

*"Ancient and mystical order roseae crucis"*

THE  
CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
A . . M . . O . . R . . U . .  
OF NORTH AMERICA

Adopted and Ratified by all Lodges of this Order,  
Represented at the First National Convention,  
Held in Pittsburgh, Pa., July 31-Aug. 4, 1917

TO WHICH IS ADDED  
SPECIMEN BY-LAWS FOR ALL LODGES



With Introductory pages, containing the First American Charter, the First American Pronunziamento, a Chart of the Official Symbols and Seals, Record Blanks of Initiation, Advancement and Membership, also a List of the Supreme Executive Officers for the year 3270 R. C.

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## Record of Initiation

Be it known by this personal Memorandum that  
I, \_\_\_\_\_  
with the Divine privilege of our God, and at the  
invitation of \_\_\_\_\_  
was duly Initiated into the

**First Degree of the A. A. O. R. C.**

Crossed the Threshold of the

\_\_\_\_\_ Lodge,

in \_\_\_\_\_

on the evening of \_\_\_\_\_

in the year \_\_\_\_\_

And, by virtue of a decree by the Master of the  
Lodge, I was duly Initiated into the

**Second Degree** of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge

in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

and into the

**Third Degree** of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge

in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

at which time I received the official Latin name of \_\_\_\_\_

## Membership Record

This is to recall the pleasant occurrence of my  
Initiation into the

### Fourth Degree

of our Order, at which time I received the Official  
Certificate of Membership sealed and signed by  
the Officers whose names are given below:

Date of 4th Degree Initiation .....

Name of Lodge .....

Location .....

Master's Name .....

Secretary's Name .....

Chaplain's Name .....

Names of some Brothers and Sisters present :

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## Membership Record---Continued

Initiated into the Fifth Degree

Lodge

Location

Initiated into the Sixth Degree

Lodge

Location

Initiated into the Seventh Degree

Lodge

Location

Initiated into the Eighth Degree

Lodge

Location

Initiated into the Ninth Degree

Lodge

Location

Initiated into the Tenth Degree

Lodge

Location

Initiated into the Eleventh Degree

Lodge

Location

Initiated into the Twelfth Degree

Lodge

Location



# In Meeting Duly Assembled

We, the undersigned Men and Women, of New York City,  
were formally constituted members of the

SUPREME AMERICAN COUNCIL  
of the  
ANCIENT AND MYSTICAL ORDER  
of the

## Rose Cross

in accordance with the Ancient Rites and Cere-  
monies, under the direction and approval of the  
MOST WORSHIPFUL

GRAND MASTER GENERAL OF AMERICA

Therefore be it known that: we hereby pro-  
claim the establishment of the

## Rosicrucian Order in America

and recognize such Officers of its Grand Lodge as  
are hereunto subscribed as being duly appointed, in  
conformity with the FIRST AMERICAN MANI-  
FESTO.

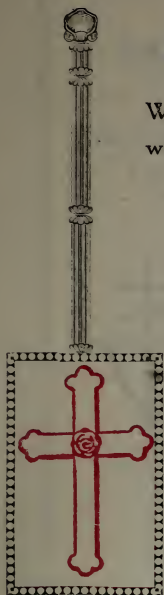
Signed this 1st day of April, in the year 1915.

H. SPENCER LEWIS,  
Grand Master General.

NICHOLAS STORMS,  
Deputy Master General.

THOR KIIMALEHTO  
Secretary General.

THE FIRST AMERICAN CHARTER  
(Signed by nineteen men and women)

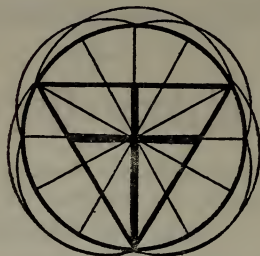


# R. C. SYMBOLISM

THE SYMBOLS AND SEALS SHOWN BELOW  
ARE THE ONLY TRUE EMBLEMS OF THIS  
ORDER, AND DISTINGUISH THIS ORDER  
FROM ALL OTHERS



GENERAL SYMBOL  
OF THE ORDER IN  
THE WORLD



THE GREAT SEAL OF THE ORDER  
IN AMERICA



MARK OF THE  
DEPARTMENT  
OF  
PUBLICATION



THE SEAL OF THE  
FOUNDER



EMBLEM WORN BY THE  
MEMBERS



THE ROSAE CRUCIS



THE SEAL OF THE  
SUPREME GRAND  
SECRETARY



GREAT SEAL OF THE  
SUPREME  
GRAND MASTER



SACRED INSIGNIA OF  
THE IMPERATOR



## First American Pronunziamento

Issued by the Charter Members of the Supreme Grand Lodge as Founders of the Order in America.

The Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis in the United States of America its Territories and Dependencies, shall be an independent organization operating under its own Constitution.

Its purposes shall be the same as those of the "Order Rosae Crucis" throughout the world, and its Constitution shall be identical in spirit with that which guides and directs this Order in other lands. The Order in America, shall, however, retain its fraternal and spiritual relation with this Order in other countries, regardless of its independent jurisdiction and shall maintain its adherence to the traditional principles and laws of the ancient Rosae-crucians.

Since both the ancient and modern form of government of the Order is autocratic in nature, the government of the Order in America shall adopt strictly autocratic principles of government, but because of the necessary division of America into many jurisdictions operating under one American Constitution, the said Constitution shall embody such changes or modifications as will properly meet the requirements of this jurisdiction.

Therefore it is declared that the attached Constitution of which this Pronunziamento is a part was prepared after consultation of all possible authorities and with proper discussion by all the Founders of the Order in America, and was finally approved and adopted by the Charter Members of the Supreme Grand Lodge in America and shall be adopted and ratified by all Lodges now organized or hereafter to be organized and Chartered by the Supreme Grand Lodge or the Emperor of the Order in America.



Decreed and Issued June, 1915, at a meeting of the First American Supreme Council held in the City of New York, N. Y.

Supreme Executive Officers  
of the Order  
for North America



HARVE SPENCER LEWIS, F. R. C.,  
Imperator

CONRAD H. LINDSTEDT, K. R. C.,  
Supreme Grand Master

ALBERT B. BRASSARD, K. R. C.,  
Supreme Grand Secretary

LOUIS LAWRENCE, K. R. C.,  
Supreme Grand Treasurer



WILLIAM M. THOR KIIMALEHTO, K. R. C.,  
Illustrious Sovereign Inspector-General  
of the Ancient Sovereign Chapters of  
the Illuminati Amenhotpî



## Article Our

### OFFICIAL NAMES AND SYMBOLS.

#### Section 1

The name of the Order in America shall be: "The Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis." In abbreviated form the name shall be "A.M.O.R.C. of North America."

#### Section 1A

The members shall be known as "Brothers" and "Sisters" or by such honorary or ritualistic titles as may be conferred upon them or herein-after described, or as "Rosae-crucians." And the doctrines, philosophies and teachings shall be known as "Rosaecrucianism."

#### Section 2

The Official Symbols shall be the same as those used by Lodges of this identical Order in other lands and in accordance with the dictates of the American Supreme Council. Each Lodge in the American Jurisdictions shall adopt a symbol or seal incorporating the essential features of the national symbols adopted by the Order in this Country. All such seals or symbols shall be distinctly different in some es-

sential so as to make separate registration possible with the Supreme Grand Lodge.

(The Official Symbol of the Order in its exoteric form in America, as adopted by the Supreme Grand Lodge, consists of an equilateral triangle with its point downward. In the centre of this triangle shall be a cross formed of one perpendicular line rising from the lower point and rising to the horizontal line of the top of the triangle, and meeting it to form right angles therewith. This upright line shall be crossed, about two-thirds above the point of the triangle with a horizontal line touching the two sides of the triangle.)

NOTE.—The names and symbols thus adopted and given in the above paragraphs were absolutely new in America at the time they were adopted by the American Supreme Council and were not in use by any similar or other organization group or Lodge in America, and were not a simulation of any other secret order symbols.





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### Article Two

#### THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ORDER

##### Section 1

The Government of the Order in North America shall rest with, and be exclusively in the hands of, the Emperor. He shall be the highest authority, the autocratic executive and the court of last appeal in all matters pertaining to the work of the Order, both spiritual and material. At his discretion he may designate certain powers to his advisory Council known as the American Supreme Council, or to various officers as herein-after stated; or he may leave to their consideration, vote or decision such questions, rulings or laws as he may deem proper, and which may be more efficiently expedited in this manner.

##### Section 2

The said American Supreme Council shall constitute a nominal executive board for the administration of the Order in America, and each Lodge shall have similar Councils for the purpose of fulfilling the laws and decrees of the Emperor, the Supreme Grand Master or the American Supreme Council subject always to the autocratic rulings of the Emperor.

##### Section 3

This Constitution shall constitute the working laws of the Order in America by which the Emperor, the Supreme Grand Officers, all Grand Masters, Masters and Councils shall be guided. All official Decrees, rulings, laws,

proclamations and announcements conforming to the said Constitution shall be issued in the form of Pronunziamentos by the Emperor, the Supreme Grand Master, the American Supreme Council, Grand Masters, or Masters in autocratic form and shall be obeyed by all members of this Order.



