

# *The Riders of the Third Degree Masonic Riders Association Instructions for Petitioning to Charter an Affiliate Chapter*

## **Chartering an Affiliate Chapter**

In order to charter an affiliate Chapter of the Riders of the Third Degree Masonic Riders Association, you must provide the following documentation to the Jurisdictional Grand Chapter:

- ❖ Petition for Chapter Affiliation
- ❖ Chapter By-Laws
- ❖ Members in Good Standing attestation letters from the Blue Lodge(s) of the founding Officers.

Upon the receipt of these items the Jurisdictional Grand Chapter will begin an investigation on the requesting petitioners and then vote on acceptance or rejection of the affiliate Charter. Once the vote has been taken, the response will be sent to the petitioners in writing and in the event of a rejection, the reason(s) will be given.

In the event that an affiliate Chapter Petition is denied, the Petitioning affiliate Chapter will be given the opportunity to correct the reasons for which they have been rejected. They will have ninety (90) days to do so and then they will be able to re-petition.

## **Filing the Petition**

**Filing Electronically:** If you are going to file the petition electronically, you will need to scan the written approval from your MWGL and the Letters in Good Standing into an electronic format. You will still need to enclose a check or money order for the \$50 petition fee in an envelope and mail it to the address listed below.

The electronically filed forms should be sent to [info@riders3.org](mailto:info@riders3.org).

**Filing through Mail:** If you are going to file the petition through the mail, send paper copies of all of the forms, including a check or money order for the \$50 petition fee, to the following address:

Riders of the Third Degree Founding Grand Chapter  
1919 West Joan de Arc Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85029