

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF
THE STATE OF ALABAMA

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME, TITLE, AND AUTHORITY

Section 1. This Grand Chapter shall be known and hailed by the name and title of "The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama" (hereinafter referred to as the Grand Chapter). This Grand Chapter shall be legally referred to as: A non-profit corporation incorporated under the Alabama Non-Profit Corporation Act. The corporation shall have a corporate seal with such symbols, wording, and dates as are necessary for conducting the business of the Grand Chapter and as a corporation.

Section 2. The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama is the highest source of authority on Capitular Masonry in the State of Alabama. It shall have the sole governance and superintendence of all Royal Arch Chapters within the State of Alabama.

Section 3. All charters now existing or hereinafter issued to Subordinate Chapters in the State of Alabama are the property of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, which alone has the power to issue, arrest, annul, revoke, or amend such charters.

Section 4. At the opening of each annual or special assembly of The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest (hereinafter referred to as the Grand High Priest), who is also designated as the President of the non-profit corporation, shall make the announcement that this assembly of the The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama shall also be an annual or special meeting of the Directors of the Non-Profit Corporation of the same name, and the proceedings of the Grand Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama shall constitute the minutes of such annual or special meeting of the corporation Board of Directors.

Section 5. The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama shall have a residuary interest in all real and/or personal property now or hereafter acquired or vested in its Subordinate Chapters and the prior written approval of the The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama, acting by and through its first three principal officers is and shall be prerequisite to any valid sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge or other encumbrance of any such real and/or personal property by any Subordinate Chapter.

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama shall consist of the several officers as provided for in a subsequent Article of this Constitution. Likewise, all Past Excellent Grand High Priests of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter; all Past High Priest of the several Subordinate Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction, together with the current three principal officers (or their duly accredited proxies) of each Subordinate Chapter holding a charter from this Grand Chapter, all of whom must retain membership in said Subordinate Chapter.

Section 2. The first three officers of The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama, namely, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest(hereinafter referred to as the Grand High Priest), Right Excellent

Grand King (hereinafter referred to as the Grand King), and Right Excellent Grand Scribe(hereinafter referred to as the Grand Scribe), and their successors, shall constitute the Board of Directors, as provided in the Articles of Incorporation of The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama, as a non-profit Corporation under the laws of the State of Alabama, and shall function as such.

ARTICLE III. ASSEMBLIES

Section 1. The Annual Assembly of this Grand Chapter shall be held on the last Friday in February or the following Saturday following the last Friday in February, at such place as may be selected at the preceding Annual Assembly and if legal binding contracts with lodging vendors are in place, the location shall be determined relevant to those contracts. Where joint meetings are in effect the Grand Chapter shall adopt a system of opening first on a rotating basis (with the Grand Council opening first in 1989, the Grand Chapter in 1990, and the Grand Commandery in 1991, and this plan to be followed in subsequent years). In case of necessity, of which a majority of the elective officers of the Grand Chapter shall be the judge, the Annual Assembly shall be at such time and place as may be determined by the Grand High Priest. Thirty days written notice of said Assembly shall be given each chartered Subordinate Chapter by the Grand Recorder.

Section 2. Special Assemblies may be called by the Grand High Priest or in his absence or disability, the Grand King, or in his absence or disability, the Grand Scribe, shall have the power to convene the Grand Chapter whenever it may be necessary; and be bound to do so whenever requested in writing by not less than ten Subordinate Chapters. Thirty days written notice of said Assembly shall be given to each chartered Chapter by the Grand Recorder; and provided that only such business as is clearly stated in such call shall be transacted at a Special Assembly.

ARTICLE IV. QUORUM

Section 1. An Annual or Special Assembly shall not be held unless there is present representation from a majority of the chartered Subordinate Chapters.

Section 2. The Grand Chapter shall not be dissolved so long as three chartered Subordinate Chapters are willing to continue its organization.

