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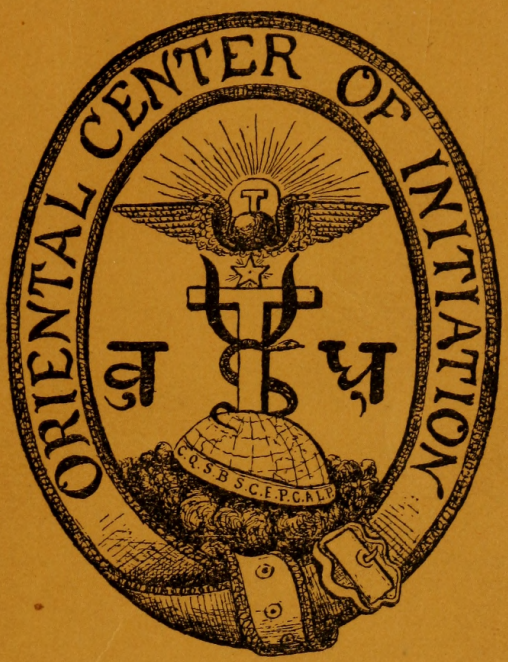

General Regulations

of the

Oriental Order of Initiation

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GENERAL REGULATIONS
OF THE ORIENTAL CENTERS OF INITIATION
Under the auspices of the
SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE V. M. OF THIBET

SOCIAL OBJECT

ARTICLE 1.

To form a universal chain of the highest altruism without distinction of sect, caste, sex, or color, where will reign tolerance, order, liberty, compassion and real love.

ARTICLE 2.

To study Sanscrit and the Initiative sciences of the Orient, and by meditation, by concentration, and by a special line of conduct to search for the development of the psychic powers latent in man and in all that surrounds us.

ARTICLE 3.

All religious and political discussion is forbidden in the Centers that are under the obedience of the above named, also all affiliation with secret societies.

ARTICLE 4.

It is also forbidden to make any psychic experiment solely for curiosity or for distraction, or to satisfy the bad faith of the incredulous, whether they are of the profane world or members of the Center.

ARTICLE 5.

The Centers will give a session each week for the discussion of scientific problems fitting the knowledge of those studying, and a lecture or course of study for the members.

They will publish reviews or books contributing to the propaganda of these doctrines.

OF THE HEAD CENTER AND OTHER CENTERS; OF FOUNDATION MEMBERS; NECESSARY QUALITIES; DUTIES; OBLIGATIONS; INHERENT POWERS

ARTICLE 6.

To participate in the Center as an active member, it is necessary to be willing to adhere strictly to these General Regulations of the Order.

ARTICLE 7.

The Foundation Members are those only, who have co-operated with the Initiator at the formation of a Center. As soon as there are ten their number is complete and they constitute the Directing Council, which must always be composed of ten members.

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ARTICLE 8.

Only the Foundation Members have the right of discussion and vote in the Council. Active members have the right to vote only in the General Assemblies.

ARTICLE 9.

The Principal Center must be by preference at the political capital of the nation, unless the Inspector General choses another city and there where the Inspector General resides will be the Head-Center.

ARTICLE 10.

All the other Centers, groups or sub-groups which can be formed in the same nation will be under the immediate obedience of the Inspector General and they must pay to him their rights of admission.

ARTICLE 11.

The Order is composed of five classes of members, namely:

1. Foundation Members.
2. Active Members.
3. Members of Merit.
4. Corresponding Members.
5. Honorary Members.

ARTICLE 12.

The Foundation Members are those who have the sole right to participate in the administration of the Center. They meet in general assembly when it is ordered by the Inspector General.

ARTICLE 13.

All the Foundation Members, without exception, are held according to their respective ability, to make a voluntary offering in order to commence the work of the Center.

In case of dissolution of the Center the profits which may exist belong only to the Foundation Members; the losses also encumber them and are divided by the General Delegate in proportion to the offering of each one.

ARTICLE 14.

The Foundation Members must also pay in advance the monthly dues, the amount of which will be fixed by the Directing Council.

