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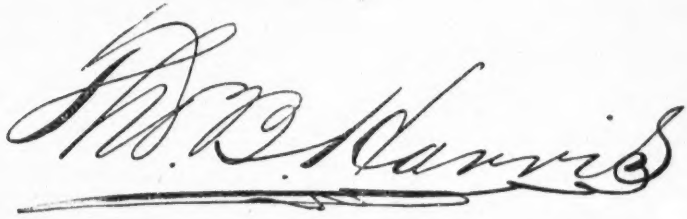

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CONSTITUTION AND GENERAL REGULATIONS.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE

Order of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Revised by Grand Chapter, 8th day of August, A.D., 1865, A.I. 2395

THE GRAND CHAPTER.

THE style and title of the grand chapter shall be "*The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada,*" and the members shall rank in the following order:—

The grand Z.
Past " "
The " H.
Past " "
The " J.
Past " "
Grand superintendent, London district.
" " Wilson "
" " Huron "
" " Hamilton "
" " Toronto "
" " Ontario "
" " Prince Edward "
" " Central "

Grand superintendent, Montreal district.
" " E. Townships "
" " Quebec "
" " New Brunswick "
Past grand superintendents of districts, in the same order of precedence.
Grand scribe E.
" " N.
Past grand scribes E. and N.
Grand principal sojourner.
Past " "
Grand treasurer.
Past "
Grand Registrar.
Past "
Grand first assistant sojourner.
Past " " "
Grand second " "
Past " " "
Grand sword bearer.
Past " "
Grand standard bearer.
Past " "
Grand director of ceremonies.
Past " "
Grand Organist.
Past "
Grand pursuivant.

Past pursuivant.
Grand stewards.
Past " "
The three principals of every subordinate chapter.
Past Z., H., and J. of every subordinate chapter, being subscribing members to some regular chapter.
Grand Janitor.

N.B.—All first and past first grand principals are styled "*Most excellent;*" all other elective grand and past grand officers are styled "*Right excellent;*" and all appointed and past appointed grand officers are styled "*Very excellent.*" The grand janitor is styled "*Companion.*"

II. The officers of grand chapter shall be respectively elected or appointed, as hereinafter provided, and hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected or appointed and installed.

The election and appointment of all officers shall take place at the annual convocation of the grand chapter, when they shall be duly installed and invested in ancient form.

III. The following officers shall be nominated for election, and if more than one companion be nominated, the election between them shall be decided by ballot, viz:

The most excellent grand Z.
" right " " H.

The right excellent grand J.
" " " " scribes E. and N.
" " " " principal sojourner.
" " " " treasurer.
" " " " registrar.

But where only one nomination takes place, the ballot is unnecessary.

By an open vote of the grand chapter,—
The grand janitor.

By a majority of the representatives of the chapters of their respective districts present at the annual convocation, subject to the confirmation of the Grand Z.

The right excellent the grand superintendents of districts.

IV. The following officers shall be appointed by the grand Z.

The V. E. grand first assistant sojourner.
" " " second assistant sojourner.
" " " sword bearer.
" " " standard bearer.
" " " director of ceremonies.
" " " organist.
" " " pursuivant.
Four " " stewards.

V. The elective officers, except the janitor, shall require a majority of all the votes present. The

elective officers must be first or past first principals and the other officers, except the janitor, principals, or past principals of a chapter.

VI. Should neither of the representative officers, nor a past Z. of a chapter, attend any convocation of the grand chapter, such chapter, by a vote properly certified by the first principal and scribe E., under seal, may delegate any companion entitled to a seat in the grand chapter to represent their chapter, but no companion can represent more than three chapters.

VII. Every companion elected or appointed to office in the grand chapter, shall, during his period of office, be a subscribing member to some regular subordinate chapter; and any past grand officer or member, who shall for twelve months continuously cease to be a subscribing member to some subordinate chapter, shall be disqualified from attending the grand chapter, such disqualification to continue until he shall have again become and continue to be, a subscribing member to some regular subordinate chapter.

VIII. Should a vacancy occur in any office of the grand chapter, the grand Z. shall nominate a qualified companion to supply the place *pro tempore*. But no officer can resign his office after he has been installed and invested; nor can he be removed except for cause which appears to the

grand chapter, to be sufficient, to be ascertained by the votes of the majority of members present, on complaint laid before it by the grand Z., in which case another must be elected or appointed in his stead, as the case may be. This includes the grand janitor.

IX. The annual convocation of the grand chapter shall be held on the second wednesday in August, at which the place of holding the next convocation shall be decided. None but members shall be present without the permission of the presiding officer.

X. The grand Z. may convene grand chapters of emergency when necessary. The reason for convening a grand chapter of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting. In all cases where summonses are issued whether by grand or private chapter, at least seven clear days notice shall be given.

XI. No officer or member shall be permitted to attend in grand chapter without his proper clothing and jewel.

XII. The grand director of ceremonies shall, at every meeting of the grand chapter, attend without the entrance for the purpose of guarding under the superintendence of the grand pursuivant, against the admission of any but those who are

qualified, and have their proper clothing and jewels, and have signed their names to the accustomed papers, and are in all respects entitled to admission.

