

the grand chapter, and no chapter shall be deemed legal without such a warrant or a dispensation from the grand Z. The mode of application to be by petition, signed by nine registered royal arch masons, specifying the place where it is intended to hold such chapter, the day on which it is proposed to be holden, with the names of the three intended principals, and such warrant and dispensation shall also give power to open and hold lodges of mark, past and most excellent masters.

LXII. The petition is to be transmitted to the superintendent of the district in which it is intended to hold the chapter, for his recommendation or opinion.

LXIII. Every chapter shall be solemnly consecrated according to ancient custom, by one of the grand principals or superintendents of districts or by some present or past first principal of a chapter.

LXIV. Every chapter shall annually elect, by ballot, the first, second and third principals, Scribes E. and N., principal sojourner and treasurer, and, by an open vote of the chapter, the janitor; and at the next regular meeting following such election, after the minutes shall have been read and approved, they shall be duly installed and invested. The first principal shall then appoint all the other officers required for the better working of the chapter.

LXV. No companion shall be eligible for the first principal's chair, until he has served in the second principal's chair for twelve months, nor to the