The title of Foundation Member, and the prerogatives attached to it, can never be lost excepting through some grave fault; this will be judged by the Directing Council, constituting a tribunal, and which will pass sentence on it.

ARTICLE 15.

By virtue of their title the Foundation Members are required to see that the general regulations of the Order are respected; they must be therefore the first to obey the orders of the Supreme Council, transmitted by their Inspectors and their General Delegates, because example and discipline are the fundamentals of Oriental Esoterism.

ARTICLE 16.

Besides these obligations the Foundation Members must, unless prevented by untoward circumstance, assist at the meetings that the Center must hold for the development of its studies and its propaganda; they must give it all their strength and all their good-will.

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ARTICLE 17.

The **Foundation Members** must remain always closely united. They will preserve the most scrupulous secrecy regarding the decisions of the Directing Council.

ARTICLE 18.

The **Members of Merit** are those who will have rendered great services either to the Center or to the Order in general. Their number in a nation can not be more than seven.

A Foundation Member can be elected a member of merit by a unanimous vote of the Council in recompense for a donation or a sacrifice made for the cause.

ARTICLE 19.

Active Members are those who are accepted in the Order after having passed an examination of initiation before the Directing Council. They have the right to assist at the work of the Center, but have not the right to vote except in the general assemblies. They can be elected as members of the Directing Council in case of vacancy, or if the Supreme Council of the Order permits it.

ARTICLE 20.

Corresponding Members are those who, living in other cities than the capital or abroad, are in direct relation with the Directing Council of the Center for the spread of its oriental esoteric doctrines.

ARTICLE 21.

Honorary Members are those who, having lent to the Center an active co-operation in their especial work, or in any other way, are given this title by the Directing Council in appreciation of their efforts.

ARTICLE 22.

The Directing Council in full will decide to which class a member (entering the Order) must belong; and the vote must always be unanimous.

OF ADMISSIONS INTO THE ORDER.

ARTICLE 23.

Every request for admission must be made to the President. It will contain: the names, surnames, profession of the postulant; his civil estate, his nationality, his scientific titles, the services rendered by him to the Holy Cause, as well as the promise of obedience to the General Regulations of the order and to the Directing Council of the Center.

ARTICLE 24.

Each request for admission must have the signature of a member of the Center who holds himself responsible for the candidate and of his payment of the rights of admission as they will have been established by the Directing Council.

ARTICLE 25.

No one can be admitted to take part in the Center unless he obtains the unanimous voice of the Directing Council, gathered together in Assembly of the Founders. The vote will be secret, cast by means of a white ball (for admission) and black for witholding. One black ball will hold back the admission of a candidate.

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ARTICLE 26.

No one can be admitted to take part in the Center if he has not completed his twenty-first year. Excepting that the Inspector Generals will have the power to support the admission of a candidate under twenty-one years, but having passed his seventeenth year.

ARTICLE 27.

Every request for admission as a member of the Center must bear the signature of the General Delegate representing the law and justice of the Center. It must contain also the candidate's answers to the questions that have been addressed to him.

ARTICLE 28.

If on the first ballot there are one or more black balls (negative) the President of the Center will ask for a second vote during the following week. If this second count still contains unfavorable votes the President will proceed to a third vote during the week which follows the second.

This last decision will be final and if the candidate is not accepted the Secretary will advise the refused postulant in such correct terms as will tell him tactfully of his refusal.

ARTICLE 29.

When a member of the Center renders himself subject to a reproach or to a punishment, following a grave fault, the President will communicate with the Inspector General, who will decide whether or not there should be a meeting of the tribunal.

ARTICLE 30.

Every person who has been eliminated from the Center must be considered by the other members as a poor creature who has acted under the dominion of elemental of malefic forces.

OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL.

ARTICLE 31.

The Directing Council of the Head-Center of each nation is composed of seven Foundation Members. These seven officers, charged to direct the Center, take the following names:

1. President.
2. Vice-President.
3. Delegate of the Supreme Council.
4. Secretary General.
5. Treasurer.
6. Deputy.
7. Secretary.

ARTICLE 32.