XIII. If at any grand chapter, stated or occasional, any of the grand principals be absent, the chairs shall be filled by the grand officers next in rank and seniority who may be present, provided they be installed present or past first principals of any regular subordinate chapter. And if no such grand officer be present, then by the first principals of chapters, according to seniority, and the powers of any such *pro tempore* presiding officers shall be the same as those properly belonging to the office so filled by him.

The grand chapter is declared open in *ample form* when the grand Z. is present, at all other times in *due form*, but with the same authority.

XIV. An annual report of the transactions of the grand chapter, with an account of the funds and property belonging to it, shall be printed without delay, and one copy thereof transmitted to every officer of the grand chapter, and two copies to every subordinate chapter, immediately after the annual convocation in August.

XV. In the grand chapter alone resides the power of enacting laws and regulations for the government of the royal arch, and of altering,

amending, repealing and abrogating them. The grand chapter has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating and deciding all matters relating to the royal arch, and the intermediate degrees, and to subordinate chapters and individual companions; which it may exercise either of itself, or by such delegated authority as it may appoint; but in the grand chapter alone resides the power of erasing chapters and expelling companions from this order of freemasonry.

XVI. When the grand lodge, or any other competent authority in the craft, shall suspend or expel any brother who is a royal arch mason, the grand chapter shall immediately, on such suspension or expulsion, and the circumstances relating thereto, being communicated to it by the grand Z., proceed to consider and decide whether such companion shall be suspended or expelled from his arch-masonic functions for the period whilst such craft suspension or expulsion continues in force. But he shall not, neither shall any companion, under any circumstances, be suspended or expelled, until he shall have been summoned to show cause why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced, and afforded every opportunity of defending himself, either in grand chapter as aforesaid, or before other duly constituted authority.

XVII. Should any chapter have neglected to make its returns and payments to the grand chapter, for more than one year, the representatives of such chapter shall not be permitted to attend any meeting of the grand chapter until such returns and payments shall have been completed.

XVIII. No companion shall be qualified or permitted to attend grand chapter as principal or past principal, unless and until his name and appointment shall have been transmitted to the grand scribe E.

XIX. Companions of eminence and ability, who have rendered service to the craft, may, by a vote of the grand chapter, be constituted members of the grand chapter, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

REGULATIONS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND CHAPTER DURING THE TIME OF BUSINESS.

TO BE READ AT EVERY CONVOCATION THEREOF.

THE grand chapter being opened, and the regulations having been read, the minutes of the last annual convocation, and of any intervening grand chapter, are then to be put for confirmation;

and any communication from the grand principals or either of them, and reports from the grand superintendents of districts, and any committee, shall be read and taken into consideration; after which, the other business shall be regularly proceeded with.

II. All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, except where a ballot is enacted or demanded; each officer and member of the grand chapter, (except the grand janitor) shall have one vote, and the presiding officer, in case of equality, a 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 of his hands, which hands the grand scribes are to count, unless the presiding officer shall declare the numbers so unequal as to render the counting unnecessary. No visitor shall on any occasion be permitted to vote.

III. Any member may demand a ballot on any question, either before or immediately after an open vote shall have been taken. In all matters to be decided by ballot, each chapter shall have three votes, and each officer (except the janitor) and member, not otherwise entitled to vote, shall have one vote, and (except where otherwise provided)

in case of equality, the presiding officer shall have a casting vote. The grand scribes shall act as scrutineers.

IV. Whenever the presiding officer shall call to order, there shall be a general silence.

V. All members shall keep their seats, except the grand scribes, the grand principal sojourner and his assistants, the grand director of ceremonies, and grand stewards, who are allowed to move about from place to place in the discharge of their duties.

VI. No companion shall speak twice to the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply, and no visitor shall speak to any question, unless requested or permitted to do so by the presiding officer.

VII. Every companion who speaks shall rise, and remain standing, addressing himself to the presiding officer; and no companion shall interrupt him, except to speak to order, or the presiding officer to call him to order; but after he has been set right he may proceed, if he observes due order and decorum.

VIII. If any member shall have been twice called to order by the presiding officer, and shall, nevertheless, be guilty of a third offence at the same meeting, the presiding officer may command

him forthwith to quit the grand chapter, and he shall not be again admitted to that convocation.

IX. Whoever shall be so unmasonic as to hiss at a companion, or at what he has said, shall be forthwith solemnly excluded from the convocation, and declared incapable of being a member of any grand chapter till, at another grand convocation, he publicly own his fault and grace be granted.

X. No motion for the repeal or alteration of any existing law, or for the introduction of a new one, shall be made, without notice being given in a previous grand chapter. And no repeal, alteration or addition shall be valid, unless supported by two-thirds of the votes present.

XI. No motion on any new subject shall be made, nor any new matter entered upon after eleven o'clock at night.

OF GRAND OFFICERS.

