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CONSTITUTION
AND
GENERAL REGULATIONS
FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
ORDER OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF MANITOBA

As adopted at the Organizing Convocation held in Winnipeg, March 30th., A.I. 2453, A.D. 1923, with additions, deletions and amendments to April 18th., A.I. 2522, A.D. 1992.

ORGANIZATION

1. The name of this Grand Chapter is the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba.

JURISDICTION

2. This Grand Chapter is a body of Royal Arch Masons in which is invested the government and care of Capitular Masonry within the Province of Manitoba, in Canada.

POWERS OF AUTHORITY

3. The Grand Chapter is the highest source of authority in Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction. In it alone is vested the government, control, superintending, and the power of enacting laws, rules and regulations for the government of all Chapters of Royal Arch Masons and all Lodges of Most Excellent Master Masons and Mark Master Masons within its jurisdiction.

4. It has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating and deciding all matters relating to the Royal Arch, the Most Excellent Master, and the Mark Master degrees, or to the constituent Chapters, or individual Companions, by direct or delegated authority.

5. It grants, under its great seal and the sign manual of its Grand Principals, attested by the Grand Scribe E., Warrants; and under its great seal and the sign manual of its Grand Z., attested by the Grand Scribe E., dispensations for constituting Chapters and to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Most Excellent Master, and the Holy Royal Arch, with authority to assign the limits of the several districts, and when expedient suspend, revoke, arrest or annul said Warrants.

AMALGAMATION OF CHAPTERS

6. Two or more Chapters may amalgamate under one warrant. Each Chapter shall adopt a resolution to that effect and each must

appoint a committee of three members to act jointly to arrange the terms therefor. Notice of such resolution must have been given at a regular convocation and must appear in the summons for the next convocation.

The report of the joint committee must be supported by not less than three-fourths of the members present and voting at the convocation in each Chapter; it shall be carried into effect as soon as the Grand Z. shall approve of such amalgamation. If the amalgamation goes into effect, the new Chapter may take the name and number of either of the old Chapters and may retain its Charter and Seal. In the event the Grand Chapter shall order that its consent be endorsed on the Charter, and that its seal and the signature of the Grand Scribe E. be attached to the endorsement. The new Chapter may take the name of one and the number of another of the Chapters, or it may take a new name or number or both, in any of these cases a new Charter and a new Seal shall be required.

The Grand Z., the Grand Superintendent, or such other Companion as the Grand Z. may appoint, shall carry the amalgamation into effect by attending at the time and the place named when the members of the Chapters present shall choose, by ballot, the elective officers who, with the officers appointed by the Z. elect, shall be immediately installed and invested.

Every member of any Chapter amalgamated shall be a member of the amalgamated chapter, but any member may pay all his dues and withdraw before such amalgamation has been effected. Any member under suspension for any cause shall have the same right for restoration in the amalgamated Chapter as he would have had in his own Chapter had such amalgamation not taken place.

7. It, alone can, after due summons for trial, expel an offending Brother or Companion, or restore him, after his expulsion has been removed.

8. It decides all questions of Capitular Masonic Law, usage, and custom, makes, alters, and repeals at pleasure, laws for its government and the government and control of its own members, and deals with all appeals that may be made by either individual Companions or Chapters, and reviews, alters, confirms, reverses, or annuls their decisions, according to the provisions of the Constitution as authorized by the Grand Chapter.

9. It has the power of discipline, admonition, censure, or instruction over all Chapter and Companions. It may also expel, suspend, reprimand, relieve, or restore a Brother or Companion, on appeal from a constituent Chapter.

10. It shall see that the authorized work of the Royal Craft is preserved, and that no deviation be permitted either in the work or ceremonials and forms of the order.

OF WHOM COMPOSED

11. This Grand Chapter shall be composed of its Officers, both elected and appointed, and members as hereinafter enumerated, and set forth in Section 12, 13, and 14, who must be Companions in good standing in a constituent Chapter, whose names have been recorded in the books of Grand Chapter, and who are either life members or members whose dues are paid for the current year, and its members shall rank in the following order:

ELECTED GRAND OFFICERS

The Grand Z.}
The Grand H.} Grand Council
The Grand J.}

The Grand Superintendents of Districts, viz.:

District No. 1. The Grand Superintendent of the City of Winnipeg Chapters: Prince Rupert #1, Kildonan #10, Concordia #22 as well as Prince of Wales #11 in Selkirk.

District No. 2. The Grand Superintendent of the Chapters: Keystone #2 - Portage La Prairie; Eureka #15 - Pilot Mound, and Red River Valley #21 - Starbuck.

District No. 3. The Grand Superintendent of the Chapters: Keystone #5 - Brandon; Rabboni #7 - Dauphin; Mount Sinai #8 - Rivers and Wapiseew #18 - Swan River.