The other Centers under the dependence of the Head-Center of the nation can be formed with only five members, namely: President, Vice-President, Delegate, Treasurer, and Secretary.

ARTICLE 33.

The Directing Council of the Center will meet in session whenever the President or the General Delegate of the Order will deem it necessary.

An obligatory session will be held every three months under the designation of the General Assembly.

All the members of the Center may assist at this, from whatever class they belong, according to Article 11.

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ARTICLE 34.

At each session after the formalities of the Ritual of Oriental Initiation, the Secretary will read the minutes of the former session; they must be approved by the Directing Council and signed by the President, the Secretary General, and the General Delegate. Afterwards account will be taken of correspondence and all business of internal order.

ARTICLE 35.

At all meetings of the Directing Council it is obligatory to wear the white tunic of the disciple and those insignias of the rank held by each officer.

ARTICLE 36.

In all decisions of the Directing Council it is necessary to have the vote of the seven members who compose it. The decision to be valid must be approved by two-thirds of the number of members.

ARTICLE 37.

At the close of each session the bag of beneficence must be passed and all the members are obliged to contribute. The Secretary General after having counted the proceeds and having them noted in the minute book by the Secretary, will place the sum with the Treasurer.

ARTICLE 38.

All duties and all titles are absolutely gratuitous, as well as all labor, since all the members must contribute to propaganda work of the high doctrines which the Order professes.

ARTICLE 39.

It is absolutely forbidden to speak without asking permission of the President who will consent or not according as he thinks proper.

Speech will never be allowed for personal allusions or personal discussions; such case occurring the President can immediately revoke it.

ARTICLE 40.

For unforseen cases the Directing Council if the Center will take such resolutions as it judges necessary, providing they are accepted unanimously and are ever in harmony with the spirit of the Regulation.

OF THE SESSIONS OF THE COUNCIL; STUDY SESSIONS; EXTRAORDINARY SESSIONS.

ARTICLE 41.

The day designated by the Supreme Council for study sessions is Thursday (in the West). But following the country and its habits, the Council of each Center can designate any other day of the week.

ARTICLE 42.

At the beginning of each session, after it has been opened according to the usual ritual, the Secretary will make a list of the members present, which must go on the margin of the minute book; he will note the absence of the members who have not sent their legitimate excuse to the Directing council of the Center.

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ARTICLE 43.

The President must watch attentively that the members hold no conversation during decisions of the Center, or the sessions of the Council, or during the work of mediation and study. He will have the right to suspend from work those who fail in this regard.

ARTICLE 44.

When a scientific work shall be presented, whether by the Director of work or by another member, the President will open the discussion on the proposed theme; all the members have the right to speak, each in turn, on the scientific explanations they think necessary.

ARTICLE 45.

The Directing Council will be convoked any time that the President or the General Delegate think it necessary, and the session will be presided over by the one who will have ordered its convocation.

ARTICLE 46.

As it is a question of secret affairs in these extraordinary sessions the records of them will be kept in a special book; this can not be read by other members of the Center.

OF THE DUTIES OF THE SUPERIOR OFFICERS OF THE CENTER.

ARTICLE 47.

Duties of the President.

1. To direct the scientific course of the Center, revising conscientiously the work presented by the members;

2. To see that the records are kept in legal form; he must affix his signature after the Directing Council shall have approved them;

3. To watch scrupulously that order and harmony exist at all meetings; never to permit two or more members to talk at the same time, and to avoid all discussions of a nature disturbing to the harmony necessary to the work;

4. To prepare the order of the day for the sessions so that it accords with that of the Director of Work;

5. Always to preside over the work with the idea of justice and order; to observe and to cause to be observed the General Regulations, the Esoteric Ritual and the Constitution; to pronounce the suspension or to propose the elimination of any member who would fail in these directions.

6. In the accomplishment of these esoteric duties he must not have any special consideration for friendship, relationship, or personality; duty must be considered before everybody and everything;

7. To see that all members observe the most absolute silence and the greatest respect in the session room, in order not to disturb the aura of the Director of the work, designed and recognized by the Supreme Council, and, to this end, he will hold and see that others hold, this Director in special and respectful consideration.

