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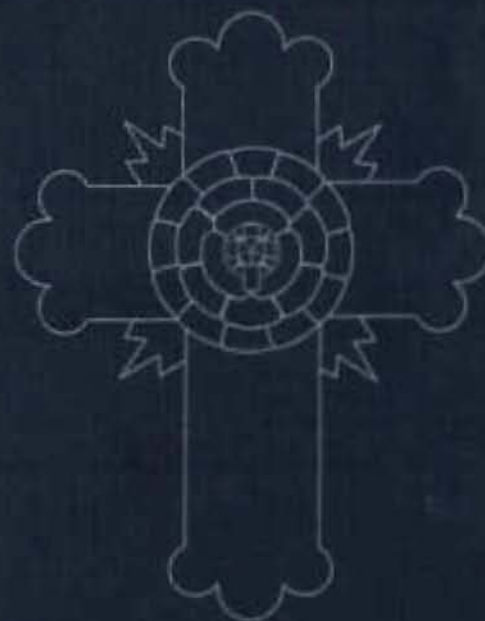
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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

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In *The Golden Dawn* (1937-40) Israel Regardie began publishing the ceremonies and teachings of the Order. However he did not include any documents on the administrative structure behind the Golden Dawn. From the inception of the Golden Dawn in 1888 William Wynn Westcott developed not only a complete ceremonial structure upon which the Golden Dawn was built, but also the Rules of Order. The Grade Ceremonies and Knowledge Lectures were developed from the outlines in the Cipher Manuscript, but the administrative structure was left for Westcott to create.

The Golden Dawn's structure or Rules of Order were based upon Masonry and their concordant bodies, organizational forms familiar to Westcott. The Rules of Order were designed to facilitate the smooth operation of the Order and they were amended by the Three Chiefs and subscribing members of the Second Order as the Golden Dawn went through schisms and growing pains.

Many Occult groups of the past and present tend to neglect the rules of conduct within their own system. Without internal administrative structure, any large working group is doomed to splinter and dissolve. The challenge is always to develop a structure that is neither too rigid to allow for growth, or so flexible that members develop their own individual agendas and lose sight of the intent of the group as a whole.

In *Magicians of the Golden Dawn* (1972) Ellic Howe first mentions the administrative structure behind the Order. In *Yeats's Golden Dawn* (1974) George Harper published examples of Bye-Laws for the First and Second Order. In R.A. Gilbert's *Golden Dawn Companion* (1986) he published a number of administrative documents. For this book I travelled to London, England and tracked down original copies of these documents including a number of unpublished Bye-Laws. These documents have been compiled in one volume and assembled for the first time in chronological order.

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Ordinances of the First Order
of the G[olden] D[awn] in the Outer

by G.H. Fratres Nom Omnis Moriar [W.W. Westcott]
and Deo Duce Comite Ferro [S.L. Mathers]

London (1888)

1. The Isis-Urania Temple of the "First Order of the G[olden] D[awn] in the Outer" is constituted, and authorised to admit, enrol, and advance members, and to pursue the study of the Occult Sciences by a Warrant delivered by the "Greatly Honoured Chiefs of the Second Order" to "Three Chiefs," who are Very Honoured Adepts of the 5^o=6^o Grade. They are jointly and severally responsible for the government of the Temple.

2. This Warrant, signed by the G.H. Fratres "Deo Duce, Comite Ferro [S.L. Mathers]," "Sapiens Dominabitur Astris [Fräulein Sprengel, *i.e.*, W.W. Westcott]," and "Sit Lux et Lux¹ [W.R. Woodman]," entrusts the Temple to:-

V.H. Frater Magna est Veritas [Woodman], as Imperator.

V.H. Frater S' Rioghail Mo Dhream [Mathers], as Præmonstrator.

V.H. Frater Quod Scis Nescis [Westcott], as Cancellarius.

The duty of the Imperator is to supervise the Temple. The duty of the Præmonstrator is to lecture, preserve the ritual, and instruct the juniors in their studies. The duty of the Cancellarius is to make a record of all transactions, to supervise expenditure and receipts, to attend to the correspondence, and to summon the members to Assemblies.

3. Each candidate for admission into the preliminary 0^o=0^o Grade of Neophyte must be approved of by the Three Chiefs, and subsequently by the G.H. Chiefs of the Second Order, and must sign a preliminary pledge of fidelity to five declarations, *viz.*: (a), attainment of full age; (b), belief in the Unity of God; (c), a *bonâ-fide* desire for Occult learning; (d), perfect secrecy as regards the outer world, respecting the Order, its name, its

members, and its proceedings; (e), due submission to the Ordinances of the Order and the Bye-laws of the Temple.

4. Subject to these requirements, and on receipt of a dispensation from the G.H. Chiefs of the Second Order, the Three Chiefs may admit to the 0°=0° Grade any person who earnestly seeks to be received.

5. The Three Chiefs may advance any member of the Temple from either grade to the one next above, after obtaining the sanction of the G.H. Chiefs of the Second Order, which may be applied for on receipt of notice from the candidate that the requisite knowledge (which is defined in a schedule attached to each grade of the ritual) has been attained. No member can be advanced without passing an examination, or giving such proof of knowledge as shall be satisfactory to the Three Chiefs.

6. The Warrant authorises the conferring of the Five Grades which constitute the First Order, *viz.*:

0°=0°, Neophyte.	3°=8°, Practicus.
1°=10°, Zelator.	4°=7°, Philosophus.
2°=9°, Theoricus.	

7. Members of the First Order cannot know *as such*, the members of any grade higher than that of Junior Adept 5°=6°, which is the lowest of the grades of the Second Order of G[olden] D[awn].

8. If either of the Three Chiefs should die, demit, or resign, the survivors or continuing Chiefs shall petition the G.H. Chiefs of the Second Order to appoint a new Chief of the Temple; they may suggest the name of a member to fill the vacancy.

9. The Three Chiefs shall, every half-year at the Equinox, appoint certain members to act as Officers of the Temple during the ensuing six months, their choice being guided by the grade, seniority, merit, and assiduity of the candidates. The Three Chiefs shall, by mutual arrangement, fill the three offices of Hierophant, Hiereus, and Hegemon, until such time as the Temple shall include other Adepts among its members; yet, in the absence of either of themselves, the Hierophant of the day may select any member to fill any vacant office. To constitute a regularly appointed Officer the following gradation is requisite:

Hierophant, 5°=6°.	Kerux, 2°=9°.
Hiereus, 4°=7°.	Stolistes, 1°=10°.
Hegemon, 3°=8°.	Dadouchos, 1°=10°.

10. One of the Three Chiefs *must* be present at each Admission and at each Advancement. Seats on the Daïs in the East shall be occupied by any Chief not engaged in the Ceremonial.

11. The Three Chiefs shall call an Assembly of Members, recite the

Ceremony of the Equinox, confer the New Pass-word, and appoint Officers, on a day and hour within 48 hours of each Vernal and Autumnal Equinox.

12. The Three Chiefs are as Trustees forbidden to entrust the New Pass-word to any member who is in arrear of fees, or who has failed in any obligated duty, or who has demitted, or who fails to attend the Ceremony of the Equinox. Yet, if the Cancellarius do receive an apology for absence, the excuse *may* be accepted by the Three Chiefs, who shall then issue an "Habeas Verbum," which document shall empower the next member who is met by the possessor of it to confer the New Pass-word in exchange for the document, which must be returned at once to the Cancellarius, countersigned by the member who has conferred the secret.

13. The members shall fix the dates of certain Regular Assemblies (other than those of the Equinoxes), and shall also fix the amount of annual subscription; the Fees for each grade are fixed by the G.H. Chiefs of the Second Order.

14. Every Member is required to preserve the correct address of the Cancellarius.

15. If at any time the Temple should include among its members other Adepts 5°=6°; these Very Honoured Members shall have the privilege of joining the Three Chiefs, with consultative voice in the government of the Temple.

16. No candidate for admission has any *right* to admission, and no candidate has any vested or legal claim to advancement; yet the Very Honoured Chiefs of the Temple, and their controllers, the Greatly Honoured Chiefs of the Second Order, desire to facilitate the admission, and subsequently the advancement, of every one who combines an earnest desire for more knowledge with the humility suitable to one who is asking for a privilege.

17. No candidate who is approved of by the G.H. Chiefs of the Second Order shall be debarred from admission by lack of worldly means; the Three Chiefs may remit at their discretion any grade fee.

18. The G.H. Chiefs of the Second Order reserve to themselves the right to make any alterations in these Ordinances, and also to suspend the operation of either of them in any case by means of a Dispensation.

19. Every member shall have the right of Appeal by Petition to the G.H. Chiefs of the Second Order, and the Cancellarius must receive and forward the same, if found to be couched in suitable language.

20. If any member possess a copy of any Ritual, it shall be kept under seal, or under lock and key, and its cover inscribed with a request that, in case of decease, the same may be forwarded to the address of the Cancellarius.

