



PRIEURÉ DE SION

ORDRE DE LA ROSE-CROIX VÉRITAS

Internal Regulations

(regulation and internal laws that develop in detail the functions that deal with the practical implementation of the Statute of the Order)

ART 1: The Prieuré de Sion is managed hierarchically, with a pyramidal system and three clear functions, all subject to final and unquestionable authority of the Grand Maître and Nautonnier of the Order, who is its Sovereign ad Vitam.

The three functions are:

EXECUTIVE

SPIRITUAL

MORAL

ART 2: The Executive function directs the activities on the territory through its Regents and its Commanders, installing new groups which then become Chapters and then Commanderies.

ART 3: Spiritual function provides support for all components that make initiatory transmission possible: the application of the Rites, the building of Temples, the support of the distribution of Books for the formation of its members, the solidarity and charity initiatives.

ART3: The moral function that watches over the loyalty and correctness of its members, which prevents injustice and makes sure that the actions of the Order come carried out according to its rules and statute. The most important moral function is that of the Protection of the Most Serene Grand Master, as its security and adherence to its directives is of primary importance for the good of the Order.

ART 4: THE HARMONIC BALANCE OF THE THREE FUNCTIONS

It is clear that these three functions travel hand in hand and are all three important and complementary.

For more understanding we will provide examples of how it is imbalance of these three functions could be equally harmful to the Order.

UNBALANCING IN FAVOR OF THE EXECUTIVE FUNCTION

You could have an order full of people who try to bring you on interests other than those of the Order, ignoring the Spiritual part, changing the rites to your liking or not performing them at all, as performing acts of disloyalty to the Grand Master.

UNBALANCING IN FAVOR OF THE SPIRITUAL FUNCTION

The spiritual part could be brought to exasperation, to such an extent become a small circle of few inquisitors who discriminate against anyone who doesn't has a certain point of view, with groups that never grow or that grow self-eliminating, creating blatant injustices against members of goodwill who needs also to grow by learning from their mistakes.

UNBALANCE IN FAVOR OF THE MORAL FUNCTION

The moral part could be brought to excess by starting to convene in mass justice

actions that instead of creating clarity only lead to a climate of terror where members prefer not to do rather than risk to commit mistakes.

HARMONIC BALANCE OF THE THREE FUNCTIONS

Harmonic balance of the three functions is possible only with an Order efficiently present in the territory (Administrative Function) which applies the principles and rituals of the Priory of Sion through the knowledge transmitted through the books of the Order and erecting temples in which the members can find oneself (Spiritual function) and that works faithfully through the directives of the Grand Maître and without partisan interests (moral function). This s the only way the Priory of Sion can make its contribution to Humanity.

With intertwined duties and cross interests of the three Sénéchaux in the three functions distinct and complementary, it will not be possible for any of them to assume absolute power that can then become harmful to the Order.

ART 5: Therefore in the Supreme and Mystic Quadrumvirate Sovereign and enlightened of the Priory of Sion, the three Sénéchaux represent the three main functions:

EXECUTIVE POWER,

SPIRITUAL POWER,

MORAL POWER.

ART 6: The Grand Master, incarnating them all, coordinates and directs the activities and as Sovereign he can keep for himself one or more of these functions in case of absence of one or more Sénéchaux.

ART 7: Senechaux can have their own territorial responsibilities, as assigned by the Grand Master, coordinating the Regents who represents the Nations under their authority, but together represents these three complementary functions that achieve their full realization only when the three Sénéchaux works together, merging their competence towards an homogeneous goal.

ART 8: The only exception to the Territorial control is the Sénéchal who administers the Moral Function and therefore powers toward Inspection and Justice, which having the faculty of operate using internal justice for the protection of the Most Serene Grand Master and the Order in General but has no nations under their own authority, so that he cannot use his authority for personal purposes, but only for the good of the Order and its Most Serene Grand Master.

This Sénéchal is called Grand Chancellor.

