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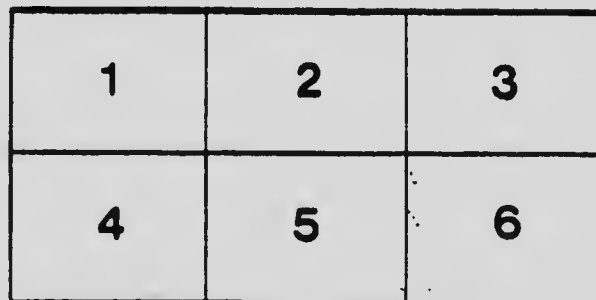
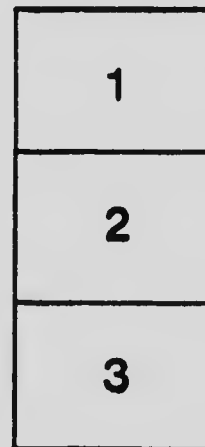
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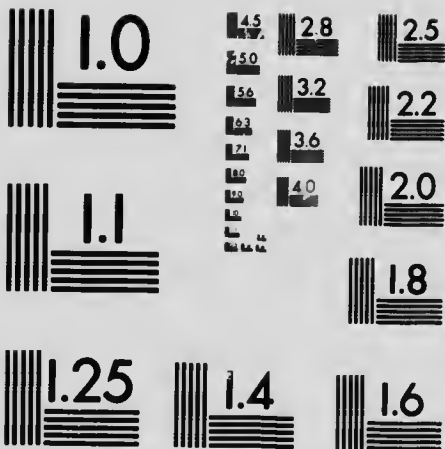
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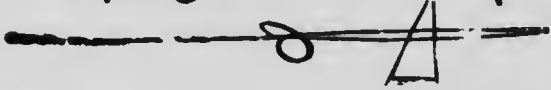
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CONSTITUTION
AND
GENERAL REGULATIONS
FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
Fraternity of Royal Arch Masons
of the Province of Quebec

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND TITLE.

The name and style of this Grand Chapter shall be "**The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec.**"

ARTICLE II.

POWERS AND AUTHORITY.

Sec. 1.—This Grand Chapter has the sole government control and superintendence of all Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, and all Lodges of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master Masons, in the Province of Quebec, subject to the ancient landmarks of the craft.

Sec. 2.—It grants Charters, Warrants and Dispositions for constituting Chapters of Royal Arch Masons; and, when expedient, arrests, revokes, and annuls the same.

Sec. 3.—It has authority to settle controversies that may arise between the Chapters; to assign their limits; to prescribe laws and regulations for their government; and to review, confirm, or annul their decisions.

Sec. 4.—It has appellate jurisdiction over the decisions, acts and decrees of its officers, and of the officers of subordinate Chapters, and may confirm, reverse, annul or modify the same at pleasure. It may also expel, suspend or reprimand a Companion or Brother, on appeal from a subordinate Chapter.

Sec. 5.—No Dispensation or Charter shall be granted for instituting Lodges of Mark Masters, Past Masters, or Most Excellent Masters, independent of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

Sec. 6.—For the proper supervision of the Order, this Jurisdiction shall be divided into Districts as follows: The Montreal District, Stadacona District, St. Francis District, Bedford District, and such other Districts as may at any future time be deemed necessary.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

This Grand Chapter shall be composed of a

Most Excellent Grand	First Principal Z.	} <i>Who comprise the Grand Council</i>
Right	Second " H.	
"	Third " J.	
"	"	Superintendents of Districts.
"	"	Treasurer.
"	"	Scribe E.
"	"	Scribe N.
"	"	Principal Sojourner.
Very	"	Assistant "
"	"	Junior "
"	"	Pursuivant.
"	"	(Three) Stewards.
"	"	Janitor.

And the Principals and Past Principals of Chapters in this jurisdiction, all of whom must be members in good standing of a subordinate Chapter.

ARTICLE IV.

CONVOCATIONS.

Sec. 1.—This Grand Chapter shall hold its Annual Convocation on the fourth Wednesday of the month of March, in the City of Montreal, or at such other place as may be selected at the previous Convocation.

Sec. 2.—Nine members shall constitute a quorum, and at least three Chapters shall be represented.

Sec. 3.—The Grand First Principal Z. may call special convocations of the Grand Chapter whenever, in his opinion, the welfare of the Order shall require it.

Sec. 4.—Special Convocations shall be ordered by the Grand First Principal Z. (or, in his absence from the Province, by the presiding officer of Grand Chapter), upon an application therefor in writing, setting forth the causes which demand it, and signed by the First Principals of at least three chartered Chapters. And said Convocation shall be called within thirty days of the receipt of said application.

Sec. 5.—Every order for a special convocation shall designate the object thereof, so far as is proper to be written, and shall be issued to each Chapter and member of Grand Chapter, at least ten days before the day named for meeting, and no business shall be transacted thereat other than that for which the Grand Chapter was convened.

ARTICLE V.

REGULATIONS AT ANNUAL AND SPECIAL CONVOCATIONS.

Sec. 1.—A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter shall be opened in *ample form* by the Grand First Principal Z. and the Grand Council (or in their absence by

the presiding officers), and shall at once proceed to the transaction of business, observing as closely as possible the following order:—

- 1st. Reception of the report of the Committee on Credentials.
- 2nd. Reading of the minutes of the last Annual Convocation, and Spécial Convocations, if any have been held.
- 3rd. Address of the Grand First Principal Z.
- 4th. Reception of the Reports of Grand Superintendents.
- 5th. Reception of the Report of Grand Scribe E.
- 6th. Reception of the Report of the Grand Treasurer.
- 7th. Reception of the Reports of the several Committees of Grand Chapter.
- 8th. Election of Grand Officers.
- 9th. Unfinished business.
- 10th. Installation of Grand Officers elected for the ensuing year.
- 11th. New business.