### Article Three

#### FORM OF ORGANIZATION.

##### Section 1

In order that the dictates of the American Supreme Council and the purposes of the Order itself may be more efficiently executed in the North American Jurisdiction, the said North American Jurisdiction, consisting of the North American Continent and all territories, dependencies and colonies or possessions belonging to or under the direction of every other country or nation on the North American Continent, including the West India Islands, shall be subdivided into Grand Lodge Jurisdiction as follows: Each State, Territory or Dependency of the United States of America shall be made a Grand Lodge Jurisdiction; each and every other country, dependency or possession included in the North American Jurisdiction as heretofore described, shall be made a separate Jurisdiction in like manner by decision of the American Supreme Council.

##### Section 2

The North American Juris-



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diction shall consist, therefore, of fifty (50) or more Grand Jurisdictions having definite geographical boundaries and united only in submission to this Constitution and the government of the Order for the North American Jurisdiction.

### Section 3

Lodges shall be established in these Jurisdictions as hereinafter provided under the following general classification and with the following form of regulation:

- (a) A *Supreme Grand Lodge* shall be composed of the Supreme Grand Master, the Supreme Grand Officers, the American Supreme Council and an unlimited number of Brothers and Sisters. It shall be the Supreme Spiritual Body for the North American Jurisdiction. It may be located in any city of and Jurisdiction of *this* Order.
- (b) *Grand Lodges* shall be founded and maintained in every Grand Jurisdiction of this Order in North America to the number of one Grand Lodge for each Grand Jurisdiction. They shall be granted Charters under this Constitution by the Imperator in the name of the Grand Master of each Grand Lodge. Such Grand Lodges shall be subservient to the Imperator, the American Supreme Council and this Constitution.
- (c) *Subordinate Lodges* shall be founded and maintained in every Grand Jurisdiction of this Order in North America to an

indefinite number of Lodges for each Grand Jurisdiction. They shall be granted Charters by the Grand Lodges of their respective Jurisdictions issued by the Grand Masters of said Grand Lodges with the approval of the Grand Councils of said Grand Lodges. Such Subordinate Lodges shall be subservient to this Constitution, their respective Grand Lodges and indirectly to the Imperator and the American Supreme Council.



## Article Four

### NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

#### Section 1

THE IMPERATOR: He shall be the Supreme Autocratic Executive of the Order in North America. His duties and powers shall include those defined throughout this Constitution and in any amendments thereto. He shall be subservient to the Supreme R. C. Council of the World consisting of a duly elected body of Imperators or Grand Masters General of the various Jurisdictions of this Order as now established or which may be established in the various countries of the world.

The present Imperator, Harve Spencer Lewis, holds this exalted office by virtue of his election by the Supreme Grand Lodge of North America and which election is ratified by the ratification and adop-

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tion of this Constitution by all Lodges now existing in North America.

Furthermore, the present Emperor, Harve Spencer Lewis, was granted the distinction and burdened with the responsibility of being the First American R. C. Emperor because of his Initiation into the Order in foreign lands for the purpose of bringing the Order to America, and because of the honors bestowed upon him by the Grand Master of our Order in France, which honors, including those of: Prelate of the Order in France, Fellow of the Rosacrucian Illuminati of France, and Supreme Dignitary of the Order for America, are granted and set forth in a French Pronunziamento numbered "R. F., R. C., No. 987-432 and signed by the Grand Master and the Officers who conducted his initiation into the sublime mysteries and teachings of our twelve degrees, and which document and its declarations of sponsorship have been amended and verified by communications to this Order in America addressed to the various officers of American Supreme Council.

The present Emperor of the Order in North America shall hold this position and office until his transition to the higher realms, or until his resignation is officially accepted by the American Supreme Council, or until he is excommunicated or retired by any recognized and active Supreme R. C. Council of the World.

His successor, and all future Emperors of the Order in North America, shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of all the Grand Lodge Masters in North America and the mem-

bers of the American Supreme Council of North America, duly assembled in a National Convocation, called especially for such purpose within seven days after the vacancy of the Office. Such successors must be elected within thirty days after the vacancy of the Emperor's office and position, from among those Brothers of the Order who are in the highest degree of the Order in North America. The term of Office of each Emperor succeeding the present Emperor shall be the same as applies to the present Emperor, and his duties and powers shall be the same.

### Section 2

*The Supreme Grand Master:* He shall be the Master of the Supreme Grand Lodge and as such shall be the Chief Executive of the Material and Spiritual work of the Supreme Grand Lodge, including the Ritualistic work of said Lodge, and shall preside over the American Supreme Council in all its meetings.

He may also be the Emperor of the Order in North America holding both offices at the same time. But when not Emperor he shall be subservient to the Emperor in all matters pertaining to the Executive work of the Supreme Grand Lodge.

