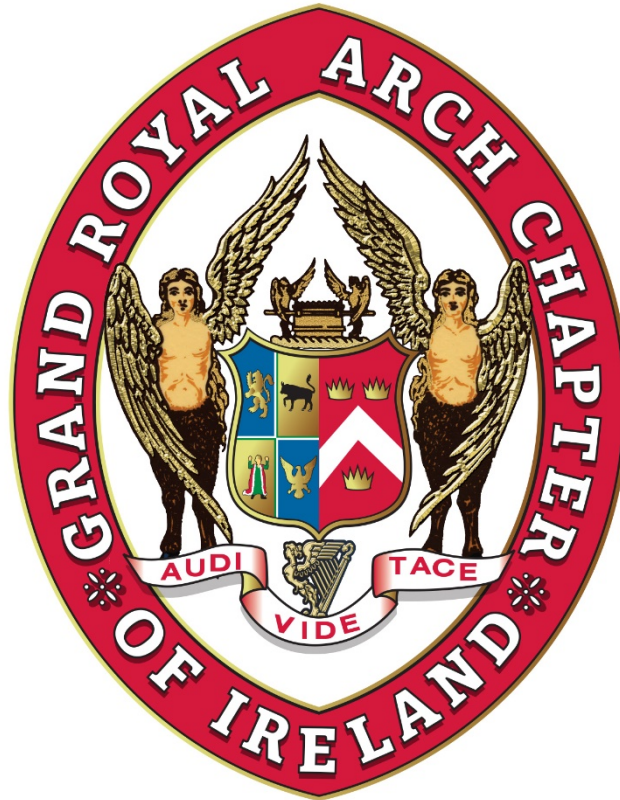


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Laws and Regulations

of the

Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland

1. The following shall be the general Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Order of Royal Arch Masons of Ireland, which consists of the Royal Arch and Mark Master Masons' Degrees only and shall take effect from the 30th March 2022. All other general laws, rules and regulations of the Order, whether contained in the Ahiman Rezon hitherto published, or in the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Books, are hereby abolished, except as regards proceedings hitherto taken.
2. In all cases of procedure when no provision is specifically made in the Laws of Supreme Royal Arch Grand Chapter, the custom and practice of the Craft shall be followed.

of The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter

3. The Government of the Order of Royal Arch Masons of Ireland is vested in the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland, which is composed of the Grand King, the Deputy Grand King, the Assistant Grand King, the Grand Officers, the Past Grand Officers, the District Grand Officers, the Past District Grand Officers and all subscribing Companions of Subordinate Chapters on the Register of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland. All members of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland must be subscribing members of a Royal Arch Chapter on the Register of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland.
4. The members of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter rank in the following order, viz.:
The Most Excellent and Supreme Grand King,
Most Excellent Past Grand Kings,
The Most Excellent the Deputy Grand King,
Most Excellent Past Deputy Grand Kings,
The Most Excellent the Assistant Grand King,
Most Excellent Past Assistant Grand Kings,
Most Excellent District Grand Kings,
Most Excellent Past District Grand Kings,
Most Excellent Provincial Grand Superintendents,
Most Excellent Past Provincial Grand Superintendents,
The Most Excellent the Grand High Priest,
Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests,
The Most Excellent the Grand Chief Scribe,
Most Excellent Past Grand Chief Scribes,
The Right Excellent the Grand Treasurer,
Right Excellent Past Grand Treasurers,
The Right Excellent the Grand Registrar,

Right Excellent Past Grand Registrars,
The Right Excellent the Grand Director of Ceremonies,
Right Excellent Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies,
Right Excellent Grand Chaplains,
Right Excellent Past Grand Chaplains,
Right Excellent District Deputy Grand Kings,
Right Excellent Past District Deputy Grand Kings,
Very Excellent Provincial Deputy Grand Superintendents,
Very Excellent Past Provincial Deputy Grand Superintendents,
Right Excellent District Assistant Grand Kings,
Right Excellent Past District Assistant Grand Kings,
Right Excellent District Grand High Priests,
Right Excellent Past District Grand High Priests,
Right Excellent District Grand Chief Scribes,
Right Excellent Past District Grand Chief Scribes,
The Very Excellent the Assistant Grand Treasurer,
Very Excellent Past Assistant Grand Treasurers,
The Very Excellent the Assistant Grand Registrar,
Very Excellent Past Assistant Grand Registrars,
The Very Excellent the Grand Captain of the Host,
Very Excellent Past Grand Captains of the Host,
The Very Excellent the Grand Superintendent of the Tabernacle,
Very Excellent Past Grand Superintendents of the Tabernacle,
The Very Excellent the Grand Royal Arch Captain,
Very Excellent Past Grand Royal Arch Captains,
The Very Excellent the Grand Captain of the Scarlet Veil,
Very Excellent Past Grand Captains of the Scarlet Veil,
The Very Excellent the Grand Captain of the Purple Veil,
Very Excellent Grand Captains of the Purple Veil,
The Very Excellent the Grand Captain of the Blue Veil,
Very Excellent Past Grand Captains of the Blue Veil,
The Very Excellent the Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies,
Very Excellent Past Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies,
Very Excellent Grand Stewards,
Very Excellent Past Grand Stewards,
The Very Excellent the Grand Sword Bearer,
Past Very Excellent Grand Sword Bearers,
The Very Excellent the Grand Organist,
Very Excellent Past Grand Organists,
The Very Excellent the Deputy Grand Organist,
Very Excellent Past Deputy Grand Organists,
The Very Excellent the Grand Chapter Standard Bearer,
Very Excellent Past Grand Chapter Standard Bearers,
The Very Excellent the Grand King's Standard Bearer,
Very Excellent Past Grand King's Standard Bearers,
The Very Excellent the Grand Janitor,
Very Excellent Past Grand Janitors,

The Very Excellent the Assistant Grand Steward,
Very Excellent Past Assistant Grand Stewards,
Very Excellent Grand Medical Support Officers,
Very Excellent Past Grand Medical Support Officers,
The Very Excellent the Grand Registrar for Instruction,
Very Excellent Past Grand Registrars for Instruction,
Very Excellent Assistant Grand Registrars for Instruction,
Very Excellent Past Assistant Grand Registrars for Instruction,
Most Excellent Representatives from Foreign Grand Chapters,
Most Excellent Past Representatives from Foreign Grand Chapters,
Very Excellent Elected Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction,
District Grand Officers,
Past District Grand Officers,
Very Excellent Companions holding Overseas District Grand Rank,
Most Excellent Acting King, High Priest and Chief Scribe of Grand Master's Chapter,
Excellent King, High Priest, Chief Scribe, Past Kings and Companions of every
Subordinate Chapter.

Past Grand and Past District Grand Officers shall rank according to seniority, after the Actual Grand or District Grand Officers of the same rank.

The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, so constituted, shall be attended by an External Janitor.

5. The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall annually elect a qualified Companion to fill the office of Grand King, who must be a duly registered Past King and a subscribing member of a Subordinate Royal Arch Chapter under the Irish Constitution.

The Grand King, provided he continues to be a subscribing member of a subordinate Royal Arch Chapter under the Irish Constitution, may be re-elected annually for a maximum period of 10 years.

In the event of the death, resignation or disability of the Grand King, the Deputy Grand King, or in the event of his death, resignation, disability or absence, the Assistant Grand King, or in the event of his death, resignation, disability or absence, the Grand Officer next in seniority who shall be available, shall forthwith summon a Convocation of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the purpose of electing a Grand King, provided that the Summons convening such Convocation of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall be issued at least ten days prior to the date of such Convocation and shall state the business to be transacted including the name and qualification of any Companion recommended by the Grand King's Council to Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter for election as Grand King and that it shall be competent for two members of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter to propose and second any other duly qualified Companion, in which case the election shall be by ballot at the next ensuing Convocation, and the Grand King so elected shall be installed at a subsequent Convocation of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

As from the date of such death, resignation or disability of the Grand King, all power and authority vested in him shall be exercised by the Deputy Grand King, or in the event of his death, resignation, disability or absence, by the Assistant Grand King, or in the event of his death, resignation, disability or absence, by the Grand Officer next in seniority who shall be available, until a Grand King shall have been elected and installed.

6. The Grand King may, as his inherent right, nominate and appoint duly qualified Companions to act as his Deputy, his Assistant, his Standard Bearer and the Grand Sword Bearer and also appoint District Grand Kings (who must be subscribing Past Kings) where District Grand Royal Arch Chapters are established.

The Grand King may also, as his inherent right, nominate and appoint Provincial Grand Superintendents of Royal Arch Masonry who must be duly registered and subscribing Past Kings, to superintend the affairs of the Order in Provinces where no District Grand Royal Arch Chapter exists; such Grand Superintendents shall hold office during the pleasure of the Grand King and shall be responsible to him and to Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter and subject to the approval of the Grand King, may appoint a duly qualified Deputy.

The Grand King shall have the power, with the concurrence of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of conferring the Honorary rank of Past Grand High Priest, or any subordinate rank upon such Past Kings, subscribing members of a Subordinate Royal Arch Chapter, as he may consider deserving of the distinction, and also of conferring the Honorary rank of Past King under the Irish Constitution on any Companion who has already passed the Chair in a Royal Arch Chapter under a Constitution recognised by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland and who has been installed as a Very Worshipful Master of a Mark Master Masons' Lodge.

In Overseas areas where there is not a District Grand Royal Arch Chapter the Grand King shall have the power of conferring Overseas District Grand Rank upon such Past Kings of the Irish Constitution as may be considered worthy of the distinction.

Companions upon whom this honour has been conferred shall rank after Past District Grand Officers, according to rank and seniority, and they may wear Aprons and Collars similar to District Grand Officers below the rank of the District Grand Chief Scribe of District Grand Royal Arch Chapters, with a Jewel bearing the design - the centrepiece of the Past King's Jewel superimposed on a terrestrial globe.

7. The Grand King and all the Grand Officers, except the Deputy Grand King, the Assistant Grand King, the Grand Registrar, the Assistant Grand Registrar, the Grand King's Standard Bearer and the Grand Sword Bearer - that is to say the Grand High Priest, Grand Chief Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Chaplains, Assistant Grand Treasurer, Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Superintendent of the Tabernacle, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Grand Captain of the Scarlet Veil, Grand Captain of the Purple Veil, Grand Captain of the Blue Veil, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Stewards, Grand Organist, Deputy Grand Organist, Grand Chapter Standard Bearer, Grand Janitor, Assistant Grand Steward and Grand Medical Support

Officers shall be elected by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter; and no Companion shall be eligible for any office in Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter unless he be a subscribing Past King of a Subordinate Royal Arch Chapter under the Irish Constitution and registered as such.

The Grand King's Council shall have the privilege of nominating Companions to hold office in the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and the Auditor of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Accounts; such nomination to be submitted to the Stated Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter in May, and at said Convocation it shall be competent for any member of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter to propose any other qualified Companion or Companions for any such office. If more than one Companion be proposed for any such office, the election shall be by ballot at the September Convocation, otherwise those nominated by the Grand King's Council shall be declared elected. This Law excludes any paid office of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter in each year.

Personal canvassing for any of the Grand Offices is strictly forbidden, and any Companion proved to have been personally engaged therein shall thereupon be deemed ineligible for election to such Grand Office as determined.

Grand Royal Arch Offices or appointments shall not be held, or be extended, beyond a period of ten years from date of Installation or Appointment, the foregoing rule being subject only to dispensation by the Grand King, or the Deputy Grand King. This rule does not apply to paid Officers of Grand Royal Arch Chapter whose terms and conditions of employment shall remain as heretofore; nor shall it apply to Past Grand Officers, Honorary Past Grand Officers or elected members of the Grand Chapter of Instruction.

When a vacancy occurs in the office of Grand Registrar the Grand King's Council shall nominate a duly qualified Companion for appointment by Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter as soon as practicable after the vacancy occurs. The Grand King's Council may consider the Grand Secretary at the Grand Lodge of Ireland as a suitable appointee as Grand Registrar of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland.

If the Grand Secretary is not considered a suitable appointee, a Committee, chaired by the Deputy Grand King, shall following a selection process, nominate for approval to the Grand King's Council a suitable Companion for the post of Grand Registrar. The Grand King's Council shall advise the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the appointment.

8. If any Grand Officer, excepting the Grand King and Grand Registrar, shall not have attended at least two of the Stated Convocations of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter during the year immediately preceding the day of nomination, he shall not be eligible for re-election or promotion unless sufficient reason for his absence be assigned to the satisfaction of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.
9. Any Companion elected as a Grand Officer, except the Grand King, Grand Treasurer, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Chaplains, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Organist, Deputy Grand Organist and Grand Medical Support

Officers shall not, after having filled that office for one year, be eligible for re-election to the same or any lower office, until after the expiration of twelve months.