Sec. 2.—All questions in Grand Chapter (unless otherwise provided for) shall be decided by an open vote, by the members holding out their right hands, unless before or immediately after the announcement of the result thereof, three members demand a vote by ballot, in which case it will thus be taken.

Sec. 3.—All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes. In case of a tie, the presiding officer shall have the casting vote.

Sec. 4.—Each Chapter shall be entitled to three votes, and all members of Grand Chapter (not voting as Principals of Chapters) to one vote.

Sec. 5.—Each Chapter shall be represented in Grand Chapter by its Principals, or any one of them who may be present.

Sec. 6.—In case the Principals of a Chapter cannot attend the Convocation of Grand Chapter, it is the privilege of that Chapter to appoint a Proxy to represent it. The Proxy must be a member or honorary member of the Chapter so appointing him, and a Past Principal, and must be appointed by his Chapter at a Regular or Emergent Convocation, and a certificate of his appointment, signed by the First Principal Z. and the Scribe E., and under the Seal of the Chapter, must be presented to the Committee on Credentials of the Grand Chapter.

Sec. 7.—All questions of order shall be decided by the Grand First Principal Z., or presiding officer, and there shall be no appeal from his decision, unless by motion duly moved and seconded, and carried by a majority of two-thirds of the members present in Grand Chapter.

Sec. 8.—All motions must be made in writing by two members, and read to Grand Chapter by the Grand Scribe E.

Sec. 9.—In case of the absence at the Convocation of Grand Chapter of the Grand First Principal, the chair shall be taken by his immediate predecessor, or in his absence, by the Senior Past Grand Z., present. In the absence of any Past Grand First Principal, the Grand H. shall preside, and in his absence the Grand J. ; should none of the aforementioned Principals be present, the First Principal of the Senior Chapter present shall open Grand Chapter; in which case the Grand Chapter will immediately proceed to the election and installation of officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMITTEES.

Sec. 1.—The following regular committees to consist of three members each, shall be appointed by the Grand Z. at each Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter :

- 1st. On Jurisprudence, Grievances and Appeals.
- 2nd. On the State of the Order.
- 3rd. On Finance and Benevolence.
- 4th. On Foreign Relations and Correspondence.
- 5th. On Credentials.

Sec. 2.—A Committee on the Address of the Grand Z. shall consist of the Past Grand Z.'s and such others as the Grand Z. may add thereto.

Sec. 3.—Special Committees may be appointed by the Grand Z., whenever deemed necessary by him, or by the Grand Chapter.

Sec. 4.—It shall be the duty of the Grand Scribe E. to submit to these Committees (on receiving instructions from the Grand Z.) any subject of importance that may arise during the recess of the Grand Chapter, having reference to their particular duties; in order that they may report on same to the Grand Chapter at its Annual Convocation.

ARTICLE VII.

OFFICERS.

Sec. 1.—The elective officers of the Grand Chapter shall consist of the

Grand First Principal Z.	} <i>The</i>	<i>Grand Council.</i>
“ Second “ H.		
“ Third “ J.		
“ Superintendents of Districts		
“ Treasurer.		
“ Scribe E.		
“ Scribe N.		
“ Principal Sojourner.		

Who shall be chosen by ballot (excepting the Grand Superintendent) by a majority of all the votes cast at each Annual Convocation, and, if in attendance, shall be installed before the close thereof; if not

present, he or they may be installed in the respective Chapters of which they are members. They shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and installed.

Sec. 2.—The R. E. the Grand Superintendents of Districts shall be nominated by the Chapters and Past Principals of each District present at the Annual Convocation, by ballot as provided in Sec. 4, Art. 5, said nomination subject to the confirmation of the Grand Z.

Sec. 3.—All other officers shall be appointed by the Grand Z., and shall be installed as soon as practicable thereafter, and shall hold their offices until their successors are appointed and installed.

Sec. 4.—No Companion shall be eligible to be elected to office in Grand Chapter as a Grand Principal or a Grand Superintendent of a District, unless he be a Past First Principal.

Sec. 5.—Any Grand Officer who shall, during the term for which he was chosen, remove from this Province, or cease to be a member of a subordinate Chapter therein, thereby vacates his office.

Sec. 6.—Any vacancy in office occurring when the Grand Chapter is not in session, may be filled by the Grand First Principal Z., and the officer so appointed shall possess all the powers and be charged with all the duties of one regularly elected.

ARTICLE VIII.

THE GRAND PRINCIPAL Z.

Sec. 1.—The Grand Principal Z. shall exercise all the executive functions of this Grand Chapter during its recess, and shall, at each Annual Convocation, communicate in writing a statement of his Official acts during such recess, and recommend such measures as he may deem expedient.

Sec. 2.—He has power to issue dispensations for the formation of new Chapters, and constitute either in person or by proxy all newly chartered Chapters, and instal their officers.

Sec. 3.—He has power to grant such dispensations (not expressly prohibited in this Constitution), as he may deem proper for the welfare of the Royal Craft.

ARTICLE IX.

THE GRAND PRINCIPALS H. AND J.

The Grand Principals H. and J., in the event of the death or absence from the Province of the Grand Z., shall, in the order of their rank, succeed to, and be charged with all, the powers and duties of the Grand Z., during the recess of Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE X.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS.

Sec. 1.—This officer must be a Past First Principal and a resident in the district for which he is appointed.

Sec. 2.—He shall visit all Chapters in his district, if possible, during his term of office, and instruct them in the work. It will be his privilege to preside in every Chapter during such visits, unless the Grand Principals, or either of them, be present.

