

**GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
&
GRAND CRYPTIC COUNCIL
IN VIRGINIA**

**LEADERSHIP CORRESPONDENCE
COURSE**

LESSON 1

NAME:

CHAPTER:

Instructions

Read Completely Before Answering Questions

Successful completion of this program will require the use of information which can be found in the Digest of the Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia (the most current edition is posted under “Digest of the Grand Chapter” on the Grand Chapter and Grand Council website: <https://virginiaroyalarch.org>) which contains the approved edicts of the Grand High Priests/Grand Illustrious Masters and approved Resolutions of the Grand Chapter/Grand Council attached thereto, and your general knowledge.

The latter information may be garnered through discussion with your Companions and general Royal Arch and Cryptic Council literature and publications.

To answer the questions, the following steps are required:

- 1) For each question there is a reference source listed in bold type under the question.
- 2) To answer correctly: locate the necessary information from the reference material and mark your answer, showing the Section Number at Cit ____.

All questions must be answered. A grade will be given for each Lesson and a Certificate indicating completion of the entire Course will be issued once all of the lessons are completed.

References for each Lesson are as follows:

- Lesson 1: Section 1 thru Section 88 of the Digest and the GRAC Website
- Lesson 2: Section 88 thru Section 257 of the Digest
- Lesson 3: Approved Edicts & Resolutions of the Digest
- Generally: The GRAC Website

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1. A Companion may represent up to four (4) Chapters/Councils at Grand Chapter/Grand Council provided he is a member of that Chapter or of some Chapter in the same District

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Cit: _____

2. A Grand Representative may be a High Priest/Illustrious Master or a Past High Priest/Past Illustrious Master.

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Cit: _____

3. A District Deputy Grand High Priest/Illustrious Master must have received the Order of High Priesthood previous to his appointment.

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Cit: _____

4. In the absence of the Grand High Priest/Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand King, and Grand Scribe, the Junior Past Grand High Priest/Most Illustrious Grand Master will preside over the meeting of the Grand Chapter/Grand Council.

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Cit: _____

5. The District Deputy Grand High Priest/Illustrious Master entering upon his duties in any District, shall examine the by-laws of each Chapter/Council in that District.

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Cit: _____

6. Except in matters of emergent necessity, a Chapter/Council or a member of a Chapter/Council shall not submit any question of Masonic Law or usage to the Grand High Priest/Most Illustrious Grand Master except through the District Deputy Grand High Priest/Illustrious Master.

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Cit: _____

7. The first Grand High Priest/Most Illustrious Grand Master in Virginia was Robert Brough.

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Cit: _____

8. The Grand King, by virtue of his office, shall always be in nomination for the office of Grand High Priest/Most Illustrious Grand Master.

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Cit: _____

Lesson 1 – 2

True or False

9. The Grand High Priest/Most Illustrious Grand Master and Past Grand High Priests/Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters shall be addressed as Most Excellent/Most Illustrious.

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Cit: _____

10. The Grand King in the event of the Grand High Priest/Most Illustrious Grand Master's death, shall not succeed to his office.

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Cit: _____

11. The Grand High Priest/Most Illustrious Grand Master must issue a dispensation before a public or open ceremony can be held by a Chapter/Council.

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Cit: _____

12. Any Grand Chapter/Grand Council Officer may be a Dais officer in a subordinate Chapter/Council.

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Cit: _____

Lesson 1 – 3**Multiple Choice**

1. What is the date of the first recorded conferral of the Royal Arch Degree in the World?

☐ November 10, 1740

☐ August 20, 1750

☐ December 22, 1753

☐ None of the above

Cit: _____

2. Where was the first Royal Arch Degree conferred in the United States?

☐ New York, NY

☐ Fredericksburg, VA

☐ Boston, MA

☐ Philadelphia, PA

Cit: _____

3. When was the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons in Virginia, formed?

☐ April 7, 1805

☐ August 6, 1809

☐ May 4, 1808

☐ November 1, 1801

Cit: _____

4. Where was the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons in Virginia, formed?

☐ Norfolk, VA

☐ Fredericksburg, VA

☐ Richmond, VA

☐ Staunton, VA

Cit: _____

5. With what Grand Jurisdiction does the Grand Chapter/Grand Council of Virginia share concurrent Jurisdiction?

☐ West Virginia

☐ North Carolina

☐ Maryland

☐ District of Columbia

Cit: _____

6. Who is eligible to hold an elective office in the Grand Chapter/Grand Council?

☐ A sitting Grand Master

☐ A Captain of the Guard

☐ A Sovereign Grand Commander

☐ None of the above

Cit: _____

7. Identify the number of standing committees in Grand Chapter?

☐ 8

☐ 6

☐ 9

☐ 13

Cit: _____

Lesson 1-4

8. In order to dispatch business, how many Chapters/Councils must have legal representation present to constitute a quorum of the Grand Chapter/Grand Council?

☐ 8
☐ 5

☐ 10
☐ 11

Cit: _____

9. What are the inclusive dates of a Capitular/Cryptic Year?

☐ January 1 to December 31
☐ November 1 to October 31

☐ October 1 to September 30
☐ None of the above

Cit: _____

10. Which offices may a Grand High Priest/Most Illustrious Grand Master hold in a subordinate Chapter/Council?

☐ Scribe
☐ High Priest/Illustrious Master

☐ King
☐ None of the above

Cit: _____

11. What is the amount of the fee required to be paid to the Grand Chapter/Grand Council for a dispensation to form a new Chapter/Council?

☐ \$25
☐ \$30

☐ \$50
☐ \$45

Cit: _____

12. What other Grand Chapter includes the Council Degrees in their system of Royal Arch Masonry?

☐ Pennsylvania
☐ North Carolina

☐ West Virginia
☐ Ohio

Cit: _____

13. Who may appoint a Commission to investigate matters imperiling the harmony or intercourse of Capitular/Cryptic Masonry?

☐ District Deputy Grand High Priest/Illustrious Master
☐ High Priest/Illustrious Master
Priest/Most Illustrious Grand Master

☐ Grand Secretary
☐ Grand High

Cit: _____