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GENERAL REGULATIONS

**OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
OF**

ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MINNESOTA

ARTICLE 1 - OF GRAND CHAPTER MEETINGS

Section 1. The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter shall be held at such time and place as may have been designated at the previous assembly, subject to the right of the Grand High Priest to change the time and place of meeting as provided in the constitution.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to forward to the Secretary of each chapter blanks in duplicate for its annual return, and at least thirty (30) days before the Grand Convocation he shall mail a notice of that meeting to each High Priest

Section 3. Every Convocation of the Grand Chapter shall be opened as a Royal Arch Chapter. If opened by the Grand High Priest, he shall then declare it opened "*in Ample Form*;" if by the Grand King, "*in Due Form*;" and if by anyone else, "*in Form*," and the same method shall be observed in closing

Section 4. Only members of the Grand Chapter and those eligible to such membership, and members and representatives of sister Grand Chapters present, shall be admitted to its annual and special convocations and other Royal Arch Masons in good standing.

Section 5. Each member of the Grand Chapter shall appear at its annual and special convocations properly clothed and, if an officer, wearing his proper jewel. The jewels of the officers shall be of gold, and their collars and aprons of scarlet velvet trimmed with gold. The designs for such jewels shall be, for all, an equilateral triangle, and with the peculiar emblem of the office in the center as follows:

For the Grand High Priest, a Mitre surmounted by a Triple Tau within the triangle.

For the Grand King, a Level surmounted by a Crown;

For the Grand Scribe, a Plumb surmounted by a Turban;

For the Grand Treasurer, Crossed Keys;

For the Grand Secretary, Crossed Pens;

For the Grand Chaplain, Bible;

For the Grand Captain of the Host, Soldier with drawn sword;

For the Grand Principal Sojourner, Pilgrim with staff;

For the Grand Royal Arch Captain, Crossed Swords - points up. For the

Grand Masters of the Third, Second and First Veils, each a sword; For

Grand Sentinel, Crossed Swords - points down.

The representatives from all chapters shall wear the proper jewels and clothing of their respective offices.

Section 6. No chapter over one (>1) year in arrears for its annual dues shall be entitled to be represented at any convocation of the Grand Chapter.

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42 *Section 7.* The following shall be the Order of Business at each Annual Convocation of this Grand
43 Chapter - subject to modification, and at the will and pleasure of the Grand High Priest to expedite
44 business:

- 45 1. Opening of the Grand Chapter (after being assured by the preliminary report of the
46 committee on credentials that a quorum of chapters are represented)
- 47 2. Reading and approval of the proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, and of any
48 intervening Convocations, provided that if such proceedings are in print, the reading
49 may be dispensed with;
- 50 3. Announcement of Standing Committees;
- 51 4. Grand High Priest's Address;
- 52 5. Grand Treasurer's Report;
- 53 6. Grand Secretary's Report;
- 54 7. Appointment of any special committees ordered;
- 55 8. Reports of Special Committees, acting during the year;
- 56 9. New Business, and reference thereof to committees;
- 57 10. Recess;
- 58 11. Reports of Committees;
- 59 12. Calling roll for, and report of Committee on Credentials;
- 60 13. Election of officers at the first session;
- 61 14. Further reports of Committees and action thereon at the last session;
- 62 15. First and last session could be held same day;
- 63 16. Installation of officers shall be at any time after the tellers report and before closing
64 ceremonies at the last session.

65 *Section 8.* All motions, except such as are merely formal, and all resolutions shall be submitted
66 in writing before consideration; and such resolutions shall be in duplicate.

67 *Section 9.* Upon any report, or recommendation therein contained, and upon any amendment
68 thereto or substitute therefor, the committeeman submitting such report shall be entitled
69 to open and close debate. No other member shall be entitled to speak twice upon any
70 subject, except by permission of the Grand High Priest.

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72 *Section 10.* All voting in the Grand Chapter, except in the election of officers, and when the
73 "ayes" and "nays" are called, shall be by the "usual sign." The "ayes" and "nays" shall be
74 called upon any changes or amendments of, or additions to, the Grand Constitution or
75 these General Regulations, or in any case upon demand of not less than fifteen (15)
76 members who belong to different chapters.

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78 *Section 11.* While the Grand High Priest controls debate in any case, and the previous question
79 cannot be moved, there shall be no debate upon any motion which, under general
80 parliamentary law is not debatable.

81 **ARTICLE II - OF OTHER DUTIES, ETC ., OF GRAND OFFICERS**

82 *Section 1.* The Grand High Priest shall appoint well informed Royal Arch Masons as
83 representatives near other Grand Chapters, which appoint like Representatives to this
84 Grand Chapter and authorize them to extend the fraternal greetings and good will of this

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85 Grand Chapter to such other Grand Chapter, and to protect the interest of the companions
86 of this jurisdiction, who may be in that of the Grand Chapter near which they are so
87 accredited, as occasion may require. Such Grand Representative shall receive the
88 proceedings of the Grand Chapter he represents, if available, and make a written
89 summary report thereof to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, with copies to the
90 Grand High priest and Grand King.

91 Proper diplomas certifying such appointment and authority shall be issued to each
92 representative, signed by the Grand High priest and Grand Secretary, under the seal of
93 the Grand Chapter.

94 The Grand High Priest is empowered to remove any such representative and, in case
95 of vacancy, fill the same.

96 It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to furnish such representatives with copies
97 of the annual proceedings and such other papers and documents as may be necessary
98 to carry out the spirit of this section.

99 He (the Grand Representative) will attend the Annual Convocation so as to be able to
100 report to the (foreign) Jurisdiction he represents. He will make every effort to communicate
101 with his (Foreign) counterpart or Grand Secretary, visit that Jurisdiction if feasible and
102 report on their activities to our Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Our Grand
103 Secretary shall notify each new Grand Representative of the name and address of his
104 counterpart to make communication possible.

105 The Grand High Priest may remove the commission of a Grand Representative near
106 another Grand Jurisdiction who has not attended and/or reported on the Convocation of
107 his Grand Chapter within three (3) consecutive years, and to recommend the replacement
108 of the Representative near Minnesota who has not attended Grand Chapter and/or
109 communicated with the Grand Chapter he represents within three consecutive years.

110 *Section 2.* The Grand High Priest has no power, by dispensation or otherwise, to set aside the
111 requirements of the laws of this Grand Chapter.

