



of Minnesota

GENERAL  
REGULATIONS

2024 VERSION

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**GENERAL REGULATIONS**

**OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER  
OF**

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MINNESOTA**

**ARTICLE 1 - OF GRAND CHAPTER MEETINGS**

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

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

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

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

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

For the Grand High Priest, a Mitre surmounted by a Triple Tau;

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

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

For the Grand Treasurer, Crossed Keys;

For the Grand Secretary, Crossed Pens;

For the Grand Chaplain, Bible;

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

For the Grand Principal Sojourner, Pilgrim with staff;

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

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

For the Grand Sentinel, Crossed Swords - points down.

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

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

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

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

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

67 *Section 9.* Emergent Resolutions; If received by the Grand High Priest, approved in form by  
68 Jurisprudence, a resolution may be adopted if receiving a three-fourths (3/4) vote. If it  
69 does not receive a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the members but receives a two-thirds (2/3)  
70 majority vote, it shall lay over until the next annual Convocation for action. (2023)

71 *Section 10.* Upon any report, or recommendation therein contained, and upon any amendment  
72 thereto or substitute therefor, the committeeman submitting such report shall be entitled  
73 to open and close debate. No other member shall be entitled to speak twice upon any  
74 subject, except by permission of the Grand High Priest.

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76 *Section 11.* All voting in the Grand Chapter, except in the election of officers, and when the  
77 "ayes" and "nays" are called, shall be by the "usual sign." The "ayes" and "nays" shall be  
78 called upon any changes or amendments of, or additions to, the Grand Constitution or  
79 these General Regulations, or in any case upon demand of not less than fifteen (15)  
80 members who belong to different chapters.

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82 *Section 12.* While the Grand High Priest controls debate in any case, and the previous question  
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84 parliamentary law is not debatable.

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

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*Section 1.* The Grand High Priest shall appoint well informed Royal Arch Masons as representatives near other Grand Chapters, which appoint like Representatives to this Grand Chapter and authorize them to extend the fraternal greetings and good will of this Grand Chapter to such other Grand Chapter, and to protect the interest of the companions of this jurisdiction, who may be in that of the Grand Chapter near which they are so accredited, as occasion may require. Such Grand Representative shall receive the proceedings of the Grand Chapter he represents, if available, and make a written summary report thereof to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, with copies to the Grand High priest and Grand King.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**1st.** To receipt for and take charge of all moneys, funds, securities and other evidences of debt, and all other property of the Grand Chapter not placed by law in the special custody of another Grand Officer, and to keep an accurate account thereof, in such manner and form as may be directed by the Trustees of this Grand Chapter

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**2nd.** To pay all orders drawn upon him in accordance with the law or special direction of the Grand Chapter.

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**3rd.** To attend the meetings of the Grand Chapter, the Trustees and. upon the Grand High Priest when required, with-his books and all necessary documents relating to his office, as well as upon any committee whose duty it may be to inquire into the financial concerns of the Grand Chapter;

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131 **4th.** To report to the Annual Convocation his receipts and disbursements in summary form,  
132 together with a schedule of all securities and property in his hands or under his control, and a  
133 statement of the condition of finances of the Grand Chapter. These duties may be incorporated  
134 into the Duties of the Grand Secretary under the title for the office to be Grand Treasurer/Secretary  
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136 Section 4. The duties of the Grand Secretary shall be:

