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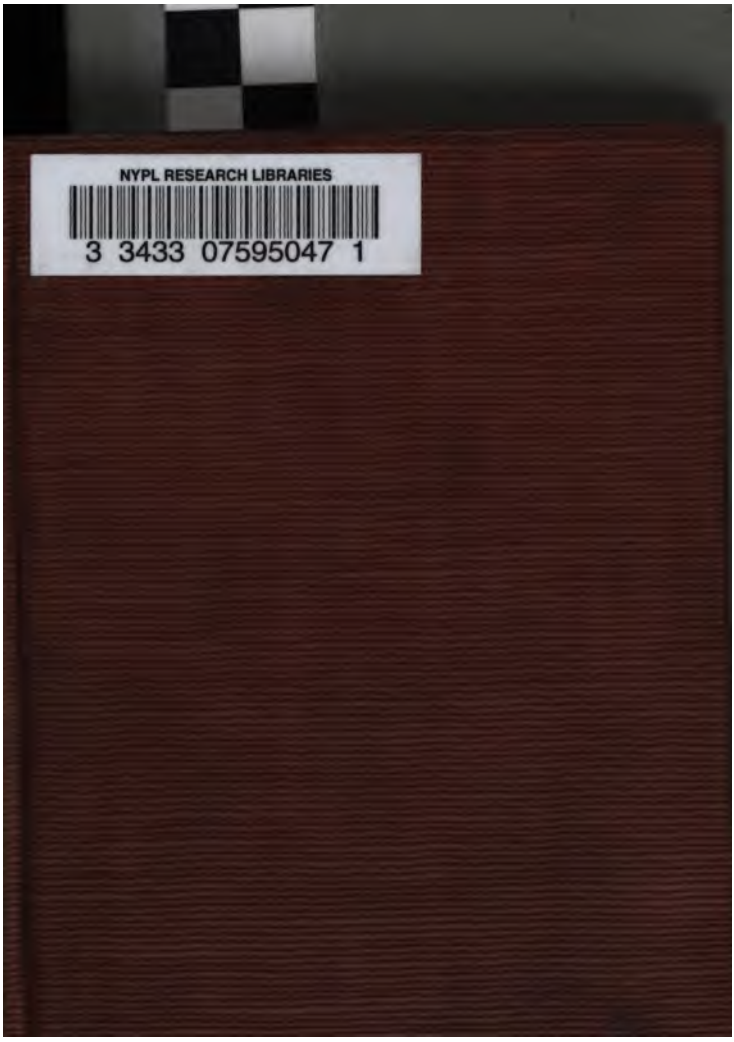
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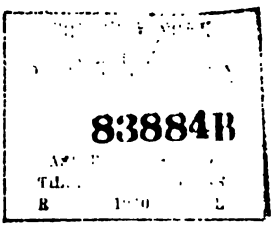
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When the rules of Craft Masonry apply.

In all cases which are not specially provided for by the following Laws and Regulations, the Order of Royal Arch Masons of England shall be considered as bound by the Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, and its proceedings shall be regulated thereby, as nearly as circumstances will permit.

Rank and precedence of members of Grand Chapter.

1. The members of the Supreme Grand Chapter rank in the following order:—

The First Grand Principal.
The Pro First Grand Principal
Past First Grand Principals.
Past Pro Grand Principals.
Second Grand Principal.
Past Second Grand Principals.
Third Grand Principal.
Past Third Grand Principals.
Grand Superintendents of Provinces and Districts.
Past Grand Superintendents of Provinces and Districts.
Grand Scribe E.
Grand Scribe N.
Past Grand Scribes E.
Past Grand Scribes N.
President of Committee of General Purposes.
Past Presidents of Committee of General Purposes.
Grand Treasurer.
Past Grand Treasurers.
Grand Registrar.
Past Grand Registrars.
Principal Grand Sojourner.
First Assistant Grand Sojourner.
Second Assistant Grand Sojourner.

Past Principal Grand Sojourners.
Past Assistant Grand Sojourners.
Grand Sword Bearer.
Past Grand Sword Bearers.
Grand Standard Bearers.
Past Grand Standard Bearers.
Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Past Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
First Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Second Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Past Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies
Grand Organist.
Past Grand Organists.
Assistant Grand Scribe E.
Past Assistant Grand Scribes E.
The Three Principals of every subordinate Chapter.
Past First Principals of every subordinate Chapter.

Qualification and disqualification of Past Principals.

2. Every Companion who shall have served in the Chair of First Principal of a Chapter for one year, shall retain his seat in the Grand Chapter, so long as he continues a subscribing member of a Chapter; but if such Companion shall cease to be a subscribing member of any

Chapter for the space of twelve months he shall cease to have a seat in the Grand Chapter, nor can he regain the right of membership of Grand Chapter as a Past First Principal until he has again duly served the office of First Principal of a Chapter.

Additional Members may be appointed.

3. Companions of eminence and ability, who have rendered service to the Order, may, by appointment of the First Grand Principal, be constituted members of the Grand Chapter, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

Regular meetings.

4. Four Grand Chapters or Quarterly Convocations shall be holden in each year, namely, on the first Wednesday in the months of February, May, August, and November.

Special meetings.

5. The Three Grand Principals may convene Special Grand Chapters when necessary. The reason for convening a Special Grand Chapter shall be expressed in the Summons; and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting.

Presiding at Grand Chapter.