112 *Section 3.* The duty of the Grand Treasurer shall be

- 113 **1st.** To receipt for and take charge of all moneys, funds, securities and other
114 evidences of debt, and all other property of the Grand Chapter not placed by law
115 in the special custody of another Grand Officer, and to keep an accurate account
116 thereof, in such manner and form as may be directed by the Trustees of this
117 Grand Chapter
- 118 **2nd.** To pay all orders drawn upon him in accordance with the law or special direction
119 of the Grand Chapter.
- 120 **3rd.** To attend the meetings of the Grand Chapter, the Trustees and. upon the Grand
121 High Priest when required, with-his books and all necessary documents relating
122 to his office, as well as upon any committee whose duty it may be to inquire into
123 the financial concerns of the Grand Chapter;
- 124 **4th.** To report to the Annual Convocation his receipts and disbursements in summary
125 form, together with a schedule of all securities and property in his hands or under
126 his control, and a statement of the condition of finances of the Grand Chapter.
127 These duties may be incorporated into the Duties of the Grand Secretary under
128 the title for the office to be Grand Treasurer/Secretary
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Section 4. The duties of the Grand Secretary shall be:

- 131 **1st.** To record all transactions of the Grand Chapter proper to be written;
- 132 **2nd.** To collect and receive, and keep a correct account of all moneys of or due the
133 Grand Chapter in proper and regular books of account, and to perform the duties
134 of the Grand Treasurer as detailed in Section 3 above
- 135 **3rd** To keep a register of, and to enter therein, all charters, warrants, dispensations and
136 certificates granted by the Grand Chapter or the Grand High Priest.
- 137 **4th.** To keep a register of all chapters and their members with the chapter number
138 prefixed to each name, and the age, residence, dates of markings, inductions,
139 receptions and exaltations, affiliations, withdrawals, striking from the rolls,
140 suspensions, expulsions, deaths, reinstatements and restorations, as the same
141 are reported in the annual returns from such chapters, and to keep a Card Index
142 of such members by chapter and number;
- 143 **5th.** To receive, file and safely keep all papers and documents of the Grand Chapter
144 not in the proper custody of other Grand Officers;
- 145 **6th.** To procure all books, stationary and printing regularly required for the use of the
146 Grand Chapter or its officers;
- 147 **7th.** To conduct the correspondence of his office and such other as the Grand Chapter
148 or the Grand High Priest may direct;
- 149 **8th.** To have charge of the jewels, clothing, furniture and paraphernalia of the Grand
150 Chapter during the inter between annual convocations;
- 151 **9th.** To prepare and mail to all chapters and members of the Grand Chapter, and to
152 all Masonic Bodies with which this Grand Chapter is in correspondence, a
153 circular giving the results of the annual election, as well as any amendment or
154 change of law adopted, immediately following the Annual Convocation. To have
155 the Constitution and General Regulations printed in loose leaf form and prepare
156 substitute pages as required.
- 157 **10th.** To obtain at least semi-annually from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of
158 A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota a list of all suspensions, expulsions and restorations by
159 Masonic lodges, keep a record thereof and to transmit to each chapter as often
160 as half-yearly a complete list of such rejections, expulsions, suspensions and
161 restoration as they have been reported to him;
- 162 **12th.** To attend with all necessary books and papers under his control all Convocations
163 of the Grand Chapter or any meetings of its committees, upon proper notice, as
164 well as upon the Grand High Priest when necessary or required;
- 165 **13th.** To have the annual proceedings of this Grand Chapter printed each year. To have
166 copy for the proceedings in the hands of the printer not later than ninety (90) days
167 after the close of the Grand Convocation. He shall distribute copies thereof as
168 follows:
169 One (1) copy to each Grand Officer and elected Past Grand High Priest of the
170 Grand Chapter and to each representative of and to sister Grand Chapters;
171 two (2) copies to each chapter;
172 two (2) copies to each Masonic Body recognized by this Grand Chapter, which
173 reciprocates by furnishing the proceedings of its meetings to this Grand Chapter,
174 and one (1) copy to any Masonic or other library, or Mason, requesting the same
175 and having legitimate Masonic use therefor; and it shall be the duty of the Grand
176 Secretary to have printed as an Appendix to such Annual Proceedings a roll of

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- 177 the first six (6) Elective Grand Officers from its organization to date; a Directory
178 of Subordinate Chapters for the current year with number, name, location (and
179 **14th.** To issue certificates of good standing upon application by any member of a defunct
180 chapter who is shown by its records in possession of the Grand Secretary to have
181 been in good standing when it ceased to work, upon which he may apply for
182 membership elsewhere;
- 183 **15th.** To provide and sell to chapters at approximate cost and postage, proper blanks and
184 petitions, as well as other blanks required to be in common use, and demit blanks,
185 having space for name in full, and a place for nevarietur signature and for dates
186 receiving Mark, Past, Most Excellent and Royal Arch Degrees in what chapter and
187 where, as well as for any earned honors recognized by Capitular Masonry. It shall
188 be his duty to provide each year a Past Grand High Priest gold jewel of the design
189 heretofore selected in this jurisdiction, appropriately engraved; or at the option of
190 the recipient, a suitable engraved watch, ring or token together with a Past Grand
191 High Priest's apron to be monogrammed with the word "Minnesota" to be
192 presented to the High Priest as soon as practicable after his installation, for which
193 it shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to include in its report a reasonable
194 appropriation each year.
- 195 **16th.** To provide, at cost, to the chapters, and send to the Secretaries thereof not later
196 than October 1st each year sufficient receipt blanks, with name, number, location
197 and serial number printed thereon for dues on cardboard bearing in conspicuous
198 block figures the year for which, when issued, they are to be in force with place for
199 nevarietur signature of the member, and certifying over his facsimile signature and
200 seal of the Grand Chapter, that the Chapter issuing the same is a legally
201 constituted chapter under this Grand Chapter. The use of such blanks for receipts
202 of dues is mandatory in every chapter.
- 203 **17th.** To perform such other duties as the Grand Chapter may require
- 204 **18th.** To prepare and submit an annual report to the Grand Chapter at its Annual
205 Convocation showing all moneys received and from what source, as well as the
206 disposition thereof, during the fiscal year ending December 31st, as well as a
207 statement of the financial and membership status of the several chapters, and
208 such other facts in relation thereto as may be proper and advisable for
209 the information and action of the Grand Chapter.
- 210 **19th.** To receive all moneys designated as being for Life Memberships, deposit such
211 amounts to a special bank account, maintain necessary records, issue Certificates
212 of such membership, invest funds as directed by the Trustees, calculate earnings
213 and pay same over to the separate participating chapters. Administration of the
214 foregoing to be in accord with Article **IX** of these General Regulations
- 215 **20th.** And at the expiration of his term, and the qualification of his successor, to turn over
216 to the latter or to such person as the Grand Chapter may direct, all books, papers,
217 writings, accounts and other property of the Grand Chapter under his control.
- 218 *Section 5.* The Grand Treasurer shall give bond in the sum of \$ 10,000.00 and the Grand
219 Secretary in the sum of \$ 20,000.00, or in such larger amounts as the Grand Chapter may require,
220 conditioned for the faithful performance and discharge of the duties of their respective offices,
221 running to the Grand High Priest by name and his successor in office, in trust for this Grand
222 Chapter, and executed by some Surety Company approved by the Grand High Priest as surety,
223 and to be filed with him. The cost of such bonds will be paid by the Grand Chapter. If either of