10. The Stated Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall be held on the first Wednesday in February, May, November, and the third Wednesday in September, at the hour of two p.m., or at such other time as the Grand King shall direct, he may also postpone or adjourn any such Convocation.

A Notice of a Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Convocation shall be sent to each of the District Grand Registrars and to the Registrars of each Subordinate Chapter, at least one month before. A report of the Proceedings at the preceding Quarterly Convocation and at any intervening Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall be forwarded to all those entitled to receive Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Notices.

Any Member of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter may have such Notices and Proceedings emailed or posted to him on registering his address with the Grand Registrar and paying such fee as defined in the schedule of fees.

11. The Grand King, or in his absence the Deputy Grand King or in his absence the Assistant Grand King shall have power to summon and hold an Emergency Convocation, the business of such Convocation shall be stated in the summons and no other business shall be transacted at that meeting. At least seven days' notice shall be given.
12. At each Convocation the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall be opened and ruled by the Grand King, or in his absence by the Deputy Grand King, or in his absence by the Assistant Grand King, and in his absence by the member of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter then present, who shall be next in order of precedence, according to Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Law No. 4, excepting therefrom the Representatives of Foreign Grand Chapters, and the Excellent Kings, High Priests, Chief Scribes and Companions of all Subordinate Chapters.
13. The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter being opened, the minutes of the proceedings of the last Stated Convocation, and of any intervening Convocations shall be confirmed, and signed by the Presiding Officer.
14. A vote for the grant or payment of any money, except for current expenses, shall not be valid unless it shall have been regularly proposed, seconded and passed at a Stated Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, notice thereof having been given at a previous Stated Convocation.
15. A motion for the suspension, repeal, or alteration of any existing law, or for the introduction of a new one, shall not be entertained unless notice thereof, in writing, has been given at a previous Stated Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.
16. Any motion, the substance of which the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter has already considered and decided upon, shall not again be discussed until after the lapse of six months from the date of such decision.

17. If the proposer of a motion shall not attend to move it, or authorise another Companion to do so, Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter may consent to a postponement thereof, or it shall be competent for any other member of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter to move it, as if he had originally given notice thereof.
18. All matters in the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall be determined by a majority of votes, each Member present, including the Presiding Officer, to have one; and, if on a division, the numbers be equal, the Presiding Officer shall have a casting vote.
19. A discretionary power is vested in the Presiding Officer of rejecting any notice of motion if such shall be deemed by him improper, unlawful, or inconsistent with the Ancient Landmarks of the Order.
20. Each Companion while addressing the Chair shall remain standing and shall not be interrupted unless by a special motion to order, or when the Presiding Officer shall call him to order; nor shall a Companion be at liberty to speak more than once on the same subject, unless in explanation or reply, or when called upon by the Presiding Officer.
21. Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall subscribe annually, having regard to the state of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Funds at the time, to the Masonic Charities, such sums as shall be the subject of a motion annually in Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.
22. Communications shall not be made direct to the Grand King, but to the Deputy Grand King, through the Grand Registrar. In the case of the absence of the Deputy Grand King, the Grand Registrar may forward such communications direct to the Grand King.
23. The Grand King, the Deputy Grand King and the Assistant Grand King have each full authority and right to preside in any District Grand Royal Arch Chapter or Subordinate Royal Arch Chapter.
24. Any Brother expelled, suspended, reprimanded or restored by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, shall, on the same being officially communicated to Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, be by it expelled, suspended, reprimanded or restored as the case may be, without any further enquiry, or investigation. If any Companion is expelled, suspended or restored by Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, the fact shall immediately be reported to the Grand Lodge of Ireland.
25. Every Companion attending Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall wear the appropriate Full Dress Apron and Sash of the Royal Arch Degree, and if an Officer, with the Collar and Insignia of his office. No Apron, Collar, Jewel or Decoration whatever, except those of the Royal Arch and Mark Master Mason Degrees, shall be worn in Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.
26. Full details of Clothing and Insignia for Royal Arch Masons is included in the Clothing and Insignia section.

The following Officers shall be authorised to wear Chains of Office: The Grand King, his Deputy, his Assistant, the Grand High Priest, the Grand Chief Scribe, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Registrar, District Grand Kings, their Deputies and District Assistant Grand Kings, Provincial Grand Superintendents and their Deputies. A Past Grand King is also entitled to wear a chain.

The designs of all Chains of Office for Grand Officers, District Grand Kings, their Deputies and District Assistant Grand Kings and Provincial Grand Superintendents and their Deputies shall be submitted to Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter for approval.

No modification or ornamentation, inconsistent with the established forms, or tending to obscure the original design of the Clothing and Insignia, shall be permitted.

All designs for Chapter Badges or Insignia, involving any addition to, or variation from the patterns annexed, shall be submitted for approval to the Grand King's Council.

of the Grand King's Cabinet

27. The Grand King's Cabinet shall consist of the following:
 - The Grand King
 - The Deputy Grand King
 - The Assistant Grand King
 - The Grand Treasurer
 - The Grand Registrar
28. The Grand King's Cabinet shall meet at least quarterly on dates and times as determined by the Grand King.
29. The Grand King will chair the Cabinet. In his absence the Deputy Grand King, or in his absence the Assistant Grand King.
30. Meetings of the Grand King's Cabinet may be attended by third parties at the invitation of the Cabinet.
31. The Grand King's Cabinet may appoint committees for specific purposes, who shall report to the Cabinet on the subjects referred to them.
32. The key responsibilities of the Cabinet will include:
 - 32.1 Planning, objectives and strategy
 - making recommendations for the objectives and strategy of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter to the Grand King's Council for its approval;
 - optimising the allocation and adequacy of the resources of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter; and
 - the development of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter budgets and long term plan to be presented to the Grand King's Council for its approval.

32.2 Operations and Performance

- oversight of the implementation of the objectives and strategy approved by the Grand King's Council;
- the day-to-day management of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter in accordance with the approved objectives and strategy;
- monitoring performance against budgets and achievement of the long term plan approved by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter;
- facilitating active liaison, co-ordination and co-operation between the various functions and bodies within Freemasonry.

32.3 Internal control

- approving actions and agreements in line with responsibilities;
- to review, debate and form recommendations on relevant items before escalation to the Grand King's Council and Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter;
- approving and, where necessary, reviewing (before their presentation to the Grand King's Council) significant contracts and transactions;

32.4 People

- monitoring the staff requirements across Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter;
- reviewing succession planning;

of the Grand King's Council

33. The Grand King's Council shall consist of the following:

The Grand King
The Deputy Grand King
The Assistant Grand King
The Grand Treasurer
The Grand Registrar
District Grand Kings
Provincial Grand Superintendents

34. The Grand King's Council shall meet on the second Tuesday in the months of January, April, August and October or such other dates as determined by the Grand King.

35. Voting at the Grand King's Council shall be by weighted voting. Each District or Superintendency shall have one vote for every ten Royal Arch Chapters or part thereof in their respective area. In all cases a simple majority shall decide. All other Council members shall have a single vote. In the case of an equality of votes on any question at a meeting of the Grand King's Council, the Chairperson of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

36. The Grand King's Council may appoint committees for specific purposes, who shall report to the Council on the subjects referred to them. Meetings of the Grand King's Council may be attended by third parties at the invitation of the Council.

37. The Grand King's Council shall at its first meeting in each year elect a committee of five, one of whom shall be the Grand Treasurer, who shall be Chairman, to be termed the Finance Committee. Three shall form a quorum. They shall meet quarterly, or as required, and their duty shall be to examine at each meeting the Accounts of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter as shown by the Abstracts of Income and Expenditure and the Bank Statement. All cheques drawn on the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter account shall be signed by two of the signatories authorized by the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee delegates the authority to make electronic fund transfers to at least two designated administrators.
38. The Accounts of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall be audited each year by a professional accountant who shall be entitled to such fee as agreed with the Grand King's Council. The appointment shall be made in conformity with Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Law No. 40.2. If the Auditor of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Accounts shall die or resign or become incapable of carrying out the duties of the office before they shall have completed the audit of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Accounts, the Grand King's Council shall at its next meeting appoint a duly qualified replacement to audit or complete the audit of the Accounts as may be necessary.
39. The audited Accounts of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, signed by the Auditor, shall be presented by the Grand Treasurer to a meeting of the Grand King's Council and after their review and approval shall be submitted to Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter at its Convocation in February or May by the Grand Treasurer. There shall be included in the Annual Report, a statement of the Income and Expenditure of the year and a statement showing all sums remaining due to Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.
40. The duties of the Grand King's Council shall be as follows:
 - 40.1 To submit to the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter at its Stated Convocation, a correct list of all Royal Arch Chapters whose Warrants have been cancelled, suspended, surrendered, or restored since the last stated Convocation.
 - 40.2 To nominate all the Grand Officers in conformity with Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Law No. 7 and the Auditor of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Accounts, such nominations to be subject in every case to the approval of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.
 - 40.3 To agree the duties of the paid Officers of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.
 - 40.4 To supervise and control the management of the property and finances of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter subject to any directions and decisions of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.
 - 40.5 To recommend the name of a suitable Past King to fill any vacancy which may occur in the representation of a Foreign Grand Royal Arch Chapter at the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland. The election shall take place at the next Stated Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and the name be sent forward for approval to the Foreign Grand Royal Arch Chapter. Provided

always that three names be sent forward by the Grand King's Council when any Foreign Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall require more than one name to be submitted, preserving, however, the existing right as to nomination for ballot.

41. All matters on which the Grand King's Council shall have come to any decision shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting and a summary submitted to the next Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

of District Grand Royal Arch Chapters

42. Each District Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall consist of a District Grand King, District Deputy Grand King, District Assistant Grand Kings, District Grand High Priest, District Grand Chief Scribe, District Grand Treasurer, District Grand Registrar, District Grand Director of Ceremonies, District Grand Chaplains, District Assistant Grand Treasurer, District Assistant Grand Registrar, District Grand Captain of the Host, District Grand Superintendent of the Tabernacle, District Grand Royal Arch Captain, District Grand Captain of the Scarlet Veil, District Grand Captain of the Purple Veil, District Grand Captain of the Blue Veil, District Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies, District Grand Stewards, District Grand Almoners, District Grand Sword Bearer, District Grand Organist, District Deputy Grand Organist, District Grand Chapter Standard Bearer, District Grand King's Standard Bearer, District Grand Janitor, District Grand Inspectors and District Grand Medical Support Officers together with the Past District Grand Officers and all subscribing Companions of Subordinate Chapters in the District on the Register of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland, taking precedence as in Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.
43. District Grand Royal Arch Offices or appointments shall not be held, or be extended, beyond a period of ten years from date of Installation or Appointment, the foregoing rule being subject only to dispensation by the District Grand King, or the District Deputy Grand King. This rule does not apply to paid Officers of District Grand Royal Arch Chapters whose terms and conditions of employment shall remain as heretofore; nor shall it apply to Past District Grand Officers or Honorary Past District Grand Officers.
44. The appointment of a District Grand King is the prerogative of the Grand King of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, by whom a patent during his pleasure may be granted, to such Companion of eminence and ability, being a subscribing Past King, as may be thought worthy of the appointment. On the demise or resignation of the Grand King, each District Grand King shall continue to discharge his functions until the pleasure of the succeeding Grand King shall be declared.
45. The District Grand King, when duly installed, is empowered to appoint as his Deputy a Past King, being a subscribing Member of a Chapter in the District.
46. The Grand King may authorise a District Grand King to appoint annually a Past King residing in the District, who shall be a Subscribing Member of a Chapter in the District to act as District Assistant Grand King. If considered desirable the District Grand King

may be authorised to appoint more than one such Assistant. District Assistant Grand Kings in their own District shall take precedence immediately after the District Deputy Grand King. In a District where there is more than one District Assistant Grand King they shall take precedence among themselves in accordance with seniority of appointment.

