

# **DIGEST**

Containing the

**Constitution, Rules of Order**

and

**Regulations**

of

**The Grand Chapter of Kentucky**

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS**

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## MASONIC DATES

**Common or Vulgar Era:** Anno Domini (the year of our Lord) • -written: A.D. 1988.

**Craft or Symbolic Masonry's Year:** Anno Lucis (the year of Light)—written: A.L. 5988. Found by adding 4000 to the **Common Era**- - thus: 4000 added to 1988 is 5988.

**Capitular Masonry; the Royal Arch Year:** Anno Inventionis (the year of discovery) —written: **A. I.** (sometimes Y.D.) 2518. Found by adding 530 to the **Common Era**— thus: 530 added to 1988 is 2518.

**High Priesthood Year:** Anno Beneficio (the year of blessing) —written: A.B. 3901. Found by adding 1913 to the **Common Era** — thus: 1913 added to 1988 is 3901

**Cryptic Masonry; the Royal and Select Masters' Year:** Anno Depositionis (the year of deposit). Written: A Dep. 2988. Found by adding 1000 to the **Common Era**—thus 1000 added to 1988 is 2988

**Chivalric Masonry; the Knights Templar Year:** Anne Ordinis (the year of the Order) Written: A.O. 870 Found by subtracting 1118 from the **Common Era**—thus: 1118 from 1988 is 870

**Scottish Rite Year:** Anno Mundi (the year of the World) Written: A.M. 5748 Found by **adding** 3760 to the **Common Era**—thus: 3760 added to 1988 is 5748

## MASONIC GRAND BODIES

**Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. &A.M.**, established October 16, 1800.

**Grand Chapter of Kentucky, R.A.M.**, established December 4, 1817

**Grand Council of Kentucky, R. &S M.**, established December 10, 1827

**Grand Commandery** (then called Grand Encampment) **of Kentucky, K.T.**, established October 5, 1847

**General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International**, established January 24, 1798

**General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International**, established August 25, 1880; ratified February 17, 1881.

**Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America**, established June 22, 1816.

**Supreme Council, 33d degree, A.A.S.R.** (Southern Masonic Jurisdiction), established May 31, 1801.

**Supreme Council, 33d degree, A.A.S.R.** (Northern Masonic Jurisdiction), established August 5, 1813.

## PROLEGOMENA

### Authority and-Plan of this Digest

- I. The Grand Chapter of Kentucky authorized and adopted Constitutions in the years 1818, 1860, 1880, 1897, and 1911. An updated Constitution, Regulations and Code, which contained amendments made since 1911, was prepared and printed in 1948.
- II. This Digest (Constitution, Rules and Regulations) was compiled and prepared by a Committee consisting of PG1IP James B. WALL (who had made the original recommendation in his report to the Grand Chapter in 1980) as Chairman, assisted by PGHP's Virgil K. BALLARD and Robert L. COOPER, these three having been appointed as a special Committee for this purpose by Grand High Priest J.B. HITT, II in 1987 (see pages 25 & 58 of 1987 proceedings.)

This Digest dispenses with paging and relies entirely on the numbering of Sections and Paragraphs throughout.