Pre-Cambrian Chapter #17, is under the supervision of the Grand First Principal.

Districts 1, 2, and 3 shall meet at a time, selected by the Grand Superintendent of his district, prior to the Annual Convocation and at other times as necessary.

The following are elected Officers:

The Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Scribe E.) Who shall be appointed by the Grand Exec.

The Grand Scribe N.) for a period of two (2) years.

The Grand Principal Sojourner.

The Grand Registrar.

The Grand Historian.

The Outer Guard.

12. All Past Grand Officers, including Past Grand Superintendents of districts, and 24 members of the Grand Executive Committee, who shall rank next in order to the present officers of the same rank, Past Grand Z.'s shall rank by seniority next in order to the Grand Z., and before the Grand H.

13. APPOINTED OFFICERS BY GRAND Z.

The Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Lecturer.

The Grand Senior Sojourner.

The Grand Junior Sojourner.
The Grand Masters of the Veils.
The Grand Director of Ceremonies.
The Grand Organist.
The Grand Pursuivant.

None but presiding or Past Z.'s shall be eligible for any office in this Grand Chapter, except the offices of Grand Chaplain, which may be filled by any Royal Arch Companion.

POWERS OF THE GRAND Z.

14. The Grand Z. shall, as soon as possible after his installation, appoint the Grand Chapter officers whose appointment is not otherwise provided for by the Constitution.

15. He shall, during such meeting, install and invest, or cause to be installed and invested, the officers who require installation or investiture, and who are present, and shall give directions for the installation of investiture of those who are not present.

16. The Grand Z. shall exercise all the executive and judicial functions of this Grand Chapter during its recess, Communicate in writing a statement of his official acts during such recess, and recommend such measures as he may deem expedient.

17. He shall have the power during the recess of Grand Chapter to grant a Dispensation under his hand and attested by the Grand Scribe E., under the seal of Grand Chapter, upon the petition of not less than nine registered Royal Arch Masons in good standing, empowering them to hold Chapters of Royal Arch Masons and the preliminary degrees for a certain specified time, provided such application has been reviewed and approved by the District Superintendent and Executive Committee, and such time does not extend beyond the next ensuing Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, and Grand Chapter may them confirm the said dispensation and grant the petitioners a warrant.

18. He shall have the sole power to appoint representatives of this Grand Chapter, near other recognized Grand Chapters, and to receive and accredit representatives of other recognized Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter.

19. He shall also have the power to decide all questions of usage, order, and Masonic law, as applied to Capitular Masonry, subject, however, to a right of appeal to Grand Chapter from his decision. (See Sections 34 - 35).

20. He shall also have the power to convene any Chapter or Chapters of Royal Arch Masons within this jurisdiction at such time and place as he may designate, and in person, or by proxy, to preside thereat, inspect the proceedings and work of the same and require a strict compliance with the laws, rules, and regulations of Capitular Masonry within the jurisdiction.

21. He may, either personally or by a committee of inquiry to be appointed by him, investigate any subject of Masonic complaint which may be brought before him, and may give such orders and directions with respect to the attendance of Brethren or Companions and the production of books and papers, including the Warrant, books and accounts of any Chapter as he may deem necessary for the purposes of such investigation.

22. (1) He shall, when such action appears to him to be necessary or expedient, suspend any Brother or Companion or arrest the Warrant or Dispensation of any Chapter and suspend the operation thereof until the next Convocation of Grand Chapter or for such shorter period as he may deem advisable.

(2) He shall report in writing to Grand Chapter the action taken by him, his reasons therefor, and his opinion respecting any further action in the matter which should be taken by Grand Chapter.

23. He may direct that a charge be preferred, in a chapter having jurisdiction to try the same, against any Brother or Companion for any Masonic offense alleged to have been committed by him and may, if he thinks it expedient to do so, commit the supervision of the trial to the Grand Superintendent or any other officer whom he may appoint.

24. He may entertain an appeal from the decision or action of a Grand Superintendent and change or modify the same.

25. An appeal shall in all cases be to Grand Chapter from the opinion or decision of the Grand Z. and his opinion or decision shall have force only until the Convocation of Grand Chapter when it may be affirmed or set aside.

26. It is the prerogative of the Grand Z. to perform the following ceremonies, viz.: Establishing Chapters, dedicating Chapter rooms, and installing and investing Grand Officers, and no Companion can lawfully perform any of these ceremonies unless authorized by the Grand Z. to do so as his representative.

27. He has authority to grant dispensations for the following purposes, viz.:

(1) To authorize the requisite number of Companions to meet as a Chapter until the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

(2) To authorize the Grand Scribe E. to issue a Grand Chapter certificate to a Companion who has been legally admitted to a higher degree at a shorter interval than prescribed by the Constitution. (see Part D, Section 371.)

(3) To relieve from Masonic disability a member of a Chapter which has been suspended. (See Part D, Section 349, Sub-Section 4.)

