

The Constitution & Permanent Record of The Crimson League

1. Declaration

- 1.1.1. This is The Constitution of The Crimson League.
- 1.1.2. The purpose of The League is to investigate and continue the research of Sir Charles Reginald Cranbury.
- 1.1.3. This Constitution is the legal framework setting out The Crimson League as defined primarily by The Will, secondly by the Law of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and thirdly by Amendments made by Members of The League.

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3. Definition of Terms

3.1. The Benefactor

3.1.1. The Benefactor is the late Sir Charles Reginald Cranbury.

3.2. The Crimson League

3.2.1. The Crimson League, also known herein as The League, is the collection of Members designated to investigate and continue The Research. See Amendment §9.1.

3.3. The Solicitors

3.3.1. The Solicitors appointed by The Benefactor are Arriman & Deckans, 121, Midguard Terrace, Bath.

3.4. The Will

3.4.1. The Last Known Will and Testament of The Benefactor, signed and witnessed 15th March 1922. The Will has been deemed the true testimony of The Benefactor's wishes and legally valid. The Benefactor died neither by his own hand, by duelling nor by the hands of justice. The Benefactor had animus testandi as testator to The Will.

3.5. The Executor

3.5.1. The Executor is that individual appointed by The Solicitor to execute The Will of The Benefactor and distribute the associated funds as defined in The Will and the resulting Constitution. This is currently Mr Oliver Black.

3.6. Member

3.6.1. Any Member of The Crimson League. See §5.

3.7. The Research

3.7.1. The Research constitutes all activities, investigations and studies continuing the works of The Benefactor. The Executor will determine whether any activity fulfils the requirements as being part of The Research based on previous and current investigations.

3.7.2. Legitimate investigations into what defines The Research will be considered part of The Research.

3.7.3. Search and attempts to contact those bequeathed in The Will is the responsibility of The Executor and The Solicitor and does not constitute part of The Research, unless it directly furthers The Research in some other way.

3.7.4. The Executor's current criterion as to what constitutes The Research is detailed in §8.

4. The Bequests

4.1. Description

4.1.1. As part of The Will, The Benefactor left one or more enveloped or packaged items to each individual named in §5.1.1. Until these are claimed they remain part of the Benefactor's estate.

4.2. Distribution

4.2.1. The bequests should only be opened by the individual named in The Will.

4.2.2. In the event of proof of death of the named individual prior to 6th November 1922, the bequest reverts to the property of the Benefactor's estate and should be handled at the discretion of The Membership.

4.2.3. In the event of proof of death of the name individual on or after the 6th November 1922, the bequest becomes part of the estate of that individual to be handled at the discretion of the executor of his will.

5. Membership

5.1.1. All persons receiving an enveloped or packaged bequest (see §4) as part of §IV of The Will have a right to be considered a Member of The League provided they have not expressed a wish to the contrary to The Executor and that they have survived to 6th November 1922, 60 days after the passing of The Benefactor. Those so named in The Will are Major Thomas Petrie, Miss. Madeline Behrens, Miss Amy Fawcett, Mrs. Millicent Wilmslow, Mr. Hendrick Vorster, Lady Evelyn Herbert, Dr. Henry Lawrence MD, Miss. Flora Darling, Miss. Rose Mowbury, Miss. Celia Blume, Mr. Richard Baxter, Mr. Jeremy St. John Hawkes, Mr. Morton Braddock, Sir Charles Leonard Wooley, Mr. Jack Flynn, Professor Edward Jacobs, Dr. Gladys Tolland-Pimms, Lord Arthur Christian, Captain Edmund Leighton, Mr. Waylon Riley, Mrs. Nancy Rider, Lady Violet Charteris, Miss. Sarah Hunter-Fitzsimmons, Mr. Edward Braithwaite, Mr. Chester Slim and Lieutenant Douglas Flyte.

5.1.2. A majority of The League can vote any individual to join The League as a full Member, by making The Executor witness to that decision.

5.1.3. The Membership of The League at any given point will be those individuals mentioned in §5.1.1 who have expressed such a wish to the Executor and those Members entered into The League via Clause §5.1.2.

5.1.4. All current Members will be listed in §10.

6. Funds

6.1. Initial Fund

6.1.1. A fund of Thirty Thousand Pounds Sterling was placed in trust with The Solicitors as directed by The Will.

6.2. Interest & Profit

6.2.1. Any interest accrued on The Fund will become part of The Fund.

6.2.2. Any profits made as a direct result of expenditure of The Fund will become part of The Fund.

6.3. Access to Funds

6.3.1. The Funds are to be made available to Members in order to investigate and continue The Research.

6.3.2. A majority of the Members must agree to any distribution of any of The Funds.

6.3.3. The Executor is final arbiter as to whether any activity is eligible as being part of The Research (see §8) and fundable from The Fund.

6.3.4. Receipts and/or invoices may be required by The Executor before payment is made from The Fund.

7. Estate

7.1. Properties

7.1.1. The League has been granted full use of all properties that remain part of the estate of The Benefactor.

8. The Research

8.1. New Information

8.1.1. The definition of what constitutes The Research may be re-evaluated at any time by The Executor based on the presentation of new information.

8.1.2. The Executor may, at his discretion, consult The Members to help define The Research.

8.1.3. The following sections define The Research based on information available at the time of writing.

8.2. Definition

8.2.1. Any activities leading to a greater understanding of what defines The Research may be considered as part of The Research.

8.3. Metallic Fragments

8.3.1. The metallic fragment discovered in the gardens of Yorkshire Lodge, Pendennis on 14th September 1922 is of interest to The Research. The similar fragments already in possession of League Members are of similar interest to The Research.