### Historical Data

- IV. The Chapter Degrees are called "Capitular", because they are conferred in a Chapter, and the Lodges dependent or appurtenant thereto. ("Capitular belonging to a Chapter".) The predominating tincture is scarlet, symbolizing ardor and zeal, purification or regeneration; historically referring to the rebuilding of the Temple (called the Second Temple) in Jerusalem by Zerubbabel of the Royal House of David. He commenced the building about the year 530 B.C., and Royal Arch Masons commence their epoch with that year
  - V. The Royal Arch Degree is probably about 240 years old. Until 1797 it was conferred by irresponsible bodies, or under control of the 'Blue' Lodge, or in a Chapter appurtenant to a Symbolic Lodge. The other degrees conferred in American Chapters are more modern, probably little more than 200 years old.
  - VI. The word Arch in Royal Arch Masons was first used as meaning chief, or of an advanced or superior class; as Arch-Bishop or Arch-Angel. Therefore, an Arch-Mason was a Mason of a degree advanced beyond the Master Mason's Degree.
- A preliminary convention held on October 24, 1797 in Hartford, Connecticut, culminated in the formation of the *Grand* Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America, (January 24, 1798). It subsequently became the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, (January 6, 1806). It has since been designated as the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, and is the International governing body of Capitular Masonry, under constitutional restrictions.
- VIII. The first authority for conferring the Capitular Degrees in Kentucky was granted on petition of a number of Companions in Lexington (1814), who said: "Recognizing the authority of this M.W. Grand Lodge (of Kentucky) over all congregations of Masons assembled within the State, we pray the sanction of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge to our proceedings, and that a warrant may issue to us, authorizing us to open and hold a Royal Arch Chapter under Warrant No. 1, (i.e. the Charter of Lexington Lodge No. 1), and that, under the authority of that warrant we may be enabled, in addition to the ordinary workings under warrants granted by this Most Worshipful Lodge, to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason, and to do all other matters and things appertaining to a Royal Arch Chapter." In 1816 like power was granted for chapters under warrants of Lodges Nos. 4 and 5. A petition from brethren in Natchez, Mississippi, was refused because they were not known as Royal Arch Masons, it being stated that "if they were so known, and also known as skilled, it would be advisable to establish a Chapter there."
  - IX. **Formation of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky.** On August 30, 1816, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky authorized the Chapters working under Warrants 1, 4 and 5 to establish a Grand Chapter, provided that no chapter should be warranted without permission of the Grand Lodge.

**All** of which goes to show that the Grand Lodge claimed jurisdiction over Capitular Masonry, and that such right was conceded. December 4, 1817, representatives from the Lexington, Frankfort and Shelbyville Chapters met in Frankfort and adopted a preamble, setting out that they had been in existence for more than a year under authority of Warrants from Thomas Smith Webb, Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, dated October 16, 1816 (less than two months after having recognized the Grand Lodge as sovereign authority in Kentucky Masonry), therefore, they resolved: "That it is expedient to proceed forthwith to form a Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the state of Kentucky," which was accordingly done. This action was approved by DeWitt Clinton, General Grand High Priest, December 30, 1817.

- X. Connection with the General Grand Chapter The Grand Chapter of Kentucky withdrew as a constituent of the national body in 1857, but reunited with it in 1873, and has remained affiliated with that body until the present (lay).
- XI. The Grand Chapter met in Frankfort, Dec. 1817, Jan, 1818, and 1819-1824; in Shelbyville Dec, 1818; in Lexington 1825-34, 1839-58, and 1983-84; in Louisville 1835, 1859-1982, and 1985 to the present time. It appears no convocations were held during the years 1836-1838. although some hold doubts in this regard.
- XII. In 1878 the Grand Chapter accepted control of the degrees of Royal and **Select** Master from the Grand Council of Kentucky, and surrendered this control in 1882. During this period the degrees were conferred in councils appurtenant to Chapters.

XIII. The following independent Lodges of Mark Masters were authorized by the Grand Chapter and organized in Kentucky\_ When they ceased to work is not always clear.

### XIII. Chartered Mark Lodges

No.	Name	Dispensation	Chartered	Remarks
1	New Castle	May 19, 1918	Jan 20, 1820	(first noted by No. it
2	Maysville	Jan. 6, 1819	Jan. 5, 1820	
3	Warren	Pr. Dec. 3, 1821	Dec. 4 1821	Su. Refused Dec. 3, 1823
4	Mt. Sterling	Pr. Dec 4, 1821	Dec. 24, 1821	Ar. Pr. Dec. 7, 1824
5	Clark, Louisville	Pr. Dec. 6, 1821	Dec. 6, 1821	Not working Dec. 1823
6	Cynthiana	Pr. Dec. 3, 1822	Dec. 4, 1822	Su. Sept. 3 1832
7	Rural	Pr. Dec. 7, 1824	Dec. 24, 1824	Restored Aug. 29, 1844
8	Blue Spring	Pr. Dec. 3, 1822	Dec. 4, 1822	
	Clay	Pr. Dec. 7, 1824	Dec. 24, 1824	Re Sept. 2, 1828
	Greensburg	Pr. Sept. 2, 1841	Sept. 2, 1841	Last report 1844