6. The Companions acting as Grand Principals at any meeting of the Grand Chapter, shall respectively take the Three Chairs provided for the Three Grand Principals.

7. Any member of the Grand Chapter intending to make a Motion therein, or to submit any matter to its consideration, must, at least twenty-one days previously to the Convocation at which the Motion or other matter is to be brought forward, send a notice thereof in writing to the Grand Scribe E. Notices of Motion.

8. No Appeal, Motion, or other matter shall be brought into discussion or be considered in the Grand Chapter unless notice of the same shall have been sent, as above provided, to the Grand Scribe E, and notice of every such Appeal and Motion, together with the Report of the Committee of General Purposes, shall be printed and sent out with the Summonses for the ensuing meeting of the Grand Chapter. No Motion to be discussed without notice.

9. A Quarterly Report of the transactions of the Grand Chapter, and an annual account of the funds and property belonging to it, shall be printed and transmitted to every Present and Past Officer of the Grand Chapter, and to every subordinate Chapter. Reports, to whom sent.

10. All members of the Grand Chapter may have such Papers of business and Notices of Special Meetings of the Grand Chapter, together with all Reports of the Quarterly Convocations To other Members on payment of 2s. 6d.

forwarded to them by post, on registering their addresses and paying a fee of 2s. 6d. per annum in advance.

Duty of Grand Janitor.

11. The Grand Janitor and his Assistants shall, at every Meeting of the Grand Chapter attend without the entrance, and act as Scrutineers, in order that no unqualified person may be admitted.

Opening of Grand Chapter.

12. No member of the Grand Chapter shall be present at the opening thereof, unless he be a Principal or Past Principal of a Chapter.

The Minutes.

13. The Grand Chapter being opened, the Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation, and of any intervening Grand Chapter, are to be read and respectively put for confirmation.

Communications and Reports.

Then any Communications from the Grand Principals, or either of them, shall be read and proceeded with; next, Reports from any Committee; after which, the other business shall be proceeded with in due course.

New Charters.

14. When the Committee of General Purposes has recommended a Charter to be granted for a new Chapter, and that recommendation has been adopted by the Grand Chapter, the

Charter shall be forthwith issued without waiting for the confirmation of the minutes.

15. Whenever the Presiding Officer shall call to order, there shall be general silence. Silence to b observed.

16. All members shall keep their seats, except the Scribes, the Assistant Sojourners, and the Director of Ceremonies, his Deputy and Assistants, who are allowed to move about from place to place in the discharge of their duties. Members t keep their seats.

17. The mover of an Original Resolution shall have the right of reply, but no other Companion shall speak twice to the same question unless in explanation. No membe to speak twice.

18. Every one who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the Presiding Officer, and he shall not be interrupted unless any Companion shall address the Presiding Officer on a point of order, or the Presiding Officer shall himself think fit to call the speaker to order; but after he has been set right he may proceed if he observe due order and decorum. To stand while speak ing, &c.

19. If any member shall have been twice called to order by the Presiding Officer, and Transgress ing the

shall nevertheless be guilty of a Third offence at the same Convocation, the Presiding Officer shall command him forthwith to quit the Grand Chapter, and he shall not be again admitted to that meeting.

Hissing prohibited.

20. Whoever shall be so unmasonic as to hiss at a Companion, or at what he has said, shall be forthwith solemnly excluded the Convocation, and declared incapable of being a member of the Grand Chapter, till at another Convocation, he own his fault, and grace be granted.

Voting.

21. All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, each member having one vote, and the Presiding Officer a second or casting vote, unless the Grand Chapter, for the sake of expedition, shall think proper to leave any particular subject to the determination of the Presiding Officer. The votes of the members are to be signified by each holding out one hand, such votes shall be counted by the Grand Scribes unless the Presiding Officer shall declare the numbers so unequal as to render the counting unnecessary.

Termination of business.

22. No Motion on a new Subject shall be made, nor any new matter entered upon after *nine* o'clock at night.

GRAND OFFICERS.

First Grar Principal.

23. The Grand Master of the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England shall be First Grand Principal, if a Royal Arch Mason. If the Grand Master be not a Royal Arch Mason, the First Grand Principal shall be elected annually at the Quarterly Convocation in May, and forthwith inducted.

Appointm of Grand Officers.

24. The First Grand Principal shall annually, at the Quarterly Convocation in May, appoint the following Grand Officers, who are thereupon to be installed and invested:—

Pro First Grand Principal.
Second Grand Principal.
Third Grand Principal.
Grand Scribe E.
Grand Scribe N.
President of Committee of General Purposes.
Grand Treasurer.
Grand Registrar.
Principal Grand Sojourner.
First Assistant Grand Sojourner.
Second Assistant Grand Sojourner.
Grand Sword Bearer.
Four Grand Standard Bearers.
Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
Grand Organist.
He may also appoint an Assistant Grand Scribe E.

Pro First Grand Principal.

25. The office of Pro First Grand Principal only exists when the First Grand Principal is a member of the Royal Family; in which case, if there be a Pro Grand Master for the time being who is a Royal Arch Mason, he shall be Pro First Grand Principal.

Second Grand Principal.

26. The Deputy Grand Master, if a Royal Arch Mason, is to be Second Grand Principal.

Grand Principals must be installed as First Principals.

27. Each of the Grand Principals before being inducted to his office shall be installed as a First Principal, unless he has already attained to that rank.

Grand Scribe E.

