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IN all cases for which special provision is not made by the following Regulations, the Order of ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND shall be considered as bound by the Constitutions of the Antient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, hereinafter referred to as the Grand Lodge, and its proceedings shall be regulated thereby, as nearly as circumstances will permit.

When the
Rules of
Craft
Masonry
apply

1. The interests of the Order are governed by a general representation of all private Chapters on the Register, and the Grand Officers, present and past, with the Three Grand Principals at their head. This collective body is styled the SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND and is hereinafter referred to as 'the Grand Chapter'.

The Grand
Chapter

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Rank and
Precedence
of Members

2. The Members of the Grand Chapter rank in the following order:

1. The First Grand Principal.
2. The Pro First Grand Principal.
3. Past First Grand Principals.
4. Past Pro First Grand Principals.
5. Second Grand Principal.
6. Past Second Grand Principals.
7. Third Grand Principal.
8. Past Third Grand Principals.
9. Metropolitan Grand Superintendents.
10. Past Metropolitan Grand Superintendents.
11. Grand Superintendents.
12. Past Grand Superintendents.
13. President of the Committee of General Purposes.
14. Past Presidents of the Committee of General Purposes.
15. Grand Registrar.
16. Past Grand Registrars.
17. Grand Scribe E.
18. Grand Scribe N.
19. Past Grand Scribes E.
20. Past Grand Scribes N.
21. Grand Director of Ceremonies.
22. Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
23. Grand Sword Bearer.
24. Past Grand Sword Bearers.
25. Grand Inspectors.
26. Past Grand Inspectors.
27. Grand Treasurer.
28. Past Grand Treasurers.
29. Deputy Grand Registrar.
30. Past Deputy Grand Registrars.

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31. Deputy Grand Scribe E.
32. Past Deputy Grand Scribes E.
33. Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
34. Past Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
35. Deputy Grand Sword Bearer.
36. Past Deputy Grand Sword Bearers.
37. Principal Grand Sojourner.
38. First Assistant Grand Sojourner.
39. Second Assistant Grand Sojourner.
40. Past Principal Grand Sojourners.
41. Past Assistant Grand Sojourners.
42. Assistant Grand Scribes E.
43. Past Assistant Grand Scribes E.
44. Grand Standard Bearer.
45. Past Grand Standard Bearers.
46. Grand Organist.
47. Past Grand Organists.
48. Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
49. Past Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
50. Grand Janitor.
51. Past Grand Janitors.
52. The Three Principals of every private Chapter.
53. Past First Principals of every private Chapter if qualified under Regulation 5.

Members of the Grand Chapter who at 1 May 2000 held the rank of Past Grand Treasurer shall continue to take precedence after Past Assistant Grand Sojourners.

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.

Additional
members
may be
appointed

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Titles and
Prefixes

4. The prefixes to be accorded to and used by Companions are as follows:

Most Excellent (M.E.)

The Three Grand Principals and the Pro First Grand Principal; all Past Grand Principals and Past Pro First Grand Principals. In the case of Metropolitan Grand Superintendents in and over Metropolitan Areas, Grand Superintendents in and over Provinces and Districts and First Principals of private Chapters the prefix 'Most Excellent' is to be attached to the titles but not to the names of the Excellent Companions holding such Offices.

Excellent (E.)

Grand Officers, present and past, and Principals of Chapters, present and past.

All other Companions shall be styled 'Companion' only.

Salutes

There are no salutes to any Companions in Royal Arch Masonry.

Qualifications
of Past
Principals

5. 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 to be a subscribing member of a Chapter; but if such Companion shall not be a subscribing member of any Chapter under the Grand Chapter he shall cease to be a member of the Grand Chapter.

If he has resigned in good standing, he will on becoming a subscribing member of any Chapter under the Grand Chapter again become a member of the Grand Chapter, but if he has been excluded or has resigned from any Chapter without having paid his subscriptions, he

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cannot become a member of the Grand Chapter as a Past First Principal until he has again served the office of First Principal of a Chapter under the Grand Chapter.

6. Two regular Convocations of the Grand Chapter shall be holden each year, namely on the second Wednesday in the month of November and on the day following the Grand Festival of Grand Lodge at which Convocation shall be held the Annual Investiture of Supreme Grand Chapter.

Regular
Convocations

7. The Three Grand Principals, or any one of them in the absence of the others, may summon Especial Convocations of Grand Chapter whenever the good of the Order shall in their or his opinion require it. The particular reason for convening such Especial Convocation shall be expressed in the Summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at that Convocation.

Especial
Convocations

GRAND OFFICERS

8. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, if an installed First Principal, shall be First Grand Principal. If the Grand Master be not so qualified a First Grand Principal shall be elected at each Annual Investiture and installed forthwith if the appointment be for the first time.

First Grand
Principal

9. The Pro Grand Master, if an installed First Principal, shall be Pro First Grand Principal.

Pro First
Grand
Principal

10. The First Grand Principal shall appoint at each Annual Investiture a Second Grand Principal who shall be installed forthwith if the appointment be for the first time.

Second
Grand
Principal

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Third Grand Principal **11.** The First Grand Principal shall appoint at each Annual Investiture a Third Grand Principal who shall be installed forthwith if the appointment be for the first time.

Grand Scribe E. **12.** The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, if an installed First Principal, shall be Grand Scribe E.

Grand Treasurer **13.** The Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, if an installed First Principal, shall be Grand Treasurer.

Grand Registrar **14.** The Grand Registrar of the Grand Lodge, if an installed First Principal, shall be Grand Registrar.

Appointment of Grand Officers **15.** The First Grand Principal shall appoint at each Annual Investiture the following Grand Officers who, together with the Grand Registrar, Grand Scribe E and Grand Treasurer, are thereupon to be invested:

- President of the Committee of General Purposes.
- Grand Scribe N.
- Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- Grand Sword Bearer.
- Deputy Grand Registrar.
- Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
- Deputy Grand Sword Bearer.
- Principal Grand Sojourner.
- First Assistant Grand Sojourner.
- Second Assistant Grand Sojourner.
- Six Grand Standard Bearers.
- Grand Organist.
- Four Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies.

He may also appoint a Deputy Grand Scribe E. and not more than two Assistant Grand Scribes E.

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Casual vacancies among Grand Officers may be filled by the First Grand Principal.

Note. Metropolitan Grand Superintendents, Grand Superintendents and Grand Inspectors, though not subject to annual re-appointment, are by virtue of their offices Grand Officers. They become Past Grand Officers upon relinquishing their appointments and take precedence in accordance with Regulation 2.

16. The Grand Janitor shall be appointed by the First Grand Principal as a vacancy occurs and shall continue in office during the pleasure of the First Grand Principal.

Grand
Janitor

17. No Companion shall be appointed to any office unless he be a First Principal or a Past First Principal of a Chapter. If any Officer of the Grand Lodge who would take office in the Grand Chapter by virtue of his office in the Grand Lodge shall not be thus qualified, the First Grand Principal shall appoint and invest some other Companion to hold such office.

All Grand
Officers to
be First
Principals

18. The First Grand Principal is empowered to confer the rank of a Past Grand Officer on any Companion of ability who is a member of the Grand Chapter in accordance with Regulation 5.

Appointment
to Past Rank

19. Business to be brought under consideration of the Grand Chapter at any regular Convocation shall be communicated to the Grand Scribe E. in writing not less than seven days before the regular meeting of the Committee of General Purposes immediately preceding such regular Convocation. This Regulation shall not apply to any business which the Committee of General Purposes shall authorise to be placed on the paper of business.

Business to be
communicated
to the Grand
Scribe E.

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Paper of
Business

20. A paper of business to be transacted in the Grand Chapter at each regular Convocation shall be prepared by the Grand Scribe E. and submitted to the Committee of General Purposes for approval at the regular meeting immediately preceding such regular Convocation.

To whom
papers of
business and
reports to be
transmitted

21. A copy of the paper of business so approved together with a printed report of the proceedings at the immediately preceding regular Convocation and at any intervening Especial Convocation of the Grand Chapter shall be forwarded to all Grand Officers present and past, and to Metropolitan, Provincial and District Grand Scribes E. at least seven days before the Regular Convocation.

At the same time two copies of the paper of business and printed report or reports shall be sent to the Scribe E. of each private Chapter at his address as given on the annual installation return made in accordance with Regulation 60.

On receipt of these copies the Scribe E. shall immediately forward one of them to the First Principal for the information of the members. Copies of the paper of business shall be provided for the members of the Grand Chapter attending the Convocation.

Any Subscribing member of a Chapter under the Grand Chapter may have such papers of business, notices and reports forwarded to him by post on registering his address with the Grand Scribe E., and paying such fee as shall be from time to time fixed by the Committee of General Purposes.

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22. The Grand Janitor and his assistants shall, at every Convocation of the Grand Chapter, attend without the entrance for the purposes of ascertaining whether Companions seeking admission to the Grand Chapter are qualified to attend.

