

FINAL DRAFT - TO BE READ BEFORE THE LODGE



BYLAWS OF PIEDMONT LODGE OF PERFECTION OF
THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF
FREEMASONRY FOR THE SOUTHERN JURISDICTION OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN THE VALLEY
OF SPARTANBURG ORIENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Adopted, [FINAL DRAFT - TO BE READ BEFORE THE LODGE]

(Revising the Bylaws adopted January 2, 1978)

(Revising the Bylaws adopted December 5, 2005)

ARTICLE I TITLE

SECTION I. This Lodge shall be known as Piedmont Lodge of Perfection and acknowledges allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General Knights Commander of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty-third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

SECTION 2. The Regulations of 1762 and the Grand Constitutions of 1786, as promulgated by the Supreme Council, together with the Statutes, Regulations and Edicts of the Supreme Council are the governing laws of the Rite. In addition thereto, the following provisions constitute the Bylaws of this Lodge of Perfection.

SECTION 3. The jurisdiction of this Lodge shall be such as is set forth by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council of South Carolina.

ARTICLE II MEETINGS

SECTION I. The stated meetings of this Lodge shall be held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday evening in each month, at such place as may be designated by the Venerable Master or the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council in this jurisdiction.

SECTION 2. Special meetings may be called by the Venerable Master as he may determine, subject to dispensation being granted by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council in this jurisdiction.

SECTION 3. Notice of stated or called meetings shall be given by the Secretary as directed by the Venerable Master.

SECTION 4. A stated or special meeting of this Lodge shall be composed of not less than nine members, one of which shall be the Venerable Master, Senior Warden or Junior Warden. This shall constitute a quorum and shall be indispensable, or by Special Dispensation of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council in this jurisdiction.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The following officers shall be elected annually at the stated meeting in December: (1) Venerable Master, (2) Senior Warden, (3) Junior Warden, (4) Orator, (5) Almoner. The newly elected Venerable Master shall appoint, the following officers: (1) Prelate, (2) Master of Ceremonies, (3) Expert, (4) Assistant Expert, (5) Captain of the Host, (6) Tiler.

SECTION 2. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be appointed by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council in this jurisdiction. The Secretary and Treasurer shall serve at the pleasure of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or Deputy of the Supreme Council.

SECTION 3. Election of officers shall be held by secret ballot if ordered by the presiding officer, or requested by any member present. A simple majority shall constitute election.

SECTION 4. The duties of the elective and appointive officers of this Lodge of Perfection shall be as set forth in the publication Ceremonies of Installation and Dedication of a Lodge of Perfection as prescribed by the Supreme Council. The Venerable Master may direct any officer to perform additional duties not inconsistent with the Statutes of the Supreme Council.

SECTION 5. A member holding office of Wise Master or Warden in the Chapter shall be ineligible to hold the office of Venerable Master or Warden in the Lodge of Perfection during his tenure of office in the other Body and no member shall occupy the offices of Secretary and Treasurer at the same time.

ARTICLE IV RULES OF ORDER

SECTION I. The rules of order and debate shall be modeled after those of Brother Mackey's Jurisprudence of Freemasonry, to which reference shall be made in cases of doubt.

SECTION 2. The order of business shall be as follows, except as provided in SECTION 3. (1) Reading and/or approving the minutes, (2) Receiving Applications for the Degrees, Affiliations, Reinstatements, Demits, (3) Balloting on Petitions, (4) Treasurer's Report, (5) Reports of Standing Committees, (6) Reports of Special Committees, (7) Almoner's Report, (8) Unfinished Business, (9) New Business, (10) Other Business, (11) Educational Program.

SECTION 3. The prescribed order of business may be changed at the pleasure of the presiding officer.

ARTICLE V BALLOTING

SECTION 1. Except as specifically provided for by the Statutes of the Supreme Council or in these Bylaws, balloting shall be by the usual Masonic sign, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, or requested by a majority of the brethren present. Should a challenge occur the rules of order of Brother Mackey's Jurisprudence of Freemasonry, shall prevail.

SECTION 2. Except where otherwise specified, a simple majority shall prevail on any question.