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ARTICLE 48.

Duties of the General Delegate.

1. To direct the administrative course of the Center; to affix his signature to the register of the records, to the documents of newly admitted members, to all actions concerning the treasury, and to the official documents of the other Centers, as he is the first officer of the Inspector General;

2. To notify the Inspector General of the Supreme Council of any illegalities which he will have observed in the Centers of his nation that are under his supervision; to respect and to see that others respect the orders he receives from the Inspector General.

3. To sign the minutes of the Center after having verified them to be in the legal form concerning the law and justice which he represents;

4. To watch carefully that order is maintained, noting in secret those members who do not observe the silence and respect necessary to order; to ask the Inspector for the formation of a tribunal when grave faults have been committed by any member sharing in the harmonious course of the Center;

5. To maintain official relations with other Centers, and to arrange the necessary propaganda to defend the oriental esoteric doctrines wherever they may be attacked;

6. To represent the law and justice of the Center in the tribunal of accusation and defense, when it is necessary and when it is authorized by the Inspector General;

7. To sustain the authority of the Inspector General and of the President of the Center in all legal cases to the end that it be respected and obeyed.

ARTICLE 49.

Duties of the Secretary General.

1. To see that the records made by the Secretary are exact and conform to the decisions of the Directing Council;

2. To sign the minutes as soon as they will have been approved by the Council and to keep in order the protocal documents, etc.;

3. To sign all the documents of the Center that are sent to foreign Centers and to those under the dependence of the Head-Center;

4. To hold himself at the disposal of the Directing Council for any work or any relation whatever with the administration of the Center;

5. To render an account of all official correspondence from Centers under his dependence as well as the foreign ones.

ARTICLE 50.

Duties of the Secretary.

1. To make a rough draft of the minutes of the Directing Council in order to read them immediately and submit them for the President's approbation before the conclusion of work;

2. To keep in perfect regularity the large General Record Book of the Center, in which there can be no erasures, no blank pages nor blank spaces;

3. To keep an account of all correspondence received from members of the Center as well as all petitions addressed;

4. To answer all letters regarding affairs of the Center, according to the orders of the Directing Council or of its chiefs;

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5. To call to the convocations the members of the Directing Council for the sessions ordered by the President or the General Delegate, and to note in the name book the absent members.

ARTICLE 51.

Duties of the Treasurer.

1. To take note of the money accruing from the bag of beneficence. This money must form a separate account, which will be reserved exclusively to aid members in want;

2. To deposit the monthly dues of all the members of the Center, as well as the offerings made at the entrance into the Center;

3. No payment can be effectual except with the signature of the President;

4. To choose a day in each month to pay bills and notes that have been approved by the Directing Council;

5. To keep the treasury book in perfect order; to sign receipts from members of the Center actively keeping treasury rules, and to make known to the Inspector of the Supreme Council those who will not have accomplished their duty.

ARTICLE 52.

Duties of the Vice-President.

To take the place of the President in the direction of the work when this one is unable to be there; to convoke, in the absence of the President, the members of the Directing Council, in observance of the duties noted in Article 47.

ARTICLE 53.

The Deputy has the right to represent the Center:

1, in the other Centers, groups, or under-groups that can be founded in a nation; 2, in the General Assembly; 3, in the annual conventions. He will be given necessary powers and will act in virtue of credentials affirmed by the President and the Directing Council as a whole.

OF INSIGNIAS AND REWARDS.

ARTICLE 54.

The distinctive insignias of the officers of the Center are: For the Directing council, the white tunic of the disciple ornamented with the distinctions of rank.

For the other members a ribbon of blue and yellow silk from which falls a gold or silver thread according to class.

In the upper part of the insignia must show the **Escutcheon** of the **Supreme Council** or the initials of the **rank.**

ARTICLE 55.

The rewards that the Supreme Council grants through the medium of the Inspector General are the following:

The **Brief of the Order of the White Lotus of India,** first, second, and third degree.