### XV. Mark Lodges, U.D.

Name	Location	Dispensation	Remarks
Blazing Star	Winchester	Pr. Dec. 3 1821	Con't Dec. 4 1821
Richmond	Richmond	Pr. Dec. 4, 1821	Dissolved by Grand Chapter Dec. 8, 1821
Paris	Paris	Pr. Dec. 4, 1822	GHP refused to continue it
Washington	Paris	Pr. Dec. 1, 1823	but granted new one to others
Hiram	Nicholasville	Pr. Aug 28, 1848	Never organized

### XVI. CHAPTERS UNDER DISPENSATION

Probably all of the Chapters granted dispensation but never chartered

Name	Location	Dispensation	Remarks
Nicholasville	Nicholasville	Dec. 3, 1823	First refused then granted
Clay	Covington	Aug 31, 1843	
Flemings burg	Flemingsburg	Pr. Aug 30, 1847	Re. 1847
Wintersmith	Caseyville	Sept. 3, 1852	
Sacramento	Sacramento	Oct. 16, 1860	Refused Oct. 19, 1859
Joe Mitchell	Union Hall	Pr. Oct. 16, 1865	
	Schoolhouse	Oct. 17, 1865	Renewed
Hustonville	Laurel County	Pr. Oct. 16, 1866	Con't 1866, 1867
Scottsville	Allen County	July 27, 1867	Con't Oct 22, 1867
Preacherville	Lincoln County	Oct. 23, 1867	
A.R. Boone	Cuba	Aug. 1876	Re. Oct. 1877
Estill	Irvine	May 15, 1893	Con't Oct. 1893
Manchester	Manchester	Mar. 14, 1914	Cancelled Oct. 18, 1916 Never set to work

(Possibly several of the above were absorbed into chartered Chapter)

## **XVII. ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

1. William G. Spencer, (Acting) Grand High Priest, of Lebanon; Hal T. Jefferson, Grand King, of Louisville; Edward C. Sellers, Grand scribe, of Covington; Frank II. Johnson, Grand Treasurer, of Frankfort; and Henry B. Grant, Grand Secretary, of Louisville — all being Royal Arch Masons of the State of Kentucky, have associated together under the statutes thereof as a corporation, and that their powers shall pass to their successors in office, namely: the Grand High Priests, Grand Kings, Grand Scribes, Grand Treasurers and Grand Secretaries that shall, from time to time, be elected and installed by such corporation.
2. The membership of such corporation shall always consist of Royal Arch Masons and it shall be styled "THE GRAND CHAPTER OF KENTUCKY."
3. The affairs of said corporation shall be conducted, as heretofore, at its convocations and through its officers and committees, elected and appointed annually in October or as may be provided in its constitution and regulations.
4. The principal place of business of said corporation shall be in Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky.
5. Its objects are: The encouragement and promotion of works of charity, inculcation of morals and diffusion of the knowledge and practice of Masonic principles.
6. It may acquire, hold and convey real and personal property, conduct its business as a natural person and adopt a constitution and regulations and change the same according to its own laws and the usages of the Masonic Craft — but its present constitution and regulations shall be in force until the same are changed according to the provisions thereof.
7. It may establish subordinate chapters and discontinue the same, and whenever any of such chapters become defunct from any cause, its property of every kind, whether real, personal or mixed, at once shall become the property, in fee simple, of said Grand Chapter of Kentucky.
8. The corporation, being purely benevolent and charitable, will have no capital stock or stockholders.
9. Its business, as now established, shall commence at once and be perpetual\_
10. The highest amount of indebtedness of the corporation, at any time shall not exceed ten thousand dollars.
11. Private property of members shall not be subject to the payment of corporate debts.