SECTION 3. Every member present shall be entitled to one vote. When a tie vote occurs on any question, the presiding officer shall order a second ballot. If a tie occurs on the second ballot, the presiding officer shall cast the deciding vote, in addition to his vote as a member.

ARTICLE VI FEES AND DUES

SECTION 1. The fee for the degrees from the fourth through the fourteenth, inclusive, shall be Eighty dollars (\$80.00), and no degree shall be received by a candidate until this fee has been paid, except as provided in the statutes of the Supreme Council. No fee shall be charged for affiliation.

SECTION 2. The dues of each member of the Lodge, except as provided in Section 3, shall be Forty dollars (\$40.00) per year, payable in advance on the first of January. Any member who is in arrears for more than two years shall be dropped from the roll by the Secretary. Such member shall only be reinstated upon application and payment of two years' dues and the current year's dues. Such application must be balloted on at a stated meeting, and the suspended member elected to membership.

SECTION 3. Any member of this Lodge, having rendered exceptional service to the Rite, may be proposed for Life Membership, such proposal to be referred to a committee appointed by the Venerable Master, which shall report at the next stated meeting, and such member may be elected a Life Member by a two-thirds majority of the members present. In addition, all

members who are elected to and receive the Thirty-Third Honorary shall have their annual dues waived for life.

SECTION 4. Lodge dues shall automatically increase in an amount equal to any increase by the Supreme Council.

SECTION 5. Perpetual Life Membership is offered to anyone in accordance with the formula provided by the Supreme Council (see Appendix #1).

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The Steering Committee shall be appointed by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council in this jurisdiction. The duties of this Committee shall be prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council in this jurisdiction. The Steering Committee shall have general supervision of all monies and properties of the Lodge. The members of the Steering Committee shall be composed of the Executive Committee, (Personal Representative, Secretary, Treasurer, and Director(s) of Work), the Venerable Master and Senior Warden of the Lodge of Perfection, Wise Master and Senior Warden of the Chapter of Rose Croix, Venerable Master of the Knights of Saint Andrew, Valley Fund Raising Chairman, Representative of the KCCH Club and others as may be deemed necessary.

SECTION 2. The Finance Committee shall consist of the Venerable Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall have general oversight of all monies and properties of the Lodge and shall establish an annual budget for the valley prior to installation of new officers for the ensuing year. The Treasurer shall be the Chairman. Full control of financial affairs shall be vested in the membership of this Lodge and shall be administered by the Finance Committee. The Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council in this jurisdiction or the Finance Committee may choose a licensed auditor or may appoint an independent committee to audit the books of the Secretary and Treasurer annually and report to the Lodge not later than the July stated meeting.

SECTION 3. Other Committees shall be appointed by the Venerable Master when necessary for the proper administration of the business of the Lodge.

ARTICLE VIII DIRECTOR(S) OF WORK

SECTION 1. The Director(s) of Work shall be a Master of the Royal Secret and he shall have general supervision of the staging of the degrees, in cooperation with the degree masters. He shall have under his charge the equipment, properties and regalia used in conferring the degrees.

SECTION 2. The Director(s) of Work shall be appointed by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council in this jurisdiction. The Director(s) of Work shall serve at the pleasure of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council in this jurisdiction.

SECTION 3. The Director(s) of Work shall organize such staff as he shall deem desirable to assist him in his duties. He shall appoint the Class Director(s), who shall assume his duties in his absence.

SECTION 4. The Director(s) of Work shall be empowered to authorize emergency expenditures for equipment or supplies not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) at any one reunion, but all such expenditures shall be reported to the Lodge at its next stated meeting.

SECTION 5. The Director(s) of Work shall set all work and reunion dates with the approval of the Lodge.

ARTICLE IX APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I. Application for degrees, affiliation and reinstatement shall be by written petition, recommended by two members. Applications for degrees may be signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary of his Blue Lodge under the seal of that Lodge.

SECTION 2. Petitions shall be processed as provided by the Statutes of the Supreme Council.

SECTION 3. Should the petitioner request the return of his petition before being balloted upon, his request shall be honored, but no petition shall be returned once it has been balloted upon, except as provided by the Statutes of the Supreme Council.