8.3.2. Activities leading to the discovery of further fragments may be considered as part of The Research. Any fragment found through activities funded from The Fund will become the property of The Benefactor's estate and The League.

8.3.3. Activities leading to further understanding of the purpose of the fragments may be considered as part of The Research.

8.4. Bequests

8.4.1. Activities leading to the discovery of information regarding the meaning, purpose or origin of The Bequests will be considered as part of The Research.

8.5. The Black Sun

8.5.1. A common symbol inscribed, painted or penned onto many of The Bequests or on associated, related or subsequent items is a black sun with eight rays, often with some other symbol, sigil or emblem marked in its centre. These symbols are hereafter identified as a Black Sun.

8.5.2. Activities leading to the discovery of information regarding a Black Sun will be considered as part of The Research.

8.6. The Dragon Knife

8.6.1. During the investigations in the gardens of Yorkshire Lodge, following the reading of The Will, a man was murdered. The knife was decorated with a dragon carving. The knife used in the murder seemed of significance. The knife is hereafter known as The Dragon Knife.

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8.6.2. Activities leading to the discovery of information regarding The Dragon Knife will be considered as part of The Research.

9. Amendments

9.1. First Amendment - Name

Saturday, 14th September 1922

9.1.1. The full title of the association, collected to investigate and continue The Research, will be the "The Crimson League" or "The League of Crimson". This amendment predates the writing of the Constitution and this name will be used throughout to define that group.

9.2. Second Amendment - Minor Funds

Saturday, 14th September 1922

9.2.1. A modest amount, not exceeding Ten Pounds Sterling, can irregularly, not more often than once per quarter annum per Member, be requested from The Executor to fund minor activities investigating and continuing The Research. Such a request must come from no less than two Members. The Executor can provide these monies from The Fund at his discretion.

9.3. Third Amendment - Service

Saturday, 14th September 1922

9.3.1. The Executor may employ Mr & Mrs James Campbell Morley to serve and service any gathering of The League. The monies for this employment are to come from The Fund and should be an amount to recompense expenses and provide suitable remuneration.

10. Membership

10.1. Those bequeathed known to be survived by The Benefactor

10.1.1. Major Thomas Petrie

10.2. Members present at the reading of The Will

14th September 1922

10.2.1. Miss. Madeline Behrens

10.2.2. Mr. Hendrick Vorster

10.2.3. Lady Evelyn Herbert

10.2.4. Miss. Flora Darling

10.2.5. Miss. Rose Mowbury

10.2.6. Miss. Celia Blume

10.2.7. Mr. Jack Flynn

10.2.8. Lord Arthur Christian

10.2.9. Captain Edmund Leighton

10.2.10. Mr. Waylon Riley

10.2.11. Lady Violet Charteris

10.2.12. Miss. Sarah Hunter-Fitzsimmons

10.2.13. Mr. Edward Braithwaite

10.3. Members first attending Pendennis Lodge

14th September 1922

10.3.1. Mr. Chester Slim

10.3.2. Mr. Richard Baxter

10.3.3. Professor Edward Jacobs

There are initially 16 members.

10.4. Members first attending Slim's Bar, London

22nd March 1923

10.4.1. Miss Amy Fawcett

10.4.2. Miss Consuela St. John Hawkes. Heir to Mr Jeremy St. John Hawkes

10.4.3. Mr. Morton Braddock

10.4.4. Dr. Henry Lawrence

There are 19 members from 22nd March 1923.

11. Attendance

11.1. Will Reading and First Meeting at Pendennis Lodge

14th September 1922

- 11.1.1. Mr. Richard Baxter
- 11.1.2. Miss. Madeline Behrens
- 11.1.3. Miss. Celia Blume
- 11.1.4. Mr. Edward Braithwaite
- 11.1.5. Lady Violet Charteris
- 11.1.6. Lord Arthur Christian
- 11.1.7. Miss. Flora Darling
- 11.1.8. Miss. Sarah Hunter-Fitzsimmons
- 11.1.9. Mr. Jack Flynn
- 11.1.10. Lady Evelyn Herbert
- 11.1.11. Professor Edward Jacobs
- 11.1.12. Captain Edmund Leighton
- 11.1.13. Miss. Rose Mowbury
- 11.1.14. Mr. Waylon Riley
- 11.1.15. Mr. Chester Slim
- 11.1.16. Mr. Hendrick Vorster

11.2. Gathering at Slim's Bar, London

22nd March 1923

- 11.2.1. Mr. Richard Baxter
- 11.2.2. Miss. Madeline Behrens
- 11.2.3. Miss. Celia Blume
- 11.2.4. Mr. Morton Braddock
- 11.2.5. Mr. Edward Braithwaite
- 11.2.6. Lady Violet Charteris
- 11.2.7. Lord Arthur Christian
- 11.2.8. Miss. Flora Darling
- 11.2.9. Miss Amy Fawcett
- 11.2.10. Miss. Sarah Hunter-Fitzsimmons
- 11.2.11. Mr. Jack Flynn
- 11.2.12. Miss Consuela St. John Hawkes
- 11.2.13. Lady Evelyn Herbert
- 11.2.14. Professor Edward Jacobs
- 11.2.15. Dr. Henry Lawrence
- 11.2.16. Miss. Rose Mowbury

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11.2.17.Mr. Waylon Riley

11.2.18.Mr. Hendrick Vorster

12. Authorship

12.1. Original

12.1.1. This document was prepared by Mr Oliver Black, 7th November 1922.

12.1.2. Master copy of the document typed by Miss Jane Teal, 7th November 1922.

12.2. Modifications

12.2.1. Changes made by Mr Oliver Black typed by Miss Jane Teal, 1st April 1923. Rewording of a small number of sections. Addition of definitions of §8 The Research. Addition of Members attending Slim's Bar, London.