



**Prieuré de Sion**  
**Ordre de la Rose-Croix Véritas**



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**Article I**

*The “Prieuré de Sion – Ordre de la Rose-Croix Véritas O.D.L.R.C.V.” is an initiatory Order of chivalry composed by Gentlemen and Ladies, which shares the principles and the ideals of fraternity and chivalry; at the same time, all the Members shares the love for culture, passion for the study of history and the keen interest for the mystic and the transcendent.*

*The Priory of Sion, being an initiatory Order of chivalric inspiration, is not a Masonic or Paramasonic Order and its value is uniquely initiatory-speculative.*

**Article II**

*The Priory of Sion is not a secret society, and each of its members is regularly registered, without exception, in the archives of the Order; but its nature is reserved, consequently, all the information that is related to the Members as the name, the profession, place of birth, residence or any other personal information must remain strictly confidential.*

*The violation of this Article, will have severe consequences, which could easily culminate in the expulsion of the transgressor.*

*The decision of one of the members to disclose their personal details and contacts to other members of the Order for personal purposes and not related to the administrative management of the order itself is the exclusive prerogative of the member himself.*

**Article III**

*The “Prieuré de Sion – Ordre de la Rose-Croix Véritas O.D.L.R.C.V.” has as its objectives the perpetuation of the traditionalist order of chivalry, its initiatory teaching and knowledge, which are reserved to the Members only.*

*The other objective of the Order is the divulgation of general knowledge and informations which are supposed to be a cultural enrichment for the public in order to benefit the humanity in its wholeness, as much as it is reasonably possible for this association.*

*Charitable and fundraising activities may be carried out for this purpose.*

#### **Article IV**

*The duration of the “Prieuré de Sion – Ordre de la Rose-Croix Véritas O.D.L.R.C.V.” is unlimited.*

#### **Article V**

*The Grand Master is the highest spiritual authority and the sovereign of the Order, consequently his final decisions can not be overturned by any collegial vote.*

*The office and the title of Grand Master is for life and he can not be removed for any reason, as he is the Sovereign of the Order.*

*The betrayal of the Grand Master is punished by direct expulsion with the aggravating circumstance of dishonor.*

*The General Secretary is delegated with limited discretion in the management of the association, in the institutional and bureaucratic field and is the only figure, together with the Grand Master, who can make agreements with third parties on behalf of the Order or who can express himself officially to the public in the name of the Priory of Sion.*

*Only with direct written dispensation from the Secretary General, an Ambassador has the right to speak on behalf of the Order with third parties, on specific topics agreed and approved by the same.*

*The authority of the General Secretary is always subject to that of the Grand Master.*

*It may happen that sometimes the Grand Master is also the General Secretary.*

*The Prieuré de Sion adopts, as its registered office, the domicile of the General Secretary or a functional office; the General Secretary is suggested by the Arch of the Thirteen Rose-Croix which is composed by an elected the Doge, eight illustrious Constables, regularly elected, the three Sénéchaux and the Grand Master.*

*The Grand Master evaluates his final decision taking into consideration the suggestions and recommendations of the aforementioned council, but then decides independently.*

*In the Order there can be a maximum of three Sénéchaux, who, together with the Grand Master, forms the Supreme and Mystic Quadrumvirate Sovereign and enlightened of the Priory of Sion.*

*To be eligible for the office of regent of more than one region, up to a nation, a Member must have achieved the Doge Degree (8°), or have received a Vicar Degree of Doge (provisional which gives the right to the prerogatives of the degree for the period of one year, and subjected to final evaluation). Any appointment that implies a territorial responsibility must be ratified by the Grand Master before being considered effective.*

*To be eligible for the office of regent of one or more nations, a Member must have achieved the Senechal Degree (9th), or have received a Vicar Degree of Senechal (provisional which entitles the holder to the prerogatives of the degree for the period of one year, and subjected to final evaluation). Any appointment that implies a territorial responsibility must be ratified by the Grand Master before being considered effective.*

*A Doge can be regent of more than one region, up to a nation.*

*A Sénéchal can be regent of one or more nations at the same time.*

*The Grand Master is obviously the regent for all countries.*

*As a result, the mandates are subject to a hierarchical order based on functional or territorial responsibilities.*

### **Article VI**

*The Prieuré de Sion has no limits in recruiting new Members and it is open to all adult persons who recognize its aims and accept the obligations specified in this present constitution. Members are admitted without regard to sex, race, philosophical, religious or political ideas.*

### **Articolo VII**

*Once the Candidacy is accepted, the Novice Member will stay on trial till the attainment of the First Degree. During this period, he/she will be valued under any aspect, by the members already initiated, through his/her studies and even through the valuation of his/her behaviour toward any situation, in order to delineate his/her moral quality.*

