or add to the original proposed amendment.

247. The first reading shall be on the night of presentation, and the vote as specified, may be had at the second regular convention thereafter, but, before any amendment is adopted, every resident member of the lodge must be notified of the date on which the vote will be taken.

248. Before any by-laws or amendments thereto can become operative, four copies thereof must be sent to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal for submission to the Committee on Judiciary and receive its approval, and all by-laws or parts of by-laws which have been adopted by the lodge, contravening or conflicting therewith, shall be considered as repealed from and after the date of such approval.



TITLE III.  
MEMBERSHIP.

CHAPTER I.

*Relating to the Attainment of the Ranks of Knighthood, and Membership  
by Card.*

249. The conditions of eligibility to apply for the ranks of knighthood, and the manner in which such ranks, or any of them, may be attained, shall be as prescribed in this chapter, and not otherwise, and except as so provided no application for the ranks of knighthood shall be received or considered by a lodge of the order in this domain.

250. An applicant for the ranks of knighthood must possess the following qualifications:

- (1.) He must be a white male.
- (2.) He must be of good moral character.
- (3.) He must be not less than twenty-one and not more than fifty years of age, except that a person more than fifty years of age may become eligible by dispensation.
- (4.) He must be a believer in a Supreme Being.
- (5.) He must be in good health and sound in mind and body, except that a maimed person may become eligible by dispensation.
- (6.) He must be able to read and write.
- (7.) He must not be engaged in either of the occupations known as professional gambler, saloon-keeper, bar-tender, or retail dealer in spirituous liquors, wine, ale or beer (except as honor-fide hotel-keeper or druggist).
- (8.) He must believe in the maintenance of order and the upholding of constituted authority in the government in which he lives.
- (9.) He must not have been rejected by any lodge as an applicant for the ranks of knighthood within the six months preceding his application.

251. Any person eligible under the provisions of the preceding section may make application for the ranks of knighthood to any lodge within whose territorial jurisdiction he has his actual residence, provided that he shall have resided within this domain for the preceding six months.

252. If a person desires to apply to a lodge other than the one in the district in which he resides, but in this domain, such application must be accompanied by the permission of a lodge, if one exists, within the district in which he has his residence.

253. If a person not a resident in the province desires to apply to a lodge in this domain, then his application must be accompanied by the permission of the Grand Chancellor of the domain within which he resides.

254. The application, which must be on the form prescribed by the Supreme Lodge, shall be signed in the applicant's own handwriting, be endorsed by two members of the lodge in good standing who have attained the rank of Knight, and must be accompanied by the sum of five dollars, which will entitle the applicant, if accepted, to receive the rank of Page.

255. Any lodge may require that applications for membership (as follows) shall be accompanied by the certificate of a physician, as to the health of the applicant, in which case the fee for medical examination shall be paid as the lodge may direct.

255a.—

**Application for the Ranks of Knighthood.**

To ..... Lodge, No.....

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS OF .....

I respectfully apply for the ranks of knighthood and for membership in your lodge and in the order of KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS. I declare upon honor that I am a white male; that I am of good moral character; that I was ..... years of age on the ..... day of.....last past; that I am a believer in a Supreme Being; that I am in good health and sound in mind and body; that I am able to read and write; that I am not engaged in either of the occupations known as professional gambler, saloon-keeper, bartender or retail dealer in spirituous liquors, wine, ale or beer (except as a bonâ-fide hotel keeper or druggist); that I believe in the maintenance of order and the upholding of constituted authority in the government in which I live; and that I have not been rejected as an applicant for the ranks of knighthood within the six months preceding the date of this application.

I have been an actual and bonâ-fide resident of this province continuously during the past six months.

My occupation is.....; place of business, .....; post-office address, .....; residence,.....

If this application be granted, I promise a full and faithful observance of all the laws that may govern your lodge and the order.

I have carefully read the law as printed on the back hereof. The fee of \$..... accompanies this application.

Written and signed by my own hand this.....day of....., 190....

Endorsed by Signed.....

256. Applications for membership may be received at any stated convention of a lodge, and shall be referred to an investigating committee of three members of the lodge who have attained the rank of Knight, neither of whom shall have recommended the applicant. The committee shall take such measures as it may deem needful in addition to the provisions of section 199, of these statutes, to ascertain the qualifications and fitness of the applicant for membership, and shall report to the lodge at the next regular convention, with recommendation for the acceptance or rejection of the applicant.

257. Upon the report of the investigating committee, whether favorable or otherwise, such application shall be balloted upon by secret ball ballot. Should all the ballots cast be white, or not more than one black, the applicant shall be declared elected to membership; but should three or more black balls appear, he shall be declared rejected. In case only two black balls appear upon the first ballot, the ballot must be renewed immediately, and if upon the second ballot all the ballots cast be white, or not more than one black, the applicant shall be declared elected to membership; but if two or more black balls appear upon the second ballot, the applicant shall be declared rejected.

258. When a ballot, either for membership by initiation, by card or for reinstatement, is about to be taken, the Chancellor Commander shall say: "Master at Arms, you will prepare the ballot box." When prepared, the Master at Arms will present the ballot box to the Chancellor Commander for his inspection. When satisfied with the condition of the box, the Chancellor Commander shall deposit his ballot. The Chancellor Commander shall then say: "Master at Arms, you will deposit the ballot box on the altar." The Chancellor Commander shall then say: "Brothers, the ballot is for the election or the rejection of....., who is an applicant for membership by initiation [or, "by card," or, "reinstatement," as the case may be]. White balls elect and black

balls reject. You will proceed to vote without giving any sign or salutation." At the proper time, the Chancellor Commander will say: "Have all the members voted?" and hearing no response, he will add: "The ballot is closed," and to the Master at Arms the Chancellor Commander will say: "You will collect the ballot." The Master at Arms will then carry the ballot box to the Vice Chancellor, who will inspect the ballot, and if seven or more balls are found in the box, announce: "Chancellor Commander, the ballot is a legal one." But if less than seven balls are found in the box, he will announce: "Chancellor Commander, the ballot is not a legal one." In either case, the ballot box shall be carried by the Master at Arms to the Chancellor Commander who, after inspecting it, shall announce: "The ballot is a legal one, and I officially declare . . . . . duly elected to membership in this lodge by initiation" [or, "by card," or "by reinstatement," as the case may be, or, "rejected," as the case may be]; or in case the ballot be not a legal one, "Less than seven balls appearing, the ballot is not a legal one, and is therefore void. Master at Arms, you will prepare the ballot box and (having inspected it) place it on the altar. All members are required to vote. You will proceed to do so."

