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SCOTTISH RITE
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

No. M 14.55
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OF

DEGREES, BODIES AND OFFICERS

OF THE

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite

TO BE USED HEREFTER IN THE

Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

DECREE OF MARCH 15, 1879.

CHARLESTON.

20 ADAR,

5639.



IN DEO FIDUCIA NOSTRA.

GR. OR. OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA:

20th day of Adar, A. M. 5639.

15th March, 1879, V. E.

BY THE GRAND COMMANDER OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL FOR
THE SOUTHERN JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES :

UNTO all Dignitaries, Officers, Bodies and Free-Masons
of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the said Juris-
diction :

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KNOW YE, That the Propositions for simplification of titles
advised by the Grand Commander and published with
the Transactions of the Session of 1878, having been sub-
mitted to vote of the Inspectors-General, in accordance
with the Statutes, in Vacation, and the giving of votes
thereon having been, after ample notice to all who had
not voted, closed on the 10th of March, 1879, the result of
the vote is that all of the said propositions have been
adopted.

There being twenty-six members of the Supreme Council, twenty-four have given their votes; those not voting being Bros.: Mackey and Barber.

Upon what propositions the vote was unanimous, upon which and by whom negative votes were given, by whom and in what cases no vote was given, and what suggestions were made by Brethren, will appear by the notes appended to the statement of titles for each Body of the Rite.

Upon the following question the vote is ayes, 22: nays, 2.

“Shall the Grand Commander compare and collate the votes, opinions and suggestions, declare the result of the whole, and promulgate the decree?”

UPON consideration whereof and comparison of such votes, opinions and suggestions, it is by the Grand Commander DECREED:

That the Titles following, of Bodies, Degrees and Officers, shall be hereafter exclusively used in the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, that is to say:

IN THE LODGE OF PERFECTION.

DEGREE IV.

SECRET MASTER.

Venerable Master.

Ayes, 23.—*Note 1.*

Brother Adoniram, or, Brother Inspector.

Ayes, 24.—*Note 2.*

And in every case, in this and other degrees, where no other epithet is prescribed, the word "Brother" alone shall be prefixed to the official title, as, "Brother Senior Warden," "Brother Master of Ceremonies."

Ayes, 24.

DEGREE V.

PERFECT MASTER.

Venerable Master.

Ayes, 23.—*Note 3.*

Wise King Solomon.

Ayes, 20.—*Note 4.*

Powerful King Khirūm.

Ayes, 20.—*Note 5.*

DEGREE VI.

INTIMATE SECRETARY.

Wise King Solomon.

Ayes, 23.—*Note 6.*

Powerful King Khirūm.

Ayes, 22.—*Note 7.*

DEGREE VII.

PROVOST AND JUDGE.

Venerable Chief Provost and Judge.

Ayes, 23.—*Note 8.*

DEGREE VIII.

INTENDANT OF THE BUILDING.

Venerable Master Intendant.

Ayes, 23.—*Note 9.*

DEGREE IX.

ELU OF THE NINE.

On this title of the Degree:

Ayes, 24.

Venerable President.

Ayes, 23.—*Note 10.*

Wise King Solomon.

Ayes, 21.—*Note 11.*

DEGREE X.

ELU OF THE FIFTEEN.

On this title of the Degree:

Ayes, 24.

Venerable President.

Ayes, 23.—*Note 12.*

Wise King Solomon.

Ayes, 20.—*Note 13.*

DEGREE XI.

ELU OF THE TWELVE.

On this title of the Degree:

Ayes, 24.

Venerable President.

Ayes, 23.—*Note 14.*

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| Brother Senior Warden. | Ayes, 24. |
| Brother Junior Warden. | Ayes, 24. |
| Wise King Solomon. | Ayes, 20.— <i>Note 15.</i> |
| Powerful King Khirūm. | Ayes, 19.— <i>Note 16.</i> |

DEGREE XII.

MASTER ARCHITECT.

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| On this title of the Degree : | Ayes, 24. |
| Venerable Master. | Ayes, 23.— <i>Note 17.</i> |
| Brother Senior Warden. | |
| Brother Junior Warden. | Ayes, 24. |

DEGREE XIII.

ROYAL ARCH OF SOLOMON.

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| Venerable Master. | Ayes, 23.— <i>Note 18.</i> |
| Venerable Warden. | Ayes, 23.— <i>Note 19.</i> |
| Brother Inspector. | Ayes, 24. |

DEGREE XIV.

PERFECT ELU.