28. He also has the authority to grant dispensations to any Chapter for any of the purposes, viz.:

(1) To hold any function in the name of the chapter or of the Royal Craft.

(2) To elect and install (or either) officers at a time other than that fixed by the by-laws.

(3) To hold a School of Instruction.

(4) To confer a higher degree on a Companion at a shorter interval than prescribed by the Constitution.

(5) To receive and act upon a petition for exaltation in a Chapter from a person who has not resided for three months within its jurisdiction.

(6) To receive and act upon a petition for a candidate for exaltation who resides outside the jurisdiction of the Chapter.

(7) To change the time and/or the date of a Regular Convocation.

PUBLIC PROCESSION

(8) No public procession or festival where Royal Arch clothing is proposed to be worn shall be allowed without a dispensation from the Grand Z.

(9) If any Chapter or Companion shall take part in any public procession in Royal Arch clothing without a dispensation, such Chapter or Companion shall be suspended by the Grand Z. until the latter or Grand Chapter shall determine the matter. A Masonic funeral and the laying of a corner stone being Craft functions solely, Royal Arch clothing is not permitted to be worn.

29. He shall not be applied to officially concerning any matter connected with Capitular Masonry, except through the Grand Scribe E., the Grand H., Grand J., the Grand Superintendent, or the Executive committee.

30. In case of the absence, disability, or death of the Grand Z., the Grand Chapter shall be ruled by a Past Grand "Z", selected by the Grand Chapter Executive committee, until the next election take place.

31. The Statement of the powers and prerogatives of the Grand Z. contained in the foregoing sections shall not be construed as limiting or abridging the powers and prerogatives attached to the office of Grand Z. by Capitular Masonic Law or custom, except in so far as they directly limit or abridge the same.

32. He shall receive such compensation when traveling on the business of this Grand Chapter and such further sum as Grand Chapter may from time to time determine.

33. Should any office in Grand Chapter become vacant the Grand Z., may appoint a qualified member to fill the vacancy.

34. Appeals from the ruling, decision or action of the Grand Z., or any subordinate authority, shall be brought before Grand Chapter in the manner provided by Section 35.

35. Every Chapter or Companion affected by any ruling, decision or action of the Grand Z., the Grand Superintendents, the Executive Committee, or any subordinate authority shall be duly served with notice of such ruling, decision, or action and shall have the right to appeal therefrom to Grand Chapter. Notice of appeal shall be given by the appellant in writing to the Grand Scribe E. within twenty-one days after the notice of such ruling, decision, or action shall have been served upon him and the appeal shall be presented to Grand Chapter by the Executive Committee.

THE GRAND H.

36. (1) It shall be the duty of the Grand H. to preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee.

(2) He shall also exercise such executive or judicial functions as may be delegated to him by the Grand Z.

(3) He shall report in writing to the Grand Z. any and all official acts performed by him during the recess of Grand Chapter.

THE GRAND J.

37. It shall be the duty of the Grand J. to act as Vice-President at the meetings of the Executive Committee, and in the absence of the Grand H. to preside at the same, and to exercise such other and executive functions as may be delegated to him by the Grand Z.

38. He shall report in writing to the Grand Z. any and all official acts performed by him during the recess of Grand Chapter.

THE GRAND TREASURER

39. It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to keep such books and accounts and, in such manner as may from time to time, be prescribed by the Executive Committee. His books shall always be open for inspection by any member of the Grand Council or by any Committee authorized to inspect the same. His accounts shall be prepared and audited as prescribed by Section 60, Sub-section 14. He shall be the custodian of the bond of the Grand Scribe E.

THE GRAND SCRIBE E.

- 40.
- (1) It shall be the duty of the Grand Scribe E. to record all laws, acts, and transactions of Grand Chapter.
 - (2) To receive, file, and safely keep all papers, books, and documents of Grand Chapter other than those belonging to the Grand Treasurer.
 - (3) He shall prepare and superintend the publication of the proceedings of all Convocations of Grand Chapter immediately after the close of such Convocations.
 - (4) He shall have the custody of the seal of the Grand Chapter and shall affix the same to all documents issued by authority of Grand Chapter or the Grand Z.
 - (5) He shall sign and certify all instruments issued by Grand Chapter under seal or otherwise.
 - (6) He shall issue Summonses for all Convocations of Grand Chapter, of the Executive Committee, or of any Committee, as he shall be directed by the Grand Z., Grand Chapter, Executive Committee, or the President of the Executive Committee, and shall attend and take minutes of all their proceedings.
 - (7) He shall keep a register of all members of constituent Chapters.
 - (8) He shall receive returns from the several Chapters and enter them in the Books of the Grand Chapter and duly report the same to each Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.
 - (9) He shall send to all Chapters copies of the Proceedings of Grand Chapter and of all such other papers as may be ordered, either by the Grand Z., Grand H., or the Executive committee.
 - (10) He shall on or before the twenty-eighth day of November in each year, send to each Chapter and to every officer of Grand Chapter copies of all notice of motion, and to be discussed at their Chapter with the proposed notice of motions.
 - (11) He shall notify all Chapters annually of all demitted, expelled, suspended, and restored members for the year.
 - (12) He shall furnish the Executive Committee and Grand Superintendents with all such documents and information they may require.

