

## **Constitution of The High Council Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis**

As amended through November 6, 2021

NOW, in consequence with the provisional Act of Constitution of April, 1880, and Affirmative Act of September 21, 1880, the Amendments passed subsequently, The High Council does hereby, in the exercise of its functions and its powers, ordain the following:

### **THE HIGH COUNCIL**

**Section 1. TITLE.** The supreme governing body of the Society of Rosicrucians shall be styled "THE HIGH COUNCIL, SOCIETAS ROSICRUCIANA IN CIVITATIBUS FOEDERATIS," and declares itself entirely independent, established on its own basis; and as a Society is in no way connected with any other institution, saving and excepting that its members shall be selected from Christian Master Masons in good and regular standing.

**Section 2. CONVOCATIONS.** The High Council shall hold Annual Convocations at such time and place as the Supreme Magus shall determine, and Special Convocations at his call.

**Section 3. COMPOSITION OF THE HIGH COUNCIL.** The High Council shall be composed of all members of the Third Order (VIII Grade and IX Grade only).

**Section 4. OFFICERS.** The elected officers of the High Council shall be the Supreme Magus, Senior Deputy Supreme Magus, Junior Deputy Supreme Magus, Treasurer General, and Secretary General. The following officers shall be appointed by the three "Ruling Magi" (i.e., the Supreme Magus, Senior Deputy Supreme Magus, and Junior Deputy Supreme Magus):

1. First Ancient 16. Third Herald
2. Second Ancient 17. First Acolyte
3. Third Ancient 18. Second Acolyte
4. Fourth Ancient 19. Third Acolyte
5. Fifth Ancient 20. High Prelate
6. Sixth Ancient 21. Editor
7. Seventh Ancient 22. Webmaster
8. Preceptor 23. Director of Foreign Relations
9. Conductor of Novices 24. Legal Counsel
10. Director of Ceremonies 25. Fiscal Consultant
11. Torch Bearer 26. Minister of Music
12. Medalist 27. Planning Director
13. Guardian of the Caverns 28. Deputy Treasurer General
14. First Herald 29. Deputy Secretary General
15. Second Herald 30. Director General of Studies

**Section 5. ELECTIONS.** The Supreme Magus, Senior Deputy Supreme Magus, Junior Deputy Supreme Magus, Treasurer General, and Secretary General shall be elected triennially.

**Section 6. ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE.** Any member who has attained the Eighth Grade is eligible to hold office in the High Council.

**Section 7. VOTE AND VOICE.** All members of the High Council shall have one (1) vote only and voice in elections and questions brought before it: Provided, however, that the Ritual and matters pertaining thereto shall be solely and exclusively within the purview and under the control of the three Ruling Magi.

**Section 8. QUORUM.** Five (5) members of the High Council, including at least one (1) of the three Ruling Magi, shall constitute a Quorum of the High Council.

**Section 9. TITLES.** Members of the Society are known as Fratres and are recognized by the following titles:

Most Worthy: The Supreme Magus and all Supreme Magi Emeriti;

Right Worthy: All Fratres of the Third Order;

Very Worthy: All Fratres of the Second Order; and

Worthy: All Fratres of the First Order

**Section 10. NINTH GRADE.** The Supreme Magus, Senior Deputy Supreme Magus, Junior Deputy Supreme Magus, Treasurer General, Secretary General, and Chief Adept of a College shall be elevated to the Grade of Magus (IX°) by virtue of the offices held by them. All Grades shall be *ad vitam*, and therefore shall not cease should an office incumbent cease to hold office.

**Section 11. POWER TO VISIT.** Any of the three Ruling Magi shall have the right and power to visit, inspect and preside over all Colleges. Every Third Order Member shall have the right to visit all Colleges and, with pre-approval by the Chief Adept or Celebrant of the College to be visited, any Frater may visit any College.