Sec. 3.—He may hear and determine any subject of Masonic complaint, or irregularity respecting Chapters or individual Companions within his district and may proceed to admonition, or to suspension. A minute of all such proceedings, stating the offence and the law applicable to it, together with his decision, is to be transmitted to the Grand Z., through the Grand Scribe E., and when the case is of so flagrant a nature, as in the judgment of the Grand Superintendent of the district to require the erasure of a Chapter, or the expulsion of a Companion, he shall make a special report to the Grand Chapter, with his opinion thereon. His decision is final, unless an appeal is made therefrom to the Grand Z., or Grand Chapter.

Sec. 4.—He may summon any Chapter or Companion within the district to attend him, and may order the production of the warrant, books, papers and accounts of such Chapter. If the summons be not complied with, nor a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and, in case of contumacy, he may suspend

the offending Chapter or Companion, and shall report the case as before provided.

Sec. 5.—All petitions for warrants must be recommended and duly signed by the Grand Superintendent of the district prior to their transmission to the Grand Scribe E., whose duty it shall be to see that such recommendation and signature are duly attached to each petition.

Sec. 6.—He shall transmit to the Grand Scribe E., at least fourteen days prior to each annual convocation of Grand Chapter, a report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in his district, which report shall be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order at least ten days prior to the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

Sec. 7.—He has power to give or refuse consent for the removal of a Chapter from place to place within his district, but not from his district into another, nor from another district into his own, without the sanction of the Grand Z.

Sec. 8.—He may grant permission to wear regalia at festivals or public processions in his district.

ARTICLE XI.

GRAND TREASURER.

Sec. 1.—It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to take charge of all funds, property, securities and vouchers of the Grand Chapter. He

shall receive all moneys belonging to Grand Chapter from the Grand Scribe E., and shall pay all orders drawn on him by that officer, and countersigned by the Grand Z., or, in his absence, by the presiding officer of Grand Chapter.

Sec. 2.—All amounts shall be deposited in some chartered Bank, to the credit of "The Grand Chapter of Quebec." The *General Fund* to be withdrawn only on the joint cheques of the Grand Z. and the Grand Treasurer, and the *Benevolent Fund* to be withdrawn only on the joint cheques of the Grand Z., Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe E.

Sec. 3.—He shall keep an account of his receipts and disbursements, and submit the same with all vouchers to the Grand Chapter at each Annual Convocation, and hand over all moneys to his successor immediately after the installation of officers. His accounts shall be annually audited by the Committee on Finance.

ARTICLE XII.

THE GRAND SCRIBES.

Sec. 1.—It shall be the duty of the Grand Scribe E. to record the transactions of Grand Chapter, and to superintend the publication thereof immediately after the close of each Annual Convocation; to keep a registry of all members of subordinate Chapters; to receive, duly fyie, and safely keep, all papers and documents of Grand Chapter; to sign

and certify all instruments from the Grand Chapter, and to attach thereto the Grand Seal; to receive and keep a proper account of all moneys of the Grand Chapter, and pay the same without delay to the Grand Treasurer and report the same in detail to the Grand Chapter annually; to report the Chapters that have neglected to render proper returns of their elections, members and dues; and to conduct the correspondence of the Grand Chapter, under the direction of the Grand Z.

Sec. 2.—He shall take charge of the Seal of Grand Chapter, and all its jewels, furniture, clothing, and paraphernalia, during its recess, and present to Grand Chapter at its Annual Convocation a full and detailed report of his official acts, which shall be submitted to the Committee on the State of the Order, and the Committee on Finance.

Sec. 3.—He shall receive such compensation for his services as is provided in this Constitution, and as Grand Chapter may direct.

Sec. 4.—The duties of the Grand Scribe N. shall be to assist the Grand Scribe E., during the Convocations of Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XIII.

PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER AND APPOINTED OFFICERS.

It shall be the duty of these Grand Officers to perform such duties as by ancient usage pertain to their respective offices.

ARTICLE XIV.

THE GRAND JANITOR.

In addition to the proper duties of his office, the Grand Janitor shall, under the superintendence of the Grand Scribe E., prepare and keep in order the place of meeting of the Grand Chapter and its paraphernalia, etc., during the Convocations of Grand Chapter. He shall receive for his services such sums as the Grand Z. shall order.

ARTICLE XV.

RANK AND PRECEDENCE OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Officers shall rank in the order stated in Article III, except in the case of Past Grand Officers, who shall rank next in order to the present Officers of the same rank. Past Grand First Principals shall rank next in order to the Grand Z., and before the Grand H., and so on through the several offices of the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XVI.

REVENUES.

Sec. I.—The revenue of Grand Chapter shall be derived from fees charged for Dispensations, Charters, Diplomas, and other instruments issued under its authority, and from an annual fee levied

upon the Chapters, which shall always be equal and uniform in proportion to their membership and degrees conferred, as follows:

1st. For a Dispensation to open a new Chapter, forty dollars.

2nd. For a Charter, fifty dollars (ten dollars in addition to the charge for Dispensation, if such has been granted.)

3rd. For every Dispensation to instal Officers not otherwise duly qualified; to hold election of Officers at a time other than that named in the By-Laws, or for any such Dispensation, the sum of five dollars.

4th. For every Grand Chapter Certificate, three dollars.

5th. For the Registration in the Books of Grand Chapter of every candidate for exaltation, and of every affiliated companion, one dollar.

And in no case shall any of the foregoing documents be issued until the fees therefor shall have been paid to the Grand Scribe E.

Sec. 2.—Each Chapter shall pay for every member on its Rolls, the sum of fifty cents per annum.

Sec. 3.—The Grand Scribe E. shall each year receive an honorarium of two hundred and fifty dollars.

ARTICLE XVII.
SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

THEIR ORGANIZATION.

Sec. 1.—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) and as many members as may be convenient.