21. If at any time three members of the Temple desire to found and constitute another Temple, the Three Chiefs shall, if they approve, forward a Petition thereon to the G.H. Chiefs of the Second Order, who alone can issue a Warrant for such a purpose.

22. The Three Chiefs, and any Associated Adepts being teachers of the Occult Sciences to members of the First Order, are the sole arbiters of the ruling of the Temple; yet other members may all vote and discuss dates and times of Assembly, amount of subscriptions, place of Assembly, the accuracy of the records, &c., and upon votes of condolence, courtesy, and upon petitions, when the Temple is open in the 0°=0° Grade.

23. Every member shall, on admission, sign a copy of these Ordinances, and also the Bye-laws of the Temple, in token of his submission to them. A member may at any time resign or demit, if the doctrines or ceremonials become incompatible to the feelings; yet there is no possibility of cancelling the pledges of secrecy which have been entered into without exposure to the penalties.

Note:

1. "Sit Lux et Lux" is the exclusive motto of the Supreme Magus of the Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia.—D.K.

R[osæ] R[ubeæ] et A[uræ] C[rucis]

Draft Rules of Reconstitution [of the Golden Dawn]

A General Meeting will be held at M[ark] M[ason's] H[all] on Saturday, the 3rd day of May [1902] next, at 3 P.M., to consider and if thought fit to adopt, with or without modification, the draft Rules of *Reconstitution* [of the Golden Dawn] which have been prepared by the Provisional Council and are submitted herewith.

Only such members will be allowed to attend and take part in the proceedings as have signed and returned, without modification, to the Moderator or the Scribe the form already circulated intimating adherence and agreeing to be bound by a two-thirds majority at the above Meeting.

Members who are unable to be present personally are invited to fill up and return the enclosed voting paper. *q.v.*

By Order of the Council,
Causa Scientiæ,
Scribe.
Dated March 30, 1902.

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Reconstitution [of the Golden Dawn]

London (1902)

1. The name of the *Hermetic Society of the G[olden] D[awn]* shall be changed to some other title, to be approved by the Council.
2. The system of the Outer Order shall be maintained intact, save as hereinafter provided.
3. The Chiefs and Sub-Chiefs of the Outer Order shall be appointed by the Executive and shall hold office during the pleasure of that body, which may request them to resign, suspend or relieve them from office.
4. Each Chief may nominate his own Sub-Chief for election by the Council; each Sub-Chief shall act in the Outer Order, in the absence of his Chief, as the deputy of the latter with the same powers.
5. The Emperor of Isis-Urania Temple shall have, *ex-officio* [out of obligation], a seat on the Council of the Second Order, with equal voting power, and shall be held to represent adequately the interests of the First Order, to assist in ensuring which he shall not take a special office on Council beyond that of the Deputy and Guardian of the Outer Order.
6. The Outer Order and its officers shall be absolutely under the control of the Executive of the Second Order, without whose express or implied authority (or in case of emergency that of one of the three Chiefs of the Executive) no member shall be admitted, or meeting held, or Pass-word conferred.
7. The Executive of the Second Order shall determine the Pass-word within thirty days prior to each Vernal and Autumnal Equinox, the date of which semi-annual meetings shall also be fixed by the Executive; but meetings of the Outer Order shall be convened by the Cancellarius with the consent of the Hierophant for the time being,

in consultation with the Moderator of the Second Order at such times as may suit his convenience, or him failing the convenience of the Præmonstrator and Cancellarius.

8. No written lecture by a member of the Outer Order shall be delivered at a meeting of the Outer Order until it shall have been perused and approved by the Hierophant and the Præmonstrator.

9. Having regard to the fact that the secret knowledge of the Second Order has been and is in possession of certain Adepts independently of Grade, and that at the present time the Sub-Grade of Theoricus [Adeptus Minor] has no special knowledge of importance, the existence of Grades within the Second Order shall cease, and there shall be an absolute equality of membership apart from official position; any side knowledge of the Theoricus [Adeptus Minor] Grade shall be attainable by 5 to 6 members as such.

10. No more examinations shall take place within the 5 to 6 Grade.

11. All members of the 5 to 6 Grade shall be subject to the control of an Executive to consist of a Council of Eleven Members, to include Moderator, Scribe, and Warden; seven members of such Council shall be elected annually, but the Scribe and Warden shall be permanent officials; the Emperor of Isis U[rania] T[emple] shall continue at the pleasure of the Executive; the Moderator shall be elected by the Council from among its own members once only in three years, or earlier upon the determination of his Office (which may be either voluntary or compulsory, but in the latter case only upon the requisition of three-fourths of the total active members of the 5 to 6 Grade). Candidates for office (the position of Moderator excepted) may be nominated by any three members not in office, but each member shall only have power to nominate once for election at a specific General Meeting. Such nominations must be received by the Scribe at least one fortnight before such meeting. All office holders shall be eligible for re-election.

12. The Executive may fill up any vacancies which may occur during its term of office, subject in the case of Scribe and Warden to confirmation by the next succeeding annual meeting.

13. All regulations from time to time necessary or desirable in the opinion of the Executive shall be settled by the Executive in Council, or by a Committee appointed by them for the purpose. The duties of the Scribe shall be to conduct correspondence; of the Warden to be Treasurer (subject to annual audit) and of the Moderator to be the presiding Head.

14. A majority of votes on a show of hands shall decide any question arising in Council, the Moderator, or him failing the Scribe, or him failing the Warden, shall preside at all meetings of the Council, without whose presence, or that of one of them, no meeting of the Council shall be held; in case of equality of voting the President shall have a casting vote.

15. In all cases of emergency where it is not possible to consult the Executive, owing to there being no time to convene a meeting thereof, the Moderator, or him failing the Scribe, or him failing the Warden, shall have plenary powers to act in any way calculated to conserve the existence of the First and Second Orders but shall be precluded from incurring liability, legal or pecuniary, without the express sanction of the Executive in Council; a report from the Warden to the Executive on the state of the finances to be first had and obtained.

16. Every member of the 5 to 6 Grade shall honourably bind himself or herself that he or she will abide by and conform to all regulations made by the ostensible Executive and neither by word or deed, whether individually or in concert, seek to control or influence secretly that Executive in any way or in fact do so, and in this respect everything shall be deemed secret which is not freely disclosed by one member to another by virtue simply of his or her membership or (in the case of the Council) at properly convened meetings of the Executive.

17. The Ceremony of Corpus Christi in each year shall not be held unless convenient and desirable in the opinion of the Executive, but immediately thereafter, or, that failing, at least once in every year, a General Meeting of the members of the Second Order shall take place at the Headquarters in London, or in such other place as may be convenient; country members who cannot attend such meeting shall not, however, have the privilege of voting by proxy, unless in the opinion of the Executive, upon a majority of at least three-fourths of the whole of the members thereof, any question shall have arisen seriously threatening the continued existence of the Inner Order and in such cases only.

18. Fourteen days' notice of every Annual Meeting shall be sent by the Scribe to each member of 5 to 6 Grade, such notice to contain an agenda stating all business to be brought before the meeting and without the unanimous consent of the members present no other business shall be voted on, though by permission of the President members shall be allowed to speak on other matters concerning the Order should they so desire. The President may close any discussion

upon putting the question to the vote and being supported by a majority of those present.

19. Voting on election of members to any office shall be by secret ballot of those present only and on other matters by show of hands. A Chairman shall be appointed at all Annual Meetings and shall have a casting vote in case of equality of voting. But no member in abeyance shall be allowed to vote.

20. A General Meeting for the transaction of special business can be called by the Council at any time, or on the requisition of ten members of the 5 to 6 Grade, on notice being given to the Scribe. The rules respecting the Annual Meeting shall apply in such cases.

21. No teaching shall take place by way of instruction *eo nomine* [on that account] within the 5 to 6 Grade, but the guidance of junior members shall be placed in the hands of properly qualified Adepts appointed by the Executive with special reference to the requirements of individual cases.

22. Lectures shall be delivered in both the Outer Temple and the Second Order when practicable; such Lectures shall be of one half hour's duration and shall be followed by discussion if so authorised by the Hierophant in the case of the Outer Temple, and by the Warden or his deputy in the case of Second Order meetings.

23. The 5 to 6 Grade shall form a centre or common meeting ground for students interested in all branches of the Occult Sciences without distinction; the object of maintaining the Outer System and its examinations up to 5 to 6 intact being to ensure the admittance of *bonâ-fide* students.

24. Full power shall be vested in the Executive to cultivate and open up communication with kindred Occult Societies, with which object it shall be competent to confer the Grade of 5 to 6 upon members of such Societies without insisting upon the probationary course of the Outer Order, but only upon the requisite pledges being taken and subject to all the conditions imposed by the obligation of the Second Order. No step or action of any sort shall be taken under this clause without the express approval of three-fourths of the Executive first had and obtained.