47. All elective District Grand Officers (who shall be Past Kings, and also subscribing Members of a Royal Arch Chapter in the District), shall be annually elected by the District Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and their names shall be notified to the Grand Registrar's Office on or before the 30th October in each year, for registration in the books of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.
48. The District Grand King, with the concurrence of his District Grand Royal Arch Chapter, shall have power to appoint District Grand Inspectors. They shall rank immediately after the District Grand Janitor, and their duties shall be to visit such Royal Arch Chapters in the District as may be placed under their supervision, and to carry out such instructions as may be given by the District Grand King or his Deputy or his Assistant. They shall have power to call for and examine the minute book and other official books and documents belonging to the Royal Arch Chapter visited.
49. The District Grand King, or in his absence his Deputy or his Assistant, shall hold a District Grand Royal Arch Chapter Convocation within his District at least twice in each year, and may convene an Emergency Convocation of District Grand Royal Arch Chapter whenever such Convocations may be deemed necessary, the notice of such Convocations to be by summons. At each Convocation of the District Grand Royal Arch Chapter the Chair shall be filled by the District Grand King; or in his absence by his Deputy, or in his absence by his Assistant or in his absence by the Member of the District Grand Royal Arch Chapter present who shall be next in order of precedence.
50. The District Grand King, or his Deputy, or his Assistant, assisted by his District Grand Royal Arch Chapter, shall hear and determine all subjects of Masonic complaint or irregularity respecting Royal Arch Chapters or individual Companions within the District; and may proceed according to the Laws to admonish, reprimand or fine as defined in its schedule of fees; which decision in all such cases shall be final, unless there be an appeal made therefrom to Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter within one month after such decision; provided always that when the case is of such a nature to require the suspension or cancellation of a Warrant, or the suspension or expulsion of a Companion, the District Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall report the case to Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter for its decision.
51. If the District Grand King or his Deputy or his Assistant, shall neglect or decline to bring before the District Grand Royal Arch Chapter any application or complaint on which its decision may be required, such application or complaint may be transmitted direct to Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.
52. The District Grand King, the District Deputy Grand King and the District Assistant Grand Kings have the right to preside in any District Grand Royal Arch Chapter or Subordinate Royal Arch Chapter within their District.

53. The District Grand Royal Arch Chapter may summon any or all of the Officers of any Royal Arch Chapter within its District, or any individual Member or Members thereof, to attend and produce the Warrant, books, papers and accounts, or other documents of such Royal Arch Chapter. If the summons be not complied with, or sufficient reason be not given for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of contumacy the Royal Arch Chapter or Companion may be suspended by Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, subject to the provision of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Law No. 68.
54. The District Grand King shall cause correct minutes to be kept of all the proceedings of his District Grand Royal Arch Chapter and shall produce them to Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter whenever required.

The District Grand King shall cause a certified copy of the Accounts of the District, when audited, to be forwarded to the Grand Registrar no later than the 30th June each year.

The District Grand King shall confirm in writing to the Grand Registrar that a certified copy of the Balance Sheet of each Subordinate Royal Arch Chapter in his District has been received by the District Grand Treasurer no later than the 30th June each year.

55. Should the District Grand King die, resign, or be removed from office, the authority of his Deputy shall continue until a successor shall be appointed and installed, or during the pleasure of the Grand King.
56. Each District Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall frame by-laws for its own government, provided that such by-laws as well as any alterations that may be made therein, shall be first submitted to, and approved of by Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and shall become valid and take effect only from the date of such approval. Two copies thereof, as approved, shall be lodged in the Grand Registrar's Office.
57. In each District Grand Royal Arch Chapter within Ireland, the District Grand King is empowered, at his discretion and option, to confer upon Companions of worth and experience, who are subscribing Past Kings of a Royal Arch Chapter within his District and have rendered distinguished service to Royal Arch Masonry, the Honorary Rank of Past District Grand Officer.

A Companion upon whom Honorary Past District Grand Rank has been conferred under this Law, shall be entitled to wear the regalia of a Past District Grand Officer of equivalent Rank. Companions, on whom this honour has been conferred, shall rank after the holder and past holders of the District Grand Rank to which they have been appointed.

1. In any District of 75 or more Chapters, four Honorary Past District Grand Officers of whom one may be a District Grand Chief Scribe, the other three of lesser Rank.

2. In any District of 30 or more Chapters but less than 75, two Honorary Past District Grand Officers, of whom one may be a District Grand Chief Scribe in each other year, the other to be of lesser Rank.
3. In any District of less than 30 Chapters, one Honorary Past District Grand Officer of lesser rank than District Grand Chief Scribe, but once in every five years the Rank may be District Grand Chief Scribe.

District Grand Chapters Overseas

58. In each District Grand Royal Arch Chapter Overseas, the District Grand King is empowered, at his discretion and option, to confer upon Companions of worth and experience, who are subscribing Past Kings of a Royal Arch Chapter within his District and have rendered distinguished service to Royal Arch Masonry, the Honorary Rank of Past District Grand Officer.

A Companion upon whom Honorary Past District Grand Rank has been conferred under this Law, shall be entitled to wear the regalia of a Past District Grand Officer of equivalent Rank. Companions, on whom this honour has been conferred, shall rank after the holder and past holders of the District Grand Rank to which they have been appointed.

1. In any District of 30 or more Chapters, two Honorary Past District Grand Officers, of whom one may be a District Grand Chief Scribe in each other year, the other to be of lesser Rank.
 2. In any District of less than 30 Chapters, one Honorary Past District Grand Officer of lesser rank than District Grand Chief Scribe, but once in every five years the Rank may be District Grand Chief Scribe.
59. A District Grand King of any District Grand Royal Arch Chapter outside Ireland on the advice and with the consent of his District Grand Royal Arch Chapter, may confer Honorary Membership of such District Grand Royal Arch Chapter on such District First Grand Principals of recognised Sister Constitutions having Royal Arch Chapter meetings in his District as he shall consider worthy of this distinction. He shall inform the Grand King immediately such distinction has been conferred.

Provincial Grand Superintendents

60. The Provincial Grand Superintendents duties shall be similar in all respects to those of the District Grand Kings. Such Provincial Grand Superintendents may, with the approval of the Grand King, appoint a Provincial Deputy Grand Superintendent, who must be a Past King and subscribing member of a Royal Arch Chapter in the locality for which they may be appointed.

of Royal Arch Committees of Inspection

61. At all Committees of Inspection, it is a breach of Masonic Duty on the part of any Companion present at any meeting of the Committee of Inspection, to disclose outside such Committee the name of any member in connection with any observations made at such meeting.
62. Royal Arch Committees of Inspection may be set up in Districts, if required, and may draw up their own rules, subject to the approval of the District Grand Royal Arch Chapter having jurisdiction over the area and Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.
63. A Committee of Inspection shall not take into consideration the eligibility of any Candidate for Exaltation, until such Candidate shall have been balloted for and approved in the Royal Arch Chapter he proposes to join, and shall have obtained his Grand Lodge Certificate.
64. All names to be submitted to a Committee of Inspection, should be sent to the respective Registrar before the Meeting of the Committee in accordance with its rules and should detail full names, addresses, occupation and Lodge number of each Candidate.

In like manner, it shall be the duty of District Committees of Inspection to decide on the eligibility of Candidates in their respective Districts in accordance with such regulations as shall be approved by Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

of Subordinate Royal Arch Chapters

65. No Royal Arch Chapter shall be held unless a Warrant thereof shall have been previously issued by Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter; the mode of application for which shall be by petition, signed by at least nine Royal Arch Masons, the majority of whom must be registered in the books of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, who are Mark Master Masons, and who must also be registered Master Masons of not less than five years' standing, and at the time subscribing Members of some Lodge under the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The applicants shall specify in their petition the place where the Royal Arch Chapter is to meet, together with the names of the intended Excellent King, High Priest and Chief Scribe, and Officers of the Royal Arch Chapter and shall undertake on the part of the proposed Royal Arch Chapter to conform strictly to the ritual, Laws and Regulations of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.
66. A Companion who signs the Memorial for a New Warrant and does not withdraw his name before the Constitution of the Royal Arch Chapter or offer a sufficient reason for his failure so to withdraw his name, is deemed to be a Founder-member of the Royal Arch Chapter and therefore liable for dues from the date of Constitution.
67. The fee for a Warrant shall be as defined in the schedule of fees. A duplicate Warrant can only be issued upon satisfactory proof being given of the loss or destruction of the original Warrant; the fee for such duplicate shall be as defined in the schedule of fees. The fees in all cases must be lodged with the application.

68. Each Royal Arch Chapter shall be subject to fine as defined in the schedule of fees, or to have its Warrant suspended or cancelled in any of the following cases: omitting to hold a meeting of the Royal Arch Chapter for the space of two years; neglecting or refusing to conform or comply with the Laws and Regulations of the Order; not working in conformity with the Ritual of the Order, as approved by Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter; provided always that the Excellent King, High Priest and the Chief Scribe of the Royal Arch Chapter shall have been previously duly summoned to show cause to the contrary.

In the event of a Royal Arch Chapter being called to show cause against suspension, the Excellent King, High Priest and Chief Scribe thereof may be summoned to attend and shall produce the Warrant and books of the Royal Arch Chapter. The Warrant of a suspended or cancelled Royal Arch Chapter shall forthwith be delivered up to Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

If the Warrant of any Royal Arch Chapter shall be suspended or cancelled, the subscribing members thereof at the time of its having incurred such penalty, except such member or members as shall be specifically exempted by name in such order, shall be suspended from all the rights of Royal Arch Masonry, until restored by Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter; should Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter consider such necessary or advisable, said suspension shall be reported to the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

If the Warrant of any Royal Arch Chapter be purchased or procured by any other means than permission from Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, such Warrant shall be cancelled, and all acts done under such Warrant since the same was irregularly obtained shall be deemed void.

69. The Officers of a Royal Arch Chapter are: Excellent King, High Priest, Chief Scribe, Treasurer, Registrar, Director of Ceremonies, Almoner, Chaplain, Captain of the Host, Superintendent of the Tabernacle, Royal Arch Captain, Captain of the Scarlet Veil, Captain of the Purple Veil, Captain of the Blue Veil and Janitor; the other Officers that may be elected are Stewards. It shall not be competent for any Royal Arch Chapter to be opened or to remain open unless at least six Companions be present, one of whom must be an Actual or Past Excellent King (with Actual or Past High Priest and Actual or Past Chief Scribe), who shall preside. The Royal Arch Degree shall not be conferred unless nine Companions, at least, are present during the entire ceremony.
70. The Officers of all Subordinate Royal Arch Chapters shall be elected annually. A Companion elected to office in any Subordinate Royal Arch Chapter must be a subscribing member in good standing.

The Excellent King and Council elect must be installed by 1st May following their election, except by Dispensation from Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter on the recommendation of the Grand King's Council.

Any Companion elected to be Excellent King, High Priest, or Chief Scribe must be either the actual Master or Past Master of a Craft Lodge at the time of election and must also be five years at least registered as a Master Mason. The Excellent King elect must also have served the Office of High Priest or Chief Scribe or both, unless by special permission of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and before installation as Excellent King he must be installed Very Worshipful Master in a Mark Lodge.

A Companion affiliating from a Royal Arch Chapter under another Constitution, to be eligible for election as Excellent King, High Priest or Chief Scribe, must fulfil all the requirements of his Irish counterpart. e.g. For election to the Chair, he must be a subscribing Past Master of a Craft Lodge and have served the Office of High Priest or Chief Scribe, or both, in an Irish Chapter, except by dispensation. If he be a Past Z or Past First Principal of another Constitution, he must still take the Obligations of an installed King and an installed Very Worshipful Master of a Mark Lodge, wherein he must be installed in the usual way. Otherwise, only in an emergency may he take the Chair in an Irish Royal Arch Chapter or Lodge of Mark Master Masons, if qualified in the latter case.

71. All Royal Arch Chapters shall elect their Officers prior to the 20th of October in each year, and shall without delay register their Officers for the ensuing year. The names of the said Officers shall be submitted for the approval of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter at its Stated Convocation in November. No subordinate Royal Arch Chapter in Ireland shall, under any circumstances, install its Officers prior to the November Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, nor prior to registering their Officers required by Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Law No. 101, nor prior to paying all Fees and Fines due to the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter at the date of such return, nor prior to receiving the approval of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter from the Grand Registrar.
72. Royal Arch Chapters outside Ireland, that are designated Southern Hemisphere in the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter records, shall elect their Officers on or before the 20th April in each year, and shall without delay register their Officers for the ensuing year. The names of the said Officers shall be submitted for the approval of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter at its Stated Convocation on the first Wednesday in May. No subordinate Royal Arch Chapters meeting outside Ireland shall, under any circumstances, install their Officers until they shall have received confirmation from the Grand Registrar, or the District Grand Registrar, that such Officers have been approved.

In the case of Royal Arch Chapters meeting outside Ireland within the jurisdiction of a District Grand Chapter and following confirmation from Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter that all are qualified, the names of Officers duly elected shall be submitted to the District Grand Registrar and he will, in turn, submit them to the Board of General Purposes of the District Grand Chapter. No subordinate Royal Arch Chapters meeting outside Ireland within the jurisdiction of a District Grand Chapter shall, under any circumstances, install their Officers until they shall have received confirmation from the Grand Registrar, or the District Grand Registrar, that such Officers have been approved.