- 137 **1st.** To record all transactions of the Grand Chapter proper to be written;  
138 **2nd.** To collect and receive, and keep a correct account of all moneys of or due the  
139 Grand Chapter in proper and regular books of account, and to perform the duties  
140 of the Grand Treasurer as detailed in Section 3 above  
141 **3rd** To keep a register of, and to enter therein, all charters, warrants, dispensations and  
142 certificates granted by the Grand Chapter or the Grand High Priest.  
143 **4th.** To keep a register of all chapters and their members with the chapter number  
144 prefixed to each name, and the age, residence, dates of markings, inductions,  
145 receptions and exaltations, affiliations, withdrawals, striking from the rolls,  
146 suspensions, expulsions, deaths, reinstatements and restorations, as the same  
147 are reported in the annual returns from such chapters, and to keep a Card Index  
148 of such members by chapter and number;  
149 **5th.** To receive, file and safely keep all papers and documents of the Grand Chapter  
150 not in the proper custody of other Grand Officers;  
151 **6th.** To procure all books, stationary and printing regularly required for the use of the  
152 Grand Chapter or its officers;  
153 **7th.** To conduct the correspondence of his office and such other as the Grand Chapter  
154 or the Grand High Priest may direct;  
155 **8th.** To have charge of the jewels, clothing, furniture and paraphernalia of the Grand  
156 Chapter during the inter between annual convocations;  
157 **9th.** To prepare and mail to all chapters and members of the Grand Chapter, and to  
158 all Masonic Bodies with which this Grand Chapter is in correspondence, a  
159 circular giving the results of the annual election, as well as any amendment or  
160 change of law adopted, immediately following the Annual Convocation. To have  
161 the Constitution and General Regulations printed in loose leaf form and prepare  
162 substitute pages as required.  
163 **10th.** To obtain at least semi-annually from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of  
164 A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota a list of all suspensions, expulsions and restorations by  
165 Masonic lodges, keep a record thereof and to transmit to each chapter as often  
166 as half-yearly a complete list of such rejections, expulsions, suspensions and  
167 restoration as they have been reported to him;  
168 **11th.** To attend with all necessary books and papers under his control all Convocations  
169 of the Grand Chapter or any meetings of its committees, upon proper notice, as  
170 well as upon the Grand High Priest when necessary or required;  
171 **12th.** To have the annual proceedings of this Grand Chapter printed each year. To have  
172 copy for the proceedings in the hands of the printer not later than ninety (90) days  
173 after the close of the Grand Convocation. He shall distribute copies thereof as  
174 follows:  
175 One (1) copy to each Grand Officer and elected Past Grand High Priest of the  
176 Grand Chapter and to each representative of and to sister Grand Chapters;  
177 two (2) copies to each chapter;

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178 two (2) copies to each Masonic Body recognized by this Grand Chapter, which  
179 reciprocates by furnishing the proceedings of its meetings to this Grand Chapter,  
180 and one (1) copy to any Masonic or other library, or Mason, requesting the same  
181 and having legitimate Masonic use therefor; and it shall be the duty of the Grand  
182 Secretary to have printed as an Appendix to such Annual Proceedings a roll of

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- 183 the first six (6) Elective Grand Officers from its organization to date; a Directory  
184 of Subordinate Chapters for the current year with number, name, location (and  
185 **13th.** To issue certificates of good standing upon application by any member of a defunct  
186 chapter who is shown by its records in possession of the Grand Secretary to have  
187 been in good standing when it ceased to work, upon which he may apply for  
188 membership elsewhere;
- 189 **14th.** To provide and sell to chapters at approximate cost and postage, proper blanks and  
190 petitions, as well as other blanks required to be in common use, and demit blanks,  
191 having space for name in full, and a place for nevarietur signature and for dates  
192 receiving Mark, Past, Most Excellent and Royal Arch Degrees in what chapter and  
193 where, as well as for any earned honors recognized by Capitular Masonry. It shall  
194 be his duty to provide each year a Past Grand High Priest gold jewel of the design  
195 heretofore selected in this jurisdiction, appropriately engraved; or at the option of  
196 the recipient, a suitable engraved watch, ring or token together with a Past Grand  
197 High Priest's apron to be monogrammed with the word "Minnesota" to be  
198 presented to the High Priest as soon as practicable after his installation, for which  
199 it shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to include in its report a reasonable  
200 appropriation each year.
- 201 **15th.** To provide, at cost, to the chapters, and send to the Secretaries thereof not later  
202 than October 1st each year sufficient receipt blanks, with name, number, location  
203 and serial number printed thereon for dues on cardboard bearing in conspicuous  
204 block figures the year for which, when issued, they are to be in force with place for  
205 nevarietur signature of the member, and certifying over his facsimile signature and  
206 seal of the Grand Chapter, that the Chapter issuing the same is a legally  
207 constituted chapter under this Grand Chapter. The use of such blanks for receipts  
208 of dues is mandatory in every chapter.
- 209 **16th.** To perform such other duties as the Grand Chapter may require
- 210 **17th.** To prepare and submit an annual report to the Grand Chapter at its Annual  
211 Convocation showing all moneys received and from what source, as well as the  
212 disposition thereof, during the fiscal year ending December 31st, as well as a  
213 statement of the financial and membership status of the several chapters, and  
214 such other facts in relation thereto as may be proper and advisable for the  
215 information and action of the Grand Chapter.
- 216 **18th.** To receive all moneys designated as being for Life Memberships, deposit such  
217 amounts to a special bank account, maintain necessary records, issue Certificates  
218 of such membership, invest funds as directed by the Trustees, calculate earnings  
219 and pay same over to the separate participating chapters. Administration of the  
220 foregoing to be in accord with Article **IX** of these General Regulations
- 221 **19th.** And at the expiration of his term, and the qualification of his successor, to turn over  
222 to the latter or to such person as the Grand Chapter may direct, all books, papers,  
223 writings, accounts and other property of the Grand Chapter under his control.  
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- 225 *Section 5.* The Grand Treasurer shall give bond in the sum of \$ 10,000.00 and the Grand  
226 Secretary in the sum of \$ 20,000.00, or in such larger amounts as the Grand Chapter may require,  
227 conditioned for the faithful performance and discharge of the duties of their respective offices,  
228 running to the Grand High Priest by name and his successor in office, in trust for this Grand  
229 Chapter, and executed by some Surety Company approved by the Grand High Priest as surety,