28. The Grand Secretary is to be Grand Scribe E, if an Installed First Principal.

Grand Treasurer.

29. The Grand Treasurer of the craft is to be Grand Treasurer, if an Installed First Principal.

Grand *Registrar*.

30. The Grand Registrar of the craft is to be Grand Registrar, if an Installed First Principal.

Appointment of Officers who are not Officers of Grand Lodge

31. If any Officer of the Grand Lodge, who, if otherwise duly qualified, would take office in the Grand Chapter by virtue of his Office in the Grand Lodge, shall not be qualified to hold such corresponding Office in the Grand Chapter, the First Grand Principal shall appoint some other Companion to fill the vacant Office, except in the case of the Grand Treasurer, who shall be elected by the Grand Chapter.

All Grand Officers to be First Principals.

32. No Companion shall be appointed to any Office unless he be a First Principal or Past First Principal of a Chapter.

Grand Janitor.

33. The Grand Janitor shall be a Royal Arch Mason. He shall be appointed by the First Grand Principal as a vacancy occurs, and shall continue in Office during the pleasure of the Grand Chapter.

Provincial and District Grand Chapters.

Grand Superintendents.

34. For the better government of Chapters held at a distance from the Metropolis, Grand Superintendents may be appointed by the First Grand Principal over the several Provinces or Districts in which Chapters are or may be held.

Qualification of Grand Superintendents.

35. Grand Superintendents must be Present or Past First Principals of a Chapter, and must, while they continue in Office, be Subscribing members of a Chapter within their respective Provinces or Districts.

Appointment of Provincial and District Grand Officers.

36. Grand Superintendents are empowered to appoint the following Provincial or District Grand Officers :—

Second Provincial or District Grand Principal.
Third Provincial or District Grand Principal.
Provincial or District Grand Scribe E.
Provincial or District Grand Scribe N.
Provincial or District Grand Registrar.
Three Provincial or District Grand Sojourners.
Provincial or District Grand Sword Bearer.
Provincial or District Grand Standard Bearer.
Provincial or District Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Provincial or District Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Provincial or District Grand Organist.
Provincial or District Assistant G. Scribe E.
Provincial or District Grand Janitor.

Provincial or District Grand *Treasurer.*

The Provincial or District Grand Treasurer shall be elected by the Provincial or District Grand Chapter.

Second and Third Provincial or District Grand Principals.

37. The Second and Third Provincial or District Grand Principals must be Present or Past First Principals of a Chapter.

Dispensation for non-residence.

38. The Provincial or District Grand Officers must all be resident within the Province or District, unless the First Grand Principal grant a Dispensation for non-residence.

Meeting of Provincial and District Grand Chapters.

39. Grand Superintendents shall hold a Provincial or District Grand Chapter at least once in every year, in such place as they may think expedient. They are also empowered to visit the subordinate Chapters in their Province or District, and are to inquire into irregularities, and hear and determine all complaints; and to this end they may summon the Officers and Companions of any Chapter in their Provinces or Districts, to attend them, and to produce the Charter and books of the Chapter; and their decision shall be final, unless an appeal shall be made therefrom to the Supreme Grand Chapter. But no Appeal shall be entertained unless transmitted to the Grand Scribe E. within three calendar months from the date of the decision appealed against.

Powers of Grand Superintendent.

Appeal.

Condition on Death of Grand Superintendent of a Province.

40. In the event of the death, resignation, removal, or suspension of a Grand Superin-

tendent of a Province, the Second Provincial Grand Principal shall perform all the functions of the Grand Superintendent until a Companion is duly appointed to that office, and the Grand Superintendent of a Province may, during his own absence or illness, authorise the Second Provincial Grand Principal to perform all the functions of Grand Superintendent, but such Second Provincial Grand Principal shall not thereby acquire the right to any additional rank.

Condition on death of Grand Superintendent of District.

41. In the event of the death, resignation, removal, suspension, or absence from his jurisdiction of a Grand Superintendent of a District, the Second District Grand Principal, or in his absence the Third District Grand Principal, or the District Grand Officer or Past District Grand Officer next in rank then in the District, shall assume and exercise the functions of Grand Superintendent until the return of the Grand Superintendent, or until another Grand Superintendent shall have received his Patent of appointment from the First Grand Principal. The Companion thus exercising the functions of a Grand Superintendent shall not assume that title; nor shall he, after having so acted, be entitled to rank as a Past Grand Superintendent or to wear the Masonic Clothing appro*priate to* that Office.

Members of Provincial and District Grand Chapters.

42. The Provincial or District Grand Chapter shall consist of the Present and Past Officers thereof, and of the Principals and Past First Principals of all subordinate Chapters within the Province or District, and Past First Principals of any Chapter under the English Constitution, if a Member of Grand Chapter, but no Companion can be a member of Provincial or District Grand Chapter unless he is a Subscribing member of a Chapter within such Province or District.

Laws governing Provincial or District Grand Chapters.

43. Provincial and District Grand Chapters are to be subject to the same Laws as are laid down for the government of the Supreme Grand Chapter, so far as the same are applicable, except when a different regulation is expressly declared.

Power to raise Funds

44. Every Provincial and District Grand Chapter shall have power to raise such funds from its members and subordinate Chapters, as may be requisite for defraying its necessary current expenses.

PRIVATE CHAPTERS.

Chapter must be attached to a Lodge.