(13) He shall receive all Petitions, Memorials, and other papers and lay them before the Grand Z. or other proper authority.

(14) He shall attend the Grand Z. or the Executive Committee and take to him or the Committee the books and papers he or they may direct.

(15) He shall conduct the correspondence of Grand Chapter.

(16) He shall receive and deposit all moneys of Grand Chapter and keep all the accounts thereof in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Executive Committee.

(17) His books and accounts shall always be open for inspection by the Grand Z. or the President of the Executive Committee or any Committee thereof authorized to inspect the same.

(18) He shall perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

(19) He shall give a bond to be approved by the Executive Committee to the Grand Chapter through the Grand Z. in some guarantee company in the sum of \$2,000.00 for the faithful performance of his duties.

(20) This bond shall be placed in the custody of the Grand Treasurer. The fee for such bond shall be paid by Grand Chapter.

(21) All moneys payable to Grand Chapter Shall be received by the Grand Scribe E., who shall forthwith deposit same in a Chartered Bank, Trust Company or Credit Union selected by the Executive Committee to the credit of Grand Chapter. All Investment Certificates shall be to a maximum of \$50,000.00 with an Annual interest return when insured by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation. Copies of all transactions shall be sent to the Grand Treasurer who shall keep an account of all moneys so received and deposited.

(22) All cheques issued on behalf of Grand Chapter shall bear the signature of the Grand Treasurer and of either the Grand Scribe E., or the Grand Z.

(23) The accounts of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer shall be kept in such manner and form and subject to such rules and regulations as the Executive Committee may from time to time prescribe.

(24) The accounts shall be closed on the 31st day of January in each year.

(25) They shall be audited during the year by two auditors to be named by the executive Committee and an abstract thereof, certified by the Auditors as correct, shall be prepared and sent to the President of the Executive Committee.

(26) A full statement of the accounts for year preceding shall be prepared for the information of Grand Chapter and it shall be certified as correct by the official Auditor and shall be submitted to the Executive Committee on the first day of its meeting prior to the Convocation of Grand Chapter. This statement shall be referred to the Executive Committee thereon.

(27) He shall receive such compensation for his services as Grand Chapter may direct.

(28) He shall have charge of all the jewels, furniture, clothing, and paraphernalia of Grand Chapter during its recess and present at its Annual Convocation a full and detailed report of his official acts.

(29) That Grand Chapter appoint two (2) Companions to assemble data to be printed in the proceedings, with the assistance of the Grand Scribe E., immediately after the Grand Chapter Annual Convocation, in order to have the proceedings printed no later than October of each year.

THE GRAND SCRIBE N.

41. It shall be the duty of the Grand Scribe N., to assist the Grand Scribe E., in the discharge of his duties when called upon.

THE GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER

42. It shall be the duty of the Grand Principal Sojourner to see that the Grand Senior and Grand Junior Sojourners perform their duties and to report the names of all visitors who seek admission to Grand Chapter.

THE GRAND REGISTRAR

43. The Grand Registrar shall be responsible for the banquet and luncheon sales, assist the credential committee with the registration, and shall perform such duties as he may be called upon to perform by the Grand Z.

THE GRAND LECTURER

44. The Grand Lecturer shall have communicated to him by the Grand First Principal the authorized work of Grand Chapter. It shall be his duty, when requested by any constituent Chapter to visit the same, exemplify the work authorized by the Grand Chapter, and to report to the Grand Z. or Grand Chapter all who willfully depart therefrom. He shall

hold a School of Instruction at District Meetings, when requested to do so by the Grand Superintendent, and with the approval of the Grand Z.

45.(deleted)

46. In no case shall any expense be entailed upon Grand Chapter for such service.

THE GRAND SENIOR SOJOURNER

47. It shall be the duty of the Grand Senior Sojourner to allow none to enter Grand Chapter but those who come properly clothed as Royal Arch Masons and duly qualified.

THE GRAND JUNIOR SOJOURNER

48. It shall be the duty of the Grand Junior Sojourner to see that the portals of Grand Chapter are properly guarded and to report all visitors and communications from without to the Grand Principal Sojourner.

THE GRAND OUTER GUARD

49. It shall be the duty of the Grand Outer Guard to guard the entrance to Grand Chapter, to see that all visitors are duly vouched for before being reported, and that decorum is preserved at the entrance to Grand Chapter. The Grand Outer Guard shall be elected by open vote.