### **Article VIII**

*The Prieuré de Sion – Ordre de la Rose-Croix Véritas O.D.L.R.C.V. is an initiatory Order which is coordinated in a Unified Rite, therefore the members of the Prieuré de Sion - Ordre de la Rose-Croix Véritas O.D.L.R.C.V. undertake to use only the rituals that are the result of the historical reform of 2017 and accept not having, either the faculty, nor the power, nor now, nor in the future, to modify them in any way and at the same time they assume the duty to continue to transmit them exactly how they received them.*

### **Article IX**

*The registration fees are to be considered as a sum that allows the financing of two factors:*

*1. The contribution due to the National Secretariat to finance its existence and the dissemination of its works.*

*2. the contribution that goes to the organic units in the area for their livelihood.*

*Since the Entity representing the Priory of Sion in the World is completely independent and of the financial management of the individual entities that represent it in the territory, each subject to the laws of the country hosting this entity with regard to the form of association that it has chosen to use in the grouping, the payment of membership fees is made on two completely different and unconnected plans.*

*It is however imperative to emphasize that both the National Secretariat and any Entity present in the territory operate on principles that do not provide for any profit, and any organization or association spiritually connected to the Priory of Sion must be non-profit and be able to demonstrate in front of the laws of your country the correct use of funds acquired by members.*

*So there are two entirely different situations,*

*a. when a Member is managed directly by the International Secretariat, as there are no territorial entities in the territory of its competence*

*b. When a member becomes part of a group that already exists in its territory, already materialized in a financially autonomous legal form before the laws of its country.*

*Starting from the example of a Group, Chapter or Command already established, and already assembled according to the laws of your country in association or other legal legal form, the necessary contributions are the following.*

### ***Registration and Annual Capitation***

*The member pays a contribution of 109 Euros or 123 United States Dollars by bank transfer directly to the International Secretariat.*

*The member pays an annual contribution for the expenses of the group that hosts it, an amount established by the group itself for its members, which however cannot exceed 100 euros.*

*The total 209 Euros or 244 US Dollars, or lower figure, can also be collected by the groups "Cercle Sigebert IV" (if formed by at least four members), by the Chapters formed by at least three members or by the Commendas recognized by the Prieuré de Sion - Ordre de la Rose-Croix Véritas O.D.L.R.C.V. , through their Treasurers who must however report to the subject of the bank transfer they made to the International Secretariat as a member paid their Annual Capita to the General Secretariat, while they will have to personally register and in accordance with the law they receive as a separate entity.*

*If there is no group that can host the Member, and that this is followed remotely by the International Secretariat in its work, the member pays a contribution of 209 Euros by bank transfer directly to the International Secretariat.*

### ***The associative contributions regarding the Initiations are as follows***

#### ***Christian-Merovingian initiation and oath***

*The member pays a contribution of 100 Euros to the structure by bank transfer directly to the International Secretariat.*

*The member pays a contribution for the expenses of the group that hosts it, a figure established by the group itself for its members, which however cannot exceed 200 euros.*

*The global 300 Euros or less, can also be collected by the groups "Cercle Sigebert IV" (if formed by at least four members), by the Chapters formed by at least three members or by the Commanderies recognized by the Prieuré de Sion - Ordre de la Rose- Croix Véritas ODLRCV, through their Treasurers who must however report to the subject of the bank transfer they made to the International Secretariat as a member paid their Initiation to the General Secretariat, while they will have to personally register and in accordance with the law the quotas they receive as a separate entity.*

*If there is no group that can host the Member, and that this is followed remotely by the International Secretariat in its work, the member pays a contribution of 300 Euros by bank transfer directly to the International Secretariat.*

### ***Knighthood Initiation***

*The member pays a contribution of 150 Euros for moral and administrative advice and assistance by bank transfer directly to the International Secretariat.*

*The member pays a contribution for the expenses of the group that hosts it, a figure established by the group itself for its members, which however cannot exceed 350 euros.*

*The global 500 Euros or less, can also be collected by the groups "Cercle Sigebert IV" (if formed by at least four members), by the Chapters formed by at least three members or by the Commendas recognized by the Prieuré de Sion - Ordre de la Rose- Croix Véritas ODLRCV, through their Treasurers who must however report their chivalrous Initiation to the General Secretariat as the member they paid to the General Secretariat, while they must personally register and in accordance with the law the quotas they receive as a separate entity.*

*If there is no group that can host the Member, and that this is followed remotely by the International Secretariat in its work, the member pays a contribution of 500 Euros by bank transfer directly to the International Secretariat.*

### ***Priestly initiation***

*The member pays a contribution of 200 Euros to the structure by bank transfer directly to the International Secretariat.*

*The member pays a contribution for the expenses of the group that hosts it, a figure established by the group itself for its members, which however cannot exceed 600 euros.*

*The global 800 Euros or less, can also be collected by the groups "Cercle Sigebert IV" (if formed by at least four members), by the Chapters formed by at least three members or by the Commanderies recognized by the Prieuré de Sion - Ordre de la Rose-Croix Véritas O.D.L.R.C.V. , through their Treasurers who must, however, report their priestly Initiation to the General Secretariat as the member they have paid to the General Secretariat, while they must personally register and in accordance with the law the quotas they receive as a separate entity.*