45. Every Chapter shall be attached to some

regular Lodge, and the rank or prece
the several Chapters shall be determined
ing to the priority of the Lodges to wh
may be respectively attached. In the
Lodge to which a Chapter is attache
erased, the Chapter may be attached to
Lodge by the authority of the Grand Cl

Application for a Charter.

46. Every application for a Charter t
new Chapter must be by Petition to the
Grand Chapter, signed by nine Roy
Masons, registered under the constitutic
Supreme Grand Chapter of England, sp
the place where the Lodge to which it is
tached meets, and the time when, and t
where, the Chapter is proposed to be hol
the names of the Three intended Princi
the names and numbers of the Lodges
they have severally served the office of
The Chapters in which the Petitione
exalted must be stated against their re
signatures. To the Petition must be a
consent of the Lodge.

Recommendation of Grand Superintendent *required.*

47. In a Province or District for
Grand Superintendent is appointed, the
must first be transmitted to him for his
mendation or opinion.

48. The following is the form of Petition for a Charter to hold a new Chapter:— Form of Petition.

TO THE SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.

WE, the undersigned, being regular registered Royal Arch Masons of the Chapters mentioned against our respective names, having the prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry at heart, are anxious to exert our best endeavours to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of the Art; and are desirous of forming a new Chapter to be attached to The Lodge, No.

In consequence of this desire, we pray for a Charter of Constitution empowering us to form and hold a Regular Royal Arch Chapter, to be named "The Chapter," to meet at on the in the months of , and there to discharge the duties of Royal Arch Masonry in a constitutional manner according to the forms of the order and the laws of the Supreme Grand Chapter; and we have nominated and do recommend Comp. (AB: W.M. or P.M.), of Lodge No. , to be the First Z.; Comp. (CD: W.M. or P.M.), of Lodge No. , to be the First H.; and Comp. (EF: W.M. or P.M.), of Lodge No. ,

to be the First J. of the said Chapter. The prayer of this Petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the commands of the First Grand Principal and the laws and regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter.

Fee for Charter and Petitioners.

49. A fee of five guineas shall be paid for every Charter of Constitution, with a further fee of 2s. 6d. for each Companion who has signed the Petition; and a fee of two guineas for every Charter of Confirmation.

Provisional Charter in Districts.

50. The First Grand Principal may authorise Grand Superintendents of such Districts as he shall think proper, to grant Provisional Charters for the formation of new Chapters within their respective Districts, upon the petition of nine Royal Arch Masons registered under the constitution of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England. This authority, when given, shall continue during the pleasure of the First Grand Principal. After the grant of a Provisional Charter, a Petition for a regular Charter shall be forthwith transmitted to the Supreme Grand Chapter.

Chapter to be constituted.

51. In order to avoid irregularities, every new Chapter shall be solemnly constituted according to ancient usage, by one of the Grand

Principals or by the Grand Superintendent of the Province or District, or by some Grand Officer or Installed First Principal appointed to perform that duty by the First Grand Principal or by the Grand Superintendent of the Province or District.

Chapters cannot meet without a Charter.

52. No Chapter, except while acting under a Provisional Charter, in the case of Chapters abroad, can meet without a Charter from the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, which is to be specially intrusted to the First Principal for the time being, at his installation, who shall be responsible for its safe custody, and shall produce it at every Convocation of the Chapter.

Charter lost or withheld

53. If the Charter be lost, or withheld by competent masonic authority, the Chapter must suspend its meetings until a Charter of Confirmation has been applied for and granted by the Supreme Grand Chapter, or until the Charter so withheld be restored.

Officers and Members of a Chapter.

54. According to ancient custom, a complete Chapter of this order of Free-masonry consists of the Three Principals, who, when in Chapter assembled, are to be considered conjointly as the Master, and each severally as a Master, Two Scribes, Principal Sojourner, Two Assistant

Sojourners, and other Companions, making up the number of seventy-two as a Council; and no regular Chapter can consist of more; but any number may be exalted and received as Companions, though they are not to hold the staff of Office, or be considered as Counsellors, when more than seventy-two are present.

Election of Officers.

55. The above-named Officers, together with the Treasurer, are to be elected annually. A Director of Ceremonies, Organist, and Steward may also be elected.

Qualification for Election.

56. No Companion of any subordinate Chapter shall be eligible to be elected to a Principal's Chair, who is not at the time of such election the actual Master or Past Master of a Craft Lodge under the English Constitution, nor until he shall have served the Office of Scribe, Sojourner or Assistant Sojourner of a private Chapter for a year.

Mode of Election.

57. The mode of election shall be by Ballot; for the Office of First Principal in the first instance, and the others in succession; and the Officers thus Elected may be invested and inducted forthwith, unless the By-Laws of the Chapter shall otherwise provide, in which case

they shall be invested and inducted accordingly. If the numbers shall in any case be equal, the First Principal shall have the casting vote, or he may order a new Ballot, at his discretion. The Janitor may be elected by show of hands. **Janitor.**

58. In Chapters abroad, a Companion who is at the time of the election the actual Master or Past Master of a Craft Lodge, shall be eligible to be elected to a Principal Chair without having served the Office of Scribe or Sojourner of a Private Chapter; and in such Chapters a regularly installed Master of a Lodge under a Foreign Constitution recognised by the Grand Lodge of England, shall also be eligible to be elected to a Principal Chair. **Qualification for Office abroad.**

59. No Companion shall be installed in the Second Chair who has not served in the Third Chair, nor in the First, unless he has served in the Second Chair of a regular constituted Chapter, during the period from one annual election to another. The First Grand Principal or Grand Superintendent may, however, grant a Dispensation from the observance of this rule, which is not to apply to Chapters abroad, nor to any Chapter at the time of its Constitution. **Qualification of First and Second Principals.**

60. No Companion shall be First Principal of [redacted] **Cannot be First Principal of two**

more than one Chapter in London or in the same Province or District, at the same time, without a Dispensation from the First Grand Principal.