(Recorded in "Corporation Book" No. 11, page 118, Jefferson County Clerk's Office, Filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, August 15, 1900)

# CONSTITUTION of The Grand Chapter of Kentucky Royal Arch Masons

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## NAME, JURISDICTION, AUTHORITY and POWERS

Section 1 **Name.** This body shall be styled The Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons. (1988)

Section 2. **Jurisdiction.** Its jurisdiction embraces the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky. (1988)

Section 3. **Authority, Warrants of Constitution.** This Grand Chapter is the only legitimate source of Capitular Masonry under which Lodges of Mark Masters, Past Masters or Most Excellent Masters, and Chapters of Royal Arch Masons can convene in Kentucky, -and then only by virtue of a Dispensation or Charter granted by its authority.  
(1988)

Section 4. **Powers.** The Grand Chapter of Kentucky may enact and repeal laws and regulations for the government of Capitular Masonry in Kentucky. It also has the power to try its own members; investigate and determine all matters relating to Capitular Masonry, pertaining both to chapters and individual members in Kentucky according to its Laws and the usages of the craft, either directly or by delegated authority, subject only to the restricted rights of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, as set out in its constitution, adopted August 25, 1880, as amended (Article I, Section 7)  
(1988)

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## THE GRAND CHAPTER, OF WHOM COMPOSED

### Section 5. **Grand Officers.**

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky shall be composed of officers as follows.

#### **Elective**

The Grand High Priest — titled Most Excellent

The Grand King — titled Right Excellent

The Grand Scribe — titled Right Excellent

The Past Grand High Priests -- titled Most Excellent

The Grand Treasurer — titled Right Excellent

The Grand Secretary — titled Right Excellent

The Grand Captain of the Host — titled Right Excellent

(Note: the Past Grand High Priests are **not** officers per se, however shall 'rank' immediately ahead of the Grand Treasurer).

#### **Appointive**

The Grand Principal Sojourner —titled Excellent

The Grand Royal Arch Captain –titled Excellent

The Grand Master of the 3rd Veil — titled Excellent



The Grand Master of the 2" Veil — titled Excellent  
The Grand Master of the 1st Veil — titled Excellent  
The Grand Chaplain — titled Excellent  
The Grand Sentinel — titled Excellent  
The Assistant Grand Treasurer — titled Excellent  
The Assistant Grand Secretary — titled Excellent

- The Grand Treasurer appoints the Assistant Grand Treasurer with the approval of the Grand High Priest.
  - The Grand Secretary appoints the Assistant Grand Secretary with the approval of the Grand High Priest
  - The remaining appointive officers are appointed by the Grand High Priest, and serve at his pleasure.
- (1988)

Section 6 **Members.** The members of this Grand Chapter are as follows:

- A. Permanent Members consist of all Past Grand High Priests of this Grand Chapter, and all Past High Priests of Kentucky Chapters, who are, and remain, affiliated with a Constituent Chapter within this Grand Chapter.
  - B. Representatives are the High Priest, King and Scribe of each Kentucky Chapter, by virtue of their respective offices.
  - C. An Elected Representative shall be chosen (elected) by ballot by the members of a Chapter, with such election to be held at a Convocation of the Chapter prior to any Convocation of this Grand Chapter, to represent it in case neither the High Priest, the King nor the Scribe thereof can attend the Convocation of the Grand Chapter, and such representative shall be given a certificate of his election over the seal of the Chapter.
- (1988)

### FISCAL YEAR — CONVOCATIONS

Section 7. **Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year for Grand Chapter accounts shall commence on July 1st and close on June 30th following.

(1996)

Section 8. **Convocations.** The Annual Convocation for the transaction of business shall be held at such time and place as may be determined by the four (4) elected Grand Chapter line Officers

(2005)

Section 9. **Epidemics and other dangers.** In case there be danger to life — by reason of epidemic, war or other cause—in holding a convocation of the Grand Chapter at the time and place stated in Section 8, the Grand High Priest, by advice and consent of the Grand Council" may change the time of meeting, or the place of meeting, for that convocation—of which due notice shall be given to Grand Officers, Past Grand High Priests, and Constituent Chapters.