*If there is no group that can host the Member, and that this is followed remotely by the International Secretariat in its work, the member pays a contribution of 800 Euros by bank transfer directly to the International Secretariat.*

*Any additional costs are managed individually and independently by each Commandery, Chapter or Cercle Sigebert IV who will have to do it according to the association laws of the state in which they live, but always considering the non-profitable end of any group spiritually connected to the Priory of Sion.*

### ***Access to a Commandery or Chapter***

*To be initiated and enter a Commandery or a Chapter, it is necessary to have successfully passed the novitiate, which lasts on average 4 or 5 months by attending one of our "Cercle Sigebert IV".*

### ***Intermediate grade passages***

*Each step of Intermediate Degree not directly mentioned in the points above (for example from 1st to 2nd or from 2nd to 3rd or from 4th to 5th or from 5th to 6th etc.) costs 59 Euros or 65 USD and the paper certificate signed by the Grand Master is included in the fee.*

### ***Passages to a Vicar Degree***

*Vicar Degrees (provisional degrees that entitle the holder to the prerogatives of the degree for a period of one year, and which are subjected to a final evaluation) cost 59 Euros or 65 US Dollars and the paper certificate signed by the Grand Master is included in the fee.*

*A Vicar degree is represented by a black band on the band, between the two symbols, and represents the putrefaction in which the member could fall back in case he did not represent worthily the assignment for which he was assigned a provisional degree, to title of trust that must be demonstrated with the positive actions of the Vicar.*

*Note: A Vicar degree of 4° or 8° requiring a specific ceremony having a specific cost based on the above mentioned, if it comes after a year confirmed as effective, will require the candidate to perform the effective ceremony of the degree, and the payment of the relative fee.*

### ***Appointments of Inspectors***

*The member promoted to Inspector, who then becomes part of the Inspector General's network (ref. Book of internal regulations), pays his contributions directly by bank transfer directly to the International Secretariat, but can obtain a reduction or total exemption of this quota for special merits only with the approval of the Grand Master or the Senechal Grand Inspector.*

*His contributions are therefore completely separate from the management of the Commandery he belongs to, but his / her contributions requested reflect those of the other members of the order, on an equal basis.*

### ***Appointments of Honorary Offices and Ambassadors***

*The member appointed Ambassador, who then goes to the Secretary General's network, pays a contribution for the advice and spiritual aid by bank transfer directly to the International Secretariat according to the following table, but can obtain a reduction or total exemption of this fee for special merits only with the approval of the Grand Master.*

*The fee is inclusive of the Merovingian initiation that can be carried out in any authorized Chapter or Commandery.*

*Citizen Ambassador € 300 per appointment and then € 200 per year for the years to come, which includes the annual registration fee as a member of the Order.*

*Regional Ambassador € 400 per appointment and then € 200 per year for the years to come, which includes the annual registration fee as a member of the Order*

*National Ambassador 800 euros for the appointment and then 200 euros per year for the years to come, which includes the annual registration fee as a member of the Order*

*Continental Ambassador 1200 euros for the appointment and then 200 euros per year for the years to come, which includes the annual registration fee as a member of the Order*

*International Ambassador 1600 euros for the appointment and then 200 euros per year for the years to come, which includes the annual registration fee as a member of the Order*

## **Article X**

*The annual fee is mandatory for all Members, even those followed at distance, through the educational program of the Order. The delay of payment of the fee for over a month, involves the expulsion.*

*Only by the Grand Master's direct dispensation, are exempt from the payment of the annual Capitation Fee, members who contribute to the good of the Order through their work and their professional skills.*

*Failure to pay the fee of 200 euros per year (after the first year of the ambassadorate) for over a semester automatically causes the Ambassador to lapse, whatever his level.*

### **POWERS OF EXEMPTION OR REDUCTION OF QUOTAS**

*Since the Priory of Sion is a noble and charitable chivalric order, it rewards deserving members who were in difficult conditions that prevented them from coping economically with membership or elevation fees.*

*Since the management of the General Secretariat's shares is completely distinct from that of the Commandery of which the member is a member, a member in financial difficulties can request a total or partial exemption from his membership order by providing the following requirements.*

- a. detailed documents of your particular situation (including any unemployment certificate, etc.)*
- b. a list of the actions he has done for the good of the Order.*
- c. a list of actions that are proposed to be done in the future for the good of the Order.*

*The Council of the Command will decide on the reduction or exemption of the quota in question as regards the contribution that it would retain for the command itself from the quota due by the member; and will send a petition to the Grand Master to apply an exemption or reduce a quota in relation to the documents provided by the party due to the national secretariat.*

*The Grand Master will then be able to decide independently whether to grant the exemption or reduction to the member, locally, at the secretariat level, or both.*

*No request for reduction or exemption can be sent to the Grand Master unless it has previously been submitted to the Council of the Commandery including the three points above, and approved by the Council itself.*