259. No ballot upon an application for the ranks of knighthood shall at any time be reconsidered or renewed, except as provided in sections 257 and 258 and the next succeeding chapter.

260. No application shall be withdrawn, except by consent of the lodge, given by the vote of a majority of the members present, nor at all after the report of the investigating committee has been read to the lodge.

261. No discussion of the result of a ballot, or of the merits or demerits of a candidate, shall be permitted at any time after such ballot, either in the lodge or out of it; nor shall any member of the order disclose, directly or indirectly, either the report of the investigating committee or the character of any vote supposed to have been cast upon such ballot.

262. Every applicant elected to membership failing to present himself for initiation within thirteen weeks after being notified of his election (unless prevented by sickness or some other unavoidable occurrence), shall forfeit the amount paid by him to the lodge.

263. One week must elapse between the conferring of any two ranks upon the same person, except at the first four conventions of a new lodge, and except as otherwise permitted by dispensation.

264. The Chancellor Commander at the time the rank of Page shall have been conferred upon a candidate, shall appoint a committee consisting of three members of the lodge to instruct the candidate in the secret work of the rank already conferred upon him,



and it shall be the duty of the committee to instruct and prepare the candidate for the examination provided by Supreme Statutes. Such committee shall serve until the candidate shall have attained the rank of Knight.

265. Every member of the order in the Page or Esquire rank, prior to being advanced to a higher rank, shall pass a satisfactory examination in open lodge in the unwritten work of the rank or ranks already taken, such examination to be conducted by the chairman of the committee of three appointed by the Chancellor Commander as provided by Supreme Statutes.

266. Application for the ranks of knighthood from a rejected applicant shall not be accepted by any lodge within six months from the date of such rejection, and, if after that time application should be made to another lodge, it must be accompanied with the written consent of the lodge which rejected the applicant. This provision shall also apply to applicants for a new lodge.

267. The ranks of Esquire and Knight, or either of them, may be conferred by any lodge upon a member of the order who has attained the rank of Page or Esquire in another lodge, upon the request of such other lodge under seal. The lodge which shall have conferred a rank in accordance with this section shall immediately notify the lodge which preferred the request therefor, of the date upon which such rank was conferred. Upon receipt of such notice, record thereof shall be made upon the books of the lodge receiving it.

268. The Chancellor Commander, at his pleasure, may call any knight to the chair to assist in conferring any rank of knighthood; or, by consent of the lodge, he may assign the work to a team organized or drilled for such work, a part or all of whom may be members of other lodges; provided that the lodge shall remain under the control of its Chancellor Commander or one of its members legally qualified to preside; but the S. A. P. W. must be communicated only by the Chancellor Commander or (in his absence) by the Vice Chancellor of the lodge.

269. The holder of a transfer card may apply, subject to the provisions of sections 256 and 257 of these statutes to any lodge in the order, for membership in such lodge; and he shall attach such transfer card to his application, and accompany the same with the affiliation fee prescribed by law, together with an official receipt showing the payment to the lodge issuing the card of all dues lines and assessments to the first of the month succeeding the date of the issue of such transfer card.

270. An application for membership by deposit of transfer card shall be subject to the investigation and ballot provided in sections 209, 210 and 211, Supreme Statutes, except that when such transfer

card is presented by a petitioner at the institution of a new lodge, no reference to or report by an investigating committee shall be necessary, but a ballot may be had thereon at the same time and in the same manner as upon other petitioners. If the applicant be elected, his membership in the lodge of issue of such transfer card shall, thereupon, cease and determine, and his membership in the lodge to which his application is made shall begin. The Keeper of Records and Seal of the Lodge of Deposit shall at once address and forward by mail the coupon notice of such election to the lodge issuing the transfer card. Upon receipt of such notice by the lodge of issue, it shall be read in open lodge, and record thereof shall be made by the Keeper of Records and Seal and Master of Finance upon the books of the lodge. If the application be rejected, the transfer card shall be filed in the lodge in which it is deposited, and no similar application by that applicant shall be considered by that lodge for ninety days hereafter.

271. The fee to be paid for reinstatement of members suspended for non-payment of arrearages shall be such sum as the by-laws of the lodge prescribe, provided that said sum shall not be more than \$6.00.

272. The holder of a withdrawal card, a Grand Lodge card or a Supreme Lodge card may apply for affiliation in any lodge, subject to the provisions of this chapter, accompanying his application with his card and the fee prescribed by the lodge. If the applicant be elected his membership shall date from such election. Should the applicant be rejected his card shall be returned to him and he shall not renew his application to the same or any other lodge within one month from the date of such rejection.

## CHAPTER II.

### *Defining the manner by which the Conferring of the Ranks of Knighthood on an Applicant may be stayed.*

273. If, after the election of an applicant to receive the ranks of knighthood and before either of such ranks has been conferred upon him, two or more members of the lodge shall file with the Chancellor Commander written objections to his admission, the Chancellor Commander, without disclosing the names of the objectors, shall announce such objections in open lodge, and such announcement shall be entered upon the records, whereupon the initiation of the candidate shall be stayed. Should the objections be withdrawn by the members filing them, within thirty days thereafter, then such withdrawal shall be entered upon the records and the candidate may receive the ranks of knighthood. If the objections be not so withdrawn, they shall operate as black balls, and at the first

meeting after the expiration of such thirty days the Chancellor Commander shall declare the applicant rejected.