Duty of
Grand
Janitor

23. At each regular Convocation, the Grand Chapter being opened, the minutes of the last regular Convocation and of any intervening Especial Convocation of the Grand Chapter are to be put for confirmation as a correct record of the proceedings, and no part of the said minutes nor any matter appearing on the paper of business shall be read *in extenso* unless the Grand Chapter shall so direct, or a Companion, supported by not less than five other companions, shall so desire, with a view to founding a motion thereon.

Minutes of
Grand
Chapter

24. Communications from the Grand Principals, or any of them, shall be received before the business set forth in the paper of business is considered.

Communica-
tions from
Grand
Principals

25. The First Grand Principal, or in his absence the Presiding Officer, shall have in all respects not herein specifically provided the same powers and duties as are conferred upon the Grand Master in the Grand Lodge by the Book of Constitutions.

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AND DISTRICT GRAND CHAPTERS

Formation of
Metropolitan
Grand
Chapters

26. (a) The First Grand Principal has power to form London or any other specified area in England and Wales into a Metropolitan Area by the appointment of a Metropolitan Grand Superintendent whereupon a Metropolitan Chapter shall be formed and given jurisdiction within such area.

The First Grand Principal has also power to rearrange boundaries of Metropolitan Areas, and to combine any Metropolitan Area with another Metropolitan Area or with one or more Provinces or sub-divide any Metropolitan Area as he may think fit.

(b) Save as expressly provided in paragraph (d) of this Regulation or where a particular Regulation makes express provision for Metropolitan Areas, the provisions of the Royal Arch Regulations, and of any rules made under the authority of any provision of the Book of Constitutions or the Royal Arch Regulations, relating to Provinces, Grand Superintendents in and over Provinces and Provincial Grand Chapters and their Officers shall apply equally, *mutatis mutandis*, to Metropolitan Areas, Metropolitan Grand Superintendents and Metropolitan Grand Chapters and their Officers.

Appoint-
ment of
Deputy
Metropolitan
Grand Super-
intendent and
Metropolitan
Grand
Inspector

(c) (i) A Metropolitan Grand Superintendent by patent under his hand and seal or otherwise may appoint a Deputy Metropolitan Grand Superintendent, and such number of Assistant Metropolitan Grand Superintendents (to take rank immediately after the Deputy Metropolitan Grand Superintendent) and Metropolitan Grand Inspectors (to take rank immediately after the Assistant Metropolitan Grand Superintendents) as the First Grand Principal may from time to time authorise, to hold office during his pleasure and to execute forthwith all the powers and duties of such office in his name.

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(ii) No Companion may be so appointed unless he shall be a present or past First Principal of a Chapter. Qualification
for office

(iii) A Metropolitan Grand Superintendent within one month of the appointment must transmit in writing the name and address of his Deputy, of his Assistants and of any Metropolitan Grand Inspectors to all the Chapters of his Metropolitan Area, and also to the Grand Scribe E. for registration.

(iv) A Deputy or Assistant Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or a Metropolitan Grand Inspector may be invested either in the Metropolitan Grand Chapter or in a private Chapter within the Metropolitan Area.

(d) Royal Arch Regulations 27, 28A, 31, 32, 33, 34, 34A and 53 shall not apply to Metropolitan Areas, Metropolitan Grand Superintendents and Metropolitan Grand Chapters and their Officers.

(e) (i) A Metropolitan Grand Superintendent may once a year confer Metropolitan Grand Chapter Rank, designated by reference to the name of his Metropolitan Area (e.g. London Grand Chapter Rank), on Past First Principals in Chapters of his Metropolitan Area, who have rendered long and meritorious service to Royal Arch Masonry in the Metropolitan Area and are members of the Grand Chapter in accordance with Regulation 5, to a number not exceeding one for every complete 50 Royal Arch Masons in his Metropolitan Area registered in the books of the Grand Chapter on 1 September of the preceding year. Metropolitan
Grand Rank

(ii) On such occasions as shall seem to him proper either for Masonic celebration or otherwise, the First Grand Principal may authorise a Metropolitan Grand Superintendent to confer Metropolitan Grand Chapter Rank on an additional number of qualified Companions. Masonic
Celebrations

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(iii) A Metropolitan Grand Superintendent, to the extent that the numbers permitted to be appointed to Metropolitan Grand Chapter Rank under this Regulation have not been exceeded, may confer the rank designated Metropolitan Chapter Rank on Companions in Chapters of the Metropolitan Area who are not Installed First Principals but have rendered long and meritorious service to Royal Arch Masonry in the Metropolitan Area, the holders of such rank to take precedence immediately after the Holders of Metropolitan Grand Chapter Rank; and any holder of Metropolitan Chapter Rank shall, in the event that he becomes a Past First Principal and thereby a member of the Grand Chapter in accordance with Regulation 5, thereupon become a Holder of Metropolitan Grand Chapter Rank without the need for further appointment.

Additional
Metropolitan
Grand Ranks

(iv) A Metropolitan Grand Superintendent may also at his discretion and without regard to the above limitation confer Metropolitan Grand Chapter Rank on Past First Principals in Chapters of his Metropolitan Area who have rendered long and meritorious service to Royal Arch Masonry in his Metropolitan Area and who are Officers (present or past) of Provincial or District Grand Chapters or holders of Metropolitan Grand Chapter Rank (in another Metropolitan Area) or Overseas Grand Chapter Rank.

Senior
Metropolitan
Grand Rank

(v) A Metropolitan Grand Superintendent may annually at his discretion appoint Past First Principals who already hold Metropolitan or any Overseas Grand Chapter Rank, or Past Provincial or District Grand Officers, to be holders of Senior Metropolitan Grand Chapter Rank.

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(vi) The holders of such respective ranks shall be entitled to wear at all Royal Arch meetings the distinctive regalia prescribed under Regulations 85, 87, 94, 96 and 97, but can claim precedence as such only within their Metropolitan Area.

(f) For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that any Brother who before 1 October 2003 was a holder of Senior London Grand Chapter Rank, London Grand Chapter Rank, or London Chapter Rank shall in all respects be treated as a holder of the equivalent Metropolitan rank, notwithstanding that he may no longer be a subscribing member of a Chapter within that Metropolitan Area or of any Chapter under the Grand Chapter.

(g) A Metropolitan Grand Superintendent is also empowered to appoint annually from among the Installed First Principals in Chapters of his Metropolitan Area in addition to a Second and Third Metropolitan Grand Principal such Metropolitan Grand Officers as the First Grand Principal may from time to time permit. The Companions appointed to such Offices shall, if not already holders of Senior Metropolitan Grand Chapter Rank, or Metropolitan Grand Chapter Rank (as the case may be), be appointed to such of those ranks (and shall be counted against the quota, if any, provided in paragraph (e) above), and shall rank amongst themselves for investiture and otherwise in such order, as the First Grand Principal may from time to time direct. With the exception of Metropolitan Grand Superintendents, present and past, Metropolitan Grand Officers can claim precedence as such only within their own Metropolitan Area. They are, however, entitled to wear their regalia as defined in Regulations 88, 90, 94, 96 and 97 at all Royal Arch meetings.

Metropolitan
Grand
Officers

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Metropolitan
Grand
Treasurer to
be elected
annually

(h) The Metropolitan Grand Officers shall be annually appointed in the Metropolitan Grand Chapter, and such Officers whenever practicable shall be then invested together with the Metropolitan Grand Treasurer who shall be elected annually.

Casual
Vacancies

(i) Casual vacancies among Metropolitan Grand Officers may be filled by the Metropolitan Grand Superintendent, and the rank, if any, required to be conferred in accordance with paragraph (g) above shall not be counted against the quota there referred to.

(j) A Metropolitan Grand Superintendent within one month of the appointment must transmit, in writing, the name and address of his Second and Third Grand Principals, to all Chapters of his Metropolitan Area, and also to the Grand Scribe E. for registration.

Formation of
Provincial
and District
Grand
Chapters

27. The First Grand Principal has power to form any specified area in England into a Province and overseas into a District by the appointment of a Grand Superintendent whereupon a Provincial or District Chapter shall be formed and given jurisdiction within such area.

The First Grand Principal has also power to rearrange boundaries of Provinces or Districts and to combine any Provinces or Districts or subdivide any Province or District as he may think fit.

Appointment
of Grand
Super-
intendents

28. The appointment of a Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Grand Superintendent is a prerogative of the First Grand Principal, by the grant of a Patent to be held during his pleasure. By this patent the Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Grand Superintendent is invested with appropriate authority in and over his Metropolitan Area, Province or District. He shall be

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installed at the first Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Chapter which he may hold after his appointment, and until such installation he shall not be qualified to perform any of the functions of his office, except that of summoning the Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Chapter to meet for the purpose of his installation.

28A. (i) A Grand Superintendent by patent under his hand and seal or otherwise may appoint a Deputy Grand Superintendent to hold office during his pleasure and to execute forthwith all the powers and duties of such office in his name.

Deputy
Grand
Superintendent

(ii) No Companion may be so appointed unless he shall be a present or past First Principal of a Chapter.

(iii) A Grand Superintendent within one month of the appointment must transmit in writing the name and address of the Deputy to all the Chapters of his Province or District and also to the Grand Scribe E. for registration.