The distinction of the **Superior Escutcheon of the Supreme Council** can only be granted to the Inspector Generals and to the Presidents.

The diploma of Honorable mention which is granted to active members who have distinguished themselves by their zeal or by some meritorious act for the good of the Order.

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OF FEASTS AND OF FRATERNAL AGAPES.

ARTICLE 56.

To the General Delegate falls the duty of notifying the Directing Council of the feasts and the obligation for fraternal reunion indicated by the occult almanac; their object is to accumulate currents of sympathy, that sympathy which should exist among all the members.

ARTICLE 57.

On the twenty-fourth day of each month will take place a fraternal agape, far from the eyes of the outside world, either in a social center or in the country. All the members have the right and it is their duty to participate; they must contribute to the expenses by a voluntary offering, even if they can not assist at the Agape.

ARTICLE 58.

At all the social feasts it is forbidden—to use wines, or liquors; the exercise of arms and dancing.

ARTICLE 59.

At all these feasts the bag of beneficence will be passed, the proceeds from which the President will give to one of the members. This one will give it to the first poor person who will ask him for charity and he will afterward render to the Council an account of his noble mission.

ARTICLE 60.

The **Inspector General** or the **President** will preside at the feasts of the fraternal Agapes.

OF PENALTIES AND THE FORMATION OF THE TRIBUNAL.

ARTICLE 61.

Every member who gives no just cause to the Directing Council for his absence from the sessions will be marked by a vote of censure on his record.

ARTICLE 62.

Every **active** member who will have incurred three notes of blame in the space of one month will be deprived of all participation in the work for the time that the General Delegate will consider necessary; this suspension not to last more than three months.

ARTICLE 63.

The Secretary who will have neglected to record the minutes of a session will be deprived of the right to vote at the following session and if there is a relapse on his part the General Delegate will inflict the punishment which he considers fit. Suspension, if it is pronounced, can not exceed one month.

ARTICLE 64.

The **Secretary General** or the **Secretary** who does not perform his respective work in the appointed time, or who does not pay attention to the observations made to him by his immediate chiefs, the President and the Director, will be, the first time, suspended from his functions, and, according to the nature of the fault, judgment will be passed by the Tribunal of the Center.

ARTICLE 65.

Every Active Member who will have committed any grave fault will be judged by the Tribunal of the Center according to the esoteric law indicated in the Blue Book.

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ARTICLE 66.

If, following a very grave fault a member is condemned to be expelled by the Tribunal, the sentence must not be made known to the profane world; it will not be published in the **Review of the Center** nor in any publication. The General Delegate only will report it to the Inspection, who will communicate the sentence to the Supreme Council of the Order.

ARTICLE 67.

The Tribunal is made up of a secret Council of seven members named by the Inspector General or his representative.

ARTICLE 68.

An accused member has the right to present his own defense before the Tribunal or to delegate a brother of the Center as his counsel.

ARTICLE 69.

For everything concerning the organization of the Tribunal, its laws, its ritual, and its punishments, the President will inform himself from the ordinances contained in the Blue Book, and which will be indicated to him by the Inspector General.

OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE CENTER.

Room for Study, Sessions, Library, Dwellings for Travelling Brothers.

ARTICLE 70.

It is expressly forbidden to smoke or to hold conversations in the session room or meditation room or in that of the Directing Council.

ARTICLE 71.

Each Center should have a study room purely esoteric, in which no profane person can enter. It will be closed after each session by the General Delegate, who will keep the key in his possession; he can only give it to Foundation members who wish to enter for study or meditation.

ARTICLE 72.

Besides the study room, the Centers should have a room for the meetings of the Directing Council; a room for a library and a reading room; an office for the Secretary General and the Secretary; and three rooms for travelling brothers.

ARTICLE 73.

All the members without distinction must offer articles, of works, books, or reviews to be placed in the reading room, which is confided to the care of the Secretary General or the Secretary.

OF HOSPITALITY OFFERED TO TRAVELLING BROTHERS.

ARTICLE 74.