He shall be elected to his Office by a majority vote of the Supreme Grand Council, for a term of not less than two years, and not more than ten years. Upon retiring he shall be dignified by the title of "Past Supreme Grand Master."

### Section 3

*Supreme Grand Secretary-General:* He shall be in

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charge of all national records of the Order, shall conduct or supervise all correspondence between the Supreme Grand Lodge, American Supreme Council, the Grand and Local Lodges and their Officers, and those having official business with the national organization work or with the Supreme Grand Lodge.

He shall likewise fill the duties of Secretary in the Ritualistic work of the Supreme Grand Lodge, and shall be custodian of the National seal and of the seal of the Supreme Grand Lodge.

He shall be elected to Office by the Supreme Grand Council by a two-thirds vote for a term of one year, and may be successively re-elected for four additional years. When his duties so warrant he may have one or more assistants at the discretion of the American Supreme Council. Upon his honorable retirement he shall be known as "Past Supreme Grand Secretary-General."

### Section 4

*Supreme Grand Treasurer-General:* He shall have charge of the national finances and all moneys received by the Supreme Grand Lodge, American Supreme Council or its Officers, from all sources in connection with official work. He shall keep correct records, and if it is found necessary, shall have assistance in auditing the records or maintaining a fund in legal manner. He shall also fill the duties of Treasurer in the Supreme Grand Lodge.

He shall be elected in like manner as the Supreme Grand Secretary-General, and for a similar term. Upon his honorable retirement he shall have the honorary title of

"Past Supreme Grand Treasurer-General."



## Article Five

### Section 1

#### THE AMERICAN SUPREME COUNCIL.

This body shall consist of the Officers of the Supreme Grand Lodge, and such additional Brothers and Sisters of the Order, in any Lodge, as may be selected by the Imperator or the Supreme Grand Master to make a total of twenty-five Supreme Grand Councilors.

### Section 2

These shall be appointed for a term of one year, and may be re-appointed for successive additional years. They shall be subject to all laws of this Constitution as are the Officers and the Brothers and Sisters of the Order.

### Section 3

This Council shall exist as an advisory board to the Imperator and the Supreme Grand Master. It shall assemble under the direction of the Supreme Grand Master. It shall decide or vote upon such questions as are submitted to it by the Supreme Grand Master or Imperator. It shall consider ways and means of propagating the Order and its work and make recommendations in the form of resolutions to the Supreme Grand Master or the Imperator.

### Section 4

It shall pass upon the applications for new Grand Lodges,



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and make recommendations in regard thereto to the Imperator. It shall sign all Laws it may pass with the approval or desire of the Supreme Grand Master or Imperator, and shall adopt, approve and sign all such Manifestoes, Decrees or Pronunziamentos as shall be issued by the American Supreme Council and which require the signatures of the Councilors and the Seal of the American Supreme Council.

### Section 5

It may have within its body an executive committee known as the Ministraro, the Ministers of which shall be selected by the Imperator. The Ministraro shall work under such laws and rules of efficiency as it may adopt.

### Section 6

The American Supreme Council shall adopt and establish such "Rules of Procedure" as may be necessary to conduct properly its affairs and expedite the matters which may come before it.



## Article Six

### MEMBERSHIP.

#### Section 1

Membership to the Order shall be strictly limited to men and women, 21 years of age or over, who are of good moral habits, who meet the necessary requirements as to character and occupation, who openly profess and declare their belief in God, who submit to investigation after invitation to

join the Order, and who are eventually duly elected to the Order and pass through its initiation in sincerity and humility.

Amendment 1. Special dispensation may be granted, however, by the Grand Masters of each State or district, or by the Imperator, for the admission of an applicant of either sex over 18 years of age and under 21 years, whose application has been duly examined and approved by the presiding membership committee of any subordinate or Grand Lodge in their Jurisdiction. Such members shall not hold, however, any office until of legal age.

#### Section 2

Each Lodge shall adopt its own rules as to procedure for investigating applicants, and for their election into the Order for Initiation. Such rules shall be established and maintained by the Council of each Lodge, which shall appoint a Membership Committee and instruct it to pass upon and recommend applicants.

#### Section 3

The "Colombe" of each Lodge shall be the only exception to the rules of age for admission.

#### Section 4

A complete Lodge shall consist of not more than 144 active members and 14 Officers, making a total of 158 active members.

#### Section 5

Members may become *non-active* by non-attendance to the regular convocations and lectures or degree work, and by not paying dues regularly.



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In such case they shall remain non-active until re-admitted to such degree, in any Lodge, as they last attended and until they pay regular dues and attend all work again, provided there is a vacancy in the Lodge to which they apply for admission.