(iv) A Deputy Grand Superintendent may be invested either in the Provincial or District Grand Chapter or in a private Chapter within the Province or District.

29. In the event of the death, resignation, suspension or removal of a Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Grand Superintendent, the Deputy Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Deputy Grand Superintendent, if there be one and he be available, or failing him the Second Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Principal, if he be available, or failing him the Third Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Principal shall (without prejudice to the rights of the Metropolitan Grand

Provision in
the case of
the death of
a Grand
Superintendent
and of other
contingencies

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Superintendent or Grand Superintendent designate under Regulation 28) exercise all the functions of Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Grand Superintendent until a Companion is duly appointed and has been installed as Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Grand Superintendent. No person so exercising those functions shall thereby acquire the right to any additional rank or distinction: while so acting such person shall be designated by the name of the office held by him with the words 'in charge' added thereto.

If for any other reason the Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Grand Superintendent be not available the Deputy Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Deputy Grand Superintendent, if there be one and he be available, or failing him the Second Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Principal, or if he too be not available the Third Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Principal, or if he too be not available the Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Officer of such Metropolitan Area, Province or District next senior and then available shall exercise the functions of Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Grand Superintendent subject to any direction of the Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Grand Superintendent.

Membership
of
Metropolitan,
Provincial or
District
Grand
chapter

30. In addition to the Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Grand Superintendent the Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Chapter consists of the Deputy Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Deputy Grand Superintendent if there be one, the other Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Officers and of the Principals of all Chapters under such

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Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Chapter and also (so long as they may respectively be both members of the Grand Chapter and subscribing members of a Chapter under such Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Chapter) the Past Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Officers and the Past First Principals of any Chapter under the Grand Chapter.

31. (a) A Grand Superintendent is empowered to appoint annually in addition to a Second and Third Provincial or District Grand Principal no more than such acting Provincial or District Grand Officers as are specified in that column of the schedule to this Regulation which is appropriate to the number of Royal Arch Masons in his Province or District registered in the books of the Grand Chapter on 1 September of the preceding year, and in addition (where that number so permits) to make appointments to any past Provincial or District Grand Rank which he is empowered to confer as an acting office, except that of Past Deputy Grand Superintendent, Past Second or Third Provincial or District Grand Principal or Past Assistant to the Provincial or District Grand Principals; but so that the aggregate number of appointments to acting and past ranks shall not in any one year exceed one for every complete 50 Royal Arch Masons in his Province or District so registered, subject only to the provisos that:

(i) no Grand Superintendent shall be prevented thereby from appointing the number of acting ranks indicated in the appropriate column of the schedule, and

(ii) for each Companion who continues in the same acting office from one year to the next the Grand

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Grand
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acting and
past

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Superintendent shall have power to confer a first appointment to past Provincial or District Grand Rank.

(b) On such occasions as shall seem to him proper for Masonic celebration, the First Grand Principal may authorise Grand Superintendents to confer past ranks.

(c) (i) In addition to the foregoing, a Grand Superintendent may appoint such number of Assistants to the Provincial or District Grand Principals as the First Grand Principal may from time to time authorise.

President of
a District
Committee
of General
Purposes

(ii) In addition to the foregoing, the Grand Superintendent of a District may, if he has appointed a District Committee of General Purposes in accordance with Regulation 36, appoint a President of that Committee.

(iii) Provided that in any District, if it shall appear to the First Grand Principal that the area of that District, the means of communication or other sufficient reason renders such a provision desirable, he may authorise the Grand Superintendent to appoint such additional District Grand Officer or Officers as he may indicate without regard to the limitation herein before stated.

Provincial or
District
Grand
Treasurer

(d) The Provincial or District Grand Officers shall be annually appointed in the Provincial or District Grand Chapter, and shall whenever practicable be then invested together with the Provincial or District Grand Treasurer, who shall be elected annually.

(e) A Companion who has held Provincial or District Grand Rank is not hereby rendered ineligible for election as Provincial or District Grand Treasurer.

SCHEDULE TO REGULATION 31
NUMBER OF APPOINTMENTS TO ACTING RANK

No. of RA Masons in Province/District	1-499	500-999	1000-1499	1500-1999	2000-2499	2500-2999	3000-3499	3500+
Provincial or District....								
Grand Scribe E	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Grand Scribe N	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Grand Treasurer (elected - Reg. 31(d))	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Grand Registrar	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Grand Director of Ceremonies	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Grand Sword Bearer	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Deputy Grand Registrar	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Deputy Grand Scribe E	-	-	-	-	-	1*	1*	1*
Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	3
Deputy Grand Sword Bearer	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
Grand Almoner	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Grand Charity Steward	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Grand Sojourner	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1st Assistant Grand Sojourner	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2nd Assistant Grand Sojourner	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Assistant Grand Scribe E	1	1	1	1	1	1*	1*	1*
Grand Standard Bearer	1	2	3	4	5	5	6	6
Grand Organist	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies	-	1	2	3	3	3	3	4
Grand Steward	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
Grand Janitor	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	18	22	27	31	36	39	43	46

* Over 2500 Royal Arch Masons either a Deputy Grand Scribe E or an Assistant Grand Scribe E may be appointed, but not both; over 3000 Royal Arch Masons both may be appointed.

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Casual vacancies

(f) Casual vacancies among acting Provincial or District Grand Officers may be filled by the Grand Superintendent.

(g) No Companion shall be appointed a Second or Third Provincial or District Grand Principal or an Assistant to the Provincial or District Grand Principals unless he be a present or past First Principal of a Chapter.

(h) A Grand Superintendent within one month of the appointment must transmit, in writing, the name and address of his Second and Third Grand Principals, to all Chapters of his Province or District, and also to the Grand Scribe E., for registration.

Appointment to past Provincial or District Grand Rank of Companions who become Members of a Provincial or District Grand Chapter

32. (a) In addition to the entitlement under Regulation 31(a), a Grand Superintendent may at his discretion appoint to past Provincial or District Grand Rank, Officers (present or past) of other Provincial or District Grand Chapters or holders of Senior London, London or Overseas Grand Chapter Rank who have become members of his Provincial or District Grand Chapter.

(b) A Grand Superintendent may also, by dispensation from the First Grand Principal, appoint to past Provincial or District Grand Rank any Companion not already qualified under sub-regulation (a) above who has rendered meritorious service to Royal Arch Masonry and has become a subscribing member of a Chapter in his Province or District, from elsewhere.

Promotions

33. A Grand Superintendent may annually at his discretion promote Provincial or District Grand Officers to any office or rank authorised by Regulation 31(a), provided that the total number of Companions whom he promotes under this Regulation when aggregated with

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the number of Companions whom he promotes to acting office under Regulation 31 (a) shall not, except by dispensation from the First Grand Principal, exceed 80% of the total number of appointments and promotions which he is entitled to make under that Regulation.

34. Provincial or District Grand Officers present and past take precedence among themselves in the order specified in the schedule to Regulation 31(a), save that a Deputy Grand Superintendent, if appointed, ranks next after a Past Grand Superintendent, and a Past Deputy Grand Superintendent next thereafter; an Assistant to the Provincial or District Grand Principals ranks next after a Past Third Provincial or District Grand Principal, and a President of a District Committee of General Purposes present or past, ranks next before a District Grand Scribe E.

Precedence
of Provincial
and District
Grand
Officers

34A. With the exception of Grand Superintendents present and past, Provincial and District Grand Officers present and past can claim precedence as such only within their Province or District. They are, however, entitled to wear their regalia as defined in Regulations 88, 90, 94, 96 and 97 at all Royal Arch meetings.

35. The Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Chapter has the power of framing and revising suitable By-Laws for its own government, which may provide for the appointment or constitution of committees and the definition of their powers, and of making and altering regulations to be observed by the private Chapters and Companions in the Metropolitan Area, Province or District, but no such By-Law or regulation nor any revision or alteration thereof shall be in conflict with or

By-Laws
and
Regulations
of Provincial
and District
Grand
Chapters

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contrary to anything contained in these Regulations nor be valid until submitted to, and approved by, the Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Grand Superintendent and the First Grand Principal.

District
Committee
of General
Purposes

36. A Grand Superintendent in and over a District is empowered to appoint a District Committee of General Purposes to exercise and perform all such powers and duties as may be referred to it by him or as may be specified in the By-Laws of the District Grand Chapter. The By-Laws of the District Grand Chapter shall specify the composition of such committee in the event of its being appointed.

Convocations
of
Metropolitan,
Provincial or
District
Grand
Chapters

37. A Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Grand Superintendent shall hold an Annual Convocation of Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Chapter at which the appointment of the Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Officers shall be made and shall also hold such other Convocations of the Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Chapter as he shall consider necessary. All such Convocations shall be held within the Metropolitan Area, Province or District unless a dispensation is granted by the First Grand Principal.