Sec. 2.—Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons throughout this jurisdiction shall have a Warrant of Constitution from the Grand Chapter, and no Chapter shall be deemed legal without such Warrant, or a Dispensation from the Grand Z.

Sec. 3.—A Chapter can only be organized by the Dispensation of the Grand Z., or the Warrant of the Grand Chapter, and in each case only upon the application of nine Royal Arch Masons. The mode of application to be by petition, specifying the place where it is intended to hold such Chapter, and the names of the three intended Principals, and such Warrant or Dispensation shall also give power to open and hold Lodges of Mark, Past, and

Most Excellent Masters. The petition must be recommended by the Grand Superintendent of the District and by the Chapter nearest to the place where the new Chapter is to be held.

Sec. 4.—Chapters working by virtue of a Dispensation from the Grand Z. shall apply for a Warrant of Confirmation at the first Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter that shall be held after their organization, and shall submit, for the consideration of the Grand Chapter, a record of its work, together with the Minute Book, Register, etc.

Sec. 5.—Every Chapter shall be solemnly consecrated, according to ancient custom, by the Grand Z., or by a Past First Principal appointed as his Proxy for that purpose.

BY-LAWS.

Sec. 6.—Every Warranted Chapter has the power to make such By-Laws as to them may seem meet for their own private government, provided they be not incompatible with the general laws of the Craft, or the Constitution of the Grand Chapter. Such By-Laws shall be copied in a book kept for that purpose, and must be approved by the Grand Z., as well as all amendments thereto, and every Companion shall sign them, as a token of submission to them when he becomes a member.

MEETINGS.

Sec. 7.—The regular day of meeting of the Chapter shall be specified in the By-Laws. All business, except the conferring of the intermediate degree shall be done in the Chapter. Chapters of Emergency may at any time be called by authority of the First Principal, the reasons for which shall be stated in the summons, and no other business than that specified shall be entered upon at that meeting.

Sec. 8.—Every member in good standing is entitled to one vote, and is eligible for any office in the Chapter, except that of First and Second Principals. All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, except where a ballot is specially enacted. If the numbers on the ballot or a vote shall, in any case, be equal, the First Principal shall have the casting vote, or he may order a new ballot at his discretion.

MEMBERSHIP.

Sec. 9.—Membership in a Chapter may be acquired by having been named in the Warrant as one of the petitioners therefor, by having regularly received the degree of Royal Arch Mason therein, or by having been duly elected for affiliation therewith.

OFFICERS.

Sec. 10.—Every Chapter shall annually, at the time specified therefor in the By-Laws, elect by ballot, the First, Second, and Third Principals, Scribes E. and N., Principal Sojourner and Treasurer. The First Principal shall annually appoint all the other officers required for the better working of the Chapter, who are, with the elective officers, to be regularly installed and invested.

Sec. 11.—No Companion shall be eligible for the First Principal's chair, unless he be an installed Master or Past Master of a regular lodge, nor until he has served in the Second Principal's chair for twelve months, nor to the Second until he has served in the Third Principal's chair for twelve months, unless by special dispensation from the Grand Z.

Sec. 12.—The officers elected shall be installed *within forty days* after their election by any First or past First Principal, and shall hold office until their successors shall have been regularly elected, installed and invested.

Sec. 13.—The Principals of the Chapter, for the time being, shall be the Master and Wardens respectively of the Lodges of Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Masters, and the other officers according to seniority.

REGALIA.

Sec. 14.—The Officers and Companions, whilst in Chapter, shall wear the insignia of the Order, according to their rank. (*See Regulations of the Grand Chapter.*)

CHAPTER SEAL.

Sec. 15.—Every Chapter shall have a Masonic Seal, to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued, a description or impression of which shall be duly sent to the Grand Scribe E., and registered in the books of the Grand Chapter.

BOOKS.

Sec. 16.—Every Chapter shall have a Minute Book, in which all the transactions of the Chapter will be recorded; a Register of all the members and of all the Principals installed; a Book of Marks, in which every Mark Master shall Register his Mark; and an Attendance Register in which members and visitors shall Register their names, rank, and the Chapter from which they hail.

DUTIES TO GRAND CHAPTER.

Sec. 17.—Every Chapter shall, each year, at the times ordered by the Grand Chapter, make returns to the Grand Scribe E., of all Companions who have been installed as First, Second and Third Principals,

with the date of their installation, and of all installed Principals who shall at that time be on the Roll of the Chapter; also, a return specifying the names, ages, professions and residences, and the dates of exaltation of the Companions exalted, together with the dates of their taking the previous degrees of Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Master, and shall at the same time remit the registering fee, and fees for Grand Chapter Certificates that may be due; and when any Companion, exalted in foreign parts whose name is not previously registered in the books of Grand Chapter, shall join a Chapter as a member, his name, age, profession, and Chapter, shall be likewise returned, and the same fee shall be paid. The name of each Candidate must be included in the return as soon as he has received the degree of Mark Master, and the *registering fee and fee for certificate must be then remitted.* The names also of all Companions who may join from any other Chapter must be returned and the Chapter in which they were exalted specified. The return must also contain a description of the Mark chosen by each Mark Master, for record by the Grand Scribe E. Also a return of all members who may have called off from membership in the Chapter, and of all members suspended, excluded, and deceased.

DUTIES TO MEMBERS.

Sec. 18.—Every Chapter shall procure for each Companion exalted therein, a certificate under seal of the Grand Chapter, and signed by the Grand Scribe E., of such exaltation, to be paid for by the Chapter; and such certificate shall specify the date of exaltation, and that the Companion was advanced to the degrees of Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Master. Every Companion must sign his name in the margin of his certificate to make it valid. No Chapter shall grant a private certificate to a Companion for any purpose, except a demit on his leaving the Chapter in good standing.

VACANCIES—HOW FILLED.