THE GRAND HISTORIAN

50. The Grand Historian shall, from time to time, compile and preserve a record of all matters connected with the history of Grand Chapter and report annually to that body. He shall be elected by open vote and shall hold office during the pleasure of Grand Chapter.

THE GRAND PURSUIVANT

51. The Grand Pursuivant shall be situated within the portals of the Grand Chapter, and shall admit Members vouched for by the Grand Outer Guard.

THE GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES

52. (1) The Grand Director of Ceremonies' "Duties" are to see that the Grand Chapter is properly prepared and all the Companions appear in the Grand Chapter in the clothing prescribed by the Constitution of Grand Chapter, and to the best of his ability to see that every Companion is placed according to his station and to act as Marshal on all public occasions.

(2) He shall arrange and coordinate the reception of visiting Companions and representatives from Grand Jurisdictions, including the Past Grand First Principals and the

representatives to sister Grand Jurisdictions. To assist the District Superintendent in the instruction of the Constituent Chapter Director of Ceremonies.

(3) As a committee member for the preparation of the annual Grand Chapter Convocation, he shall be responsible for the ritual and procedural organization of the Grand Convocation.

53. Any Grand Officer who shall, during the term for which he was chosen by either election or appointment, remove from the jurisdiction, or cease to be a member of some regular constituent Chapter thereby shall vacate his office.

54. No Grand Officer, who has been duly elected by the Grand Chapter, can be removed or suspended from his office by the Grand Z. except for cause; and his suspension or removal must be ratified by a majority of the members present at the next following Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

55. The Grand Z. shall lay before such Annual Convocation a statement of the removal or suspension, together with his reasons therefor.

56. Any Grand Officer of this Grand Chapter may resign his office, either before or after his installation or investiture, whereupon the Grand Z. shall fill the vacancy by appointing another eligible Companion to such office until the next Regular Convocation of Grand Chapter.

57. (1) Grand Chapter may, on motion, in recognition of service or ability rendered, confer by majority vote, upon any member of Grand Chapter such rank as it may deem appropriate, provided that such notice be sent in writing by the mover to the Grand Scribe E. prior to the 15th day of January preceding and the constituent Chapters notified by him prior to the 15th February.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions for conferring of Honorary Rank in this Grand Chapter as herein set forth, it shall be the prerogative of the Grand Z. after consultation with the Grand H. and the Grand J. to confer such Honorary Rank as may be deemed appropriate on any Past Z. of a Chapter in good standing, not included in any one of the Masonic Districts, who, over a period of years, has rendered conspicuous leadership and eminent service to the Royal Craft, provided any Rank so conferred shall not be superior to the Rank of Past District Grand Superintendent.

58. Grand Chapter may on motion constitute any Companion of eminence and ability who has rendered service to the Royal Craft, who hails from a foreign jurisdiction and is a member of a Grand Chapter recognized by this Grand Chapter, an honorary member thereof, with such rank and distinction as it may deem appropriate. Such application must be submitted in writing to the Grand Scribe E. and then to the

Executive committee prior to the Annual Convocation with their recommendations to the Grand Chapter for its approval.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

59. In order that the business of the Grand Chapter may be placed before it in proper and regular form an Executive Committee shall be constituted.

60. (1a), The committee shall consist of the Grand Z., all past Grand Z.'s, the Grand H., the Grand J., the Grand Superintendents of Districts, the Grand Scribe E & N, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Principal Sojourner, the Grand Registrar, the Grand Lecturer, the Grand Historian, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and twenty-four members (Presiding or Past Z.'s) to be elected by ballot at the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter to hold office for a three year term. Nominations for office must be filed with the Chairman of the Nominations Committee before 12:00 o'clock noon of the seventieth day immediately preceding the Annual Convocation.

(1b), Any elected member of the Executive Committee missing three consecutive committee meetings, without adequate reason communicated to the committee prior to the meetings, shall be automatically replaced by the committee at the next subsequent meeting.

60. (2) If at the time of the holding of the Annual Grand Convocation any vacancy exists on the Executive Committee by reason of death, or resignation of a member of the committee, or by reason of his election to an office by which he becomes a member of the committee ex-officio, before his term as a member of the committee expires, such vacancy shall be filled at the Annual Convocation by the election of a member for the unexpired portion of such term.

(3) The Executive Committee shall form sub-committees on Credentials, Warrants and Dispensations, Budget and Finance, Grievances and Appeals, Constitution Revisions, Laws and Jurisprudence, Condition of Capitular Masonry, Fraternal Dead, Annual Convocation, Nomination, and on such other business as may be deemed necessary.

(4) Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the dispatch of business.

(5) The Grand H., shall be the President of the Executive Committee and in his absence the Grand J., who shall possess all powers of the President. Should the Grand H. and Grand J. be absent, the committee shall elect a President pro tempore.