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224 said officers fails to file such bond with the Grand High Priest within fifteen days after his election,
225 the latter may by his order remove him from office and appoint another eligible member who will
226 provide such bond to the vacancy so made.

227 *Section 6.* The Grand Secretary is authorized to appoint a qualified Past High Priest as
228 assistant at such compensation as the Grand Chapter may annually provide.

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230 The Grand Secretary shall at all times have care and custody of the seal of this Grand
231 Chapter, which shall be of the size 1 7/8 inches and following design:



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233 Said seal shall be used only to attest formal official papers and documents of the Grand Chapter,
234 and such Grand Chapter correspondence as is not merely incidental to the orderly transaction of
235 the business of his office.

236 **ARTICLE III - OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS**

237 *Section 1.* Every petition for a charter for a chapter must be accompanied by a fee of One
238 Hundred Twenty-Five dollars (\$125), the demits of all non-affiliate petitioners and a certificate
239 from respective chapters of the other year and that they are free from charges; the certified
240 consent of all chapters whose jurisdiction will be affected if such charter is granted; the certificate
241 of the Grand Lecturer vouching for the proficiency of the Companions who are recommended to
242 serve as officers to open and conduct a chapter and confer the capitular degrees; that suitable
243 hall with capitular appurtenances and equipment is available and that the chapter will start clear
244 of debt. All petitioners who are not non-affiliates remain members of their respective chapters
245 with all rights therein until they respectively request and are given demits. [2016]

246 *Section 2.* A chapter under dispensation shall terminate its work forty-five (45) days prior to the
247 next convocation following the issuance of the dispensation, make return and report of all
248 its doings and forward the same upon that date with all its books and papers, and a
249 certificate stating whether or not it desires a charter to issue at once, or the dispensation
250 to be renewed; the names of the officers it has selected for High Priest, King and Scribe
251 under charter and the demits of all petitioners who still desire to become members of the
252 new chapter, to the Grand Secretary. The Grand Secretary shall place the same in the
253 hands of the Committee on Chapters immediately for examination and report.

254 *Section 3.* If upon the report of the Committee on Chapters a charter is granted, the same shall
255 be signed by the retiring members of the Grand Council and by the Grand Secretary, and
256 the chapter thereafter be constituted and its officers installed by the Grand High Priest or
257 by some Past High Priest deputized therefor by him, at his pleasure. The installing officer
258 shall at once report the date and names of the officers installed to the Grand Secretary,

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259 unless the latter takes part in the constitution. If the officers named for the charter are not
260 those named in the dispensation, a certificate from the Grand Lecturer must be furnished
261 the Grand High Priest before constitution, certifying to the proficiency of the principal
262 officers in the Work and Lectures and as to their ability to conduct a chapter.

263 *Section 4.* The meeting at which a new chapter is constituted is a Stated Convocation at which,
264 after the installation of officers, it may transact any chapter business and should fix the
265 time for its future Stated Convocations and adopt or provide for necessary By-Laws.

266 *Section 5.* The charter members of such new chapters shall be all those companions who
267 petitioned for the same and whose demits are filed with the Grand Secretary before
268 constitution, as well as all Royal Arch Masons exalted by it while working under
269 dispensation - as shown by the Grand Secretary's records thereof.

270 *Section 6.* Every chapter must adopt a seal with its name and number engraved thereon and use
271 the same for certifying all its official reports, communications and documents. A perfect
272 impression of such seal must be certified to and filed with the Grand Secretary. In case it
273 is lost or changed, that fact must be certified in like manner.

274 *Section 7.* A stated Convocation of a chapter may be opened and business conducted in the
275 absence of the High Priest, by the King or Scribe in the order named, or in the absence
276 of all three of those officers by the Junior Past High Priest thereof present; but no Special
277 Convocation can be opened by the King, Scribe or other companion in the absence of the
278 High Priest, or by the King, Scribe or other companion in the absence of the High Priest,
279 or of his order or request in writing.

280 *Section 8.* Any official communication received by a chapter or its High Priest or Secretary from
281 the Grand High Priest or the Grand Secretary shall be read in open chapter and noted in
282 its proceedings, as so read, at the first Stated Convocation held following the receipt
283 thereof; and the officer receiving such communication shall be responsible for so bringing
284 it to the attention of the chapter.

285 *Section 9.* A chapter must provide books for its Secretary and Treasurer; retain control over its
286 own funds; cannot incorporate, but may hold stock through a trustee in a corporation
287 formed for the purpose of owning, and the maintenance of a Masonic Hall, and incidentally
288 for rental purposes; may hold, mortgage, sell or make other disposition of its own
289 property, and invest and reinvest its funds, as the chapter may direct through trustees
290 legally provided for (who shall always be under and subject to its control). No money shall
291 be withdrawn from its funds without its consent appearing in the records, except only for
292 charitable purposes as provided by law and the payment of the annual dues to the Grand
293 Chapter. Wherever practicable all funds of a chapter shall be deposited in some banking
294 institution selected by the chapter, and in its name, and the same shall be withdrawn there
295 from only to pay the expenses incident to its being a chapter, including Masonic charity,
296 by order thereupon signed by the High Priest, Secretary and Treasurer. Provided, that
297 where funds are given the chapter in trust for any specified Masonic purpose, they may
298 be used as directed in the gift except as permitted by other articles of these regulations.
299 No chapter, by amendment of its ByLaws or otherwise, can use, or permit the use of, its

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300 funds or property for any other purpose whatsoever, nor divide the same among its
301 members.