25. The obligation of the Second Order shall be revised so far as this Reconstruction may render it necessary, which revision shall be at once committed to some member of the Council for consideration and report.

26. Simple resignation or demission from the Second Order shall not

of itself involve the forfeiture of MSS. which have been transcribed or purchased by the resigning or demitting members, but the same may continue in their custody subject to all the conditions upon which members now hold them.

27. Any nominal Trustees of the property of the Second Order at present shall be invited to transfer same to the Scribe and Warden for the time being, who shall hereafter by virtue of their offices be joint Trustees thereof, for, and on behalf of the active members.

New Constitution [of the Stella Matutina]

by G.H. Frater Finem Respice [Dr. R. W. Felkin]

London (June 18th 1916)

[1.] In issuing this New Constitution, to serve during my absence from England, I wish in the first place, to give my warmest thanks to the Committee which has worked so hard, and has come to two conclusions of the greatest importance, namely, that the Origin of the Order is genuine, and that the funds promised are adequate for the conduct of the Order for the next three years.

[2.] Previous experience has shown me, that this Order cannot be conducted on a Committee line altogether, though I introduce certain regulations which will embody the Committee's suggestions.

[3.] I ordain therefore, that the "Headship" of the whole Order be vested in five persons, one of whom, F[inem] R[espice, Dr. R. W. Felkin], will be away from this country for at least 2½ years. He must have a final veto in vital matters:- i.e., those of importance to the Order as a body. The other four Members, three Ruling Chiefs, and a Recorder, should hold Office for at least three years. These should be two Fratres and two Sorores.

[4.] Should any of these members relinquish Office, by death or otherwise, that Office shall be filled by the co-option of another Chief by the remaining Chiefs, or if the Recorder, by the three Ruling Chiefs, subject to F.R.'s veto, which shall only be used on very urgent grounds.

[5.] Of the three Ruling Chiefs, one shall act as chairman, or "*Primus inter pares* [first among equal]," and shall see that the Order maintains its Christian character. The second shall pay attention to the policy of the Order, and the third shall have charge of the relations of the Order with any daughter Temples which may be formed. With these broad divisions however, the three Ruling Chiefs will act collectively in their decisions.

[6.] N.B.: The Daughter Temples shall be absolutely autonomous, but must submit to the general policy of the Order.

[7.] The first three Chiefs of the Daughter Temples shall be appointed by F.R. subsequently by the Chiefs of the Daughter Temple, subject to F.R.'s veto.

[8.] The Recorder. The duties of this Officer are in an Appendix.

[9.] The Inner Order, (R[osæ] R[ubæ] et A[uræ] C[rucis]) shall be worked by three Adepti, appointed for a period of three years, by F.R.

[10.] The reason for this period of time is that they may each take Office as Chief Adept at Inner Ceremonies, if needful. Should any Adept resign or vacate Office, a successor shall be appointed by his two Colleagues and the three Ruling Chiefs. A College of Adepti shall meet twice yearly. To this will belong all full 5°=6° members. The chief Meeting should be early in December, and a minor Meeting just before the C[orpus] C[hristi] Meeting. At these Meetings any Adept may bring forward any matter for the good of the Order, for discussion. Notice of any such subject must be circulated with the Summons.

[11.] All Adepti should pass the A., B. and G. Examinations, and make their Implements:- at least Rose-Cross and L[otus] Wand, but after this they must decide, in consultation with the Recorder and Ruling Chiefs, whether they are to go on to the full T[heoricus] A[deptus] M[inor] Degree, or how they are to prepare for the higher Grades. *i.e.*, 6°=5° and 7°=4°.

[12.] These Adepti who wish to go on with the work as set forth in the Book "A," after passing the examinations set forth therein, and being otherwise found suitable by the three Ruling Chiefs, the Recorder and the Adepti, may be given the Grade of 6°=5° after the lapse of five years from the date of their 5°=6° Grade. The 7°=4° Grade may be given four years later in suitable cases.

[13.] Those who find the mental work too severe, or who either cannot, or do not wish to go on with the psychic work, such as the Invocations, must qualify for the Grades by genuine work for the Order, by reading, or some outside work which is consonant with the objects of the Order, such as visiting the sick, healing, or spiritual work, or research.

[14.] The Outer Order of the "S[tella] M[atutina]" should be ruled by Three Guardians.

1. The Imperator, who attends to the conduct of Ceremonies and appoints the Officers of the Outer Temple, each for six months, with the approval of the Three Ruling Chiefs, and Demonstrator.

2. The Demonstrator, who superintends the teaching of Members of the Outer, and

3. The Cancellarius who does all the Secretarial work.

[15.] These three Officers may each appoint one or more subordinates,

for whose work they are responsible. The Examiner should hold the rank of Sub-Demonstrator.

[16.] These Guardians should hold office for a term of not less than three years, and may then be either reappointed, or changed by the three Ruling Chiefs.

[17.] F.R. will appoint the first Three Guardians, who must be at least full 5°=6°s.

[18.] A Finance Committee should be appointed at once, consisting of three members, two to represent the Inners, and one the Outers. One of these should keep the accounts, one should look after No. 56 [Bassett Road, North Kenington], and one should see that the Admission and Grade fees are paid before Admission and Advancement.

[19.] The Cancellarius should settle the dates of the Ceremonies in consultation with the Imperator, Demonstrator, and Hierophant. One of the Three Guardians should be present at each Ceremony, all three at a 0°=0°.

[20.] Each Candidate must give in writing before admission, a pledge not to join any other secret or Occult Society, without first telling the Ruling Chiefs of his intention, so that if necessary, it may be vetoed.

[21.] It should be the duty of at least one of the Ruling Chiefs to keep in touch with all Schools of psychic thought, in order to be able to give students advice, who may wish to join any such Society, and also with regard to the general reading.

The Office of Recorder.

[22.] During the difficult work of rearranging the government and teaching of the Order, it has occurred to me that the appointment of a new Officer would simplify matters. This Officer may appropriately be called the "Recorder," ranking as a Chief.

[23.] The duties attached to this Office should be I think, approximately these:-

1. To keep an Official set of Inner and Outer MSS. including Rituals. These MSS. should be kept as standard copies, and not allowed out of the Recorder's keeping. Members should be allowed, if necessary, to read them, and to compare their own MSS. with them at the Recorder's house. These MSS. should be kept in a box labelled, "In case of my death or incapacity to be sent unopened to:."

2. To circulate, or cause to be circulated, the Inner MSS. among the members for study.

3. To keep a record of all the Members both Inner and Outer, their progress, and the correct dates of their Grades. The Demonstrator for the Outer, and the Teaching Adepts for the Inner, must see that the Recorder is furnished with the necessary information on these matters.

4. To consult with the Ruling Chiefs on matters of history, or in other difficulties in which they may want the Recorder's help.

5. To decide in consultation with the Teaching Adepts of the Inner, what course may be substituted, for those members which not take up the usual work after passing A., B. and G. Examinations, up to T[heoricus] A[deptus] M[inor] and making and consecrating their Rose Cross and L[otus] Wand.

[24.] N.B.: No Rituals may be altered without the consent of F.R. (or his successor after his decease).

[25.] New Side Lectures and Flying Rolls may be added, and old ones withdrawn, rewritten, or enlarged, with the consent of the Ruling Chiefs, Recorder, and a Guardian.

[26.] Knowledge Lectures of the Outer, may be revised, but not radically altered, with the consent of the Recorder, Demonstrator, and Examiner.

Appendix.

[27.] In regard to admission of new Members to the order, and Postulants for the Higher Grades:-

[28.] Members below the rank of 4°=7°, are not allowed to propose new Members. If they are very anxious to do so, they can ask permission from a Chief to introduce such a person merely as a personal friend to such Chief, but this should only be done very occasionally. Members of 4°=7° and Portal rank, may propose a Candidate with the approval of the Guardians.

[29.] Candidates proposed by 5°=6° Members, must be interviewed by two of the Officers in charge, of whom one may be the Recorder. Should these Officers differ as regards the Candidate, they should refer the matter to one of the Ruling Chiefs.

[30.] A Ruling Chief should of necessity approve and counter sign a Candidate's nomination.

[31.] The Guardians of the Outer shall present to the Three Adepts, such Portal Members, as have passed the necessary time and done the required work, as postulants for the full 5°=6° Grade.

[32.] The Adepts shall invite such persons to proceed to the [0°=0°] Grade, if they see fit. N.B.: The Obligation should be shown to the

Candidate when accepted by the other Three Adepts, and some days before the Ceremony.

[33.] Applications for the High Grades of 6°=5° and 7°=4°, must be sent to the Ruling Chiefs who will lay the matter before those who have attained the Grade, and the Recorder, so long as that Office is held by the present Official.