274. If two or more members of the lodge shall file with the Chancellor Commander written objections to the advancement of a member who has not attained the rank of Esquire or Knight, the Chancellor Commander shall make like announcement as in the preceding section which shall be entered upon the records and the advancement of the member shall be stayed. If the objections be withdrawn by the members filing them, within thirty days thereafter, then such withdrawal shall be entered upon the records, and he shall be entitled to receive the ranks of knighthood not already attained. If the objections be not so withdrawn, then after the expiration of such thirty days, a secret ball ballot shall be taken in the manner provided in sections 257 and 258 of these statutes, when if the result be favorable, the member may be advanced, but, if the result of such ballot be unfavorable, the Chancellor Commander shall declare him rejected for advancement and all fees paid for ranks not already attained by him shall be at once returned, and no other application for advancement shall be received from such member until the expiration of six months from the date of such rejection. Should application then, or at any future time, be made, it shall be accompanied with the fees for ranks as then required by law and be subject to investigation and ballot as provided in sections 256 and 257 of these statutes.

275. If a lodge desires to object to, or protest against, the admission of an applicant for the ranks of knighthood, or advancement, in another lodge, such objecting lodge may do so by resolution, adopted by a majority of its members present and voting, which resolution shall be signed by the Chancellor Commander and attested by the Keeper of Records and Seal, under seal of the lodge, and be forwarded by mail or delivered in person to the Keeper of Records and Seal of the lodge in which the said application is pending thereupon:

(1). At the first convention, said objection or protest shall be read and a minute thereof made upon the record, and no report or other action thereon shall be taken by the lodge in which such objection or protest is filed for a period of thirty days, and the protesting lodge shall be at once notified.

(2). If the protesting lodge shall, within such thirty days, file with the Keeper of Records and Seal of the lodge in which the application is pending, a statement of facts or charges, in writing, signed by the Chancellor Commander and duly attested over seal by the Keeper of Records and Seal, showing that the applicant, for reasons therein disclosed is unworthy to become a member of the order, the application and the charges shall be referred to an investi-

gating committee, to be at once appointed, which shall inquire into the same and report at the next convention of the lodge, stating fully the nature and extent of the investigation made and the conclusion arrived at.

(3). If the report of the committee be adverse to the applicant, action shall be taken thereon by the lodge at once, as provided in sections 273 and 274 of this chapter, but, if the report be favorable to the applicant, action thereon shall be stayed, and the protesting lodge shall be notified thereof.

(4). Such protesting lodge shall have ten days from the receipt of such notice to appeal to the Committee on Grievances of the Grand Lodge which it may do by filing with the Keeper of Records and Seal of the lodge in which the application is pending, a written notice of appeal with a statement of the grounds for such action, whereupon the protest, charges or statement of facts, report of the committee and appeal, and any answer the lodge may desire to make to such appeal, shall be certified to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal who shall at once forward the same to the chairman of the Committee on Grievances and no further action shall be had upon such application for admission or advancement until the finding of the committee, and which finding in cases of this character shall be conclusive. Should the protesting lodge not file the prayer for appeal from the report of the investigating committee thereon within ten days as above, or the charges or statement of facts within the thirty days as above, the receiving lodge shall proceed as if no protest had been filed.

### CHAPTER III.

#### *Relating to Fees for Membership.*

276. The fees to be paid by every applicant for the ranks of knighthood shall be as fixed by the by-laws of each lodge, subject to the requirements of the Supreme Constitution that the total amount of the fee for the three ranks shall not be less than ten dollars, provided that not less than five dollars must be paid into the exchequer of a lodge before an applicant for membership therein by initiation can be legally elected to receive the ranks of knighthood; and provided further, that when the fee for the ranks of knighthood exceed fifteen dollars, not less than one third of such fee must be paid before an applicant can be legally elected to receive said ranks.

277. When the fee for the ranks of knighthood is ten dollars the fee to be paid for the rank of Esquire shall be three dollars, and for the rank of Knight two dollars, and when the fee for the said ranks exceed ten dollars then the amount to be charged for the ranks of Esquire and Knight shall be as provided in the by-laws of the lodge.

278. No rank shall be conferred until the fee therefor has been paid, and no portion of such fee shall be refunded, donated, or returned, directly or indirectly, except as provided for in this chapter.

279. The fee to be paid for membership by deposit of transfer card, withdrawal card, Grand Lodge card or Supreme Lodge card shall be as provided in the by-laws of the lodge.

280. A former member of the order who was suspended from membership in his subordinate lodge and in the order for non-payment of arrearages, who desires to be restored to such membership, may make application therefor to the subordinate lodge by which he was so suspended. Such application shall be accompanied by such sum as the by-laws of such lodge may prescribe for reinstatement, which amount shall not be more than the amount of membership fee in said lodge at the time of said application. (1900).

281. The fees as provided in the two preceding sections must be paid into the exchequer of a lodge before the applicant can be legally elected to membership.

282. If an applicant for membership, by deposit of card, or reinstatement be rejected, all fees paid into the exchequer of a lodge by such applicant, shall be returned to him.

#### CHAPTER IV.

##### Relating to Members.

283. Membership in a lodge may be attained only as provided by Supreme law, and every person claiming the rights, benefits and privileges of the order must be a member of a lodge.

284. A member (Page, Esquire or Knight) shall be considered to be in good standing in the lodge of which he is a member :

(1). If he is not under suspension from membership for the non-payment of arrearages or for other causes.

(2). If he has not renounced the order.

285. The status of members under suspension for any cause other than the non-payment of arrearages, the control that may be exercised over them, and the method by which they may regain membership, shall be as prescribed in the Supreme Statutes, 255.

286. Members shall not resort to the civil courts of the land for establishing rights and redressing grievances growing out of membership in the order, until they shall have exhausted their remedies in the tribunals of the order.