302 *Section 10.* No chapter shall change its place of meeting from that named in its charter, nor from
303 one place to another in the city or town named in its charter, except after like proceedings
304 and vote as required for such removal by the General Regulations of the Grand Lodge of
305 A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota in relation to such removals.

306 *Section 11.* Two or more chapters located near each other may consolidate and form one chapter
307 under the name and charter of one of them, or otherwise, as may be agreed, by
308 proceeding in like manner as is provided for the consolidation of Lodges by the General
309 Regulations of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota; and no charge shall be
310 made, unless a new name and charter is asked for.

311 *Section 12.* The charter of a chapter must be present whenever a chapter is opened. If a charter
312 is lost or destroyed the chapter cannot thereafter work except upon application to, and
313 dispensation from, the Grand High Priest. It is the duty of the acting High Priest of a
314 chapter, in the event of such loss or destruction, to inform the Grand High Priest thereof
315 immediately and apply for dispensation to continue work until the close of the next Annual
316 Grand Convocation, and for a duplicate charter; and the Grand High Priest may thereupon
317 issue such dispensation and report his action to the Grand Chapter, where the same shall
318 be referred to the Committee on Chapters for report.

319 *Section 13.* A defunct chapter is one whose charter or dispensation has been forfeited,
320 surrendered, lost or destroyed, or whose membership has been reduced to less than nine
321 (9) Royal Arch Masons.

322 *Section 14.* Smoking in a chapter hall or preparation room is prohibited, and it is the duty of the
323 High Priest to see that compliance with this law is maintained.

324 *Section 15.* No chapter shall participate in any public procession or ceremonial or hold a public
325 installation without being first formally opened, and, before separating, formally closed.
326 Where installation is to be public, if more convenient, the opening or closing may be in
327 any room adjoining the hall; and if a procession occurs at considerable distance from its
328 hall, the High Priest for convenience may take the charter and open and close the chapter
329 in any suitable room near the place of such ceremony; and the Secretary shall make and
330 keep a record of the facts.

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332 *Section 16.* No chapter shall reconsider at any subsequent Convocation any action it has
333 previously taken, if the same has already been acted upon, and in no case can a motion
334 to reconsider be entertained later than the next Stated Convocation held after the action
335 was taken.

336 *Section 17.* No chapter shall contract any debt or obligation for the building of a hall or for
337 furnishing the same until arrangements have been made to secure the necessary funds
338 to meet such obligation.

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339 *Section 18.* A chapter may invest its surplus funds from time to time, if any, in properly secured
340 loans, to be carried in the name of the trustees who must file proper declaration of trust
341 in favor of the chapter.

342 *Section 19.* Any member of a chapter in good standing and clear of the books, except the High
343 Priest, King or Scribe, may apply, either in writing filed with the Secretary, or orally at a
344 Stated Convocation, for, and be granted, a demit, without vote, by order of the High Priest,
345 entered upon the minutes, which shall take effect as of the date when the request therefor
346 was filed with the Secretary or so made to the chapter; and the companion so demitted
347 immediately becomes a non-affiliate, whether the certificate of such demission is
348 immediately issued or not - such certificate being only the written evidence of such
349 demission.

350 *Section 20.* In the case of the loss of a demit, upon written application, and showing such loss, a
351 duplicate of demission may issue, by vote of the chapter if it is still in existence, or by the
352 Grand Secretary in case the chapter is defunct.

353 *Section 21.* Any member of a chapter, except the High Priest, King or Scribe, if in good standing
354 and free from charges, may withdraw from membership therein, by written notice to that
355 effect, filed with the Secretary. Such notice shall be disposed of in the manner and subject
356 to the same conditions as an application for a demit. When such withdrawal is
357 consummated, the record should show that the companion was "dropped from the roll at
358 his own request," He will thereafter be an unaffiliated capitular Mason, and have no rights
359 whatsoever, except to petition the Grand Chapter for restoration, and to defend himself
360 against any charges of unmasonic conduct subsequently made against him, for which he
361 thereafter shall be subject to discipline, as he was before withdrawal.

362 *Section 22.* The minimum dues of chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction are fixed at three (\$3) dollars
363 per annum, plus the annual eleven (\$11) per capita of the Grand Chapter plus the General
364 Grand per capita fee. [2016]
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366 *Section 23.* The Capitular year of subordinate chapters shall end on December 31st of each year,
367 and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer and Secretary to close their books of accounts
368 as of that date and to submit their reports to the High Priest and such committees as he
369 may designate.
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371 *Section 24.* It shall be the duty of each chapter to make a specified periodic report and send it to
372 the Grand Secretary at prescribed intervals and forward an Annual Return of its
373 membership and financial condition, signed by its High Priest and Secretary,
374 accompanied with the fees for work done, the \$10 fee to perpetuate an original charter,
375 and the annual dues upon its membership in good standing at the beginning of the
376 Capitular year for which the report is made. Said return must be forwarded promptly after
377 the close of each capitular year so as to be in the hands of the Grand Secretary on or
378 before February 10th. Any chapter failing to submit this return on or before February 10th
379 shall be assessed a late fee of \$25.00. [2016]

380 **ARTICLE IV - OF ROYAL ARCH CLOTHING AND JEWELS**

381 *Section 1.* The clothing of a Royal Arch Mason is defined to be a white lambskin or muslin apron,
382 rectangular in form, 13 inches deep by 14 inches wide, with narrow edging of scarlet, with
383 a triangular flap on which flap should be a Triple Tau within a circle. The apron always
384 should be worn outside the clothing.

385 *Section 2.* The proper official clothing for the officers of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons shall
386 be as follows:

- 387 High Priest - a robe of blue, scarlet and white, with breast plate and mitre; King
- 388 - a scarlet robe, with crown on his head and with sceptre;
- 389 Captain of the Host - a coat of mail and helmet, and armed with a sword; Principal
- 390 Sojourner - a dark or drab colored robe with rose colored border, and wearing a
- 391 slouch hat and carrying a pilgrim's staff;
- 392 Royal Arch Captain - a coat of mail and helmet, and armed with a sword and carrying
- 393 a white banner;
- 394 Master of the Third Veil - a scarlet robe and turban; Master of the Second Veil - a
- 395 purple robe and turban; Master of the First Veil - , a blue robe and turban, and each
- 396 armed with a sword and bearing a banner of the same color as his robe.