[34.] Members of any other Temples applying for admission, must be clearly warned that they will be required to give a definite pledge not to work in future with or under D[eo] D[uce] C[omite] F[erro, S.L. Mathers]; S[acramentum] R[egis, A.E. Waite];² Sub Spe, or Dr. B[rodie-Innes]. In such a case the Three Ruling Chiefs must all be consulted, and their verdict must be unanimous to procure admission.

[35.] I have been specially asked to put in my Instructions, some idea of the action to be taken, in the event (which should most rarely take place), of the expulsion of Members, and of their being placed in abeyance.

[36.] I think all these matters should be dealt with by you in your By-Laws.

[37.] Now what happened in the past:- When the break with D.D.C.F. took place, six Members were expelled by a Meeting of the whole Order. Since then:- I have had to ask one Member to resign as he had to divorce his wife, and she had broken into his Order Box, and threatened to bring up his connection with us. (I took steps to prevent this.)

[38.] I have had to ask one Member to resign, because she told me she intended to join S.R.'s new Society [i.e., the Fellowship of the Rosy Cross]. One Member I had to ask to resign, because she and other Members could not agree.

[39.] Two Members I have had to ask to resign, because they refused to give up their old connection with D.D.C.F., and I have had to accept the resignations of several Members, because of their discontent with the personal treatment of themselves.

[40.] In the future I think that a small Committee should be appointed of one Ruling Chief, one Adept, and one Guardian of the Outer, to investigate such matters, with power to co-opt one or two other Members if necessary.

[41.] This Committee must be appointed by the Three Ruling Chiefs, the Recorder, the Three Adepts, and the Three Guardians of the Outer.

[42.] Complaints as to the action of any member, may be submitted to this Committee in writing, with details as to the reason of the complaint. Remember that in the Obligation which is taken in the Portal Grade,

you all promise not to speak evil of the Fratres and Sorores, whether you have cause or not.

[43.] This Obligation can only be justifiably broken, when the higher law of the undoubted welfare of the Order has to take precedence.

[44.] Of course if a member does not get on with their work, does not apologize for absence at an Equinox, etc. they do go into abeyance automatically, and the Chief in whose charge they are, should request them either to explain their position, or if necessary, to demand the return of their MSS., and strike them off the Roll [of the Subscribing Members].

The Daughter Temples.

[45.] As you are aware, I can personally permit any Branch [of the R[osicrucian] Societies to be started. But as I am leaving England, I naturally feel that such branches should be in close relationship with the S.M. and the R.R. et A.C. I propose before leaving England, to form three such branches, and it will rest with you to make any arrangements which you may wish with regard to their utilising your rooms, etc. or not. I think you would do well to do so, as it would help your financial position. The two I propose to form in London, could either pay you a yearly sum for the use of the Temple, and Vault, on definite day to be settled by you, or you might arrange for them to pay half their initiation fees to you, which should be, I think, the Mother Temple.

[46.] With regard to a Branch in Bristol which I am going to form, they can at present work their Outer entirely there, and make arrangements with you when they have any candidates for the Inner.

[47.] The conditions under which I should found these three branches are as follows:-

1. Each Branch must be absolutely autonomous and ruled by three Chiefs, who are at the present time full 5°=6° in the R.R. et A.C., and they must follow exactly the traditions of our Order.

2. The first Three Chiefs I should appoint myself, if any one of them should relinquish office, the Ruling Chiefs and Three Adepti of the Mother Temple should confer with the remaining two Chiefs as to the appointment of a successor.

3. The Daughter Temples must finance their own Temples, and the Mother Temple is not responsible for their finance in any way, except in so far as above stated they should pay dues in some form if they make use of the Mother Temple's rooms.

4. The Members of the Daughter Temples who are full 5°=6°, will belong to the College of Adepti of the R.R. et A.C. in Anglia, and as such will receive notice of the general meetings of the College, unless it should happen that the Daughter Temples, become so strong, that they can erect and work Vaults of their own. Until this happens, their responsibility to the Inner will be the same as that of the Members of the Mother Temple.

5. With regard to the Bristol Branch, the first Three Chiefs will be:- V.H. Sorores Lux Orta est [Ms. C.E. Hughes], Magna est Veritas [Mrs. H.M. Mackenzie], Benedicamus Deo [Ms. A. Severs], the latter only acting until a Frater in that district is qualified.

6. The first London Daughter Temple will be confined to Members of the Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia, who have taken at least Grade 4 [of Philosophus]. I may mention here that the reason why I am obliged to form it is as follows:- When E[x] O[riente] L[ux, Neville Meakin] and I made our arrangements for recognition by our Continental Fratres, they stipulated, and he agreed, that the Masonic Rosicrucians of whom there are large numbers, should be given the opportunity of being linked up with us. The first Three Chiefs of this Temple will be:- V.H. Fratres Pro Rege et Patria [Dr. W. Hammond], Fortes Fortuna Juvat [Dr. W. Carnegie Dickson], Faire Sans Dire [person unknown].

With regard to the third Daughter Temple, there are some fifty or sixty Members of the Temple which used to be ruled by S.R. and a number of the Members of the Anthroposophical Society who are seeking admission. It has been pointed out to me, that as these people have worked on different lines from us, it would not be well to admit them to S.M., as they would undoubtedly cause confusion in the S.M. Temple.

I therefore propose that they should form a Temple of their own, and that the first Three Chiefs should be:- V.H. Fratres Cephas [P. Birchall] (probably, I have not got his definite consent, though he wishes to act), Benedic Animo Mea Domino [person unknown] and Non Sine Numine [J. Webber Smith]. This Frater you do not know, but he has been a member of the Society for 25 years, is a full T[heoricus] A[deptus] M[inor] and was for many years one of S.R.'s three Ruling Chiefs.

7. The first three Ruling Chiefs of the Daughter Temples would become the first Three Adepti in their respective Vault should they have them.

[48.] I take full responsibility for the formation of these three Daughter Temples, and it rests with you to do all in your power to help them to be an added power to the Rosicrucian Movement.

[49.] Our Pass-word for the present six months is *Achad*, signifying "Unity,"

and it is my great desire that all the scattered Rosicrucian Forces within our reach, should be gathered together into a harmonious whole instead of drifting off into comparative uselessness, or into undesirable channels.

Finem Respice Chief
June 18th 1916

Notes:

1. In the Second Order (*Rosæ Rubæ et Auræ Crucis*) the 5^o=6^o Adeptus Minor received the "Knowledge Lectures" in a series of MSS. called "Ritual Documents." Ritual Document A is called "General Orders of the Second Order" and it contains a complete listing of the Ritual Documents from A to Z.—D.K.

2. This clause was later to change when Sacramentum Regis and Finem Respice created the "Most faithful Agreement and Concordant" between the Independent and Rectified Rite and the Stella Matutina. A partial reconstruction is printed in R.A. Gilbert's *A.E. Waite: Magician of Many Parts*. Crucible, (1987), p. 181.—D.K.

Order of the G[olden] D[awn] in the Outer.
Bye-Laws of the Isis-Urania Temple, No. 3

by V.H. Fratres Sapere Aude [W.W. Westcott]
and S' Rioghail Mo Dhream [S.L. Mathers]

London (1890)

1. These Bye-Laws may from time to time be amended by the Three Chiefs; or at the request of the Subscribing Members of the Temple, provided that notice of the proposed amendment be given to the Cancellarius ten days before a Regular Assembly, and that the proposed amendment be carried by a majority of two votes to one at such succedent Assembly.

2. The funds of the Temple are vested in the Cancellarius, and the property of the Temple is vested in the Three Chiefs, in trust for the Subscribing Members.

3. The Cancellarius shall keep a Roll of the Subscribing Members, and shall so amend it as to present it in an accurate state at each Equinox Assembly; he shall also present a Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.

4. The Annual Subscription shall be Two Shillings and Sixpence, and shall be paid on or before the Assembly of the Vernal Equinox in each year; it shall entitle Members to copies of the Summons for every Regular Assembly, according to grade, and for the Equinoctial Assemblies until the next Vernal Equinox.

5. A Regular Assembly of this Temple, shall be held in the second Week of every Month, (except March and September, when the Assembly shall be held at the time of the Equinoxes as fixed by Ordinance) subject to the convenience of the Three Chiefs; admission to the several grades will be as follows:-

January—Neophyte and Zelator.

February—Practicus.

March—Neophyte. Equinox.
 April—Zelator and Theoricus.
 May—Philosophus.
 June—Theoricus.
 July—Neophyte and Zelator.
 August—Practicus.
 September—Neophyte. Equinox.
 October—Zelator and Theoricus.
 November—Philosophus.
 December—Neophyte and Theoricus.

If there be no candidate, the Chiefs may call an Assembly for purposes of study.

6. Assemblies of emergency being called by the "Three Chiefs" when necessity arises, the Cancellarius may send notice to such Members only as he deems able to attend (according to grade).

7. Membership shall cease at the Vernal Equinox if the Annual Subscription is not then paid for the ensuing year. Membership may be revived by consent of the "Three Chiefs," after payment of the further Annual Subscription.