287. A member having been granted a withdrawal or Grand Lodge card shall thereafter be known as an ex-member, and any official position held by him shall thereupon become vacant; but

honors previously attained by him shall be retained. He shall have no claim upon the order, or upon any lodge thereof, for any Pythian privilege or benefit whatsoever, but should he commit an offense against the order which, if committed by a member of the order, would subject the offender to the penalties prescribed for such offenses, then in that case such ex-member may be proceeded against as if he were a member of the order, and upon conviction of the offense as charged, the withdrawal card held by such ex-member shall stand revoked and annulled, and he shall thereupon be perpetually prohibited from regaining membership in any lodge of the order.

## CHAPTER V.

### *Defining the manner in which Transfer, Withdrawal and Grand Lodge Cards may be obtained.*

288. Any member in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge, who may desire to change his membership to another lodge, may make application in writing over his own signature for a transfer card. Such application shall be accompanied by the fee fixed by law for a transfer card and the amount of his dues, fines and assessments accrued, and dues in advance to the first of the month succeeding the presentation of such application to the lodge. The application shall be read in open lodge, and a record of such fact made upon the minutes, and the further consideration of the matter shall be postponed until the next regular convention, at which time, if no charges are pending against the applicant and if he be in good standing, the Chancellor Commander shall order the transfer card to be issued without any vote of the lodge. The rights of the holder of a transfer card as an officer in the lodge of issue, or as Grand Representative from such lodge, shall not be impaired by reason of the issue or deposit of such transfer card until his election to membership in the lodge in which it is deposited, but thereupon any such right shall finally cease and determine.

289. Any member of the order who is not indebted to his lodge, and is not under charges, may apply in writing over his own signature for a withdrawal card, accompanying such application with the required fee. The application shall be read in open lodge, whereupon the Chancellor Commander shall enquire whether objection exists to the issue of such card, and if no objection be made, he shall, except as provided in section 293 of this chapter, at once order its issue, without vote of the lodge thereon. If objection be made, the Chancellor Commander shall at once require the objection to be formulated in writing, as charges against the applicant for the card,

which charges shall take the course provided by law, unless the objection be withdrawn; and if upon final hearing the defendant be convicted, the application shall be denied and no further application from him for such card shall be received or considered until the penalty following such conviction shall have been fully discharged. If the applicant be acquitted, the Chancellor Commander shall, except as provided in section 293 of this chapter, thereupon order that the card be issued, unless the applicant shall have withdrawn, in writing, his request therefor. In any case where the Chancellor Commander shall order the issue of a withdrawal card, he shall endorse his order upon the application for the card, with the date thereof.

290. A member of a lodge which shall have become defunct may make application for a Grand Lodge card to the Grand Chancellor of this Grand Lodge, accompanying his application with satisfactory proof of his good standing in his lodge when the same became defunct, together with a fee of two dollars, whereupon the Grand Chancellor shall endorse his order upon the application and forward it together with the fee to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to issue to the applicant a Grand Lodge card.

291. A member of a lodge which shall have become defunct, who is under suspension for non-payment of dues, may make application for a Grand Lodge card to the Grand Chancellor, accompanying his application with a fee of two dollars and the amount of one year's dues, as required by his lodge at the date of his suspension, whereupon the Grand Chancellor shall endorse his order upon the application, and, as provided in the preceding section, shall cause a Grand Lodge card to be issued and delivered to the applicant.

292. Should any card be lost or destroyed, the holder thereof may apply in writing to the source of issue for a duplicate, which, upon satisfactory proof of such loss and payment of the required fee, shall at once be issued and delivered to him. If a card has been mutilated or defaced, the holder may surrender such card to the source of issue, and upon his request and payment of the required fee a duplicate shall be issued and delivered to him. There shall be written or printed in red ink, across the face of any card issued under the provisions of this section, the word "Duplicate." The fee for a Grand Lodge card as provided in this section shall be one dollar.

293. A lodge shall not issue a card to a Past Chancellor or a Past Grand Chancellor who may be under charges in his Grand Lodge or the Supreme Lodge; and should such card be so issued, it shall not be pleaded in bar of the proceedings under the charges, nor of the findings upon the same.

## CHAPTER VI.

**Relating to the Suspension of Members for Non-Payment of Arrearages and the Mode of Reinstatement.**

294. When a member shall become in arrears for dues, fines and assessments equal to the amount of one year's dues, the Master of Finance of his lodge shall so notify him by registered mail, addressed to his last known address as shown by the books of the lodge, and that unless such dues, fines and assessments are paid within thirty days from such date, he will be thereby liable to suspension. At the end of such thirty days, the lodge shall determine the amount of such indebtedness, and if it then exceeds an amount equal to nine months' dues, as determined by the lodge, he may by a vote of the lodge be suspended from membership and from the Order.

295. A member who shall be suspended under the provision of this chapter shall be known as a suspended member, and shall have no claim upon the order, nor upon any lodge thereof nor upon any member of the order, for any Pythian right, benefit or privilege whatsoever, until after he shall have been reinstated as provided by law. He shall not be chargeable with dues or assessments during the period of his suspension.

296. If any such suspended member shall commit an offense against the order, charges may be preferred against him, either in the lodge by which he was suspended, or in any lodge within whose territorial jurisdiction the offense was committed; whereupon the person so charged shall be summoned before such lodge, and trial shall be had in the manner provided by law for offenders who are members of the order. If he shall be convicted of the offense charged the trial lodge shall thereupon declare the offender expelled from the order, and if such lodge be other than that by which he was suspended, notice of its action shall be at once given that lodge through the Keeper of Records and Seal.

297. A member of the order, who was suspended for the non-payment of arrearages, who desires to be restored to membership, may make application therefor to the lodge by which he was so suspended. Such application accompanied by the amount prescribed for reinstatement shall be read in open lodge at a stated convention thereof, and referred to an investigating committee of three, and no further action shall be taken on such application until the report of the investigating committee shall have been made to the lodge.