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230 and to be filed with him. The cost of such bonds will be paid by the Grand Chapter. If either of  
231 said officers fails to file such bond with the Grand High Priest within fifteen days after his election,  
232 the latter may by his order remove him from office and appoint another eligible member who will  
233 provide such bond to the vacancy so made.

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

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



239 Said seal shall be used only to attest formal official papers and documents of the Grand Chapter,  
240 and such Grand Chapter correspondence as is not merely incidental to the orderly transaction of  
241 the business of his office.  
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244 *Section 7.* The appointed officers of this Grand Chapter shall be;  
245       Excellent Grand Chaplain  
246       Excellent Principal Sojourner  
247       Excellent Royal Arch Captain  
248       Excellent Grand Master of the Third, Second and First Veils  
249       Excellent Grand Sentinel  
250       Excellent Grand Education Officer  
251       Excellent Grand Lecturer  
252       Excellent Grand Musician/Organist

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254 **ARTICLE III - OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS**

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

264 *Section 2.* A chapter under dispensation shall terminate its work forty-five (45) days prior to the  
265 next convocation following the issuance of the dispensation, make return and report of all  
266 its doings and forward the same upon that date with all its books and papers, and a

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267 certificate stating whether or not it desires a charter to issue at once, or the dispensation  
268 to be renewed; the names of the officers it has selected for High Priest, King and Scribe  
269 under charter and the demits of all petitioners who still desire to become members of the  
270 new chapter, to the Grand Secretary. The Grand Secretary shall place the same in the  
271 hands of the Committee on Chapters immediately for examination and report.

272 *Section 3.* If upon the report of the Committee on Chapters a charter is granted, the same shall  
273 be signed by the retiring members of the Grand Council and by the Grand Secretary, and  
274 the chapter thereafter be constituted and its officers installed by the Grand High Priest or  
275 by some Past High Priest deputized therefor by him, at his pleasure. The installing officer  
276 shall at once report the date and names of the officers installed to the Grand Secretary,  
277 unless the latter takes part in the constitution. If the officers named for the charter are not  
278 those named in the dispensation, a certificate from the Grand Lecturer must be furnished  
279 the Grand High Priest before constitution, certifying to the proficiency of the principal  
280 officers in the Work and Lectures and as to their ability to conduct a chapter.

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

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

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

292 *Section 7.* A stated Convocation of a chapter may be opened and business conducted in the  
293 absence of the High Priest, by the King or Scribe in the order named, or in the absence  
294 of all three of those officers by the Junior Past High Priest thereof present; but no Special  
295 Convocation can be opened by the King, Scribe or other companion in the absence of the  
296 High Priest, or by the King, Scribe or other companion in the absence of the High Priest,  
297 or of his order or request in writing.