Period of Office.

61. No Companion shall fill the First Chair of a Chapter for more than three years in succession, nor the Second or Third Chair for more than two years in succession.

Return of Installed Principals.

62. A Register shall be kept by each Chapter of all Companions who shall be installed as Principals; and every Chapter shall, within one month, notify to the Grand Scribe E. the name of every Companion so installed, with the date of his Installation; and no Companion shall take his seat in the Grand Chapter as a Principal until his name shall have been so returned.

When Past Principals cease to be Members.

63. Whenever any Companion who has been installed as Principal shall, from any cause whatever, cease to be a member of the Chapter, the same shall be notified to the Grand Scribe E.

Installation of Principals of Provincial Chapters and Chapters *abroad.*

64. The Principals of Provincial Chapters and of Chapters abroad may be installed out of their own Chapters, upon the production of sufficient Certificates of their being at the *time actual* or duly elected Principals of, and

contributing members to, their respective Chapters.

65. In case of the absence of the actual First Principal, his Chair shall be taken by his immediate Predecessor therein, or in his absence, by the senior present of his Predecessors therein; and, in the event of no Past First Principal of the Chapter being present, any Past or Present First Principal of the Order may, at the request of the Chapter, take that Chair and discharge the ceremonial duties of the Chapter. Absence of First Principal.

66. If any actual Principal shall die or be removed, or be otherwise rendered incapable of discharging the duties of his Office, the Chapter shall forthwith proceed to elect a new Principal in his place, giving due notice of such election. Death or Incapacity of Principal

67. The Cash or Treasurer's account of the Chapter shall be kept distinct and separate from that of the Lodge to which the Chapter is attached. The Accounts of the Chapter shall be audited at least once in every year, by a Committee to be appointed by the Chapter. Treasurer's Accounts.

68. Every Chapter shall keep a Register of its members, and once in each year transmit direct to the Grand Scribe E., and in Provinces Annual Returns of Members.

and Districts, also to the Provincial or District Grand Scribe E. a regular list signed by the First Principal and Scribe E. of its Contributing members, and of the Companions who have been exalted therein since the last Return, with the names and numbers of the Lodges to which they belonged, and the dates of exaltation, also of all Companions who have joined the Chapter during that period with the date of their so joining, and the name and number of the Chapter from which they joined, and also stating addresses, titles, professions or occupations of all such newly admitted or joining Companions.

Remittance of Fees.

69. Every Chapter when it makes the Return of its Contributing members, and of the Companions whom it has exalted, shall make a remittance for the registration and joining fees.

Exaltations.

70. There is no restriction as to the number of Companions who may be exalted in a Chapter on the same day.

Ballot.

71. Candidates for admission into a Chapter must be duly proposed, seconded, and balloted for; and no one shall be admitted if, on ballot, three black balls appear against his name, the By-Laws of a Chapter may enact that *two* black balls shall exclude a Candi

72. The proposition may be made and seconded either at a Regular Convocation or by notice in writing transmitted by the Proposer to the Scribe E. at least fourteen days before the next Convocation, but no ballot can take place unless the name of the Brother proposed, with his occupation and place of abode, as well as the name of his proposer and seconder, and the name and number of the Lodge of which he is or was a member,—or, in the case of a Joining member, the name and number of the Chapter of which he is or was last a member,—shall have appeared on the Summons to the members of the Chapter. Notice of proposition

73. No mason shall be exalted to this Supreme degree, unless he has been a Master Mason for ~~twelve~~ one calendar months at least (of which satisfactory proof shall be given), ~~except as provided for by the following Rule.~~ Qualification for Exaltation.

74. Grand Superintendents of Districts ~~abroad~~ may grant a Dispensation, in case of ~~emergency~~, for the exaltation of a ~~Brother~~ to the Royal Arch, at the ~~expiration~~ of four weeks from the period of ~~his~~ having received the degree of ~~Master~~ Mason. Dispensation abroad in case of emergency.

Emergency abroad where no Grand Superintendent.

In Colonies and Foreign parts where no Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons has been appointed, private Chapters may also, in cases of emergency, exalt Brethren at the expiration of four weeks from the time they have received the Master Mason's degree, provided that the Three Principals agree to the emergency, and in their next return to Grand Chapter state the reason thereof. Altered 1894

Fee for exaltation.

75. No person shall be exalted for a less sum than Two Guineas, including the fee to the Grand Chapter for registration and certificate. But this law shall not extend to Brethren exalted as Serving Companions who may be exalted by the Chapter which they are to serve, provided that no fee or reward be taken, and that a Dispensation from the First Grand Principal, or Grand Superintendent, be first obtained.

Registration Fees.