**Section 12. VACANCIES IN OFFICE.** Should vacancies occur due to death, resignation, removal from the jurisdiction, or other cause for an incumbent not to serve or complete his elected term, the Supreme Magus shall fill such vacancy by appointment for the remainder of the term of the office vacated. Such appointment(s) shall be subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the High Council at its first Convocation thereafter, Annual or otherwise. The preceding sentence notwithstanding, in case of a vacancy in the office of Supreme Magus, the Senior Deputy Supreme Magus, by virtue of his office and rank, shall immediately succeed to the office of Supreme Magus, with all the rights, powers, and privileges thereunto belonging: and in like manner the Junior Deputy Supreme Magus shall thereupon succeed as Senior Deputy Supreme Magus. A Supreme Magus thus created shall complete the triennial term of his predecessor, and may be elected to a triennial term of his own. He shall serve until his successor is elected and installed in office.

**Section 13. EMERITUS MEMBERS.** Emeritus Membership may be granted when a member is no longer able to attend due to no fault of his own. Emeritus membership shall not exceed ten (10) per College, unless specifically approved by the Supreme Magus. Emeritus Members shall not be counted against the membership limitation but they are subject to per capita dues and assessments and shall be included in the Annual Report to the High Council. Emeritus Members shall have all rights of full membership including the right to vote, but will not hold office in a College. The retiring Supreme Magus at the end of his term will immediately assume the title Supreme Magus Emeritus.

**Section 14. HONORARY MEMBERS.** Honorary Membership may be conferred by the High Council or by the Supreme Magus upon distinguished Fratres of other Rosicrucian Societies recognized by the High Council.

**Section 15. GRADE DESIGNATIONS.** Full membership in any Grade shall be designated by Roman Numerals following the name. Honorary membership shall be designated by an Arabic numeral following the name. Such numerals shall be followed by the "degree" symbol (°).

**Section 16. EXPENDITURES.** No contract to bind the High Council for the payment of funds of the High Council shall be entered into unless approved by the Supreme Magus or by the affirmative vote of the High Council. The Treasurer General shall pay all bills approved by the Supreme Magus or, when the contract is approved by the High Council, by the Secretary General.

**Section 17. SEE AND OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS.** The See of the Society shall be at the city of residence of the Supreme Magus and all printed official documents shall originate from said city:

Provided, however, that the Supreme Magus may, in his discretion, issue Edicts, Decrees, and other documents from other than his place of residence.

**2 3 Section 18. POWERS AND DUTIES OF SUPREME MAGUS.** the Supreme Magus, together with the Senior Deputy Supreme Magus and the Junior Deputy Supreme Magus, shall form the Executive Head of the Society in its jurisdiction. The Supreme Magus shall preside over all Convocations of the High Council and, at his pleasure, over all Colleges of the Society, which he shall favor with his presence. He shall have power to call Special Convocations of the High Council, specifying the business to be laid before it, whenever a majority of the three Ruling Magi shall deem the good of the Society requires it. He shall be punctilious in observing that the Constitution and Edicts of the High Council are strictly executed. He may, with the consent of the majority of the other Ruling Magi, issue Dispensations for the organization of Colleges during the recess of the High Council in any country, state or geographical region in which there is no supreme governing body exercising Rosicrucian jurisdiction and to confer in person or by delegated authority the several Grades by communicating the secret ritualistic work of the Society upon those who are to become members, to be returned at the succeeding Annual Convocation, at which time a Charter may be issued by the High Council. He shall serve as Chief Adept of Supreme Magus College. The Supreme Magus, may, at his pleasure, create members of the Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis "at sight," regardless of where they may reside. Such members shall immediately become members of Supreme Magus College.

The Supreme Magus generally shall have power and authority to do and perform all such acts as he may deem necessary for the best interests of Rosicrucianism and which are not contrary to the Constitution and Rituals of the Society. In addition to the foregoing, his prerogatives and duties shall include without limitation the following:

(a) To maintain a watchful supervision over the High Council and each of its constituent and subordinate Colleges; to see that the Constitution of the Society and its enactments are duly and promptly obeyed; that the work and rituals are uniform; and that the insignia of rank are those prescribed by the High Council.

(b) To remove any officer of the High Council or of any constituent or subordinate College when, in his opinion, such officer has failed to perform the duties of his office or when, in his opinion, such officer has conducted himself in a manner not in keeping with the philosophy and tenets of the Society.

(c) To fill all vacancies which may occur among the appointive Officers of the High Council, who serve at the will and pleasure of the Supreme Magus, and in accordance with Section 12, fill vacancies among the Ruling Magi, Treasurer General, and Secretary General of the High Council whenever such vacancies may occur.