8. A Subscribing Member may purchase from the Cancellarius any of the following Works, at the prices stated (subject to the grade of the applicant and the assent of the Chiefs):

The Ritual of Neophyte	5 0
The Ritual of Zelator	5 0
The Ritual of Theoricus	5 6
The Ritual of Practicus	6 0
The Ritual of Philosophus	7 0
The Ceremony of the Equinox	1 6
The Historical Lecture	2 6
The Lecture on the Pillars	2 6
Copies of any other Documents, Lectures, &c., per folio of 100 words	0 2

9. The Insignia, as follows, may also be purchased:-

The Sash of a Neophyte	2 6
The Sash of a Zelator	3 0
The Sash of a Theoricus	3 6
The Sash of a Practicus	4 0
The Sash of a Philosophus	4 6
Note Paper, stamped with the G[olden] D[awn]	
Crest, per quire	0 9

Envelopes, stamped with the G[olden] D[awn]

Crest, per packet 0 6

10. If an Assembly of Emergency be called at the request of a candidate, a fee of half a guinea shall be paid in addition to the fees fixed by the Ordinances.

11. If a Candidate fail in his first examination for a higher grade, the following periods shall elapse before his re-examination; if from 0°=0° to 1°=10°, one month; if from 1°=10° to 2°=9°, two months; if from 2°=9° to 3°=8°, three months; if from 3°=8° to 4°=7°, four months. If a Candidate fail in his *second* examination for a Grade, the G.H. Chiefs of the Second Order decide whether he shall again be allowed to come forward for examination or not, and if so, after what period.

12. When a Candidate is prepared for examination, he shall communicate the fact, *in writing*, to the Cancellarius of the Temple, who will duly arrange the time and place of his examination.

V.H. Frater S' Rioghail Mo Dhream,
Cancellarius.

5°=6°

Order of the G[olden] D[awn] in the Outer.
 Bye-Laws of the Isis-Urania Temple, No. 3.
 Amended

by V.H. Soror Sapientia Sapienti Dono Data [Florence Farr]
 and V.H. Frater Levavi Oculos [Percy Bullock]

London (April 1892)

1. These Bye-Laws may from time to time be amended by the Three Chiefs; or at the request of the Subscribing Members of the Temple, provided that notice of the proposed amendment be given to the Cancellarius ten days before a Regular Assembly, and that the proposed amendment be carried by a majority of two votes to one at such succedent Assembly.
2. The funds of the Temple are vested in the Cancellarius, and the property of the Temple is vested in the Three Chiefs, in trust for the Subscribing Members.
3. The Cancellarius shall keep a Roll of the Subscribing Members, and shall so amend it as to present it in an accurate state at each Equinox Assembly; he shall also present a Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.
4. The Annual Subscription shall be Ten Shillings, and shall be paid on or before the Assembly of the Vernal Equinox in each year; it shall entitle Members to copies of the Summons for every Regular Assembly, according to grade, and for the Equinoctial Assemblies until the next Vernal Equinox.
5. Membership shall cease at the Vernal Equinox if the Annual Subscription is not then paid for the ensuing year. Membership may be revived by consent of the "Three Chiefs," after payment of the further Annual Subscription.
6. A Regular Assembly of this Temple, shall be held every Month, subject to the convenience of the Three Chiefs; admission to the

several grades will be as follows:-

- January—Neophyte and Zelator.
- February—Practicus.
- March—Neophyte. Equinox.
- April—Zelator and Theoricus.
- May—Philosophus.
- June—Theoricus.
- July—Neophyte and Zelator.
- August—Practicus.
- September—Neophyte. Equinox.
- October—Zelator and Theoricus.
- November—Philosophus.
- December—Neophyte and Theoricus.

If there be no candidate for admission or for advancement, the Chiefs may call an Assembly for purposes of study.

7. Assemblies of emergency being called by the "Three Chiefs" when necessity arises, the Cancellarius may send notice to such Members only as he deems able to attend (according to grade).
8. If the Three Chiefs call an Assembly of Emergency at the request of a candidate, a fee of a Guinea shall be paid in addition to the fees fixed by the Ordinances.
9. Rituals and Grade Lectures (beyond those of the Grade of Neophyte) may only be *possessed* by Philosophi; they must be [labelled and] registered [by the Cancellarius], must not be lent, and must not be copied [by any one], without the written permission of the Præmonstrator.
10. The Insignia, as follows, may also be purchased:-

The Sash of a Neophyte	2 6
The Sash of a Zelator	3 0
The Sash of a Theoricus	3 6
The Sash of a Practicus	4 0
The Sash of a Philosophus	4 6
Note Paper, stamped with the G[olden] D[awn] symbol, per 5 quires	3 6
Envelopes, stamped with the G[olden] D[awn] symbol, per packet	0 6
11. If an Assembly of Emergency be called at the request of a candidate, a fee of half a guinea shall be paid in addition to the fees fixed by the Ordinances.
12. If a Candidate fail in his first examination for a higher grade, the

following periods shall elapse before his re-examination; if from $0^{\circ}=0^{\circ}$ to $1^{\circ}=10^{\circ}$, one month; if from $1^{\circ}=10^{\circ}$ to $2^{\circ}=9^{\circ}$, two months; if from $2^{\circ}=9^{\circ}$ to $3^{\circ}=8^{\circ}$, three months; if from $3^{\circ}=8^{\circ}$ to $4^{\circ}=7^{\circ}$, four months. If a Candidate fail in his *second* examination for a Grade, the G.H. Chiefs of the Second Order decide whether he shall again be allowed to come forward for examination or not, and if so, after what period.

12. When a Candidate is prepared for examination, he shall communicate the fact, *in writing*, to the Cancellarius of the Temple, who will duly arrange the time and place of his examination.

V.H. Soror Sapientia Sapienti Dono Data,
Cancellaria $5^{\circ}=6^{\circ}$.

V.H. Frater Levavi Oculos,
Sub-Cancellarius

[Pattern] Bye-Laws [for all Golden Dawn Temples]

by V.H. Fratres Sapere Aude [W.W. Westcott]
and S' Rioghail Mo Dhream [S.L. Mathers]

London (23 November 1895)

Membership.

1. The members shall be:—first, those to whom the Warrant was granted; second, persons who have been initiated in virtue of the Warrant; third, those who have been affiliated after initiation in other Temples.

Membership may cease:—from Demission, following abstention from attendance; want of progress, or omission to render dues; from Resignation; or from Removal by order of the G.H. Chiefs of the Second Order, against whose Fiat there is no appeal.

2. The Admission fee, the Joining fee of members of other Temples, the Annual subscription, and the fees for grades subsequent to admission, are fixed by the Chiefs of the Temple, at such rates as are found necessary to defray the expenses incurred in carrying on the work of the Order.

3. The Annual subscription shall be paid in January of each year. Grades of advancement are not conferred upon members who are in abeyance.

Note:—The Ordinances declare that no person who is deemed able to profit by the teachings of the Order shall be excluded therefrom on account of poverty: the Chiefs of Temples will remit any fee, in cases they deem appropriate.

4. If any member Resign, or if he allow Demission to occur, Re-admission can only be granted by the G.H. Chiefs of the Order, who will require a recommendation from the Chiefs of the Temple to which the member previously belonged.

Members of other Temples who desire to join this Temple, must furnish

a Clearance certificate from the Chiefs of the Temple to which they belong.

The Funds and Property of the Temple.

5. The funds are vested in the Cancellarius, and the property of the Temple is vested in the Three Chiefs of the Temple in trust for the Subscribing Members.

The Three Chiefs and Sub-Chiefs.

6. These officers, who *may* be either Fratres or Sorores, but *must* be Members of the Second Order, are appointed by, and hold office at the will of the G.H. Chiefs of the Second Order, who shall define their powers and duties. They shall in unison hear, and decide if they think fit, all matters which members refer to them. They may elect to remit any question to the G.H. Chiefs of the Second Order for their final decision; and any member who does not accept the decision of the Three Chiefs, may forward through them an Appeal to the G.H. Chiefs of the Second Order. Adepts alone can appeal *directly* to the G.H. Chiefs of the Second Order.

The Imperator, and in case of absence the Sub-Imperator, shall rule and govern the members.

The Præmonstrator, and in case of absence the Sub-Præmonstrator, shall instruct the members and preserve the accuracy of the rituals and lectures.

The Cancellarius and Sub-Cancellarius shall keep the Roll [of the Subscribing Members] of the Temple, collect the dues, circulate all lectures and rituals, supervise all examinations and issue all notices. They shall furnish all members with their official addresses, and all members must supply them with their correct addresses, and give them immediate notice of each change of address.

The Cancellarius shall once in each year report to the Chiefs in writing, on the financial state of the Temple, the number of members, and the progress made by them: this Report shall be forwarded by the Imperator to the Registrar of the Second Order for preservation in the Archives. The distribution of duties between the Cancellarius and Sub-Cancellarius will be defined from time to time, by the G.H. Chiefs of the Second Order.

