

**The Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Ohio**  
**CRYPTIC EDUCATION LEADERSHIP and LEARNING**  
**RESOURCE TRAINING COURSE**

**C.E.L.L. III**

**Code of the Grand Council:**  
**Constitution, Rules of Order, Bi-Laws,**  
**Ceremonies**

**Super Excellent Master Degree**

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

1. Whereas this Grand Council recognizes the ancient usage's and landmarks of Freemasonry and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio; that the degrees of the Cryptic Rite are complementary to and explanatory of the Symbolic degrees and the Royal Arch Degree \_\_\_\_\_

2. No members of the Grand Council, except the \_\_\_\_\_ officers of Constituent Councils, may be represented by proxy.

- A. First to arrive
- B. First three
- C. Recorder

3. This Grand Council shall not, except for the performance of ceremonial duties, be opened, nor shall business be transacted therein, unless there be present duly accredited representatives from at least \_\_\_\_\_ of the Chartered Councils; but a smaller number may meet and adjourn from day to day until a constitutional quorum shall be present.

- A. Two Thirds (2/3)
- B. One Half (1/2)
- C. One Quarter (1/4)
- D. One Third (1/3)

4. Each member of this Grand Council shall be entitled to one vote in his own right, and no more, unless he holds the proxy of one or more of the first three officers or shall have been designated as the representative of a Constituent Council.  True  False

5. Vacancies in Grand offices shall be filled by the \_\_\_\_\_ until the next Annual Grand Assembly.

- A. Grand Recorder
- B. Grand Master
- C. Grand Council
- D. None of the above

6. The Grand Master or his proxy, or any Companion having attained the rank of \_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_ of a Constituent Council, shall be competent to act as Installing Officer to install any Grand Officer or officer of a Constituent Council, when in the line of his duty, or when properly requested so to do.

- A. Brother OR Master Mason
- B. Excellent OR High Priest
- C. Master OR Past Master
- D. Master OR Deputy Master

7. Any objection to the installation of a Grand Officer-elect must be stated in a \_\_\_\_\_ with the reason therefore, but unless such objection is sustained by a majority of the members present and eligible to vote, the installation shall proceed.

- A. Grand Recorder Letter
- B. Hand Written Letter
- C. Tiled Grand Assembly
- D. Objections not permitted

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8. All degrees shall be conferred at least \_\_\_\_\_ in each fiscal year by each Constituent Council in the Jurisdiction.

- A. Monthly
- B. Twice
- C. Once
- D. None of the above

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9. A Constituent Council shall consist of not fewer than \_\_\_\_\_ Royal and Select Masters.

- A. Fifty One
- B. Thirty Two
- C. Twenty Seven
- D. Enough to open

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10. Every Constituent Council shall be represented at each Annual Grand Assembly of the Grand Council by its Steward, Past Master and Principle Conductor of the Work or their proxies.

True  False

11. Every petitioner for the degrees of Royal and Select Master, or for membership by affiliation in a Constituent Council, shall be a member in good standing in both a legal Lodge of Master Masons and a legal resident in the Ohio jurisdiction.

True  False

12. A 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 \_\_\_\_\_ the Council degrees upon said petitioner unless he shall have received within six months from the date of his Council petition the Royal Arch degrees.

- A. May not confer
- B. Should not confer
- C. Can immediately confer

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13. A Council may confer the distinction of Past Master upon any Royal and Select Master, not a member of such Council, who has rendered long and eminent service to Cryptic Freemasonry.

True  False

14. Honorary membership does not confer the right to vote or hold office and there shall be no obligation to pay dues.

True  False

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

15. During the hours of business the members are required to keep their seats and observe strict order and decorum, and no member shall leave the hall without permission, or absent himself from the service of the Grand Council, unless he \_\_\_\_\_, or be sick and unable to attend.

- A. Has Permission
  - B. Is Hospitalized
  - C. On Vacation
- \_\_\_\_\_

16. No member shall speak more than \_\_\_\_\_ upon the same question, unless it be to explain, without permission of the Grand Master.

- A. Twice
  - B. Once
  - C. Three times while seated
  - D. As long as it takes for his satisfaction
- \_\_\_\_\_

17. When the Grand Master or presiding officer \_\_\_\_\_, all debate shall cease, and silence shall be observed. When the previous question has been moved and ordered, all further debate or amendment shall be precluded.

