

senior Past Grand officer. The powers of any *pro tempore* presiding officer shall be the same as those properly belonging to the office so filled by him.

#### GOVERNMENT OF THE ORDER.

15. The Grand Council has the power of enacting laws and regulations for the general government of the Order in Canada, and of altering, repealing and abrogating them, always taking care that the fundamental principles of the Order are preserved. The Grand Council has the inherent power of investigating, regulating and deciding all matters relative to the Order at large in Canada, to Divisional Councils, to Subordinate Councils, and to individual members of the Order, which it may exercise, either of itself or by such delegated authority as, in its wisdom or discretion, it may appoint, but in the Grand Council alone resides the power of forming Provincial and Divisional Councils in any portion of Canada, continuing the same, and forming Subordinate Councils in any portion of Canada in which there are no Provincial and Divisional Councils. In the Grand Council alone resides the power of erasing the Charters of Provincial and Divisional Councils, formed by the authority of the Grand Council. To the Grand Council of Canada belongs the sole power to establish, regulate and control the forms, ceremonies, written and unwritten work of the Order, and to change, alter or annul the same; to provide and furnish all Rituals, Scrolls, Ceremonies, Warrants of Dispensation and Charter Plates; to prescribe the form, material and color of all Regalia, Robes and Paraphernalia; to provide a revenue for the Grand Council, by means of taxation levied on all Subordinate Councils, and by charges for supplies furnished. All power and authority in the Order not expressly delegated to Provincial or Divisional and Subordinate Councils by their Charters, Constitutions, Laws and Regulations by the Grand Council is reserved to the Grand Council.

#### EXPULSION.

16. No Provincial, Divisional or Subordinate Council shall be erased or members expelled until the first four offi