ART 9: THE NETWORKS OF THE THREE SÉNÉCHAUX

Within the Organizational structure, to give the Most Serene Grand Master a multiple point of view of what happens in the territory, e thus preserving it from falsified interpretations that could give it a vision of an incorrect reality, each of the three Sénéchaux has an information network for the function they represents

- a. The Executive structure receives reports from the Regents who in turn they receive their reports from the Magister Provincialis who collect them from the Commanders.
- b. The Spiritual structure receives reports from the National Chaplain who issues them receives from its posts counterparts in Commanderies and Chapters regarding the implementation of the Spiritual functions, the availability of books for the Brothers and Sisters, their spiritual progress and so on.
- c. The Moral structure receives reports from the Grand Chancellor who receives it by the National Chancellors who get the reports by the Inspectors present in each Commandery.

The inspector, being a place which must necessarily be released from the administrative powers of the Order is not bound to share any report with the local Commander but directly to the national Chancellor or to the Grand Chancellor, depending on its own judgement relating to the specific situation.

In order not to be able to be conditioned or influenced, advancement of grade can only be directed or disciplined by the National Chancellor.

ART 10: THE NATIONAL REGENT

The Regent of a Nation Represents the Executive Authority of a date Nation.

Every year, by February, any Commander or Regional Commander of a given nation that has obtained the title of Magister Provincialis can propose to the three Sénéchaux his candidacy as Regent for his Nation.

The Three Sénéchaux will consider each Commander within the limits of their powers and competence.

From an Executive point of view (growth of its own area of influence and control over it so that the Order persists over time) (Ref. Article 4 of Statute of the Priory of Sion)

b. Under the Spiritual Profile (practice of rites, written works made by Brothers and Sisters, raised temples, and so on) (Ref. Article 3 of the Statute of the Priory of Sion)

c. Morally (loyalty to the Grand Master, fair application of justice, timely and correct presentation of minutes, convocations and so on) (Ref. Articles 1, 2 and 5 of the Statute of the Priory of Sion)

d. Their recommendations will be forwarded to the Most Serene Grand Master who will decide independently to Elevate a New Regent or to reconfirm the previous one by providing recommendations for the Regent to be confirmed to improve any weaknesses that have been highlighted in the three functions by representatives of the three Sénéchaux. (Ref. Article 5 of the Articles of Association of the Priory of Sion)

CONDITIONS AND PREREQUISITES FOR THE APPLICATION AS NATIONAL REGENT

The candidate for the Regency must present his own document that includes a summary of the accomplishments that he has accomplished in each of the three functions in the area under its jurisdiction and its plans for the future in the three Executive, Spiritual and Moral aspects.

Consequently also the Inspector of his district and the Chaplain will provide a report on the progress of the same Candidate under the same three functional points, so that they can be compared between of them for consistency and truth. In case there are conflicting or unclear points it is task of the National Chancellor Network to clarify and collect any missing data which could give further light on the situation, so that the Most Serene Grand Master can deliberate independently with multiple points of view in hand.

f. The candidate must sign a document in which he accepts in advance the final decision of the Most Serene Grand Master with a commitment not to refuse or rebel in any way against the elevation of any other candidate, under penalty of expulsion with dishonor from the Order.

g. The candidate must comply with the obligations relating to financial assets and charges towards the Order.

h. the Candidate must have served in the Order for at least one year.

i. The candidate must present a Certificate of pending loads and criminal records, resulting uncensored and without ongoing proceedings against him (if not already previously presented).

j. The three Sénéchaux and / or the Grand Maître are never obliged to motivate the choice of one or the other candidate towards anyone who is not within the Supreme and Mystic Quadrumvirate Sovereign and enlightened of the Priory of Sion.

Once a Regent has been appointed by the Grand Master, that is the decision that everyone takes as their own.

k. The questioning of the Grand Master's final decision is subject to internal justice actions and considered treason, as treated in point 5 of the Statute of the Order.

ANNUAL APPOINTMENT

l. The candidate who is elected as regent receives a Vicar Degree of Doge, eighth grade.

A Vicar Degree is a degree strictly tied to the executive and specific function of the degree itself, and it is not a permanent Degree. At the Band of the Vicar Degree, a black band is added between the two symbols; that band represents the putrefaction in which

the Vicar could fall back if he fails the functions that have been assigned to him on a base of trust.

After one year the Vicar Regent is reconfirmed or removed from the assignment and returns to the rank that he previously had, and to wear the relative sash.

ART 11: THE VICAR DEGREE

The vicar degree is, as mentioned above, a degree not related to initiatory advancement but to the trust given to fill a given role within of the Organization of the Priory of Sion.