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

303 *Section 9.* A chapter must provide books for its Secretary and Treasurer; retain control over its  
304 own funds; cannot incorporate, but may hold stock through a trustee in a corporation  
305 formed for the purpose of owning, and the maintenance of a Masonic Hall, and incidentally  
306 for rental purposes; may hold, mortgage, sell or make other dispensation of its own

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307 property, and invest and reinvest its funds, as the chapter may direct through trustees  
308 legally provided for (who shall always be under and subject to its control). No money shall  
309 be withdrawn from its funds without its consent appearing in the records, except only for  
310 charitable purposes as provided by law and the payment of the annual dues to the Grand  
311 Chapter. Wherever practicable all funds of a chapter shall be deposited in some banking  
312 institution selected by the chapter, and in its name, and the same shall be withdrawn there  
313 from only to pay the expenses incident to its being a chapter, including Masonic charity,  
314 by order thereupon signed by the High Priest, Secretary and Treasurer. Provided, that  
315 where funds are given the chapter in trust for any specified Masonic purpose, they may  
316 be used as directed in the gift except as permitted by other articles of these regulations.  
317 No chapter, by amendment of its By-Laws or otherwise, can use, or permit the use of, its  
318 funds or property for any other purpose whatsoever, nor divide the same among its  
319 members.

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

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

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

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

340 *Section 14.* Smoking in a chapter hall or preparation room is prohibited, and it is the duty of the  
341 High Priest to see that compliance with this law is maintained.  
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343 *Section 15.* No chapter shall participate in any public procession or ceremonial or hold a public  
344 installation without being first formally opened, and, before separating, formally closed.  
345 Where installation is to be public, if more convenient, the opening or closing may be in  
346 any room adjoining the hall; and if a procession occurs at considerable distance from its  
347 hall, the High Priest for convenience may take the charter and open and close the chapter

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- 348 in any suitable room near the place of such ceremony; and the Secretary shall make and  
349 keep a record of the facts.  
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- 351 *Section 16.* No chapter shall reconsider at any subsequent Convocation any action it has  
352 previously taken, if the same has already been acted upon, and in no case can a motion  
353 to reconsider be entertained later than the next Stated Convocation held after the action  
354 was taken.
- 355 *Section 17.* No chapter shall contract any debt or obligation for the building of a hall or for  
356 furnishing the same until arrangements have been made to secure the necessary funds  
357 to meet such obligation.
- 358 *Section 18.* A chapter may invest its surplus funds from time to time, if any, in properly secured  
359 loans, to be carried in the name of the trustees who must file proper declaration of trust  
360 in favor of the chapter.
- 361 *Section 19.* Any member of a chapter in good standing and clear of the books, except the High  
362 Priest, King or Scribe, may apply, either in writing filed with the Secretary, or orally at a  
363 Stated Convocation, for, and be granted, a demit, without vote, by order of the High Priest,  
364 entered upon the minutes, which shall take effect as of the date when the request therefor  
365 was filed with the Secretary or so made to the chapter; and the companion so demitted  
366 immediately becomes a non-affiliate, whether the certificate of such demission is  
367 immediately issued or not - such certificate being only the written evidence of such  
368 demission.
- 369 *Section 20.* In the case of the loss of a demit, upon written application, and showing such loss, a  
370 duplicate of demission may issue, by vote of the chapter if it is still in existence, or by the  
371 Grand Secretary in case the chapter is defunct.
- 372 *Section 21.* Any member of a chapter, except the High Priest, King or Scribe, if in good standing  
373 and free from charges, may withdraw from membership therein, by written notice to that  
374 effect, filed with the Secretary. Such notice shall be disposed of in the manner and subject  
375 to the same conditions as an application for a demit. When such withdrawal is  
376 consummated, the record should show that the companion was "dropped from the roll at  
377 his own request," He will thereafter be an unaffiliated capitular Mason, and have no rights  
378 whatsoever, except to petition the Grand Chapter for restoration, and to defend himself  
379 against any charges of unmasonic conduct subsequently made against him, for which he  
380 thereafter shall be subject to discipline, as he was before withdrawal.
- 381 *Section 22.* The minimum dues of chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction are fixed at three (\$3) dollars  
382 per annum, plus the annual Twenty-One (\$21) per capita of the Grand Chapter plus the  
383 General Grand per capita fee. [2023]  
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- 385 *Section 23.* The Capitular year of subordinate chapters shall end on December 31st of each year,  
386 and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer and Secretary to close their books of accounts  
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*Section 24.* It shall be the duty of each chapter to make a specified periodic report and send it to the Grand Secretary at prescribed intervals and forward an Annual Return of its membership and financial condition, signed by its High Priest and Secretary, accompanied with the fees for work done, the \$10 fee to perpetuate an original charter, and the annual dues upon its membership in good standing at the beginning of the Capitular year for which the report is made. Said return must be forwarded promptly after the close of each capitular year so as to be in the hands of the Grand Secretary on or before February 10th. Any chapter failing to submit this return on or before February 10th shall be assessed a late fee of \$25.00. [2016]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

