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**Code of the Grand Council – Regulations &**  
**Royal Master Degree**

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**Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Ohio - CELL I**

**Answer the multiple choice questions by placing a letter in the answer space**

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOUND IN THE CODE OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASONS OF THE STATE OF OHIO - REGULATIONS SECTION**

1. Each Constituent Council in this Grand Jurisdiction shall be required to keep and preserve its Charter or Dispensation in a safe place within its reach and control, and no Constituent Council shall be permitted to open or close its Assemblies for any purpose whatever without such Charter or Dispensation or a \_\_\_\_\_ thereof being prominently displayed in the Council Hall.

- A. A PDF file copy
- B. Photostatic Copy
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2. \_\_\_\_\_ members of the Council, one of whom is qualified to preside, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. **(Place a letter in the answer space)**

- A. 9
- B. 3
- C. 6
- D. 10

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3. \_\_\_\_\_ are those called by vote of the Council, or by the Master at a Stated Assembly, or at his discretion in the interim, upon the giving of due and timely notice to all members of the Council of the time of the holding of such Special Assembly and the business to be transacted thereat. **(Place a letter in**

- A. Special Assemblies
- B. Degree Work Meetings
- C. Study Groups
- D. CEO Meeting

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4. TRUE OR FALSE: The business for which a Special Assembly is called shall be stated in the call, and no other business shall be transacted at such Special Assembly.  True  False

5. TRUE OR FALSE: Each Council shall provide in its By-Laws for at least two Stated Assembly in each calendar month. The Master, in his discretion, may dispense with the Stated Assemblies in July and August.  True  False

6. TRUE OR FALSE: No Companion shall be eligible to the office of Illustrious Master of a Constituent Council unless he has been elected and served as Conductor of Council or Principal Conductor of the Work in some Chartered Council, or has been appointed by the Grand Council or Grand Master as Deputy Master or Principal Conductor of the Work, and has served in such capacity in some Council Under Dispensation.  True  False

7. TRUE OR FALSE: The officers of Constituent Councils shall be chosen annually, by ballot at the first Stated Assembly in May. A majority of the ballots cast shall be necessary to elect.  True  False

True  False

8. The annual meeting of each Constituent Council shall be the first Stated Assembly in \_\_\_\_\_ and the installation of officers shall not be held before that date.

- A. July
- B. April
- C. August
- D. June

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9. The Recorder shall file in the Grand Council office a certificate of election of officers, as provided by the Grand Recorder, within \_\_\_\_\_ days of such election.

- A. 3
- B. 15
- C. 10
- D. 30

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10. Neither the Master, Deputy Master nor Principal Conductor of the Work may \_\_\_\_\_ during their respective terms in office except for reasons satisfactory to and with the consent of the Council and Grand Master, and no other officer may resign during his term in office except for reasons satisfactory to and with the consent of the Council.

- A. Serve in another Council
- B. Resign
- C. Go on vacation

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11. TRUE OR FALSE: No officer may demit while in office or become a petitioner for a new Council except for reasons satisfactory to and with the consent of the Council and Grand Master.

True  False

12. Officers of Constituent Councils shall be installed at the first Stated Assembly in \_\_\_\_\_ or within one hundred days thereafter.

13. The officers of a Council must be \_\_\_\_\_ at a tiled Assembly of the Council or, with the consent of the Council, at an Assembly to which guests who are not Select Masters may be invited.

14. TRUE OR FALSE: Guests who are not Select Masters may not participate in any manner in the ceremony of installation.

True  False

15. Any \_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_ shall be competent to install the officers of a Constituent Council when in the line of his duty, or when properly requested to do so.

- A. Companion OR guest speaker
- B. Present OR Past Master
- C. Brother OR Royal Arch Mason

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16. All officers, when installed, shall retain their respective offices until their successors have been duly \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Elected and installed
- B. Asked to preside
- C. Served as Chaplain

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17. TRUE OR FALSE: No officer may be installed until the Recorder shall have certified, under seal of the Council, that he has received the degree of Royal and Select Mason. Such certificate shall be spread in full upon the minutes and transmitted to the Grand Recorder.