A member of another Center, recognized as such, by the President, the General Delegate and the Secretary General, will have the right to the most frank and cordial hospitality during a period of seven days.

ARTICLE 75.

After this time if a Brother wishes to remain at the Center (and if the Center has rooms at his disposal) he must make a weekly payment, fixed by the Directing Council; this payment, however, can be waived if his work is of some use to the Center.

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ARTICLE 76.

The travelling Brother will enjoy the same rights as other members of the Center; of course he will not have the right to vote in the decisions of the Directing Council.

ARTICLE 77.

It is the duty of the Directing Council to recommend the Travelling Brother to the other Centers which he wishes to visit.

ARTICLE 78.

It is absolutely forbidden to give to a Travelling Brother the occult keys for the enlightenment of esoteric studies; these he must receive direct from the Center to which he belongs.

ARTICLE 79.

The President has the sole right to give the Travelling Brother the esoteric ideas that he thinks necessary to his advancement, and this can only be done with the consent of the Inspector General.

ARTICLE 80.

It is the duty of the Directing Council to remit to the Travelling Brother a document in legal form signed by the President, the General Delegate, and the Inspector General and sealed with the seal of the Center, so that this Brother may be recognized by the other Centers and that he may be able to enjoy the rights and prerogatives that are his due.

On the day of his departure the Council must select a Committee of three or five or seven Brothers, according to the rank of the visitor, to accompany him to the station.

ARTICLE 81.

The Travelling Brother must leave a note of thanks at the Center for the attentions he will have received, and will deposit in the box of the Center whatever sum he judges fit as an offering to the Institution.

OF PERSONS ELECTED TO THE SERVICE OF THE HOLY CAUSE.

ARTICLE 82.

Every person recognized to be capable of some psychic demonstration will be considered as sacred; the Directing Council will make the necessary provisions in his favor.

ARTICLE 83.

From the time that the Supreme Council will have recognized the superior qualities possessed by an operator, the Directing Council will accord him the respect and consideration which are his due, and by every means possible will prevent his aura from being disturbed.

ARTICLE 84.

It is the duty of all the Brothers, without exception, to love, to help and to protect the Brother elected by the Venerable Masters to be an intermediary between them and the members of the Center for the Propagation of the Holy Cause.

ARTICLE 85.

The orders and decisions transmitted by the servant of the Cause, in a state of concentration, when these orders are dictated by Superior Beings, must be scrupulously respected.

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ARTICLE 86.

It is absolutely forbidden to make known to the operator the danger that could result from practical demonstrations so as not to disturb the harmony of the aura of this Brother or his confidence or tranquility.

ARTICLE 87.

The President, the General Delegate, or the Directing Council as a whole, can not oblige the operator to lend himself to experimental demonstrations if he does not feel so disposed, for whatever reason or no matter what cause. In place of these demonstrations the Center should give itself to theoretical study and meditation.

ARTICLE 88.

It is forbidden to suspect the legitimacy of the experiences of the operator; the Brother who would have doubts on this subject should submit them respectfully to the President who will make the necessary explanations either by questioning the operator or by looking for the truth through other means.

OF THE BENEFICENCE BOX AND THE TREASURY.

ARTICLE 89.

If, by force of circumstances or legally justified motives, a member can not accomplish his duty towards the Treasury of the Center he will explain his difficulties to the **Brother Treasurer** who will report to the Directory Council at its next meeting. The Council will decide what will be possible to do for the Brother in arrears.

ARTICLE 90.

If the quarterly balance sheet shows a deficit in the cash account all the Foundation Members are obliged to cover this deficit by assuming equal parts of it; for the deposits thus made they will be reimbursed when there will be funds in the Treasury that exceed it.

ARTICLE 91.

A third of the social Account is put aside for the Secretary, and for the publication of books and reviews serving the propaganda of esoteric doctrines.

ARTICLE 92.

The Beneficence Box is reserved exclusively to aid brothers in case of necessity legally proved; no part of it can be diverted for any other purpose whatever. In consequence of this the Treasurer will keep a special book where will be noted the amount received at each session.

OF SICKNESS AND MISFORTUNE THAT MIGHT HAPPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE CENTER.

