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CHAPTER I.

Section 1. There shall be a Grand Chapter for the Republic of Texas, to be holden at the seat of government of said Republic, on the third Monday in January in each year, at which time the following Grand Officers shall be elected by ballot and installed, to-wit: Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Marshal and Grand Lecturer; and such other officers as the Grand High Priest may deem necessary to appoint shall be appointed by him and be installed at the same time.

Sec. 2. The Grand Chapter shall have and maintain jurisdiction over all Chapters in the Republic of Texas, and in those States, Districts, Republics or Territories who recognize this jurisdiction and where there is no Grand Chapter regularly established; and shall have authority to suspend the proceedings of such Chapters, in States where there is no Grand Chapter, as may knowingly violate any of the provisions of this Constitution; to settle all differences which may arise, and give such advice and instruction as may seem most conducive to their peace and the advancement of the great cause of benevolence and virtue.

Sec. 3. The Grand Chapter shall be composed of the several Grand Officers, the Past Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, the Past Grand Kings, the Past Grand Scribes, the first three officers of the several Chapters under this jurisdiction, or the regular proxies of the said first three officers of said Chapters, and all Past High Priests, while members of Chapters under this jurisdiction, together with the companions present in the convention at the formation and establishment of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and who shall have signed this Constitution, shall be constituted members thereof forever.

Sec. 4. On all questions to be decided by the Grand Chapter each Chapter shall be entitled to three votes by its representatives or representatives, and the Grand Officers and members, when present, shall each have one vote.

Sec. 5. The Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests shall have authority to call a meeting of the Grand Chapter whenever they may consider it expedient or necessary; and it shall be their duty to do so whenever properly requested by a majority of the Chapters, of which four months' notice shall be given of the time of meeting.