(d) To appoint all committees authorized by the Constitution or to create such *ad hoc* committees as he may deem necessary and proper, and to change the membership thereof at his will and pleasure.

(e) To visit, inspect and preside over any constituent or subordinate College.

(f) To grant Dispensations to constituent Colleges to do and perform such acts as he may deem necessary and proper and which are not otherwise contrary to the Constitution, Resolutions and Rituals of the Society.

(g) To rescind the rank and title of Knight Grand Cross of the Society should the recipient prove unworthy to hold it, by conducting himself in a manner not in keeping with the philosophy and tenets of the Society.

Nothing herein shall be construed as a limitation of the general grant of authority set forth herein.

**Section 19. DUTIES OF THE SENIOR DEPUTY SUPREME MAGUS AND JUNIOR DEPUTY SUPREME MAGUS.** The Senior Deputy Supreme Magus and the Junior Deputy Supreme Magus shall assist the Supreme Magus in an executive capacity. During any temporary absence from the Country or inability of the Supreme Magus to discharge the duties of his office, the Senior Deputy Supreme Magus shall act, and in the absence or inability of both the aforesaid officers, the Junior Deputy Supreme Magus shall assume the duties incumbent thereupon. 4 **Section 20.**

**DUTIES OF THE TREASURER GENERAL AND DEPUTY TREASURER GENERAL.** the Treasurer General shall submit at each Annual Convocation of the High Council, a general and detailed account of all monies received and disbursed by him. He shall faithfully keep the funds received into his custody in a bank account in the name of the Society, and pay out such monies only upon approval by the Supreme Magus, or by the Secretary General in payment of an appropriation authorized by the High Council. He shall be assisted in these duties by the Deputy Treasurer General acting under his supervision.

**Section 21. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL.** The Secretary General shall keep a record of all the work, deliberations, and transactions of the High Council, and transcribe the same in a book kept for that purpose. He shall keep a copy of all letters and communications emanating from the High Council, and attest and seal, as the case may be, every order, mandate, or act of that Body. Every Diploma, Brief, or Letters Patent issued by the High Council shall be attested by his signature and the Seal of the High Council. He shall furnish all Colleges in the jurisdiction with a blank return form in duplicate four (4) weeks before June 30 each year. He shall receive all monies due the High Council and transmit the same to the Treasurer General. He shall be the custodian of the Archives. He shall be assisted in these duties by the Deputy Secretary General acting under his supervision.

**Section 22. THE DUTIES OF THE ANCIENTS.** In addition to their ceremonial duties, the Ancients shall act as aides to the Supreme Magus, Senior Deputy Supreme Magus, Junior Deputy Supreme Magus, Treasurer General, and Secretary General.

**Section 23. DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF STUDIES.** The Director General of Studies shall do and perform such duties and projects as assigned by the Supreme Magus.

**Section 24. DUTIES OF OTHER OFFICERS.** The other officers shall discharge such ceremonial duties pertaining to the constitution of Colleges, installation of officers, and conferring Grades on proper occasions, all under the direction of the three Ruling Magi.

**Section 25. DECLARATIONS.** All Declarations and Proclamations shall commence with the words, "In the Name I.N.R.I."

**Section 26. POWER TO CONFER GRADES.** The High Council reserves unto itself the right to confer any of the Grades of the Society. It may delegate that right to any Frater of the Third Order to be exercised in countries where no College has been founded or exists, and in the States and Territories of the United States, for the purpose of establishing bodies of the Society. When the High Council is in recess these powers may be exercised by the three Ruling Magi.

**Section 27. REVENUE.** The revenues of the High Council shall be as follows:

- ☐ Dispensation for Charter (to be refunded if Charter is not granted including set of rituals)
- ☐ Per Capita on each College initiate
- ☐ Fee for Eighth Grade
- ☐ Fee for Ninth Grade
- ☐ Per capita on each member as of June 30

The amount of these revenues shall be such as approved by the High Council at an Annual Convocation and shall be set forth in a Special Resolution. A copy of this Resolution shall be mailed to each College Secretary within 2 months of its adoption.