THE Grand Z., after his installation, at the annual convocation, shall nominate such grand officers as it is his prerogative to appoint, who, with the elective grand officers, are to be thereupon installed and invested in ancient form.

II. Should the grand Z. die during his term of office, or be rendered incapable of discharging the

duties, the immediate past first grand principal shall act until the next election takes place. Should he decline or be unable to act, the last but one, and so on; but if no former grand Z. be found to act, the grand chapter shall be summoned by the grand H., or in his absence, by the grand J., to elect a new grand Z.

III. The grand Z., under the sanction of the grand chapter, may, by warrant, appoint any companion of eminence and skill to represent the grand chapter in a sister grand chapter; he may also constitute the representative of a sister grand chapter a member of the grand chapter of Canada, with such rank as the grand chapter may deem to be appropriate.

IV. The grand principals, or either of them, may preside in any chapter they may visit.

V. The grand Z. may summon any chapter or companion to attend him, and may order the production of the warrant, books, papers and accounts of such chapter. If the summons be not complied with, nor a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, such summons shall be repeated as a peremptory one; and if such last summons be not attended to, the offending chapter or companion may be suspended, and the proceeding notified to the grand chapter for further consideration, and punishment if deemed necessary.

VI. The grand Z. shall not be applied to officially concerning royal arch companions or masonry, except through the grand scribe E., or grand superintendents of districts. But this shall not refer to the grand principals H. and J., who can communicate direct.

VII. The grand Z. has the sole power to grant dispensations; except for public festivals or processions, authority for which may be granted by any of the grand principals or grand superintendents of districts.

OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS.

THIS officer must be an installed first principal or past first principal, and a resident in the district for which he is appointed.

II. He may preside in every chapter he visits within his district, unless the grand principals, or either of them, be present.

III. He may hear and determine any subject of masonic complaint, or irregularity respecting chapters or individual companions within his district, and may proceed to admonition, or to suspension. A minute of all such proceedings, stating the offence and the law applicable to it, together with his decision, is to be transmitted to the grand Z., through the grand scribe E., and when the case is

of so flagrant a nature, as in the judgment of the grand superintendent of the district to require the erasure of a chapter, or the expulsion of a companion, he shall make a special report to the grand chapter, with his opinion thereon. His decision is final, unless an appeal is made therefrom to the grand Z. or grand chapter.

IV. He may summon any chapter or companion within the district to attend him, and may order the production of the warrant, books, papers and accounts of such chapter. If the summons be not complied with, nor a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and, in case of contumacy, he may suspend the offending chapter or companion, and shall report the case as before provided.

V. All petitions for warrants must be recommended and duly signed by the grand superintendent of the district prior to their transmission to the grand scribe E., whose duty it shall be to see that such recommendation and signature are duly attached to each petition.

VI. He shall transmit to the grand scribe E. at least fourteen days prior to each annual convocation of grand chapter, a report on the condition of royal arch masonry in his district, with a list of such chapters as may have been constituted since

the last annual convocation, for the information of the grand chapter.

VII. He has power to give or refuse consent for the removal of a chapter from place to place within his district, but not from his district into another, nor from another district into his own, without the sanction of the grand Z.

VIII. He may grant dispensations for festivals or public processions in his district.

OF GRAND SCRIBES E. AND N.

ALL ministerial duties usually known as appertaining, and all privileges attached to the office of grand scribe, are to be performed and enjoyed exclusively by the grand scribe E. His duties in the grand chapter being similar to those of the grand secretary of a lodge.

II. The grand scribe N. shall assist the grand scribe E., during the business of the annual convocation of the grand chapter, and temporarily perform his duties should the grand scribe E., be rendered incapable by sickness, absence from the province or otherwise.

OF GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER, TREASURER, REGISTRAR, FIRST AND SECOND ASSISTANT SOJOURNERS, SWORD BEARER, STANDARD BEARER, DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, ORGANIST, PURSUIVANT, STEWARDS AND JANITOR.

THE duties of the above officers of the grand chapter speak for themselves, except that the grand principal sojourner, and his assistants, act in the grand chapter as grand deacons, and the grand janitor as grand tyler.

II. The grand first and second assistant sojourners, sword bearer, standard bearer, director of ceremonies, organist, pursuivant and stewards, must be principals or past principals of some regular subordinate chapter.

OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

THE executive committee shall consist of the grand principals H. and J., the grand superintendents of districts, and the grand scribes, (ex-officio members) and five other members of the grand chapter, to be elected annually by ballot, immediately after the election and appointment of grand officers. The committee may elect its own presiding officer, and four members shall constitute a quorum for the despatch of business. The committee may appoint sub-committees from amongst its members.

II. In the absence of the presiding officer, the chair shall be taken by the member highest in rank present.

III. The committee shall audit the accounts of the grand chapter, and report thereon at the annual convocation, and shall prepare an annual report on foreign correspondence for general information.

