



Article 14

All members of the Supreme Council shall exercise their deliberative vote, except for the Prince Grand Master who may exercise two deliberative votes, when present, or if delivered by proxy to the chairman of the Supreme Council the two deliberate votes will still be exercised on his behalf.

Article 15

Meetings of the Supreme Council shall be convened and conducted in accordance with the Standing Orders of the Supreme Councils. Quorum will be fifty percent (50%) plus one.

Article 16

The Supreme Council between its meetings shall delegate part of its executive powers and functions to the Grand Chancellor, in consultation with the Prince Grand Master and the Governor.

Article 17

Deliberations of the Supreme Council are consultative and the final decision rests with the Prince Grand Master in consultation with the Lieutenant Grand Master, the Governor and the Grand Chancellor.

Article 18

Grand Prior's Conferences will usually take place every year and normally before each Supreme Council meeting. All deliberations are treated as consultative, consensus will be taken seriously, but any recommendations are not binding unless approved by the Prince Grand Master or by the Governor, possibly in consultations with the Grand Chancellor.

*The Senior Officers of the Order*

Article 19

The Prince Grand Master is the constitutional hereditary head of the Order. He is vested with, and may exercise in Council, all the ancient rights, privileges and prerogatives traditionally due to and inherent in the sovereignty of his office.

When the hereditary lines come to an end or the succession is impossible, he is elected by the Supreme Council. When elected, he may retain and exercise the office *ad vitam* unless he elects to retire earlier or is permanently prevented by incapacity from fulfilling his duties, as certified by the Governor.

Article 20

A Lieutenant Grand Master and/or a Governor can be elected by the Prince Grand Master to assist him.

In the interregnum which occurs between the death or resignation of the Prince Grand Master and the election of a permanent successor, or if, for any reason, the office of the Prince Grand Master is left vacant, the Lieutenant Grand Master or the Governor will act on his behalf.

An appointed Lieutenant Grand Master shall remain until a successor to the Prince Grand Master is elected. The appointment of the Lieutenant Grand Master is then terminated.



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*Members in Gremio Religionis*

Article 57

Postulants who for residential, political or other reasons, are not assigned to a Priory or Commandery, are received in *gremio religionis* and depend directly from the Grand Chancellery.

*The Discipline of Members*

Article 58

Members whose actions, behaviour or comportment are derogatory to the dignity of the Order or inconsistent with their chivalric or religious status may be summoned to appear before a Court of Honour convened by the Prince Grand Master, the Lieutenant Grand Master, the Governor or the Grand Chancellor.

By Decree, for serious particular cases, a member can be removed from his office and expelled.

Article 59

This Constitution is promulgated by H. H. the Prince Grand Master Roberto II Paternò Castello e Guttadauro Ayerbe Aragona di Carcaci d'Emmanuel and will cancel and replace any previous.



*The Prince Grand Master*

*Roberto II*



Beirut, 1<sup>st</sup> January 2001

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*Roberto II*



Vu par Nous, Maître Michel GAMPERT, notaire à Genève, soussigné, exclusivement pour légalisation de la signature apposée ci-dessus par Monsieur Paterno Castello ROBERTO.

Genève, le huit novembre deux mille un.



*Michel Gampert*