76. The registration fee for the Grand Chapter for Companions exalted in England, or joining from a Chapter under a Foreign Jurisdiction, shall be fifteen shillings, which includes the fee for the Certificate. In the latter case the Certificate of the Foreign Grand Chapter must be submitted to the Grand Scribe E. for inspection. But in the Colonies and Abroad the *fee shall* be seven shillings and sixpence for

Companions exalted in, or on first joining from a Chapter under a Foreign Jurisdiction. The fee for a Companion joining any English Chapter, whose name has been previously registered, shall be two shillings and sixpence. The fee for a Duplicate Grand Chapter Certificate, on satisfactory proof being given of the loss of the original, shall be six shillings and sixpence. The fee for Registration and Certificate of a Serving Companion shall be six shillings and sixpence.

77. When an application shall be made to the First Grand Principal for a Dispensation in any case required by the laws, the Chapter or Person making the application shall pay, prior to the Dispensation being delivered, the sum of ten shillings and sixpence, to be applied to the general fund; and, upon an application made to a Grand Superintendent, a sum of five shillings shall, in like manner, be paid, to be applied to the Provincial Grand Chapter Fund. Fee for Dispensati

78. Every Chapter shall be subject to erasure and forfeiture of its Charter of Constitution in any one of the following cases:— Erasure Chapte

Omitting to hold a meeting of the Chapter the space of two years.

Neglecting to make any Return required by the foregoing laws.

Neglecting to register annually the names of all Companions exalted, and of those who have joined the Chapter.

But no Chapter shall be erased until the Principals thereof shall have been duly summoned to show cause to the contrary to the Grand Chapter.

Effect of suspension by Grand Lodge.

79. All Sentences of suspension or expulsion passed by the Grand Lodge or any other competent authority in the Craft, on a Brother who is a Royal Arch Mason, shall, *ipso facto*, suspend or expel such Companion from his Royal Arch functions, while such Sentence shall continue in force.

CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Chapters of Instruction.

80. Chapters of Instruction may exist under regulations similar to those which are laid down in the Constitutions for the government of *Lodges* of Instruction.

COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

Of whom the Committee consists.

81. The Committee shall consist of the Grand Principals and Pro First Grand Principal (if any), a President, and two other members to be nominated by the First Grand Principal annually, at the Quarterly Convocation in May, and six other members to be elected by the Grand Chapter, at the same Convocation, from among the First Principals and Past First Principals of subordinate Chapters, being members of the Grand Chapter.

Meetings.

82. The Committee shall meet on the third Wednesday in the months of January, April, July, and October, at four o'clock in the afternoon precisely; but when business requires other meetings, they shall be called by command of the First Grand Principal, or by the authority of the President.

Quorum.

83. Three members shall on all occasions constitute a quorum, and proceed to business.

Absence of President.

84. In case the President be absent, the member highest in rank in the Grand Chapter is to preside at all meetings of the Committee.

Finance and Audit.

85. The Committee shall have the superintendence of the finances of the Grand Chapter, and shall audit the Accounts once a quarter, and make report thereof to the Grand Chapter.

Applications for Charters.

86. The Committee shall receive and examine all applications for Charters, or for the removal of Chapters, and shall report thereon to the Grand Chapter.

Duties and powers of Committee.

87. In addition to the aforesaid duties imposed upon the Committee, the Committee shall take upon itself the same duties, and shall have the same powers in relation to the Order of Royal Arch Masons, which are conferred upon the Board of General Purposes in relation to Craft Masonry by the Book of Constitutions; and the proceedings of the Committee shall be regulated as closely as possible by the rules laid down for the proceedings of that Board.

REGALIA, CLOTHING, INSIGNIA, AND JEWE

Prohibited Jewels.

88. No Companion shall be permitted to w in a Chapter any jewel, medal, device, or d ration belonging or appertaining to any o or degree not recognised by the Grand L

or Supreme Grand Chapter of England as part of Ancient Free masonry.

Clothing and Insignia.

89. The following Clothing and Insignia shall be worn, and no Companion shall be admitted into the Supreme Grand Chapter, or any other Chapter, without his proper Clothing.

Apron of Companion

90. The Apron is to be of white lamb-skin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, and from twelve to fourteen inches deep, with an indented crimson and purple border two inches wide (the crimson part pointing to the middle of the apron), the border of the flap or lappet to be only one inch wide. In the centre of the flap is to be a triangle of silk or satin, surrounded with a gold border, and within the triangle three taus united in gold embroidery, two gold tassels are to be suspended each by a ribbon two inches wide, coming from under the flap.

Apron of Provincial and District Grand Officers.

91. The Aprons of Present and Past Provincial and District Grand Officers to be the same, with the emblems of office in gold in the centre, within a double circle, in which must be inserted the name of the Province or District.

Apron of Grand Officers.

92. The Aprons of Present and Past Grand Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter, and

Grand Superintendents, to have a double indented crimson and purple border four inches wide, with the emblem of office in gold in the centre within two branches of laurel.

Color of lining strings, &c.

93. The silk or satin ground of the triangle, the lining and strings of the apron, and the ribbon from which the tassels are suspended, to be purple, for Present and Past Grand Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter, and Grand Superintendents, and Provincial and District Present and Past Grand Officers; crimson for Principals and Past Principals of private Chapters; and white for all other Companions.

Collars and Jewels of Grand Officers.

94. The Jewel of Office of Present and Past Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter when worn at Royal Arch meetings, is to be suspended from a collar, four inches broad, of three colours, viz., purple, crimson, and pale blue.