Metropolitan,
Provincial
and District
Grand
Chapter
Funds

38. Every Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Chapter shall have power to raise such funds from its members and Chapters as may be requisite for its purposes. A complete schedule of all such charges upon members and Chapters shall appear in the By-Laws of the Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Chapter

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39. Regular accounts of the receipts and disbursements of the Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Chapter funds shall be kept in accordance with the rules laid down in the Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Chapter By-Laws. These accounts must be audited once in each year by an auditor or auditors, elected annually in Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Chapter, who must, unless a firm of auditors recognised under the Companies Acts, be a member or members of the Order. Such accounts must be produced annually at the Convocation of the Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Chapter specified in the By-Laws for that purpose, and a copy thereof transmitted to the Chapters under the Metropolitan Area, Province or District.

Metropolitan,
Provincial
and District
Grand Chapter
Accounts
and Audit

40. The Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Grand Superintendent in and over a Metropolitan Area, Province or District shall have in all respects not herein specifically provided the same powers and duties as are conferred upon a Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Master by the Book of Constitutions.

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Regulation

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Groups of
Overseas
Chapters and
Grand
Inspectors

41. In the case of Overseas Chapters not included in any District, the First Grand Principal shall have power to divide them, or any of them, into groups and to confer upon Companions appointed by him such jurisdiction as he may think fit in respect of any such group or of any such Overseas Chapters. The First Grand Principal shall have power to alter such groups, to extend or limit such jurisdiction, and to remove any Companion so appointed, and to appoint any other Companion in his place. A Companion while holding such appointment shall be styled Grand Inspector.

OVERSEAS GRAND CHAPTER RANK

Overseas
Grand
Chapter
Rank

42. The First Grand Principal may once a year confer the rank designated Overseas Grand Chapter Rank on Past First Principals in Chapters abroad not included in any District who are members of the Grand Chapter in accordance with Regulation 5 to a number not exceeding one for every complete 50 Royal Arch Masons in such Chapters registered in the books of the Grand Chapter on 1 September of the preceding year. On such occasions as shall seem to him proper for Masonic celebration or otherwise, the First Grand Principal is empowered to confer Overseas Grand Chapter Rank on an additional number of qualified Companions. The First Grand Principal, to the extent that the numbers permitted to be appointed to Overseas Grand Chapter Rank under this Rule have not been exceeded, may confer the rank designated Overseas Chapter Rank on Companions in Chapters abroad not under a District who are not Installed First Principals, the holders of such rank to take precedence immediately after the Holders of Overseas

OVERSEAS GRAND CHAPTER RANK

Grand Chapter Rank; and any such Companion shall, in the event that he becomes a Past First Principal and thereby a member of the Grand Chapter in accordance with Regulation 5, thereupon become a Holder of Overseas Grand Chapter Rank without the need for further appointment. The First Grand Principal may also at his discretion and without regard to the above limitation confer Overseas Grand Chapter Rank on Past First Principals in Chapters abroad not included in any District who are Officers (present or past) of Provincial or District Grand Chapters or holders of London Grand Chapter Rank. He may also annually at his discretion appoint Past First Principals who already hold Overseas or London Grand Chapter Rank, or are Past Provincial or District Grand Officers, to be holders of Senior Overseas Grand Chapter Rank; such Companions will thereafter be designated "Holders of Senior Overseas Grand Chapter Rank". The holders of such respective ranks shall be entitled, during the pleasure of the First Grand Principal, to wear at all Royal Arch meetings the distinctive regalia prescribed under Regulations 85, 87, 94, 96 and 97, but can claim precedence as such only within the Chapters in which Senior Overseas Grand Chapter Rank, Overseas Grand Chapter Rank and Overseas Chapter Rank are conferred. A registration fee, as laid down in Regulation 98, shall be payable by each Companion upon whom Overseas Grand Chapter Rank or Overseas Chapter Rank is conferred.

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43. Every application for a Charter to hold a new Chapter must be by petition to the Grand Chapter, signed by not less than nine Royal Arch Masons regularly registered under the Constitution of the Supreme Grand Chapter. Provided that in the case of petitions for Chapters to meet in Districts or abroad not within the territory of any District Grand Chapter, it shall suffice if at least five-ninths in number of the signatories are Companions so registered, but no Companion not so registered shall sign the petition unless he shall have been exalted in a recognised Chapter, and shall at the same time promise in writing strict obedience to the First Grand Principal and to the regulations of the Grand Chapter. The petition must specify every Chapter to which each signatory belongs and every Chapter to which he has at any time belonged, and in respect of each of the signatories must be accompanied by a certificate from every such Chapter giving the information required by Regulation 70.

To such petition must be added a recommendation either

(a) signed in open Lodge by the Master and Wardens of the regular Lodge under the Grand Lodge to which the proposed Chapter is to be attached with the approval of a majority of the members then present; or

(b) signed in open Chapter by the Principals of a regular Chapter under the Grand Chapter with the approval of a majority of the members then present;

and in either case notice that the petition is to be submitted for approval must have been given on the summons convening the meeting at which it is to be considered. The petition must then be transmitted to the

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Grand Scribe E. for submission to the Grand Chapter, provided that if the Chapter is proposed to be holden in a Metropolitan Area, Province or District the petition with the certificates and recommendation is in the first instance to be forwarded to the Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Grand Superintendent who is to transmit the same with his observations thereon to the Grand Scribe E.

44. The following is the form of petition for a Charter to hold a new Chapter:

Form of
Petition for
Charter

**‘TO THE SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND**

WE, the undersigned, being regularly 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. meeting at]*

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

* These words to be omitted if the proposed Chapter is recommended by another Chapter

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the Order and the laws of the Supreme Grand Chapter;
and we have nominated and do recommend:

Comp.(*AB*) († of Chapter No.) to be
the First Principal;

Comp.(*CD*) († of Chapter No.) to be
the Second Principal; and

Comp.(*EF*) († of Chapter No.) to be
the Third Principal.

Should the prayer of this petition be granted, we
promise strict obedience to the commands of the First
Grand Principal and the regulations of the Supreme
Grand Chapter.’

To this petition must be added the names of the
petitioners and such particulars as are required by the
form currently approved by the Committee of General
Purposes which may be obtained on application to the
Grand Scribe E. or to the Metropolitan, Provincial or
District Grand Scribe E.

Precedence
of Chapters

45. Save when the petition for its Charter shall have been
recommended by a Chapter, every Chapter shall, except
as provided elsewhere in this Regulation, be attached to
a regular Lodge, and the rank or precedence of the
several Chapters shall be determined according to the
number they respectively bear on the register of the
Grand Chapter.

† Insert as appropriate “First Principal”, “Past First Principal”, “Second
Principal”, “Past Second Principal”, “Third Principal”, “Past Third
Principal” or “has served for a full year in the office of” [whichever is
appropriate] “Scribe/Principal Sojourner/Assistant Sojourner

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If the Lodge to which a Chapter is attached is erased the Chapter may be transferred to another Lodge at the request of the members of the Chapter and with the approval of such other Lodge, but shall otherwise retain its existing name and number. A Chapter may at the request of its own members and with the approval of the Lodges concerned be transferred from one Lodge to another. In the case of a Chapter not included in a Metropolitan Area, Province or District such request for transfer must be sent to the Grand Scribe E. for submission to Grand Chapter. In the case of a Chapter in a Metropolitan Area, Province or District the request must be sent through the Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Grand Superintendent. The approval of Grand Chapter must be received before the transfer becomes effective and any Chapter thus transferred shall take the number and, unless the First Grand Principal shall decide otherwise, the name of the Lodge to which it is transferred. Not more than one Chapter may be attached to any one Lodge at the same time.

Transfer of
Chapters

45A. If two or more Chapters desire to amalgamate into a single Chapter, the First Grand Principal may at his discretion and upon such conditions as he shall see fit grant a Certificate of Amalgamation.

Certificate
of
Amalgamation

46. No new Chapter shall be entitled to meet until it has been solemnly constituted according to ancient usage by one of the Grand Principals, by the Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Grand Superintendent of the Metropolitan Area, Province or District, or by some other Grand Officer or Installed First Principal of a Chapter appointed to perform that duty. No Companion shall be installed as Principal except the Companion

New
Chapter
must be
regularly
Constituted

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named in the Charter for such office unless by sanction of the Grand Chapter. No Chapter shall be acknowledged, nor its Principals admitted as such into the Grand Chapter, or a Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Chapter, unless such Chapter has been regularly constituted and registered.

Chapter not to act without Charter

47. Except as provided in this regulation, no Chapter shall act without the Charter of Constitution from the Grand Chapter which is to be specially entrusted to each First Principal at his installation, to be held by him in safe custody on behalf of the Grand Chapter. The First Principal shall produce it at every Convocation of the Chapter.

Charter withheld

If the Charter be withheld by competent Masonic Authority the Chapter shall suspend its Convocations until the Charter has been restored.

Loss, etc. of Charter

If the Charter be lost, be improperly withheld from those lawfully entitled to hold or use the same, or be not available for production by the First Principal, a full account of the circumstances shall forthwith be forwarded to the Grand Scribe E. who shall report the same to the Committee of General Purposes. No Convocation of the Chapter shall be held until the circumstances have been so reported but the Committee may, on behalf of Grand Chapter, authorise a Chapter to resume its convocations pending the issue of a Charter of Confirmation.