Assemblies.

7. Regular Assemblies shall be held as nearly as possible once in every

month, (on days convenient to the Chiefs and the Hierophant) for the admission of candidates, the advancement of members, and for purposes of instruction. The two Equinox Assemblies are considered obligatory; and every member must attend if possible, or should explain cause of absence.

Emergency Assemblies may be called by the Three Chiefs: if such an Assembly is called in answer to a petition from any candidate or member, an additional fee of One Guinea is payable.

8. Members should receive notices of all Regular assemblies, according to Grade; but only such Members as the Cancellarius deems able to attend, shall be notified of Emergency Assemblies.

9. Members living out of England, and such as cannot be directly communicated with, will not receive notices of Assemblies, except by special arrangement with the Cancellarius.

10. All Members who accept office in the Temple must attend each Assembly, or send to the Cancellarius a reasonable excuse before the date of the Assembly, so that other members may be prepared to carry out the duties.

Insignia.

11. Every member shall possess and wear at each Assembly the Sash of his grade. The Cancellarius will supply the Neophyte sash, and the signs of subsequent grades can be added as required.

Any member may make his own insignia, if he desire to avoid this expenditure.

Manuscripts.

12. The Grade Rituals and the Side Lectures may only be possessed by Philosophi; they must bear the Official Label, and the fact of their possession must be registered with the Cancellarius. They must not be lent, and must not be copied by anyone without the written permission of the Præmonstrator. Knowledge Lectures may be possessed by the members of the appropriate grades under the same conditions. Extra Lectures, such as are delivered from time to time by the Præmonstrator or other Adept may be copied and possessed without registration, but are to be considered as private documents.

13. All these Rituals, Lectures, Knowledge Lectures, Side Lectures, Extra Lectures, Ordinances, Bye-Laws and communications from the Cancellarius and other members, must be kept together and preserved in a box, case or cover, duly labelled and protected from the view

and investigation of all outsiders. The Label must specifically state that the contents are not personal, and that they are to be sent in case of illness or decease to a certain person, at a certain place: this nominee should preferably be the Cancellarius.

Each Member of the Order undertakes to return to the Cancellarius, *on demand*, all Rituals, Lectures and other MSS. relating to the Order, in case either of his suspension, demission, resignation or expulsion from membership.

14. Any member desiring to borrow or be supplied with any MSS. to which he is entitled, must apply to the Cancellarius; and all MSS. *on loan* must be returned to him, or to such address as he directs, by post, and must be properly closed against inspection. If any time for the loan is expressed, this period must be adhered to strictly.

Admission and Advancement.

15. Candidates for admission have to receive the approval of the Three Chiefs, the Registrar of the Second Order and the G.H. Chiefs of the Second Order. Any member desiring to propose a candidate must apply to the Cancellarius, and inform him of the name, age, address and occupation; and should say also whether he belongs to any other Society or Order which teaches any form of mystical or occult knowledge.

Advancement to the several grades which this Temple is authorised to confer is obtained by the passing of an examination in the Requisite Knowledge, and by the permission of the G.H. Chiefs of the Second Order.

MSS. Lectures on the Requisite Knowledge for the several grades may be obtained *on loan* from the Cancellarius, and should be copied by the candidate, who is permitted to keep his copy during his membership, when duly labelled and registered by the Cancellarius.

16. When a candidate is prepared for an Examination he shall inform the Cancellarius, who will arrange the time and place for it to take place.

17. If a candidate fail in his examination for a higher grade, the following periods shall elapse before his re-examination:

If from Neophyte to Zelator, 1 month.

If from Zelator to Theoricus, 2 months.

If from Theoricus to Practicus, 3 months.

If from Practicus to Philosophus, 4 months.

But the Chiefs of the Temple shall be at liberty to exercise their

discretion in the full application of this rule.

If a candidate fail in his second examination for a grade, the G.H. Chiefs of the Second Order alone can decide whether he shall be allowed to come forward again, and if so, at what period.

18. An examination may take place, on the authority of the Cancellarius, in presence of any Adept; by special permission, in presence of a lower grade member; and by Dispensation, in presence of an uninitiate, provided that such person be discreet and reliable.

19. Answers may be considered and passed by any Chief of the Temple, the Hierophant, or any Adept named by a Chief of the Temple; provided that unless the answers be complete and correct, one signature shall not suffice to authorise the Cancellarius to register the passing; in which case a second Adept shall report upon the answers. If the two examiners differ in opinion, a third Adept, if possible senior to both, shall decide the result.

20. No Practicus shall be advanced to the grade of Philosophus at less than a clear three months' interval, except under the most exceptional circumstances, and then only by the written direction of the Registrar of the Second Order.

21. No candidate can be admitted to a grade ceremony until the Cancellarius has registered the fact that the Examination in the Requisite Knowledge has been duly passed.

Conduct.

22. Members must preserve inviolable secrecy concerning the Order, its Name, the names of its members, and the proceedings which take place at its Assemblies. Members are forbidden to permit themselves to be mesmerized, hypnotized, or placed in such a passive state as to lose the control of their thoughts, words or actions. Members must preserve absolute silence in the Temple during the performance of the ceremonies.

Infraction of the Pledge in either of these points shall render a member liable to removal from the Order by the edict of the G.H. Chiefs of the Second Order, or to any lesser penalty they may inflict; and membership of this Temple is held upon the condition that each member assents to the notification of the infliction of such or any penalty to all the Members of the Order.

23. Members are expected to pass in due course through the several grades, and to attend the Assemblies regularly.

The Cancellarius shall once in each year revise the Roll of Members,

marking the resignations and demissions, and shall warn any member who has failed in these duties that such membership is not an honour to the Order.

Amendment of Bye-Laws.

24. These Bye-Laws may from time to time be amended by the G.H. Chiefs of the Second Order.

Members may, when the Temple is duly opened, propose and discuss any proposal for amendment; provided that notice of any such proposal be given to the Cancellarius ten days before the holding of a Regular Assembly. Then if such proposal be duly made, and be carried by a majority of two votes to one at such Regular Assembly, the Resolution shall be received by the Three Chiefs, and if they support it unanimously, the same shall be embodied in these Bye-Laws, provided always that such amendment, addition or omission shall receive the Approval of the College of Adepts in Britannia, and the assent of the G.H. Chiefs of the Second Order, to be expressed by the Registrar of the Second Order to the Cancellarius of the Temple.

When such amendment has been so approved, and the amendment has been notified to the members by the Cancellarius, then such amendment shall be binding upon all members from that time forth, and it shall form a part of these Bye-Laws, and be of equal force with them.

*Approved by N[on] O[mnis] M[oriar] Registration, on behalf of the
G.H. Chiefs of the Second Order.*

Amen-Ra Temple, No. 6.
Bye-Laws

Edinburgh (1896)

1. Of Membership.

1. The members of Amen-Ra Temple shall be:—First, those members of the Order to whom the Warrant to form the said Temple was originally granted; second, those who have been initiated in the said Temple, and taken the oath of obligation there; third, those who have been affiliated, and taken the obligation on such affiliation. These shall all rank equally in the Temple according to their respective grades.

2. Of the Annual Subscription.

1. The Annual Subscription at present shall be Twelve Shillings and Sixpence, and is due on the 1st of January, and must be paid on or before the Assembly of the Vernal Equinox in each year; it shall entitle members to copies of the Summons for every regular Assembly according to grade, and for the Equinoctial Assemblies until the next Vernal Equinox. In addition, each member is required to provide himself with the proper insignia of his grade (see 5, 1).

2. Membership shall cease at the Vernal Equinox if the Annual Subscription is not then paid for the ensuing year. When the Equinox has passed and demission has actually occurred, then re-admission can only be obtained by unanimous vote of the members of the Temple, with the assent of the Adept College, and of the Chief Adept.

3. Of the Funds and Property of the Temple.

1. The funds of the Temple are vested in the Cancellarius and the property of the Temple is vested in the three Chiefs in trust for the subscribing Members.

2. The Cancellarius shall keep a Roll of the Subscribing Members, and shall amend it so as to present it in an accurate state at each

Equinox Assembly; he shall also present a statement of receipts and expenditure.

4. *Of the Assemblies of the Temple.*

1. Regular Assemblies of this Temple, in addition to the Assemblies of the Equinoxes are fixed by Ordinance, shall be held, subject to the convenience of the Chiefs, whenever there are candidates for admission or advancement, or may be held for purposes of study. Every member who is unable to attend, shall write to the Cancellarius stating that he will not be present.