435 *Section 2.* Every petitioner for the Capitular degrees must have resided within the jurisdiction of  
 436 Minnesota for ninety (90) days preceding the date of the petition, and must be a member  
 437 in good standing of a regular Master Mason's Lodge, of good character, and physically  
 438 and otherwise qualified to meet the several requirements of the Capitular obligations; and  
 439 such petition must be in the form prescribed by this Grand Chapter, and particularly give  
 440 the age, place of birth, occupation and present residence of the petitioner, and his  
 441 residence during the past ten years, and be recommended by two (2) members of the  
 442 chapter petitioned.

443 *Section 3.* If a member wishes to change his membership and be continually affiliated, he may  
 444 file his petition with a Chapter in which he desires membership and with it a certificate of  
 445 good standing from the Secretary of his Chapter under the seal thereof showing that his  
 446 dues have been paid for the current year, and shall file a written application to his Chapter  
 447 for a demit. If he is elected to membership in the Chapter petitioned, the Secretary thereof  
 448 shall immediately forward said application for a demit to the Chapter to which it is  
 449 addressed; and when the demit is received, it shall be filed with the petition and the  
 450 companion's name be entered as a member of the Chapter petitioned as of even date  
 451 with demit. If the petitioner is rejected, the certificate of good standing and application  
 452 shall be returned to him.

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

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

463 *Section 6.* The ballot upon petitions must be secret and may be taken either separately or  
 464 collectively and must be unanimous in order to elect. If taken collectively and one (1) or  
 465 more black ballot appears, a separate ballot must be taken upon each petition. If taken  
 466 separately and not more than one (1) black ballot appears, the High Priest in his discretion  
 467 (in order to be assured that no mistake has occurred) may at once order one  
 468 (1) other ballot. Before proceeding to ballot the High priest must satisfy himself that  
 469 there are a sufficient number of white balls and black cubes for a legal ballot; and any  
 470 ballot taken without is void, and another ballot must be taken legally upon the petition.

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471 The result of a ballot must be declared by the High Priest immediately upon his inspection  
472 thereof.

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

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

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

479 *Section 10.* There shall be no discussion in open chapter of the character of a petitioner for the  
480 degrees or for affiliation, nor at any time of an unfavorable ballot thereon; and no one  
481 shall be requested or allowed to divulge his ballot nor to give any reason therefor if it  
482 known, except to the High Priest for the purpose of rectifying a possible mistake.

483 *Section 11.* There shall be a fee charged for affiliation. Upon the election of a petitioner for  
484 affiliation he must pay in addition, the proportionate amount of dues for the balance of the  
485 year.

486 *Section 12.* Every member of a chapter must sign the By-Laws of his chapter when such  
487 membership is consummated. Provided, that a member affiliating, if not personally  
488 present, may authorize the Secretary to sign the same for him; and such authority must  
489 be filed with his petition. Membership in a chapter, however, is consummated upon  
490 affiliation, reinstatement or restoration, by election therein, or for the degrees by  
491 exaltation, after election therein.

492 *Section 13.* The capitular degrees cannot be communicated.

493 *Section 14.* Where an elected petitioner removes from the state after such election, before  
494 receiving any or all of the degrees, and now lives in a capitular jurisdiction permitting it,  
495 he may request the chapter electing him to obtain through the Grand High Priest of  
496 Minnesota and the Grand High Priest of the foreign jurisdiction, authority for a chapter in  
497 the jurisdiction of this present residence, to confer such degrees as he may not have  
498 received - or the chapter so electing him may waive jurisdiction over such candidate and  
499 permit him to again petition for the degrees in the jurisdiction of his present residence.

500 *Section 15.* No chapter shall confer the degrees on any candidate previously rejected by any  
501 other chapter without the consent of such rejecting chapter, if it is still in existence.  
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503 *Section 16.* It is the duty of chapters in this jurisdiction to confer the capitular degrees, or any of  
504 them, upon a candidate duly elected to receive them by another chapter, as a courtesy  
505 to such chapter, and without fee or charge. Provided, that if such request comes from a  
506 foreign jurisdiction, it must be through the Grand High Priests of both that foreign  
507 jurisdiction and of this.  
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509 *Section 17.* Chapters are authorized to recognize the degrees of Foreign Jurisdictions when  
510 those Jurisdictions are affiliated and in good standing with General Grand Chapter, and  
511 on any worthy Companion, who may present himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produce  
512 satisfactory evidence of having received that degree; having been conferred those  
513 degrees shall be a regular Royal Arch Mason in this Jurisdiction.