397 *Section 3.* The jewels of the officers of chapters shall be of gold or yellow metal suspended within
398 a triangle of the same metal, from either a clasp pin or scarlet ribbon upon the left breast,
399 or from a scarlet collar coming to a point in front, or suspended by a scarlet cord as
400 follows:

- 401 High Priest - Mitre;
- 402 King - A level surmounted by a crown;
- 403 Scribe - A Plumb surmounted by a turban;
- 404 Treasurer - Crossed keys;
- 405 Secretary - Crossed pens;
- 406 Captain of the Host - A Triangular plate on which an armed Soldier is engraved;
- 407 Principal Sojourner - A Triangular plate on which a Pilgrim is engraved; Royal
- 408 Arch Captain and the three Masters of Veils - a sword; Sentinel - Crossed
- 409 swords.

410 **ARTICLE V - OF DEGREES AND MEMBERSHIP**

412 *Section 1.* Petitions for the Capitular Degrees may be made to any chapter in the jurisdiction. All
413 chapters in the Jurisdiction of Minnesota shall have concurrent territory. (Conforming to
414 Article VII, Section 2:61 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota concerning
415 concurrent territory.)

416 *Section 2.* Every petitioner for the Capitular degrees must have resided within the jurisdiction of
417 Minnesota for ninety (90) days preceding the date of the petition, and must be a member
418 in good standing of a regular Master Mason's Lodge, of good character, and physically
419 and otherwise qualified to meet the several requirements of the Capitular obligations; and
420 such petition must be in the form prescribed by this Grand Chapter, and particularly give
421 the age, place of birth, occupation and present residence of the petitioner, and his

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422 residence during the past ten years, and be recommended by two (2) members of the
423 chapter petitioned.

424 *Section 3.* If a member wishes to change his membership and be continually affiliated, he may
425 file his petition with a Chapter in which he desires membership and with it a certificate of
426 good standing from the Secretary of his Chapter under the seal thereof showing that his
427 dues have been paid for the current year, and shall file a written application to his Chapter
428 for a demit. If he is elected to membership in the Chapter petitioned, the Secretary thereof
429 shall immediately forward said application for a demit to the Chapter to which it is
430 addressed; and when the demit is received, it shall be filed with the petition and the
431 companion's name be entered as a member of the Chapter petitioned as of even date
432 with demit. If the petitioner is rejected, the certificate of good standing and application
433 shall be returned to him.

434 *Section 4.* All petitions, whether for degrees, affiliation, reinstatement or restoration, shall be
435 referred to the High Priest who shall satisfy himself that the companions recommending
436 the petitioner have satisfied themselves of the truth of the statements contained in the
437 petition, especially that he is a member in good standing of a regular Master Mason's
438 Lodge and that the chapter has jurisdiction over the petitioner. After which, the High Priest
439 may cause the petition to be received, balloted on and confer a Degree or Degrees at the
440 same Stated Convocation or Special Convocation called for that purpose, or at a
441 subsequent convocation. All original petitions must remain in the files of the Secretary.

442 *Section 5.* A petition for reinstatement or restoration shall contain the same information as one
443 for affiliation, with such additional facts as will show the present status of the petitioner.

444 *Section 6.* The ballot upon petitions must be secret and may be taken either separately or
445 collectively and must be unanimous in order to elect. If taken collectively and one (1) or
446 more black ballot appears, a separate ballot must be taken upon each petition. If taken
447 separately and not more than one (1) black ballot appears, the High Priest in his discretion
448 (in order to be assured that no mistake has occurred) may at once order one
449 (1) other ballot. Before proceeding to ballot the High priest must satisfy himself that
450 there are a sufficient number of white balls and black cubes for a legal ballot; and any
451 ballot taken without is void, and another ballot must be taken legally upon the petition.
452 The result of a ballot must be declared by the High Priest immediately upon his inspection
453 thereof.

454 *Section 7.* A. non-affiliate companion may apply to any chapter for affiliation.

455 *Section 8.* A petitioner for the degrees who is rejected cannot petition again until the expiration of
456 six (6) months from the rejection. A rejected petitioner for affiliation may again petition
457 immediately to any chapter.

458 *Section 9.* A petition which has received a unanimous favorable report of the committee may be
459 withdrawn at the request of the petitioner at any time before ballot if no one objects.

460 *Section 10.* There shall be no discussion in open chapter of the character of a petitioner for the
461 degrees or for affiliation, nor at any time of an unfavorable ballot thereon; and no one

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- 462 shall be requested or allowed to divulge his ballot nor to give any reason therefor if it
463 known, except to the High Priest for the purpose of rectifying a possible mistake.
- 464 *Section 11.* There shall be a fee charged for affiliation. Upon the election of a petitioner for
465 affiliation he must pay in addition, the proportionate amount of dues for the balance of the
466 year.
- 467 *Section 12.* Every member of a chapter must sign the By-Laws of his chapter when such
468 membership is consummated. Provided, that a member affiliating, if not personally
469 present, may authorize the Secretary to sign the same for him; and such authority must
470 be filed with his petition. Membership in a chapter, however, is consummated upon
471 affiliation, reinstatement or restoration, by election therein, or for the degrees by
472 exaltation, after election therein.
- 473 *Section 13.* The capitular degrees cannot be communicated.
- 474 *Section 14.* Where an elected petitioner removes from the state after such election, before
475 receiving any or all of the degrees, and now lives in a capitular jurisdiction permitting it,
476 he may request the chapter electing him to obtain through the Grand High Priest of
477 Minnesota and the Grand High Priest of the foreign jurisdiction, authority for a chapter in
478 the jurisdiction of this present residence, to confer such degrees as he may not have
479 received - or the chapter so electing him may waive jurisdiction over such candidate and
480 permit him to again petition for the degrees in the jurisdiction of his present residence.
- 481 *Section 15.* No chapter shall confer the degrees on any candidate previously rejected by any
482 other chapter without the consent of such rejecting chapter, if it is still in existence.
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- 484 *Section 16.* It is the duty of chapters in this jurisdiction to confer the capitular degrees, or any of
485 them, upon a candidate duly elected to receive them by another chapter, as a courtesy to
486 such chapter, and without fee or charge. Provided, that if such request comes from a
487 foreign jurisdiction, it must be through the Grand High Priests of both that foreign
488 jurisdiction and of this.
- 489 *Section 17.* Chapters are authorized to recognize the degrees of Foreign Jurisdictions when those
490 Jurisdictions are affiliated and in good standing with General Grand Chapter, and on any
491 worthy Companion, who may present himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produce
492 satisfactory evidence of having received that degree; having been conferred those
493 degrees shall be a regular Royal Arch Mason in this Jurisdiction.
- 494 Chapters are authorized to confer free of charge the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master
495 and Most Excellent Master, on any worthy companion from without this jurisdiction, but
496 from a Grand Chapter in fraternal relations with the General Grand Chapter, who may
497 present himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produce satisfactory evidence of having
498 received that degree; and when so conferred upon such companion, he thereby is healed
499 and becomes a regular Royal Arch Mason. For conferring said degrees, in such cases,
500 chapters shall be exempt from paying any dues. [2015]
- 501 *Section 18.* A chapter is authorized to receive the petition for the Royal Arch degrees from a
502 brother who holds a demit from a Lodge of Mark Master Masons, and can pass a