- A. Rises
  - B. Raps the Gavel
  - C. Waves his hands
  - D. Any of the above
- \_\_\_\_\_

18. No motion shall *be* entertained until it is \_\_\_\_\_, and no debate shall be had thereon until it is stated by the chair.

- A. Fully Discussed
  - B. Spread upon the minutes
  - C. Seconded
  - D. None of the above
- \_\_\_\_\_

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

19. Appointment of the \_\_\_\_\_: The Grand Master shall, immediately after his installation, appoint a Member licensed by the Supreme Court of Ohio to render advice to the Grand Council when called upon.

- A. Grand Recorder
  - B. Grand Chaplain
  - C. Grand Barrister
  - D. Grand Historian
- \_\_\_\_\_

20. Persons desiring to be heard on matters coming before any committee shall appear before such committee, at such time and place as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the particular committee shall direct.

21. The duties of such Grand Representatives shall be to exchange \_\_\_\_\_ and information and to promote harmony and proper fraternal relations between the Grand Councils.

- A. Written Correspondence
- B. Fraternal Greetings
- C. Assembly Details

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22. The Master and Recorder shall furnish every needed information and assistance to the Inspector in the performance of his \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. First Visit
- B. Unexpected Visit
- C. Official Duties
- D. All of the above

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23. The Grand Master shall appoint an Illustrious Companion of proven ability and dedication who is recommended by the Inspector of each Arch to serve under the direct supervision and authority of that Arch Inspector as Association President.  True  False

24. The appointment shall be for one year only with no assurance of further appointment or election to office. A Companion may serve a maximum of three consecutive years as an Adjutant.  True  False

True  False

25. The Master, Deputy Master and Principal Conductor of the Work of a Constituent Council may each appoint a member of his Council as his \_\_\_\_\_ to the Grand Council.

26. Thirty cents per mile, and no more, for each mile traveled going thereto, to be estimated by the nearest and most direct traveled automobile route from the location of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. His Home
- B. Starting Point
- C. His Council
- D. Any of the above

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27. The fiscal year of this Grand Council shall begin on June 1 and close with the following May 31.  True  False

True  False

28. The Recorder of each Constituent Council shall make full annual returns to the \_\_\_\_\_ upon the form provided by the Grand Recorder.

- A. Grand Recorder
- B. Grand Master
- C. Grand Council
- D. Grand Council Finance Committee

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29. A late filing fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be assessed a Council which fails to file its annual report in the Grand Council office by June 30.  True  False

True  False

30. The Recorder of each Council shall, \_\_\_\_\_ after making the annual returns to the Grand Council, spread a True copy thereof, excepting the "List of All Members," upon the minutes of the Council, or shall retain and preserve a full and complete copy thereof in a permanent form prescribed by the Grand Recorder.

- A. Within 15 Days
- B. Within 30 Days
- C. Within 45 Days
- D. After September 15

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31. Each Constituent Council, whether Chartered or under Dispensation, shall pay annually to this Grand Council for each advancement made therein during the preceding fiscal year of this Grand Council, ending May 31st ultimo, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ as Grand fees, which amount may, in the discretion of the Council, be added to the fee for advancement.

- A. 10 Dollars
- B. 8 Dollars
- C. 1 Dollar
- D. 5 Dollars

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32. Constituent Councils shall not be required to pay Grand dues on members who are eligible for the Ohio Grand Council Fifty-Year emblem prior to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. June 1, 1997
- B. April 1, 2000
- C. December 31, 1995

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33. Constituent Councils \_\_\_\_\_ be liable for Grand dues of Companions restored to membership after expulsion, suspension or dropping from the rolls for any year in which such Council did not charge or receive dues from such restored member.

- A. Shall Not
- B. Shall pay and
- C. Should not have suspended the Companion and it must

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34. Constituent Councils shall fix by their By-Laws the fee for advancement to the Royal and Select Master Degrees, which fee shall not be less than \_\_\_\_\_ and shall in all cases accompany the petition.

- A. One Dollar
- B. Ten Dollars
- C. Fifteen Dollars
- D. Five Dollars

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35. The fee for the degrees may in no case be \_\_\_\_\_ or donated by the Council.

36. \_\_\_\_\_ may be charged with for the honorary degree of Super Excellent Master.