The Supreme Magus shall have the authority to lower or dispense with Grade fees or per capita payments for any Frater or College if he shall deem it expedient.

**Section 28. DISPENSATIONS FOR ELECTIONS.** If for any cause the Annual Convocation or election in a College has not been held on or before June 30 in each year, any of the three Ruling Magi may grant a dispensation for lawfully convening such College and holding an election therein to correct such failure.

**Section 29. KNIGHT GRAND CROSS.** The rank and title of Knight Grand Cross (KGC), the highest award of The High Council, may be conferred under the following regulations:

(a) To be considered for this honor, a Frater must have attained the grade of Magus (IX°). 5 (b) Upon the election of any officer of the High Council of the SRICF, he will be presented the KGC following his installation into office, unless he is a current holder of the same. His patent and jewel (breast star) are presented at no cost to him. Should a death or vacancy occur in the elected line, and an appointment made to fill such vacancy, the same shall apply, with the KGC being presented at the installation of the new officer so appointed by the Supreme Magus.

(c) Additional Knights Grand Cross may be nominated by any KGC member of the High Council, but must have the approval and authorization of the Supreme Magus. The Supreme Magus must give his approval, either orally, or in writing to the Secretary General before any KGC may be awarded. The patent and jewel are presented at no cost to the recipient(s). The Secretary General shall maintain a list of both "active" and "honorary" KGC members.

(d) The total number of active KGC is limited to twenty and four (24); not counting elected officers of the High Council, Supreme Magi Emeriti or dignitaries of Masonic Orders (honorary) who are created KGC by the Supreme Magus. Thus, these are not counted toward the total of 24. The Investiture of KGC is performed by the Supreme Magus, or by a member of the High Council whom he so designates.

(e) The jewel of a KGC is worn on the left side of the recipient's dress coat or centered at the bottom of his SRICF officer collar.

(f) No more than six (6) active KGC of the SRICF may be awarded in any Triennium.

**Section 30. COMMITTEES.** Upon his accession to office, in accordance with Section 18 (d), the Supreme Magus shall appoint the following standing committees: Finance and Jurisprudence. Any member of the High Council may serve on a committee. The Supreme Magus is an *ex officio* member of all committees. The duties of the standing committees are:

(a) Finance. This committee shall prepare an annual budget and shall serve as a committee to conduct a financial review of the books of the Treasurer General and Secretary General. The committee shall oversee the investments and interest-bearing assets of the High Council.

(b) Jurisprudence. This committee shall advise the Supreme Magus of his actions with regard to this Constitution, as well as advise the Supreme Magus as to the constitutionality of any actions, motions, or resolutions brought before the High Council, and shall coordinate representation on behalf of the High Council in any litigation brought against it in court.

(c) *Ad hoc* committees shall perform such duties as the Supreme Magus may direct in conformity with the usual duties of such committee and in compliance with this Constitution.

**Section 31. JEWEL, COLLAR, and COLLARETTE REGULATIONS**

(a) The jewel of office for the Supreme Magus shall be a Black Calvary cross (3" X 2") encrusted with a gold rose at the end of each arm, with a white enameled lozenge having a red cross of equal arms in center, surmounted by a celestial crown, suspended from a red velvet collar, on each side of which are embroidered three gold roses.

(b) The jewel of office for the Senior Deputy Supreme Magus, Junior Deputy Supreme Magus, Treasurer General, Deputy Treasurer General, Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General shall be the same as above without crown. The collar shall have two embroidered gold roses on each side.

(c) SUPREME MAGUS, IX° - A white enameled lozenge (1 ¾" X 1 ¼") with a red cross of four arms (1 ¼" X 1"), surmounted by a miter bearing the word LUX, suspended from a bar with elongated sides by a red ribbon.

Senior Deputy Supreme Magus, Junior Deputy Supreme Magus, Treasurer General, Deputy Treasurer General, and Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General same as above, except bar is regular.

(d) High Council Appointed Officer, same as above. The collar shall have one embroidered gold rose on each side and a lozenge of gold with a red cross thereon is suspended from it. 6 (e) Chief Adept (not a High Council officer) - Red collarette from which is suspended a white lozenge with a red cross thereon.