*Upon direct and exclusive dispensation by the Grand Master, members who contribute to the good of the Order through their work and professional skills are exempt from paying the annual Capitation fee.*

## **Article XI**

*The Chapter is the meeting formed by the members of the Order and can be regional (Grand Regional Chapter), national (Grand National Chapter), european (Grand European Chapter), international (Grand World Chapter).*

*At the local level, the Chapter is the meeting of at least three Brothers and/or Sisters.*

*The male and female Degrees can sometimes differ, but are equated, exactly as indicated by the ritual itself.*

*The Commandery is instead the meeting of at least 7 Brothers and/or Sisters. The Commandery to exist must be installed and the one who governs the Commandery is the Commander and may not have a rank lower than that of Chevalier Grand Commandeur consacrée à l'Ordre du Lys / Dame consacrée à l'Ordre du Lys et à l'Ordre de Sion (also Vicar).*

*If the meeting takes place in a local Chapter, the Commander will be the Chevalier / Dame with the highest rank, if the meeting takes place in a Commandery, the Commander is the Chevalier / Dame regularly installed.*

*Whether the meeting takes place in the Grand Regional Chapter, in the Grand National Chapter or in the Grand World Chapter, the place where the meeting will take place is called Temple and the work is directed by a Commander who is the highest ranking official among those present; if the Chapter is regional, it will be the Provincial Master, if the Chapter is national, it will be the National Regent, if in the Grand World Chapter, it will be the Grand Master.*

*In the event that a high ranking member was present at a local Chapter because he was visiting or because belonging to a given territorial area but without having a command position, he will not direct the Chapter leaving the command to the legitimate Commander, but will receive the honors to he owed and a position of respect for the East.*

*The Commander, if of the Chapter, may have a Degree not inferior to the 4th (Chevalier de l'Ordre du Lys et de l'Ordre de Sion / Dame du Lac, also Vicars), if he is in the Commandery he can not have a Degree inferior to the 5th (Chevalier Grand Commandeur consacrée à l'Ordre du Lys / Dame consacrée à l'Ordre du Lys et à l'Ordre de Sion, also Vicars). Depending on the circumstances and the meeting, the Commander may therefore be a Chevalier de l'Ordre du Lys et de l'Ordre de Sion / Dame du Lac, a Chevalier Grand Commandeur consacrée a l'Ordre du Lys / Dame consacrée à l'Ordre du Lys et à l'Ordre de Sion, a Grand Commandeur de l'Ordre de Sion et de l'Ordre du Lys / Dame consacrée à Sainte Marie Madeleine de Béthanie, a Constable, a Doge / a Dogaresse, a Sénéchal, if not the Grand Master himself.*

*The Commander of a Commandery, if in charge of the regional jurisdiction, assumes the role of*

*Provincial Master (Magister Provincialis).*

*The title of Magister Provincialis is an honorary title that is awarded exclusively by the Grand Master only to deserving members who have earned an effective (non-vicar) degree of Grand Commandeur de l'Ordre de Sion et de l'Ordre du Lys (6th) and they have erected at least one legitimate and consecrated Temple which is of prestige to the Order.*

*The title of Magister Provincialis remains with the person who earned it even if he should take another position, move to another territory where another Magister Provincialis exists or be promoted to another position.*

*To obtain the same title, his successor must earn it personally.*

*The title of Magister Provincialis is represented by a red band on the band, between the two symbols.*

*During the Chapter meeting, the Commander will be called by his rank if it will be superior to Grand Commandeur de l'Ordre de Sion et de l'Ordre du Lys / Dame consacrée à Sainte Marie Madeleine de Béthanie or he will be called Provincial Master or National Regent if this is his role and always if his rank is not superior to Grand Commandeur de l'Ordre de Sion et de l'Ordre du Lys / Dame consacrée à Sainte Marie Madeleine de Béthanie.*

*The Commander is assisted by the other two Main Officers, the Chaplain who will sit to the right of the Commander and the Marshal who will instead sit on his left; they are the three lights of the Temple, hence the three chief Officers. They represent Spirit, Soul and Mind.*

*The Commander is the Pneuma of the Temple, the Chaplain is the Psyché and the Marshal the mind.*

*There are also the three assistants of the Officers, in the functions and role of the Blacksmith (Grand Blacksmith in the case of a Regional Grand Chapter or superior), the Master of Ceremonies (Regional, National or World Master of Ceremonies in the case of a Regional Grand Chapter or superior) and the Guardian of the Temple ( Grand Guardian of the Temple, in the case of a Regional Grand Chapter or superior).*

*This is followed by the Secretary (Regional Secretary in the case of a Regional Grand Chapter or Grand National Secretary in the case of a National or Superior Chapter) and the Orator (Grand Orator in the case of a Regional or Grand Regional Chapter).*