Charter of Confirmation

On the production of adequate evidence by a Chapter as to the loss of its Charter the Committee of General Purposes may recommend to the Grand Chapter that a Charter of Confirmation shall be issued.

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If the original Charter be found or be restored to the Chapter the Charter of Confirmation shall be returned forthwith to the Grand Scribe E. for cancellation by Grand Chapter.

48. According to ancient custom a complete Chapter of this Order of Freemasonry 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, a Treasurer, a Principal Sojourner, two Assistant Sojourners, and other companions, making up the number of 72 as a Council: and no regular Chapter can consist of more; but any number may be elected, exalted and received as Companions with all the privileges of membership save that they are not to hold the staff of office or to be considered as Councillors when more than 72 are present.

Officers and
Members of
a Chapter

In addition to the above Officers, a Director of Ceremonies, an Almoner, a Charity Steward, an Assistant Director of Ceremonies, an Organist, an Assistant Scribe E. and Stewards may be elected or appointed as the case may be.

The Officers shall be elected by ballot on the regular day of election prescribed by the By-Laws of the Chapter, provided that, except for the Principals and Treasurer who must be elected, it shall be in order for the Chapter on the day of election to resolve that they may be appointed by the Principals so elected. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Principals shall be of the opinion that in the case of any Officer who falls to be elected by ballot in accordance with this Regulation

Mode of
election or
appointment

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there is only one Companion who is likely to be a candidate for election to the Office, they may direct that the summons for the Convocation at which the election is to take place shall state that such is their opinion (together with the name of the Companion concerned), and that unless any member of the Chapter demands that a ballot be taken for the Office, the named candidate will be declared elected; when the election of Officers takes place any candidate so named on the summons shall be declared elected unless a ballot be demanded for that Officer. The installation of the Principals, if present, shall take place in accordance with the By-Laws of the Chapter and shall be followed by the investiture of the Officers. Any Principal not so installed shall be installed at the next Convocation of the Chapter at which he may be present or as provided by Regulation 53.

Precedence
of Officers

The Officers shall take precedence for investiture and otherwise in the following order: the Three Principals, the Scribe E., the Scribe N., the Treasurer, the Director of Ceremonies (if any), the Almoner (if any), the Charity Steward (if any), the Principal Sojourner, the Assistant Sojourners, the Assistant Director of Ceremonies (if any), the Organist (if any), the Assistant Scribe E. (if any), Stewards (if any) and Janitor.

Janitor

The Janitor, who must be a Royal Arch Mason registered as such in the books of the Grand Chapter, shall be elected by show of hands on the regular day of election. A Chapter may, however, resolve that a subscribing member of the Chapter shall be Janitor without emolument, in which case he may be either elected or appointed as in the case of the other Officers.

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No Companion who is not a subscribing member of the Chapter may hold any office therein except that of Janitor. A Chapter in its By-Laws may provide that the service of its Scribe E. be equivalent to the appropriate subscription to the Chapter but shall remit to the Grand Chapter and to the Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Chapter the requisite payments due in respect of his membership of the Chapter.

49. No Companion shall be eligible for election to the Third Principal's Chair unless he has served the office of Scribe, Principal Sojourner or Assistant Sojourner of a private Chapter either for a full year or from the regular period of election or appointment to such office to the period of election as Principal, provided that the First Grand Principal may grant dispensation from compliance with this Regulation on receipt of a petition setting forth the circumstances of the case and the special reasons for seeking his intervention.

Qualification
for election
as Third
Principal

50. No Companion shall be eligible for election to the Second Principal's Chair who has not at the time of such election been installed in the Third Principal's Chair, nor until a full period of one year has elapsed since his election as Third Principal.

Qualification
for election
as Second
Principal

No Companion shall be eligible for election to the First Principal's Chair who has not at the time of such election been installed in the Second Principal's Chair, nor until a full period of one year has elapsed since his election as Second Principal.

As First
Principal

The First Grand Principal, Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Grand Superintendent may, however, grant dispensation from the observance of this

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Regulation on receipt of a petition setting forth the circumstances and the special reasons. But in such case a Companion shall not be installed in the First Principal's Chair without having been previously installed in the Second and Third Principal's Chairs, nor in the Second Principal's Chair without having been previously installed in the Third Principal's Chair.

Principals' periods of office

51. No Companion shall continue as First, Second or Third Principal of the same Chapter for more than two years in succession unless by a dispensation which may be granted by the First Grand Principal, or in a Metropolitan Area, Province or District by the Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Grand Superintendent, but he may again be elected after he has been out of office one year.

First Principal of more than one Chapter at same time

52. No Companion shall be First Principal of two or more Chapters at the same time without dispensation from the First Grand Principal, or, if the Chapters are in the same Metropolitan Area, Province or District, from the Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Grand Superintendent.

Installation of Principal

53. A Principal of a Chapter in the Provinces or Overseas may be installed out of his Chapter upon production of sufficient proof of his having been duly elected and at the written request of his Chapter.

Death of Principals and other contingencies

54. If any Principal elect shall die, be removed or become permanently incapable of discharging the duties of the office, the Chapter shall at the next regular convocation elect by ballot a Principal to take his place from among the qualified Companions, if any, not already serving in or elected to a regular office which

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expression shall include that of Principal. If there is no such Companion a dispensation may be granted by the First Grand Principal, Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Grand Superintendent to render eligible a Companion already holding or elected to a regular office.

Due notice of such intended election shall appear on the summons and the Principal so elected may be installed forthwith and any Second or Third Principal so elected and installed, shall, provided he serves the office until the next regular period of election, be deemed duly qualified for election as First or Second Principal as the case may be, notwithstanding less than one year may have elapsed since his election under this Rule.

Regulation 5 shall apply to every First Principal elected under this Regulation as if the period of one year therein mentioned were the period from the date of his being so elected to the date of the next regular period of installation in the Chapter.

If any Principal shall after installation die, be removed or become permanently incapable of discharging the duties of his office then at each convocation until the next regular period of election and until a successor shall have been duly elected and installed his place shall be filled pursuant to Regulation 55 as if he were still alive and in office but absent.

55. If the First Principal be not present, the Immediate Past First Principal, or if he be not present, the Senior Past First Principal of the Chapter, or if no Past First Principal of the Chapter be present, the Senior Past First Principal who is a subscribing member of the Chapter shall occupy the First Principal's Chair.

Absence of
First
Principal

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Absence of
Second and
Third
Principals

If the Second or Third Principal be not present, the First Principal, or the Past First Principal occupying the Chair for him, shall invite a qualified Companion to occupy such Principal's Chair.

Vacancies
in regular
offices

At each convocation held during a vacancy in any other office except that of Treasurer or at which any other officer except as aforesaid is not present the Principals shall nominate a Companion to act in that office.

Devolution
of authority
by Principals

56. If the Principals' absence be only temporary and circumstances so permit they may exercise such authority over the affairs of the Chapter as devolves upon them by virtue of their office and in pursuance of such authority may request duly qualified Companions to occupy the Chairs and exalt Companions as if they were themselves present.

Vacancy in
office of
Treasurer

57. If a vacancy shall occur in the office of Treasurer the same shall be filled for the remainder of the year by the election of a member not serving in or elected to a regular office in the Chapter, which expression shall include that of Principal, and notice that such election is to be made shall appear on the summons.

Protracted
absence of
Treasurer

The First Grand Principal, Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Grand Superintendent may upon the representation of the Principals that the Treasurer by reason of ill health, absence likely to be protracted, or other special circumstances, is unable to discharge his duties to the reasonable convenience of the Chapter, grant a dispensation to the Chapter to elect a member not serving in or elected to a regular office in the Chapter including as aforesaid to discharge the duties of the

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Treasurer until the Treasurer is able to resume the normal discharge of his duties or until the next regular period of election, whichever shall first occur.

Ten days' notice of intention to propose such an election together with a statement that the requisite dispensation has been obtained must appear on the summons for the convocation at which the election is to take place and such convocation may be either an ordinary convocation or an emergency convocation called by the authority of the Principals pursuant to Regulation 59.

58. The By-Laws of every Chapter shall specify the regular days and place of meeting of the Chapter, also the regular convocation for the election of the Principals and the officers and for their installation and investiture where such installation and investiture do not take place on the same date as their election.

Days and
place of
meeting

No regular convocation may be cancelled nor may any convocation be held otherwise than at the specified place and on the specified day. But the First Grand Principal, or in a Metropolitan Area, Province or District the Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Grand Superintendent, may on good cause being shown grant a dispensation for the holding of such convocation on an alternative day being not more than twenty-eight days before nor more than twenty-eight days after the specified day. If any convocation of a Chapter at its regular place should be impracticable or undesirable the First Grand Principal, or in a Metropolitan Area, Province or District the Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Grand Superintendent, may grant a

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dispensation to meet at a specified place to carry on the general business of the Chapter, and if the specified place be outside the area of jurisdiction in which the Chapter regularly meets a dispensation from each of the authorities concerned is necessary.