SECTION 4. Upon election to receive the degrees, all fees previously paid by the candidate shall become the property of the Lodge of Perfection and shall be returned to him only by vote of the Lodge, except as provided by the Statutes of the Supreme Council. The fees of a rejected petitioner shall be returned with notice of his rejection.

ARTICLE X FISCAL

SECTION I. The Secretary shall perform his duties in accordance to the Financial Procedures and Controls of the Valley (see Appendix #2). The Secretary shall maintain a copy of Brother Mackey's Jurisprudence of Freemasonry for inspection at all meetings.

SECTION 2. The Treasurer shall perform his duties in accordance to the Financial Procedures and Controls of the Valley (see Appendix #2).

SECTION 3. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be under such bond as may be determined by the Supreme Council.

SECTION 4. The Almoner's Fund shall not be considered a part of the Treasury, and the Almoner shall have complete charge of his fund, according to ancient usage, but shall keep a record of receipts and disbursements as prescribed by the Supreme Council.

SECTION 5. No officer of this Lodge shall be accompanied by any remuneration except those of Secretary and Treasurer, but any officer or member may be reimbursed, after investigation by the Finance Committee and approval of the Lodge, for expenses in the service of the Rite.

SECTION 6. The salaries of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be determined by the Lodge from recommendations of the Steering Committee.

SECTION 7. Upon the request of the Secretary, there may be provided for him an assistant or assistants, in such manner and at such remuneration as the Lodge shall determine from recommendations of the Finance Committee.

SECTION 8. The books and accounts of the Secretary and the Treasurer shall be, at all times, open for inspection to any member of the Valley of Spartanburg.

**ARTICLE XI
AMENDMENTS**

SECTION 1. Amendments to these Bylaws shall be proposed in writing at a stated meeting and if adopted by two-thirds vote of the members present at a subsequent meeting, shall become effective and shall become laws upon compliance with the Statutes of the Supreme Council.

**ARTICLE XII
DISPOSITION**

SECTION 1. These Bylaws shall become effective upon being approved by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council in this jurisdiction, whereupon, they shall supersede previous Bylaws of this Lodge.


THESE BYLAWS ADOPTED BY PIEDMONT LODGE OF PERFECTION AT THE STATED MEETING ON THE ??/??, 2014.

(s) Michael D. Clardy, 32° KCCH
Venerable Master

ATTEST:

(s) Fred D. Thompson, 33°
Secretary

APPROVED:

(s) Michael D. Smith, 33°
 Sovereign Grand Inspector
General South Carolina
Dated:??/?? 2014

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ARTICLE I
TITLE

SECTION 1. This Chapter shall be known as Spartanburg Chapter Rose Croix.

ARTICLE II
MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The stated meetings of this Chapter shall be opened concurrently with the Lodge of Perfection on the first Monday evening in each month, at such place as may be designated by the Wise Master or the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council in this jurisdiction.

SECTION 2. Special meetings may be called by the Wise Master as he may determine, subject to dispensation being granted by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council in this jurisdiction.

SECTION 3. Notice of stated or called meetings shall be given by the Secretary as directed by the Wise Master.

SECTION 4. A stated or special meeting of this Chapter shall be composed of not less than nine members, one of which shall be the Wise Master, Senior Warden or Junior Warden. This shall constitute a quorum and shall be indispensable.

ARTICLE III
OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The following officers shall be elected annually at the stated meeting: (1)Wise Master, (2)Senior Warden, (3) Junior Warden, (4)Orator, (5)Almoner. The Wise Master shall appoint, at his pleasure, the following officers: (1)Prelate, (2) Master of Ceremonies, (3)Expert, (4)Assistant Expert, (5)Standard Bearer, (6)Guardian of the Temple, (7)Tiler.

SECTION 2. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be appointed by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council in this jurisdiction. The Secretary and Treasurer shall serve at the pleasure of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council in this jurisdiction. With the exception of a Special Dispensation of the Sovereign Grand inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council in this jurisdiction.