### Section 6

Members may be transferred to other Lodges upon the written recommendation of their Master, and provided there is a vacancy in the active membership list of the Lodge to which they desire to be transferred. Such transferred members shall take precedence over all applicants in being admitted.

### Section 7

All members shall be classed as either active or non-active, and in either class must be of good report and record, otherwise they can not remain as members.

### Section 8

Each Grand Lodge shall have a Council consisting of 14 officers and 11 other members appointed by the Master, to serve one year, and may be reappointed. Each Subordinate Lodge shall have a Council consisting only of the active officers. Such Councilors shall be selected by the Masters of the Lodges.



## Article Seven

### LODGE OFFICERS

#### Section 1

Every Lodge of this Order shall have the customary 14

Officers as outlined in the "Secret Mandamuses."

#### Section 2

The Officers of each Lodge shall consist of Master, Deputy Master, Secretary, Treasurer, and ten other Ritualistic Officers. The Deputy and the ten Ritualistic Officers of each Lodge shall be appointed or re-appointed by the Master at the Annual Election. (All the foregoing Officers, except "Master" and "Colombe" may be filled by either Brothers or Sisters of the Order.)

#### Section 3

The Master, Secretary and Treasurer of all Lodges shall be elected, in the case of a Lodge, at the expiration of their terms, or whenever an official vacancy occurs. In the case of a Master, he shall be re-elected or another elected at the expiration of such term as is decreed in his Charter. No Master may be elected and installed in any Lodge without the approval of that Lodge's superior Council.

#### Section 4

Officers for new Lodges may be elected by the Foundation Committee. In such case the election must be approved by the new Lodge's superior Council.

#### Section 5

Officers in the Supreme Grand Lodge shall be titled with the words "Supreme Grand" preceding their office title. In Grand Lodges by the word "Grand," and in Subordinate Lodges by the word "Worthy."

#### Section 6

The duties of Masters, Depu-

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ties, Secretaries and Treasurers in each Lodge, shall be, aside from Ritualistic work, those which usually pertain to the Offices of Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers in other organizations.

### Section 7

Ritualistic Officers for each Lodge, including the Supreme Grand Lodge, shall be appointed by the Master of the Lodge. Each officer shall be appointed for a term of one year from the date of such appointment except in the case of an appointment to fill a vacancy, when the term shall be for the unexpired part of the term of the Office vacant. All Officers may be reappointed for successive terms.

### Section 8

The titles, conditions of appointment, duties, etc., of all Ritualistic Officers shall be as defined in the "Secret Mandamuses" of the Order as obtain in all Lodges of this Order.

### Section 9

All Ritualistic Officers, including the Deputy Master, Secretary and Treasurer, shall sign an Official "Officer's Oath" in the presence of the Master pledging their allegiance to the Order and the Imperator.

### Section 10

The Treasurer of each operating Lodge shall be bonded in an amount specified by the Council of each Lodge and the Bond is to be made payable to the Supreme Grand Lodge.



## Article Eight

### CONVOCATIONS

#### Section 1

The regular Ritualistic Convocations of the Order shall be held by each Lodge at least twice a month, in some *Temple* especially arranged or adapted to the Ritualistic work and having the Official equipment.

#### Section 2

Such Convocations shall be conducted by the Master and Officers in accordance with the "Secret Mandamuses" and the dictates of the American Supreme Council as issued by the Imperator of the Order in North America.

#### Section 3

The "work" in the Lodges, consisting of lectures, teachings, ceremonies, initiations, examinations, tests, experiments, etc., shall likewise be in accordance with the "Secret Mandamuses" or as modified or improved by the decrees of the American Supreme Council and issued by the Imperator of the Order in North America.

Special Meetings, Assemblies, or Convocations of a National nature may be called by the Imperator and the Master of each Lodge may call similar meetings of a local nature at any time with due notice to all members of his Lodge.



## Article Nine

### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.

#### Section 1

The Annual Business Meet-

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ing of the Supreme Grand Lodge shall be held on the first Thursday of March of each year, in the Temple of the Supreme Grand Lodge. It shall be presided over by the Supreme Grand Master and he may summon to this meeting such officers or members of the Order in North America or invite others from the Order in other Countries, as he may find advisable, necessary or fitting.

### Section 2

The Annual Business Meetings of all grand and subordinate Lodges shall be held on or about the date of the Annual Business Meeting of the Supreme Grand Lodge, preferably prior thereto, in order that its report may be sent to the Annual Business Meeting of the Supreme Grand Lodge. Such meetings shall be presided over by the Master of the Lodge, who shall have the privilege of inviting others from other Lodges to attend.