Sec. 19.—In case of death or removal by Grand Chapter of a First Principal of a Chapter, the Chapter shall proceed to elect a new Principal in his place, giving seven days' clear notice of such election to all members of the Chapter. The new Principal so elected shall be immediately installed, and shall serve until the next annual election of officers. And should a vacancy occur in any other office, the First Principal shall appoint a duly qualified Companion to supply his place *pro tempore*; but in case such vacancy shall be that of Second or Third Principal, and there is no member of the Chapter duly qualified by having served as such to

fill such vacancy, then the First Principal shall call a convocation of the Chapter to elect a Second or Third Principal, as the case may be, giving seven days' clear notice to all the members of the Chapter, and the Companion so elected shall be immediately installed, and serve until the next annual election of officers; but no officer can resign his office after he has been installed and invested, nor can he be removed, except for cause which appears to the Chapter to be sufficient, to be ascertained by the votes of the majority of members present, on the complaint being laid before it by the First Principal after being duly notified to the members in the summons.

Sec. 20.—In case of the absence of the First Principal, his chair shall be taken by his immediate predecessor therein, or in his absence by the senior First Principal present, who shall discharge the duties of the Chapter.

PROHIBITIONS.

Sec. 21.—No Chapter can be opened, or held, except by nine Royal Arch Masons, three of whom shall be duly qualified Principals.

Sec. 22.—No Chapter shall exalt a Mason to the Royal Arch degree, or admit a joining member, without strictly complying with the regulations enacted for such occasions.

FORFEITURE OF CHARTER.

Sec. 23.—Every Chapter shall be subject to erasure and forfeiture of its Charter in either of the following cases:

Omitting to hold a Convocation of the Chapter for the space of two years.

Neglecting to make any return required by the foregoing laws.

Neglecting to register annually the names of all Companions exalted, and those who have joined the Chapter.

But no Chapter shall be erased under any circumstances, until the Principals thereof shall have been duly summoned to show cause to the contrary to the Grand Chapter.

If a Chapter be dissolved, its Warrant, Records, and property shall be delivered up to the Grand Chapter.

SUSPENSION AND EXCLUSION.

Sec. 24.—Every Chapter has the power of enquiring into offences, and of suspending or excluding a member, but no Companion shall be suspended or excluded under any circumstances, until he shall have due notice of the charge or complaint preferred against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration, so that he may be present and be

afforded every opportunity of defending himself, before a decision is rendered as to his guilt or otherwise.

Every member of a Chapter being suspended in his Craft Lodge may be excluded from admission to the Chapter as above until such suspension is removed by his Craft Lodge.

Sec. 25.—Every member of a Chapter neglecting to pay his dues for two years shall be liable to suspension by the Chapter, as in Sec. 24; but he shall be immediately restored by the Chapter, without ballot, on payment of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension. A Chapter may, however, provide by its By-Laws that such suspended Companion can only be restored upon a two-thirds open vote of the members present at a Regular Convocation.

JURISDICTION.

Sec. 26.—The jurisdiction of every Chapter, except in cities and towns where there is more than one Chapter, extends between them half way to the nearest Chapter. Chapters in cities and towns have concurrent jurisdiction.

DEGREES CONFERRED BY ANOTHER CHAPTER.

Sec. 27.—A Chapter has the right to have the degrees conferred upon any candidate who may have received one or more degrees from it by another Chapter without charge, on application

made in writing to such Chapter, and signed by the First Principal and Scribe E., and under the Seal of the Chapter.

PRECEDENCE.

Sec. 28.—The precedence of a Chapter is derived from the number of its Warrant, as recorded in the Looks of the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MEMBERSHIP IN CHAPTERS

OF CANDIDATES FOR EXALTATION.

Sec. 1.—No Mason shall be advanced to the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master, and exalted to the Royal Arch Degree, until he has presented a petition recommended by two Companions, being members of the Chapter, and been regularly proposed at one convocation of the Chapter, and a committee has been appointed to enquire into his character, and his name, age, profession or calling, residence and the Lodge of which he is a member, shall have been sent to all members of the Chapter in the summons for the next convocation, whether regular or emergent; when, if the committee report in his favor, he may be balloted for, and, if approved, admitted.

OF CANDIDATES FOR AFFILIATION.

Sec. 2.—No Companion shall be admitted a joining member unless he be a member of a lodge, and shall have received the degrees of Mark, Past

and Most Excellent Master, and the Royal Arch, nor until he shall have been regularly proposed and seconded, by two members of the Chapter, at a convocation, and his name, residence and Chapter, together with the names of his proposer and second-er, shall have been placed on the summons for the next convocation, when the proposition will be submitted to the ballot, and if the ballot is favorable he shall be declared duly elected.

QUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES.

Sec. 3.—No petition for the degrees can be received by a Chapter, unless the applicant has been a Master Mason for at least three calendar months, except by dispensation of the Grand Z. The degrees of Mark, Past and Most Excellent must be conferred previous to Exaltation.

FEEs.

Sec. 4.—No Mason shall receive the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch, for a less sum than twenty dollars, which sum must be paid before any of the degrees are conferred, and may include the fees to the Grand Chapter for registry and certificate. *The payment of this fee, or any part of it, must not on any pretence be deferred.*

This is not, however, to extend to serving Companions, who may be exalted free of fee or charge, provided that a dispensation be obtained from the Grand Z.

OF COMPANIONS WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE
INTERMEDIATE DEGREES.

Sec. 5.—When any Companion from without the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec presents himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produces satisfactory proof of his having been exalted to that degree, each and every Chapter shall have the liberty to, and may confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master on such Companions, who have not heretofore received them, free of charge, except a fee to Grand Chapter for registry and certificate.

JURISDICTION.