Emergency
Convocations

59. Not more than one convocation of a Chapter may be held on the same day, but, subject to this restriction, an emergency convocation of a Chapter may at any time be called by the authority of the Principals, but on no pretence without such authority. No business (other than the installation of a Principal) which these Regulations require to be transacted at a regular convocation shall be transacted at an emergency convocation, and the business to be transacted thereat shall not include any business whatsoever except such as is mentioned on the summons convening the convocation nor shall the minutes of any previous convocation be read or confirmed at an emergency convocation except in so far as any such minutes relate to or affect the validity of the business so mentioned.

Annual
Installation
Returns

60. Every Chapter, by its Scribe E., shall annually, immediately after the Installation of the Principals, make a return to the Grand Scribe E. (upon a printed form which he will provide) of the Principals and Past First Principals of the Chapter, and all other members who claim to be entitled to attend the Grand Chapter, specifying the Chapter in which each has served the office of First Principal and no Companion shall be permitted to attend the Grand Chapter unless his name shall appear on such return. This return shall contain the full name and address of the Scribe E. and shall be signed by the First Principal.

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61. Every Chapter, by its Scribe E., shall within one month after the end of its subscription year, if the Chapter meets in a Metropolitan Area or in a Province, or three months after the end of its subscription year, if the Chapter meets elsewhere, transmit to the Grand Scribe E, upon a printed form which he will provide, an annual return of the Companions who were during such year its subscribing members.

Annual
Return of
Members

The date of exaltation, joining or rejoining of every new member shall be given together with the date of election to Honorary Membership, death, resignation or exclusion of any subscribing members whose membership has ceased during the year.

Subject to Regulation 69 every Chapter, by its Scribe E., shall register with the Grand Scribe E. (upon a printed form which he will provide) details of all Companions who have been exalted into, joined or rejoined the Chapter. All such registrations shall be made as soon as may be convenient, but in no case later than the time when the aforementioned annual return is rendered. Such returns and forms shall be signed by the First Principal and the Scribe E. It shall be the duty of every Chapter to keep a register of its subscribing members and to enter therein all the particulars required to be specified in these returns and forms.

Registration
of new
members

62. Every Chapter when it makes the returns required by the preceding Regulation shall remit the proper fees and annual contribution in respect of its members, as laid down in the schedule of Regulation 98.

Remittance
of fees

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Returns by Chapters in a Metropolitan Area, Province or District

63. If a Chapter be in a Metropolitan Area, Province or District it shall make such returns as are required by the By-Laws of the Metropolitan Area, Province or District and shall forward the prescribed fees and contributions to the Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Scribe E.

Penalty for neglect to make returns

64. If any Chapter shall neglect to make its returns and payments to the Grand Chapter for a period of six months after the same are due according to these Regulations it shall be liable to erasure or such lesser penalty as the Committee of General Purposes may consider fit to impose upon the Chapter or any members thereof who have been responsible for the neglect. The Principals and Past First Principals shall not be permitted to attend Grand Chapter by virtue of a qualification derived from the Chapter until the proper returns and payments have been made to the Grand Chapter.

Qualifications for exaltation

65. No candidate shall be exalted until he has been a Master Mason for four weeks at least.

Number of candidates on same day limited

No Chapter shall exalt more than two candidates on the same day unless by dispensation from the First Grand Principal, or in a Metropolitan Area, Province or District from the Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Grand Superintendent. The application for such dispensation shall specify the names and Lodges of the candidates and the special circumstances on which the application is made.

Candidates

66. Candidates for admission into a Chapter must be duly proposed and seconded by subscribing members of the Chapter or by Honorary Members who have served as First Principal of the Chapter, to whom the candidate

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is known personally. Such proposition may take place 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 shall take place unless the full name of the candidate, with his occupation (if any) and place of abode as well as the names of his proposer and seconder shall have appeared on the summons to the members of the Chapter. In the case of a candidate for exaltation the name and number of every Lodge of which he is or has been a member and the date on which he was raised and in the case of a candidate for joining the name and number of every Chapter of which he is or has been a member shall be shown on the summons.

In the case of a candidate for exaltation there must be produced a certificate from every Lodge of which he is or has been a member drawn up in accordance with Rule 175, Book of Constitutions, and in the case of a candidate for joining or rejoining there must be produced a certificate from every Chapter of which he is or has been a member drawn up in accordance with Regulation 70.

Certificate to
be produced

No candidate for exaltation, joining or rejoining shall be admitted if on the ballot three black balls appear against him, but the By-Laws of a Chapter may enact that two black balls or one black ball shall exclude a candidate; and the By-Laws may enact that a reasonable period therein prescribed shall elapse before any rejected candidate can be proposed again. If a candidate is not exalted or does not take up his joining membership (as the case may be) within one year after his election the election shall be void. Except in the case of a Serving

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Companion every candidate becomes a subscribing member of the Chapter upon exaltation therein.

Grand
Lodge and
Grand
Chapter
certificates
to be
produced

67. Every candidate, either for exaltation or joining, who is a member of a Lodge or Chapter under the English Constitution shall, before election, submit his Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter certificate to the Scribe E. of the Chapter for inspection. In the case of a candidate who is a member only of a Lodge or Chapter not under the English Constitution, the certificate of the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter concerned shall be submitted to the Grand Scribe E. for inspection, unless the candidate seeks election to a Chapter under a District Grand Chapter and is a member of a Lodge or Chapter under a duly recognised Constitution having Lodges or Chapters within the District; in which case his certificate from such other duly recognised Constitution may in lieu of being sent to the Grand Scribe E. be submitted to the District Grand Scribe E. In no case shall a candidate from any other Constitution be proposed for election until a certificate that he is eligible has been issued by the Grand Scribe E., or District Grand Scribe E., as the case may be, which certificate must accompany the registration return.

Every candidate who has been exalted in a regular Chapter not under the Supreme Grand Chapter of England shall upon election or within one year after his election, and before being admitted for the first time as a member of the Chapter, make the following declaration:

Form of
Declaration

‘I, exalted in the Chapter, No on the Register of the Grand Chapter of do solemnly promise that if I am admitted a member of this Chapter

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I will pay strict obedience to the commands of the First Grand Principal and the regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter.'

The declaration shall be made in the Chapter which the Companion is joining or in some other Chapter under the Grand Chapter, or in writing witnessed by a Companion, who shall state the name, number and jurisdiction (which must be a Grand Chapter recognised by the Grand Chapter) of the Chapter to which he himself belongs. The declaration validates the election retrospectively and must be recorded in the Chapter minutes.

Candidates joining from other Constitutions or upon exaltation, if not in possession of a current edition of the General Regulations, must be presented with a copy. In the case of an exalte the acceptance or possession thereof shall be deemed a declaration of submission to its contents.

68. When a Brother is exalted into Royal Arch Masonry (except as provided hereafter by this Regulation) he shall on or before the day of his exaltation pay to the Chapter the exaltation fee prescribed in the By-Laws. No Chapter shall forgo or defer the payment of this sum or any part thereof. Fee for
Exaltation

A Chapter may enact in its By-Laws that, in addition to the exaltation, joining or rejoining fees the candidate shall pay to the Chapter such registration fees as are payable to Grand Chapter and, if applicable, Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Chapter, together with any tax thereon, and the candidate shall before becoming a member be informed of the total amount due.

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Exaltation
and status of
Serving
Companions

A Brother may be exalted as a Serving Companion without any fee by the Chapter in which he is to serve or by any Chapter for the service of the Grand Chapter or a Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Chapter, subject to a dispensation first being obtained from the First Grand Principal, or in a Metropolitan Area, Province or District from the Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Grand Superintendent.

Upon the first registration of a Serving Companion as a joining member of a Chapter the registration fee prescribed by Regulation 98 for exaltation shall be paid by such Chapter, and the Companion shall be entitled to return the special Grand Chapter certificate in exchange for a Grand Chapter certificate of the same date as his original certificate.

Grand
Chapter
certificates

69. When the particulars of a newly exalted Companion or of a Companion who has joined the Chapter from another Constitution have been registered in accordance with Regulation 61 the Grand Scribe E. shall issue a Grand Chapter certificate.

In Districts where the Grand Superintendent is entitled to order the issue of Grand Chapter certificates the particulars shall be sent to the District Grand Scribe E. who shall thereupon issue the certificate and quarterly make a return to the Grand Scribe E. of all certificates so issued. In such cases the particulars required for registration shall be included with the annual return rendered to the Grand Scribe E. on the form which is provided by him.

Presentation
of certificate

A Companion's Grand Chapter certificate shall be presented to him in open Chapter and the fact recorded

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in the minutes except that in cases where this cannot be done the certificate shall be sent to him by registered post or delivered to him by hand and the fact shall be reported to the Chapter at its next regular convocation and recorded in the minutes.

A Grand Chapter certificate must immediately on receipt be signed in the margin by the Companion to whom it is issued.

Certificate must be signed

If a certificate has been lost or destroyed, of which satisfactory proof must be adduced, the Grand Scribe E. or the District Grand Scribe E., as the case may be, may issue a replacement to the Companion to whom the original was issued upon payment of the fee prescribed in Regulation 98.