There are some functions that provide for a vicar degree, we list some of them

NATIONAL REGENTS

THE HONORARY KNIGHTS

HONORARY COMMANDERS

THE HONORARY SENECHAUX

THE NATIONAL CHANCELLORS AND LOCAL COMMANDERS

(vicarious degree equal to that of the Commander or Regent as appropriate)

Each of these positions has a vicar degree which attributes functions and dignity of a degree which has not yet been achieved at the initiatory level, and which it can lapse for various reasons, time or behavior of the person in question, or it can be confirmed by becoming effective.

11 a: IT IS MANDATORY THAT EVERY MEMBER IN POSSESSION OF VICAR DEGREE BRINGS A BLACK BAND BETWEEN THE TWO SYMBOLS OF THE SASH.

Not doing so corresponds to boasting a grade not yet obtained and is therefore punishable.

THE VICAR DEGREE IN THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW CHAPTERS

11 b: On decision of the Most Serene Grand Master it is possible that a Brother or Sister initiated to the 1° Degree, may be receive a 4th Vicar Degree and be installed as Commander, Chapelain or Marshal of a Chapter waiting to make initiatory progress. In that case it has a time of one year to concretize the progress or it will decay.

THE VICAR DEGREE IN THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW COMMANDERIES

11 c: On decision of the Most Serene Grand Master it is possible that Chevalier or Dame (4° Degree) may be awarded a 5° Vicar Degree and get installed as Commander, Chapelain and Marshall of a Commandery while waiting for the initiatory progress to concretize or it will decay.

THE VICAR DEGREE IN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND REGIONAL COMMANDERY

11 d: On decision of the Most Serene Grand Master it is possible that Chevalier or Dame (4° Degree) may be awarded a 6° Vicar Degree and get installed as Commander, Chapelain and Marshall of a Commandery while waiting for the

initiatory progress to concretize or it will decay.

ART 12: THE TITLE OF MAGISTER PROVINCIALIS

The title of Magister Provincialis is an honorific title that can be assigned only by the Grand Master to the Regional Commanders having reached a 5th degree (not vicar), and thus deserved the elevation to the 6th degree. (Ref. Article 11 of the Statute of the Priory of Sion)

12a: The Regional Commanders who obtained the title of Magister Provincialis can wear a red collar with a jewel representing the Fleur-De-Lys. The red band indicates 6th and 7th Degree bands with the strap that indicates the title of Magister Provincialis) that the Commander has sublimated his essence every of the three aspects : Executive, Spiritual and Moral.

THE THREE SÉNÉCHAUX AND THEIR FUNCTIONS

Having each of the three Sénéchaux a separate and specific function, they all assume a specific title:

1. SÉNÉCHAL ET GRAND DÉPOSITAIRE MYSTIQUE ET ARCANE, 9TH MASTER OF THE PALACE OF THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE AND OF THE ORDER OF THE LILY

2. SÉNÉCHAL ET GRAND DÉPOSITAIRE MYSTIQUE ET ARCANE, 9TH HIGH PRIEST OF THE ORDER OF THE ROSE-CROIX VÉRITAS

3. SÉNÉCHAL ET GRAND DÉPOSITAIRE MYSTIQUE ET ARCANE, 9TH GRAND CHANCELLOR AND GUARDIAN OF THE SACRED MOUNT

1. The Sénéchal et Grand Dépositaire Mystique et Arcane, 9th, Master of the Palace of the Order of the Temple and of the Order of the Lily, deals with the growth of the Order through the foundation of new groups that They then become Chapters, Commanderies and then Regional Grand Commanderies.

His functions, which he performs through the Commanders under his authority are:

Select potential initiates who have leadership and loyalty qualities necessary for creating groups composed of people who work together for the good of the Order.

Select future leaders to grow for future positions of responsibility.

Coordinate expansion and administrative activities on the territory at international level.

Make sure that the Commanders do the job they were assigned to and have the resources to do so.

Establish excellent lines of communication between members and with the higher bodies, so that a true "de facto" brotherhood takes place.

Provide the correct percentages of economic contributions to the National Secretariat that allow the organization to bear its own costs.

Make sure respect is granted to any member in the Order through the control over its network.