IV. The committee shall appoint a committee on credentials, and shall examine and report on all applications for warrants, and generally on all matters referred to it by the grand Z. and grand chapter, and shall have the right of summoning any chapter or companion to attend and produce all books, papers and accounts belonging to them, under penalty, on neglect or refusal, of being by said committee, suspended and reported to the grand Z. or grand chapter.

V. All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes; the presiding officer, in case of equality, having a casting vote.

VI. The members of the committee, when assembled on business, shall be in royal arch clothing.

VII. The committee shall proceed to the consideration of any special matter referred to it by the grand Z., or grand chapter, in preference to other general business.

VIII. All transactions and resolutions of the committee shall be entered in a minute-book by the grand scribe E.

GOVERNMENT OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

THE grand chapter of Canada has the sole government and superintendence of the several royal arch chapters, and lodges of mark, past and most excellent master masons, within the Province; with authority to assign the limits of the several districts, and settle controversies that may happen between them; and has power under the great seal of the grand chapter, and the sign manual of the grand principals, attested by the grand scribe E., to constitute new chapters of royal arch masons, and lodges of mark, past and most excellent master masons, within the province.

II. The grand Z. has the power and authority, whenever he shall deem it expedient, during the recess of the grand chapter, to grant a dispensation under his hand, and attested by the grand scribe E., under the seal of the grand chapter, upon the petition of nine regular registered royal arch masons empowering them to hold chapters of royal arch masons, and lodges of mark, past and most excellent master masons, for a certain specified time, provided such does not extend beyond the next ensuing

annual convocation of the grand chapter, when the grand chapter may confirm the said dispensation and grant the petitioners a warrant of constitution.

III. No charter or dispensation shall be granted for instituting lodges of mark, past and most excellent masters, independent of a chapter of royal arch masons.

OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

ALL legally constituted assemblies of royal arch masons, are called chapters, as regular bodies of mark masters, past masters and most excellent masters are called lodges. Every chapter ought to assemble for work at least once in every three months, and shall consist of three principals, two scribes, three sojourners, and a janitor, to which, for the better working of the chapter, may be added other officers.

II. Every chapter of royal arch masons throughout this jurisdiction, shall have a warrant of constitution from the grand chapter, and no chapter shall be deemed legal without such warrant or a dispensation from the grand Z. The mode of application to be by petition, signed by nine regular and registered royal arch masons, specifying the place where it is intended to hold such chapter, the day on which it is proposed to be holden, with

the names of the three intended principals, and such warrant and dispensation shall also give power to open and hold lodges of mark, past and most excellent masters.

III. The petition is to be transmitted to the superintendent of the district in which it is intended to hold the chapter, for his recommendation or opinion.

IV. Every chapter shall be solemnly consecrated according to ancient custom, by one of the grand principals or superintendents of districts, or by some present or past first principal of a chapter.

V. Every chapter shall annually elect, by ballot, the first, second and third principals, scribes E. and N., principal sojourner and treasurer, and, by an open vote of the chapter, the janitor. The first principal shall annually appoint all the other officers required for the better working of the chapter, who are, with the elective officers, to be regularly installed and invested.

VI. No companion shall be eligible for the first principal's chair, unless he be an installed master or past master of a regular lodge, nor until he has served in the second principal's chair for twelve months, nor to the second until he has served in the third principal's chair for twelve months, unless by special dispensation from the grand first principal.

VII. All matters are to be decided by a majority

of votes, except where a ballot is specially enacted. If the numbers on the ballot or a vote shall, in any case, be equal, the first principal shall have the casting vote, or he may order a new ballot at his discretion.

VIII. A register shall be kept by each chapter of all companions who shall be installed as first, second and third principals; and every chapter shall return to the grand scribe E. the name of every companion so installed, with the date of his installation, and shall also notify the grand scribe E., whenever any companion who has been installed as first, second and third principal, shall, from any cause whatever, cease to be a member of the chapter; and no companion shall take his seat in the grand chapter as a principal, or past principal, until his name shall have been so registered.

IX. The first principal is responsible for the due observance of the laws relating to subordinate chapters, and that all returns are made, and fees and dues paid to grand chapter. He shall see that a book, or books be kept in which the scribe E. shall enter the names of all candidates, with the dates of their proposals and taking the degrees of mark master, past master, most excellent master, and the royal arch, and their ages, residences and professions, together with all such other transactions of the chapter as are proper to be written.

X. The principals of the chapter for the time being shall be the master and wardens respectively of the lodges of mark, past and most excellent masters, and the other officers according to seniority.

XI. The officers and companions, whilst in chapter, shall wear the insignia of the order, according to their rank.

XII. In case of the absence of the first principal, his chair shall be taken by his immediate predecessor therein, or, in his absence, by the senior past first principal present, who shall discharge the duties of the chapter.

