

To exercise a general and careful supervision over the order, and see that the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter are strictly maintained, supported and obeyed.

To discharge all the necessary executive functions of the Grand Chapter when that body is not in session.

**Sec. 12. Vacancies, How Filled.**—In case of the death, absence or disability of the Grand Matron, or of a vacancy in her office, the Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress shall, in succession, assume the powers and discharge all the duties of the Grand Matron.

**Sec. 13. Of the Grand Patron.**—The Grand Patron shall assist and advise with the Grand Matron in the discharge of her duties.

He has power to grant dispensations for new chapters upon proper application, and to delegate authority to confer degrees upon a sufficient number of eligible persons for the purpose of organizing a chapter; provided, that no new chapter shall be organized in any place where no Lodge of Masons exists, nor at all between the last day of April and the close of the annual communication of Grand Chapter, and, provided, further, that no new chapter shall be organized in any city where one or more chapters exist, or within five miles of a regularly organized chapter, except upon the recommendation of a majority of the chapters already organized in said city or town, or within said radius of five miles, and under the further condition that all applicants to form a new chapter in such city must be members of the order.

No dispensation for the establishment of a new chapter shall be issued until the Worthy Grand Patron shall be satisfied that the proposed officers are thoroughly qualified for the proper discharge of their duties, and the proposed members are duly qualified as to Masonic relationship.

He shall provide for a day's School of Instruction at the time of the institution of each new chapter.