ARTICLE V. GRAND OFFICERS--ELECTIONS AND INSTALLATION

Section 1. The officers of this Grand Chapter shall be:

- Most Excellent Grand High Priest
- Right Excellent Grand King
- Right Excellent Grand Scribe
- Right Excellent Grand Treasurer
- Right Excellent Grand Secretary
- Right Excellent Grand Chaplain
- Right Excellent Grand Marshal
- Right Excellent Grand Captain of the Host
- Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner
- Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain
- Excellent Grand Master of the Third Veil
- Excellent Grand Master of the Second Veil
- Excellent Grand Master of the First Veil
- Excellent Grand Sentinel

Who, (with the exception of the Excellent Grand Marshal, Excellent Grand Chaplain, and Excellent Grand Sentinel who shall be appointed by the incoming Grand High Priest) shall be elected at each Annual Assembly by ballot without nomination and shall require a majority of the votes cast for election, provided that by unanimous consent of the Assembly, any designated member of the Grand Chapter may cast the entire ballot of the Grand Chapter for any office.

Section 2. In the election of officers, and on all questions requiring a vote of this Grand Chapter, except on amendments or alterations to the Constitution, each chartered Subordinate Chapter shall be entitled to three votes. Each vote shall be represented by one or more Companions, and each elected Grand Officer. Each permanent member of the Grand Chapter shall have one vote. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for a decision.

Section 3. To be eligible for election to any office of this Grand Chapter, the companion shall have been regularly elected and installed as a High Priest in a subordinate Chapter. The offices of Grand Marshal, Grand Chaplain, and Grand Sentinel are appointed offices.

Section 4. No Companion shall be eligible to succeed himself as Grand High Priest.

Section 5. All Grand Chapter officers shall be installed at the Annual Assembly at which they are elected and shall hold office until their successors have been elected and installed. Any elected Grand officer who is unavoidably absent at the regular time of installation may be installed in a Subordinate Chapter under the direction of the Grand High Priest (or Past Grand High Priest appointed by him) who shall convene the Grand Chapter in Special Assembly for such installation. The minutes of this Special Assembly shall be taken either by the Grand Recorder or, in his absence, by a Companion appointed pro-tem as Grand Recorder. The minutes of such Special Assembly shall be included as part of the Annual Proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES AND POWERS OF GRAND OFFICERS

Section 1. The Grand High Priest shall convene the Grand Chapter as provided herein, and preside over its deliberations when present, but may call any member to the chair temporarily; shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for; shall perform such other duties as the nature of his station may require or the ceremonies and rituals of Capitular Masonry imposes; shall exercise the executive functions of the Grand Chapter when it is not in session and shall report all of his official acts to the next Annual Assembly, and such acts shall be subject to review and revision by the Grand Chapter. In the event of the death, absence, or disability of any Grand Officer(s) the Grand High Priest shall be empowered to advance or appoint (as appropriate) other officers to fill the vacant position(s).

Section 2. The Grand King shall perform such duties as may be required by the Grand Chapter or the Grand High Priest, and in the event of the death, absence, or disability of the Grand High Priest, he shall perform the duties and have all the powers and prerogatives of the Grand High Priest.

Section 3. In event of the death, absence, or disability of both the Grand High Priest and Grand King, these duties shall devolve on the Grand Scribe.

Section 4. The Grand Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds and securities of the Grand Chapter; shall pay all orders approved by the Grand Chapter and attested to by the Grand Secretary; shall keep an itemized record of all moneys received and disbursed by him, and shall submit such records and vouchers annually or oftener if requested by the Grand Chapter, or an accountant appointed by the Grand High Priest to audit same. He shall receive annually such sum as may be recommended by the Committee on Finance and approved by this Grand Chapter.