*It is easy to notice that although there are different structural convergences with the ancient Templar organization to which the Priory of Sion was linked, the general structure of the Order is however very different and altogether more streamlined. This is due to the fact that following the legendary cut of the Elm, the Priory of Sion, split from the Templar Order, has made a metamorphosis that has initiated it to that net transformation that made it the Order of Chivalry and initiation, for the reason of being esoteric and symbolic, which has arrived today.*

## **Article XII**

*Where there is an associative form representing a Chapter or Commandery before the Law, the figure responsible for gathering the membership fees, of which in this case the annual Capitulations, the associative contributions for the Degree passages and the contributions for the Initiations, is*

*the Treasurer.*

*The Treasurer may be in charge of a Cercle Sigebert IV, a Chapter or a Commandery if his mandate is local. If his mandate is regional, he will be the Grand Regional Treasurer, if the mandate is national, will be the Grand National Treasurer, if the mandate is European, he will be the Grand European Treasurer, if the mandate is international and related to all jurisdictions , then it will be the Grand World Treasurer.*

*The Treasurer must always be able to present the accounting of his jurisdiction during the ritual meeting regarding his own jurisdiction, be it the local, regional, national, european or related to the world Chapter. The accounting must be presented illustrating the expenses, the incomes and the balance. Eventually there will be mentioned expenses and incomes of a significant nature or entity for the Order with a brief mention during the Chapter.*

*More complex budget issues are discussed in the assembly, strictly outside the works.*

### **Article XIII**

*A Grand Regional Treasurer can accept, if proposed, to take care of the budgets and raise funds for more than one region, subject to regular authorization by the General Secretariat, in acceptance of a request issued by the Secretariats of the regions concerned.*

### **Article XIV**

*The Secretary may exercise his office at a Cercle Sigebert IV, at a Chapter or at a Commandery, if his mandate is local. If his mandate is regional, he will be Regional Secretary, if the mandate is national, will be the Grand National Secretary, if the mandate is European, he will be the Grand Secretary of Europe, if the mandate is international and relative to all jurisdictions, then he will be the General Secretary.*

*The Secretary General must send communications to the Grand National Secretary of each country, who in turn will pass the communications to the Regional Secretaries, who will take care to have them receive the local Secretaries of each group.*

*The Grand Secretary of Europe will forward the communications of the General Secretary to all the Secretariats of the european nations.*

*Communications for the Cercle Sigebert IV and those for the Prieuré de Sion differ for content and nature most of the time, while at other times they can be unified.*

### **Article XV**

*The Priory of Sion is endowed with a Priory Tribunal, in the functions of Court of Honor, in which disputes are handled.*

*The Priory Tribunal may have local, regional, national or world jurisdiction.*

*Each Commandery is endowed with a Court, composed of a President without the right to vote, in the person of the Commander, three judges elected by the Council and of a Degree not inferior to the 5°, and a defender. In the event the Commandery does not have members in possession of the necessary requisites, the place of judgment will be elected in the nearest Commandery, which members can satisfy the requested requisites.*

*Except for the most serious and / or incompatible with conciliar measures, it is obligatory that every dispute must first be submitted to the Chaplain, who will try to find a solution in a good-natured way among the Brothers/Sisters involved in the dispute, or between the Brothers/Sisters and the Commandery, or between the Brothers/Sisters and the Order, if these are the injured parties.*

*The Priory Tribunal, which meets in the regional jurisdiction, must be presided over by a Provincial Master with the right to vote that is worth double, and is made up of three judges elected by the Council of the Commandery where the litigation took place. If the Priory Tribunal meets in national jurisdiction, it must be presided over by the National Regent or by one of his delegates, or by one of the delegates of the Grand Master with the right to vote that is worth double, by seven judges elected by the Council of the Commandery where the litigation took place and by a defender. If the Commandery does not have members in possession of the necessary requisites, the place of judgment will be elected in the nearest Commandery, which members can meet the requisites requested. If the Priory Tribunal meets in world jurisdiction, it must be presided over by the Grand Master with the right to vote that is worth double, together with the remaining members of the Council of the "13 Rose-Croix" and by a defender.*

*Absences and voting proxies for members with rights but absent must be approved by the Grand Master. Any absences of one or more members can be supplemented by the same with members specifically appointed by him without limits of any kind.*

*The planned sanctions can be disciplinary or pecuniary, up to the radiation.*

## **Article XVI**

*The admission into the "Order of the Lily", of a Member who has already obtained the Third Degree, is decided by the Commander, the Marshal and the Chaplain of the Commendation of belonging, with a final decision of the Commander.*

## Article XVII

*The Hierarchy is divided into the following Degrees*

### MALE DEGREES

*Grand Maître, Nautonnier de l'Ordre, Supérieur, Ormus, Magnifique Souverain 10°*