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| On this title of the Degree : | Ayes, 23.— <i>Note 20.</i> |
| Venerable Master. | |
| Brother Senior Warden. | |
| Brother Junior Warden. | On each, ayes, 24. |

Omit "Grand" and "Sublime" every where in the preceding Degrees.

Ayes, 22.—*Note 21.*

NOTES.

IV.

1.—Insp.: Dawkins suggests "Provincial Master," reserving "Venerable Master" for the 14th Degree.

2.—Insp.: Collins prefers "Bro.: Adoniram." Insp.: Toombs prefers "Brother Inspector." Insp.: Carr prefers "Brother Inspector."

V.

3.—Insp.: Dawkins suggests "Excellent Master."

4.—Insp.: Batchelor, Hubbard, Caswell and Lawson suggest the omission of "Wise."

5.—The same Inspectors suggest the omission of "Powerful." But these are epithets of the kings who figured in the drama; and they are used because one king is the Symbol to Masons of the Divine WISDOM, and the other of the Divine POWER.

Insp.: Batchelor, Webber and Frankland suggest "Hiram," as a more familiar name. The Ritual corrects the name every where. It is not *Hiram*, but *Khîrum*, pronounced *Khîroom*.

VI.

6.—Insp.: Batchelor suggests omission of "Wise."

7.—Insp.: Batchelor suggests omission of "Powerful;" and, with Insp.: Frankland, retention of "Hiram."

VII.

8.—Insp.: Dawkins suggests omission of "Provost and Judge."

VIII.

9.—Insp.: Dawkins prefers "Respectable Master," and would omit "Intendant."

IX.

10.—Insp.: Dawkins suggests "Respectable President."

11.—Insp.: Batchelor, Hubbard, Caswell and Lawson suggest omission of "Wise."

X.

12.—Insp.: Dawkins suggests "Respectable."

13.—Insp.: Batchelor suggests omission of "Wise."
Insp.: Hubbard, Caswell and Lawson, not understanding why King Solomon is made secondary, do not vote on this. It is an epithet of the king, in the drama.

XI.

14.—Insp.: Dawkins suggests "Respectable."

15.—Insp.: Batchelor, Hubbard, Caswell and Lawson suggest omission of "Wise."

16.—The same Inspectors suggest omission of "Powerful;" and Insp.: Batchelor and Frankland, "Hiram."

XII.

17.—Insp.: Dawkins prefers "Ingenious Master."

XIII.

18.—Insp.: Dawkins prefers "Honored Master."

19.—Insp.: Dawkins prefers "Brother Warden."

XIV.

20.—Insp.: Carr, preferring the old name, votes "No."

21.—Insp.: Carr votes "No." Insp.: Collins, overlooking it, does not vote.

IN THE COUNCIL AND CHAPTER.

DEGREE XV.

KNIGHT OF THE EAST.

Eminent Tarsata.

Ayes, 22.—*Note 22.*

Excellent High Priest.

Excellent Scribe.

On each, ayes, 24.

“The Great King,” and, “O King!” instead of “Sovereign Master.”

Ayes, 24.

Master of Cavalry.

Master of Infantry.

Master of the Chancery.

Master of the Finances.

Omit the word “Prince,” every where.

On each, ayes, 24.

DEGREE XVI.

PRINCES OF JERUSALEM.

Eminent Tarsata.

Ayes, 21.—*Note 24.*

Excellent High Priest.

Excellent Scribe.

Omit “Most Enlightened,” “Illustrious,” “Valiant,” &c., every where.

On each, ayes, 24.

DEGREE XVII.

KNIGHT OF THE EAST AND WEST.

Venerable Preceptor.

Brother Senior Warden.

Brother Junior Warden.

On each, ayes, 24.

DEGREE XVIII.

KNIGHT ROSE CROIX.

On this title of the Degree:

Ayes, 24.

Wise Master.

Ayes, 22.—*Note* 24.

Venerable Senior Warden.

Venerable Junior Warden.

Omit "Valiant" and "Perfect," every where.

On each, ayes, 24.

NOTES.

XV.

22.—"Tarshatha" or "Governor" was proposed. The only Insprs. who elect between the two are, Insprs. Frankland and Carr, who prefer "Governor," and Insprs. Hubbard, Caswell and Lawson, who prefer "Tarshatha." The title is properly "Tarsata," equivalent to "Prefect."

XVI.

23.—Insprs. Frankland, Collins and Carr prefer "Governor." Insprs. Hubbard, Caswell and Lawson, "Tarshatha." The Grand Commander votes with the latter.

XVIII.