Section 5. The Grand Secretary shall attend all annual and special Assemblies of the Grand Chapter; keep a true and faithful record of the proceedings; furnish a copy thereof and superintend the publishing and distribution of the same no later than 7 months after the closing of the Annual Assembly; he shall keep a book in which he shall record a copy of all dispensations and charters issued by the Grand Chapter for the organization of new Subordinate Chapters; shall keep regular accounts with each Subordinate Chapters, receive all reports and collect all money due the Grand Chapter and pay them over to the Grand Treasurer. He shall perform such other duties and keep other records as the duties of his office may require, or as may be ordered by the Grand Chapter or the Grand High Priest. He shall have custody of the seal of the Grand Chapter and affix same to and attest all proper official papers and documents of the Grand Chapter; shall, prior to opening the Annual Assembly of the Grand Chapter, submit all receipts and other records of the financial transactions of the Grand Chapter to an accountant appointed by the Grand High Priest to audit the same. He shall receive

annually such sum as may be recommended by the Committee on Finance and approved by this Grand Chapter, and shall be entitled to the further sum of Ten dollars for each charter issued for the institution of each new chapter.

He shall see that the returns of subordinate Chapters, their dues and other contributions, be regularly made, and shall, on the first day of each Annual Convocation, and before the election of officers, report all delinquencies; he shall superintend the printing and publishing of all proceedings ordered by the Grand Chapter, and duly forward copies of the same of the Grand Chapters of other jurisdictions, and to the officers of this Grand Chapter, and to the High Priest, King and Scribe of each subordinate Chapter of this jurisdiction, and shall prepare in suitable form after each Annual Convocation, all changes to the Constitution and By-Laws, Edicts and Decisions, to be inserted in the loose-leaf Grand Chapter Manual in order to keep the same current, and he shall mail a copy of all amended inserts to each Grand Officers and Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapter, and to the High Priest, King and Scribe of each subordinate Chapter of this jurisdiction, and shall forthwith notify each subordinate Secretary that there are available copies for himself and the other officers of his Chapter not herein mentioned, subject to his request.

He shall perform such other duties as may be assigned him by this Grand Chapter; and on the first day of each Annual Convocation, shall present his account and vouchers for the inspection and approval of the Grand Chapter; and shall execute and file with the Grand High Priest, a bond, in such sum as shall be prescribed by the Grand Chapter from time to time, which bond shall be made in some guaranty company authorized to do business in Alabama, expense to be borne by the Grand Chapter, with such sureties as shall be approved by the Grand High Priest, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office.

Section 6. The duties of the remaining Grand Officers shall be such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations and such as may be allotted to them from time to time by the Grand Chapter or the Grand High Priest.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

Section 1. The newly elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter shall appoint the following STANDING COMMITTEES to serve for the ensuing Capitular year or at the pleasure of the Grand High Priest:

1. Credentials and Registration Committee.
2. Finance Committee.
3. Foreign Correspondence.
4. Jurisprudence Committee.
5. Ritualistic Work Committee.
6. Necrology Committee

The above standing committees shall each consist of 3 or more members, except the Foreign Correspondent Committee, which shall consist of only one member, and the Necrology Committee, which shall consist of the Grand Chaplain and / or two Past Grand High Priests.

Section 2. Any member in good standing in a Subordinate Chapter in Alabama is eligible to be appointed a member of a Committee.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of each Standing Committee to receive, consider, and report to the Grand Chapter at each Annual Assembly such matters as have been referred to it.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Grand High Priest may appoint such special committees as in his judgment would be in the best interest of this Grand Chapter. Special committees usually have few or no duties to perform except to

read a short report at the Annual Assembly of this Grand Chapter, which is done with love and affection for their membership in the Capitular Rite of Freemasonry.

ARTICLE VIII: SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

Section 1. A subordinate Chapter of Royal Arch Masons shall not be opened or convened unless it has received a dispensation or charter from this Grand Chapter.

Section 2. Dispensations to form a new Subordinate Chapter may be granted by the Grand Chapter, or when not in session, by the Grand High Priest, on the petition of not less than fourteen qualified Companions. Such petition must be accompanied by a certification from the chartered Subordinate Chapter nearest the locality of the proposed new Chapter, recommending that the dispensation be granted and vouching for the character and ability of the petitioners. Before such dispensation shall be issued, the sum of one hundred & forty dollars (\$140.00) shall be deposited by the petitioners in the hands of the Grand Secretary. When such petition is granted, it shall be in full force and effect until the next Annual Assembly of the Grand Chapter at which Assembly the Grand Chapter may continue the same for a period of one year only; or a charter may be issued.