- A. Full Fees
- B. One Fee
- C. No Fees
- D. None of the above

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37. The By-Laws of each Council shall designate the amount of dues so assessed, which shall not be less than \_\_\_\_\_, and the time for payment thereof shall be at the Annual Stated Assembly in June of each year, which shall be sufficient notice to each member.

- A. Eight Dollars
- B. Fifteen Dollars
- C. One Dollar
- D. Five Dollars

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38. Dues shall be payable in advance.

True  False

39. It shall be the imperative duty of the Master at a Stated Assembly to cause the Recorder to enter as "Suspended" every member who is in arrears for dues for \_\_\_\_\_ after the time fixed in the By-Laws of Council for payment.

- A. One Year
- B. Six Months
- C. Four Months

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40. If the dues of such suspended member are not paid or remitted within \_\_\_\_\_ month's \_\_\_\_\_, it shall be the imperative duty of the Master to cause the Recorder to enter such suspended member as "Indefinitely Suspended for Non Payment of Dues."

- A. One Month Thereafter
- B. Six Months Thereafter
- C. Four Months Thereafter

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41. A Constituent Council shall not assess annual dues against a member while he is under sentence of either expulsion or indefinite suspension.

True  False

42. Fifty-year members who were eligible to receive the Grand Council fifty-year emblem prior to June 1, 1997, may not be assessed annual dues, although they may voluntarily submit the annual dues of the Council.

True  False

43. The Grand Council of Ohio shall maintain a \_\_\_\_\_, hereafter referred to as the "Fund."

- A. Endowed Membership Fund
- B. Life Membership Fund
- C. Cheer List Fund

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44. When two or more Councils consolidate, the Grand Council Finance Committee shall transfer on the record, the remaining fees received for Life Membership to his new Council providing the dues of the affiliated body are the same.

True  False

45. The apron is not to be worn by either the officers or workers in the degree work of the several degrees when in costume, except it shall be provided otherwise in the ritual.

True  False

46. To each Constituent Council 6 copies of the ritual of the degrees of Royal and Select Master and 8 copies of the ritual of the degree of Super Excellent Master shall become the property of said Council.

True  False

47. Degree Monitors may be purchased by Constituent Councils or a companion in good standing, from the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Grand Master
  - B. Grand Council
  - C. Grand Recorder
  - D. Sale is not authorized
- \_\_\_\_\_

48. Each \_\_\_\_\_ of a Constituent Council shall be responsible during his term of office for the safekeeping of the ritual books given into his custody. As the Master may direct, the Recorder shall loan such rituals to the officers and degree workers of the Council. For each ritual so issued, the Recorder shall take a "Receipt for Temporary Loan of Ritual," which forms are supplied without charge from the office of the Grand Recorder.

49. It shall be the duty of the \_\_\_\_\_ to see that all amendments to the rituals are securely attached in their proper places in the ritual books.

50. All rituals shall be \_\_\_\_\_ to the Inspecting Officer at each annual inspection.

- A. Produced and Exhibited
  - B. Hidden, not given
  - C. Carried by hand
- \_\_\_\_\_

51. No officer shall loan any ritual to any other officer or Companion without first securing a receipt upon the form provided for temporary loans, which shall also bear the written approval of the Master.  True  False

52. No Constituent Council shall receive instruction in the rituals except from its own members or from the Grand Officers or \_\_\_\_\_ appointed by authority of this Grand Council.

53. The \_\_\_\_\_ is responsible for the proper instruction of all officers of his Council in the rituals of the several degrees, and his accountable to the Grand Council for the enforcement of strict conformity to the authorized rituals at all times.

- A. Recorder of each Council
  - B. Chaplain of each Council
  - C. Council Education Officer
  - D. Master of each Council
- \_\_\_\_\_

54. The \_\_\_\_\_ in their current condition have no value to the Grand Council. It should be noted that there will be no further distribution of the hardbound rituals.

55. The Royal Master, the Select Master and the Super Excellent Master Degrees must be conferred, or exemplified, in accordance with the rituals herein authorized by each Constituent Council at least \_\_\_\_\_ in each fiscal year and by each Council under Dispensation before such Council shall be eligible to receive a Charter.

- A. Once
  - B. Twice
  - C. Specific number not required
- \_\_\_\_\_



56. Not less than \_\_\_\_\_ Royal and Select Masters, in good standing, desiring to form and organize a new Council under Dispensation, may unite in a petition to either the Grand Councilor the Grand Master, praying for permission and a Dispensation so to do, and such petition shall be in the form prescribed by this Grand Council, and shall, with all other necessary blanks, be furnished by the Grand Recorder.