Sec. 6.—No Chapter shall admit a candidate who resides within the jurisdiction of another Chapter, without the consent of such other Chapter, except by dispensation of the Grand Principal Z.

BALLOTING.

Sec. 7.—No candidate shall be admitted, or Companion received as joining member, if on the ballot two black balls appear against him. If the ballot for a candidate should prove unfavorable, any member can demand that it be again passed a second or third time, but if at the third ballot it is still unfavorable to the candidate, he shall be rejected.

Sec. 8.—No rejected candidate can be again proposed and balloted for within six months of the time of his rejection.

WITHDRAWAL.

Sec. 9.—If a Companion wants to withdraw from membership in a Chapter, he shall give notice, in writing, of his desire to the Scribe E., who shall read the same to the Chapter at next convocation, when if the Companion's dues are paid to that time, and there are no charges against him, his request shall be granted. The Chapter shall furnish the Companion with a certificate, under its seal, that he retires in good standing and at his own request.

TRIAL AND APPEAL.

Sec. 10.—Every member of a Chapter (except the First Principal) is liable to suspension for non-payment of dues, or suspension, or exclusion, for any offence against the laws of God, of the country, or of Masonry, after due trial by his Chapter; but every member has the right to appeal to the Grand Chapter against the decision of this Chapter, in accordance with the rules that may be made by Grand Chapter regulating such appeals. (*See Regulations of the Grand Chapter.*)

OBJECTIONS TO ADVANCEMENT OF ACCEPTED
CANDIDATES.

Sec. 11.—Should objection be made to the advancement of a candidate, at any stage of advancement, it shall be the duty of the First Principal to cause enquiry to be made as to the justice of such objection, by a committee of the members of the Chapter appointed by him for that purpose, who shall submit a report at the next convocation; when the Chapter shall by a vote of the members present, sustain or remove such objections. The candidate has the right to appeal to Grand Chapter against any adverse decision of the Chapter.

DUAL MEMBERSHIP NOT PERMITTED.

Sec. 12.—No Royal Arch Mason shall be a member of more than one Chapter at a time, but he can be elected to the honorary membership of any Chapter or Chapters.

ARTICLE XIX.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

Sec. 1.—Chapters may elect any Companion as honorary member by an open vote of the Chapter. Due notice must be given at one convocation, and the name be inserted in the summons for the next regular convocation. The Chapter must include all honorary members in its return to the Grand Chapter, and pay similar dues for them as for ordinary members.

Sec. 2.—Honorary membership does not confer the right of voting, except it is so declared at the time of election, and then it can be conferred only on those who were ordinary members when so elected.

Sec. 3.—Should such honorary members, as at the time of their election were ordinary members, accept office in the Chapter, their honorary membership ceases. Honorary members who were not ordinary members cannot hold office in the Chapter.

ARTICLE XX.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

Sec. 1.—A Companion who has been a member of a Subordinate Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter for the term of Twenty Years, may become a Life Member with full privileges, on the payment of Five Dollars, said amount to be remitted to Grand Chapter by the Subordinate Chapter of which the Companion may be a member, at the time of application for Life Membership.

ARTICLE XXI.

VISITORS.

Sec. 1.—No visitor shall be admitted to Grand Chapter or to any subordinate Chapter, unless he be duly vouched for, nor until he shall have registered his name, etc., in a book to be kept for that purpose. Visitors during their continuance in a Chapter are subject to its By-Laws.

Sec. 2.—No Companion residing in this jurisdiction and not affiliated with some Chapter, has a right to visit any Chapter in the place where he resides more than once.

ARTICLE XXII.

PUBLIC PROCESSIONS.

Sec. 1.—No public procession or festival of Royal Arch Masons shall be held without a permission from the Grand Z. or Grand Superintendent, except as to attending Masonic Funerals, the urgency of which may not admit of the delay necessary for procuring the permission.

Sec. 2.—If any Companion or Chapter shall attend any public procession (except a funeral) or festival in Royal Arch Clothing, without such permission, such Chapter or Companion shall be suspended until the Grand Z. or Grand Chapter shall determine thereon.

ARTICLE XXIII.

AMENDMENTS.

This constitution can be altered, or amended, at any Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, provided due notice of such alteration or amendment shall have been sent by two members of the Grand Chapter to the Grand Scribe E., at least two months previous to the time for the holding of the

Annual Convocation, and such notice inserted in the summons for the said Annual Convocation, and sent to every member of the Grand Chapter. The proposed amendment, or alteration, must be submitted to the consideration of the Committee on Jurisprudence, who will report on the same to the Grand Chapter, and on the reception of their report it shall be voted on by the Grand Chapter, when, if adopted by two-thirds majority of the members present, it will become part of this Constitution.

ARTICLE XXIV.

REGALIA.

Sec. 1.—No Companion shall, on any pretence, be allowed into the Grand Chapter, or any subordinate Chapter, without his proper clothing and insignia.

Sec. 2.—The apron, sash and jewel of the Order to be worn by the Companions in this jurisdiction; the collars, jewels and robes of office to be worn by the Officers and Past Officers of Chapters, and the Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers, shall be such as shall be determined by Grand Chapter, (*See Regulations of the Grand Chapter.*)

Regulations of the Grand Chapter

No. 1

REGALIA.

The following clothing and insignia shall be worn, and no Companion shall, on any pretence, be admitted into the Grand Chapter, or any subordinate Chapter, without his proper clothing.

1.—No honorary or other jewel or emblem shall be worn which shall not appertain to, or be consistent with, those degrees which are recognized and acknowledged by the Grand Chapter.

