

LVIII. The grand Z. has the power and authority, whenever he shall deem it expedient during the recess of the grand chapter, to grant a dispensation under his hand, and attested by the grand scribe E., under the seal of the grand chapter, upon the petition of nine registered royal arch masons empowering them to hold chapters of royal arch masons and lodges of mark, past and most excellent master masons, for a certain specified time, provided such does not extend beyond the next ensuing annual convocation of the grand chapter, when the grand chapter may confirm the said dispensation and grant the petitioners a warrant of constitution.

LIX. No charter or dispensation shall be granted for instituting lodges of mark, past and most excellent masters, independent of a chapter of royal arch masons.

OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

LX. All legally constituted assemblies of royal arch masons are called chapters, as regular bodies of mark masters, past masters and most excellent masters are called lodges. Every chapter ought to assemble for work at least once in every three months, and shall consist of three principals, two scribes, three sojourners and a janitor, to which, for the better working of the chapter, may be added other officers.. Lodges of mark masters, past masters and most excellent masters may be opened and worked without the chapter being first opened.

LXI. Every chapter of royal arch masons throughout this jurisdiction shall have a warrant of constitution from