## Article Ten

### ANNUAL ELECTIONS.

#### Section 1

An annual election day shall be established by each Lodge in accordance with the date of the election and appointment of its first Officers. Such annual election shall be held by the Council of each Lodge. Nominations shall be offered on the same evening as election, and the installation of new Officers may be held the same evening as the election, or at a special meeting of the

entire Lodge on another night, or just preceding the Convocation at the next regular Convocation of the Lodge or any degree thereof.

#### Section 2

The Deputy Master and Ritualistic Officers shall be appointed by the Master at such election.

#### Section 3

The Council of each Lodge shall embody in its By-Laws, rules and regulations regarding the nomination, election and installation of new Officers, consistent with this Constitution.



## Article Eleven

### ANNUAL CELEBRATION DAYS.

#### Section 1

There shall be held two Special Assemblies each year in North America. One shall be the New Year Feast and the other shall be the Outdoor Fete. These shall be held by all Lodges.

#### Section 2

The New Year Feast will occur about the 21st of each March the exact date being proclaimed by a Pronunziamento issued by the Imperator every February. It is to celebrate the New Rosacrucian Year which begins on the minute when the sign "Aries" rises on the horizon on that day in March when the "Sun" just enters the sign of "Aries." (The year 1916 A. D. corresponds to the Rosacrucian



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year of 3269, which begins on March 21, 1916, at 1:06 A. M. Eastern Time.) Such New Year Celebrations shall be held in the Temples of the Lodges and attended by the Council, Officers and members of the Lodge and by such especially invited guests as are visiting members of the Order and whose presence the Master desires for reasons good and sufficient unto himself. There shall be a symbolical feast consisting principally of *corn*, or its products, *salt*, or that which tastes most strongly of it, and *wine*, in the form of unfermented grape juice, and any other delicacies or refreshments suitable to the occasion. All Officers shall wear their full regalia and all others their aprons or other insignia. There shall be only sacred music, symbolical addresses and sincere rejoicing for the New Year.

### Section 3

At this New Year Feast it has been customary for the Master to bestow such honorary titles on his members as he may contemplate, to make new appointments to fill vacancies, etc.

### Section 4

All other regular or special Convocations or meetings of each Lodge are to be postponed in order that the New Year Feast may be held on the day decreed by the Imperator.

### Section 5

The Annual Outdoor Fete may be held by the discretion of the Master of each Lodge, on or about the 23rd day of September of each year, the exact day being decreed by the Imperator. It shall be that day when the Sun enters the sign of Libra.

### Section 6

This Annual Outdoor Fete should be held by each Lodge independently, to celebrate the laying of the foundation stones of the Great Pyramid in America. Each Lodge shall arrange to go on this day (or the following one, should it rain or be stormy) to an open space in the suburbs of such Lodge, and with prayer and addresses, have each member of the Lodge deposit in one small pile a simple little stone or pebble, symbolical of "placing a stone for the foundation of the Great Pyramid in America." Full regalia and insignia must be worn by all officers and members. Secrecy of the Fete need not be maintained, but the public or the uninitiated must not be given, in the prayers or addresses, any of the secret "work," signs or symbols of the Order. Such a Fete may be held at sundown if desired.



## Article Twelve

### THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LODGES.

#### Section 1

Lodges may be established in any city, town, or locality of North America under the following conditions:

#### GRAND LODGES.

##### Section 2

These may be formed by 48 (forty-eight) sincere seekers for light and truth submitting to the Supreme Grand Lodge through the Supreme Secretary General, signed official application blanks with the re-



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quest that the 48 applicants, desiring to organize or found a Grand Lodge, be granted a Charter.

### Section 3

Such Grand Lodges may be founded in any jurisdiction of North America, having no Grand Lodge at the time the applications are submitted, or where an existing Grand Lodge is about to disband, dissolve or be withdrawn; provided such proposed Grand Lodge ~~is~~ to be located in one of the principal cities of an established jurisdiction.

### Section 4

#### SUBORDINATE LODGES.

It shall require 36 (thirty-six) signed Official Application Blanks accompanied by a request to form a Subordinate Lodge. Such request is to be directed to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction in which such proposed Subordinate Lodge is to be situated.

### Section 5

Those desiring to organize or found Lodges in their cities or towns may secure permission and instruction from the Supreme Grand Secretary-General at the Supreme Grand Lodge in New York City, by mail or in person, after submitting to such investigation as the Supreme Grand Secretary-General and the Imperator desire. When permission is granted, the person to whom it is granted is to form in his or her city or town a Foundation Committee of 5 (five) men and women, with a Foundation President, Foundation Secretary and Foundation Treasurer included in the Committee.