- A. One Hundred
- B. Fifty
- C. Thirty Three
- D. Twenty Seven

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57. No Constituent Council within this Jurisdiction shall become a separate entity.

True  False

58. The officers of this Council shall be a Master, Deputy Master, Principal Conductor of the Work, Treasurer, Recorder, Captain of the Guard, Conductor of Council, Steward and Sentinel. They shall be elected in May and shall be installed at the first Stated Assembly in \_\_\_\_\_ or within one hundred days following.

59. Each Master, when installed, shall appoint a Committee on Finance consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ members of this Council, to serve for the year. It is the duty of this committee to examine and report upon all bills and demands presented to this Council for payment.

- A. Five
- B. Two
- C. Three

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60. Each Master, when installed, shall appoint a Committee on \_\_\_\_\_, consisting of three members, whose duty it shall be to assist the Recorder in the collection of dues of delinquent members, personally interviewing such members, not merely curtly demanding payment, but urging attendance and activity and showing to the delinquent that his absence is regretted more than his delay of payment. The Committee shall also inquire into the reasons for which members are asking demits.

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

61. It is the prerogative, as well as the duty, of every retiring Master to see that his successor is properly trained.

True  False

62. The Grand Master should never be formally introduced. He is to be announced (for instance, on entering the Secret Vault, "The Grand Master is about to enter," whereupon the Master calls the Companions to their feet) and should always be received with the Grand Honors, escorted to the Master's station in the East, and the \_\_\_\_\_ by the Master's permission.

- A. Gavel surrendered to him
- B. Council is asked questions
- C. Grand Honors extended again

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63. The titles of officers of the Cryptic Rite are not alike in all Grand Jurisdictions. Hence, before introducing a distinguished Companion from another Grand Jurisdiction, the committee should be careful to ascertain the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Companion and of the office which he holds or has held.

- A. Past Office
- B. Proper Title
- C. Proper Age
- D. None of the above

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**THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS CAN BE FOUND IN THE SEM RITUAL:**

64. True or False: In the SEM degree, the only displays permissible on the Altar are the Three Great Lights.  True  False

65. In SEM degree, the instant rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner", is begun, all wearing head covering of any kind should\_\_\_\_\_.

66. True or False: SEM in Section three - Part Two, Court of Zedekiah Scene: The altar is used in this section.  True  False

67. For the opening of this degree the officers are to be in the same locations as in the Royal and Select Master Degree opening?  True  False

68. In the opening, the officers form a triangle at the altar and the Twenty Companions form a circle around them. They all kneel on left knee, uncover, right elbow resting on right knee, head resting on right hand.  True  False

69. The Bible should be opened and the G.L. displayed before the opening prayer is given?  True  False

70. The presiding officer may decide whether the full form or short form opening will be used to open the S.E.M. Degree?  True  False

71. The companions forming the emblems may remain in the anti-room and enter when called upon to form the emblems?  True  False

72. At the conclusion of the obligation, all candidates should kiss the Bible?  True  False

73. Demonstration of the emblems is not required?  True  False

74. The emblems of this degree are the square, level and plumb.  True  False

75. The four angles of the square symbolize the four \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Horsemen
- B. Cardinal Virtues
- C. Seasons
- D. Tribes of Israel

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76. The triangle teaches the three great virtues:  
 A. Money, Fame and Power  
 B. Faith, Hope  
 C. Charity  
 D. Both B and C \_\_\_\_\_
77. The circle is an emblem of \_\_\_\_\_
78. Officer Aprons and jewels should be worn with costumes.  True  False
79. The line of march may end in a straight line from north to south, west of the altar, or two parallel lines, facing each other, between the altar and the east.  True  False
80. After the Chaplain has concluded the prayer, he positions the G.L. on the Altar.  True  False
81. The Obeisance in the Jewish Court:  
 Deep bow from hips with hands and arms fully extended.  True  False
82. The Obeisance in the Babylonian Court:  
 Place right hand over heart with a slight bow.  True  False
83. The degree must always conclude with the "Circle of Friendship"  True  False
84. This degree may be closed by proclamation?  True  False
85. The SEM degree may be portrayed in its entirety for the public being called Jerusalem the Holy City.  True  False

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