Lost certificate

70. A Chapter shall grant a certificate free of charge to a Companion whenever required by him in each of the following cases:

Grants of certificates by private Chapters

(a) When he is a member of the Chapter, a certificate to that effect and stating (if such be the case) that he is not indebted to the Chapter, and

(b) When he has been and is no longer a member of the Chapter, a certificate stating whether he ceased to be a member by resignation or by exclusion, giving the date and circumstances thereof, and stating whether he was at the time indebted to the Chapter and, if so, whether and at what time such indebtedness was discharged by him.

The certificate shall be dated and, unless handed to the Companion himself, shall be transmitted by registered post, the envelope being plainly marked on the outside, 'Private and Confidential'.

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Except as provided by this Regulation a Chapter shall not grant a certificate of any kind to a Companion.

Cessation of membership when two years in arrear

71. If the subscription of a member to his Chapter remains unpaid for two full years, at the expiration of that period he shall cease to be a member of the Chapter and the fact shall be reported to the Chapter at its next regular convocation and recorded in the minutes. He can become a member again only by payment of the arrears followed by regular proposition and ballot according to Regulation 66.

This Regulation shall not prevent any Chapter proceeding against any of its members in accordance with Rule 181, Book of Constitutions, in respect of sums due for a shorter period than two years, if so provided in its By-Laws.

Effect of suspension in Craft

72. All sentences of suspension from Craft privileges passed by the Grand Lodge or any other competent authority in the Craft on a Brother who is a Royal Arch Mason shall, unless such authority declares to the contrary, suspend such Companion from the equivalent privilege in Royal Arch Masonry.

All sentences of expulsion by the Grand Lodge shall *ipso facto* expel from Royal Arch Masonry.

General

73. In all cases for which special provision is not made herein the Rules of the Book of Constitutions applying to Private Lodges shall apply to Private Chapters.

CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION

74. Chapters of Instruction may be held under regulations similar to those which are laid down in the Book of Constitutions for the government of Lodges of Instruction.

COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES

75. The Committee shall consist of the President, the Grand Treasurer and not more than five additional members appointed by the First Grand Principal of whom two shall be Grand Superintendents and one a Past First Principal of a Chapter in a Metropolitan Area. The additional members shall be appointed from time to time by the First Grand Principal to serve during his pleasure.

Constitution
of Committee

The Committee may from time to time co-opt not more than one further member to serve until the conclusion of the next Annual Investiture (or such earlier date as the Committee may determine at the time of co-opting).

The Companions so appointed or co-opted shall be First Principals or Past First Principals eligible to attend Grand Chapter under Regulation 5.

Qualification
of Members

An additional member of the Committee shall automatically retire at the conclusion of the Annual Investiture immediately following the attainment by him of the age of seventy-five years and shall not, thereafter, be eligible to be reappointed to the Committee.

Casual vacancies may be filled by the First Grand Principal.

Casual
Vacancies

COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES

- Meetings **76.** The Committee shall meet in each of the months of March, September and December, the dates of the meetings for each forthcoming year being notified in the Committee's Report to the November Convocation of the Grand Chapter. It may be convened at other times by command of the First Grand Principal or by authority of the President.
- Quorum **77.** Three members shall form a quorum.
- Absence of President **78.** the absence of the President the member highest in rank in the Grand Chapter shall preside.
- Control of Finance **79.** The Committee shall have the control of the finances of the Grand Chapter.
- Audit The accounts shall be closed each year as at the 31st December and shall be audited by the firm of auditors elected by Grand Lodge. These accounts when audited shall be circulated to every Chapter and presented to the Grand Chapter at the Annual Investiture next following.
- Application for Charters **80.** The Committee shall receive and examine all applications for Charters and shall report thereon to the Grand Chapter.
- General duties and powers **81.** 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 Royal Arch Masonry as are conferred upon the Board of General Purposes by the Book of Constitutions in relation to the Craft: 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

82. The regalia, clothing, insignia and jewels to be worn are as hereinafter described and no Companion shall be admitted into the Grand Chapter, or any Private Chapter, without the clothing appropriate to his rank under the Grand Chapter.

Clothing and
Insignia

83. The Appendix of illustrations and descriptions is hereby declared to be part of the General Regulations.

Appendix

84. No Masonic Jewel, medal, device or emblem shall be worn in the Grand Chapter or any Private Chapter unless it appertains to, or is consistent with, an order or degree recognised and acknowledged by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Chapter as part of pure Antient Masonry, and has been approved or allowed by the First Grand Principal.

Unauthorized
Regalia

JEWELS

85. The Jewel of the Order (Plate No. 46) is worn pendant from a narrow ribbon on the left breast, the colour varying in accordance with the rank of the Companion:

Jewel of the
Order

(a) Present and Past Grand Officers, Provincial and District Grand Officers and holders of Metropolitan and Overseas Rank, if Installed Principals, and holders of Metropolitan and Overseas Grand Chapter Rank, tri-coloured (dark blue, crimson and light blue).

(b) All others who are Principals or Past Principals of Private Chapters, crimson.

(c) All other Companions, white.

The three colours customarily associated with the Royal Arch are purple, crimson and light blue but by long established usage dark blue has been substituted for purple in the manufacture of regalia.

Colours
associated
with Royal
Arch

JEWELS

Grand
Officers
Present and
Past

86. The jewels of office of the Three Grand Principals and of Grand Superintendents are as shown in Plates Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4. These jewels may be worn suspended from a tri-coloured collarette with Craft regalia.

The jewels of office of the other officers of the Grand Chapter are composed of an emblem of office which is superimposed upon a triangle, the whole placed on a double circle containing two branches of laurel. The whole shall be not more than three inches in diameter (Plates Nos. 6 to 23).

The jewel of a Past Grand Superintendent is composed of the emblem of his former office placed on a double circle enclosing a plate bearing the name of the Province or District concerned.

The jewel of a Past Grand Officer is composed of the emblem of his office superimposed upon a triangle, the whole placed on a double circle enclosing a plate bearing the words 'Supreme Grand Chapter'. The whole shall be not more than two inches in diameter (Plate No. 24).

Metropolitan
and
Overseas
Grand
Chapter
Rank

87. The jewels of the holders of Metropolitan or Overseas Grand Chapter Rank and Metropolitan or Overseas Chapter Rank are as shown in Plate No. 25, and shall be not more than two inches in diameter.

The jewels of the holders of Senior Metropolitan or Senior Overseas Grand Rank are shown in Plate No. 26, and shall be not more than two inches in diameter.

Metropolitan,
Provincial
and District
Grand
officers
Present and
Past

88. The jewel of office of a Deputy Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Deputy Grand Superintendent, Present and Past, is shown in Plate No. 26A.

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The jewel of office of an Assistant to the Provincial or District Principals, Present and Past, is shown in Plate No. 28B.

The jewel of office of an Assistant Metropolitan Grand Superintendent, Present and Past, is shown in Plate No. 28C.

The jewels of office of the remaining Provincial and District Grand Officers, Present and Past, are composed of an emblem of office superimposed upon a triangle and a double circle bearing the name of the Province or District without further ornament (Plates Nos. 27, 28, 29 and 30). These emblems are the same as those worn by the corresponding officers of the Grand Chapter except those of a Provincial or District Grand Almoner and a Provincial or District Grand Charity Steward, which are described in Plates No. 30a and No. 30b, and that in the case of Provincial or District Grand Stewards, Present and Past, the emblem of office shall be a cornucopia.

Save as otherwise provided above, the jewels of present Metropolitan Grand Officers are similar to those of present Provincial and District Grand Officers, save that the name of the Metropolitan Area is to be engraved within the double circle, and the emblems are the same except that of a Metropolitan Grand Inspector which is similar to that of a Grand Inspector as described in Plate No. 11.

A Past Metropolitan Grand Officer may wear, instead of the jewel of a holder of Senior Metropolitan Grand Chapter Rank or Metropolitan Grand Chapter Rank (as the case may be), the jewel described in Plate No. 25A.

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A Past Deputy Grand Superintendent, or Past Second or Third Provincial or District Grand Principal, if a Grand Officer, may wear, within the Province or District to which it relates but not elsewhere, his Past Provincial or District Grand Officer's Jewel suspended from a tri-coloured collarette, not more than 1½ inches wide.

A Past Deputy or Assistant Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Past Second or Third Metropolitan Grand Principal, if a Grand Officer, may wear, within the Metropolitan Area to which it relates but not elsewhere, his Past Metropolitan Grand Officer's Jewel suspended from a tri-coloured collarette, not more than 1½ inches wide. For the purposes of this Rule a Companion who before 26 April 2007 held the rank of Past Metropolitan Group Chairman shall be treated as though he were a Past Assistant Metropolitan Grand Superintendent.

The jewel of office shall be not more than three inches in diameter in the case of a Present Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Officer and not more than two inches in diameter in the case of a Past Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Officer.