(f) MAGUS – Grade IX° – same as above, suspended from a red ribbon with mitre thereon.

(g) MAGISTER – Grade VIII° – same as above without mitre and suspended with a yellow ribbon (metal-gold).

(h) SECOND AND FIRST ORDERS – Grades I° thru VII°, same as above except green ribbon (metal-silver). Roman numerals may, at the College's discretion be added in the center of the ribbon to denote the Frater's attained Grade.

**Section 32. COLLEGES TITLE AND JURISDICTION.** Subordinate organizations in this Society shall be known as "Colleges" of which not more than one (1) shall be located in any State, Territory or other political subdivision of similar nature without the consent and approval of the College or Colleges already therein existing.

**Section 33. ORGANIZATION.** For the organization of a College of the Society, at least three (3) Fratres of the Seventh Grade, in good standing, must petition the High Council, through the Supreme Magus, for a Charter. If the High Council is not in Convocation, the Supreme Magus, or the Senior Deputy Supreme Magus who is acting as Supreme Magus, may issue a Dispensation, which shall be effective until the first Convocation of the High Council thereafter. The petition must be accompanied by the fee prescribed by Resolution of the High Council.

**Section 34. OFFICERS.** The College shall be styled and take rank as follow:

1. Chief Adept 10. Conductor of Novices
2. Celebrant 11. Organist
3. Suffragan 12. First Herald
4. Treasurer 13. Second Herald
5. Secretary 14. Torch Bearer
6. First Ancient 15. Guardian of the Caverns
7. Second Ancient 16. Acolyte
8. Third Ancient 17. Librarian (optional)
9. Fourth Ancient 18. Prelate

The Chief Adept, Treasurer and Secretary are appointed by the Supreme Magus, upon his installation, for a three (3) year term, at the end of which each shall be considered to have tendered his resignation. Each may be re-appointed by the next Supreme Magus for another three (3) year term. Each is subject to removal by the same authority or by the High Council. The Celebrant, Suffragan, and four Ancients shall be elected each year at the Annual Convocation by ballot, and a majority of votes cast shall constitute election. The remaining officers shall be appointed by the Chief Adept. All the officers, if possible, shall be inducted into office the day of the election. To be eligible for offices above that of First Ancient, a Frater must have attained

the Seventh Grade. All officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and installed.

**Section 35. MEMBERSHIP LIMIT.** A College shall consist of not more than seventy-two (72) active members, who shall have voice and vote in the matters pertaining to the College, so far as such matters pertain to the rank of the Frater. See Section 13 regarding Emeritus members.

**Section 36. CANDIDATES.** No aspirant shall be admitted to membership in a College unless he is a Master Mason in good standing, of good moral character, intelligent, possessed of a mind free from prejudice and anxious for instruction, and of the Christian Faith.

The name of the aspirant shall be submitted to the Chief Adept for scrutiny by the College Advisory Council not less than ten (10) days prior to the College Convocation. Unanimous consent of the College Advisory Council shall be necessary for admission to the College and the grades of the First Order. Written or oral objection by any member of the College Advisory Council made to the Chief Adept shall be sufficient cause for withdrawal of the nomination for membership.

**Section 37. THE THREE ORDERS.** Colleges shall be empowered, but not required, to confer the four Grades of the First Order, which are ZEALATOR (I°), THEORICUS (II°), PRACTICUS (III°), and PHILOSOPHUS (IV°), and also the three Grades of the Second Order, which are ADEPTUS MINOR (V°), ADEPTUS MAJOR (VI°), and ADEPTUS EXEMPTUS (VII°). The two Grades of the Third Order, which are MAGISTER TEMPLI (VIII°) and MAGUS (IX°), are official Grades and conferred exclusively by the High Council. The Fratres of the Third Order are all members of the High Council.

**Section 38. QUORUM.** Not less than five (5) Fratres shall constitute a quorum in the First Order and not less than three (3) Fratres shall constitute quorum in the Second Order, provided at least one of those present is the Chief Adept, Celebrant or Suffragan.

**Section 39. CONVOCATIONS.** Each College shall hold an Annual Convocation prior to June 30. A collation at the Annual Convocation is obligatory.