73. Every subscribing member on the Roll of a Royal Arch Chapter under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter (including Overseas) shall pay a subscription as defined in the schedule of fees, as determined by Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter from time to time, following Notice of Motion.

All Dues and Fees shall be payable to Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter at the time of submitting the Registration of Officers to the Grand Registrar as required by Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Law No. 101.

74. The Excellent King, High Priest or Chief Scribe may not, after his Installation, resign Office until the termination of the year for which he has been elected and remain a member of the Royal Arch Chapter.

In case of death or the expulsion or suspension by Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Excellent King, the immediate Past King, or in case of his absence or incapacity, the senior Past King (such immediate or senior Past King being a subscribing member of the Royal Arch Chapter) shall rule the Royal Arch Chapter until the next election of Officers and the Installation of the newly-elected Excellent King.

75. Every Royal Arch Chapter shall make by-laws, compatible with the general statutes enacted by Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter. Two copies of such proposed by-laws, and of every alteration made thereto, shall be transmitted to the District Grand Registrar (where the Royal Arch Chapter meets in a District) for recommendation for the approval of the Grand King's Council and in all other cases direct to the Grand Registrar; such by-laws, or any alteration therein, shall not come into operation until approved by the Grand King's Council.

76. An Emergency Convocation may be called at any time by the authority of the Excellent King, or in his absence the High Priest or in their absence the Chief Scribe, but not otherwise. The business to be transacted at such Emergency Convocation shall be stated in the summons, and no other business shall be transacted at that meeting.

77. All communications from and to the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, a District Grand Royal Arch Chapter or a Subordinate Royal Arch Chapter, or from and to a District Grand Royal Arch Chapter and a Subordinate Royal Arch Chapter shall be read in open Chapter and entered in the minutes. Correspondence should be read as follows; Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, District Grand Royal Arch Chapter, then all other correspondence.

78. Each Royal Arch Chapter shall have a Seal with its number thereon wherewith to verify the transactions of the Royal Arch Chapter, or other documents.

79. No unvouched visitor shall be permitted to be present at the opening of any Royal Arch Chapter; nor shall he be permitted to visit a Royal Arch Chapter when open, until he has answered satisfactorily such questions as shall be put to him by the Excellent King or by his authority, and has produced, if required, his Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Certificate.

80. A Brother shall not be balloted for until he has been registered in the Grand Lodge of Ireland, or in a Grand Lodge in friendly communication with it, as a Master Mason for twelve months (except in the case of Military Brethren, when one month will suffice) unless by dispensation from Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, or during the intervals of their Quarterly Convocations, from the Grand King or his Deputy or his Assistant. He must also have obtained the Degree of Mark Master Mason, before exaltation, and must be a subscribing member, in good standing, of a Craft Lodge.

For a breach of this law a Royal Arch Chapter may be fined, in which case the minimum fine shall be as defined in the schedule of fees.

81. New Candidates: Every subscribing Companion has an inherent right to propose in open Chapter a Candidate for admission to his Royal Arch Chapter, after which the Royal Arch Chapter may refer the name to a Committee of Scrutineers for enquiry and report, but this must be after and not before the actual proposal.

A Brother shall not be balloted for in any Royal Arch Chapter unless he shall have been duly proposed and seconded in open Chapter, and seven days at least shall elapse between the day of proposal and the convocation for ballot; the day either of proposal or of ballot must be a Stated Convocation of the Chapter. The summons for ballot shall notify the name, Lodge number, profession or occupation, and residence of the candidate; also, the names of the proposer and seconder, and shall be sent to every member of the Royal Arch Chapter at least three days previous to the ballot. If a Committee of Scrutineers has been appointed, then they will report their findings prior to the Ballot.

82. It is a fundamental right of every member to be able to express, by the ballot, his unbiased opinion on the desirability, or otherwise of admitting a new member, and after the ballot has been declared no discussion shall be allowed respecting the reason which may have actuated any member in casting his vote, and no attempt should be made directly or indirectly to ascertain how any individual voted.
83. If the ballot is clear (Refer to Law No. 98) then the candidate's details should be forwarded to the local Committee of Inspection, if one exists, for their approval. If a Committee of Inspection does not exist in the District then the candidate's name should be forwarded to the District Grand Royal Arch Chapter for them to enquire as to the suitability of the candidate for Royal Arch Masonry. In either case if a satisfactory reply is received from the Inspection Committee or District Grand Royal Arch Chapter then the Royal Arch Chapter should proceed to initiate the candidate.

The candidate must not be advised that the ballot was clear until final approval has been given by the Committee of Inspection or the District Grand Royal Arch Chapter as set in Grand Chapter Law No. 61.

In the case of an adverse ballot, the Excellent King, if he has any reason to believe that a mistake has been made, may order a fresh ballot.

84. No Brother shall be exalted to the Royal Arch Degree, whether by Dispensation or otherwise, unless his Grand Lodge Certificate shall be first produced to the Royal Arch Chapter in which he is about to be exalted and his name must have been previously approved by the Royal Arch Committee of Inspection where one exists. The Royal Arch Degree shall not be conferred upon more than three Candidates at the same time.

In all cases the conferring of the Mark Master Mason Degree shall take place before the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree.

The conferring of the Mark Master Mason and Royal Arch Degrees shall be done in their entirety, and the conferring of such Degrees takes precedence of all other business.

A copy of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Laws and Regulations and Subordinate Chapter By-Laws shall be presented to each Candidate after the final charge in the Royal Arch Degree.

No Royal Arch Chapter shall confer any Degree on any Member or Candidate of another Royal Arch Chapter unless on requisition of such Royal Arch Chapter, signed by the Excellent King and Registrar thereof, and having the Royal Arch Chapter seal affixed.

85. The Minimum Exaltation Fee shall be as defined in the schedule of fees, which sum must be paid in full in one payment previous to Advancement and Exaltation. A Royal Arch Chapter shall not, on any pretence, remit or repay the whole or any part of this sum. Any Royal Arch Chapter exalting a Brother for a sum less than is specified shall be liable to a fine as defined in the schedule of fees as Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall impose.
86. If the candidate lives outside the local area within which the Royal Arch Chapter meets (local Committee of Inspection where one exists) then the Royal Arch Chapter shall proceed as directed by Grand Chapter Law No. 81 until the ballot is complete. Upon a satisfactory result from the ballot the Royal Arch Chapter shall forward an enquiry, as to his suitability for Royal Arch Masonry, to a Committee of Inspection within the candidate's home area, if one exists. If no Committee of Inspection exists in the candidate's home area then enquiries should be made to one or more Royal Arch Chapters in the candidate's home area or to the District Grand Royal Arch Chapter as appropriate. Upon a satisfactory reply from one of the foregoing then the Royal Arch Chapter will proceed as directed by Grand Chapter Law No. 83.
87. When a Royal Arch Chapter receives similar inquiries respecting the character of a local resident proposed elsewhere, the reply which must be the result of discussion in open Chapter, should deal solely with his suitability as a member of Royal Arch Masonry at large, and not with his eligibility for admission to that particular Royal Arch Chapter.

Royal Arch Chapters under the Constitution of this Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall not Initiate any Candidate whose usual place of residence or domicile is in England or Scotland, or in any place where the Supreme Grand Chapter of England or the Supreme

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland has exclusive Royal Arch Jurisdiction, without first making all enquiries and obtaining the special permission of the Grand Chapter concerned. This Law shall not apply to members of any University where there is a Royal Arch Chapter confined to members of that University.

A candidate may not be balloted for, who has not at least twelve months residence within the jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland.

Residents outside the jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland who may return to their native town or district on a temporary visit are not eligible for initiation there until enquiries shall have been made by the Grand Registrar from the Grand Chapter having jurisdiction over the neighbourhood of the Candidate's permanent residence.

A Candidate for initiation rejected by a Royal Arch Chapter shall not be again proposed in the same Royal Arch Chapter until after the lapse of at least six months.

88. The home address of any member of the Security Forces shall not appear on any circular, but his address, the branch of the Security Forces to which he belongs and his place of employment must be submitted on the form sent to the Committee of Inspection.
89. If a candidate proposed for admission be in any physical manner maimed, lame or defective he shall not require dispensation; for, in symbolic Masonry, it is his moral worth, not physical integrity, that justifies his admission.
90. Any Companion ceasing to be a subscribing Member of a Craft Lodge shall not continue to be a subscribing Member of a Royal Arch Chapter.
91. Re-joining Candidate / Lapsed Membership: A Companion lapsing from membership, for any reason, whether by resignation, or by being struck off the roll for non-payment of dues shall not be permitted to re-join until it is confirmed that he is a member of a Craft Lodge, he has produced his Grand Chapter Certificate, and also, when possible, a Clearance Certificate or Demit from the last Royal Arch Chapter of which he had been a member, from which Royal Arch Chapter a recommendation of him as a joining Companion must be requested and obtained; and read in open Chapter prior to ballot. He must then be proposed, seconded, balloted for and cleared by the appropriate Committee of Inspection or District Grand Chapter as per Grand Chapter Law No. 83. When the foregoing is satisfactorily completed, he may be invited to join the Royal Arch Chapter.
92. Affiliations or joining from another Constitution: A Companion wishing to affiliate to a Royal Arch Chapter must be a subscribing member of another Royal Arch Chapter under the Irish Constitution. He shall not be balloted for until due enquiry shall have been made and a satisfactory reply received from such Royal Arch Chapter, which shall be read in open Chapter before ballot. Any Royal Arch Chapter knowingly affiliating a Companion

who is in arrears of dues in another Royal Arch Chapter shall be held liable for such arrears.

A Companion shall not be balloted for affiliation in any Royal Arch Chapter unless he shall have been duly proposed and seconded in open Chapter, and seven days at least shall elapse between the day of proposal and the meeting for ballot; the day either of proposal or of ballot must be a Stated Convocation of the Royal Arch Chapter. The summons for ballot shall notify the name, Chapter number, profession or occupation, and residence of the candidate; also, the names of the proposer and seconder, and shall be sent to every member of the Royal Arch Chapter at least three days previous to the ballot. It is not necessary to submit the name of a Companion affiliating from a Royal Arch Chapter under the Irish Constitution to a Committee of Inspection.

93. A Royal Arch Chapter wishing to affiliate or admit a Companion who is, or was, a member of a Royal Arch Chapter under another Constitution, which must be recognised by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland, must first seek approval, via the Grand Registrar of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland, from the Grand Chapter of which the Royal Arch Chapter is a member. This permission must indicate that the Companion is in good standing with the Royal Arch Chapter or left the Royal Arch Chapter in good standing.

When confirmation has been received, via the Grand Registrar of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland, then the process as outlined in Grand Chapter Law No. 83 must be followed as if the Companion was a joining member.

A Companion affiliating from a Royal Arch Chapter under another Constitution must obtain the Degree of Mark Master Mason, if not already in possession of it before being received into the Royal Arch Chapter. No Royal Arch Chapter shall confer the Degree of Mark Master Mason upon a Companion affiliating from a Royal Arch Chapter under another Constitution for a sum not less than that defined in the schedule of fees. (See Mark Master Masons' Law No. 6 and Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Law No. 86.)

94. Candidates from Grand Royal Arch Chapters not recognised by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland are not eligible for affiliation and must obtain the Degree of Mark Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason under the Irish Constitution. This means that they must be treated as new joining members.
95. If a Companion seeks affiliation from a Constitution that has been suppressed or which has ceased to work, but which was in Amity up to the time of its suppression or cessation, he must produce his Certificate or a document corresponding thereto, showing that he was a Royal Arch Mason in good standing before the suppression or cessation of the Constitution under which he was Initiated, and the Royal Arch Chapter to which he wishes to affiliate must make all possible enquiries about him. The result of these enquiries must be sent to the Grand Registrar, and the Companion concerned shall not be balloted for until the permission of the Grand King or the Deputy Grand King or the Assistant Grand King shall have been given.

96. Honorary Membership: A Royal Arch Chapter may elect as Honorary Members Companions of eminence or distinction in Royal Arch Masonry, or who may have rendered special service to the Royal Arch Chapter. Such Companions may be of the Irish Constitution, or any other Constitution recognised by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland. Such Honorary Members shall not be eligible to hold office in the Royal Arch Chapter, or to vote on any question before the Royal Arch Chapter; nor shall any Royal Arch Chapter confer Honorary Membership on one of its own members. The Companion in question must be a subscribing member of another Royal Arch Chapter. The Companion must be proposed and seconded in open Chapter and seven days at least shall elapse between the day of proposal and the meeting for ballot; the day either of proposal or of ballot must be a Stated Convocation of the Royal Arch Chapter.