2.—The apron is to be of white lamb skin, or white kid-skin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, and from twelve to fourteen inches deep with an indented crimson and purple border two inches wide, the crimson part pointing to the centre of the apron, the border of the flap or lappet to be only one inch wide; in the centre of the flap is to be a triangle of white silk or satin, surrounded with gold border, and within the triangle three taus, united in gold spangled embroidery, and two gold tassels are to be suspended by white ribbons two inches wide, coming from under the flap. The

aprons of the present and past Principals of the Grand Chapter, and Principals of subordinate Chapters, are to be trimmed with gold lace.

3.—The jewel of office worn by the present and past Officers of the Grand Chapter is to be suspended from a Gilt chain over a collar of three colors, viz.: purple, crimson and pale blue, two inches wide.

4.—The jewel of office worn by the Principals and Officers, and also by past Principals of subordinate Chapters, is to be suspended by a crimson corded silk collar, four inches wide.

5.—The aprons, collars, and jewels of Officers of Lodges of Mark Masters, Past Masters and Most Excellent Masters shall be those of the Chapter according to rank.

6.—The medal of the Order is to be worn on the left breast, suspended by a narrow white ribbon two inches wide.

7.—The jewel of a Mark Master is to be in the form of a keystone. On the front, the owner's mark or device is to be engraved within a circle with the letters round it, H. T. W. S. S. T. K. S. On the reverse side may be the owner's name and that of his Chapter, with the date of his advancement. The jewel should be a white stone, but may be of gold or silver, and suspended by a narrow light blue ribbon with crimson edges.

8.—Grand and Past Grand Officers wear a tricolor sash, crimson, purple and blue, with gold fringe or bullion at the ends; all other Companions are to wear the indented crimson and purple sash of the Order with silk fringe at the ends; but Principals and Past Principals of subordinate Chapters may wear gold fringe, or bullion instead of silk. The width of the sash to be four inches, and it should be worn over the left shoulder crossing to the right side. The wearing of the tricolor sash is restricted to the elected officers of Grand Chapter (from 1909).

9.—ROBES.

FIRST GRAND AND FIRST PRINCIPAL Z.

A crimson robe trimmed with ermine.

SECOND GRAND AND SECOND PRINCIPAL H.

A purple robe.

THIRD GRAND AND THIRD PRINCIPAL, J.

A blue robe.

SCRIBES E. AND N., THE PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER AND ASSISTANTS, PURSUIVANT AND JANITORS OF GRAND AND SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

White robes.

10.—JEWELS.

All jewels of this Order are to be gold or gilt.

FIRST GRAND PRINCIPAL, Z.

A crown irradiated, between the legs of a pair of compasses, the points resting on a triple triangle.

SECOND GRAND PRINCIPAL, H.

The all-seeing eye irradiated, between the legs of a pair of compasses, the points resting on a triple triangle.

THIRD GRAND PRINCIPAL, J.

The volume of the sacred law irradiated, between the legs of a pair of compasses, the points resting on a triple triangle.

PAST GRAND PRINCIPALS.

The jewel appertaining to their respective Offices, in a circle.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS.

A small triangle irradiated, in a double triangle enclosed within a circle, on a triangle.

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS.

The same jewel, omitting the small triangle irradiated.

GRAND SCRIBES E. AND N.

Cross pens, with a tie within a triangle.

PRINCIPAL SOJOURNERS OF GRAND AND SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

A square irradiated, within a triangle.

ASSISTANT SOJOURNERS OF GRAND AND SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

A square, within a triangle, not irradiated.

GRAND TREASURER.

A key, within a triangle.

GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Cross swords and wand, with a coat of arms,
within a triangle.

GRAND STEWARDS.

A triangle.

GRAND JANITOR.

A sword.

PAST AND GRAND OFFICERS.

The jewel appertaining to their respective
offices set in a circle, except Past Grand
Superintendents.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.**FIRST PRINCIPAL, Z.**

A crown irradiated within a triangle.

SECOND PRINCIPAL, H.

An all-seeing eye irradiated, within a triangle.

THIRD PRINCIPAL, J.

The volume of the sacred law irradiated,
within a triangle.

PAST PRINCIPALS.

The same within a circle.

OFFICERS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

The emblems appertaining to their office, as
in Grand Chapter, within a triangle.

No. 2

RECOGNIZED DEGREES.

The following are recognized degrees as defined by the Grand Chapter:

The degrees conferred under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.

The degrees conferred under and by authority of the Sovereign Great Priory of Knights Templar of the Dominion of Canada.

The degrees conferred under and by authority of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Dominion of Canada.

No. 3**FORMS****I.—APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION FOR A CHAPTER.**

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Principal, of the
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec:*

We, the undesigned, being regular Royal Arch Masons, registered members of the Chapters mentioned against our respective names, pray for a Warrant or Dispensation, empowering us to meet as a Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch, at..... to be called.....on the.....day of.....and

there to discharge the duties of Royal Arch Masonry in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the Order, and the rules and regulations of the Grand Chapter; and we have nominated and do recommend,

Companion to be First Principal, Z.,

Companion to be Second Principal, H.,

Companion to be Third Principal, J.

The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict conformity to the ancient landmarks of the Order, the rules and regulations of the Grand Chapter, and the ceremonies as adopted by Grand Chapter.

Dated, at, etc., etc.

(To be signed by at least nine R. A. Masons.)

2.—APPLICATION FOR EXALTATION.

TO THE EXCELLENT

*The Principals, Officers and Companions of the
 Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No.*

The undersigned, a Master Mason, of three months and over and member of Lodge, No. under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of respectively offers himself as a candidate for advancement to the degree of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master, and exaltation to the Supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Chapter No. Should his petition

be granted, he promises a cheerful compliance with all the forms and usages of the Order.

(Signed).....A. B.

Dated at, etc., etc.

Recommended by (Age).....

C. D..... (Residence).....

E. F..... (Profession).....

3.—APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

TO THE EXCELLENT

The Principals, Officers and Companions of
.....*Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No....*

I.....of the.....of....(*profession or addition*)
.....age.....being a Royal Arch Mason,
am desirous of becoming a member of the.....
Chapter, No.....

