

mation of the same shall be forthwith given to the Chief Patriarch of his Encampment, and the Grand Encampment may require that he be tried by the Subordinate Encampment to which he belongs.

8. The Grand Scribe shall keep a register of the Past Chief Patriarchs of this jurisdiction. Whenever any member of a Subordinate Encampment attains to the rank of Past Chief Patriarch a certificate to that effect shall be immediately forwarded under the seal of the Encampment to the Grand Scribe, and each semi-annual return of a Subordinate Encampment shall contain a full list of all Past Chief Patriarchs in good standing belonging to the Encampment.

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9. The Grand Encampment shall be opened at the time specified in the Constitution for its meeting, and if a majority of the Representatives be present, shall proceed to business. If there be not a majority present within one half hour, the Grand Patriarch or the Presiding Officer may adjourn the meeting from time to time until the proper number shall appear.

10. In the absence of the Grand Patriarch the Grand High Priest shall preside; in the absence of the Grand High Priest the Grand Senior Warden shall preside; in the absence of the above named Officers the Junior Past Grand Patriarch present shall take the Chair; and if no Past Grand Patriarch be present, a Representative shall be chosen by open vote to preside during the meeting, or until the arrival of the proper Officer.

11. Should there be present less than a majority of qualified members, the Grand Patriarch shall direct the G. E. Degree to be conferred upon such Representatives as are in attendance and not in possession of said Degree, but presenting certificates showing they are entitled to it.

12. Immediately upon the opening of the Grand Encampment in the prescribed form, the Grand Patriarch shall appoint a Committee on Credentials, who shall consider and report upon the Credentials of new Representatives and Past Chief Patriarchs, with as little delay as possible; and no other business shall be transacted by the Grand Encampment until the report of said Committee has been acted upon.

13. Immediately on the adoption of the report of the Committee on Credentials the new members and Representatives shall be admitted and instructed, the minutes of last annual session read, and the roll of Officers and Representatives called. The Grand Patriarch will then appoint the Standing Committees for the session (except where otherwise provided) and the reports of Grand Officers and Committees appointed during recess will be read; after which