No annual fee shall be payable to Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland in respect of such Honorary Members, their election shall be on the same terms as affiliates, and the Provisions of Grand Chapter Law No. 105 regarding exclusion shall also apply to them. Should the Companion cease to be a subscribing member of any Royal Arch Chapter his Honorary membership shall be discontinued.

An Honorary Member of a Royal Arch Chapter desiring to become a Member of the Royal Arch Chapter must be proposed, seconded and balloted for in accordance with Grand Chapter Law No. 92.

97. Emeritus Membership: Where a Companion may have rendered signal service to his Royal Arch Chapter, or there are special personal circumstances to justify it, a Royal Arch Chapter may elect a Companion, being a subscribing member of the Royal Arch Chapter, to the dignity of Emeritus Member. Such Emeritus Member shall not be eligible to pay annual dues to his Royal Arch Chapter; but the Royal Arch Chapter will be responsible for paying his Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter dues and District Grand Royal Arch Chapter dues, if any, annually on his behalf. An Emeritus Member, is not debarred from membership of other Branches of the Order; and he shall retain full rights as theretofore, to hold Office, to propose motions and vote on any question before the Royal Arch Chapter.
98. Balloting: Balloting must in all cases be with beans, three or more negatives to exclude. In every case the proposer or seconder must be present at the ballot. At a ballot for Candidates all subscribing members of a Royal Arch Chapter present at the ballot must vote, even if in arrear of dues provided they have attained the rank of Royal Arch Mason. On all other subjects members may refrain from voting if they so desire.

If, upon taking a ballot for a Candidate, the number of beans in the box does not coincide with that of the members present who are entitled to vote, the ballot is void, and it may be held again immediately, or at a subsequent meeting. In the event of an adverse ballot, it must be borne clearly in mind that the Excellent King of a Royal Arch Chapter should have some substantial reason for supposing a mistake to have been made in the first ballot before ordering a second to be taken.

It is a fundamental right of every member to be able to express, by the ballot, his unbiased opinion on the desirability, or otherwise of admitting a new member, and after the ballot has been declared no discussion shall be allowed respecting the reason which may have actuated any member in casting his vote, and no attempt should be made directly or indirectly to ascertain how any individual voted.

99. If there be more than one Candidate for initiation, affiliation or rejoining, then separate ballots must be held, unless the ballot box makes provision for multiple ballots in separate compartments.
100. Every Companion shall be entitled to a Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Certificate immediately upon his being registered in the books of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter as a Royal Arch Mason, and the Registrar of each Royal Arch Chapter shall forthwith procure such Certificate. If it shall appear that any Companion has been exalted irregularly, a Certificate shall not be issued to him unless by order of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.
101. Every Royal Arch Chapter shall keep the records of its members up to date on the Client Relationship Management System. Access to the Client Relationship Management System will be provided by the Grand Registrar's Office to the Royal Arch Chapter Registrar or Designated person. Records to be kept up-to-date will be directed by the Grand Registrar's Office.

The Royal Arch Chapter Registrar or Designated person shall ensure that all records are up-to-date on or before census day, the 31st December in each year and dues will be charged as per the membership records at that date.

The Royal Arch Chapter Registrar or Designated person shall ensure that the Registration of Officers for the ensuing year shall be completed on or before the 20th October in each year; and at the same time all monies outstanding to the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall be forwarded. No Chapter shall install its Officers until they are approved by Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

Any Royal Arch Chapter failing to keep the records of its members up to date and register its Officers in strict conformity with this Law shall be liable to a fine as defined in the schedule of fees.

102. Any Companion, any Royal Arch Chapter, the Board of General Purposes of any District Grand Chapter, the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland or the Grand Lodge of Ireland Conduct Committee may bring a charge against any Companion in respect of any act or omission pursuant to Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Law No. 103 which charge shall be in writing.

If the Companion charged belongs or has belonged to a Royal Arch Chapter in a District Grand Royal Arch Chapter it shall be referred directly to Board of General Purposes of such District.

If the Companion charged belongs to or has belonged to a Royal Arch Chapter not in a District Grand Royal Arch Chapter it shall be referred directly to the Grand Registrar who will consider if a District Grand Royal Arch Chapter could deal with the complaint. If this is not practical then the Grand Registrar shall forward the case to the Conduct Committee of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

If there shall be any conflict of interest in the aforesaid bodies, the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall have the power to request that another body hear the case (this body can be another District Grand Royal Arch Chapter, a committee appointed by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, the Conduct Committee itself, or any other appointed body). At all times Companions or bodies should act with fairness.

If, on consideration of the matters alleged in such charge, the District Grand Royal Arch Chapter or the Committee appointed by Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter (the "Appropriate Body") shall find that a *prima facie* case has been made, then it shall cause to be served on the Companion so charged a summons to attend before the committee empanelled for the purposes of investigating, hearing and adjudicating the said charge (the "Adjudicating Committee"). Such summons shall be served, and the Adjudicating Committee established in accordance with District Grand Royal Arch Chapter By-Laws or if forwarded to the Grand Lodge Conduct Committee in accordance with the Grand Lodge Procedures.

The Adjudicating Committee and the Conduct Committee is to be composed of Companions who have attained the status of Royal Arch Mason and who have been deemed to be suitable to serve.

On satisfactory proof of the service of the summons, the Adjudicating Committee shall at the time and place specified in the aforesaid summons, proceed to hear and adjudicate the charge, whether the Companion charged attends or not, and may from time to time adjourn the hearing and investigation as it shall think fit, and on the conclusion thereof shall report to the Appropriate Body on the following points, namely whether:

1. the charge has been proven, and if so, to what extent.
2. if so, what penalty (if any) should be imposed; and
3. there are any facts and circumstances in connection with the case, which it is necessary or desirable to bring to the attention of the Appropriate Body.

If the Appropriate Body sees fit to impose any sanction other than suspension or expulsion, it shall do so itself and on its own authority.

If the Appropriate Body (other than the Conduct Committee itself) sees fit to impose the sanctions of either suspension or expulsion, it must make a recommendation in writing to the Conduct Committee, setting out the evidence and reasons for their recommendation.

An Adjudicating Committee acting on behalf of the Conduct Committee may, on its own

authority, impose any sanction it sees fit, including suspension and expulsion.

The Conduct Committee shall then recommend to the Grand King's Council:

1. impose the said penalty; or
2. decline to impose the said penalty or recommend an alternative penalty.

All decisions of the Grand King's Council shall be advised to the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter at the next stated Convocation.

Any Companion aggrieved by any finding made and/or penalty imposed pursuant to this Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Law No. 102 may, at any time within one month of same, apply to the Conduct Committee for a review of his case. If the Conduct Committee sees fit, it may, on foot of such an application, arrange for an appeal and/or re-hearing of all or any such aspects of the case as it deems fit in accordance with the Conduct Committee Rules.

The Grand King, or the Deputy Grand King, or the Assistant Grand King may if he thinks fit, in the case of any Companion subject to a misconduct charge, prohibit temporarily such a Companion from attendance at his own or any other Royal Arch Chapter under the Irish Constitution, or at Refreshment in connection therewith, pending investigation of the charge. In Overseas Districts a like power may be exercised by the District Grand King or his Deputy, but in such case, an immediate report must be made to the Grand Registrar. This prohibition must be reviewed after a period of 6 months should the case not be concluded.

103. If an Appropriate Body be appointed by the Conduct Committee to investigate and report upon any complaint, the Companion or Companions who apply for such Committee, shall at the discretion of the Conduct Committee deposit a sum, as defined in the schedule of fees to the said Committee. The Appropriate Body shall have authority to apply the sum or so much thereof as shall be necessary in the discharge of the travelling expenses of the Committee; and the surplus, if any, shall be returned to the Companion or Companions so depositing the same.
104. A Royal Arch Chapter shall have power to strike off its Roll any Member more than twelve months in arrear of dues, provided that at least one month previously application in writing for such arrears shall have been sent by registered letter or recorded delivery to the Companion in arrears, directed to his last known address, together with an intimation that, in the event of his non-payment of the amount, his name will be removed from the roll of the Royal Arch Chapter.

The names and addresses of all Companions struck off for non-payment of dues, together with the amount of arrears due, shall be forwarded to the office of the Grand Registrar, and there be recorded in a register kept for that purpose; and a Companion removed by his Royal Arch Chapter from Membership for such cause, except it be the Royal Arch Chapter of Research No. 222, shall not be affiliated by, nor continue a Member of, nor be permitted to visit any Royal Arch Chapter, either at labour or

refreshment, until it shall have been ascertained from the Royal Arch Chapter from which he was removed, that such arrear of dues has been discharged.

Any Royal Arch Chapter knowingly violating this Law shall be held liable for such arrears, and shall pay same to the Royal Arch Chapter of which the Companion was formerly a Member, and shall further pay a fine as defined in the schedule of fees to Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

105. A Royal Arch Chapter shall have power to exclude from attendance at any Convocation or function of the Royal Arch Chapter any Companion whose continued attendance may be considered objectionable, or injurious to the Royal Arch Chapter, provided that four-fifths of the subscribing Members present shall so decide at a Convocation specially called to consider the matter. The decision of the Royal Arch Chapter shall be by ballot (with beans). Every subscribing Member, if present when the ballot has been declared open, shall vote, and the decision shall be subject to an appeal to the District Grand Royal Arch Chapter and Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter by the Companion so excluded. The Excellent King shall have power to order a second ballot if he has reason to believe that a mistake has been made in the first ballot but shall report to Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter the circumstances which justified such procedure. A Companion who wishes to remain a member of the Order must continue to pay his Dues to the Royal Arch Chapter or affiliate to another Royal Arch Chapter. Whilst a Companion remains a subscribing member of the Royal Arch Chapter all notices of meetings and dues outstanding must continue to be sent by the Royal Arch Chapter.
106. No Royal Arch Chapter, or any Member thereof, shall form or take part in any public Masonic procession without permission in writing from Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, or from the Grand King, or his Deputy, or his Assistant, or if within the jurisdiction of a District Grand Royal Arch Chapter from the District Grand King or his Deputy.
107. The Members of every Royal Arch Chapter shall wear in Chapter the regalia of the Degree. (See Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Law No. 26)

No Companion being a Member of a Royal Arch Chapter under the Irish Constitution shall be permitted to wear in any Subordinate Royal Arch Chapter at labour, any Apron, Jewel, Medal, Device or Decoration, other than those permitted to be worn in Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

of Subordinate Royal Arch Chapters – Finance

108. A certified copy of the Balance Sheet of Subordinate Royal Arch Chapters in the Districts, when audited, shall be forwarded to the District Grand Registrars prior to the 31st March each year, year-end in each case to be 31st December. Each Royal Arch Chapter will have a bank account in the name of the Royal Arch Chapter. In the event that a bank will not open an account in the name of the Royal Arch Chapter, an account may be opened in the name of three Companions appointed by the Royal Arch Chapter. All cheques drawn

on the Royal Arch Chapter account shall be signed by two of the signatories authorized by the Royal Arch Chapter. All monies received shall be lodged in the said account, and that all payments shall be made by cheque or electronic fund transfer from the same account. The Royal Arch Chapter may delegate the authority to make electronic fund transfers to at least two designated administrators.

The funds of a Royal Arch Chapter collected solely from Masonic sources for Masonic purposes, should not be used for any other purpose whatever unless by special permission of the Grand King, the Deputy Grand King or the Assistant Grand King.

The monetary amount as proposed by a Notice of Motion may be decreased on amendment but cannot be increased without a fresh Notice of Motion.

109. It is not in accordance with the spirit of Freemasonry that any portion of the funds of a Subordinate Royal Arch Chapter should be used for the purpose of making presentations to individual members of such Royal Arch Chapter, unless such presentations take the form of Masonic Jewels or Insignia, or presentations of Life Governorships in one of the Masonic Charities; and any violation of this resolution may be dealt with under Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Law No. 102.
110. All appeals emanating from Subordinate Royal Arch Chapters for contributions to presentations to members, or appeals for charity, must receive the sanction of the local District Grand Royal Arch Chapter before being circulated in the District, and the sanction of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter before circulation in the rest of the Constitution.
111. If upon the adoption of a resolution to return the Warrant of a Royal Arch Chapter to Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter or the suspension of any Royal Arch Chapter or the cancellation of the Warrant of any Royal Arch Chapter there remains after satisfaction of all the debts and liabilities of the Royal Arch Chapter any property whatsoever, the same shall not be distributed among or paid to the members of the Royal Arch Chapter but shall be transferred or given to another Royal Arch Chapter or paid to a Masonic Charity or Charities or otherwise as may be approved by District Grand Royal Arch Chapter or Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.
112. Appeals should not be made for subscriptions to any Masonic object (such as building a New Hall), to Companions or Royal Arch Chapter outside the Irish Constitution, except by special permission of the Grand King, the Deputy Grand King or the Assistant Grand King, District Grand King or the District Deputy Grand King.