I was exalted in.....Chapter, No....and
was last a member of.....Chapter, No.....
from which I retired in good standing. My demit
therefrom being hereby attached.

Dated at, etc., etc.

Recommended by

(Signed).....

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4.—CERTIFICATE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM A CHAPTER.

To all Royal Arch Masons to whom these presents shall come: Greeting:

This is to certify that Companion.....who hath signed his name in the margin hereof is a regular Royal Arch Mason in good standing at this date, and is, at his own request, regularly discharged from membership in the.....Chapter, No. . . . under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

Given under my hand and seal of the Chapter at.....etc.



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Z.
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Scribe E.

5.—PROXY FOR A CHAPTER APPOINTING ITS DELEGATE TO GRAND CHAPTER.

This is to Certify,

That at a.....convocation of the.....Chapter, No.....held on the....day of.....A.D..... Companion.....was delegated to represent the said Chapter at the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, to be held at.....on the.....day of.....A.D.....and there to perform any and

all acts which could be done by the duly qualified officers of the said Chapter, were they personally present; promising to ratify and confirm all that the said delegate may lawfully do under such authority.

Given under our hand and the seal of the.....
Chapter, at.....etc.



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First Principal Z.

.....
Scribe E.

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No. 4

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The proceedings of the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter are to be read in all Chapters and preserved.

No. 5

**REGULATIONS FOR TRIALS OF CHARGES FOR UN-
MASONIC CONDUCT.**

Sec. 1.—When any member of the Chapter (except its First Principal or the Grand First Principal) or any Royal Arch Mason residing within its juris-

diction, shall be accused of unmasonic conduct, charges to that effect may be preferred by any Royal Arch Mason in good standing; which charges shall be in writing, over his signature, and shall be presented to the First Principal of the Chapter having jurisdiction thereof.

Sec. 2.—Upon the presentation of such charges, it shall be the duty of the First Principal, by due notification, to call a special meeting of his Chapter as soon as practicable, and there cause to be elected by ballot, and by a majority of those present, not less than three or more than five of its members, who shall assemble as Commissioners to hear and determine thereupon, at such time and place, convenient to the parties, as he shall indicate; and he shall also summon the accused to appear and answer thereunto at such time and place; and shall, at the same time, cause the Scribe E, to furnish him with a copy of the charges and to notify the accuser of the said time and place of trial.

Sec. 3.—If the accused be within the jurisdiction of the Chapter, the summons and copy of the charges shall be issued at least ten days prior to the day appointed for the trial, and shall be served personally by the Janitor, or shall be mailed (registered) to his last known residence or place of business. If he be without the said jurisdiction, but within the Province, and his residence be known,

they shall be issued at least thirty days before the day of trial, and shall be forwarded to his address by the Scribe E., by mail (registered) and P. O. receipt filed which shall be deemed sufficient service. If he be without the Province and his residence be known, they shall be issued at least sixty days before the trial, and shall be forwarded to his address by the Scribe E., as before provided, which shall be sufficient service. At the expiration of the delay, the First Principal shall order the trial to proceed at once upon the testimony *ex parte*.

Sec. 4.—The Commissioners shall assemble at the time and place appointed, and shall choose one of their number to preside; and the Scribe E., by order of the First Principal, shall attend them to keep a full and correct record of the proceedings and of the judgment under their supervision.

Sec. 5.—The First Principal shall summon such witnesses within the jurisdiction of his Chapter as may be desired by either party, and the accused may select any brother in good standing to assist him in his defense. The witnesses, if Masons, shall testify on their honor as such; if not, their depositions shall be taken in writing, before an officer legally authorized to administer oaths, and, in such case, the party requiring such depositions shall notify the other of the time and place when and where they will be taken, that he may, if he choose, be present thereat.

Sec. 6.—The Commissioners may adjourn from time to time, at their own convenience, or for sufficient cause shown by either party; provided that the period within which their duties shall be concluded shall not exceed ten days, unless, for good reasons shown, the First Principal shall grant them further time.

Sec. 7.—After all the testimony shall have been received, the Commissioners shall proceed to deliberate upon their verdict, with none present save themselves. The judgment of a majority of the Commissioners shall be taken as the decision of the whole; and when the trial is concluded, the Scribe E. shall make a fair copy of the record and findings, under their supervision, which shall be signed by the chairman of such commission, and shall be presented to the First Principal, who, at the next meeting of his Chapter, shall, in the presence of its members only, announce the result.

Sec. 8.—The Chapter shall then proceed to consider the report, and shall by open vote in the usual manner, confirm or amend it, and decide what penalties, if any, are to be inflicted.

Sec. 9.—The penalties which may be inflicted are reprimand in open Chapter, exclusion or suspension. If the sentence be reprimand, the First Principal shall summon the adjudged to appear at the next stated meeting, when it shall be carried into effect,

in the presence only of the members of the Chapter. If it be suspension or exclusion, it shall at once go into effect, and the Scribe E. shall immediately notify the Grand Scribe E. thereof; and it shall be final and conclusive, unless an appeal be taken to the Grand Chapter.

Sec. 10.—An appeal may be taken to the Grand Chapter, by either party, at its next succeeding Annual Convocation, but not unless a notice of such intended appeal shall be given to the First Principal within thirty days after his announcement of the result of the trial; and in all cases of exclusion or suspension, the First Principal shall cause the Scribe E. to prepare a transcript of the record of trial, and immediately transmit it to the Grand Scribe E., together with information of the appeal intended, if any there be.

No. 6**RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE.**

In cases where special provision is not made by the Constitution and regulations of this Grand Chapter, the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M., shall be in all essential respects the rules and regulations by which the action of the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction shall be governed.

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