514 Chapters are authorized to confer free of charge the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master  
515 and Most Excellent Master, on any worthy companion from without this jurisdiction, but  
516 from a Grand Chapter in fraternal relations with the General Grand Chapter, who may  
517 present himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produce satisfactory evidence of having  
518 received that degree; and when so conferred upon such companion, he thereby is healed  
519 and becomes a regular Royal Arch Mason. For conferring said degrees, in such cases,  
520 chapters shall be exempt from paying any dues. [2015]

521 *Section 18.* A chapter is authorized to receive the petition for the Royal Arch degrees from a  
522 brother who holds a demit from a Lodge of Mark Master Masons, and can pass a  
523 satisfactory examination in the latter degree and, if elected, confer the remaining capitular  
524 degrees upon him.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

570 *Section 3.* 'The Grand High Priest shall divide the State into appropriate districts in each of which  
571 he shall designate an elected or appointed line officer as the District Officer whose duty  
572 it shall be to visit each Chapter of the District and report, on forms provided, the condition  
573 of the Chapter to the Grand high Priest and Grand King, and make such other visitations  
574 - perform such other duties and make such reports as the Grand High Priest may require.  
575 He shall arrange for Festivals under the direction of the Grand King and for Annual  
576 Schools of Instruction in his District to be conducted under the supervision and direction  
577 of the Grand lecturer or other officer or committee as designated by the Grand High Priest  
578 at such annual School of Instruction there shall be exemplified at least one degree each  
579 year. The chapters to exemplify such work shall be designated the "Host Chapters," but  
580 no chapters shall be required to exemplify more than one degree in any one (1) year or  
581 anyone of the degrees in any year immediately following the exemplification of such  
582 degree in that chapter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

599 *Section 1.* A chapter has the power and it is the duty to take cognizance of, and to administer  
600 discipline for any unmasonic conduct, offense or default whatever, by any member  
601 thereof, except its High Priest or an acting Grand High Priest, wherever committed, or  
602 wherever he may reside, or by any Royal Arch Mason, whether affiliated or not who  
603 resides in its area. Provided, that a chapter of concurrent jurisdiction shall not exercise  
604 such power of discipline over a member of another chapter of that jurisdiction.

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

615 **ARTICLE VIII - OF MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

616 *Section 1.* This Grand Chapter recognizes as regular and Masonic only the following societies  
617 and organizations, to-wit: the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota and the Grand  
618 Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons of the other several states and territories and the  
619 District of Columbia, as well as the Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons outside  
620 of the United States of America which now. or may hereafter be, recognized as regular  
621 by said Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and all those Lodges and Bodies existing under and  
622 by virtue of authority of either of said several Grand Lodges; the General Grand Chapter  
623 of Royal Arch Masons, together with the Grand Royal Arch Chapters of the several states  
624 and territories and of the District of Columbia, as well as all other Grand Chapters of Royal  
625 Arch Masons outside of the United States of America, which are now, or may hereafter  
626 be, recognized as regular by the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and the  
627 several Chapters and Bodies under authority of either; the General Grand Council of  
628 Cryptic Masons, International together with the Grand Councils of Cryptic Masons or the  
629 Grand Councils of Royal & Select Masters of the several states and territories and the

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630 District of Columbia, and the several Councils and Bodies existing under and by the  
631 authority of either; the Grand Encampment of the  
632 Knights Templar of the United States of America together with the Grand Commanderies  
633 of the several states and territories and of the District of Columbia, and the several  
634 Commanderies and Bodies existing under and by virtue of the authority of either; the  
635 Supreme Council of the 33rd degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish  
636 Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, of which Venerable Brother  
637 Albert Pike was, in 1890, the Sovereign Grand Commander, and the Supreme Council of  
638 the 33rd degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Jurisdiction  
639 of the United States, of which Venerable Brother Henry L. Palmer was, in 1890, the  
640 Sovereign Grand Commander, together with several subordinate Bodies existing under  
641 and by virtue of the authority of either, so long as they or either of them may respectively  
642 continue to adopt and use the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master  
643 Mason as the base upon which to erect the degrees conferred by or under authority of  
644 said organizations respectively.