ARTICLE 93.

In case of sickness or of absolute necessity registered by the Directing Council, the Brother who is afflicted will be aided, morally and materially, in the name of the Center, by a committee of three Brothers appointed by the President.

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ARTICLE 94.

All the members of the Center must mutually aid and protect each other under all circumstances both in the profane and occult life; they must offer to the sick or afflicted Brother every aid and attention possible.

ARTICLE 95.

The Directing Council will take the necessary money from the Beneficence Box to defray the expenses of the sickness or for the help of the Brother. If the funds in the Beneficence Box are not sufficient the surplus in the social Treasury will be taken. In default of this, funds will be raised by a subscription to which all the brothers must contribute.

The Brother who will have profited by the outlays must re-imburse the Center as soon as it will be possible for him to do so.

ARTICLE 96.

As soon as news is received of the sickness or misfortune of a Brother the President will send an urgent call to the Directing Council to be convoked in extraordinary session, or if the necessity is extreme, he will take upon himself the measures he considers right, but will give an account to the Directing Council at its nearest session.

RESIGNATIONS, ELIMINATIONS AND DISSOLUTION OF THE CENTER.

ARTICLE 97.

Every member of a Center who will fail in the promise made by him at the time of his initiation or who, for any reason whatever sends in his resignation will be considered by the Directing Council as eliminated from the Center.

ARTICLE 98.

Every resignation of a member for whatever cause must be accepted immediately without discussion and the Directing Council will dictate the note to the Secretary according to the case.

ARTICLE 99.

No member from whom a resignation has been accepted and informed of it, nor any eliminated member, can ever re-enter or form part of the Center, unless by a superior order from the Supreme Council of the Order.

ARTICLE 100.

A Center can not be legally dissolved before the Treasurer's books are in perfect order, as well as all Secretarial documents, and all documents having to be signed by the General Delegate and submitted to the General Inspector of the Order.

ARTICLE 101.

If there is a deficit in the Treasury it must be covered by all the Brothers in equal parts. The Constitutional Chart, books, and all documents of the Center will be placed with the Inspector General of the Supreme Council to be sent, through his Intermediary, to the Supreme Council of the Order with such considerations as the Inspector General thinks opportune.

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ARTICLE 102.

A Center once dissolved can never be reconstituted under the same occult name without the permission of the Supreme Council. All the brothers must preserve the most absolute secrecy concerning the work done in a dissolved Center, the causes leading to its dissolution, as well as for the consideration and respect which should always exist among them.

ARTICLE 103.

The Center that would wish to enlarge upon or modify any article of the internal Regulations should ask and receive the authorization of the Inspector General of the Order, who will not concede it until after he has communicated with the Supreme Council.

ARTICLE 104.

All the Centers which are formed in other cities of a nation than the capital are under the immediate dependence of the Head-Center at the capital. They must pay to it the rights of charter and the diplomas of its members.

ARTICLE 105.

If a Center shows itself particularly meritorious by its works or by the qualities of its members, it could be called by the Inspector General **Great Esoteric Center**, after having been recognized as such by the Supreme Council and looked into by superior esoteric rules.

ARTICLE 106.

A Lawyer, a Doctor or a High Patron, who would give to the Center his gratuitious services would be called **Member of Merit** and would be associated with the Head-Center to give it this aid and protection.

ARTICLE 107.

No member can leave the Center temporarily or retire from the Order without making known to the Directing Council the motives obliging him to do so. The Council will communicate this determination to the Inspector General, who will decide if there is reason for according this permission, or if the member must pass to the class of Honorary Member.

ARTICLE 108.

The duties of the Directing Council are renewable each seven months and each five months alternatively, counting from the 24 of August to the 24 of March.

In the case where a new Center is formed before the period of five months, the new elections will take place in August and not in March.

ARTICLE 109.

It is the Supreme Council of the Order who will give to its General Inspectors the list of the new candidate Officers called to direct the Directing Council, and they, (the General Inspectors,) will transmit it to the General Delegates.

ARTICLE 110.