298. Upon the report of the investigating committee, such application shall be balloted upon by secret ball ballot, and if two-thirds of all the balls deposited upon such ballot be white, the



applicant shall be declared reinstated, but should more than one-third of the balls deposited be black, the ballot shall be renewed immediately. Should two-thirds or more of the balls deposited on the second ballot be white, the applicant shall be declared reinstated, but should more than one-third of the balls be black, the applicant for reinstatement shall be declared rejected, and no further application for the reinstatement of the applicant so rejected shall be received by the lodge for the period of six months after the date of such rejection.

299. A member who has been reinstated as hereinbefore provided, shall not be chargeable with any dues accrued during the period of his suspension, nor with any assessments imposed during such period.



TITLE IV.  
SEMI-ANNUAL PASSWORD.

CHAPTER I.

*Relating to the Manner in which it shall be Communicated or an Order Issued Therefor.*

300. Each Chancellor Commander shall, upon application therefor, personally and orally communicate the current semi-annual password to any member of the order who has attained the rank of Knight, whose indebtedness to the lodge is paid to the beginning of the term for which such password issued, and who is otherwise in good standing in the subordinate lodge over which such Chancellor Commander presides, and to none others, except as provided in this chapter.

301. Any member of the order who has attained the rank of Knight, and who is in good standing in his subordinate lodge, and who has paid all dues and indebtedness to his lodge to the beginning of the then current term, shall receive from the lodge an official receipt showing such facts. Such official receipt shall be in a convenient and compact form, and shall be signed by the Chancellor Commander and Master of Finance thereof. On the back thereof shall be printed the Great Seal of the Supreme Lodge and the signature of the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal. Such official receipt shall be signed by the brother named therein.

302. Upon presentation of a properly authenticated official receipt to the Chancellor Commander of a lodge at a convention thereof by a brother who can prove his identity and undergo a full and satisfactory examination in the secret work of the order, if desired by the Chancellor Commander, and exemplify the genuineness of his signature on such official receipt, the Chancellor Commander shall, within the eastle hall, during or immediately preceding a convention of his lodge, communicate to the holder of such official receipt the password of the then current term.

303. The use of the semi-annual password shall at all times be strictly limited by the provisions of the rituals of the order. Members of the order, when visiting lodges other than their own, shall exhibit their official receipt, sign the visitors' register, prove their identity or be identified by a brother, undergo a satisfactory examination if required, and be formally introduced to the lodge by the master at arms; provided, member of the order visiting the same lodge a second time, and being in possession of the term password, need not be examined or introduced.

TITLE V.  
OFFENSES.

CHAPTER I.

To Define Offenses Against the Order and Prescribe the Penalties which may be inflicted therefor.

304. Any member who shall violate any pledge contained in the obligations of any rank of knighthood, or of any legislative rank which he may have received, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the order, and shall be subject, upon conviction thereof, to expulsion from the order or to suspension from the order for a definite or indefinite period.

305. Any member who shall violate any law of the land, or any of the rules of reputable society, shall be deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming a Knight of Pythias, and upon conviction thereof may be punished by reprimand, by suspension, either definite or indefinite, or by expulsion, and not otherwise, as may be determined by the tribunal before whom his guilt has been established. The certified record of any court of the land before whom the member has been convicted of such offense may be used as evidence in his trial, but shall not be conclusive of his guilt.

306. Any member who shall defraud or attempt to defraud the Supreme or Grand Lodge, or who shall publicly attack or scandalize said lodges, or any officer or member thereof as such, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the order, and upon conviction thereof he may be punished by reprimand, by suspension, either definite or indefinite, or by expulsion.

307. Any member who shall neglect to obey, or refuse obedience to the laws enacted by the Supreme or Grand Lodge or any part thereof, or who shall neglect or refuse to obey any legal mandate or order of the Supreme or Grand Chancellor or other officers, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the order, and upon conviction thereof may be punished by reprimand, by suspension, either definite or indefinite, or by expulsion.

308. Any member who shall wilfully violate any law or by-law of his lodge, or who shall defraud or attempt to defraud such lodge, or who shall publicly attack or scandalize such lodge or any member thereof as such, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the order, and upon conviction thereof may be punished by reprimand, by fine, by suspension, either definite or indefinite, or by expulsion.

309. Any member disclosing the secret transactions of a lodge; divulging the name of a member who has reported unfavorably on an applicant or opposed his becoming a member; feigning himself sick or disabled; practicing, aiding, or abetting any misrepresentation, false pretense or fraud; guilty of habitual drunkenness, gambling, immoral or criminal conduct of any kind, upon conviction of any such offenses shall be punished by reprimand, by fine, by suspension, definite or indefinite, or by expulsion.

310. Any member not now engaged in either of the occupations known as professional gambler, saloon keeper, bar-tender or retail dealer in spirituous liquors, wine, ale or beer (except as a bonâ-fide hotel-keeper or druggist), who shall hereafter engage in either of such occupations, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the order, and upon conviction thereof, shall be suspended for a definite or indefinite period, or expelled, as the trial trihunal may determine.

311. Any person hereafter initiated, who shall engage in either of the occupations known as saloon keeper, bar-tender, or retail dealer in spirituous liquors, wine, ale or beer (except as a bonâ-fide hotel-keeper or druggist), or who shall become a professional gambler, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the order, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by suspension for a definite or indefinite period or by expulsion.

312. Any officer of the Grand Lodge or of any Subordinate Lodge, who shall be guilty of any malfesance in office, or of wilful neglect or refusal to promptly and faithfully discharge the duties of such office, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the order, and upon conviction thereof, may be removed from office, or suspended from the body in which he holds such office or from the order, either definitely or indefinitely, or may be expelled.

313. A member of the order who from any cause whatever shall wilfully renounce the order or the obligations thereof, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the order, and upon conviction thereof, shall be expelled.

314. For the purpose of trial and punishment, the word "member" as used in this chapter, shall be held to apply to ex-members and members under suspension for any cause whatsoever.

