

and the power of enacting laws and regulations for the government of all Chapters of Royal Arch Masons and all lodges of Most Excellent Master Masons and Mark Master Masons within the jurisdiction. It has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating, and finally deciding all matters relating to the Royal Arch, the Most Excellent Masters' and Mark Masters' degrees, or of the Subordinate Chapters or individual Companions, either by direct or delegated authority. It grants, under its great seal and the sign manual of its Grand Principals, attested by the Grand Scribe E., Warrants or Charters and dispensations for constituting Chapters of Royal Arch Masons and lodges of Mark and Most Excellent Master Masons, with authority to assign the limits of the several districts, and when expedient suspends or revokes said charters, and alone can, after due summons for trial, expel an offending Companion. It decides all questions of Masonic law, usage and custom, makes, alters, and repeals at pleasure laws for its government and the government and control of its own members, and deals with all appeals that may be made by either individual Companions or Chapters, according to the provisions of the Constitution as authorized by the Grand Chapter. It has the power of discipline, admonition, censure, or instruction over all Chapters. It shall see that the authorized work of the Order is preserved, and that no deviation be permitted either in the work or ceremonials and forms of the Order.

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4.—This Grand Chapter shall be composed of its officers, both elected and appointed, as hereinafter enumerated, and its members shall rank in the following order :—