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503 satisfactory examination in the latter degree and, if elected, confer the remaining capitular
504 degrees upon him.

505 *Section 19.* A candidate, who has received all the capitular degrees in a chapter under
506 dispensation, is a Royal Arch Mason in good standing and entitled to all the privileges of
507 such membership.

508 *Section 20.* The whole matter of objections to a petitioner and a candidate who has been accepted
509 by regular ballot, and to the advancement of such candidate after he has received one or
510 more degrees, shall be governed by the law for the time being of the Grand Lodge of A.F.
511 & A.M. of Minnesota, unless a specific law has been formally adopted to the contrary by
512 this Grand Chapter.

513 *Section 21.* The work, ritual and lectures prescribed from time to time by the General Grand
514 Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International are adopted by this Grand Chapter, subject
515 to such changes as in the opinion of the Grand Chapter shall be found necessary, and
516 must be followed and conformed to by all chapters. Such ritual to be supplied at cost to
517 the Subordinate Chapters, as they may desire.

518 *Section 22.* This Grand Chapter will provide each chapter with certified copies of such work from
519 time to time by which uniformity may be obtained, and such copies shall at all times remain
520 the property of this Grand Chapter and subject to recall at any time - the High Priest being
521 held officially responsible for their safekeeping, turning over to his successor, and the
522 return thereof when so called in.

523 *Section 23.* Any member of a chapter who ceases to be a member in good standing of a regular
524 Master Mason's Lodge, for any reason, will thereby immediately lose all rights as a
525 Capitular Mason, and be stricken from the rolls of his Chapter. No other action of the
526 Chapter shall be necessary or required for such loss of Chapter membership. When and
527 of the member is reinstated to membership in a regular Master Mason's Lodge, he shall
528 then be eligible to petition for reinstatement in a Chapter.

529 *Section 24.* A candidate who is not-permitted to advance, without his own fault, should be
530 repaid any fee for a degree he does not receive, but a chapter cannot or refund any
531 degree fee after the degree is conferred.

532 *Section 25.* Petitions for capitular degrees and membership, which in all prescribed ways,
533 conform to these General Regulations, and which no Subordinate Chapter has had lawful
534 opportunity to receive and ballot thereupon, may be presented, accepted and balloted
535 upon at an Emergent Convocation of this Grand Chapter called for that specific purpose
536 by the Grand High Priest. To call such an Emergent Convocation, the Grand High Priest
537 shall issue an order prescribing the time and place of the convening, the composition
538 thereof, its duties, fees and charges, if any, and any limitations. Any petitioner who is
539 balloted upon and elected at this Emergent Convocation, will become a member of the
540 Subordinate Chapter named upon his petition and, if this Emergent Convocation is held
541 for the purpose of conducting an authorized "Festival" the work may be conferred upon
542 him that named time.

543 **ARTICLE VI - OF GRAND LECTURER AND SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION**

544 *Section 1.* The Grand High Priest shall appoint a Grand Lecturer and Deputy Grand Lecturers,
545 the number of which he shall deem necessary, for a term of one (1) year, or for the
546 unexpired term of one removed for cause.

547 *Section 2.* The Grand High Priest shall have power to remove the Grand Lecturer from office,
548 either for neglect of duty, inefficiency, incompetency or other good reason, if in his opinion
549 he be unsuitable for the position.

550 *Section 3.* The Grand High Priest shall divide the State into appropriate districts in each of which
551 he shall designate an elected or appointed line officer as the District Officer whose duty
552 it shall be to visit each Chapter of the District and report, on forms provided, the condition
553 of the Chapter to the Grand high Priest and Grand King, and make such other visitations
554 - perform such other duties and make such reports as the Grand High Priest may require.
555 He shall arrange for Festivals under the direction of the Grand King and for Annual
556 Schools of Instruction in his District to be conducted under the supervision and direction
557 of the Grand lecturer or other officer or committee as designated by the Grand High Priest
558 at such annual School of Instruction there shall be exemplified at least one degree each
559 year. The chapters to exemplify such work shall be designated the "Host Chapters," but
560 no chapters shall be required to exemplify more than one degree in any one (1) year or
561 anyone of the degrees in any year immediately following the exemplification of such
562 degree in that chapter.

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564 *Section 4.* The Grand Lecturer shall make such rules for the general management of the Schools
565 as may seem best for the accomplishment of the purpose for which they are held, namely,
566 the uniform rendition of the esoteric and ritualistic work of the Royal Arch Degrees.

567 *Section 5.* It is the duty of the High Priest, King and Scribe of each chapter in the district in
568 . which such Schools are held, or their duly appointed proxies, to be in attendance
569 when such degrees are exemplified.

570 *Section 6.* It is the duty of the Grand Lecturer to make an Annual Report, in writing, to the Grand
571 Chapter at its Annual Convocation, reporting in detail for each School held during the
572 year, the attendance thereon and such other information necessary or beneficial.

573 *Section 7.* The District Officer shall designate the time, place, duration and personnel of Festivals
574 and Schools of Instruction.

575 *Section 8.* The Grand High Priest may order such special Schools of Instruction as he deems
576 necessary.