SECTION 3. Election of officers shall be had by secret ballot if ordered by the presiding officer, or requested by any member present. A simple majority shall constitute election.

SECTION 4. The duties of the elective and appointive officers of this Chapter Rose Croix shall be as set forth in the publication Ceremonies of Installation and Dedication of a Chapter Rose Croix as prescribed by the Supreme Council. The Wise Master may direct any officer to perform duties not inconsistent with the Statutes of the Supreme Council.

SECTION 5. A member holding the office of Venerable Master or Warden in the Lodge of Perfection shall be ineligible to hold office of Wise Master or Warden in the Chapter Rose Croix during his tenure of office in the other body, and no member shall occupy the offices of Secretary and Treasurer at the same time.

ARTICLE IV
RULES OF ORDER

SECTION 1. The rules of order in the Chapter shall be as prescribed in Article IV of the Bylaws of the Piedmont Lodge of Perfection.

ARTICLE V
BALLOTING

SECTION 1. Balloting in the Chapter shall be as prescribed in Article V of the Bylaws of the Piedmont Lodge of Perfection.

ARTICLE VI
FEEES AND DUES

SECTION I. The fee for the degrees from the fifteenth through the eighteenth, inclusive, shall be Forty dollars (\$40.00), and no degree shall be received by a candidate until this fee has been paid, except as provided in the Statutes of the Supreme Council. No fee shall be charged for affiliation.

SECTION 2. The dues of each member of the Chapter, except as provided in Section 3, shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) per year, payable in advance on the first of January. Any member who is in arrears for more than two years shall be dropped from the roll by the Secretary. Such member shall only be reinstat-

ed upon application and payment of two years' dues and the current year's dues. Such application must be balloted on at a stated meeting and the suspended member elected to membership.

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**ARTICLE XI
AMENDMENTS**

SECTION 3. Any member of this Chapter, whom having rendered exceptional service to the Rite, may be proposed for Life Membership, such proposal to be referred to a committee appointed by the Wise Master, which shall report at the next stated meeting, and such member may be elected a Life Member by a two-thirds majority of the members present. In addition, all members who are elected to and receive the Thirty-Third Degree Honorary, shall have their annual dues waived for life.

SECTION 1. Amendments to these Bylaws shall be proposed in writing at a stated meeting and if adopted by two-thirds of the members present at a subsequent stated meeting, shall become effective and shall become law upon compliance with the statutes of the Supreme Council.

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SECTION I. These Bylaws shall become effective upon being approved by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council in this jurisdiction, whereon they shall supersede all previous Bylaws of this Chapter.

SECTION I. The temporary committees shall be such as may be created and dissolved from time to time by the Wise Master.

THESE BYLAWS ADOPTED BY THE SPARTANBURG CHAPTER ROSE CROIX AT THE STATED MEETING ON THE ??/??, 2014.

**ARTICLE VIII
DIRECTOR(S) OF WORK**

(s) Dennis C. Rinehart, 32°
Wise Master

SECTION 1. All provisions of Article VIII of the Bylaws of the Piedmont Lodge of Perfection shall apply to the Director(s) of Work in the Chapter.


ATTEST:

(s) Fred D. Thompson, 33°
Secretary

**ARTICLE IX
APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

SECTION 1. All provisions of Article IX of the Bylaws of the Piedmont Lodge of Perfection shall apply to Applications for membership in the Chapter.

APPROVED:

(s) Michael D. Smith, 33°
 Sovereign Grand Inspector General
South Carolina

Dated:??/?? 2014

**ARTICLE X
FISCAL**

SECTION I. This Chapter hereby consents that all fiscal affairs of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Spartanburg shall be administered by the Piedmont Lodge of Perfection, as set forth