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

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

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

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

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

666 *Section 7.* Any chapter which fails to be represented at any annual Convocation of the Grand  
667 Chapter or to make annual returns or pay its annual dues to the Grand Chapter for two  
668 consecutive years shall be suspended thereby from all Masonic functions; and unless  
669 within one year from the date of such suspension (of which it shall have been notified by

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670 the Grand Secretary) it discharges its arrearages and excuses its neglect, it shall be  
671 stricken from the rolls of chartered chapters without other action.

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

674 *Section 9.* A Royal Arch Mason should wear the apron of that degree in the capitular lodges.  
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676 *Section 10.* That any Royal Arch Chapter member who is serving in the United States Air Force,  
677 United States Marine Corps, United States Navy, United States Army, and the United  
678 States Coast Guard; or in their respective reserves either serving stateside or serving in  
679 foreign countries during times of war or conflict will have their dues remitted by the Grand  
680 Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota. Such dues remittance will begin to those  
681 active, reserve or National Guard military personnel serving as of January 1, 2007.

682 *Section 11.* A duplicate copy of the By-Laws of each chapter and of all amendments thereof shall  
683 be filed with the Grand Secretary immediately after they are approved by the Grand High  
684 Priest, and it is the duty of the Secretary of every chapter certifying such By-  
685 Laws or amendments for approval to forward the same to the Grand High priest in  
686 duplicate - one of which he shall deposit with the Grand Secretary when he has approved  
687 the same.

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

690 *Section 13.* Whenever a Grand Chapter of a jurisdiction contiguous to this Grand Jurisdiction  
691 provides by legislation that a Master Mason resident in its jurisdiction and living nearer to  
692 a chapter of this jurisdiction than to a chapter of such foreign jurisdiction may petition for  
693 the capitular degrees or for affiliation in this jurisdiction, this Grand Chapter reciprocally  
694 consents that a Master Mason resident in Minnesota but whose residence is nearer a  
695 chapter in such contiguous Grand Jurisdiction may file his petition with such chapter.  
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697 *Section 14.* A chapter visited by the Grand High Priest at its suggestion or invitation, or by another  
698 companion deputized to make such visit, as well as a chapter being constituted, should  
699 provide for the local entertainment of the .visiting official. As any other visit of the Grand  
700 High Priest or of other officials sent by him are primarily for the benefit of the chapter  
701 visited, fraternal courtesy at least suggests like provision for local entertainment by the  
702 chapter.

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

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711 ARTICLE IX - LIFE MEMBERSHIP

712 *Section 1.* The Grand Chapter offers a Life Membership Program, at the discretion of the Grand  
 713 Chapter. Any member in good standing in this Grand Jurisdiction whose dues are paid to  
 714 date may purchase a life membership, when offered, and be thereby relieved from further  
 715 payments of dues, subject to the provision set forth in this section.

716 1<sup>st</sup>. The Grand Chapter may halt new purchases of the Life Membership Program by a  
 717 2/3 vote of the Grand Chapter officers when not in Grand Convocation.

718 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Grand Chapter may reinstate purchases of the Life Membership Program by  
 719 a 2/3 vote of the Grand Chapter officers when not in Grand Convocation.

720 3<sup>rd</sup>. When on Grand Convocation the voting members of the Grand Chapter may  
 721 reinstate the purchases of the Life Membership program, if currently halted, by a  
 722 2/3 vote of those entitled to vote. (1-3; 2024)

723 4<sup>th</sup>. Any member may purchase a Life Membership in this Grand Jurisdiction, when  
 724 offered, who is in good standing. The calculated formula for each age is as follows:  
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FACTOR CHART FOR MEMBER'S AGE AT NEAREST BIRTHDAY		
Age	May 1999 - June 2009	New Factors – June 25, 2009
<i>UNCHANGED</i>	<i>DELETED</i>	<i>SUBSTITUTED</i>
<b>18 to 40</b>	21	<b>40</b>
<b>41 to 50</b>	18	<b>35</b>
<b>51 to 60</b>	16	<b>30</b>
<b>61 to 70</b>	13	<b>25</b>
<b>71 &amp; up</b>	11	<b>20</b>

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727 5<sup>th</sup>. All purchasers of Life Membership may, after a down payment of 1/4 the cost of Life  
 728 Membership shall be allowed to pay the balance in semi-annual or yearly payments equal  
 729 to 1/4 of the cost of the Life Membership with no interest added. All payments are to be  
 730 received by the constituent chapters and the money shall be forwarded to the Grand  
 731 Secretary upon receipt of the payment.