Schedule of Fees and Fines
Payable under the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Laws
as at 30th March 2022

***Please check the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Website for the up to date
Schedule of Fees and Fines***

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Charges by Order of The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter

10	For receipt of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Notices and Proceedings ...	€10.00
67	For a Chapter Warrant.....	€50.00
67	For a Duplicate Warrant	€50.00
68	Omitting to hold a meeting of the Chapter for the space of two years.....	€50.00
68	Neglecting or refusing to conform or comply with the Laws and Regulations	€50.00
68	Not working in conformity with the Ritual of the Order	€50.00
73	Each Subscribing Member of a Royal Arch Chapter meeting in Ireland (annually) ..	€11.00
73	Each Subscribing Member of a Royal Arch Chapter meeting Overseas (annually) ...	€11.00
	Grand Lodge Hall Fee per member (Chapters based in Molesworth Street).....	€13.00
80	Breach of Law relating to Dispensation for Ballot within one month	€20.00
87	Breach of Law relating to a ballot for a Brother who is not a resident in the town or neighbourhood in which the Chapter to which he seeks admission holds its meetings, until a satisfactory report shall have been received	€20.00
85	Minimum Fee for Exaltation	€15.00
85	For Exaltation at less than the minimum Fee	€50.00
93	Mark Master Mason Degree on a Companion from another Constitution minimum Fee	€15.00
101	For neglecting to complete the annual registration of Officers	€50.00
101	For neglecting to the records of members up to date.....	€50.00
103	Application to the Conduct committee.....	€100.00
104	For affiliating a Companion struck off the Roll for non-payment of dues, the amount of his arrears and	€50.00
	Fee for Registering a Mark	€10.00
	For the Conduct Committee to investigate complaints.....	€100.00

Form of Application for a Warrant to hold a

Royal Arch Chapter

“We, the undersigned, being regularly registered Royal Arch and Mark Master Masons, and also subscribing members of the Craft Lodges mentioned opposite our respective names, having the prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry at heart, and anxious to exert our best endeavours to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Royal Arch Masonry, and of the convenience of our respective dwellings, and other good reasons, are desirous of forming a new Royal Arch Chapter at [*Name of Masonic Hall*] in the County of [*County*], to be called the [*Name of Chapter*] Royal Arch Chapter No. [*Chapter Number*].”

“We, therefore, pray for a Warrant empowering us to open and hold a regular Royal Arch Chapter at [*Name of Masonic Hall*] aforesaid, and therein to discharge the duties and enjoy the privileges of Royal Arch Masonry according to the landmarks and usages of the Order, and the Constitution and Laws of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland.”

“And we do hereby nominate and recommend Companion [*Name of Companion*] of Royal Arch Chapter No. [*Chapter Number*] to be our first Excellent King; Companion [*Name of Companion*] to be our first High Priest; and Companion [*Name of Companion*] to be our first Chief Scribe, and the offer Officers as named.”

“And should the prayer of this petition be granted, we hereby undertake, on the part of the proposed Royal Arch Chapter, to conform strictly to the Laws and Regulations of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland.”

This memorial must be signed by at least nine Royal Arch Masons who must also be Mark Master Masons, and Master Masons of at least five years' standing, and subscribing members of a Lodge under the Irish Constitution.

The fee for the Warrant as defined in the Schedule of Fees must be lodged with the memorial.

Copies of the above form may be had on application to Freemasons' Hall, 17 Molesworth Street, Dublin D02 HK50

Ceremony of Constituting a **New Chapter**

In the event of the Grand King the Deputy Grand King, or the Assistant Grand King being unable to attend in person, the Grand King may delegate, by written authority, under his hand and Seal, the power to act as Constituting Officers to any three Actual or Past Kings, being subscribing members of a Royal Arch Chapter or Royal Arch Chapters on the Roll of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland.

In the case of a District Grand Royal Arch Chapter the District Grand King, the District Deputy Grand King and the District Assistant Grand King, shall have similar powers.

If the Grand King of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter is present in person, the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter is said to be opened in ample form; if the Deputy Grand King, Assistant Grand King, or in a Royal Arch District the District Grand King, is present, the District Grand Royal Arch Chapter is said to be opened in due form; in all other cases the Royal Arch Chapter is opened in form.

The three Constituting Officers, and the Companions selected to fill the Subordinate Stations, form in procession, and enter the Royal Arch Chapter Room, where the other Companions shall have already assembled. The Volume of the Sacred Law, and the Symbols are borne before the three Constituting Officers by Past Kings or other Senior Companions and placed upon the Altar.

The Officers having assumed their Stations, the Presiding Officer calls the Companions to order, then proceeds to open an Occasional Royal Arch Chapter, for the purpose of constitution only.

(Note: A Director of Ceremonies should be appointed, who here calls upon the Companions to salute the Constituting Officers.)

All being in readiness, and the regalia of the new Royal Arch Chapter having been previously placed on the Altar in front of the Council, the Companions all standing, the Captains of the Veils with their banners lowered, the Chaplain will recite the following Prayer:

“Almighty and Supreme King of Heaven and Earth, whose omniscient mind brings all things in review – past, present and to come; Thine omnipotent arm directs the movements of the vast creation; Thine omnipresent eye pervades the secret recesses of every heart; and Thine unspeakable perfections and glory surpass the understanding of the children of men! We invoke Thy benediction upon the purposes of our present assembly. Let this Royal Arch Chapter be established to Thine honour; let its Officers be endowed with wisdom to discern, and fidelity to pursue its true interests; let its members be ever mindful of the duty they owe to God; the obedience they owe to their superiors; the love they owe to their equals, and the goodwill they owe to all mankind. Let this Royal Arch Chapter be consecrated to Thy glory, and may its members ever exemplify their love to God by their beneficence to their fellow men.” *Amen. So mote it be.*

Note – A suitable hymn may here be introduced.

The presiding Officer will then explain the object for which the Occasional Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter has been convened.

The Grand Registrar or Acting Grand Registrar then rises and says:

“Most Excellent King and Council, a number of Companions duly instructed in the sublime mysteries, being desirous of promoting the honour, and propagating the principles of Royal Arch Masonry, having applied to the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter for a Warrant to hold a Royal Arch Chapter in [*place of meeting*] which having been granted them, they are now assembled, and are desirous of being duly constituted into a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, of having the Royal Arch Chapter dedicated and their Officers installed and invested in due and ancient form.”

The Presiding Officer then directs the Grand Registrar or Acting Grand Registrar to produce and read the Warrant. The Registrar having done so, submits it, together with a Roll of the Officers and Members of the Royal Arch Chapter, with copies of the Laws and Regulations of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland, and the By-Laws of the Royal Arch Chapter for the inspection of the Constituting Officers.

The Director of Ceremonies will then form the Officers and Members of the New Royal Arch Chapter in front of the Council.

Psalm 133 may here be read by the Chaplain, or, if circumstances permit, be chanted by those present.

The Presiding Officer then addresses the Officers elect and members of the New Royal Arch Chapter as follows:

“In the name of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland, and by virtue of its authority, we now constitute and form you our worthy Companions into a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and from henceforth empower you to act as a regularly constituted Royal Arch Chapter, to work in strict conformity with the Laws and Regulations of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland, and may the Supreme King of Heaven and Earth prosper, direct, and counsel you in all your doings.” *So mote it be.*

The Chaplain then reads the Benediction as follows:

“The Lord bless and preserve thee. The Lord make His face to shine on thee, and grant thee pardon and peace now and for evermore.” *Amen. So mote it be.*

(The Ceremony of using the Corn, Wine and Oil may be here introduced.)

A suitable hymn may be sung.

End of Constitution Ceremony.

Dedication

The Companions stand to order. The Chaplain says:

“We do solemnly dedicate this Chapter to the purposes of Royal Arch Masonry, and the closest of ties of Brotherly Love. May the blessing of the Supreme King of Heaven and Earth descend and rest upon its Officers and Members, and ever increase their usefulness and felicity. Glory be to God on High.” Amen

Response: *“So mote it be.”*

The Captain of the Host announces:

“Excellent King and Council, it is my duty to announce that Companions [*Names of Companions*] have been regularly approved by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter to serve respectively the Offices of Excellent King, High Priest and Chief Scribe of this Royal Arch Chapter. We know them to be Companions of worth and experience, and we crave permission that they be now Installed.”

The Excellent King then proceeds with the Installation in accordance with the Book of Laws and Regulations.

The Business of the Chapter will be then transacted.

(A suitable Closing Hymn may be sung.)

Ceremony for the Installation of Officers of a

Royal Arch Chapter

E.K. *(calls to order). All rise:*

“Captain of the Host announce to the Companions that it is the will and pleasure of the Excellent King and Council that we proceed to install the Officers elect of this Royal Arch Chapter.

C. of H. “Companions it is the will and pleasure of the Excellent King and Council that we proceed to install the Officers elect of this Royal Arch Chapter.

I.O. *(who must be an Actual or Past King)*

“Excellent King and Council, it is my duty to announce that Companions [*Names of Companions*], have been regularly elected by this Royal Arch Chapter to serve respectively the Offices of King, High Priest, and Chief Scribe, for the ensuing year [*state year*], and that their election has been duly ratified by Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter. We know them to be Companions of worth and experience, and I crave permission that they be now Installed.”

Note: The clause in italics, delegating authority to the Installing Officer, to be omitted from the following in the event of the Excellent King himself conducting the ceremony.

E.K. “In compliance with your request and by virtue of the powers entrusted to me by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, I *delegate my authority for the time being, to you, and* empower you, in conjunction with myself and Past King [*name*] to form a Council of Installed Kings for the purpose of this Installation.”

The Installing Officer takes the chair of King, the Excellent King that of High Priest, and a Past King that of Chief Scribe.

I.O. “Accordingly, I declare this Council of Installed Kings to be now in session. Let Companions [*Names of Companions*], approach the Pedestal, and let the Superintendent of the Tabernacle see that the Symbols thereon are arranged in proper order.”

Here the letters of the tripartite word are arranged on the equilateral triangle by the Superintendent of the Tabernacle.

I.O. “Companions, in olden times the Members elect of the Council were required to wash their hands in running water, and to put their shoes from off their feet; so we now require you to advance to the Pedestal with clean hands and reverential feet, prepared to discharge to the best of your ability the important duties you are about to undertake.”

“Do you solemnly promise to observe the By-Laws of this Royal Arch Chapter, and of the District Grand Royal Arch Chapter, the Laws and Regulations of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and the ancient landmarks of our Order?”

“Do you solemnly promise to rule this Royal Arch Chapter or any other over which you may be called upon to preside, fairly, justly, and equitably?”

“Do you solemnly promise to preserve the Symbols, Regalia, and Warrant of this Royal Arch Chapter, and to transmit the same to your lawful successors?”

These questions having been answered in the affirmative, the Installing Officer addresses the members of the Royal Arch Chapter:

I.O. “Companions, inasmuch as you have heard the promises by which your rulers are bound, we shall proceed to communicate the secret instructions. We call upon all who have not been installed as Chief Scribe, with the exception of the Chief Scribe elect to withdraw from the Chapter Room for a time.”

All remaining having been vouched as Installed or Past Masters of Craft Lodges and duly obligated Chief Scribes, the secret instructions of Chief Scribe are communicated to the Chief Scribe elect, after which he retires. The High Priest elect is, in like manner, instructed and retires. The Excellent King elect then receives his secret instructions, is installed and invested.

(Scriptural Extracts, page 46 and Prayer, page 41).

When the Excellent King has been thus installed, the newly elected High Priest and Chief Scribe are each admitted alone, installed in their respective chairs and are invested.

The Companions are then re-admitted.

I.O. “Companions, during your absence, the members of the Council have been duly installed. Assist me, therefore, to salute them in accordance with ancient custom.”

The Companions are then formed in procession, and headed by the Installing Officer and Past Kings, advance in single file by the North, each pausing in front of the Council Chamber and saluting with the sign of the Degree.

I.O. “Nothing now remains but to lock up our secrets in a safe and sacred repository with fidelity, fidelity, fidelity.”

The mystical letters are then disarranged.

The Subordinate Officers are then invested and proclaimed in groups of three.