## CHAPTER II.

**Forbidding certain uses of the Name, Emblems, etc., of the Order,  
with Penalties, therefor.**

315. No lodge in this domain, nor any member thereof, affiliated or non-affiliated, shall use the name of the order, or any term derived from or germane thereto, or any emblem, motto or device belonging thereto, for the promotion of any lottery, raffle, gift enterprise, or other scheme of chance. The warrant or charter of any lodge violating the provisions of this section shall be revoked or suspended. Any member who shall violate the provisions of this section shall be suspended or expelled, as may be determined.

316. No member, affiliated or non-affiliated, shall use the name of the order, or any term derived therefrom or germane thereto, or any emblem, motto or device belonging thereto, as a trade mark, or in connection with any advertisement or circular, or in any other manner for his pecuniary benefit or business purposes, except in advertising the manufacture or sale of Pythian goods or publications. Any member violating the provisions of this section shall be subject to suspension or expulsion, as may be determined.

317. No lodge in this domain, nor any member thereof, affiliated or non-affiliated, shall use the name of the order, nor any term derived therefrom or germane thereto or to either of its branches, nor shall display or cause to be displayed any flag, colors, emblem, motto, credential or diploma of the order in, over or upon any place of business devoted to the sale of spirits, wines or malt liquors, and commonly known as a saloon, or in or upon any hotel bar where are sold spirits, wines or malt liquors, or in or upon any place of business devoted wholly or in part to any game or scheme of chance. The warrant or charter of any lodge violating the provisions of this section shall be revoked, and any member violating the provisions of this section shall be expelled.

318. No member shall, at any time, while clothed in the uniform of the military branch of the order or any part of such uniform or while wearing any jewel of rank or office in the order, knowingly enter any public bar devoted to the sale of spirits, wines or malt liquors, or any gaming house, or any house or other place of notorious disrepute. Any member violating the provisions of this section shall be expelled.

319. No lodge nor any member thereof, affiliated or non-affiliated, nor association of such members, shall use the name of the order, or any term derived therefrom or germane thereto, or any emblem, motto, device, banner or colors thereof in connection with any demonstration, excursion, meeting, ball, concert or other entertain-

ment given on the first day of the week, commonly known as Sunday, or in any advertisement, circular, or other printed matter or announcement relating thereto or for the promotion thereof. The warrant or charter of any lodge violating the provisions of this section shall be revoked, and any member violating the provisions of this section shall be suspended or expelled, as may be determined.

320. No lodge nor any member thereof, affiliated or non-affiliated, nor association of such members, shall allow or permit the sale or gift of spirits, wines or malt liquors at any convention of a lodge, excursion, demonstration, ball, concert or other entertainment which may be given by them, and at which the name of the order or any term derived therefrom or germane thereto, or any motto, device, banner, emblem or colors of the order shall be used. The warrant or charter of any lodge violating the provisions in this section shall be revoked. Any member who, by himself or in association with other persons, whether members of the order or not, shall violate the provisions of this section shall be suspended or expelled, as may be determined.

321. Should the Grand Chancellor become cognizant of any violation or infraction, direct or indirect, of the provisions of this statute, or of any of them, he is hereby authorized and directed to enforce the provisions and penalties thereof in a manner similar to the procedure laid down in the Supreme Statutes for the guidance of the Supreme Chancellor.

322. In all trials arising under this statute the Grand Chancellor may designate and commission any knight or knights in good standing to represent him as counsel, and such counsel shall be and is hereby empowered to do and perform any act or thing usually done or performed by counsel as such, and which may be necessary to the conduct of said trial, and to a full and final hearing of all the facts.

323. Nothing in this statute shall be construed to prevent any member in good standing, other than the Grand Chancellor, from commencing and prosecuting complaints and charges for the offenses herein enumerated.



## TITLE VI. TRIALS.

### CHAPTER I.

#### *Relating to the Trial of a Chancellor Commander.*

324. A Chancellor Commander of a lodge while the incumbent of the office, for official misconduct, and offenses against the laws of the order, shall be tried before a Special Tribunal of five Past Chancellors (to be appointed by the Grand Chancellor), who shall select their own chairman and recorder.

325. For any such offense committed by a Chancellor Commander, charges may be preferred by any member of the order in good standing. The charges shall specify the offense charged and in what it consists, with clearness and precision, and with reasonable detail as to time, place and circumstances, shall be made under the pledge of honor of the accusers, and shall be filed with the Deputy Grand Chancellor of the district who shall act as interim recorder.

326. After the charges are filed the case shall proceed, and the same shall be tried and conducted in the same manner, and with all the rights of the parties, as provided in Title I., Chapter VII., of these statutes regulating the procedure therein.

327. The recorder of the Trial Tribunal shall, upon the determination of such trial, forward to the Grand Chancellor a certified copy of the order and findings of the Trial Tribunal, which shall be forwarded to the Deputy Grand Chancellor of the District who shall cause the same to be read in open lodge and spread upon the records, and shall be binding upon all parties.

### CHAPTER II.

#### *Relating to the Trial of Subordinate Lodge Officers, other than the Chancellor Commander, and Members.*

328. Every officer and member of a lodge other than the Chancellor Commander, shall for offenses against such lodge, its officers and members, and for violations of the laws and principles of the order, be tried in his own lodge and not elsewhere, except on appeal.

329. Prosecutions may be commenced against any officer or member in two ways, openly or privately.

330. When a brother accused of the violation of any Pythian law or principle is prosecuted openly, the accusing brother shall prepare, and present in duplicate, the charge and specifications in form as follows :

CHARGE AND SPECIFICATIONS.

To..... Lodge No..... K. of P.

The undersigned, a member in good standing of..... Lodge, No..... does hereby charge Brother..... of..... Lodge, No..... with violation of the laws and principles of the order, the grounds of such charge being more fully set forth in the following specifications, to wit :

1. For that he, the said..... did on the..... day of..... 19....., at..... (specify the offense and circumstances, each separate violation of the law to be a specification)..... contrary to the laws and usages of the order.

Date..... (Signed)..... Complainant.

which shall be entered of record by the Keeper of Records and Seal, and one copy, duly certified under seal of the lodge, shall be handed to the accused member if he be present.