Section 3. The returns of each Subordinate Chapter shall be made in such form as shall be prescribed by the Grand Chapter and shall be delivered to the Grand Secretary no later than December 31 with the requisite fees and dues. Any Chapter that shall neglect to make returns or to pay its fees and dues for two successive years, shall be stricken from the roll of the Grand Chapter, and its charter forfeited; but upon proper application to the Grand Chapter at its next Annual Assembly, and upon making due returns and paying its fees and dues, together with such interest as may have accrued thereon, then such Chapter may be restored to its former rank and privileges.

Section 3a. All Subordinate Chapters shall make a supplemental report to the Grand Secretary on or before June 30th of each year, showing all additions or deletions to their rolls since their last report the previous December.

Section 4. Every Subordinate Chapter in this Grand jurisdiction shall be governed by the Constitution, By-Laws and other rulings, including the Edicts, of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama.

Section 5. Before acquiring title to real estate, each Subordinate Council in this Grand jurisdiction shall become a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Alabama, after first obtaining the prior written approval of the Board of Directors of the Grand Chapter. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama shall retain a residuary interest in all real estate acquired by any Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction, and, hence, every Chapter shall first obtain the written approval of the Board of Directors of The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama before sealing, leasing, exchanging, mortgaging, pledging or otherwise encumbering or disposing of any of its real estate.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

Section 1. When it shall be necessary or desirable to alter or amend this Constitution, the alteration or amendment shall be proposed in writing and received at the Grand Office not later than December 1, preceding the Annual Assembly of the Grand Chapter. The alteration or amendment shall be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and if approved as being in proper form, all Subordinate Chapters shall be notified in writing not later than January 15th preceding the Annual Assembly. Such proposed amendments and alterations shall identify each section or sub-section which it is proposed to amend or alter in its entire form as it is intended to read after such amendment or alteration. If desirable, such proposed amendments or alterations may be numbered as additional sections or sub-sections thereof. The Committee on Jurisprudence shall carefully consider all such proposed amendments or alterations and shall report on the same before the close of the Annual

Assembly at which proposed, and if such proposal is accepted by a majority of the members present it shall lay over until the next Annual Assembly at which time it shall be voted on and if approved by two-thirds of the members present it shall become a part of the Constitution. Provided, however, that such amendment, after being reported on by the Committee on Jurisprudence, shall be unanimously concurred in by all members present

shall be declared adopted at once.

Section 2. From time to time it becomes necessary to adopt resolutions or edicts to permit the successful and harmonious conduct of the affairs of this Grand Chapter and/or of its Subordinate Chapters. All resolutions and edicts previously issued and legally adopted by this Grand Chapter and all resolutions and edicts which hereafter may be regularly adopted shall continue in full force and effect unless and until such resolutions or edicts be changed, amended or repealed by regular action of this Grand Chapter in Annual Assembly. Any action to present, amend, repeal, or change any resolution or edict shall be presented in writing in keeping with Section 1 of this Article.

ARTICLE X: INVESTMENTS

All monies that are investments shall be invested at the discretion of the Financial Committee.

ARTICLE XI

All former Constitutions of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama are hereby repealed.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I: ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1. Order of Business:

- 1 Opening.
- 2 Report of Grand Recorder on Delinquent Subordinate Chapters.
- 3 Report of Committee on Credentials.
- 4 Reception of Distinguished Visitors.
- 5 Reception of Grand Representatives.
- 6 Grand High Priest's Address.
- 7 Report of Grand Treasurer.
- 8 Report of Grand Recorder.
- 9 Report of other Standing Committees.
- 10 Report of Special Committees.
- 11 Unfinished Business.
- 12 New Business.
- 13 Election and Installation of Officers.
- 14 Closing.