XIII. In case of death or removal by grand chapter of a first principal of a chapter, the chapter shall proceed to elect a new principal in his place, giving seven clear days' notice of such election to all the members of the chapter. And should a vacancy occur in any other office, the first principal shall appoint a companion to supply the place *pro tempore;* but no officer can resign his office after he has been installed or invested, nor can he be removed, except for cause which appears to the chapter to be sufficient, to be ascertained by the votes of the majority of members present, on the complaint being laid before it by the first principal, after having been duly notified to the members in the summons, in which case another must be elected

or appointed in his stead, as the case may be. This includes the janitors of chapters.

XIV. A chapter of emergency may at any time be called by summons, giving seven clear days' notice, by authority of the first principal. The reason for calling it shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business than that specified shall be entered upon at that meeting.

XV. Every chapter shall, at least once in each year, make a return to the grand scribe E., specifying the names, ages, professions and residences, and the dates of exaltation of the companions exalted, together with the dates of their taking the previous degrees of mark, past, and most excellent master, and shall, at the same time remit the registering fee, and fees for grand chapter certificates, that may be due, and when any companion, exalted in foreign parts, whose name is not previously registered in the books of the grand chapter, shall join a chapter as a member, his name, age, profession and chapter shall be likewise returned, and the same fee shall be paid as if he had been exalted in the chapter which he may so join. The name of each candidate must be included in the return as soon as he has received the degree of mark master, and the registering fee must be then remitted. The names also of all companions who may join from any other chapter must be returned, and the chapter in which they

were exalted, specified. Every mark master must select his mark within six months from the date of his taking the degree, and a description of it shall be returned by his chapter for record by the grand scribe E.

XVI. No chapter shall exalt a mason to the royal arch degree, or admit a joining member, without strictly complying with the regulations enacted for those occasions. See "Of proposing members."

XVII. No mason shall be exalted to the royal arch degree unless he has been a master mason for three calender months at least, of which he shall give proof, except by dispensation from the first grand principal, which shall not, however, be for a shorter period than four weeks. He must have taken the degrees of mark, past and most excellent master previous to exaltation.

XVIII. No chapter shall confer the degrees of mark master, past master, most excellent master and royal arch, upon any brother for a less sum than twenty dollars, which sum must be paid before any of the degrees are conferred, and may include the fees to the grand chapter, for registry and certificate. The companion who proposes a candidate is responsible to the chapter for all fees payable by him, payment of which must not on any pretence be deferred, nor any part of them. This

is not, however, to extend to serving companions, who may be exalted free of fee or charge, provided that a dispensation be obtained from the first grand principal.

XIX. When any companion from without the jurisdiction of the grand chapter of Canada, presents himself as a royal arch mason, and produces satisfactory proof of his having been exalted to that degree, each and every chapter shall have liberty to and may confer the degrees of mark master, past master and most excellent master on such companions, who have not heretofore received them, free of charge, except a fee to grand chapter for registry and certificate.

XX. Every chapter has the power to make such by laws as to them may seem meet for their own private government, provided they be not incompatible with the general laws of the craft, or the general statutes enacted by the grand chapter, and such by-laws shall be fairly copied in a book to be kept for that purpose, after a copy thereof shall have been sent to the grand scribe E., for approval by the grand Z., every companion shall sign them as a token of submission to them, when he becomes a member. The regular day of meeting of the chapter shall be specified in the by-laws.

XXI. Every chapter shall keep a book or books, in which members shall sign their names before

entering the chapter, and also for visitors, which shall contain their names, rank and chapter from which they hail. The janitor shall see that these entries are properly made.

XXII. The precedence of a chapter is derived from the number of its warrant, as recorded in the books of the grand chapter. If a chapter be dissolved, its warrant, records and property shall be delivered up to the grand chapter.

XXIII. If the majority of members quit a chapter the constitution or power of assembling exists with those remaining, provided their number be not less than nine, but if less than nine remain, their warrant ceases and becomes extinct, and all the authority thereby granted or enjoyed reverts to the grand chapter.

XXIV. A chapter or companion offending against any law or regulation for which no specified penalty is enacted, shall be subject to admonition, or suspension, at the discretion of the grand Z., the grand chapter, or the grand superintendent of the district.

XXV. No companion shall in any way make known or publish any proceedings of a chapter without proper authority, nor violate the secrecy of the ballot under any circumstances; under penalty of severe censure for a first offence, and for a second offence, of suspension from all his royal arch privileges.

XXVI. Every chapter has the power of inquiring into offences, and of suspending or excluding a member, but no companion shall be suspended or excluded under any circumstances, until he shall have had due notice of the charge or complaint preferred against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration, so that he may be present and be afforded every opportunity of defending himself, before a decision is rendered as to his guilt or otherwise.

XXVII. The name of every companion suspended or excluded together with the cause thereof, shall be sent to the grand scribe E., and also to the grand superintendent of the district; and notice of his restoration shall also be sent to these two officers.

XXVIII. When a member has been suspended for non-payment of dues, he shall be immediately restored by the chapter, without ballot, on payment of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and of the regular chapter dues for the period he was so suspended.

XXIX. The majority of the members of a chapter, when congregated, have the privilege of giving instructions to their principals, or other representative, before the convocation of grand chapter, because such companions are their representatives, and are supposed to speak their sentiments.