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Appendix I

Life Membership Tables Orient of South Carolina

AGE	FACTOR	DUES	REG DUES	SAVINGS	YRS SAVE
18	44.6	4460	6200	1740	17.4
19	43.6	4360	6100	1740	17.4
20	42.9	4290	6000	1710	17.1
21	42.1	4210	5900	1690	16.9
22	41.4	4140	5800	1660	16.6
23	40.7	4070	5700	1630	16.3
24	40	4000	5600	1600	16
25	39.3	3930	5500	1570	15.7
26	38.6	3860	5400	1540	15.4
27	37.9	3790	5300	1510	15.1
28	37.1	3710	5200	1490	14.9
29	36.4	3640	5100	1460	14.6
30	35.7	3570	5000	1430	14.3
31	35	3500	4900	1400	14
32	34.3	3430	4800	1370	13.7
33	33.6	3360	4700	1340	13.4
34	32.9	3290	4600	1310	13.1
35	32.1	3210	4500	1290	12.9
36	31.4	3140	4400	1260	12.6
37	30.7	3070	4300	1230	12.3
38	30	3000	4200	1200	12
39	29.3	2930	4100	1170	11.7
40	28.6	2860	4000	1140	11.4
41	27.9	2790	3900	1110	11.1
42	27.1	2710	3800	1090	10.9
43	26.4	2640	3700	1060	10.6
44	25.7	2570	3600	1030	10.3
45	25	2500	3500	1000	10
46	24.3	2430	3400	970	9.7
47	23.6	2360	3300	940	9.4
48	22.9	2290	3200	910	9.1
49	22.1	2210	3100	890	8.9

AGE	FACTOR	DUES	REG DUES	SAVINGS	YRS SAVE
50	21.4	2140	3000	860	8.6
51	20.7	2070	2900	830	8.3
52	20	2000	2800	800	8
53	19.3	1930	2700	770	7.7
54	18.6	1860	2600	740	7.4
55	17.9	1790	2500	710	7.1
56	17.1	1710	2400	690	6.9
57	16.4	1640	2300	660	6.6
58	15.7	1570	2200	630	6.3
59	15	1500	2100	600	6
60	14.3	1430	2000	570	5.7
61	13.6	1360	1900	540	5.4
62	12.9	1290	1800	510	5.1
63	12.1	1210	1700	490	4.9
64	11.4	1140	1600	460	4.6
65	10.7	1070	1500	430	4.3
66	10	1000	1400	400	4
67	9.3	930	1300	370	3.7
68	8.6	860	1200	340	3.4
69	7.9	790	1100	310	3.1
70	7.14	714	1000	286	2.86
71	6.4	640	900	260	2.6
72	5.7	570	800	230	2.3
73	5	500	700	200	2
74	4.3	430	600	170	1.7
75	3.6	360	500	140	1.4
76		250	400	150	1.5
77		250	300	50	0.5
78		250	200		0
79		250	100		0
80		250	100		0

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite
Valley of Spartanburg
Financial Procedures and Controls

RECEIPTS OF FUNDS

All funds shall be received by the Secretary. The Secretary shall maintain a spreadsheet of all funds received. The Secretary shall give the receipts to the Treasurer and take his receipt for the same. The Treasurer receives the funds from the Secretary only, giving him a receipt. The Treasurer shall maintain a spreadsheet/ledger log of all funds received and listing when those funds are deposited. The treasurer shall make bank deposits a minimum of once a month as long as there are receipts to deposit.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

No disbursements (other than approved budgeted expenses) shall be made without prior approval of either the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council in this jurisdiction or the approval of the Valley, except in the case of an emergency the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of the Supreme Council in this jurisdiction or Personal Representative may authorize expenditures and they shall report to the Valley at the next meeting. All bills shall be submitted to the Secretary for review and approval. The Secretary shall initial, date, and give the bills to the Treasurer for payment. Upon receipt of the authorized bills the Treasurer shall write the checks and send to the payee. The Treasurer shall maintain a spreadsheet/ledger log of all disbursements.

BANK AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer shall reconcile all bank accounts each month. The Treasurer shall give the reconciled bank statements to the Personal Representative for his review and approval. The Treasurer shall give the monthly investment account statement to the Personal Representative for his review and approval.

The Secretary shall receive the charge cards (2) statement. The Secretary and Treasurer shall maintain the Valley charge cards. The Secretary shall attach receipts for all charges to the statement along with explanations of expenses as necessary. The Personal Representative shall review and approve the charge card statement and give to the Treasurer for payment.