



Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis

Pearl of the Orient College



This society is an invitational Masonic organization

ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS

Section 1 – TITLE AND JURISDICTION This College, acting under a Charter issued 11 February 2010 by Supreme Magus William Howard Koon, II, IX^o, KGC of The High Council, shall be known as Pearl of the Orient College, Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis. Its jurisdiction shall cover the jurisdiction of the Philippines.

Section 2 – OFFICERS The officers of this College shall be styled and take rank as follows:

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| 1. - Chief Adept | 12. - First Herald |
| 2. - Celebrant | 13. - Second Herald |
| 3. - Suffragan | 14. - Torch Bearer |
| 4. - Secretary | 15. - Guardian of the Caverns |
| 5. - Treasurer | 16. - Medalist |
| 6. - Primus Ancient | 17. - Acolyte |
| 7. - Secundus Ancient | 18. - Librarian |
| 8. - Tertius Ancient | 19. - Prelate |
| 9. - Quartus Ancient | 20. - Auditor |
| 10. - Conductor of Novices | 21. - Cyber Director |
| 11. - Organist | |

The Chief Adept is appointed by the Supreme Magus, *ad vitam*. He is subject to removal by the same power or by The High Council. The Celebrant, Suffragan, Secretary, and Treasurer and four Ancients shall be elected each year at the Annual Convocation by ballot, and a majority of votes cast shall constitute election. The officers shall be inducted into office the day of election. To be eligible for office a Frater must have attained the Fourth Grade. All officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and installed. The remaining officers are appointed by the Chief Adept. There is no line or order of progression among either the elected or appointed officers. The Chief Adept may appoint Fratres to a High Council of the College. Members of the College High Council will serve at his pleasure. The Officers of Secretary/Treasurer and the Cyber Director will receive their dues as compensation for their duties. Expenses for the Web are to be paid from the Treasury upon order of the Chief Adept.

Section 3 – MEMBERSHIP LIMIT In conformity with ancient usage, there may not be more than seventy-two (72) members in this college. Each shall have voice and vote in the matters pertaining to the College, so far as such matters pertain to the rank of the Frater.

Section 4 – CANDIDATES No Aspirant shall be admitted to membership in this College unless he be a Master Mason of good moral character, intelligent and possessing a mind free from prejudice and anxious for instruction. Aspirants must state that they are not a member of a non-Masonic Rosicrucian organization as a matter of ethics. No one is to know that he is being considered as a member of the College until the letter of invitation is sent. No one who asks to join the College will be considered for membership. Once an invitation has been tendered it must be accepted within one year or it is withdrawn. If not accepted another invitation may not be issued for a period of three years.

The name of the aspirant shall be submitted to the Chief Adept for scrutiny by the College High Council not less than thirty (30) days prior to the College Convocation. Unanimous consent of the High Council of the College shall be necessary in each Order for admission thereto. It shall be further required that all aspirants shall be of the Christian faith.

A Candidate rejected by a College having jurisdiction over him may not be received in Pearl of the Orient College without the consent of the one by which he was rejected.

This College and its members shall not recognize as a Rosicrucian, any person whose residence is within the jurisdiction of The High Council for the United States of America, who shall, while residing in the USA, receive the grades in some other jurisdiction, without having first obtained the consent of the College having jurisdiction over him, or of one of the three Ruling Magi of The High Council for the United States of America.

Section 5 – THE THREE ORDERS This College has control over, and power to confer:

(A) the four Grades of the FIRST ORDER, which are:

- I° - Zelator
- II° - Theoricus
- III° - Practicus
- IV° - Philosophus

(B) the three Grades of the SECOND ORDER, which are:

- V° - Adeptus Minor
- VI° - Adeptus Major
- VII° - Adeptus Exemptus

The two Grades of the THIRD ORDER, which are VIII° Magister Templi and IX° Magus are official grades and are conferred only by The High Council. The Fratres of the THIRD ORDER are all members of The High Council.

Section 6 – QUORUM Not less than FIVE shall constitute a quorum in the FIRST ORDER and not less than THREE shall constitute a Quorum in the SECOND ORDER.

Section 7 – CONVOCATIONS Pearl of the Orient College shall hold an Annual Convocation each year during the month of May (*Third Monday in May*). The Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Manila, Philippines. A collation at the Annual Convocation is obligatory. Two Additional Convocations, (*Third Monday in July and Third Monday in September - subject to change by the Chief Adept*) shall be held at various locations around the country. The Chief Adept may direct the holding of a Convocation in a specific location or a different time when, in his sole opinion, it is most advisable to do so. Membership is conversant upon attendance at meetings. If a Frater is unable to attend a meeting he must contact the College Secretary in writing. Non-attendance without excused absence for one year will make the member subject to suspension.