**Section 40. MOTTO.** Every Frater shall, on admission in a College, select a Latin motto which will be registered with the Secretary General by the Secretary of the College with the Annual Return. Should it appear that the motto has been previously selected by another Frater in that College, another motto must be selected. After the motto is once registered by the Secretary General it shall not afterwards be changed under any pretext.

**Section 41. FEES.** The minimum fee for conferring the Grades of the first two Orders shall not be less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), however; a College may impose a greater fee if approved by the High Council.

**Section 42. RIGHT OF ADVANCEMENT.** Candidates elected to the First or the Second Order shall be eligible for all the Grades of such Order. Appropriate procedures and requirements for advancement from the First Order to the Second Order or from Grade to Grade shall be determined by the Chief Adept. Procedures and requirements should be accomplished for the personal development of the individual candidate and be in keeping with the tenets and precepts of Rosicrucianism.

**Section 43. SUPREME MAGUS COLLEGE.** Supreme Magus College is designated as a holding College for States and Territories where no College exists. The Supreme Magus is the Chief Adept, and the Secretary General is the Secretary. Dues and Fees for membership shall be set at the will and pleasure of the Supreme Magus, but cannot be lower than the minimum amount set by statute. All members of the Order made "at sight" shall become members of Supreme Magus College, regardless of where they reside. Supreme Magus College shall not be subject to limitation as to the number of its members.

#### **DUTIES OF OFFICERS OF COLLEGES**

**Section 44. CHIEF ADEPT.** He shall have the general superintendence of all affairs pertaining to the College, and shall preside at all Convocations thereof. He shall appoint all committees and serve ex officio as chairman of the same. He shall discharge all the duties prescribed for him by the Constitution, Ordinances, Regulations, Rituals, and usages of the Order. The Chief Adept upon his appointment by the Supreme Magus shall appoint a College Advisory Council consisting of at least three Third Order Members belonging to the College. In the case of a Chief Adept serving in that capacity for multiple Colleges he will appoint at least three from each College he oversees. The Chief Adept has veto power of any and all proposals for membership. In the absence of the Chief Adept, the Celebrant shall preside, and thereupon have equal authority as if he were Chief Adept, subject to appeal to the Chief Adept and to the High Council. The presiding officer may convene the College at any time he may deem necessary.

**Section 45. CELEBRANT AND SUFFRAGAN.** They shall respectively discharge the several duties prescribed for them in the Ritual of the Order. In the absence of the Chief Adept the Celebrant shall preside, and thereupon have equal authority as if he were Chief Adept, subject to appeal to the Chief Adept and to the High Council. In the absence of the Chief Adept and Celebrant, the Suffragan, for the time being, shall preside.

**Section 46. TREASURER.** He shall receive into his custody all funds, and pay them out only upon a written warrant signed by the Secretary and countersigned by the Chief Adept, or subject to such specific regulations as may be adopted by the College. His accounts shall be audited at the Annual Convocation by the four Ancients.

**Section 47. SECRETARY.** He shall convene the College by written notification to all the Fratres at least ten (10) days prior to the Convocation date. He shall submit to the Chief Adept the names of all nominated aspirants for his distribution to the College Advisory Council. He shall keep the minutes of the Convocations of the College, and shall register all members, their mottoes, and dates of admission to each Grade. He shall receive all revenue of the College, including, but not limited to, fees, dues and subscriptions, and pay it over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same. His accounts shall be audited at the Annual Convocation by the Ancients. He shall, within ten (10) days after the Annual Convocation, transmit a certificate of the election of officers of the College to the Secretary General of the High Council, with the post office address and telephone number of the Chief Adept and Secretary. He shall prepare an annual return to the High Council, in duplicate, embracing the transactions for the fiscal year ending the 30th day of June, and shall state the Latin motto for each new Frater. He shall forward one (1) copy of the annual return to the Secretary General on or before the 1st day of August in each year, and file the other copy in the archives of the College. He shall act under the direction of the Chief Adept.

**Section 48. FOUR ANCIENTS.** They shall assist their superiors in all matters of Ritual and ceremony, and instruct their Fratres in the science and philosophy of Rosicrucianism.