1. *Captain of the Host, Superintendent of the Tabernacle, Royal Arch Captain.*

E.K. “Companions, the Offices to which you have been elected are among the most important in the Royal Arch Chapter, placing you in intimate connection with the

Council, and requiring Masonic skill and experience in the highest degree. As your Companions have thought you worthy to discharge those duties, on behalf of the Council, I now invest and proclaim you as regularly appointed Captain of the Host, Superintendent of the Tabernacle, and Royal Arch Captain for the ensuing year."

2. *Captains of the Veils*

E.K. "Companions, the Offices to which you have been elected are subordinate in station, but hardly inferior in symbolic teaching. It appertains to you to mark the progress of those who have sojourned in outer darkness towards light as revealed in our mysteries, and it behoves you to accompany them in their onward course. On behalf of the Council I now invest and proclaim you as regularly appointed Captains of the Veils for the ensuing year."

3. *Treasurer, Registrar, and Janitor*

E.K. "Companions, the importance of the Offices to which you have been elected is so manifest that we have only to express our concurrence in the trust your Companions have reposed in you, and our assured expectation that you will discharge those duties with zeal, discretion, and fidelity. Accordingly, on behalf of the Council, I now invest and proclaim you as Treasurer, Registrar, and Janitor for the ensuing year."

4. *Director of Ceremonies, Almoner and Chaplain*

E.K. "Companions, the responsibilities of the respective Offices to which you have been elected are to ensure that our Ceremonies are performed correctly and with dignity; that we will be ever mindful of the needs of others; and that due reverence be ever accorded to the Supreme King of Heaven and Earth. In token of the confidence your Companions have placed in you, and on behalf of the Council, I now invest and proclaim you as "Director of Ceremonies", "Almoner" and "Chaplain" for the ensuing year."

Note: If the Offices of Treasurer and Registrar be vested in one Companion, a Deputy should be appointed for the purpose of this ceremony to preserve the number three. Whenever possible, these Offices, and that of Superintendent of the Tabernacle and Director of Ceremonies and Chaplain, should be held by Past Kings.

Prayers, Scriptural Extracts and Charges for the use of Royal Arch Chapters

Prayers

To be used at the Opening of a Royal Arch Chapter

Almighty and Supreme King of Heaven and Earth, we invoke Thy Benediction upon the purposes of our present assembly. Let this Royal Arch Chapter be consecrated to Thy glory, and may its members ever exemplify their love to God, by their beneficence to their fellow-men.

Amen. So mote it be.

To be used at the Closing of a Royal Arch Chapter

By the wisdom of the Supreme King may we be directed, by His strength may we be enabled, and by the beauty of His holiness may we be incited to perform the obligations enjoined upon us, to keep inviolably the mysteries unfolded to us, and invariably to practise all those duties out of the Royal Arch Chapter which are inculcated in it.

Amen. So mote it be.

To be used at the Installation of the Excellent King and Council

O Lord, Supreme King of Heaven and Earth, endow these Companions with wisdom and understanding that they may discharge the responsibilities and obligations of the offices of Excellent King, High Priest and Chief Scribe according to Thy divine precepts.

Amen. So mote it be.

Obituary Prayers

We brought nothing into this world, it is certain we will take nothing out, the Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord. *(This introduction should open each prayer).*

1. The Almighty and Supreme King of Heaven and Earth is our God for ever, a guide and support even through dark valleys of the shadow of death. Our Companion [*Companions*

Name] has been called by Him from labour in the terrestrial world to partake of Divine refreshment in the heavenly realms.

Let us meditate on the virtues of his character, his benevolence, where the needy are supported, the distressed comforted, the woes of widows assuaged, the tears of orphans dried up. May we see in the precepts of our faith and in our Masonic teaching the principles which influenced our departed Companion to adore his Maker, to love his fellowman who taught him how to live and die.

Surround his family and all who mourn his passing with your love, compassion and strength. Almighty and Supreme King of Heaven and Earth, extend to us your everlasting favour and blessing, crown us with life immortal and to your name be Glory and Honour for ever. *Amen. So mote it be.*

2. Almighty and Supreme King of Heaven and Earth, we honour you as the God of time and eternity, ruling the destiny of all your people. As it has been your Will to take from us our (Distinguished) Companion, who is dear to our hearts and who like us has been raised on the Five Points of Fellowship and so has hastened to the service of the needy Companion, to the welfare of others, keeping hidden what was given in confidence, never hesitating to stretch out a helping hand or imparting a timely warning with good advice to those in need of such.

Give those who mourn the passing of this Companion, comfort, support and strength at this time of sadness and separation. When our earthly labour has ceased may we be raised with him to the fadeless light and immortal life of your heavenly kingdom where Brotherly love, relief and truth shall prevail through eternal ages in the presence of your own Almighty and Supreme King of Heaven and Earth – to you be Glory and Honour for ever. *Amen. So mote it be.*

3. Almighty and Supreme King of Heaven and Earth, we acknowledge you as our God of Infinite Wisdom, of Time and Eternity, ruling the destiny of all people, of Angels of Heaven, you are aware of when a sparrow falls. It was your Will to take from us our departed Companion, now sadly missed by us and by his family circle. We now celebrate his life as a Brother Freemason and the measures of his worth and every single life he touched while here on Earth. We now pay our last respects as we meet in Brotherhood here, we thank you for memories held dear, acknowledge the privilege of calling him Brother, carrying him in spirit until we meet again in your nearer presence. To you our God be Honour and Glory. *Amen. So mote it be.*
4. The sons of the righteous are in the Hand of God, there shall no torment touch them, they are at peace.

Almighty and Supreme King of Heaven and Earth at whose creative word we were made in your image and at whose decree our Earthly life comes to an end. We thank you for

our Late (Distinguished) Companion, partaker with us in honourable and lawful secrets, concealed from the eyes of the World.

We express gratitude for his earnest endeavours in the labours of Freemasonry, for observing the Five Points of Fellowship and the connecting links of Brotherly love, relief and truth which unite Freemasons throughout the world.

We praise you that he has endured fortitude and in the hour of trial did not fail you.

We ask for your consolation and strength on all who mourn his passing, fill them with your peace which the world cannot give.

Grant O God that when our time on earth comes to its end that we, with our departed Brother may rise from the tomb of transgression to shine with the stars for ever and ever. *Amen. So mote it be.*

5. Almighty and Supreme King of Heaven and Earth, the melancholy event which has brought us to call to mind the death of our friend and Companion [*Companions Name*] whose loss we deplore, should convey to our hearts a reminder of the sacredness and uncertainty of life, the vanity of earthly hopes and our inevitable destiny, not knowing the hour when for each of us our dust shall return to the earth as it was, and our spirit returns to the God who gave it.

In humble dependence on the mercy of the Almighty and Supreme King of Heaven and Earth, we trust that when our earthly life is complete we will re-join our departed Companion in the Grand Chapter above where you, our Almighty and Supreme King of Heaven and Earth lives and reigns for ever.

Deal kindly O God with all who mourn our Dear Companion's passing, remembering it is decreed in Heaven that one day we too must sever connections with those we love on Earth and that God will comfort those left to mourn.

May the Almighty and Supreme King of Heaven and Earth in his Infinite Goodness and Mercy towards us crown our hope of everlasting bliss in the realms of boundless Eternity and to Him be Glory and Honour. *Amen. So mote it be.*

Scriptural Extracts

and Prayer at the Exaltation of a Candidate

Royal Arch Degree

A. Exodus 3, Verses 1 - 5.

Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. And the Angel of the Lord appeared unto him, in a flame of fire, out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and, behold the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside and see this great sight why the bush is not burnt. And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses and he said, Here am I. And He said, draw not nigh hither, put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

Prayer

Almighty and Supreme King of Heaven and Earth, we, Thine unworthy servants, implore Thee to bestow Thy blessing on this our Convocation. Grant that the Brother deemed worthy by us to participate in the light revealed in our mysteries, may obtain a share of Thy Divine favour, and so profit by our lessons, as ever to keep in view the welfare of his Companions, the good of our Order, and the Glory of Thy Holy Name.

Amen. So mote it be.

or

Most Holy Lord God, who didst lead Thy Chosen People through the wilderness – after the covenant of Thy grace – look down from heaven, Thy holy dwelling, upon us (Thy assembled conclave) with tenderness and compassion; and grant we beseech Thee that all our works begun, continued and ended in Thy Holy Name, may ever magnify Thy glory, and that at the last day we may obtain an inheritance in Thy Kingdom.

Amen. So mote it be.

B. Numbers 16, Verses 29 - 33.

If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; then the Lord hath not sent me. But if the Lord make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the Lord. And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them; and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their

goods, they, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them; and they perished from among the congregation.

C. Exodus 3, Verses 13 and 14.

And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, the God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM; and He said Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

D. Exodus 4, Verses 1 - 5.

And Moses answered and said, but behold, they will not believe me, nor harken unto my voice; for they will say, the Lord hath not appeared unto thee. And the Lord said unto him, what is that in thine hand? And he said a rod. And He said cast it on the ground, and he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. And the Lord said unto Moses, put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand; that they may believe that the Lord God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob hath appeared unto thee.

E. Exodus 6, Verses 1 - 3.

Then the Lord said unto Moses. Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh; for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land. And God spake unto Moses and said unto him, I am the Lord, and I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.

F. Exodus 4, Verses 6 and 7.

And the Lord said furthermore unto him, put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold his hand was leprous as snow. And He said, put thine hand into thy bosom again, and he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and behold it was turned again as his other flesh.

G. Exodus 17, Verses 9 - 13.

And Moses said unto Joshua, choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek; tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand. So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed: but Moses' hands were heavy: and they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat thereon: and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side: and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

H. Exodus 4, Verses 8 and 9.

And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither harken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign, and it shall come to pass, if

they will not believe also these two signs, neither harken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land; and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land.

I. 2nd Chronicles 34, Verses 1, 2, 8 and 14.

Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem one and thirty years; and he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the ways of David, his father, and declined neither to the right hand nor to the left. Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of the Lord his God. And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the Lord, Hilkiyah the priest found a book of the law of the Lord given by Moses.

Installation of Officers

A. Numbers 16, Verses 46 and 48.

And Moses said unto Aaron, take a censer and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the Lord; the plague is begun. And he stood between the dead and the living, and the plague was stayed.

B. Genesis 33, Verse 20.

And he erected there an altar and called it El-elohe-Israel.

C. 1 Samuel 4, Verse 3.

And, when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath the Lord smitten us to-day before the Philistines? Let us fetch the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord out of Shiloh unto us, that when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.

D. Exodus 14, Verse 21.

And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.

E. Genesis 17, Verse 1.

And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before Me, and be thou perfect.

F. 2 Samuel 15, Verse 8.

For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode at Geshur in Syria, saying, If the Lord shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem, then I will serve the Lord.

G. 1 Samuel 16, Verse 13.

Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

H. Exodus, 6, Verse 3.

And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob by the name of God Almighty, but by My name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.

Charges

1. Reception of a Candidate who has Passed the Veils

E.K. Brother, thus far in accordance with our Masonic Rites you have exemplified the virtues which are, we trust, characteristic of the Master Mason, and you will have observed that the illustrations by which these lessons have been impressed upon you are drawn from miraculous episodes in the life of the Great Lawgiver, who led the Chosen People in their wanderings through the wilderness.

The desire you have evinced to prosecute the search after truth, as revealed in our mysteries, warrants us in admitting you to further Light, and unfolding to you mysteries which belong to a subsequent epoch in the history of the Chosen People, and are intimately connected with the legendary history of the founders of the Craft.

Finding that you have profited by your previous instruction, and that you are disposed to aid in this work, we authorise you to be taken hence and prepared for labour.

2. Royal Arch Investiture

E.K. These are the Insignia of our Grand Masters, as is evident from the care with which they have been deposited, and the place in which they have been found.

This Book is assuredly the Volume of the Sacred Law – long lost – now symbolically recovered by your exertions.

Brethren, in recognition of your zeal, and as a reward for your industry and perseverance, we exalt you to the Degree of Royal Arch Mason, and we invest you with this Badge and Apron.

We authorise the Superintendent of the Tabernacle to recite the Legend appertaining to this Degree, and to explain the meaning of the Symbols which you have brought to light.

3. Charge to a Newly-Exalted Royal Arch Mason

E.K. Companion – By the consent and assistance of the Members of this Chapter, you have now been exalted to the Degree of the Royal Arch, at once the foundation and the keystone of our ancient Masonic Structure. As, in the restoration of the Temple, the Divine Treasures were discovered after five hundred years of darkness, so in the Degree of the Royal Arch, the summit and completion of Craft Masonry, the loss recorded in the legend of the Master Mason is repaired, the hidden word and the hidden symbol are restored to light. The Rites through which you have passed illustrate the duty of earnest and persevering search after Truth; the incidents of that search symbolise our

dependence upon each other and mark the helplessness of each of us without the aid of his Companions. The mysteries of the Degree, tripartite, yet triune, impress the lesson that our union is strength.