24.—Insprs. Todd and Fellows vote "No," being unwilling to abandon "Most Wise." Insp. Webber votes "Aye," but thinks it would be well to retain "Most Wise."

IN THE COUNCIL OF KADOSH.

DEGREE XIX.

PONTIFF.

On this title of the Degree:

Ayes, 24.

Venerable Pontiff.

Venerable Brother Warden.

Omit "Faithful and Wise."

Omit "Grand" in titles of Officers and Members.

On each, ayes, 24.

DEGREE XX.

MASTER OF THE SYMBOLIC LODGE.

On this title of the Degree:

Ayes, 24.

Venerable Master.

Omit "Grand" for Officers and Members.

On each, ayes, 24.

DEGREE XXI.

NOACHITE, OR PRUSSIAN KNIGHT.

Venerable Lieutenant Commander.

Brother Warden of the North.

Brother Warden of the South.

On each, ayes, 24.

Brother Knight of Eloquence, of the Chancery, of the Finances.

Ayes, 23.—Note 25.

DEGREE XXII.

KNIGHT ROYAL AXE, PRINCE OF LIBANUS.

Venerable Chief.

Brother Senior Warden.

Brother Junior Warden.

On each, ayes, 24.

DEGREE XXIII.

CHIEF OF THE TABERNACLE.

Venerable High Priest.

Excellent Priest.

Brother Levite.

On each, ayes, 24.

DEGREE XXIV.

PRINCE OF THE TABERNACLE.

Honoured Leader.

Venerable High Priest.

Excellent Priest.

Brother Levite.

On each, ayes, 24.

“Most Puissant” and “Puissant” will be entirely omitted.

DEGREE XXV.

KNIGHT OF THE BRAZEN SERPENT.

Honoured Leader.

Brother Captain of the Host (Joshua.)

Brother Chief of the Tribe of Yehudah (Caleb.)

Venerable High Priest.

On each, ayes, 24.

DEGREE XXVI.

PRINCE OF MERCY.

Venerable Chief.

All other Officers and Members, "Brother Senior Warden," &c.

On each, ayes, 24.

DEGREE XXVII.

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE.

Venerable Commander.

All others, simply "Brother Marshal," &c.

On each, ayes, 24.

DEGREE XXVIII.

KNIGHT OF THE SUN, ADEPT.

Father Adam.

All others, "Brother."

On each, ayes, 24.

DEGREE XXIX.

SCOTTISH KNIGHT OF ST. ANDREW.

On this title of the Degree:

Ayes, 24.

Venerable Master.

Excellent Prior.

Excellent Preceptor.

All others, "Brother."

Omit "Grand" every where.

On each, ayes, 24.

DEGREE XXX.

KNIGHT KADOSH.

Style of the Body in speaking of it, and on the Register, and every where except in the Letters of Constitution and records of the Body and within it, in its work, "Council of Knights Kadosh."

Title of the Body on its Records and in all its work, "Preceptory."

Ayes, 23.—*Note 27.*

Title of Dignitaries for the external world, "Commander," "First Lieutenant Commander," "Second Lieutenant Commander."

In its Letters of Constitution and records, and within it in its work,

Sir Preceptor.

Sir First Sub-Preceptor.

Sir Second Sub-Preceptor.

On each, ayes, 23.—*Note 27.*

Omit "Excellent," "Valiant," "Worshipful," "Worthy."

Address each Officer as "Sir," with his official title.

On each, ayes 24.

Utterly abolish the use of the uncouth phrase, "Sir Knight."

Ayes, 22: noes, 2.—*Note 28.*

Use the word "Sir" with both Christian and surname, or with the Christian name only; as, "Sir Allen Gray," "Sir John."

Ayes, 24.

With surname only, use "Messire."

Ayes 22: noes 2.—*Note 29.*

NOTES.

XXI.

25.—*Insp.*: Frankland suggests "Brother Orator," for "Brother Knight of Eloquence."

XXIX.

26.—Insp.: Dawkins votes to omit "Scottish."

XXX.

27.—Insp.: Todd and Fellows, objecting to any change in the name of the Body or in the titles of the Dignitaries, voted "No" on these five propositions: but Insp.: Todd, understanding that the changes were to obtain within the Body and in its work only, withdrew his objection.

28.—Insp.: Todd and Fellows, "No."

29.—Insp.: Todd and Fellows, "No."

DEGREE XXXI.

INSPECTOR-INQUISITOR.

On this title of the Degree:

Ayes, 21.—*Note 30.*

Venerable President.

Brother First Councillor.

Brother Second Councillor.