Section 8 – MOTTO Every Frater shall, on admission into this College, choose a Latin motto which will be registered with the Secretary-General by the Secretary of the College with the Annual return. Should it appear that the motto is already chosen by a living Frater in this College, another must be selected. After the motto is once registered by the Secretary-General it may not afterwards be changed under any pretext.

Section 9 – FEES The fee for admission and for the conferring of the Grades of the first two Orders (*in every Order*) shall be five thousand Philippine peso (*5,000.00 Php*). Annual dues, in the amount of one thousand Philippine peso (*1,000.00 Php*), are due and payable on or before the first day of June of each year. Fratres delinquent in their dues for more than six months shall be dropped from membership in the College.

Section 10 – RIGHTS OF ADVANCEMENT Candidates elected to the First or the Second Order shall be entitled to all the Grades of such Order.

Section 11 – CHIEF ADEPT He shall have the general superintendence of all affairs pertaining to the College; he shall preside at all convocations thereof, at his sole will and pleasure. He shall appoint all committees, and be ex-officio, chairman of the same. He shall discharge all the duties prescribed for him by the Constitution, Ordinances, Regulations, Rituals and usages of the Order. In his absence, the Celebrant shall preside, and thereupon have equal authority as if he were Chief Adept, subject to appeal to the Chief Adept and The High Council. The presiding officer may convoke the College at any time he may deem necessary.

Section 12 – CELEBRANT AND SUFFRAGAN They shall respectively discharge the several duties prescribed for them in the rituals of the Order. In the absence of the Chief Adept and Celebrant, the Suffragan, for the time being, shall succeed to the Presidency.

Section 13 – SECRETARY He shall convene the College by written notification to all the Fratres at least ten days prior to the Convocation date. He shall keep the minutes of the College, register all of the members, their mottoes, and dates of admission to each grade. He shall receive all fees, dues and subscriptions which shall be transmitted to the Treasurer, to be deposited in an account in the name of Pearl of the Orient College, SRICF. He shall, within ten days after the Annual Convocation, transmit a certificate of the election of the Officers of the College to the Secretary-General of The High Council, with the post office address of the Presiding Officer and Secretary. He shall prepare an annual return to The High Council, in duplicate, embracing the transactions for the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, and shall state the Latin motto for each new Frater. One copy shall be forwarded to the Secretary-General on or before the first day of July in each year and the other shall be filed in the records of the College. He shall act under the direction of the Chief Adept.

TREASURER He shall pay out College funds upon a warrant signed by the Chief Adept. His accounts shall be audited at the Annual Convocation by the Ancients. He shall, within ten days of the Annual Convocation, prepare an annual return to The High Council, in duplicate, embracing the transactions for the fiscal year ending the 30th of June. He shall act under the direction of the Chief Adept.

Section 14 – FOUR ANCIENTS They shall assist their superiors in all matters of ritual and ceremony, and instruct their Fratres in the science and philosophy of Rosicrucianism.

Section 15 – CONDUCTOR OF NOVICES He shall examine and prepare all Aspirants and conduct them in accordance with the forms of the ritual.

Section 16 – FIRST AND SECOND HERALDS They shall have charge of the ballot, and otherwise generally assist the Conductor of Novices, as provided in the ritual and ceremonies; and see that proper silence and order are observed, and the caverns protected from the unworthy.

Section 17 – GUARDIAN OF THE CAVERNS He shall have charge of the entrances of the caverns, and a general supervision of the Acolyte in his relation thereto. The duty of tiling the several Orders must be strictly enforced.

Section 18 – ACOLYTE He shall act as outer guard, under the immediate direction of the Celebrant, through the Guardian of the Caverns. He shall likewise have the care of all properties, paraphernalia and furniture of the College, and shall set them forth and remove the same as occasion may require and as directed by the Celebrant.

Section 19 – CYBER DIRECTOR He shall build and maintain a Web Site for the College which will include a section where papers presented to the College will be published. Also a separate private section where the minutes will be published. He shall receive his dues as compensation for performing this service. The Office of Cyber Director does not preclude the Frater from holding another office in the College.

Section 20 – DISCIPLINE All Fratres of Pearl of the Orient College shall be amenable to the College. Any member disciplined may appeal to The High Council within six months, where the sentence may be revised; pending such final action, the penalty awarded by the College shall be effective. Pearl of the Orient College shall have jurisdiction over a non-affiliate residing in the Philippines.

Section 21 – COLLEGE DISSOLUTION If this College be temporarily interdicted or permanently dissolved, the officers thereof shall forthwith deposit their Dispensation or Charter, Ordinances, Regulations and all manuscripts and printed papers, moneys and properties appertaining to the College, with the Secretary-General, that the same may be deposited in the archives of The High Council for safe-keeping, the monies deposited in the Society's treasury.

Section 22 – AMENDMENTS These Ordinances and Regulations may not be changed or amended except by the consent of a majority of the Fratres of Pearl of the Orient College, duly assembled in regular Convocation only after they have been presented to the College High Council.