True  False

18. TRUE OR FALSE: The Illustrious Master of each Constituent Council shall preside at all its sessions, direct the transaction of its business and the conferring of degrees, determine its order of business, supervise and direct the work of its officers, decide questions of Masonic law and procedure, have charge of the Dispensation or Charter, attend all Grand Assemblies of the Grand Council in person or by proxy, appoint, unless otherwise provided, all committees, and to do, in conformity with Masonic law and usage, all things necessary for the proper government of the Council over which he presides.  True  False

19. His decisions are \_\_\_\_\_ to the Council or to discussion unless with his consent or permission.

- A. not subject to appeal
- B. overturned by majority vote
- C. under review by management
- D. to be totally ignored

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20. TRUE OR FALSE: He may, when present and responsible therefore, permit any competent Companion to preside or to confer degrees.  True  False

21. In his absence, the \_\_\_\_\_ or in his absence, the Principal Conductor of the Work, shall preside.

- A. Council Chaplain
- B. Council Recorder
- C. Deputy Master
- D. Meeting cannot be held

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22. TRUE OR FALSE: He may for cause be suspended or removed from office by the Grand Master or the Grand Council, but not by, nor may charges be preferred against him, in a Constituent Council.

True  False

23. When an amendment to a By-Law is adopted by a Constituent Council, the Recorder shall submit in triplicate to the Grand Recorder a True copy thereof, with a certificate under seal of the Council showing date of submission, that due notice was given to members, that it lay over until the next Stated or later Assembly, date of adoption, and that it received the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ or more of those present and entitled to vote. **(Please insert letter in blank space).**

- A. 1/2
- B. 3/4
- C. 2/3
- D. None of the above

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24. No Constituent Council shall confer the degrees for a \_\_\_\_\_ than the amount fixed by its By-Laws for conferring same, which shall not be less than the minimum prescribed in the By-Laws of this Grand Council. The fee must in all cases accompany the petition.

- A. new candidate
- B. reinstated companion
- C. less sum
- D. None of the above

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25. No \_\_\_\_\_ fee shall be charged or collected for the Super Excellent Master Degree.

26. The return to a candidate, before or after receiving the degrees, of any part of the fee, or any donation by a Constituent Council for the purpose of conferring the degrees, either "gratuitously" or for a less sum than that prescribed in the By-Laws of the Council, \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. is prohibited
  - B. right thing to do
  - C. subject to appeal
- \_\_\_\_\_
27. TRUE OR FALSE: A Royal Arch Mason who has received the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in a Jurisdiction exercising control over these degrees, must regularly petition for and receive the degrees in a regular Council of Royal and Select Masters, paying the fees prescribed therefore, before he can be eligible to sit in a Council of Royal and Select Masters or be eligible to receive the degree of Super Excellent Master or to sit in a Council of that degree in Ohio.  True  False
28. No Council shall receive the petition of a candidate for the degrees who is not in good standing in \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Blue Lodge and Commandery
  - B. both Lodge and Chapter
  - C. can petition for Council only
  - D. any of the above
- \_\_\_\_\_
29. TRUE OR FALSE: The Council may receive and act upon the petition of a Master Mason in good standing who has regularly petitioned a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, but will wait for one year before conferring the Council degrees upon said petitioner unless he shall have received within six months from the date of his Council petition the Royal Arch Degree.  True  False
30. No Constituent Council shall receive the petition of a Companion who has been rejected by another Council within \_\_\_\_\_ after such rejection without the unanimous consent of the Council which rejected him.
- A. does not matter
  - B. get him while you can
  - C. three years
  - D. none of the above
- \_\_\_\_\_
31. TRUE OR FALSE: The objection and the date thereof shall be entered on the minutes of the Assembly at which time it is made, without the name of the objecting Companion.  True  False
32. An objecting Companion shall not be questioned as to his reasons for objecting, but may \_\_\_\_\_ state them, either orally or in writing, to the Council, at any Stated Assembly thereof.
33. The Council is not bound to commit itself to the reasons assigned by the member, but may judge the \_\_\_\_\_ of any and all reasons so assigned.
34. If, in its opinion, the same are insufficient, the Council may, by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote of all present, except the objector, taken as the presiding officer may direct, overrule the objection and proceed to confer the degrees upon such candidate.

**35. TRUE OR FALSE: An objection, whether original or renewed, shall remain in force for one year only from the date of such objection or renewal of objection, unless sooner removed either by voluntary withdrawal of same by the objector or the death, demission, suspension or expulsion of the objector.**  True  False

**36. Membership in a Council is voluntary. A member in good standing and not in arrears for dues nor under or subject to charges of unmasonic conduct, may petition for and \_\_\_\_\_, and until he again affiliates, he voluntarily renounces all claims to the benefits of Cryptic Freemasonry.**

- A. can join other councils
- B. get his money back
- C. receive a Demit
- D. Any of the above

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**37. TRUE OR FALSE: An application for a demit must be made by the member desiring it, either orally in open Council at a Stated Assembly, or in writing, duly signed by the applicant and presented at a Stated Assembly, and shall be entered in the minutes.**  True  False