XXX. Every chapter shall be subject to erasure and forfeiture of its charter of constitution in either of the following cases:

Omitting to hold a convocation of the chapter for 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 under any circumstances until the principals thereof shall have been duly summoned to show cause to the contrary to the grand chapter.

OF PROPOSING MEMBERS.

NO mason shall be advanced to the degrees of mark master, past master and most excellent master, and exalted to the royal arch degree until he has presented a petition recommended by two companions, being members of the chapter, and been regularly proposed at one convocation of the chapter, and a committee has been appointed to inquire into his character, and his name, age, addition or profession, residence and lodge shall have been sent to all the members of the chapter

in the summons for the next convocation—whether regular or emergent—when, if the committee report in his favor, he may be balloted for, and if approved, admitted. But should the committee report unfavorably, he shall be deemed a rejected candidate and subject to article VI.

II. All balloting for candidates as aforesaid must take place in the royal arch degree.

III. No companion shall be admitted a joining member without a regular proposition at one convocation of the chapter, and unless and until his name, occupation, residence and chapter, shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular convocation, and their decision ascertained by ballot. He must give proof of his good standing, and be proposed and seconded by two members of the chapter.

IV. No chapter shall admit a candidate who resides in another district, or within the jurisdiction of another chapter, without the written consent, given by open vote, of such other chapter, and signed by the first principal and scribe E. The jurisdiction of every chapter, except in cities and towns where there is more than one chapter, extends between them half-way to the nearest chapter, or to the boundary of the district. In such cities and towns chapters have concurrent jurisdiction.

V. No candidate shall be admitted, or companion received as a joining member, if on the ballot, two black balls appear against him.

VI. No rejected candidate can be again proposed and balloted for within twelve months of the time of his rejection. (See article I.)

VII. No mason shall be exalted to the royal arch degree, unti he has received the degrees of mark master, past master and most excellent master. He must have been a master mason for three months of which he shall give proof, except the period be shortened by dispensation of the grand Z., which shall not ho ever, be for a shorter period than four weeks.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

CHAPTERS may elect any companion an honorary member by an open vote of the chapter. Due notice must be given at one convocation, and the name be inserted in the summons for the next regular convocation. The chapter must include all honorary members, in its return to the grand chapter, and pay similar dues for them as for ordinary members.

II. Honorary membership does not confer the right of voting, except it is so declared at the time

of election, and then it can be conferred only on those who were ordinary members when so elected.

III. Should such honorary members, as at the time of their election were honorary members, accept office in the chapter, their honorary membership ceases. Honorary members, who were not ordinary members, cannot hold office in the chapter.

OF VISITORS.

NO visitor shall be admitted into a chapter, unless he be personally known or recommended, or well vouched for, and until after due examination on his first visit, by two or more of the companions present, and he shall have entered his name, residence and chapter, together with his masonic rank, in a book to be kept by the chapter for that purpose. The janitor is to see that such entry is properly made.

II. Visitors during their continuance in a chapter are subject to its by-laws.

III. No companion residing in Canada, and not affiliated with some chapter has a right to visit any chapter in the town or place where he resides, more than once during the period of his non-affiliation.

IV. The first principal of every chapter is particularly bound to enforce these regulations.

OF THE CHAPTER SEAL.

EVERY chapter shall have a masonic seal, to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued. An impression of it is to be sent to the grand scribe E. and grand superintendent of the district, and if at any time the seal shall be changed, an impression of the new seal shall in like manner be transmitted.

OF CERTIFICATES.

EVERY chapter shall procure for each companion exalted therein, immediately upon its being registered in the books of the grand chapter, a certificate under seal of the grand chapter, and signed by the grand scribe E., of such exaltation and registry, to be paid for by the chapter.

II. Every companion must sign his name in the margin of his certificate to make it valid, which should be done at the time of its delivery to him.

III. Every return or document upon which a grand chapter certificate is to issue, must specify not only the date of exaltation, but also the dates when the companion was advanced to the degrees of mark master, past master and most excellent master.

IV. All applications for grand chapter certificates

must be made to the grand scribe E., and no certificate can be issued until payment is made of the fees for registry and certificate.

V. No chapter shall grant a private certificate to a companion for any purpose, except to enable him to obtain a grand chapter certificate, in which case it shall be specifically addressed to the grand scribe E., and except all such certificates as the laws or committees of grand chapter may sanction or require.

VI. Whenever a member of a chapter shall give notice *in writing* of his desire to retire, or shall be excluded from membership, or whenever at a future time he may require it, he shall be furnished with a certificate, stating the circumstances under which he left the chapter, and such certificate is to be produced to any other chapter of which he is proposed to be admitted a member, previous to the ballot being taken. No charge shall be made under any pretence for a private certificate.

OF PUBLIC PROCESSIONS.

NO public procession or festival shall be allowed without a dispensation from one of the grand principals, or the grand superintendent of the district, except as to attending masonic funerals, the urgency of which may not admit of the delay necessary for procuring the dispensation.