This Order of Business may be interchanged by the Grand High Priest when necessary to expedite the business of the Grand Chapter. Further, the Reception of Distinguished Visitors may be held jointly with the Grand Council and Grand Commandery, and Installation of Officers may be deferred until the last day of joint meetings with the Grand Council and Grand Commandery.

Section 2. The Grand Secretary shall, as the first order of business at the Annual Assembly read a list of the Subordinate Chapters which have failed to render their Annual report and to pay in full the annual dues for that year. It shall then be the duty of the Grand High Priest to declare the charters of such Subordinate Chapters arrested. The charters so arrested shall stand suspended until all delinquent reports are rendered and dues paid in full.

ARTICLE II: FEES AND OPERATING BUDGET

Section 1. The following fees shall be payable to the Grand Chapter:

For dispensation for new Subordinate Chapter.....	\$140.00
For annual dues from each member.....	\$ 10.00
For each Candidate Received and Greeted.....	\$ 5.00
For every Grand Chapter Certificate in the nature of a Demit....	\$ 1.00
For every Charter.....	\$ 25.00

The annual dues amount shown in this section will be adjusted for inflation each year as put forth by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) as of December 31st of each year for each Companion of the Subordinate Chapters.

Section 2. The Committee on Finance shall meet in January of each year and, after carefully considering the estimated income of the Grand Chapter, shall at the next Annual Assembly make recommendations for such expenditures for salaries and other necessary expenses as the condition of the Treasury will permit and the welfare of the Grand Chapter demand.

ARTICLE III: BONDS AND FISCAL YEAR

Section 1. The Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary shall be required to give bond in such amount as may be prescribed by the Grand Chapter. These bonds are to be issued by a Security Company authorized to do business in Alabama. These bonds and certificates of Renewal shall be kept by the Grand High Priest and transmitted to his successor at each Annual Assembly. The premiums on these bonds shall be paid by the Grand Chapter.

Section 2. The fiscal year of this Grand Chapter shall begin on the first day of January of each year, and end of the 31st day of December of each same year.

ARTICLE IV. OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

Section 1. A Subordinate Chapter shall consist of:

- High Priest
- King
- Scribe
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Captain of the Host
- Principal Sojourner
- Royal Arch Captain
- Three Masters of Veils

who shall be elected by ballot by a constitutional number of Companions without nomination at the regular Assembly next preceding the 24th day of June annually and may be installed on the same day. The officers who shall be appointed by the High Priest at the time of installation, namely, Marshal, Chaplain, and Sentinel; provided that any Subordinate Chapter may by its By-Laws, make any of the above appointive officer's elective. A duly elected and installed High Priest shall hold office until the next following Annual Assembly and thereafter until his successor is elected and installed.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Subordinate Chapter to read in open chapter at the Assembly next preceding the 24th day of June of each year, a list of all members whose dues are not paid in full to Date. It shall be the duty of the High Priest to declare such members suspended and they shall stand suspended until such dues are paid in full, and shall close the report of their proceedings on the 1st day of December next preceding the Annual Assembly of this Grand Chapter, and immediately forward the same to the Grand Secretary.

Section 3. Every Subordinate Chapter in this jurisdiction shall have its own By-Laws, which shall not be inconsistent with the Constitution, By-Laws, and Edicts of this Grand Chapter. Each subordinate Chapter's By-Laws shall be submitted to the Committee on By-Laws which shall review the same, make comments hereon; and submit such By-Laws and comments to the Committee on Jurisprudence; after which they must be presented to and be approved by the Grand Chapter, after which they shall be deemed in effect.

Section 4. A Subordinate Chapter shall not confer the Degrees of Mark Master thru the Royal Arch, for less sum than Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00).

Section 5. The Chapter Degrees may be conferred only upon petition by an affiliated Royal Arch Mason. The petition shall be in writing, vouched for by two Royal Arch Masons in good standing in the Subordinate Chapter, presented at a Stated Assembly, referred to a Committee of three Royal Arch Masons in good standing in the Subordinate Chapter, and passed by a unanimous ballot at a subsequent Stated Assembly. When the condition warrants and due notice has been given, the Grand High Priest may grant special dispensation to Subordinate Chapters to receive petitions, ballot on them and confer the degrees at the same stated special Assembly.