Collars and Jewels of Grand Superintendents and Provincial and District Grand *Officers.*

95. Grand Superintendents wear Collars similar to those of Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter; other Present and Past Officers of Provincial and District Grand Chapters also wear collars similar to those worn by the Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter; but such collars *are not* to exceed two inches in width.

INSIGNIA, AND JEWELS.

96. The Jewel of Office worn by the Pri and Officers, and also by Past First Pri of subordinate Chapters, is to be susp from a crimson Collar four inches broad.

97. The Jewel of the order is to be pendent from a narrow ribbon on the left br according to the rank of the Companion follows:

Present and Past Grand Officers of Supreme Grand Chapter, and Grand Super tendents, tricoloured.

Present and Past Provincial and Distri Grand Officers, if Principals or Past Principal and the Principals and Past Principals of a subordinate Chapters, crimson.

The other Officers of subordinate Chapter and all other Companions, white.

98. Present and Past Grand Officers of tl Supreme Grand Chapter, and Present and Pa Provincial and District Grand Officers ma wear their Jewels of office within a circle wi he words "Supreme Grand Chapter," or tl ame of the Province or District engrav hereon, suspended from the left breast by icoloured ribbon.

To be Gold or gilt.

99. All Jewels of the Order are to be Gold or gilt.

Sash.

100. All Companions are to wear a crimson and purple indented Sash over the left shoulder, passing obliquely to the right side, with silk fringe at the ends; except that all Present and Past Grand Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter, and Grand Superintendents, and Present and Past Principals of private Chapters, shall wear gold fringe or bullion instead of silk.

Engravings of Jewels.

101. Engravings of the Jewels are given in the appendix.

Instructions for applying for Centenary Jewels.

Centenary Jewel.

102. Application for permission to wear a Centenary Jewel is to be by Petition or memorial to the Grand Chapter, in which memorial or petition the necessary particulars as to the origin of the Chapter are to be given; as well as proof of its uninterrupted existence for one hundred years. A copy of the Charter must accompany the petition.

When permission has been granted to a Chap-

ter to wear a Centenary Jewel, the privilege of wearing the Jewel is restricted to actual *bonâ fide* Subscribing members, being Royal Arch Masons; and for so long only as they shall pay the stipulated subscription to the Chapter and be returned to the Grand Chapter of England.

The design for a Centenary Jewel has been approved by the First Grand Principal (*see plate*). The fee for a Warrant, authorising a Chapter to wear the Jewel, is five guineas.

The price of each Jewel, which can be obtained only through the Office of the Grand Scribe E., will be as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
18 carat gold, hall-marked.....	4	0	0
Silver gilt, ,, ...	1	10	0

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TO BE WORN BY THE

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AND ALL

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS,

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JEWEL AND APRON OF THE ORDER.



Grand Superintendent



Provincial 2nd Grand Principal



Provincial 3rd Grand Principal



President of Committee of General Purposes



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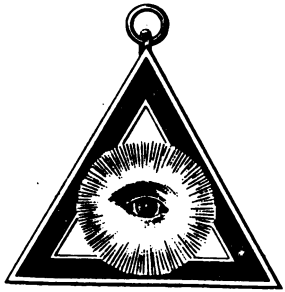

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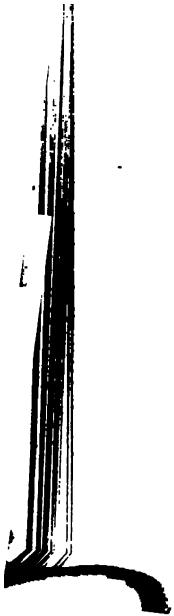



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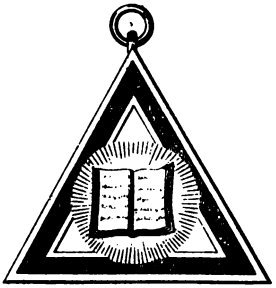

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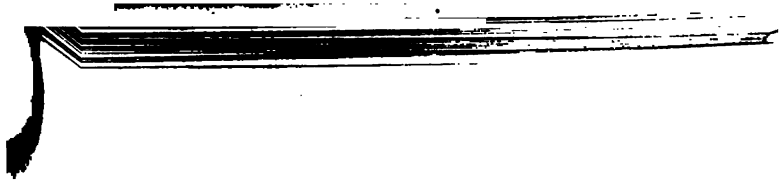



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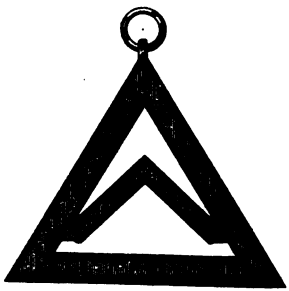

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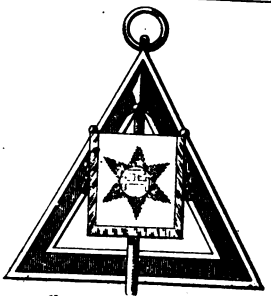
Sword Bearer





Standard Bearer.