Lastly, you are here to learn that infinite wisdom preserves, and unspeakable goodness blesses every work that has once proceeded from the hands of the Most High, by Whom man, who is by nature the child of ignorance and error, has been called from the darkness of the shadow of death to the Light of everlasting Life, through the revelation of His Holy Will and Word.

(The newly-exalted Companion is then saluted according to ancient form)

Prayers, Scriptural Extract and Charge for the use of Mark Master Masons' Lodges

Prayers

To be used at the Opening of a Mark Master Masons' Lodge

May the favour of the Great Overseer of the Universe rest on this meeting; may we satisfy Him in all our work; and may we finally meet our reward from His Infinite Justice and Mercy. *Amen. So Mote it be.*

To be used at the Closing of a Mark Master Masons' Lodge

May the favour of the Great Overseer of the Universe rest upon us and all regular Mark Master Masons; may our work be accepted, and may we be finally marked fit for that House not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. *Amen. So Mote it be.*

At the Advancement of a Candidate

Vouchsafe Thy blessing, Great Overseer of the Universe, on the labours of Thy servants, and grant that this our Brother may receive the mark of Thy Divine approval, and finally be advanced to an honourable place in Thy Eternal Temple. *Amen. So Mote it be.*

Scriptural Extract

Mark Degree

Ezekiel 44, Verses 4 and 5.

Then brought he me the way of the north gate before the house; and I looked, and, behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord; and I fell upon my face. And the Lord said unto me, Son of man, mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of the Lord, and all the laws thereof; and mark well the entering in of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary.

Charge to a Newly Advanced

Mark Master Mason

Brother, while I congratulate you on having been thought worthy of advancement to the Degree of Mark Master Mason, I charge you to remember that, in Masonry, your assiduity should ever be commensurate with your duty, and that your obligations ever extend with your advancement.

The first care of the Mark Master Mason should be so to rule his life that all his actions may stand the inevitable test of the Great Overseer's Square, and that he himself may not be thrown aside, like the imperfect work of the impostor or of the negligent or unfaithful craftsman, but may at last be declared worthy to receive that approving mark which will admit him to form part of the spiritual building, the house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

The ceremonial through which you have been advanced will teach you that none can claim the reward of other men's labours, nor attempt to obtain what is not due, without detection and disgrace; that it is your duty to repair, with patience and humility, even involuntary wrongs and errors; and that you must never despair of your ability to fulfil your obligations until you have exhausted every effort to discharge them.

Above all, in this Degree you will learn the fallibility of human judgment; you will find comfort from the belief that all your work will be tried by a Judge whose Wisdom and Justice are infinite; and you will find hope and consolation in the remembrance that the stone which the earthly builders rejected, possessing merits unknown to them, became at last the headstone of the corner.

(The newly advanced Brother is then saluted according to ancient form.)

Laws and Regulations

for the Government of

Mark Master Masons' Lodges

adopted by the

Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland

1. The Degree of Mark Master Mason shall be worked under the jurisdiction and protection of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter and shall be conferred under a Royal Arch Warrant only.
2. The Officers of a Mark Master Masons' Lodge are: Very Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary, Director of Ceremonies, Chaplain, Master Overseer, Senior Overseer, Junior Overseer, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, and Inner Guard.
3. When practicable, the Officers of the Royal Arch Chapter under whose warrant the Mark Master Masons' Lodge is held, shall be in the order of their ranks (excepting the Treasurer, Superintendent of the Tabernacle and the Almoner), the Officers of the Mark Master Masons' Lodge.
4. Subject to the provisions of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Law 80, the Degree of Mark Master Mason shall not be conferred on any Brother below the rank of Master Mason. No Degree shall be conferred on any candidate in any Mark Master Masons Lodge on the day on which he is balloted for. The Mark Master Mason Degree shall not be conferred upon more than three Candidates at the same time.
5. Every Mark Master Mason shall be registered in the books of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter. The Secretary of every Mark Master Masons' Lodge shall, within three months after the Degree has been conferred on any Brother, return his name for registration, stating the number of the Royal Arch Chapter under whose Warrant the Brother received the Degree, and the date when it was conferred.
6. No Royal Arch Chapter shall confer the Degree of Mark Master Mason upon a Companion affiliating from a Royal Arch Chapter under another Constitution for a sum less than defined in the schedule of fees.
7. A Mark Master Mason may adopt a distinctive Mark, and have it registered in the Book of Marks of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

8. The Mark Master Masons' Apron shall be of white lamb's skin, fourteen inches wide by twelve deep, bordered with ribbon two inches in width with one inch scarlet centre and half inch blue edging. Jewels of Office may be adopted consisting of a Keystone in Silver, upon which is imposed the Symbol of Office, *i.e.*, for Very Worshipful Master a square, for the Senior Warden a level, and so on for the other Officers in accordance with the device of the corresponding Offices in Craft Lodges and for the Overseers, a Cube and Square. These are to be suspended from collars, four inches in width, with two inch scarlet centre and one inch blue edging.

Note - Minutes shall be read only in the Royal Arch Chapter.

Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland

Rules

for the

**Grand Royal Arch Chapter of
Instruction**

as approved by

Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter

30th March, 2022

Constitution of the

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction

- I. The Grand Chapter of Instruction consists of the following Grand Officers as members *ex-officio*, viz:
 - The Grand King,
 - The Deputy Grand King,
 - The Assistant Grand King,
 - The Grand High Priest,
 - The Grand Chief Scribe,
 - The Grand Treasurer,
 - The Grand Registrar,
 - The Grand Director of Ceremonies,
 - The Assistant Grand Registrar,
 - The Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

together with such Past Kings as may from time to time be elected in the manner hereinafter stated; provided that at no time shall the total number of Elected Members exceed 40 and provided that no Companion shall be eligible for membership unless he is a subscribing Past King of at least three years' standing, and of proved knowledge of the Ritual and practical experience in working the degrees of the Royal Arch and of Mark Master Masonry to the satisfaction of a Board of at least three Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction.

District Grand Royal Arch Chapters may appoint from its Members, Past Kings of the standing, skill and experience prescribed above, as Representatives to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction, who shall be entitled to discuss and vote on all questions concerning the Ritual and Ceremonies of Royal Arch and Mark Master Masonry.

1.1 In any District of 30 or more Chapters, three Representatives may be elected.

1.2 In any District of less than 30 Chapters, two Representatives may be elected.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction may elect as Honorary Members, Companions of eminence or distinction in Royal Arch and Mark Master Masonry, or who may have rendered special service to The Grand Chapter of Instruction. Such Honorary Members shall not be eligible to hold office in the Grand Chapter of Instruction, or to vote on any question before the Grand Chapter of Instruction.

2. Every formal decision of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction, in reference to matters of Ritual and Ceremony, shall be binding on every Royal Arch Chapter and on every Member of the Irish Constitution when approved by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

Convocations

3. The Convocations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction shall be under three categories as follows:

- 3.1 Stated Convocations

- At which only Members and Representatives from District Grand Royal Arch Chapters may attend shall be held on the 3rd Thursday in October and May in each Session.

- 3.2 Special Convocations

- At which only Members and Representatives from District Grand Royal Arch Chapters shall be summoned to attend, shall be convened by the Registrar, when so directed by the Grand King, or the Deputy Grand King, or the Assistant Grand King, or on the requisition of any three Members.

- 3.3 Open Convocations

- At which Members, Representatives from District Grand Royal Arch Chapters, and Royal Arch Masons duly vouched may attend, shall be held in the Republic of Ireland on the third Thursday in February, April and November, and in Northern Ireland on the third Saturday in January, March and October.

Sessions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction shall commence annually on the 1st July and end on the 30th June in the following year.

The Registrars

4. A Registrar and one or more Assistant Registrars shall be elected from among the Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction at the May Stated Convocation, and their election shall be subject to the approval of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter. In the event of a contest for either Office the election shall be decided by ballot. During their terms of Office the Registrar and Assistant Registrars shall rank as Grand Officers immediately after the Actual Grand Officers; any Companion who has discharged the duties of Registrar or Assistant Registrar to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction, shall on retirement from such Office, hold the rank of a Past Grand Officer.

The duties of the Registrar and the Assistant Registrar shall include:

- 4.1 Recording the Minutes of the proceedings of every Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction, so far as the Landmarks of Royal Arch Masonry will permit.
 - 4.2 Nominating, in the event of the unavoidable absence from any Convocation of both the Registrar and the Assistant Registrars, an elected Member of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction to act as Deputy Registrar for such Convocation.
 - 4.3 Maintaining a roll of Members specifying the name, address, and date of admission of each Member, which roll he shall produce at every Convocation.

- 4.4 Keeping a register to record the attendances of each Member and Representative from District Grand Royal Arch Chapters, which roll shall be produced at every Convocation.
- 4.5 Arranging the course of proceedings at every Open Convocation, subject to these Rules.
- 4.6 Performing such other business of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction as shall be directed by Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, or by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction.
5. Any expenses incurred by the Registrar or the Assistant Registrars in the performance of their duties as such, or in the carrying out of any rule or regulation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction, shall, when sanctioned by the Grand King's Council, be considered as part of the current expenses of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and shall be treated in all respects as such.
6. At Open Convocations the senior Member present of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction (other than the Registrar or Assistant Registrars), according to the roll of Membership, shall have the right to preside, provided that, unless in case of necessity, the same Member shall not preside a second time during the current session. The Chapter shall not be opened unless that Registrar or the Assistant Registrars, or a nominated Deputy Registrar and at least one other Member of the Chapter be present.
7. It shall be the duty of every Member of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction to assist the Registrars in giving instruction in the Ritual and Ceremonies of Royal Arch and Mark Master Masonry.
8. Royal Arch Masons attending Open Convocations for Instruction shall be entitled to ask questions.
9. No subject, except such as relates to the Ritual or Ceremonies of Royal Arch or Mark Master Masonry, shall be introduced or discussed at any Convocation for Instruction.
10. All questions of Ritual not already decided shall be referred for decision to a Stated or a Special Convocation.
11. An attendance record shall be kept by the Registrars, and every visitor attending any Open Convocation shall enter his name and Royal Arch Chapter therein.
12. Members and Representatives from District Grand Royal Arch Chapters summoned to attend a Special Convocation shall each receive at least five days notice of the date of the Convocation. The summons shall specify the business to be transacted. No business other than that specified on the summons shall be transacted at any Special Convocation. The Convocation cannot be held unless at least six of those summoned to attend are present.
13. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction may, at the request of any Royal Arch

Chapter, commission two members as a Committee, to instruct that Royal Arch Chapter in the proper working of Royal Arch, and/or Mark Master Masonry, and their instruction shall be received by such Royal Arch Chapter as the working authorised and deemed correct by Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

14. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction, at a Stated or a Special Convocation shall have power to enact Rules regulating its course of proceedings at both Open and Special Convocations, subject to the approval of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.
15. The election of Members shall take place by ballot at either of the Stated Convocations, or at a Special Convocation summoned for that purpose. No candidate shall be elected unless he receives the votes of at least two-thirds of the Members present.

The summons convening the meeting shall specify the name, address and Royal Arch Chapter of each Companion proposed, and the names of the three members recommending him.

16. Every Past King proposed for Membership shall possess the qualifications as stated in Rule No. 1. Each such proposal of a Candidate on the appropriate form, which can be obtained from the Registrars, shall be lodged with the Registrar or the Assistant Registrar at least eight weeks prior to the next Stated Convocation.
17. The names of the Past Kings elected shall be submitted to the next ensuing Convocation of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and on approval thereby, shall be entered on the roll of Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction.
18. Any elected Member of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction who shall not have attended one Stated Convocation and at least two Open Convocations in the preceding session, without due cause or reason, shall cease to be a Member of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction unless the Members present at the October Stated Convocation shall determine otherwise.

Any District Representative who shall not have attended one Stated Convocation and at least two Open Convocations in the preceding session, shall have his name forwarded to the District Grand Chapter which he represents, with a view to having some other Past King nominated.

19. The Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction are entitled, in addition to their proper Masonic costume (see Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Law No. 26), to wear a Jewel of the design approved by Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter (see Figure No. 14).

The Jewels issued to Members are the property of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and each Jewel is to be returned to the Grand Registrar for Instruction when the holder has ceased to be a Member of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction.

20. The foregoing Rules shall constitute and regulate the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of

Instruction of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland. They shall have force and effect from the 30th March 2022.

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