Section 6. Each Subordinate Chapter shall hold exclusive jurisdiction over petitioners who reside within the corporate limits of the city, town, or municipality in which said Chapter is located. Where more than one Subordinate Chapter is located in a city, town, or municipality, then each Chapter so located shall hold concurrent jurisdiction with the other. All other territory within the boundaries of the State of Alabama, not covered by the foregoing, shall be known as OPEN TERRITORY, and all Subordinate Chapters within said State of Alabama shall have concurrent jurisdiction within such territory.

Section 6a. The State line shall mark the jurisdictional borders and shall be strictly observed. However, territorial jurisdiction may be waived by the Grand High Priest on a petitioner residing in a state line border area to another state when the Grand High Priest of such other state duly requests such waiver, but only if the state requesting has a similar existing law.

Section 6b. For the purpose of removal of a Subordinate Chapter from its regular place of meeting in a city or town to another city or town where there is not presently a Subordinate Chapter, the High Priest shall cause notice to be given to each member of the Chapter to appear at a specified assembly of the Chapter for the purpose of consideration of removal, and should a majority of the members present vote for removal, they may do so upon the consent of the Grand High Priest.

Section 7. A Subordinate Chapter shall not be opened unless there are present nine Royal Arch Masons, members of that Chapter (including one of the first three officers).

Section 8. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest or a Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest may open or close a Subordinate Chapter by declaration in "Ample Form".

Section 9. The High Priest has direct supervision over his Subordinate Chapter and is responsible to the Grand Chapter for the proper conduct of his Chapter.

Section 10. In trials for un-Masonic conduct, Subordinate Chapters shall be governed by the rules set down for trials by the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Alabama.

ARTICLE V. GRAND OFFICERS OR THEIR PROXIES TO GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

Section 1. The presiding Grand High Priest, Grand King, and the Grand Scribe, shall be the official representatives of the Grand Chapter to the stated and called Assemblies of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International, under the rules and regulations prescribed by the General Grand Chapter. If for any reason any or all of the first three Grand Officers cannot attend such Assemblies, they shall be allowed to appoint as proxy the next elected Grand Officer in the Grand Line, down through the Grand Master of the First Veil, or a Past Grand High Priest who has not attended the General Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any Annual Assembly by proposal in writing; received at the Grand Office not later than December 1st preceding the Annual Assembly; and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. When approved as being in proper form, all Subordinate Chapters shall be notified in writing not later than January 15th preceding the Annual Assembly. The altered or amended By-Laws can then be adopted by concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

ARTICLE VII. DUAL MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. A Companion can be a member of two subordinate chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction, provided both Chapters record him as a dual member, and his membership is reported to the Grand Chapter. However, a dual membership in either Chapter will likewise affect membership in both Chapters. Furthermore, it is permissible for a companion in this jurisdiction to hold membership in another Grand Jurisdiction, provided said other Grand Jurisdiction is in fraternal relations with this Grand Jurisdiction, and further provided that said jurisdiction legalizes dual membership. Likewise, a companion of another Grand Jurisdiction that qualifies as

above who properly applies and is duly elected can become a dual member of a subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction with all rights and obligations of regular membership.

Should a Companion holding dual membership within Alabama desire to withdraw his membership from one Chapter, he shall notify the Chapter from which he desires to withdraw his membership of his decision in writing, and if he has paid current dues and no charges are pending against him, the Secretary of the Chapter will carry him as withdrawn and notify the other Chapter in which dual membership was held of the date that the member is no longer a dual member. A Companion holding membership in Alabama and another Grand Jurisdiction may continue as long as the Companion remains in good standing in his basic (home) Chapter; however any matter affecting the basic membership will also affect the dual membership.

ARTICLE VIII.

All former By-Laws of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama are hereby repealed.