(6) The Committee shall meet during the Month of March prior to the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter at a time

and place designated, and at other times as called by the President (Grand H).

(7) All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes. The presiding officer in case of a tie shall declare the motion lost.

(8) The Committee shall have authority to hear and determine all Masonic complaints respecting Chapters or individual Companions and deal with recommendations for Warrants to hold new Chapters when regularly brought before it.

(9) The Committee may summon any of the officers of a Chapter to appear before it for the purpose of any inquiry and may order the custodian thereof to produce the Warrant, books, papers, and accounts of the Chapter. If such order be disobeyed and sufficient reason for non-compliance be not given, the offending Chapter or Companion may be suspended by the Committee and the proceedings shall be reported to Grand Chapter.

(10) A full report of the proceedings of the Committee, in all cases of complaint investigated by it, shall be preserved in a book to be kept for the purpose. The judgment of the Committee shall be reported to Grand Chapter.

(11) In case of any complaint affecting a member of the Committee, or the Chapter to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw while the Committee considers its decision.

(12) The Committee shall have charge of the finances of Grand Chapter and it shall submit to Grand Chapter an estimate of expenses for the ensuing year.

(13) The Committee shall have full power to inspect all books and papers relating to the accounts of Grand Chapter and may prescribe the manner in which the money and accounts hereof shall be kept. Such rules and regulations shall be reported to Grand Chapter.

(14) The Committee shall annually appoint two auditors. Their duties shall be to audit the books of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Scribe E. and report to the Grand Z. They shall receive such remuneration as Grand Chapter shall determine.

(15) The Committee may summon any officer, brother, or Companion, having possession of any books, papers, documents, or accounts belonging to Grand Chapter, to appear before it, and may give such directions as may be deemed necessary regarding them.

(16) The Committee shall have the direction of everything relating to the furniture and regalia of Grand Chapter.

(17) The Committee shall cause the necessary preparations to be made for the meetings of Grand Chapter.

(18) No recommendation, petition, or representation of any kind shall be received by the Committee unless it be in writing and signed by the person or persons addressing the Committee.

(19) All communications from the Committee to the Grand Z., to Grand Chapter or to other Committee or to any Chapter or Companion, shall be made in writing.

(20) The Committee shall proceed to the consideration of any special matter which may be referred to it by the Grand Z. or Grand Chapter in preference to other business.

(21) The Committee may appoint sub-committees for specific purposes who must report to the Committee.

(22) All transactions and resolutions of the Committee shall be entered in the Minute Book of the Grand Scribe E., who is ex-officio Secretary of the Committee.

(23) At each Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter the Committee shall report all its proceedings.

(24) The Committee shall receive the Grand Scribe E.'s Report on the nominations submitted for Grand Chapter Elective Offices and shall have the power to nominate for any elective office for which no nomination has been received.

(25) That non-voting Companions at the Grand Executive meetings who have a subject that they wish to have discussed, have it in writing and have voting member present the subject. He may then be asked to speak on the subject matter for clarification. Otherwise he takes no part in the discussions of the Grand Executive meeting.

CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

61. (1) A standing committee of all Past Grand First Principals with the Immediate Past Grand First Principal as Chairman, and any qualified Excellent Companions of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba as advisors, shall be the Custodians of the Work now in use in this Grand Jurisdiction with power to regulate and effect all changes that may be deemed necessary herein.

(2) They shall be responsible for the continuity and quality of all ritual and degree work in the Constituent Chapters as well as at the Grand Convocation.

LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

62. The Laws and Jurisprudence Committee shall keep a record of all "Rulings" and dispensation and revised by-laws made by the Grand Z., or the Grand Executive Committee. It shall report on the legal aspect of amendments to the Annual Convocation.

CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE

63. The Constitution and Revision Committee shall make a continuous study of the Constitution of Grand Chapter and from time to time recommend revision thereof, or amendments thereto, as the need therefor may arise.

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY COMMITTEE

64. (A) The Capitular Masonry Committee shall make a close study of the condition of Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction; for that purpose secure the cooperation of the Grand Officers (particularly the Grand Superintendents), and the First Principals of Chapters. To make recommendations to any of these Officers with the object of assisting and encouraging Chapters. To review the annual reports of the Grand Superintendents. The Grand J., shall be chairman of the Committee and report annually to the Grand Chapter Convocation.

GRAND CONVOCATION COMMITTEE

(B) The Grand J., shall be the Chairman of Grand Convocation Committee. This committee shall be responsible for all arrangements, which includes the supply of, and the transportation of, equipment for the Annual Convocation. The Grand Director of Ceremonies shall be a member of this committee to assist with the ritual and procedural points.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

65. The Education Committee shall arrange for the preparation and distribution of Masonic Literature to encourage the study of Masonic subjects and shall provide information or instruction in any other way it may deem advisable.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

66. (1) The Grievance and Appeals Committee shall consider all grievances and appeals submitted to it by a Companion or Chapter for its consideration and shall report its recommendations to the Grand Executive Committee.