Director of Ceremonies







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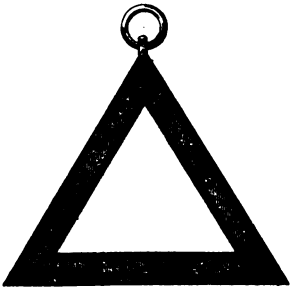

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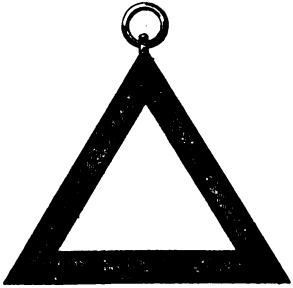

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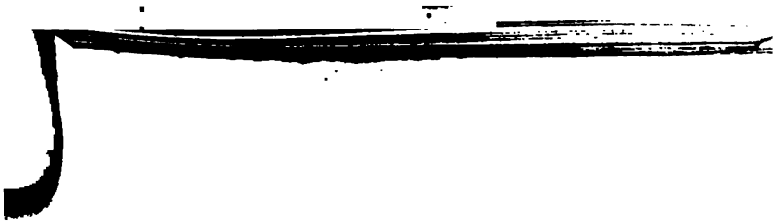

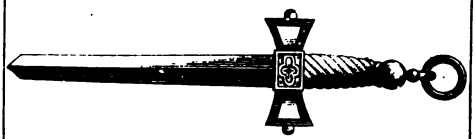

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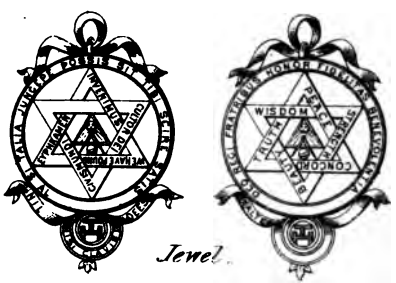

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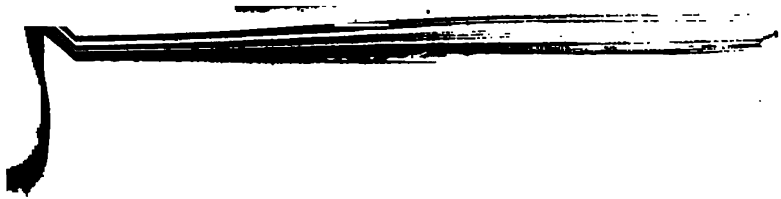



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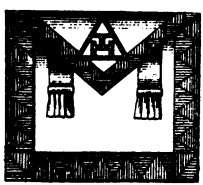

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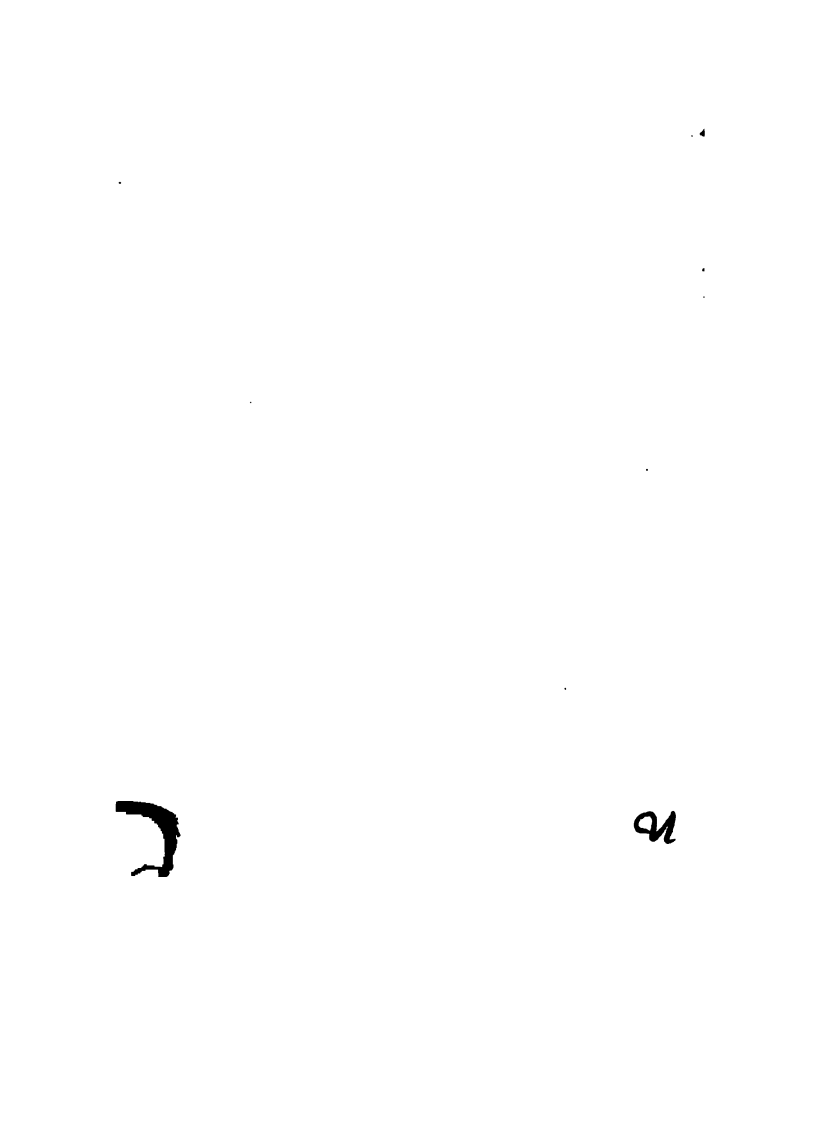

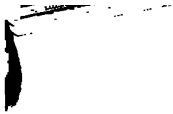

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