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 733 6<sup>th</sup>. A Life Membership Certificate shall only be issued after full payment is received by  
 734 the Grand Secretary. Companions may, if they desire, pay the full cost of the Life  
 735 Membership and receive a Life Membership Certificate.

736 7<sup>th</sup>. Upon the holder of a life membership certificate transferring to another Chapter  
 737 within this Grand Jurisdiction, the Grand Secretary shall-upon notice thereof transfer on  
 738 the books of the Life Membership Fund the fees received for such life membership to  
 739 the credit of the Chapter transferred to, regardless of by whom such life membership  
 740 was purchased.

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 742 8<sup>th</sup>. Upon the holder of a life membership certificate dimitting from this Grand Jurisdiction  
 743 to any other and taking a withdrawal certificate from his Chapter, then the fee paid for

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744 such life membership shall remain to the credit of such Chapter in the Life Membership  
745 Fund.

746 9<sup>th</sup>. All monies received by the Grand Secretary from the Chapters for life memberships  
747 shall be transferred to the Life Membership Fund to the credit of such Chapter.

748 10<sup>th</sup>. Any Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction may by vote purchase from its funds a life  
749 membership certificate for a member thereof, paying the fee as provided in Subdivision  
750 1st of this section.

751 11<sup>th</sup>. When two (2) or more Chapters consolidate, all money in the Life Membership Fund  
752 to the credit of such Chapters shall be transferred to the credit of such consolidated  
753 Chapter.

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755 12<sup>th</sup>. Upon the dissolution of any Chapter, holders of Grand Chapter certificates of life  
756 membership shall have such memberships transferred as provided in Subdivision 4<sup>th</sup> of  
757 this section. The interest accruing from the fund remaining to the credit of the dissolved  
758 Chapter shall at the end of the year be added to the principal of this fund.

759 13<sup>th</sup>. Holders of life membership certificates are subject to all laws, rules and  
760 regulations of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota, and loss of  
761 membership by suspension or expulsion shall automatically abrogate his life  
762 membership and any claim to pay any portion of any fees paid for such life  
763 membership; but the Chapter of which he was last a member shall continue to receive  
764 the income from such funds.

765 14<sup>th</sup>. The Grand Secretary shall annually remit to the secretaries of the Subordinate  
766 Chapters their pro-rata portion of the earnings of the Life Membership Fund. Earnings  
767 shall be credited quarterly; partial quarters shall earn no interest. The Grand Chapter  
768 may deduct five percent (5%) annually from the earnings of the Fund and transfer the  
769 sum to the Grand Chapter General Account for administration costs.

770 15<sup>th</sup>. The annual per capita year for earnings of the Life Membership Fund will be as of  
771 December 31st each year.

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773 16<sup>th</sup>. Life Membership certificates are issued by chapter and apply only to the chapter to  
774 which they issued. Companions holding dual memberships are obligated for payment of  
775 dues in all chapters in which they hold membership and may apply for an additional Life  
776 Membership in the dual chapter at that chapter's dues rate.

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778 17<sup>th</sup>. A member reported "indigent", as defined in the Constitution of this Grand  
779 Chapter under Article VII, Section 3, Sub-section 4<sup>th</sup>, may be considered  
780 " Permanently Indigent" and, therefore, eligible to receive a Life Membership at no cost  
781 to either himself or his Chapter, if so certified by the High Priest and Secretary of his  
782 Chapter, on a form titled "Petition for Life Membership for a Permanently Indigent  
783 Member" and approved by the Charity Committee of this Grand Chapter. The Petition  
784 will include an explanation as to why he is now indigent and will be permanently so. If

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785 approved by the Charity Committee, the Grand Secretary will issue the Life Membership  
786 Certificate in the member's name, transfer from the Charity Fund of this Grand Chapter  
787 to the records of the affected Chapter, the amount of the cost as set forth under  
788 Subsection 1st of this Section and forward the Certificate of Life Membership to the  
789 Chapter for delivery to the member. Should the Petition be denied, the Chapter may, if it  
790 chooses, resort to the procedure outlined under Sub-section 7th, above.

791 **ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS**

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