2. Assemblies of Emergency may be held when necessity arises. If the Chiefs call an Assembly of Emergency at the request of a candidate, a fee of a Guinea shall be paid in addition to the fees fixed by the Ordinances. Assemblies of Emergency may be held when a candidate desires special advancement, and there is no regular Assembly in his grade at the time, or for any other reason that may be approved by the Chiefs. It shall not be obligatory to summon the whole Temple to such an Assembly, but it shall be in the discretion of the Chiefs to summon those whom they think fit.

5. *As to Insignia.*

1. The Insignia, as follows, may be purchased:-

The Sash of a Neophyte	2/6
The Sash of a Zelator	3/
The Sash of a Theoricus	3/6
The Sash of a Practicus	4/
The Sash of a Philosophus	4/6

Or the symbol of each advancement can be added to the member's own sash as the advance is taken at a cost of 6d.

6. *Of Manuscripts.*

1. Any member desiring to borrow any MS. to which he is entitled must apply to the Cancellarius, and all MSS. returned must be returned to the Cancellarius, or sent to such address as he shall direct, and if sent by post, must be registered. If expressed to be lent only for a given time, such time must be *strictly* observed.

2. Rituals and Grade Lectures may only be *possessed* by Philosophus, they must be labelled and registered by the Cancellarius, must not be lent, and must not be copied by any one without the written permission of the Imperator or Cancellarius.

7. *Of Advancement in the Order.*

1. Advancement to each higher grade up to the 4°=7° of Philosophus is obtained by the passing of an examination in the requisite knowledge, and by the permission of the G.H. Chiefs of the Second Order. A MS. Lecture on the knowledge necessary for each examination may be obtained *on loan* from the Cancellarius, and should be copied by the candidate, who is permitted to keep his copy on having the same duly labelled and registered.

2. When a candidate is prepared for examination he shall communicate the fact in writing to the Cancellarius of his Temple, who shall arrange the time and place of his examination.

3. If a candidate fail in his first examination for a higher grade, the following periods shall elapse before his re-examination:-

If from 0°=0° to 1°=10°, One month.

If from 1°=10° to 2°=9°, Two months.

If from 2°=9° to 3°=8°, Three months.

If from 3°=8° to 4°=7°, Four months.

If a candidate fail in a second examination for a grade, the G.H. Chiefs of the Second Order decide whether he shall be allowed to come forward again, and if so, after what period.

4. An examination may take place in presence of any Adept: by permission, in presence of a lower member; by dispensation, in presence of an uninitiate,—always provided that the Examiner shall not be a relative, nor an intimate social friend of the candidate.

Answers may be examined by any Chief of the Temple, a Hierophant, or any Adept named by a Chief or Hierophant,—provided that unless the answers be complete and correct, one signature shall not suffice to pass; but a second Adept shall also look over the answers. If the two differ, a third, if possible senior to both, shall decide on the result.

5. No member is to be raised from 3°=8° to 4°=7° at less than a clear three months' interval, except by express orders of the Registrar of the Second Order.

6. The Cancellarius shall periodically revise the list of members, and shall warn those who have made no progress for six months that such membership is not an honour to the Order.

8. *Of Alteration or Amendment.*

1. These Bye-Laws may from time to time be amended by the Three Chiefs, or at the request of the subscribing Members of the Temple,—provided that notice of the proposed amendment be given to the

Cancellarius ten days before a Regular Assembly, be duly proposed at such Regular Assembly, and that the proposed amendment be carried by a majority of two votes to one at the next succeeding Assembly.

Isis-Urania Temple of the
G[olden] D[awn] in the Outer.
Bye-Laws.

London (May 1900)

Membership.

1. The members shall be:—first, those whose names are on the Roll [of the Subscribing Members] of the Temple; second, persons who have been initiated by permission of the Second Order; third, those who have been affiliated after initiation in other Temples.

Membership may cease:—from demission, following abstention from attendance, want of progress, or omission to render dues; from resignation or from removal by decree of the Second Order.

2. The admission fee is One Guinea, the Annual subscription half-a-guinea. The grade fees, viz.:—half-a-crown for each grade, are payable on passing the Ceremony.

No person who is deemed able to profit by the teachings of the Order shall be excluded therefrom on account of poverty: the Chiefs of the Temple will privately remit or reduce any fee in cases they deem appropriate.

3. The Annual subscription shall be paid in January of each year. Grades of advancement are not conferred upon members who are in abeyance.

4. If any person who has ceased to be a member desires re-admission, this can only be granted by the Second Order, who will require a recommendation from the Chiefs of the Temple.

Members of other Temples who desire to join this Temple must furnish a Clearance certificate from the Chiefs of the Temple to which they belong.

The Funds and Property of the Temple.

5. The funds are vested in the Cancellarius, and the property of the

Temple is vested in the Three Chiefs of the Temple in trust for the Subscribing Members.

The Three Chiefs and Subordinate Chiefs.

6. The Three Chiefs are the Imperator, who rules; the Præmonstrator, who instructs; and the Cancellarius, who records.

In case of absence of any of the Chiefs, their Subordinates shall take their place and render an account of the duties they have performed. The Three Chiefs shall together hear and decide all matters which members refer to them or remit any question to the Second Order for final decision.

Any member who does not accept the decision of the Three Chiefs may directly appeal through any Chief or Subordinate Chief to the Second Order.

The Cancellarius and his Subordinates shall keep the Roll of the Temple, collect the dues, circulate lectures and rituals, supervise examinations, and issue all notices. They shall furnish all members with their official addresses and give them immediate notice of change of address.

The Cancellarius shall once in each year, at the Vernal Equinox, report in Open Temple on the financial state of the First Order, the number of members, and the progress made by them; this report shall be forwarded to the Second Order for preservation in the Archives.

The Cancellarius himself shall notify, when necessary, those members who have not made satisfactory progress.

The Three Chiefs and Subordinate Chiefs must see that the Bye-Laws are strictly enforced.

Assemblies.

7. Regular Assemblies shall be held as nearly as possible once in every month (on days convenient to the Chiefs and the Hierophant) for the admission of candidates, the advancement of members, and for purposes of instruction.

There shall be an Assembly at the Vernal and at the Autumnal Equinox; these, every member must attend or explain cause of absence. Emergency Assemblies may be called by the Three Chiefs, or, on the petition of any member for advancement, on payment of expenses.

8. Members should receive notices of all Regular Assemblies, according to grade; but only such members as the Cancellarius deems able to attend shall be notified of Emergency Assemblies.

9. Members living out of England and such as cannot be directly communicated with, will not receive notices of Assemblies, except by special arrangement with the Cancellarius.

10. All officers of the Temple must attend each Assembly or send to the Cancellarius a reasonable excuse before the date of the Assembly, so that other members may be ready to carry out their duties.

Insignia.

11. Every member must wear at each Assembly the sash of his grade. The Cancellarius will supply the Neophyte sash and the signs of subsequent grades can be added as required. Any member may make his own insignia, if he desire to avoid this expenditure.

12. The Grade Rituals and the Side Lectures may only be possessed by Philosophi; they must bear the Official Label, and the fact of their possession must be registered with the Cancellarius. They must not be lent, and must not be copied by anyone without the written permission of the Præmonstrator. Knowledge Lectures may be possessed by the members of the appropriate grades under the same conditions. Extra Lectures, such as are delivered from time to time by the Præmonstrator or other Adepti may be, by the permission of the Cancellarius, copied and possessed without registration; but are to be considered as private documents.

13. All Rituals, Lectures, Knowledge Lectures, Side Lectures, Extra Lectures, Bye-Laws and communications from the Cancellarius and other members must be kept together and preserved in a box, case, or cover, duly labelled and protected from the view and investigation of all outsiders. The Label must specifically state that the contents are not personal, and that they are to be sent in case of illness or decease to a certain person, at a certain place: this nominee should preferably be the Cancellarius.

Each member of the Order undertakes to return to the Cancellarius, *on demand*, having signed a Stamped Agreement, all Rituals, Lectures, and other MSS. relating to the Order, in case either of his suspension, demission, resignation or expulsion, from membership.

14. Any member desiring to borrow or be supplied with any MSS. to which he is entitled, must apply to the Cancellarius; and all MSS. on loan must be returned to him, or to such address as he directs by post, and must be properly closed against inspection. If any time for the loan is expressed, this period must be adhered to strictly.

Admission and Advancement.

15. Candidates for admission have to receive the approval of the Second Order. Any member desiring to propose a candidate must apply to the Cancellarius, and inform him of the name, age, address, and occupation; and should say also whether he belongs to any other Society or Order which teaches any form of mystical or occult knowledge.

Advancement to the several grades which this Temple is authorised to confer is obtained by passing an examination in the requisite knowledge, and by the permission of the Second Order.

M.S. Lectures on the requisite knowledge for the several grades may be obtained *on loan* from the Cancellarius, and should be copied by the candidate, who is permitted to keep his copy during his membership when duly labelled and registered by the Cancellarius.

16. When a candidate is prepared for an examination he shall inform the Cancellarius, who will arrange the time and place for it to take place.