**38. When a demit has been issued and lost, the Companion shall not be entitled to receive a \_\_\_\_\_, but the Recorder of the Council issuing the demit shall, upon request of such Companion, issue to him a certificate, under seal of the Council, showing that such demit had been issued.**

- A. Duplicate Demit
- B. monetary refund
- C. membership petition

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**39. TRUE OR FALSE: The minutes of a Constituent Council shall follow a form approved by the Grand Recorder and the names and official titles of the officers (either actual or pro tem) present at each Assembly, also the names of distinguished Companions, visitors and members in attendance, should appear therein.**  True  False

**40. At each Stated Assembly of a Constituent Council within this Jurisdiction, the minutes of the preceding Stated and intervening Special Assemblies must be read and approved \_\_\_\_\_ signed by the presiding officer and duly attested by the Recorder.**

- A. In Open Council
- B. Before Council Opens
- C. By the Deputy Master
- D. None of the above

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**41. TRUE OR FALSE: A Companion under suspension for non-payment of dues may, at any time before an entry of indefinite suspension for non-payment of dues has been ordered against him, restore himself to good standing without further action by the Council, by payment of all delinquent dues, plus the dues for the current year and such an additional amount, not exceeding fifty cents as the Council may fix by its By-Laws.**  True  False

42. On proper petition by the suspended Companion, presented at a Stated Assembly and laid over for action at the next or a subsequent Stated Assembly, indefinite suspension for unmasonic conduct may be removed at the pleasure of the Council pronouncing the sentence by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote, by ballot, of the members present.

- A. 2/3
- B. 3/4
- C. 1/2
- D. Unanimous

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43. A Select Master indefinitely suspended by his Lodge or Chapter for non-payment of dues, or either definitely or indefinitely for unmasonic conduct, is thereby suspended from all rights and benefits of Council membership until he shall be restored or reinstated by the \_\_\_\_\_ which suspended him.

- A. His home Council
- B. Lodge or Chapter
- C. Grand Lodge OR Chapter

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44. Any Council which, by reason of local conditions, is unable to confer the degree, may arrange to have officers and Companions come from other Councils to assist it to confer the degree.

True  False

45. With the approval of the \_\_\_\_\_, the degree of Super Excellent Master may be conferred by two or more Councils forming a composite cast.

- A. Grand Master
- B. Grand Recorder
- C. Arch Inspector
- D. Grand Council

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46. Each participating Council will receive credit for conferring the degree if \_\_\_ members of that Council, including three officers, are in attendance. **(Spell out the number in the blank).**

47. TRUE OR FALSE: The ritual of the Order of the Silver Trowel, conferred under the auspices of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, successor to the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree, portrays a lesson of importance to presiding and past presiding officers of Constituent Councils, and unless otherwise provided by this Grand Council, Masters and Past Masters of Constituent Councils may hold membership in the Order.

True  False

48. The Distinguished Achievement Award may be presented annually to \_\_\_\_\_ Ohio Companion who has demonstrated distinguished service to the Cryptic Rite in Ohio. **(Spell out the # in the blank)**

49. Each recipient of the Distinguished Achievement Award shall be recognized at all Council Assemblies with the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Masonic Public Grand Honors
- B. Grand Honors of Masonry
- C. Recognized by his standing
- D. Any of the above

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50. Disciplinary Regulations for the handling of charges of unmasonic conduct of a companion are found where in the Code of The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of the State of Ohio?

- A. Section D – Disciplinary Regulations
- B. Section C – Constitution
- C. Section B – By-Laws
- D. Section R – Regulations

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**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS CAN BE FOUND IN THE ROYAL MASTER RITUAL**

51. The change from the Select Master to the Royal Master Degree may be done by the Master who opened the Select Master Degree or the Master who will confer the Royal Master Degree.

True  False

52. TRUE OR FALSE: Adoniram prepares the candidate in the First Section of Royal Master Degree by divesting them of their coats and causing them to roll up their shirt sleeves. He clothes each of the candidates with the apron of a Select Master.

True  False

53. How many candlesticks are on each side of the table of the Table of Sacred Vessels in the Royal Master Degree?

- A. 7
- B. 10
- C. 5
- D. None of the above

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54. The five-branched candle holder may have candles in place for added effect.

True  False

55. The Altar of Incense and the "altar of gold" are the same.

True  False

56. The Shewbread shall be two piles of six loaves, which represent:

- A. The 12 months in a year,
- B. The 12 tribes of Israel,
- C. The 12 Apostles of Jesus
- D. None of the above

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57. In the Royal Master Degree chalk, crayon or heavy pencil, a rule, square, and large drawing compasses are located on the \_\_\_\_\_.