### Section 6

The said *Foundation Committee* shall then submit their names and references to the Supreme Grand Secretary-General who may, at the discretion of the Imperator, issue to such Committee complete "Instructions for Organizing a Lodge." Such Committee shall have authority to organize under the direction of the Lodge in charge of the Jurisdiction in which the proposed Lodge is situated.

### Section 7

Charter will be granted to such member of the Foundation Committee (after either 36 or 38 applications are secured as indicated in Section 2 or 4 of this Article) as may seem proper and fitted for the Office of *Master* of said proposed Lodge.

### Section 8

Charters for Subordinate Lodges will be granted to the selected *Master* for a "period of one year, renewable each year thereafter for three successive years, and transferable or revokable upon sixty days notice" by the superior Council under whose Jurisdiction the proposed Lodge shall exist. Special Dispensation may be granted for Subordinate Lodges for a limited period of organization work prior to the granting of a Charter.

### Section 9

Grand Lodges shall receive a Charter granted to the selected *Master* of each Lodge for a "Period of one year, renewable each year for four additional successive years, transferable or revokable upon 60 (sixty) days notice," from the American Supreme Council or by the Imperator.

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### Section 10

All necessary "work" and instructions will be given to each Lodge after the Charter or Special Dispensation is granted by the Superior body granting the Charter or Special Dispensations.



## Article Thirteen

### FEES AND DUES.

#### Section 1

All Lodges of the Order shall establish a standard of Initiation Fees and Dues. The minimum Initiation Fee shall be \$5.00. All members shall pay the regular dues in order to maintain the Lodge, and when such dues are not paid the members in arrears shall be deemed "non-active." (See Section 5 of Article 6.) Such members may not attend lectures or Convocations of any kind. Associate members dues shall be fixed by the Master of the Lodge with which the member is associated.

#### Section 2

Each Lodge shall establish in its By-Laws certain laws regarding the period during which members may have their dues in arrears without losing privileges of active membership; but in no case shall a longer period than 6 (six) months be permitted for arrears of dues. When the arrears exceed this period the member shall be suspended from all membership standing.

#### Section 3

Monthly dues shall not be less than 50 (fifty) cents and not over \$5.00 (five dollars.)

### Section 4

Officers may be exempt from paying regular monthly dues during their term of Office; or if the Council of any Lodge so decrees by unanimous vote, Officers of that Lodge may pay the same dues as the members for such period as decreed by the Council.

### Section 5

Initiation Fees shall be charged by all Lodges. The fee for the First Degree shall be not less than \$5.00 (five dollars) payable at the time of Initiation or prior thereto. It may be raised to any higher amount as membership in the Lodge increases. Such increase in Initiation Fee (for First Degree) must be by unanimous vote of the Lodge's Council.

### Section 6

Each Lodge may, by decree of the Council, charge Initiation Fees at the time members pass from First Degree to the Second, and from the Second Degree to the Third, etc. Not less than \$1.00 (one dollar) shall be so charged, and not over \$50.00 (fifty dollars) for the last or Twelfth Degree.



## Article Fourteen

### ROYAL SUPPORT.

#### Section 1

Each Lodge of the Order holding a true and legitimate patent or Charter in the name of its Master under this Constitution, shall contribute to the Royal Support of this Order, as follows:

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### **Section 2**

Subordinate Lodges shall remit monthly to the Grand Lodge of its jurisdiction, through the Treasurer, of the Grand Lodge, a Royal Support of 25% of all Initiation Fees and Dues received during the month.

### **Section 3**

Grand Lodges shall remit to the Supreme Grand Lodge of North America through the Supreme Grand Treasurer, the Royal Support of 25% of all Initiation Fees and Dues received during the month from Grand Lodge members and also shall remit the Supreme Grand Treasurer 25% of the Grand Lodge Royal Support from its Subordinate Lodges received during the month.



## **Article Fifteen**

### **REGALIA AND EQUIPMENT.**

#### **Section 1**

Every Lodge shall have the proper and Official Regalia and Equipment for its Officers and Temple as decreed by the Supreme Grand Lodge in its "Secret Mandamuses."

#### **Section 2**

No change shall be made in Regalia or Temple Equipment by any Lodge except by permission of the Imperator.

#### **Section 3**

Regalia and Insignia, as well as all Emblems, for any use whatever, shall be of an Official design and make, and shall be purchased only from official Rosacerucian Supply Bureaus.

### **Section 4**

No member shall use for trade purposes any title, honor, degrees, or emblems of the Order.



## **Article Sixteen**

### **PUBLICITY AND PUBLICATION.**

#### **Section 1**

The general propaganda work of the Order shall be Officially conducted by the Supreme Grand Lodge, its Council and its Officers; assisted by a National Propaganda Committee.

