

that if satisfactory cause for such absence be shown, the installation of such absent Officer may take place at such time and in such manner as the Grand Encampment may direct.

#### DUTIES AND POWERS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

20. The Grand Patriarch shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Encampment when present, and preserve order and enforce the laws thereof. He has the casting vote upon all occasions when the Grand Encampment is equally divided, except in cases decided by ballot. He appoints all Officers and Committees whose appointment is not otherwise provided for by the Grand Encampment. He shall sign all requisite orders on the Grand Treasurer and all regular documents requiring his signature. He is *ex officio* a member of all Committees of the Grand Encampment. During the recess of this Encampment he has general superintendence of the Patriarchal Order in his jurisdiction. He may hear and decide such appeals as are submitted to him by any Subordinate Encampment or by any member of a Subordinate Encampment, and he may answer such questions as are submitted to him in writing under the seal of a Subordinate Encampment. His decision upon all such appeals or questions is binding on the Encampment or member submitting the same until reversed by this Grand Encampment. He may grant dispensations to open new Encampments, and for the merger or amalgamation of existing Encampments. He may grant the petition of a Subordinate Encampment for permission to reinstate an expelled member. He has such powers and performs such duties as are or shall be specified in the Constitution, By-Laws or Resolutions of this Grand Encampment. He shall in person or by deputy visit and inspect the books, proceedings and work of any Subordinate Encampment in the jurisdiction whenever he may deem it necessary or expedient to do so, and the necessary expense incurred in making such visits shall be defrayed by this Grand Encampment. He shall transmit or cause to be transmitted regularly previous to the commencement of each term to each Subordinate Encampment in the jurisdiction, all necessary records, and at the close of his term of office he shall submit to the Grand Encampment a printed report of all his official acts and decisions during the recess.

21. The Grand High Priest shall be the deputy of the Grand Patriarch, and in the event of that office becoming vacant from any cause, or in the absence of the Grand Patriarch from the Province; or in the event of the Grand Patriarch becoming from any cause unable to discharge the duties of this office he shall have and exercise the full powers of this office during such absence or inability, or until the next regular session, and until the vacancy may be filled. And he shall perform such other duties as are embraced in the charge of his office.

22. The Grand Senior Warden shall assist the Grand Patriarch