**Section 49. CONDUCTOR OF NOVICES.** He shall examine and prepare all aspirants and conduct them in accordance with the forms of the Ritual.

**Section 50. FIRST AND SECOND HERALDS.** They shall generally assist the Conductor of Novices, as provided in the Ritual and ceremonies. They shall see that proper silence and order are observed, and that the caverns are protected from the unworthy.

**Section 51. GUARDIAN OF THE CAVERNS.** He shall have charge of the entrances of the caverns and generally supervise the Acolyte in his relation thereto, and shall strictly enforce the duty of tiling the several Orders.

**Section 52. ACOLYTE.** He shall act as an outer guard, under the immediate direction of the Celebrant, through the Guardian of the Caverns. He shall likewise have the care of all the properties, paraphernalia, and furniture of the College, and shall set them forth and remove the same as occasion may require and as directed by the Celebrant.



**Section 53. OTHER OFFICERS.** Other officers shall discharge their duties in accordance with the provisions of the Ritual.

**Section 54. DISCIPLINE.** All Fratres of the Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis shall be amenable to discipline in the Colleges to which they severally belong. Any member disciplined may appeal to The High Council within six (6) months, where sentence may be revised: Provided, however, that pending such final action, the penalty imposed by the College shall remain in full force and effect. Any College within the State shall have jurisdiction over a non-affiliate residing in such State.

**Section 55. COLLEGE DISSOLUTION.** If any College under this Jurisdiction be temporarily interdicted or permanently dissolved, the officers thereof shall forthwith deposit their Dispensation or Charter, Ordinances, Regulations, manuscripts and printed papers, monies, and properties appertaining to the College with the Secretary General, who shall deposit the same for safe-keeping in the Archives or in the Society's treasury, as the case may be.

**Section 56. JURISDICTION.** A College cannot lawfully receive an application from a candidate residing within the jurisdiction of another College without consent thereof, and any action taken without first obtaining such consent shall be void.

Aspirants residing in States or Territories in which no College has been formed shall be under the exclusive jurisdiction of Supreme Magus College, and no College may receive applications from such aspirants without first obtaining a written waiver of jurisdiction issued through the Secretary of Supreme Magus College by the Supreme Magus at his pleasure.

A candidate rejected by a College having jurisdiction over him may not be received in any other College without first obtaining the consent of the College by which he was rejected.

No College or Frater shall recognize as a Rosicrucian any person whose residence is within the jurisdiction of the High Council, who shall hereafter, while so residing, receive the Grades in some other jurisdiction, without having first obtained the consent of the College having jurisdiction over him, or of one of the three Ruling Magi of the High Council.

**Section 57. ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS.** Colleges may form and adopt "Ordinances" and "Regulations" for their government not inconsistent with the Constitution, Regulations, and Rituals adopted by the High Council, but a copy of all such "Ordinances and "Regulations" must, upon their adoption, forthwith be filed with the Secretary General for examination and approval by one of the Ruling Magi. The governing laws of Colleges must be by "Ordinance" or by "Regulation".

#### **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP CONSIDERATIONS**

##### **Section 58. DUAL/PLURAL MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER.**

(a) A Frater may belong simultaneously to multiple Colleges, provided he is in good standing in his primary College. The Frater must be approved for dual membership by the College Advisory Council of each College to which he applies for membership. He shall be subject to the ordinances and annual dues of all Colleges to which he belongs. An application for dual membership must be completed by the Frater for each College of which he wishes to become a member.

(b) A Frater, upon removing to a different state or College jurisdiction, may apply to the College in that state or jurisdiction for transfer to it provided he is currently in good standing in his original College and that his transfer will not result in the membership of the College to which he transfers exceeding 72 active members or ten emeritus members.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

**Section 59. AMENDMENTS.** Amendments to this Constitution must be proposed in writing by any member of the High Council in good standing.

- (a) All proposed amendments must be submitted to the Secretary General, who will in turn submit them to the Jurisprudence Committee for their inspection and ruling.
- (b) Upon a favorable ruling by the Jurisprudence Committee, the proposed amendments shall be submitted to the three Ruling Magi for their perusal.
- (c) This Constitution shall not be amended except by the consent of a majority of the Fratres of the High Council duly assembled in a regular or special Convocation.