*Sénéchal et Grand Dépositaire Mystique et Arcane 9°*

*Doge Sublime et perfect de l'Ordre du Lys et de l'Ordre de Sion 8°*

*Connétable illustre de l'Ordre de Sion et de l'Ordre du Lys 7°*

*Grand Commandeur de l'Ordre de Sion et de l'Ordre du Lys 6°*

*Chevalier Grand Commandeur consacrée au Ordre du Lys 5°*

*Chevalier de l'Ordre du Lys et de l'Ordre de Sion 4°*

*Noble Croisé de l'Ordre de Sion 3°*

*Vaillant de l'Ordre de Sion 2°*

*Écuyer Valiant de l'Ordre du Temple 1°*

## FEMALE DEGREES

*Grand Maître, Nautonnier de l'Ordre, Prieur de Sion, Ormus, Sérénissime Souveraine 10°*

*Sénéchal et Grand Dépositaire Mystique et Arcane 9°*

*Dogaressa Sublime et perfect de l'Ordre du Lys et de l'Ordre de Sion 8°*

*Connétable illustre de l'Ordre de Sion et de l'Ordre du Lys 7°*

*Dame consacrée à Sainte Marie Madeleine de Béthanie 6°*

*Dame consacrée à l'Ordre du Lis et à l'Ordre de Sion 5°*

*Dame du Lac 4°*

*Noble Croisé de l'Ordre de Sion 3°*

*Vaillant de l'Ordre de Sion 2°*

*Écuyer Valiant de l'Ordre du Temple 1°*

*The Priory of Sion, is divided into three internal Orders, from the first to the third Degree, the members belong to the Order of the Temple, from the fourth to the eighth Degree the members belong to the Order of the Lily which is the Highest Regent and enlightened Council of the Order of the Lily and of the Order of Sion; Members from ninth to tenth Degree belong to the Supreme and Mystical Sovereign and enlightened Quadrumvirate of the Priory of Sion.*

### Article XVIII

*The Most high regent and enlightened Council of the Order of the Lys and of the Order of Sion, is the "Order of the Lily", this body, has the power to propose innovations of all kinds, on everything concerning the Order; at the same time, the Most high regent and enlightened Council of the Order of the Lys and of the Order of Sion may propose changes to the present Statute or could even propose the expulsion of a Member; which will take place if the majority of the votes is reached in favor of the motion by votation of the Supreme and Mystic Quadrumvirate Sovereign and enlightened of the Priory of Sion; in order to vote for the expulsion of a Member, the motion must be presented by at least two Members and must have obtained at least the majority of votes in the Commandery of belonging.*

*If the result of the vote is positive, the motion approved will be definitively approved with immediate*

*effect. The Grand Master's vote is worth twice.*

*Every single Member of the Most high regent and enlightened Council of the Order of the Lys and of the Order of Sion can propose a subject of voting, which will be consulted by means of a vote within the body in the aforementioned modalities.*

#### **Article XIX**

*An Doge elected by the Arch of the 13 Rose-Croix can be, on delegation of the Supreme and Mystic Quadrumvirate Sovereign and enlightened of the Priory of Sion, the Sovereign responsible both of the "Order of the Temple" and of the "Order of the Lily". if the Order for any reason temporarily is not governed by the four members of the Supreme and Mystic Quadrumvirate Sovereign and enlightened of the Priory of Sion.*

*Because of this power conferred by the Supreme and Mystic Quadrumvirate Sovereign and illuminated of the Priory of Sion, he can govern the daily life of both Orders, within the limits defined by our Statute and within the rules and activities already established.*

#### **Article XX**

*In addition to the Grand Master, the Arch of the 13 Rose-Croix is the only organ that will decide the possible active role of any member within the Order, below the level of the Supreme and Mystical Sovereign and enlightened Quadrumvirate of the Priory of Sion.*

#### **Article XXI**

*Each member who has achieved the First Degree, is authorized to propose, to anyone he / she considers worthy, to enter the Order; this person will therefore have a time limit of 14 days, to accept the invitation and to propose his candidacy or to renounce the privilege.*

#### **Article XXII**

*All decrees proposed by a lower level than that of the Supreme and Mystic Sovereign and enlightened Quadrumvirate of the Priory of Sion, must be approved by vote from the Arch of the Thirteen Rose-Croixes and/or receive validation through the Grand Master's Seal.*

#### **Article XXIII**

*The Secretary General is appointed by the Grand Master and must be at least of the Degree of Illustrious Constable to receive the office, but he could also be a Doge or a Member of the Supreme and Mystic Quadrumvirate Sovereign and enlightened of the Priory of Sion.*

### **Article XXV**

*The Priory of Sion is a non-profit association. The funds of the Prieuré de Sion are composed of gifts and fees of the Members, this patrimony, could be used only for the maintaining of the Order or to improve its structure.*

### **Article XXVI**

*Any attempt to conditionate the Order's Members through any political ideology, or in favour of any politic parties or even a single politician, will determine the immediate expulsion as consequence.*

### **Article XXVII**

*It's strictly forbidden to debate or discuss political or religious matters inside the Order; continuous infringement to this article, will be punished with expulsion.*