II. If any chapter or companion shall attend any public procession (except a funeral) or festival, in royal arch clothing without a dispensation, such chapter and companion shall be suspended, until the grand Z. or grand chapter shall determine thereon, and such companion shall be rendered incapable of ever after being an officer of a chapter. This includes janitors of chapters.

OF APPEAL.

THE grand chapter, when congregated, necessarily possesses a supreme authority over, and the power of finally deciding on every case which concerns the benefit of royal arch masonry, with its intermediate degrees. Any chapter or companion, therefore, which or who may feel aggrieved by the decision of any other authority, may appeal to the grand chapter against such decision, except it be that of the grand Z. The appeal must be made in writing, specifying the particular grievance complained of, and be transmitted to the grand scribe E. A notice and copy of the appeal must be sent by the appellant to the party against whose decision the appeal is made.

II. No appeal will be received, unless made in proper and respectful language, and it must be sent to the grand scribe E. at least one month before the annual convocation of grand chapter. And

when appeal against a decision is made to the grand Z., it must be sent to the grand scribe E., within one month after the date of the decision appealed against.

III. Notice of the intention to appeal against a decision must always be given at the time the decision is made known.

OF FEES.

THE following shall be the fees and dues payable to the grand chapter, and which must, in every case, be sent to the grand scribe E., with the application or return to which they respectively relate, and for which every first principal of a chapter is responsible.

For a dispensation for a new chapter.....	$40 00
For a warrant of confirmation of do	10 00
For a warrant of constitution for a new chapter	50 00
For a new warrant, to replace loss by fire or or otherwise properly certified.....	10 00
For every other dispensation.....	1 00
For a grand chapter certificate.....	2 00
For a grand chapter certificate for all or either of the intermediate degrees, when applied for distinct from exaltation.....	1 00
For registry of the name of every candidate for exaltation.....	1 00

This is to be paid in every instance as soon as a

brother has received the degree of mark master mason.

For registry of a companion joining a chapter whose name has been previously registered	$0 50
For registry and certificate of the intermediate degrees conferred on companions joining from another jurisdiction.....	2 00
For every member of a chapter, except for the year of his first becoming one, and payable at the annual convocation of grand chapter.—(per annum).....	0 20

REGALIA.

THE following clothing and insignia shall be worn, and no companion shall, on any pretence, be admitted into the grand chapter, or any subordinate chapter without his proper clothing.

No honorary or other jewel or emblem shall be worn which shall not appertain to, or be consistent with those degrees which are recognized, and acknowledged by the grand chapter.

II. The apron is to be of white lamb-skin, or white kid-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 centre 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 gold border and within the triangle three taus, united in gold spangled embroidery, and two gold tassels are to be suspended by ribbons two inches wide, coming from under the flap. The aprons of the present and past principals of the grand chapter, and principals of subordinate chapters are to be trimmed with gold lace.

III. The silk or satin ground of the triangle, the lining and strings of the apron, and the ribbon suspending the tassels, for the present and past grand officers of the grand chapter, shall be purple; for principals and past principals of subordinate chapters, crimson; and for all other companions, white.

IV. The apron of a mark master is to be of the same material and size as for the royal arch, bordered by a light blue ribbon with crimson edges, and having three rosettes of the same ribbon, one on the flap and one at each lower corner. The owner's mark may be represented on the centre, within a circle surrounded by the letters H. T. W. S. S. T. K. S.

V. The jewel of office worn by the present and past officers of the grand chapter is to be suspended by a collar of three colors, viz: purple, crimson and pale blue, four inches wide.

VI. The jewel of office worn by the principals and officers, and also by past principals of subordinate chapters, is to be suspended by a crimson collar, four inches wide.

VII. The aprons, collars, and jewels of officers of lodges of mark masters, past masters and most excellent masters, which are not independent bodies, may be those of the chapter according to rank, and companions may wear their royal arch clothing therein.

VIII. The medal of the order is to be worn on the left breast, suspended according to the rank of the companion, by a narrow ribbon, two inches wide, as follows: present and past officers of the grand chapter, tricolor, corresponding with the collar; and the principals and past principals of all subordinate chapters, crimson, also corresponding with the collar; all jewels of this order are to be gold or guilt. The other officers of subordinate chapters, and all other companions, white.

IX. The jewel of a mark master is to be in the form of a keystone. On the front the owner's mark or device is to be engraved within a circle with the letters round it, H. T. W. S. S. T. K. S. On the reverse side may be the owner's name and that of his chapter, with the date of his advancement. The jewel should be a white cornelian stone, but may

be of gold or silver or mother-of-pearl, and suspended by a narrow light blue ribbon with crimson edges.

X. Grand and past grand officers wear a tricolor sash, with gold fringe or bullion at the ends; all other companions are to wear the usual sash of the order with silk fringe at the ends; but principals and past principals of subordinate chapters may wear gold fringe, or bullion instead of silk.