DUTIES OF THE FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

(2) The duties of the Finance and Budget Committee shall be to study and oversee the financial operation of the Grand Chapter, to receive

reports from the Committee's and to make recommendations to the Grand Executive Committee before any funds are allocated and spent.

DUTIES OF THE PHILANTHROPIC PROJECT COMMITTEE

(3) Committee to consist of a Chairman, appointed in the proper manner, with a minimum of seven members but to include the Grand Superintendents of Districts, four to form a quorum.

Because the Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba, Philanthropic Project is a permanent growing entity with only the interest used for Charitable purposes, founded by an assessment of \$6.00 (six dollars) per current member and increased by numerous donations and memorials for posterity and because it will be the responsibility of future generations of Royal Arch Masons to spend the Interest on a Charity of their choice. Let it be resolved that an assessment of \$6.00 (six dollars) be made a part of the initiation fee collected from all ROYAL ARCH MASONS as a token of PARTICIPATION.

It is the duty of this committee to collect the funds from all or any source, by suggestion or recommendation of Grand Chapter, by Personnel or Group and Organizational donations, funds sent to this Committee in lieu of flowers for Companions or Friends in Hospital or passed to the Home of Eternal Rest.

To add other fund raising ventures acceptable to this Grand Chapter as time and circumstances permit.

It is the responsibility of the Committee to see that the Principal is never spent, but continues to increase. To invest the Principal in "High Yield" recognized accounts, Guaranteed and insured.

That the annual Interest figure is presented to the Grand Executive for ratification and the Grand Chapter Convocation for disbursement to Charity, by ballot vote if more than one suggestion is forthcoming.

67. It shall be the duty of all Grand Officers to perform such other duties in conformity with this Constitution, as shall from time to time be required by the Grand Chapter or the Grand Z.

68. Grand Chapter shall have jurisdiction to entertain an appeal from the verdict or decision of any Chapter or Commission in connection with a trial for a Masonic offense and to deal with the same as provided by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

69. Grand Chapter only can withdraw the warrant of a Chapter and erase the same.

70. The Grand Chapter shall, from time to time, fix the amount to be paid into the treasury thereof, for the organization of, and as dues from, constituent Chapters.

71. The fee for Exaltation to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch, which includes the preliminary degrees of Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Master, shall be determined by each Constituent Chapter.

72. The following shall be the fees and dues payable to the Grand Chapter and which must in every case be sent to the Grand Scribe E. with the application or return to which they respectively relate and for which every Z. of a Chapter is responsible:

- (1) For Dispensation for a New Chapter
\$15.00
- (2) For a Warrant of Constitution for a new chapter
\$35.00
- (3) For a new Warrant to replace loss by fire or otherwise, properly certified
\$10.00
- (4) For dispensation authorizing a Chapter to receive and act upon a petition from a Candidate for exaltation who resides outside the jurisdiction of the Chapter, payable by the Candidate. \$
- 2.00 (5) For every other dispensation except that of Divine Service for which no fee shall be payable
\$ 2.00
- (6) For registry of a name of every candidate for exaltation and a Grand Chapter Certificate
\$ 2.00
(this is to be paid within one month of exaltation).
- (7) For a Grand Chapter Certificate to replace one lost
\$ 1.00
- (8) For registry of a Companion joining a Chapter whose name has been previously registered \$
- 1.00 (9) For registry of a Companion joining from another jurisdiction \$ 1.00
- (10) For every member of a Chapter, payable annually to the 31st of December in each year, except the first year of the organization of the Chapter
\$ 6.00
- (11) For Constitutions, such sum as the Grand Executive Committee may from time to time determine.
\$ 5.00
- (12) The Grand Chapter of Manitoba shall have the power to assess Constituent Chapters for all new Candidates and Affiliates from out of the province payable to the Philanthropic fund. All other donations to be on a voluntary basis.
\$ 6.00
- (13) For registration of Life Membership and Certificate
\$60.00
- (14) Past First Principal's Certificate
\$ 2.00
- (15) For Ceremonies each
\$ 3.50

73. The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba's Financial year closes January 31st. The Constituent Chapters December 31st. The annual returns of the Constituent Chapters must therefore be in the hands of the Grand Scribe E. by the 31st of January. A late fee of

\$1.00 per day will not be assessed to chapters for returns not received by January 31st.

74. All Special Committees or Commissions appointed by Grand Chapter or by the Grand Z., shall be paid such compensation for their services as Grand Chapter Executive Committee may direct.

