



The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the Philippines

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To: All Grand Officers and Subordinate Councils within the Jurisdiction of the Philippines
From: The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the Philippines
Subject: Standing and Special Committees of the Grand Council of the Royal and Select Masters of the Philippines

Hereunder are the Standing and Special Committees of the Grand Council of the Royal and Select Masters of the Philippines for York Rite Year 2024 – 2025 for reference:

A. STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Chairman R.I.C. Evaristo A. Leviste, PGIM, KYGCH, OSV
Vice-Chairman: R.I.C. Orlino H. Pacioles, Jr.
Members: R.I.C. Alvan Joseph T. Balazo

Duties: The Committee will examine the credentials of the members of the Grand Council and of the representatives of other Grand Councils and report a list of Officers, members and representatives present.

2. COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF GRAND OFFICERS

Chairman R.I.C. Orlino H. Pacioles, Jr.
Vice-Chairman: I.C. Xerxez Coronado
Members: R.I.C. Alvan Joseph T. Balazo

Duties: The Committee shall report a distribution of the address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and of the other Grand Officers, together with all accompanying documents, so far as occasion may acquire, to other committees.

3. COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Chairman: R.I.C. Nestor V. Tampol, PGIM, KYGCH, OSV
Vice-Chairman: R.I.C. Evaristo A. Leviste, PGIM, KYGCH, OSV
Member: R.I.C. Manuel Liam C. Garcia, PGIM, KYGCH, OSV

Duties: The Committee shall consider the decisions made by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, all the questions of law referred to it, and all matters of appeals and grievances, and report its findings and recommendations.

4. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

Chairman: R.I.C. Nestor V. Tampol, PGIM, KYGCH, OSV
Vice-Chairman: I.C. Mckentyre V. Cabrera
Member: I.C. Dexter Ng



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Duties: The Committee shall examine the books, accounts and financial statements of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder together with the report of the Auditor and report upon the same. It shall also report upon all matters touching the finances of the Grand Council and no appropriation shall be made without having been considered and reported upon by this committee.

5. COMMITTEE ON RETURNS OF COUNCILS

Chairman R.I.C. Evaristo A. Leviste, PGIM, KYGCH, OSV
Vice-Chairman: R.I.C. Orlino H. Pacioles, Jr.
Members: R.I.C. Alvan Joseph T. Balazo

Duties: The Committee shall examine the returns made by the Councils, and report such errors, omissions or irregularities, if any, as they may discover and make such recommendations as may be pertinent in the premises.

6. COMMITTEE ON REVIEW

Chairman R.I.C. Orlino H. Pacioles, Jr.
Vice-Chairman: I.C. Xerxez Coronado
Members: R.I.C. Alvan Joseph T. Balazo

Duties: The Committee shall review the proceedings of the other Jurisdictions and make a report on the next Annual Assembly.

B. SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

7. COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

Chairman: R.I.C. Evaristo A. Leviste, PGIM, KYGCH, OSV
Vice-Chairman: R.I.C. Victorino Floro III, PGIM, KYGCH, OSV
Member: R.I.C. Nestor V. Tampol, PGIM, KYGCH, OSV

Duties: The Committee will handle matters involving employees & support staff to run the Office, Government Registration, Financial Aspects (e.g. update Bank Account, Gcash, Investments, Insurance and etc.), utilities (e.g. telephone, internet, electricity, water and etc.) and office rental.

8. COMMITTEE ON BUILDING & OFFICE USE

Chairman R.I.C. Juanito P. Abergas, PGIM, KYGCH, OSV
Vice-Chairman: R.I.C. Arlen P. De Guzman, OSV
Member R.I.C. Alvan Joseph T. Balazo
I.C. Jesh Y. Go

Duties: The Committee will look to the Lease Agreement with the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, adherence to the building code, renovations, other York rite building or land donated and mutual office space design with other Grand Bodies.

9. COMMITTEE ON ASSET MANAGEMENT

Chairman R.I.C. Alvan Joseph T. Balazo



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Vice-Chairman: I.C. Benjamin Reuel R. Ortiguero, Jr.
Member I.C. Xerxez S. Coronado

Duties: The Committee will take the account all assets of the Grand Council use for ceremonials, documents, tokens among others and common office equipments shared with the Grand Bodies.

10. COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RELATION AND PUBLICATION

Grand Editor-in-Chief: I.C. Laudemer A. Astudillo
Photo/Videographer: Comp. Franco Amour F. Basa
Member: I.C. Glenford Dayo
I.C. Randy De Leon
I.C. Dexter Ng
Consultants: R.I.C. Nestor V. Tampol, PGIM, KYGCH, OSV
R.I.C. Evaristo A. Leviste, PGIM, KYGCH, OSV
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Duties: The Committee shall take all the documentation to all the Grand Council events and activities. Its function is not limited to publishing articles in the Grand York Rite Website but covers other Masonic forums within our jurisdiction like the Cabletow.

11. COMMITTEE ON TEMPLE CONSTRUCTION AND OFFICE RENOVATION

Chairman R.I.C. Arlen De Guzman
Vice-Chairman R.I.C. Juanito P. Abergas, PGIM, KYGCH, OSV
Member Comp. Ariel Cayanan

Duties: The Committee shall design, prepare the program of work and the costing for the renovation of the Grand York Rite Office and the proposed Grand York Temple. They will also be in-charge of the bidding for the implementation of the said renovation.

12. COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL PROTOCOL AND PARAPARNALIA

Chairman: R.I.C. Nestor V. Tampol, PGIM, KYGCH, OSV
Vice-Chairman: R.I.C. Evaristo A. Leviste, PGIM, KYGCH, OSV
Member: I.C. Michael L. Benjamin

Duties: The Committee shall release a manual that specifies the Official uniform of the Council Members and set guidelines when the uniform will be required and worn with respect to the Grand Officers, subordinate Council Officers and members. They will be consulted in the procurement of Commandery's paraphernalia such as furnitures, swords, standards, flags and etc.

13. COMMITTEE ON RITUAL/CONFERRAL

Chairman I.C. Michael Benjamin
Vice-Chairman I.C. Mckentyre V. Cabrera
Members I.C. Emmanuel H. Mateo
I.C. Glenford S. Dayo



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I.C. Alvin R. Estrella

Duties: The Committee shall coordinate and assign Constituent Councils to perform in the joint conferral of the Grand Council. They will also form a composite conferring team in the conferment of the Royal Masters, Select Masters and the Super Excellent Masters Degrees.

14. COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Chairman: R.I.C. Jonathan Edward L. Chua, PGIM, KYGCH, OSV
Vice-Chairman R.I.C. Orlino H. Pacioles, Jr.
Members: I.C. Jeshier Go
R.I.C. Alvan Joseph T. Balazo
Comp. Joel Manuel

Duties: The Committee shall be tasked to look into the Digital Transformation roadmap. They will evaluate and recommend enhancements to our IT Infrastructure, database management, digitalization of documents, cyber security, data privacy compliance, electronic transmission of reports/payments, multi-media, content management and possible link-up to the Grand Lodge of the Philippines and Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters International. They will represent the Grand Council for the joint arrangements with the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery of the Grand York Rite of the Philippines.

15. WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Chairman: I.C. Mckentyre Cabrera
Vice-Chairman: Comp. Ariel T. Cayanan
Members: Comp. Pablito T. Villarin
Comp. Crisanto Rafaelito G. Gualberto V

Duties: The Committee will formulate fund raising activities to fund the Renovation of the GYR Office, Charity Works and other expenditures in relation to the proposed digitalization of the GYR Office.

16. COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY AND BENEVOLENCE

Chairman: I.C. Benjamin Reuel R. Ortiguero
Vice-Chairman: R.I.C. Alvan Joseph T. Balazo
Members: I.C. Dexter Ng
Comp. Crisanto Rafaelito G. Gualberto V

Duties: The Committee shall conduct a study in providing assistance to a distress worthy Companions. They will also coordinate with the subordinate Councils whose Companions who had dropped their working tools and conduct Funeral Service to the same.



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17. COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP AND LAPSATION

Area Supervisor for NCR: R.I.C. Arlen P. De Guzman, OSV

Members: Supervisors of Luzon York Rite, Manila York Rite, Plaridel York, Victorino Floro Mem. York Rite, Filipinas York Rite, Capitol York Rite, Makati York Rite

Area Supervisor for Northern Luzon: I.C. Louie Thom-Arman E. Yu

Members: Supervisors of Pangasinan York Rite, Pampanga York Rite & Bulacan York Rite

Area Supervisor for Southern Luzon: I.C. Michael L. Benjamin

Members: Supervisors of Cavite York Rite, Naga York Rite, Rizal York Rite

Area Supervisor for Visayas: I.C. Emmanuel H. Mateo

Members: Supervisors of Bacolod York Rite, Sugbu York Rite, Eastern Visayas York Rite,

Area Supervisor for Mindanao: I.C. Rodel Riezl S. Reyes

Members: Supervisors of Misamis York Rite, Davao York Rite, Bukidnon York Rite, Cagayan de Oro York Rite

Area Supervisor for Overseas: I.C. Benjamin Reuel R. Ortiguero, Jr.

Member Supervisor of Guam York Rite

Duties: The Area Supervisors shall monitor the status of the Constituent Councils in their jurisdictions. In collaboration with the assigned supervisors and Illustrious Masters, they will track the planned activities and assistance in the areas. Any activities shall be reported to the Grand Council thru the Grand Recorder. They are also tasked to revive dormant Council and encourage suspended Companions to reactivate. The Area Supervisors can recommend to the Grand Council any actions in the growth of the Constituent Council in particular and of the Grand Council in general.

18. COMMITTEE ON AWARDS

Chairman: R.I.C. Evaristo A. Leviste, PGIM, KYGCH, OSV

Vice-Chairman: R.I.C. Nestor V. Tampol, PGIM, KYGCH, OSV

Member: R.I.C. Victorino Floro III, PGIM, KYGCH, OSV

Duties: The Committee will submit to the Most Illustrious Grand Master the criteria of the awards given to the Companions and Constituent Councils thru the issuance of a Circular. This objective is to understand the awards given and encourage more nominations of any award categories. It is also the duty of the Committee to recommend Awardees for approval of the approval of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.



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The Committees will submit a written report to the Grand Commandery on April 30, 2025, June 29, 2025, and September 28, 2025, respectively for presentation, approval and adoption during the Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of the Royal and Select Masters of the Philippines on October 1, 2025.


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Attested by:


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