

Constitution
of the
Sovereign Sanctuary for the USA
& South America
Ancient and Primitive Rite
Of
Memphis Misraim



Article I

- Section 1: The body shall be styled, titled and known as the Sovereign Sanctuary for the USA & South America- Ancient and Primitive Rite of Memphis Misraim.
- Section 2: The body shall consist of all legal, regular and lawful Senates (chapters), and Mystic Temples (councils) under the auspices of the Celestial Twelve and all Conservator Generals. All subordinates must be chartered by the Sovereign Sanctuary.
- Section 3: The convocations of the Sovereign Sanctuary will be held in June and November of each year. Special convocations may be called by the Most Illustrious Sovereign Grand Conservator General, at such time and place as he may designate.
- Section 4: The title of the officer that comprise the Celestial Twelve are as follows: Most Illustrious Sovereign Grand Conservator General, Sublime Grand Administrator General, Grand Chancellor General, Grand Expert General, Grand Secretary General, Grand Treasurer General, Grand Representative General, Grand Inspector General, Grand Keeper of the Golden Book General, Grand Examiner General, Grand Master of Ceremonies General, and Grand keeper of the Sanctuary General.
- Section 5: The body shall have four Deputy Grand Conservator Generals who work under appointment from the SGCG. They must be Grand Conservator Generals elevated to the 95th degree

Article II

- Section 1: In any state or territory of the USA or South America where there is no Senate, Chapters, Temples, or Councils it shall be the duty of the SGCG and his deputies to organize there.
- Section 2: Each Senate or Temple per city or territory must pay a \$50.00 fee for its warrant to operate. All Primitive members must pay yearly dues of \$25.00 to the Sovereign Sanctuary A.P.R.M.M.
- Section 3: The SGCG may suspend or expel any member or officer in the Primitive Body regardless of Senate or Temple.
- Section 4: The SGCG office is Ad Vitam (for life) and he shall be exempt from all payments of dues and assessments. He shall receive a stipend of \$5.00 per brother, per year for his services and privileges.
- Section 5: The Secretary General shall receive as a stipend \$1.00 per brother,

per year for his service and privileges and on occasion be exempt from all dues and assessments. He shall submit all documents & parchments sent from the SGCG or the Sovereign Sanctuary.

Article III

- Section 1: In the case of the resignation or death of the SGCG, the Sublime Grand Administrator shall take the office. SGCG is Ad Vitam (for life) and elections will be held for all other officers.
- Section 2: Celestial Twelve elections shall be held triennially. Only Grand Conservator Generals may vote. All members must pay \$10.00 credential fee during elections to have the right to vote.
- Section 3: All diplomas, dues cards, and regalia must be authorized and presented from the Sovereign Sanctuary A.P.R.M.M.
- Section 4: All rituals and publications must be authorized by this Sovereign Sanctuary for use, that ritual being from the A.P.R.M.M. of England 1870.

Article IV

- Section 1: This body is a Sovereign Body of the Primitive Rite. It is not governed by any Grand Lodge, Supreme Council, or General Grand Masonic Congress.
- Section 2: If a member is suspended from a Grand Lodge of AF & AM he is then suspended from all primitive degrees until reinstated to a regular Grand Lodge AF & AM.
- Section 3: If a member is to be elevated to the 95th degree Grand Conservator General, he must be a Scottish Rite 33rd degree in good standing. All members must provide a curriculum and pay a fee of 500.00 for the 95th degree.
- Section 4: The SGCG can grant dispensation on degree work as he sees fit for the growth of the order. All candidates for the 95th degree must be a Hermetic Philosopher and a Master of the Great Work.
- Section 5: A member can be stripped of all Primitive degrees and houses by a tribunal of the first 3 officers for unmasonic conduct or acts against the Sovereign Sanctuary.

Article V

- Section 1: The primitive body will only work the ritual of the 43rd, 90th, and 95th degrees. All other Primitive Rites and degrees will be recognized by this Sovereign Sanctuary but will not be worked, ie Memphis Rite, Misraim Rite, Rose Croix, and Sublime Councils.
- Section 2: The seals of the Sovereign Sanctuary



Article VI

Duties of the Grand Officer Generals

- Section 1: The Most Illustrious Sovereign Grand Conservator General must be regarded as the fountain of authority governing the Ancient Primitive upon the Continent Of North America and South America, and by virtue of his sanction are bodies empowered to practice and observe the ritual of A. and P. Rite in a proper legitimate manner. Nevertheless he is privileged to delegate the authority originally vested in him for the conferring of those degrees. He will moreover appoint deputies no more then 10 to assist in his duties. He is also empowered to fill vacancies among the Grand Officers by appointment, for the unexpired term of office.
- Section 2: The Sublime Grand Administrator General is the second dignitary of the Sovereign Sanctuary. He shall assume, in the event of the absence or illness of the Most Illustrious Sovereign Grand Conservator General, his duties and prerogatives. At other times he shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the ritual.
- Section 3: The Grand Chancellor General shall counter sign and seal with his official seal all documents of a public force emanating from the sovereign sanctuary he shall have the register of names, titles, rewards and honors of the sovereign sanctuary.
- Section 4: The Grand Expert General duty is to preserve a constant scrutiny over the workings of the body owing allegiance to the sanctuary so that harmony is being preserved and its traditions being respected. He shall present petitions and congratulations of such masonic bodies that desire to establish fraternal intercourse.
- Section 5: Grand Secretary General is in charge of correspondence of the sanctuary, official and particulars. All official documents must be attested by the signature of the Grand Secretary General he shall furthermore act as a cashier of the sanctuary receiving all monies which he shall pay over to the Grand Treasurer General.
- Section 6: The Grand Treasurer General shall render a full financial report of the financial conditions of the Sanctuary. No monies can be paid out except on the written order of the Most Illustrious Sovereign Grand Conservator General

- counter signed by the Grand Secretary General.
- Section 7: The Grand Representative General shall represent the Most Illustrious Sovereign Grand Conservator General when called upon by him to do so. He shall assist, if necessary, in the discharge of his duties and hold himself subject to the commands of his superior.
 - Section 8: The Grand Inspector General is charged with the supervision of the rituals, charges, lectures, and primitive ceremonial matters.
 - Section 9: The grand keeper of the Golden Books general is charged with the book of Maxim and presets. He is charged with the inspection of the insignia of all subordinate bodies. He shall act as a chaplain also.
 - Section 10: The Grand Examiner General shall audit the account of the Grand Secretary General and the Grand Treasurer General. He shall moreover examine letters, patents, and other documents presented by visiting Hermetic philosophers, Masters of the Great Work, Conservator Generals and Scottish Rite Inspector Generals.
 - Section 11: The Grand Master of Ceremonies General is the expander of the ritual of the rite and he shall confer the several degrees and lectures when requested to do so by the subordinate bodies.
 - Section 12: The Grand Keeper of the Sanctuary General shall have custody of the insignia and paraphernalia. He shall moreover be charged with direction and marshalling all processions of the Ancient and Primitive Rite at which the Sovereign Sanctuary officiates.

Article VII

The Sovereign Sanctuary shall at no time recognize women as Masons in any rite now known to the world of Freemasonry or in any allied, appendent or concordant bodies. Women cannot be a member of this body.

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