### **Article XXVIII**

*Any Member which wil try to abuse his/her Title, in the attempt to create pressure toward others inside the Order; with the purpouse to obtain unfair and/or unreasonable advantages will be punished with suspension.*

### **Article XXIX**

*Any of the Members, which will involve others, in activities or actions which are not absolutely legitimate, ethical and legal, will be “expelled with dishonour”, with immediate effect, regardless the Degree achieved and the role inside the Order.*

*The Prieuré de Sion - Ordre de la Rose-Croix Véritas O.D.L.R.C.V. is an association for the purpose of pure cultural and traditional promotion, therefore every rule, promise or oath, is to be considered of purely moral and intellectual value and in no way can be considered conditioning in social life at any level, as it is governed solely by the laws and authorities of the country, state or nation to which the individual in question is legally subjected.*

### **Article XXX**

*Any Member, regardless of his/her Degree, social position and role inside the Order, will behave fraternally and in a kind and brotherly attitude, toward any of his/her Brothers or Sisters as this Fraternal Order is that in fact and not just by empty words or mere conventions.*

### **Article XXXI**

*The Grand Master may designate an heir to his Office. The investiture, in cases of force majeure or necessity, can also be made orally, if the circumstances require it or if the transmission is made in deathbed; in this case the Enthronement Ceremony can then be done later. In the face of this eventuality a proof of successful transmission is required to be exhibited at the Arch of the 13 Rose-Croix.*

*In the event of the Grand Master's death, without designated heirs, the successor will be elected by vote from the Arch of the 13 Rose-Croix, whose members will be at the same time, the only ones entitled to receive the vote. The winner of the votation will be the one among the 12 voters, who will have obtained more votes.*

*Until the vote, the Sénéchal with the highest seniority will act as Interim Grand Master. This vote must be called after 6 months from the death of the Grand Master.*

### **Article XXXII**

*A Commandery to be regularly installed must be provided with a special Foundation Bull issued by the Grand Master.*

*The Grand Master has the right to dissolve any Circle, Commandery or Chapter, if he sees violations of the Statute sufficiently serious to make the organs in question incompatible with the original purposes and functions of the Order.*

### **Article XXXIII**

*A Chevalier or a Dame who have obtained the 5th degree are eligible to claim the jurisdiction of a city that is not already under the command of another Brother or Sister, so they can then request this from his direct superior who will forward the candidacy on the command line, with the final approval of the Grand Master; a Chevalier or a Dame who have obtained the 6th degree are eligible to claim the jurisdiction of a region that is not already under the command of another Brother or Sister and, upon express mandate of the Grand Master, may temporarily acquire the regency of a nation if there were no Sénéchaux available; A Chevalier or a Dame who have obtained the 7th degree are eligible to claim the jurisdiction of three regions that are not already under the command of another Brother or Sister, and, upon express mandate of the Grand Master, may temporarily acquire the regency of a nation if there were no Sénéchaux available; A Chevalier or a Dame who have obtained the 8th degree are eligible to claim the jurisdiction of seven regions*

*that are not already under the command of another Brother or Sister and, upon express mandate of the Grand Master, they can temporarily acquire the regency of a nation if there were no Sénéchaux available; A Chevalier or a Dame who have obtained the 9th degree are eligible to claim the regency of at least one nation and are eligible to claim the jurisdiction of one or more nations that are not already under the command of another Brother or Sister and, upon express mandate of the Grand Master, can temporarily acquire the world regency in joint management with the other Sénéchaux that can not be more than three in total. All these regencies are subjected in turn to the authority of the Grand Master.*

*The function of National Regent of a Senechal is to be considered in the absence of Duly Invested Regents, since by their nature the Senechals each perform their own Support functions to the Grand Master, which are unique for each of the three Senechals.*

#### **Article XXXIV**

*A Chapter, to be defined as such, must consist of a minimum of three persons, of which at least one must be in the possession of the 4th Degree (vicar or effective). The role of Commander requires at least the 4th Degree (vicar or effective) in the Chapter and the 5th Degree (vicar or effective) in the Commandery, the roles of Chaplain and Marshall will be assigned to the highest in rank, excluding the Commander.*

*The Blacksmith must be in possession of at least the 4th Degree (vicar or effective).*

*The Sergeants Gonfaloniers can not have a Degree higher than the 3°(vicar or effective), except for the National Chapters or higher. The Gonfaloniers in the National or higher chapter is the Grand Gonfalonier.*

*The Guardian of the Temple must have a Degree not inferior than 4 °(vicar or effective). The Guardian of the Temple is also the one to whom the Novices are entrusted before the Initiation.*

*The Master of Ceremonies must have a Degree not inferior than 3 °(vicar or effective). During a national or higher Chapter, he will be called always Master of Ceremonies and will not be able to have a Degree inferior to the 4°(vicar or effective).*

*The Sword-Bearer must have a Degree not inferior than 3 ° (vicar or effective) and during a national or higher chapter, it will be called the Grand Sword-Bearer.*

*The Standard-Bearer during a national or higher chapter will be called Grand Standard-Bearer.*