58. TRUE OR FALSE: The Small Pedestal in the Royal Master Degree is to be place near the station of the Principal Conductor of the Work as a repository for the Holy Vessel presented by the candidate.

True  False

59. The Gible team may carry the table vessels in, if desired.

True  False

60. When the candidate arrives at the table, he should be placed:

- A.... Facing the sidelines.
- B.... Facing the room.
- C.... It makes no difference.
- D.... Whichever is the most convenient.

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61. After K.S. and H.K.T. have examined the vessel; H.A. says, "This is a beautiful piece of work. etc.etc." Who is he speaking to:  
 A.... K.S. and H.K.T.  
 B.... The candidate and Adon.  
 C.... He is stating his own thoughts to himself. \_\_\_\_\_
62. Holy Vessel is then placed on the pedestal by \_\_\_\_\_, who then takes his seat.  
 A. The Candidate  
 B. His Guide  
 C. Hiram Abiff  
 D. None of the above \_\_\_\_\_
63. YES or NO: Must Hiram Abiff uncover for his prayer?  Yes  No
64. A team of Giblites must be used for this degree.  True  False
65. When H.A. addresses the candidate the second time, Adoniram should remain at his side.  
 True  False
66. YES or NO: Does Hiram Abiff return to the Altar on his way to the East after addressing Adoniram about Death?  
 Yes  No
67. For the second section of the Royal Master Degree, Azariah prepares the candidates by replacing their coats and clothing each with the apron of a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. New Master Mason  
 B. Most Excellent Master  
 C. Royal Arch Mason  
 D. No Apron Allowed \_\_\_\_\_
68. TRUE OR FALSE: Hiram Abiffs station remains vacant. Have Red Scarf on east side of altar.  
 Yes  No
69. When K.S. says: "... so the wing of one touched the one wall"; which side of the Cherubim touches the wall first? North side or South side \_\_\_\_\_
70. During the obligation in the Royal Master degree the Giblites drop their hands when King Solomon says, " \_\_\_\_\_ "  
 A. "It's time to drop your hands"  
 B. "Furthermore I promise to obey oath"  
 C. "to the same as I am"  
 D. Hands drop when lead Giblite clicks \_\_\_\_\_
71. After the obligation, the candidate should "kiss the Bible" in token of his sincerity.  
 True  False
72. When K.S. and H.K.T. attempt to form the "Living Arch" of the R.A.M.; how many broken triangles are formed? **(Please place a # in the blank)** \_\_\_\_\_
73. When explaining the "Grip of a Royal Master" it does not matter where K.S. and H.K.T. are standing, as long as they are clearly visible to the candidate  True  False

74. When K.S. points down to the broken triangle, he should use his: **(Please place a letter in the blank)**

- A.... Right forefinger
  - B.... Left forefinger
  - C.... Whichever is the most convenient
  - D.... Whichever the candidate can see the easiest
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75. TRUE OR FALSE: "The obligation of this degree was imparted to you within the protection of the extended wings of the Cherubim". This is to remind you that he who comes to seek Divine Truth symbolized by the true Word, should begin by placing himself under the protection of that Divine Power from whom alone Truth can be obtained.  True  False

76. The Sign of a Royal Master is given by raising the arms over the head, hands resting on the top of the head, crown or turban, palms down, fingers interlaced.  True  False

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS CAN BE FOUND ROYAL AND SELECT RITUAL**

77. The object which is sought in the conferring of ritualistic degrees is to inspire the candidate with the beauties and virtues of the \_\_\_\_\_ underlying the ritual.

- A. Fundamental Truths
  - B. Friendship Circle
  - C. Secret Vault
  - D. All of the above
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78. Of course, the ritual must be memorized; it must be \_\_\_\_\_, not read, and every effort made to attain as nearly as possible a letter perfect rendition.

79. Only the three Great Lights are to be placed upon the \_\_\_\_\_, with the Square and Compasses arranged as in the Master Mason Degree.

80. True or False. The lesser lights are not used in Council.  True  False

81. True or False: The three lights on each pedestal of the first three officer's stations are lit only during the work in the Select Master Degree.  True  False

82. Each pedestal must be draped with a purple covering reaching at least halfway to the floor, And a \_\_\_\_\_ must be on each pedestal.

83. During the opening of a Council; the knocks (raps) are given only \_\_\_\_\_ closing the door.

84. TRUE OR FALSE: The battery is given in three series of nine each, with no pause between Master, Deputy Master, and the Principal Conductor of the Work; pause only at the completion of each series of public grand honors.  True  False

85. TRUE OR FALSE: During the Select Master opening the C. of C. salutes the Master after he opens the Bible.  True  False

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