331. When prosecutions are instituted privately a written notice of the offense, with a list of witnesses, shall be given to the Chancellor Commander, who shall forthwith privately refer a copy of such notice and list of witnesses, concealing the name of the informant, to an investigating committee of three, which shall proceed without delay to determine whether there is just ground for presenting the charge, and make a report in writing. If the finding of the committee is in favor of the accused, the report shall be in form as follows :

To the C. C..... Lodge No..... K. of P.

The undersigned committee appointed by you to investigate a certain charge laid against Bro..... begs to report that it has fully investigated the complaint against said brother and are of opinion that justice does not warrant any further action.

Dated..... } Committee of Investigation

which report, with a statement of the case, may, at the request of the accused member, be spread on the minutes of the lodge.



332. If the committee be of the opinion that charges should be preferred, it shall report substantially as follows :

To the C. C. . . . . Lodge No. . . . . K. of P.

The committee appointed by you to investigate a certain charge laid against Bro. . . . . begs to report that, after due investigation, it is of the opinion that a charge should be preferred against Bro. . . . . and accordingly the following charge and specifications are herewith submitted :

Your committee does hereby charge Bro. . . . . of . . . . . Lodge No. . . . . with violation of the laws and principles of the order, the grounds of such charge being more fully set forth in the following specifications, to wit :

1. For that he, the said . . . . . did on the . . . . . day of . . . . . 19 . . . . . at . . . . . (specify the offense and circumstances, and continue with further specifications, each separate violation of law to be a specification) . . . . . contrary to the laws and usages of the order.

Dated . . . . . *Chairman of Investigating Committee.*

333. The Chancellor Commander shall then, at the first convention of the lodge after receiving the report, present a statement of the facts of the case, without mentioning the name of the informant, and submit the report of the committee, a copy of which, certified under seal of the lodge, shall be handed to the accused member if he be present.

334. On presentation of charges, a trial committee of members of the lodge in good standing, who are not witnesses in the case or concerned in the prosecution, shall be appointed—three by the Chancellor Commander and two by the Vice-Chancellor or the officer next in rank and not under charges, and they shall select their own chairman and secretary.

335. The brother preferring charges openly or the chairman of the investigating committee shall be deemed the complainant and such complainant and the accused shall each have the right to challenge three members of the committee, and if the accused is not present at the convention when the charge is presented, he shall be duly served with a copy of the charge and specifications and the names of the trial committee, and the right to the challenge shall hold good until the next regular convention of the lodge. Such members as are challenged shall be immediately replaced by other members of the lodge.

336. One week's notice in writing shall be deemed "due notice" under the code, and all such notices should be endorsed,

showing manner of service, which notice may be served in either of three ways:

(1) By delivering a true copy of the notice to the party interested or his counsel.

(2) By leaving a copy thereof at his usual place of residence or business.

(3) By sending a copy thereof through the mail to his post-office address as last furnished to the lodge.

337. The endorsement on notices shall be substantially in one of the three ways indicated as follows :

I hereby certify, on my knightly honor, that I served a true copy of the within notice upon Brother..... by giving the same to him personally, on the..... day of..... 19....

(Signed).....

or,

I hereby certify, on my knightly honor, that I served a true copy of the within notice upon Brother..... by leaving the same at his usual place of residence (or business), not being able to see him personally, on the..... day of..... 19..

(Signed).....

or,

I hereby certify, on my knightly honor, that I served the within notice upon Brother..... on the..... day of..... 19.. by sending a true copy to him, postage paid, through the postoffice to his last known address, as follows :.....

(Signed).....

338. When the accused is not present at a convention of the lodge when charges are preferred the notice to be served on him shall be in form as follows :

Brother..... I herewith enclose a copy of charge and specifications preferred against you by..... of..... Lodge No..... The same was referred to a committee consisting of (give names)..... and your right to challenge three of said committee holds good until the next convention of the lodge, to be held on..... 19.... You are hereby required to file your answer to said charge and specifications, according to the form prescribed, within one week of the service of this notice, with the undersigned, who will notify you of the time and place of trial.

(Date)..... 19..

Fraternally,

.....  
K. of R. and S.

[SEAL.]

339. The accused shall, within one week from the service of notice and copy of the charge and specifications upon him, file his plea or answer to the same with the Keeper of Records and Seal, according to the following form, and such answer or plea may be by either one or more answers shown therein :

1,..... mentioned in the charge and specifications preferred on the..... day of..... 19....., say :

1. That the offence in the charge mentioned is not within the legal jurisdiction of the lodge.

2. That I am not guilty

3. Guilty.

4. I admit the fact stated, but will justify the alleged offence.

5. The complaint is frivolous.

Or any other proper idea.

340. The Chairman of the Trial Committee shall, on receipt of the pleas or answers of the accused, or at the end of the week given for filing the same, cause a meeting of his committee to be called, to attend which the prosecutor and accused, or counsel, shall be served with notice, in substance as follows:

Date..... 19....

To.....(one to each party) :

The committee on trial of the charge and specifications made against..... will meet at..... on the..... day of..... at..... o'clock .m., to hear and determine the same; at which time you are required to attend with your witnesses, and (prosecute or defend) the same,.....

By order of the Chairman of the Trial Committee,

.....  
*Secretary of Committee.*

341. The committee shall hear the cause and keep a full and correct record of the proceedings and testimony. It shall strictly and impartially examine all the witnesses, but nothing shall be admitted which has not a strict bearing on the charge or charges.

342. The minutes of the committee shall show :

(1.) The date and place of each meeting, and the parties present, or means taken for notifying them to be present.

(2.) Exceptions taken by either party, and the decisions thereon.

(3.) Parole evidence in full, subscribed by the witnesses.

(4.) All documentary evidence marked as exhibits.

343. Members of the order shall testify under their obligation as Knights, to be administered by the chairman of the committee as follows :

You sincerely declare that the evidence you shall give in the matter of.....vs....., now pending, shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. This you declare on your honor as a Knight.