The "Marshal" instead of "Tiler."

Omit "Most Enlightened" every where.

On each, ayes, 24.

DEGREE XXXII.

MASTER OF THE ROYAL SECRET.

On this title of the Degree:

Ayes, 22: noes, 2.—*Note 31.*

DIGNITARIES OF GRAND CONSISTORY.

Venerable Grand Master of the Kadosh (*e. g.* of Maryland).

Brother Grand Prior of the Kadosh (*e. g.* of Iowa).

Brother Grand Preceptor of the Kadosh (*e. g.* California).

On each, ayes, 22: noes, 2.—*Note 31.*

Omit "Illustrious" every where.

Ayes, 24.

DIGNITARIES OF PARTICULAR CONSISTORY.

Venerable Master of the Kadosh, at (*e. g.* Washington).

Brother Prior of the Kadosh, at (*e. g.* Louisville).

Brother Preceptor of the Kadosh, at (*e. g.* St. Paul).

On each, ayes, 22: noes, 2.—*Note 31.*

Reverend Prelate.

Omit "Very Illustrious," "Illustrious," "Very Eminent," "Eminent," "Excellent" every where; and "Venerable" except for the Gr.: Master and Master.

On each, ayes, 24.

NOTES.

XXXI.

30.—Insp.: Carr desires to drop "Inspector" and use "Inquisitor" alone: Insp.: Frankland proposes to drop "Inquisitor:" Insp.: Dawkins proposes "Upright Magistrate."

XXXII.

31.—Insprs.: Todd and Fellows give the negative votes in regard to this Degree, being unwilling to change the old name and titles.

DEGREE XXXIII.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL.

On this title of the Degree:

Ayes, 22: noes 2.—*Note 32.*

Title of the Supreme Council: "The Supreme Council (Mother-Council of the World) of the Inspectors-General, Knights-Commanders of the House of the Temple of Solomon, of the 33d Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free-Masonry."

Ayes, 21: noes 3.—*Note 33.*

DIGNITARIES.

Venerable Grand Commander.

Ayes, 21: noes 3.—*Note 34.*

Venerable Lieutenant Grand Commander.

Venerable Grand Prior.

Brother Grand Chancellor.

Brother Grand Minister of State.

Brother Secretary-General.

Brother Treasurer-General.

Brother Grand Auditor.

Brother Grand Almoner.

Brother Grand Marshal of the Ceremonies.

On each, ayes, 24.

Omit "Sovereign," "Illustrious," "Most Puissant," "Puissant," "of the Holy Empire" and "H. E." every where.

Ayes, 21: noes 3.—*Note 35.*

Active Members: "Brother Inspector-General."

Emeriti: "Brother Emeritus Inspector-General."

Honorary: "Brother Honorary Inspector-General."

On each, ayes, 22: noes 2.—*Note 36.*

Address the BB.: as "*Inspectors*," and so style each in the Minutes and printed Transactions.

Ayes, 24.

NOTES.

32.—Insprs.: Todd and Fellows object to omitting the word "Grand" before Inspector-General.

33.—Insprs.: Todd and Fellows vote to prefix "Grand" to "Inspectors-General;" and they, and Insp.: Dawkins to omit "Knights-Commanders of the House of the Temple of Solomon."

34.—Insprs.: Todd, Fellows and Dawkins vote to retain "Sovereign," instead of "Venerable," before "Grand Commander."

35.—Insp.: Desaussure votes to retain "Sovereign" and "Illustrious;" on the rest, "Aye." Insprs.: Todd and Fellows vote to retain "Sovereign."

36.—Insprs.: Todd and Fellows vote to retain the word "Grand" before "Inspector-General;" and to entitle Active Members, "Brother Grand Inspector-General;" Emeriti, "Brother Inspector-General (Emeritus);" Honorary Members, "Brother Inspector-General (Honorary)."

COLLAR OR JEWEL.

"Shall the Collar be dispensed with in the Supreme Council, and only the Jewel and Grand Decorations, and the Grand Cross of the Court of Honour Jewel be worn?"

Ayes: Insprs.: Batchelor, Bowen, Bower, Buist, Collins, Dawkins, Desaussure, Fellows, Frankland, Long, Meredith, Mitchell, Morel, Parvin, Pike, Toombs and Tucker: 17.

Nays: Insprs.: Carr, Caswell, Hubbard, Lawson, Todd and Webber: 6.

All whereof is made known, that the decision of the Supreme Council may be observed and obeyed every where.

Given under my hand and the Seal of my Arms of Office.



Albert Pike



Gr.: Commander.