GRAND CHAPTER REGALIA

75. (1) The apron for present and past officers of Grand Chapter shall be of white lambskin eighteen inches wide and sixteen inches deep with a double indented crimson and purple border four inches wide, the border of the flap to be two inches wide; the triangle, linings, and strings, and ribbons suspending the tassels or chains to be purple; the border to be trimmed with gold lace one-half inch wide and gold fringe one and one-half inches long on the flap and two inches long on the apron; the emblem of office to be embroidered in the center of the apron - for elective officers within a wreath of a branch of laurel and a branch of seven-eared wheat and for appointed officers within a circle.

(2) For Past Grand Officers to upgrade a Chapter apron, the triangle, the linings and strings, and the ribbons suspending the tassels or chains to be purple, and shall be trimmed with gold lace and fringe. the emblem of office to be embroidered in the center of the apron for elective officers within a wreath of a branch of laurel and a branch of seven-eared wheat and for appointed officers within a circle.

76. The sash of present and past elected officers of the Grand Chapter shall be a tricolor ribbon of purple, crimson, and pale blue, for inches wide with fringe of gilt or gold bullion three and one-half inches long attached by gold lace one inch wide at the ends; the triple tau and triangle to be of gold bullion embroidery.

77. The following are the jewels of the officers:

Grand Z.

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

Grand H.

The All-Seeing Eye irradiated between the legs of a pair of compasses, the points resting on a triple triangle.

Grand J.

The Volume of the Sacred Law irradiated between the legs of a pair of compasses, the points resting on a triple triangle.

Past Grand Principals.

The jewel appertaining to their respective offices in a circle.

Grand Superintendents of Districts

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

Past Grand Superintendents of Districts.

The same jewel, omitting the small triangle, irradiated.

Grand Treasurer.

The Key within a triangle.

Grand Scribes E. and N.

Cross pens with a tie within a triangle.

Principals Sojourners of Grand and Constituent Chapter

A square irradiated within a triangle.

Grand Registrar.

A scroll on a pen within a triangle.

Grand Lecturer.

A closed book.

Assistant Sojourners of Grand and Constituent Chapters.

A square within a triangle, not irradiated.

Grand Master of Veils.

Cross batons, with a tie, within a triangle.

Grand Director of Ceremonies

Cross wands with a wreath, within a triangle.

Grand Chaplain.

The volume of the Sacred Law within a triangle.

Grand Organist.

A lyre within a triangle.

Grand Pursuivant.

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

Outer Guard.

A sword.

Past Grand Officers.

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

78. The jewel of office worn by present and past Grand Z.'s as well as the jewels of office of the Grand H. and Grand J., may be suspended from a chain collar of gold or other metal gilt; that of other elected officers from a ribbon collar of three colors, viz.: purple, crimson

and pale blue, four inches wide, edged with gold lace and fringe. Appointed officers a similar ribbon collar edged with gold lace of narrower width.

79. No honorary or other jewel or emblem shall be worn which shall not appertain to, or be consistent with, these degrees which are recognized and acknowledged by the Grand Chapter, except those of Grand Representatives, of Military Orders, The Knights of the York Cross of Honor, Order of the High Priesthood, or Insignia given by the Sovereign or Her Allies.

80. The privileges of Masonic rank under this Grand Chapter shall be restricted to those who have obtained rank under this jurisdiction or held rank at the formation of this Grand Chapter.

81. Present and Past Grand officers of Grand Chapter shall be known by the following titles: The Grand Z., and all Past Grand Z.'s as "Most Excellent Companion"; all other elected Grand Officers, and Grand Superintendents of Districts, as "Right Excellent Companions" for their term of office, and all appointed Grand Officers as "Very Excellent Companions." for their term of office. Except the Grand Chaplain. Past rank will only be conferred upon those companions who have completed their allotted task to the satisfaction of the Grand Z., and a committee of Past Z.'s appointed by the Grand Z.

82. All former constitutions used in the Grand Chapter together with all their regulations, except such as are retained in this revision, are hereby repealed.

83. The officers of every Chapter, Grand and Constituent in this jurisdiction, before they enter upon the exercise of the functions of their respective offices, shall take an obligation to support and maintain the Constitution, laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba.

84. Whereas the Order of the High Priesthood consists entirely of Present or Past Presiding Officers of Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, and their sole function or reason for existence is to confer this beautiful Order on Presiding or Past Presiding Companions, on request. The Grand Chapter of Manitoba recognizes their desire for sovereignty over themselves, in Amity with this Grand Chapter, with the privilege of presenting their Annual Report in Grand Chapter Annual Proceedings BUT at no cost to this Grand Chapter.

85. Where as the Allied Masonic Degrees, known Internationally as A.M.D. are recognized through the Grand Chapters of most Royal Arch Masonic Jurisdictions in North America, having a Grand Body in both Canada and the United States of America, with a sole purpose or reason for existence in further Masonic research and Education, the Grand Chapter of Manitoba grant Amity to Manitoba Councils of A.M.D.