At all sessions of the Head-Centers of a nation it is obligatory for the members of the Directing Council to be dressed in the white tunic of the disciple ornamented with the respective insignias of rank.

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ARTICLE 111.

In sessions of inauguration, where the profane are admitted as invited guests, the members of the Directing Council wear simply the insignias of rank; they can not wear the tunic of the disciple.

ARTICLE 112.

The Inspector General of the Supreme Council in the West will make his residence, by preference, in one of the large capitals, whether in Europe or America. Wherever the official residence of the Inspection will be, there must be at least seven members of superior esoteric rank who will form the escort of honor of the Chief, who represents the Supreme Council of the Order, and the Head-Center will take the name of Grand-Center.

ARTICLE 113.

The decisions and orders of the General Inspection must be scrupulously obeyed. The Council of seven members who accompany the Inspector will take charge of their strict enforcement.

ARTICLE 114.

Once a Center is founded, when the Directing Council is installed by the Inspector General, when the duties of ducumentation, of initiation, and the same harmonious course of work established, the Inspector General will leave the Directing Council free to make its internal decisions, but he will always intervene as Chief Director of all the Centers.

ARTICLE 115.

The Inspector General can present himself at the Head-Center or at the Centers under its obedience, officially, if he has received communications from the Supreme Council of the Order or when, by his own observation, he would judge his intervention indispensable.

RECENT ARTICLES SENT BY THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE ORDER.

ARTICLE 116.

Members of Merit, Corresponding Members, and Honorary Members never have the right to vote unless in exceptional cases indicated by the General Inspectors.

ARTICLE 117.

Every Center will have a Sister who will be especially charged with the Beneficence Bag, and the General Inspector could even authorize a little girl of minor age, but always with the consent of her parents, and the presence of these.

ARTICLE 118.

The General Inspectors can suspend the work of a Center and even dissolve it if they see that harmony does not exist, or for any other reason, and they will immediately advise the Supreme Council of the Order.

ARTICLE 119.

By the new decree of the Supreme Council only five General Delegates exist in the West, and they do not recognize any other authority than that of the Supreme Council and the General Inspectors.

ARTICLE 120.

The Delegates of each Center are the officers of the General Inspection and they will not obey other authority than that of the

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General Delegates and the Inspectors representing the Order; never the Presidents.

ARTICLE 121.

The branches, the Centers and the Delegations which may be founded in small localities, will be under the direct dependence of the Head-Center or of the Inspection, even if only one Delegation exists.

ARTICLE 122.

No branch or Center or any Delegation can legally function if it has not made a regular request of the General Inspection and if it has not satisfied its rights of admission and the requisites demanded by the Constitution of the Order.

ARTICLE 123.

No member of the Order, no matter of what degree, can belong to any secret association, sectarian or political.

ARTICLE 124.

The Masonic Order, legally constituted and recognized by the government of the nation where the member resides, are excepted.

ARTICLE 125.

The member discovered serving another association will be immediately expelled from the Order, and the decree of the Inspection will be published in the Official Journal of the Order, to the end that the Delegates of all countries take notice.

ARTICLE 126.

The same expulsion will happen to members who become guilty of treason to the Order and they will lose all inherent rights and titles of their rank.

ARTICLE 127.

Members who would not obey these General Regulations will be suspended, the first time from all work, and if they repeat, will be eliminated from the Order. The General Inspectors and the General Delegates are charged with the execution of these present orders.

Given by US, GRAND MASTER OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF INITIATION, to our General Inspectors to be transmitted to those who have the right.

THE SOVEREIGN GRAND MASTER OF THE ORDER,
V. M. A. G. I.

THE GRAND CHANCELLOR,
Guru Babu-Ayat, M. S. C.

The Grand Secretary of the Supreme Council,
Guru J. Valous, M. S. C.

The General Inspector for the Supreme Council of the West,
Dr. A. Count de Sarak, M. S. C.

Special Envoy of the Supreme Council,
A. Mehm, M. S. C.

Lieutenant of the Grand Master,
L. B. Sadou, M. S. C.

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