Private
Chapters

89. The jewels of Officers and Past First Principals of Private Chapters shall be as shown in Plates Nos. 31 to 44.

90. All the above jewels shall be of gold or metal gilt.

Optional
Jewels

91. Application for permission to wear a Centenary Jewel is to be by petition or memorial to the Grand Chapter, containing the necessary particulars as to the origin and regular working of the Chapter as well as proof of its uninterrupted existence for one hundred years.

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Application for permission to attach a Bi-Centenary Bar to the ribbon of the Centenary Jewel must be similarly made and proof of two hundred years of uninterrupted existence established. When permission has been granted to a Chapter to wear a Centenary Jewel (or Bi-Centenary Bar), the privilege of wearing the Jewel (or Bi-Centenary Bar) is restricted to subscribing members and any Honorary Member who within the year before his election as such was a subscribing member.

The designs of a Centenary Jewel with its ribbon and for a Bi-Centenary Bar have been approved by the First Grand Principal (Plate No. 45). The fee for a Charter authorising a Chapter to wear the Jewel (or Bi-Centenary Bar) is prescribed by Regulation 99.

CHAINS AND COLLARS

92. In every case there shall be appended to the chain or collar the jewel appropriate to the office or rank to which such chain or collar relates, and no other.

93. In the Grand Chapter and on any occasion when so ordered by the First Grand Principal the present Grand Officers shall wear chains of gold or metal gilt (Plate No. 5).

Grand
Officers'
Chains

A Grand Superintendent shall wear a chain in his Provincial or District Grand Chapter or when officially present at any Chapter in his Province or District, or when visiting another Provincial or District Grand Chapter.

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A Grand Inspector shall wear a chain when officially present at any Chapter in his Group or when visiting Provincial or District Grand Chapters.

Grand
Officers'
Collars

On all other occasions present Grand Officers shall wear the appropriate jewel suspended from a collar four inches wide, of dark blue, crimson and light blue.

Past Grand
Officers'
Collars

Past Grand Officers shall wear the appropriate jewel suspended from a similar collar on all occasions.

Metropolitan,
Provincial,
District, and
Overseas
Grand
Chapter
Rank Collars

94. A Deputy or Assistant Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Deputy Grand Superintendent shall wear a chain of gold or metal gilt (Plate Nos. 26B and 26D) in the Grand Chapter, or in his Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Chapter or when officially present at any Chapter in his Metropolitan Area, Province or District or when visiting another Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Chapter.

A Metropolitan Grand Inspector shall be permitted to wear a chain of gold or metal gilt (Plate No. 26E) in the Grand Chapter, or in his Metropolitan Grand Chapter or when officially present at any Chapter in his Metropolitan Area or when visiting another Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Chapter. Second and Third Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Principals shall be permitted to wear a chain of gold or metal gilt (Plate No. 28A) in the Grand Chapter or in their Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Chapter or when officially present at any Chapter in their Metropolitan Area, Province or District or when visiting another Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Chapter.

CHAINS AND COLLARS

Except when chains are worn as above, all Metropolitan, Provincial and District Grand Officers present and past and holders of Senior Metropolitan or Senior Overseas Grand Chapter Rank, Metropolitan or Overseas Grand Chapter Rank and Metropolitan or Overseas Chapter Rank shall wear the appropriate jewel suspended from a collar two inches wide of dark blue, crimson and light blue.

A Grand Officer who is performing official duties as a Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Officer may wear the appropriate chain or collar of such Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Officer with the apron of a Grand Officer.

95. Past First Principals of Private Chapters shall wear on all occasions collars of crimson ribbon four inches wide with gilt braid a quarter of an inch wide in the centre, and the appropriate jewel suspended therefrom.

Collars of
Past First
Principals
and Officers
of Private
Chapters

Principals of Private Chapters shall wear collars of crimson ribbon four inches wide with the appropriate jewel suspended therefrom in the Chapters of which they are the Principals or when representing their Chapters in the Grand Chapter, or in their Provincial or District Grand Chapter or on any special occasion when ordered by the First Grand Principal.

Other officers of Private Chapters shall wear similar collars with the appropriate jewel, but only in the Chapter in which they hold office.

APRONS

Aprons

96. *Companions* shall wear an apron of white lamb skin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, rectangular and with a triangular overlap. The apron and the overlap shall have a border of indented crimson and dark blue except along the top: this border shall be not more than two inches wide and the crimson indents shall point inwards (Plate No. 47).

In the centre of the overlap shall be a triangle of white silk with a gilt border and within the triangle three taus united in gilt embroidery (hereinafter called the emblem: Plate No. 48).

There shall be two tassels of gold or metal gilt suspended from beneath the overlap by ribbons.

The backing and ribbons shall be white.

Principals and Past Principals shall wear the same save that the silk triangle on the overlap with the backing and ribbons shall be crimson.

Holders of Senior Metropolitan or Senior Overseas Grand Chapter Rank, Metropolitan or Overseas Grand Chapter Rank and Metropolitan or Overseas Chapter Rank shall wear the same save that the silk triangle on the overlap shall be dark blue. In the centre of the apron there shall be the gilt emblem (if any) of office or rank superimposed upon an equilateral triangle, the whole placed on a double circle, the points of the triangle extending to the inner circle. In the case of Senior Metropolitan or Overseas Grand Chapter Rank the words, e.g., "London Senior", or "Overseas Senior" (to correspond with the jewel) shall be embroidered between the two circles, in the case of Metropolitan Grand Chapter Rank and Metropolitan Chapter Rank the

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name of the Metropolitan Area and in the case of Overseas Grand Chapter Rank and Overseas Chapter Rank the word “Overseas”; provided that a Companion appointed to Senior London Grand Chapter Rank before 1 January 2000 may continue to wear the apron of a holder of London Grand Chapter Rank.”

The backing and ribbons shall be dark blue.

Holders of Provincial or District Grand Rank and Present Metropolitan Grand Officers when ordered by the Metropolitan Grand Superintendent to appear in an Official Capacity shall wear the same, save that the name of the Province, District or Metropolitan Area shall be embroidered between the two circles and the points of the triangle upon which the emblem of office is superimposed shall extend to the outer circle.

The backing and ribbons shall be dark blue.

Grand Officers shall wear the same, save that there shall be a double indented crimson and dark blue border four inches wide and in the centre the emblem of office within two branches of laurel all embroidered in gilt. In the case of Grand Superintendents the name of the Metropolitan Area, Province or District shall be embroidered above the emblem.

The backing and ribbons shall be dark blue.

SASH

97. All Companions shall wear a sash of the prescribed pattern (Plate No. 49) over the left shoulder with a silk fringe at the end and with the emblem embroidered on a white background save that:

(i) In the case of Principals and Past Principals the fringe shall be of gold or metal gilt and the emblem shall be embroidered on a crimson background.

(ii) In the case of Companions who hold Grand Chapter Rank, Senior Metropolitan or Senior Overseas Grand Chapter Rank or Metropolitan or Overseas Grand Chapter Rank, the fringe shall be of gold or metal gilt and the emblem shall be embroidered on a dark blue background. Provincial or District Grand Officers and holders of Metropolitan or Overseas Chapter Rank shall wear the same save that if the Companion is not an Installed Principal the fringe shall be of silk.

FEES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

98. Fees shall be payable to the Fund of the Grand Chapter for:

Fees payable
to the Fund
of Grand
Chapter

(a) the Registration of

(i) A Grand Officer, present or past, on first appointment

(ii) A Deputy or Assistant Metropolitan Grand Superintendent or Metropolitan Grand Inspector (under Regulation 26(c) (iii)), Deputy Grand Superintendent (under Regulation 28A (iii)), 2nd or 3rd Metropolitan Grand Principal (under Regulation 26(j)) or 2nd or 3rd Provincial or District Grand Principal (under Regulation 31(h))

(iii) A holder of Overseas Grand Chapter Rank or Overseas Chapter Rank (under Reg. 42)

(iv) A Royal Arch Mason, inclusive of Grand Chapter certificate (on exaltation or joining from a Chapter not under the Grand Chapter)

1. in a Chapter in a Metropolitan Area or a Province

2. in a District Chapter

3. in a Chapter abroad not under a District

(b) the replacement or amendment of a Grand Chapter Certificate

(c) a Certificate for a Serving Companion

(d) a Dispensation by the First Grand Principal

of such respective amounts as fixed by resolution of the Grand Chapter in April or May of each year to take effect from the first day of January next following.

No fee is payable for the registration of a Companion who joins a Chapter from another under the Grand Chapter.

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99. The fees for Charters for new Chapters, or Charters of Confirmation, and for Charters, or Charters of Confirmation, for a Centenary Jewel or Bi-Centenary Bar and for Certificates of Amalgamation, shall be based on the cost of producing the documents.

<Note: Current costs will be published in the Report of the Committee of General Purposes to Grand Chapter in April or May of each year, and be effective from the first day of May of that year.>

100. Contributions shall be payable in respect of each of its members who has been on the register of the Chapter during any part of the year for which the Return of Members is made annually in accordance with Regulation 61 by every Chapter in a Metropolitan Area or a Province of such amount as shall be fixed for each calendar year by resolution of the Grand Chapter in the preceding April or May.