#### **Section 2**

Local propaganda work may be conducted by any Lodge, Foundation Committee or Officer only by following the general methods of the Supreme Grand Lodge. All literature or other matter used in this way must be submitted to the Publication Committee of the Supreme Grand Lodge and be approved by the said Committee.

#### **Section 3**

All books, pamphlets, treatises, lectures, expositions, and interpretations issued by any Lodge, Lodge Committee, Officer or individual, purporting to be truly "Rosacerucian" or to contain the ideals, principles or laws of this Order, shall be first submitted to the said National Publication Committee for approval, and if approved or deleted, will receive the Official Imprint of said Committee, vouching for its Official Correctness.



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#### AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to this Constitution shall be made only by a two-thirds vote of the Official Delegates of all Lodges represented at a National Con-

vention of the Order for North America.

(Such Amendments as are hereafter adopted will be printed in such form that they can be attached to this book in this section. Such printed slips will be furnished by the Supreme Grand Secretary.

## Amendments

### Amendment No. 2

It has been so decreed by American Supreme Council that all Grand Lodges in North America shall within one year from the time their Charter is granted make application to the proper legal authorities within their jurisdiction for the incorporating of said Lodges as religious organizations founded and operating according to this Constitution of this Order.



## Specimen By-Laws

This form of By-Laws, with necessary modifications and additions, shall be adopted by all Lodges in the North American Jurisdiction.

The Imperator.

### NAME AND SEAL.

The name of this Lodge shall be .....  
Lodge of the A. M. O. R. C. of North America.

Its Official Seal shall be as impressed herewith and filed with the Supreme Archivist of the Supreme Grand Lodge.

### PURPOSES.

The purposes shall be to conduct regular and official convocations, rituals, lectures and meetings of the A. M. O. R. C. in our own Jurisdiction and within the terms and limitations of the Charter under which this Lodge exists.

### ALLEGIANCE.

Because we are duly Chartered by our superior Lodge of the A. M. O. R. C., and because we exist, as a Lodge by virtue of such Charter, we are pledged by its conditions to obey and adhere to the Constitution of the A. M. O. R. C. of North America, and also bound by Oaths and sacred promises to heed, obey, respect and promulgate the decrees, rules, pronunziamentos and decisions of our Superior Lodge, the Supreme Grand Master, the American Supreme Council and the Imperator of the Order, of which Order we are a part, and to the autocratic government of which we, as a Lodge, subscribe and declare our allegiance.

### JURISDICTION.

The Jurisdiction in which the powers of this Lodge and its Officers are to be exercised is that which is stated in our Charter; and such powers shall be those defined by said Charter and by the Constitution of the Order and its Amendments.

### MEETINGS.

The regular meetings or lectures of this Lodge shall be those decreed by the Council of this Lodge. Special meetings or convocations shall be called by the Master of this Lodge at his reasonable discretion or by our Superior Lodge.

### MEMBERSHIP.

Membership in this Lodge shall be limited to 144 active members in addition to the fourteen Officers. Conditions of Membership shall be according to the Constitution of the Order. (Methods of passing upon applications and voting upon Candidates shall be fully set forth in this Section.)

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

New Officers for this Lodge for any regular term, or to fill any vacancy, shall be elected or appointed in accordance with the Constitution of the Order.

The regular election of Officers for this Lodge shall be held each year on: (anniversary of the date of the Lodge's Charter).

(Laws for the nomination of officers, calling of meeting for election, and method of voting shall be fully set forth in this section.)

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### OFFICERS AND TERMS.

The Officers of this Lodge shall be a Master, Deputy Master, Secretary and Treasurer as executive officers, and the necessary ritualistic officers as stated in the Constitution of the Order. Their terms of office shall be as follows: (state fully here, after consulting the Constitution).

### THE LODGE COUNCIL.

The advisory Council of this Lodge shall consist of: (24 members for a Grand Lodge and 14 members for a subordinate Lodge), including all executive and ritualistic officers. The Council shall advise the Master in the performance of his duties or the solving of any problem when he seeks or requires its assistance. Its unanimous vote on any rule, law, order of decree of the Master shall be duly considered by him, and if he shall veto such unani-

mous decision of the Council, said Council may appeal to the Master of its Superior Lodge.

In the matter of issuing communications, pronunziamentos and decrees, the Master of the Lodge shall have autocratic power consistent with the Constitution of the Order.

(Additional articles may be added to the By-Laws adopted by the Lodge, and these should be as specific and complete as possible. It is recommended that each Lodge adhere, in its work of the Council, to the parliamentary laws set forth in Robert's Rules or some similar guide. The adoption of the By Laws should be a matter for an evening's session of the Lodge Council, and each Article should be fully discussed and voted upon. Additions to the By Laws, or Amendments, should be voted upon by the Lodge Council in like manner.)