*There are no restrictions that require a minimum Degree for the Secretary.*

*There are no restrictions that require a minimum Degree for the Treasurer.*

*There are no restrictions requiring for a minimum Degree for the Orator, except for regional or higher Chapters, where the Grand Orator must hold a Degree not inferior than 4 ° (vicar or effective).*

#### **Article XXXV**

*The qualification to initiate other Brothers or Sisters, is obtained after holding the 4th Degree (vicar or effective) and this gives the power to start new Squires and consequently raise them up to the 3rd Degree, through conferment of the Degree and delivery of the Diploma signed by the Grand Master.*

*From the 5th Degree (vicar or effective) onwards it is possible to initiate Brothers or Sisters up to the 4th Degree, through Initiation, conferment of the Degree and delivery of the Diploma signed by the Grand Master.*

*From the 6th Degree (vicar or effective) onwards it is possible to initiate Brothers or Sisters up to the 5th Degree, through Initiation, conferment of the Degree and delivery of the Diploma signed by the Grand Master.*

*From the 7th Degree (vicar or effective) onwards it is possible to initiate Brothers or Sisters up to the 6th Degree, through Initiation, conferment of the Degree and delivery of the Diploma signed by the Grand Master.*

*From the 8th Degree (vicar or effective) onwards it is possible to initiate Brothers or Sisters up to the 8th Degree itself, Initiation, through conferment of the Degree and delivery of the Diploma signed by the Grand Master.*

*From the 9th grade onwards it is possible to initiate Brothers or Sisters up to the 8th Degree, through Initiation, conferment of the Degree and delivery of the Diploma signed by the Grand Master.*

*To be part of the Arch of the 13 Rose-Croix it is necessary to have at least achieved the Degree of Constable and be elected by the same organ (a member should be missing). The Grand Master has the right to appoint a new member of the Arch of the 13 Rose-Croix directly and outside collegial votation; the candidate has to hold a Degree not lower than the 8th.*

*The Sénéchaux can only be elected by the Arch of the 13 Rose-Croix among members of Degree not less than the 8th or can be nominated directly by the Grand Master.*

#### **Article XXXVI**

*The use of an opening anthem at the beginning of the Works is allowed. The piece can be chosen between "Lux Aeterna - Requiem for a Dream" by Clint Mansell, "Chavaliers de Sangreal" by Hans Zimmer and "Rose of Arimathea", also by Hans Zimmer. Immediately after the Grand Master's Enthronement, "Gloria in excelsis Deo" will be heard, in the version of Antonio Vivaldi.*

#### **Article XXXVII**

*Members which will not be strictly scrupulous in the respect of the values and actions which delineates the characteristic of a gentleman, will be expelled, inasmuch as this is a chivalry Order and it's not tolerated the presence of Members which are not of excellent reputation and of great moral stature.*

### **Article XXXVIII**

*Membership to be effective needs to be complete of the personal informations as full name, address, profession, place and date of birth in addition of a photocopy of the identity document and the payment of the annual Capitation fee.*

### **Article XXXIX**

*It is possible to delete the own membership at any time but it is not possible at any time to ask reimbursement of any fee, Capitation or contribute given.*

*Do not pay the annual Capitation fee results in automatic cancellation of membership and suspension of the powers and faculties in receiving and performing sacraments.*

### **Article XL**

*It is not possible to administer, give or receiving sacraments of the Prieuré de Sion if expelled or if suspended for any reason, including delay in paying annual Capitation fee.*

*Exemptions can be granted by the Grand Master after unanimous and favorable votation by the members of the Commandery, Chapter or Cercle Sigebert IV of the Member asking the exemption.*

### **Article XLI**

*A Cercle Sigebert IV can be dissolved for just cause without the emission of any document. A Cercle Sigebert IV can be dissolved also if any of its members are in delay with payments of the annual fees without the exemption granted by the Grand Master; also in this case the Cercle Sigebert IV can be dissolved without the emission of any document.*

*A Chapter can be dissolved for just cause without the emission of any document. A Chapter can be dissolved also if any of its members are in delay with payments of the annual fees without the exemption granted by the Grand Master; also in this case the Chapter can be dissolved without the emission of any document.*

*A Commandery can be dissolved or suspended for just cause with the emission of a "Dissolution Bull" or with the emission of a "Suspension Bull". A Commandery can be dissolved also if its*

*members are in delay with payments of the annual fees without the exemption granted by the Grand Master; in this case the Commandery can be dissolved without the emission of any document because this eventuality is covered by the procedures described in Article XXXIX.*

*The Prieuré de Sion – Ordre de le Rose-Croix Véritas O.D.L.R.C.V. And the Grand Master are not responsible for any fact happened at a local level, in the Cercle Sigebert IV, Chapters or Commanderies, because those are all associations wich are independent under a legal point of view and the authority of the Prieuré de Sion – Ordre de le Rose-Croix Véritas O.D.L.R.C.V. is just moral and spiritual.*