577 **ARTICLE VII - OF OFFENSES AND DISCIPLINE**

578 *Section 1.* A chapter has the power and it is the duty to take cognizance of, and to administer
579 discipline for any unmasonic conduct, offense or default whatever, by any member
580 thereof, except its High Priest or an acting Grand High Priest, wherever committed, or
581 wherever he may reside, or by any Royal Arch Mason, whether affiliated or not who

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582 resides in its area. Provided, that a chapter of concurrent jurisdiction shall not exercise
583 such power of discipline over a member of another chapter of that jurisdiction.

584 *Section 2.* The whole matter of offenses, discipline and defaults, including forfeitures, revocations,
585 suspensions and arrests of charters and dispensations, and of the suspension and arrest
586 of jewels of officers; charges and trials, expulsions and reprimands after trials; striking
587 from the rolls for non-payment of dues; appeals growing out of any of the foregoing
588 matters; reinstatements and restorations, shall be controlled and governed by and be in
589 conformity with, the law, in relation to several matters, as contained in the Constitution
590 and General Regulations of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota, for the time
591 being in force, with such substitution of phraseology in the language of the law as may be
592 necessary to make the same applicable to Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction unless
593 expressly otherwise provided for by the law of this Grand Chapter.

594 **ARTICLE VIII - OF MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

595 *Section 1.* This Grand Chapter recognizes as regular and Masonic only the following societies
596 and organizations, to-wit: the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota and the Grand
597 Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons of the other several states and territories and the
598 District of Columbia, as well as the Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons outside
599 of the United States of America which now, or may hereafter be, recognized as regular
600 by said Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and all those Lodges and Bodies existing under and
601 by virtue of authority of either of said several Grand Lodges; the General Grand Chapter
602 of Royal Arch Masons, together with the Grand Royal Arch Chapters of the several states
603 and territories and of the District of Columbia, as well as all other Grand Chapters of Royal
604 Arch Masons outside of the United States of America, which are now, or may hereafter
605 be, recognized as regular by the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and the
606 several Chapters and Bodies under authority of either; the General Grand Council of
607 Cryptic Masons, International together with the Grand Councils of Cryptic Masons or the
608 Grand Councils of Royal & Select Masters of the several states and territories and the
609 District of Columbia, and the several Councils and Bodies existing under and by the
610 authority of either; the Grand Encampment of the
611 Knights Templar of the United States of America together with the Grand Commanderies
612 of the several states and territories and of the District of Columbia, and the several
613 Commanderies and Bodies existing under and by virtue of the authority of either; the
614 Supreme Council of the 33rd degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish
615 Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, of which Venerable Brother
616 Albert Pike was, in 1890, the Sovereign Grand Commander, and the Supreme Council of
617 the 33rd degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Jurisdiction
618 of the United States, of which Venerable Brother Henry L. Palmer was, in 1890, the
619 Sovereign Grand Commander, together with several subordinate Bodies existing under
620 and by virtue of the authority of either, so long as they or either of them may respectively
621 continue to adopt and use the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master
622 Mason as the base upon which to erect the degrees conferred by or under authority of
623 said organizations respectively.

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624 *Section 2.* This Grand Chapter recognizes the program of the Order of DeMolay and the
625 Minnesota DeMolay Foundation. The Grand Chapter may support them financially;
626 likewise Subordinate Chapters may support them out of their own funds.

627 *Section 3.* Any other organization, whether styling itself Masonic or not, now existing in Minnesota
628 or which shall hereafter exist or attempt to exist herein, to exercise or infringe upon any
629 of the rights and benefits of regular Masonry, is hereby declared to be irregular and
630 clandestine.

631 *Section 4.* Every Royal Arch Officer, whether of the Grand Chapter or a subordinate chapter,
632 must take an obligation to support and maintain the Constitution of the General Grand
633 Chapter as well as the Constitution, General Regulations and laws of this Grand Chapter,
634 and in case of a subordinate officer of a Chapter also to support the By-Laws of his
635 chapter, before entering upon the duties of his office.

636 *Section 5.* The charter of a chapter may be suspended or forfeited for the neglect or violation of
637 any duty imposed by the Grand Chapter upon such chapter or its officers. The suspension
638 of a chapter is an arrest of its charter, and a prohibition to assemble or work thereafter
639 until authorized to do so by the Grand Chapter or Grand High Priest; and the suspension
640 suspends the members thereof, except any who are exempted from its effect in the order
641 of suspension.

642 *Section 6.* Whenever the charter of, or dispensation for, a chapter shall be surrendered or
643 forfeited, or expire by limitation, its property of every name and nature shall be vested in,
644 and subject to, the order of the Grand High Priest, in trust for the Grand Chapter.

645 *Section 7.* Any chapter which fails to be represented at any annual Convocation of the Grand
646 Chapter or to make annual returns or pay its annual dues to the-Grand Chapter for two
647 consecutive years shall be suspended thereby from all Masonic functions; and unless
648 within one year from the date of such suspension (of which it shall have been notified by
649 the Grand Secretary) it discharges its arrearages and excuses its neglect, it shall be
650 stricken from the rolls of chartered chapters without other action.

651 *Section 8.* Blank ballots and ballots cast for one not a member of a chapter in good standing shall
652 be void and shall not be counted or considered in announcing the result of an election.

653 *Section 9.* A Royal Arch Mason should wear the apron of that degree in the capitular lodges.

654 *Section 10.* That any Royal Arch Chapter member who is serving in the United States Air Force,
655 United States Marine Corps, United States Navy, United States Army, and the United
656 States Coast Guard; or in their respective reserves either serving stateside or serving in
657 foreign countries during times of war or conflict will have their dues remitted by the Grand
658 Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota. Such dues remittance will begin to those
659 active, reserve or National Guard military personnel serving as of January 1, 2007.

660 *Section 11.* A duplicate copy of the By-Laws of each chapter and of all amendments thereof shall
661 be filed with the Grand Secretary immediately after they are approved by the Grand High
662 Priest, and it is the duty of the Secretary of every chapter certifying such By-

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663 Laws or amendments for approval to forward the same to the Grand High priest in
664 duplicate - one of which he shall deposit with the Grand Secretary when he has approved
665 the same.

666 *Section 12.* No chapter can appear in public, as such, except at a Masonic funeral of a
667 companion, without dispensation from the Grand High Priest.