Identify any troublemaker and coordinate actions with the Inspector so that they cannot cause harm to the harmony of the Entity in which they infiltrated.

2. The Sénéchal et Grand Dépositaire Mystique et Arcane, 9th, Grand Priest of the Order of the Rose-Croix Véritas

Deals with growth of the Members of the Priory of Sion, and grants the possibility for them to access the necessary supports for inner growth.

Its functions, which it carries out through the Grand Chaplains and the Chaplains under the his authority are:

Make sure that Rituals can be performed in accordance with the Initiatory Transmission.

Make sure that the Brothers and Sisters of the Order have the books of the Order available and that they can obtain lessons from it by studying them.

Make sure that the Temples raised in the Commanderies and Chapters allows the Brothers and Sisters to find themselves in consecrated and consonant environments commensurate to the dignity of the Sacred Merovingian Order of the Priory of Sion.

Make sure that the Brothers and Sisters of the Order progress initially through written works and regularly presented in the Chapters and Commanderies.

Organize charity and benevolent actions.

Ensure that no discrimination within the Groups takes place on the basis of sex, political and / or religious point of view or economic condition.

Try to handle and mitigate internal disputes by making the Brothers and Sisters reconcile through conversation, where possible, or by reporting the informations to the Local Inspector for justice action in extreme cases.

He ensures that the vestments of the Order and the Symbols are used and displayed with dignity and correctly.

3. The Sénéchal et Grand Dépositaire Mystique et Arcane, 9th, Grand Chancellor and Guardian of the Sacred Mount is responsible for checking that above functions are performed correctly, with some additional functions:

Appoint in any structure where there is a Commander, starting from the Chapters, an Inspector who may be his eyes and ears. This function has no administrative powers but may result in informative reports that through this network reaches the Grand Master for decisions and actions.

The Grand Chancellor must be informed of any reports of the national and local inspectors on any contest or topic and may ask formal questions if retained necessary to obtain more informations on an unclear point.

Any member who was aware of attacks against the Priory of Sion, its officers, or is aware of the mismanagement of a Chapter or Commandery, or national jurisdiction has the possibility to send every report directly to the local inspector or National Chancellor in case he thought his inspector was compromised. Nobody can be punish because of providing those reports, which will remain confidential and known only to the Network of the inspector, National Chancellor, Grand Chancellor and the Grand Master for his decision and action. Failing to do it can result in disciplinary action against who has not reported the facts to the authorities of the Order.

Verify that the entity of the finances under its control are used in the correct way, for the good of the Order, watching that no misappropriation occurs, supervising expenses are properly documented and recorded for legal purposes.

Verify that the privacy of its members is respected.

Protect the Most Serene Grand Master and watch over the faithfulness toward him. In the case of the presence of the Most Serene Grand Master or other Grand Officers in the area, has the function of organizing the security service so that the High Officer is well protected.

The acquisition of Special Powers by this Sénéchal does however entail that the same will not have any territorial jurisdiction, for not having personal interests of in the

application of justice within the Order.

THE GRAND MASTER'S ANNUITY

The Grand Master receives an annuity of 60.000 Euro or 50.441 GBP (Great British Pounds). This sum will be issued in 12 monthly installments of the same entity.

SPECIAL POWERS

Refusing to collaborate with an Inspector's Network Member or impeding their functions can result in the convening of the Court of Honour at the Priory Tribunal for evaluate facts and take actions of internal justice.

Misappropriation, theft, personal violence, bullying, private interests in collision with the good of the Order, or public treacherous behavior towards Officers or the Order itself, if accompanied by irrefutable evidence, can result in actions of justice that are summoned for direct, with no possibility of appeal, resulting only in the presentation of the question to the Grand Chancellor or to the Grand Master for his final decision.

In the case of treason or public attacks on the person, the work or the Figure of the Grand Master, the action of justice is also in a very direct way without possibility of appeal, based on Article 5 of the Regulations, communicated directly to the Grand Maître himself for final approval of the Resolution of Justice.

In the case of treacherous behavior towards the Grand Master by any member or even by one of the other two Sènèchaux, the Grand Chancellor has the faculty of interrogate and collect informations and evidences on the suspicious activities and provide a full dossier to the Grand Master, for his final decision, free from any collegial deliberation.