17. If a candidate fail in his examination for a higher grade, one month shall elapse before his re-examination. But the Chiefs of the Temple shall be at liberty to exercise their discretion in the full application of this rule.

18. An examination may take place on the authority of the Cancellarius in the presence of any Adept; by special permission, in presence of a lower grade member; and by dispensation, in presence of an uninitiate; provided that such person be discreet and reliable.

19. Answers may be considered and passed by an Adept named by the Cancellarius, provided that unless the answers be complete and correct one signature shall not suffice to authorise the Cancellarius to register the passing, in which case a second Adept shall report upon the answers. If the two examiners differ in opinion, a third Adept, if possible senior to both, shall decide the result.

20. No Practicus shall be advanced to the grade of Philosophus at less than a clear three months' interval, except under the most exceptional circumstances, and then only by the written direction of the Scribe of the Second Order.

21. No candidate can be admitted to a grade ceremony until the Cancellarius has registered the fact that the examination in the requisite knowledge has been duly passed.

Conduct.

22. Members must preserve inviolable secrecy concerning the Order, its name, the names of its members, and the proceedings which take place at its Assemblies. Members are forbidden to permit themselves to be mesmerized, hypnotized, or to lose the control of their thoughts, words, or actions. Infraction of the pledge in any of these points shall render a member liable to removal from the Temple by the decree of the Second Order, or to any lesser penalty they may inflict.

23. Members must preserve absolute silence in the Temple during the performance of the Ceremonies.

Isis-Urania Temple of the
M[orgen] R[öthe] in the Outer.
Bye-Laws.

(Der Scheine des Lichtes.)¹

London (June 1902)

[These Bye-Laws are the same as the *Isis-Urania Temple of the G[olden] D[awn] in the Outer. Bye-Laws*. London (May 1900) except that Clause 2, 6, 10 and 13 were amended to read:]

2. The admission fee is Two Guineas, the Annual subscription half-a-guinea. The grade fees, viz.:—half-a-crown for each grade, are payable on passing the Ceremony.

No person who is deemed able to profit by the teachings of the Order shall be excluded therefrom on account of poverty: the Chiefs of the Temple will privately remit or reduce any fee in cases they deem appropriate.

6. The Three Chiefs are the Imperator, who rules; the Præmonstrator, who instructs; and the Cancellarius, who records. The choice of these Chiefs is in the absolute discretion of the Second Order.

The officers of the Temple are appointed by these Chiefs, subject to the Veto of the Second Order.

In case of absence of any of the Chiefs, their Subordinates shall take their place and render an account of the duties they have performed. The Three Chiefs shall together hear and decide all matters which members refer to them or remit any question to the Second Order for final decision.

Any member who does not accept the decision of the Three Chiefs may directly appeal through any Chief or Subordinate Chief to the Second Order.

The Cancellarius and his Subordinates shall keep the Roll [of the Subscribing Members] of the Temple, collect the dues, circulate lectures and rituals, supervise examinations, and issue all notices. They shall furnish all members with their official addresses and give them immediate notice of change of address.

The Cancellarius shall once in each year, at the Vernal Equinox, report in Open Temple on the financial state of the First Order, the number of members, and the progress made by them; this report shall be forwarded to the Second Order for preservation in the Archives.

The Cancellarius himself shall notify, when necessary, those members who have not made satisfactory progress.

The Three Chiefs and Subordinate Chiefs must see that the Bye-Laws are strictly enforced.

10. All officers of the Temple must attend each Assembly or send to the Cancellarius a reasonable excuse two days before the date of the Assembly, so that other members may be ready to carry out their duties.

13. All Rituals, Lectures, Knowledge Lectures, Side Lectures, Extra Lectures, Bye-Laws and communications from the Cancellarius and other members must be kept together and preserved in a box, case, or cover, duly labelled and protected from the view and investigation of all outsiders. The Label must specifically state that the contents are not personal, and that they are to be sent in case of illness or decease to a certain person, at a certain place: this nominee should preferably be the Cancellarius. In any case the Cancellarius must know who the nominee is.

Each member of the Order undertakes to return to the Cancellarius, *on demand*, having signed a Stamped Agreement, all Rituals, Lectures, and other MSS. relating to the Order, in case either of his suspension, demission, resignation or expulsion, from membership.

Note:

1. Der Scheine des Lichtes is German for "the Shining of the Light."—D.K.

Ordinis A[lpha et] O[mega] in the Outer.
Amen-Ra Temple, No. 6.
Extract from Bye-Laws

by G.H. Frater Sub Spe [J.W. Brodie-Innes], 7°=4°
Edinburgh (c. 1910)

As to Fees and Subscriptions:—The Entrance Fee is Two Guineas for each person—payable on initiation. The Annual Subscription is 15/- payable on the 1st January. This must be paid before the Vernal Equinox. The Grade fee is 5/- payable on the taking of each Grade. The Chiefs have power in all cases of members genuinely unable to pay these fees to modify or to remit them altogether.

As to Sashes:—Every member is expected to provide himself or herself with the appropriate sash of his or her grade and to wear the same at all meetings of the Temple. This may be either embroidered or painted. Members can either make their sashes for themselves, which must be strictly according to the official pattern or if they prefer can purchase them from the proper officer. The present cost of a Neophyte sash is 6/- and for the embroidering thereon of the symbols of subsequent grades it is 1/- for the symbols of the 1°=10° Grade and 1/6 for all subsequent grades up to the 4°=7°. The prices of painted sashes may be obtained on application.

As to Lectures and MSS.:—All Lectures, Diagrams and MSS. to which any member is entitled may be obtained *on loan*, and should be copied by each one and the original returned as speedily as possible. Members should not copy from one another but only from a certified Office Copy. MSS. borrowed for copying must *never* be passed on from one member to another (unless under special direction from the Chiefs) but returned direct. The member borrowing must give a receipt and is responsible for MS. If lost or damaged he must replace it. Members unable to copy for themselves may purchase MSS. a list of charges may be had on application.

Sub Spe 7°=4° Imperator.

R[osæ] R[ubeæ] et A[ureæ] C[rucis] in London
Second Order Bye-Laws
(May 1900)

Membership.

1. The members shall be those Adepti whose names are now upon the [Parchment] Roll [of the Second Order], and those Lords and Ladies of the Portal or Adepti of other Temples who shall be added by the permission of the Executive Council.

2. Candidates for the Outer must be introduced by a Philosophus, or a-Lord or Lady of the Portal, but preferably by an Adept, who will state his conviction as to the suitability of the person.

The candidate will be interviewed by a Frater and a Soror separately. Another Frater and Soror shall then make separate clairvoyant investigations. These five reports shall be laid before the Executive Council for their final decision.

3. The Executive Council consists of:—the Moderator, the Scribe, and the Warden; the seven Adepti Litterati; and the Three Chiefs of I[sis] U[rania] T[emple] and the Hierophant, Hiereus, and Hegemon of I.U.T. These officers shall be first nominated by the Twelve most advanced members of the Second Order, then chosen by the Adepti at an annual election.

4. The Annual Subscription to the Second Order is 10s. 6d., in addition, voluntary donations are accepted from members.

It must be clearly stated at the time of presentation whether gifts of books, furniture, &c., are to be the permanent property of the Order, or merely temporary loans.

Members requiring the return of their loans must formally make a request to the Moderator.

The property of the Second Order is vested in two members appointed by the Executive.

The accounts shall be audited annually by two Adepti appointed by the College of Adepts.

5. Resignations are accepted by the Executive. Expulsions can only

take place at an Assembly of the College of Adepts by a three-fourths majority, notice having been sent seven days before the meeting to every member.

6. Each Chief of I.U.T. shall have two Subordinates; who shall be responsible to him for the performance of their duties, with the right of appeal to the Executive Council. One Chief or Sub-Chief must be present to legalise an Outer Order meeting. It is the duty of the Cancellarius to ensure the presence of at least one Chief or Sub-Chief.

7. If ten members wish to hold a special meeting, on receiving their signed petition stating the purpose, the Executive Council shall instruct the Scribe to summon the meeting at a convenient date.

8. All Order intimations must be sent to each member in a separate envelope.

Verbal notices are sufficient when given formally.

9. All Rituals, Lectures, Knowledge Lectures, Side Lectures, Extra Lectures, Ordinances, Bye-Laws and communications from the Cancellarius and other members, must be kept together and preserved in a box, case, or cover, duly labelled and protected from the view and investigation of all outsiders. The label must specifically state that the contents are not personal, and that they are to be sent in case of illness or decease to a certain person, at a certain place; this nominee should preferably be the Cancellarius.

Each member of the Order undertakes to return to the Cancellarius, *on demand*, all Rituals, Lectures and other MSS. relating to the Order, in case either of his suspension, demission, resignation or expulsion from membership.

10. The meeting of R.R. et A.C. in London for the election of the Executive Council shall take place not later than the Vernal Equinox of each year.

Financial report to be made on the same occasion.