668 *Section 13.* Whenever a Grand Chapter of a jurisdiction contiguous to this Grand Jurisdiction
669 provides by legislation that a Master Mason resident in its jurisdiction and living nearer to
670 a chapter of this jurisdiction than to a chapter of such foreign jurisdiction may petition for
671 the capitular degrees or for affiliation in this jurisdiction, this Grand Chapter reciprocally
672 consents that a Master Mason resident in Minnesota but whose residence is nearer a
673 chapter in such contiguous Grand Jurisdiction may file his petition with such chapter.

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675 *Section 14.* A chapter visited by the Grand High Priest at its suggestion or invitation, or by another
676 companion deputized to make such visit, as well as a chapter being constituted, should
677 provide for the local entertainment of the .visiting official. As any other visit of the Grand
678 High Priest or of other officials sent by him are primarily for the benefit of the chapter
679 visited, fraternal courtesy at least suggests like provision for local entertainment by the
680 chapter.

681 *Section 15.* The Article of the By-Laws of Subordinate Chapters that sets the dues paid by their
682 members are, at the option of that Chapter, automatically amended to reflect the increase
683 in per-capita tax that the Grand Chapter may, from time to time, impose. That the only
684 action required by the Subordinate Chapter to activate this Amendment to their By-Laws
685 is a motion at any Stated Convocation to increase their dues to reflect the Grand Chapter
686 per-capita increase.

687 **ARTICLE IX - LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

688 *Section 1.* Any member in good standing in this Grand Jurisdiction whose dues are paid to date
689 may purchase a life membership and be thereby relieved from the further payments of
690 dues, subject to the provision set forth in this section.

691 1st. Any member may purchase a Life Membership in this Grand Jurisdiction, who is in
692 good standing,

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The calculated formula for each age is as follows:

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Age	May 1999 - June 2009	New Factors – June 25, 2009
<i>UNCHANGED</i>	<i>DELETED</i>	<i>SUBSTITUTED</i>
18 to 40	21	40
41 to 50	18	35
51 to 60	16	30
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71 & up	11	20

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2nd. All purchasers of Life Membership may, after a down payment of 1/4 the cost of Life Membership shall be allowed to pay the balance in semi-annual or yearly payments equal to 1/4 of the cost of the Life Membership with no interest added. All payments are to be received by the constituent chapters and the money shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary upon receipt of the payment.

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3rd. A Life Membership Certificate shall only be issued after full payment is received by the Grand Secretary. Companions may, if they desire, pay the full cost of the Life Membership and receive a Life Membership Certificate.

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4th. Upon the holder of a life membership certificate transferring to another Chapter within this Grand Jurisdiction, the Grand Secretary shall-upon notice thereof transfer on the books of the Life Membership Fund the fees received for such life membership to the credit of the Chapter transferred to, regardless of by whom such life membership was purchased.

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5th. Upon the holder of a life membership certificate dimitting from this Grand Jurisdiction to any other and taking a withdrawal certificate from his Chapter, then the fee paid for such life membership shall remain to the credit of such Chapter in the Life Membership Fund.

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6th. All monies received by the Grand Secretary from the Chapters for life memberships

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7th. Any Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction may by vote purchase from its funds a life membership certificate for a member thereof, paying the fee as provided in Subdivision 1st of this section.

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724 8th. When two (2) or more Chapters consolidate, all money in the Life Membership Fund
725 to the credit of such Chapters shall be transferred to the credit of such consolidated
726 Chapter.

727 9th. Upon the dissolution of any Chapter, holders of Grand Chapter certificates of life
728 membership shall have such memberships transferred as provided in Subdivision 4th of
729 this section. The interest accruing from the fund remaining to the credit of the dissolved
730 Chapter shall at the end of the year be added to the principal of this fund.

731 10th. Holders of life membership certificates are subject to all laws, rules and
732 regulations of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota, and loss of loss
733 of membership by suspension or expulsion shall automatically abrogate his life
734 membership and any claim to pay any portion of any fees paid for such life
735 membership; but the Chapter of which he was last a member shall continue to receive
736 the income from such funds.

737 11th. The Grand Secretary shall annually remit to the secretaries of the Subordinate
738 Chapters their pro-rata portion of the earnings of the Life Membership Fund. Earnings
739 shall be credited quarterly; partial quarters shall earn no interest. The Grand Chapter
740 may deduct five percent (5%) annually from the earnings of the Fund, and transfer the
741 sum to the Grand Chapter General Account for administration costs.

742 12th. The annual per capita year for earnings of the Life Membership Fund will be as of
743 December 31st each year.

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745 13th Life Membership certificates are issued by chapter and apply only to the chapter to
746 which they issued. Companions holding dual memberships are obligated for payment of
747 dues in all chapters in which they hold membership and may apply for an additional Life
748 Membership in the dual chapter at that chapter's dues rate.

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750 14th. A member reported "indigent", as defined in the Constitution of this Grand
751 Chapter under Article VII, Section 3, Sub-section 4th, may be considered
752 " Permanently Indigent" and, therefore, eligible to receive a Life Membership t no cost to
753 either himself or his Chapter, if so certified by the High Priest and Secretary of his
754 Chapter, on a form titled "Petition for Life Membership for a Permanently Indigent
755 Member" and approved by the Charity Committee of this Grand Chapter. The Petition
756 will include an explanation as to why he is now indigent and will be permanently so. If
757 approved by the Charity Committee, the Grand Secretary will issue the Life Membership
758 Certificate in the member's name, transfer from the Charity Fund of this Grand Chapter
759 to the records of the affected Chapter, the amount of the cost as set forth under
760 Subsection 1st of this Section, and forward the Certificate of Life Membership to the
761 Chapter for delivery to the member. Should the Petition be denied, the Chapter may, if it
762 chooses, resort to the procedure outlined under Sub-section 7th, above.

763 ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

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764 "These General Regulations, as well as the Uniform Code of By-Laws for Subordinate
765 Chapters, may be amended at any sitting of the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter
766 only, by a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) majority vote of the members present at such Convocation.
767 Provided, that any proposition to amend has been published and circulated to all
768 Subordinate chapters, Grand Officers, Past Grand High Priests and the Committee on
769 Jurisprudence no later than sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Convocation, except by
770 permission of the Grand High Priest, presented and reported on by the Jurisprudence
771 Committee before a vote is taken. "