344. The evidence competent to be admitted before a trial committee shall be :

- (1.) Parol evidence, *i.e.*, testimony of living witnesses.
- (2.) Regularly certified minutes of a lodge.
- (3.) Regularly proved documentary evidence. Hearsay evidence cannot be received.

345. The committee will determine the admissibility of evidence offered, subject to exceptions by either party; the exceptions so taken shall be noted by the committee upon its minutes.

346. At all trials and meetings of a trial committee, either party shall have the right to be present, in person and by counsel, and in case either party is represented by counsel, service of any of the notices upon such counsel shall be equivalent to service of notice upon such party.

347. In all trials the record of a conviction had in the Supreme Tribunal, or Grand Lodge, shall, when the offense charged was also an offense against a subordinate lodge, and cognizable by such lodge, be competent evidence and shall be conclusive of the guilt of the accused. The record of conviction of an offense charged by any court of the land, shall be competent but not conclusive evidence, provided that any member found guilty of any crime before a criminal court, and who has been sentenced, may be suspended from the lodge for such term as may be determined or may be expelled from the order, without any further trial, as soon as the fact of the sentence having been passed has been proved by certified public records and presented to the lodge.

348. When the trial committee has reached a verdict, it shall put the same in writing, together with its finding on each specification and charge, substantially as follows :

To ..... Lodge No. .... K. of P. Date. .... 19....

The undersigned trial committee, appointed to try the charge and specifications preferred against Brother ..... respectfully report as follows :

- 1.....(Here recite the specifications and the finding upon each in their order).....
- 2.....(Here insert the general charge, and the general verdict thereon).....

§.....(Here state the penalty fixed by the committee)....  
 The minutes of the proceedings, evidence taken, and papers  
 pertaining to the trial are submitted herewith.

.....	} Trial Committee
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And shall accompany the same with an accurate record of all rulings, exceptions and decisions, together with the original evidence taken during the trial, which shall be filed in the lodge within twenty days after the case has been closed.

349. If the prosecutor and defendant, or either of them, are absent from the convention at which the report is presented, the Chancellor Commander shall simply announce the receipt of the report and order the Keeper of Records and Seal to forthwith notify either or both parties, as provided in sections 336 and 337 of this chapter, that the report has been submitted and will be read at a regular convention of the lodge, the date of which shall be fixed by the presiding officer.

350. At the regular convention of the lodge when the finding and verdict of the trial committee is presented, or as provided in the preceding section, the Chancellor Commander or presiding officer shall read and declare said finding and verdict (which shall be entered in full upon the minutes) and thereupon the same shall become the finding and verdict of the lodge, and shall be and become binding upon the lodge and all persons interested. It shall then be the duty of the lodge and its officers to enforce, and the members to obey, submit to and observe the same, until reversed or modified by a higher tribunal.

351. A citation to appear as a witness, stating the time and place of trial, when issued by either the prosecutor or the defendant, or their counsel, and signed by the chairman of the trial committee, shall be binding upon any member in this domain, and failure to appear at the time and place specified shall subject the member so cited to proceedings for contempt, unless excused by a three-fourth vote of the committee.

352. Any member of the order refusing or neglecting to give evidence or produce documentary evidence in his possession, upon the application of the party requiring his testimony, shall then be required by the trial committee to give such evidence, and if he still refuses to give or produce such evidence, he shall be reported to his lodge, which shall take such action as it may deem necessary to compel the production of the evidence required.

353. Any member of the lodge desiring to prefer a charge against a member of another lodge must present the same through his own lodge to the lodge of which the accused is a member. The charge shall be attested by the Keeper of Records and Seal, under seal of the lodge in which presented, and shall be sent or delivered to the lodge of which the accused is a member and it shall be the duty of the lodge of which such accused is a member to proceed without delay, and conduct the case substantially as in this code provided.

CHAPTER III.

Relating to Appeals.

354. Every member has the right of appeal if he considers the proceedings of his lodge to be oppressive or unjust, or if he deems himself aggrieved by the action of his or any other lodge.

355. Appeals, both as to law and fact, shall be allowed to the appropriate committee of the Grand Lodge from any order, judgment or decree of a lodge or from any order, decision or decree of the Grand Chancellor, and the finding of the committee shall be binding upon all parties thereto until reversed by a higher tribunal.

356. No appeal on any matter shall be allowed, except by consent of the lodge, unless notice in writing shall have been given to the lodge not later than the regular convention following that on which the proceedings appealed against took place.

357. Upon the appeal of any case, a complete transcript of the record shall be made in duplicate, including evidence and papers on file, as may be necessary on the hearing of the appeal, and the same shall be transmitted by the Keeper of Records and Seal to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal within twenty days after the date on which notice of appeal was read to the lodge; provided, that the expense, if any, of making the transcript shall be paid by the party appealing.

358. All appeal records shall be on foolscap paper, written or printed on one side only, and the Keeper of Records and Seal when forwarding the same shall attach thereto a certificate, as follows:

..... Keeper of Records and Seal of.....  
Lodge, No..... do hereby certify that the documents hereto  
attached and numbered.....to..... each bearing my initials, have  
been verified by me and contain a true and complete copy of all  
reports of committees, evidence, and papers filed with me  
or relating to the case of.....versus.....  
..... appeal was served on the lodge on the.....day of  
.....19....  
.....19....  
..... K. of R. S.

359. The Committee on Grievances may affirm, modify or reverse any judgment, decision or order lawfully brought before it for review, or it may direct such further proceedings to be had by the inferior tribunal from which it came, as the justice of the case may require ; or it may grant a new trial and remand the cause in such cases as it may deem necessary and proper.



## SUPREME GOVERNMENT, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

RICHMOND, IND.

CHARLES E. SHIVELEY,  
Supreme Chancellor.November 9th, 1905.  
P. P. XLII.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Domain of Quehec and, with corrections suggested, have approved the same.

CHAS. E. SHIVELEY,  
Grand Chancellor.

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