The following are recognized degrees as defined by grand chapter, viz: entered apprentice—fellow craft and master mason—mark master, past master and most excellent master—royal arch, and masonic knights templar, and malta.

ROBES.

First grand and first principal, Z.
A crimson robe trimmed with ermine.

Second grand and second principal, H.
A purple robe.

Third grand and third principal, J.
A blue robe.

Scribes E. and N., the principal sojourner and his assistants, pursuivant and janitors of grand and subordinate chapters.
White robes.

JEWELS.

First grand principal, Z.

A crown irradiated, between the legs of a pair of compasses, the points resting on a triple triangle.

Second grand principal, H.

The all-seeing eye irradiated, between the legs of a pair of compasses, the points resting on a triple triangle.

Third grand principal, J.

The volume of the sacred law irradiated, between the legs of a pair of compasses, the points resting on a triple triangle.

Past grand principals.

The jewel appertaining to their respective offices, in a circle.

Grand superintendent of districts.

A small triangle irradiated, in a double triangle enclosed within a circle, on a triangle.

Past grand superintendents of districts.

The same jewel, omitting the small triangle irradiated.

Grand scribes E. and N.

Cross pens, with a tie within a triangle.

Principal sojourners of grand and subordinate chapters.

A square irradiated, within a triangle.

Assistant sojourners of grand and subordinate chapters.

A square, within a triangle, not irradiated.

Grand treasurer.

A key, within a triangle.

Grand registrar.
A scroll, on a pen, within a triangle.

Grand sword bearer.
Cross swords, with a tie, within a triangle.

Grand standard bearer.
A standard with a triple tau in the centre, within a triangle.

Grand director of ceremonies.
Cross wands within a wreath, within a triangle.

Grand organist.
A harp within a triangle.

Grand pursuivant.
Cross swords and wand, with a coat of arms, within a triangle.

Grand stewards.
A triangle.

Grand janitor.
A sword.

Past grand officers.
The jewel appertaining to their respective offices set in a circle except past grand superintendents.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

First principal, Z.
A crown irradiated within a triangle.

Second principal, H.
An all-seeing eye irradiated, within a triangle.

Third principal, J.
The volume of the sacred law irradiated, within a triangle.

Past principals.

The same within a circle.

Officers of subordinate chapters.

The emblems appertaining to their office, as in grand chapter, within a triangle.



FORMS.

Application for a Warrant of Constitution.

TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND PRINCIPALS, AND THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA.

WE, the undersigned, being regular royal arch masons, registered members of the chapters mentioned against our respective names, pray for a warrant of constitution, empowering us to meet as a regular chapter at to be called on the day of and there to discharge the duties of royal arch masonry in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the order, and the rules and regulations of the grand chapter; and we have nominated and do recommend companion
to be first principal, Z., companion
to be second principal, H., companion
to be third principal, J.

The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict conformity to the ancient landmarks of the order, and the rules and regulations of the grand chapter.

Dated at——, &c., &c.

[*To be signed by at least nine R. A. Masons.*]

Application for Exaltation.

To the Excellent

The Principals, Officers and Companions of the——— Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No.——.

The undersigned, a master mason, and member of———Lodge, No.——, under the jurisdiction of the grand lodge of———, respectfuly offers himself as a candidate for advancement to the degrees of mark master, past master, and most excellent master, and exaltation to the supreme degree of the holy royal arch in —— chapter, No. ——. Should his petition be granted, he promises a cheerful compliance with all the forms and usages of the order.

Dated at, &c., &c., (*Signed*) A. B.

Recommended by

C. D.———. (*Residence*) ———.
E. F.———. (*Profession*)———.
(*Age*)———.

Application for Membership.

To the Excellent

The Principals, Officers and Companions of the ——— Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No.——.

I,——of the——of——[*profession or addition*] ——aged——, being a royal arch mason, am desirous of becoming a member of the———chapter, No.——.

I was exalted in —— chapter, No. ——, and was last a member of——chapter, No.——, from which I retired in good standing.

Dated at, &c., &c.

Recommended by ———. } ———.
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Certificate of Withdrawal from a Chapter.

To all Royal Arch Masons to whom these presents shall come, greeting:

This is to certify that companion ———, who hath signed his name in the margin hereof is a regular royal arch mason in good standing at this date, and is, at his own request, regularly discharged from membership in the ——— chapter, No.——, under the jurisdiction of the grand chapter of Canada.

Given under my hand and the seal of the chapter at———, &c.

{ SEAL. } ———
Z.

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Scribe E.

Proxy for a Chapter appointing its Delegate to Grand Chapter.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY,

That at a —— convocation of the —— chapter, No.——, held on the——day of——, A.D.——companion —— was delegated to represent the said chapter at the annual convocation of grand chapter, to be held at——, on the——day of——, A.D.——, and there to perform any and all acts which could be done by the duly qualified officers of the said chapter where the——personally present; promising to ratify and confirm all that the said delegate may lawfully do under such authority.

Given under our hands and the seal of the —— chapter at——, &c.

(*Seal.*) *First Principal Z.*

Scribe E.

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