\*= Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe

(1988)

### QUORUM, REPRESENTATION, VOTES

Section 10. **Quorum.** No convocation of this Grand Chapter shall be opened unless one-half (1/2) of the Chapters under its jurisdiction are represented; but, after the opening of the Grand Chapter, the representatives of one-third (1/3) of said chapters shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

(1988)

Section 11. **Quorum wanting.** Should the constitutional quorum not be present at the time for opening the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter. the members present shall adjourn from time to time, or to any time not later than the succeeding day, when, if a quorum be not present, the Grand High Priest or one acting as such shall dismiss the companions until the next annual convocation, unless sooner convened, and the Grand Officers will hold their respective offices for the ensuing year. (1988)

Section 12. **Representation.**

A. Each constituent Chapter shall be represented at each Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter by at least one of the following! High Priest, King, Scribe or an Elected Representative, in person, as provided by law.

B. For the first failure of any constituent Chapter to be so represented at any Annual Convocation, there shall be assessed against said Chapter a fine of fifteen dollars (\$15.00), and the Grand Secretary shall collect the same before giving receipt for the next annual dues and assessments from said Chapter.

C. A second consecutive failure to be so represented shall be cause for such disciplinary action as may be deemed proper by the Grand Chapter, and;

D. if such Chapter shall fail to be so represented at the next succeeding Annual Convocation, the Grand High Priest shall arrest its Charter, reporting his actions to the Grand Chapter. (1988)

Section 13. **Vote — Who May.**

A. Each Grand Officer, each Permanent Member, and the High Priest, the King and the Scribe of each Chapter in this Jurisdiction, if present, shall have one vote; provided that each Chapter shall have three (3) votes. If any of the above officers of a Chapter are absent, the vote of the absentee(s) shall be cast by the ranking member of that Chapter, if present. In the event all three of these officers are absent, then the three (3) votes of the Chapter are to be cast by the elected representative of that Chapter, if present.

B. The Grand High Priest, or one presiding as such, shall not vote except in the case of a tie, when he shall cast the deciding vote on the issue then before the Grand Chapter, provided that the Grand High Priest shall be entitled to cast his vote during the election of officers.

C. if a Chapter is indebted to the Grand Chapter (carried over from the previous Fiscal Year), neither the representative(s) of the Chapter, nor any permanent member whose vote is based on membership in that Chapter, shall be entitled to vote on any question before the Grand Chapter. (1988)

D. Affiliate at Large members are not entitled to vote on any question before the Grand Chapter. (202-C) (1995)

Section 14, **Vote — Majority Decides.** All business before the Grand Chapter, or a Constituent Chapter, shall be determined by a majority of the votes cast, except in cases otherwise provided for. (1988)

**CONCERNING GRAND OFFICERS — ELECTIONS**

Section 15. **Qualifications.** No person shall be eligible to any office in this Grand Chapter, either elective or appointive, unless he be a permanent member thereof (a Past High Priest), except the Grand Chaplain. (1988)

Section 16. **Electioneering.** Electioneering by a candidate for Grand Chapter office is prohibited. Any member found guilty of such offense shall not be eligible for election to any office at that (or the next) Convocation.

This same rule shall apply in Constituent Chapters. (1988)

Section 17. **Balloting at Elections.** The official election ballots as distributed by the Credentials Committee will be collected by the tellers appointed by the Grand High Priest, assisted by the Masters of the 3 Grand Veils. The ballots will then be counted by the Tellers, and the result reported to the Grand Chapter. (1988)

Section 18. **Blank or Printed Ballots.** Blank or printed ballots shall not be counted in any election. If printed ballots reach the hands of the tellers that fact, with the name thereon, shall be reported to the Grand Chapter by the tellers, and an inquiry shall be made concerning it. If it be made to appear that printed ballots or their equivalent, were used by the consent of the one so voted for, he shall not be eligible for any office in the Grand Chapter at that Convocation. (1988)

Section 19. **Installations.** The Grand Officers shall be installed before entering upon the duties of their respective offices. The Grand High Priest shall install, or cause to be installed, the officers of the Grand Chapter. An officer elected to succeed himself (re-elected or re-appointed) need not be re-installed, his obligation continuing until his successor has been duly elected and installed. (1988)

Section 20. **Tenure.**

A. The Grand Officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected or appointed and installed, provided however, that if any Grand Officer shall die, resign, be advanced in office or cease to be a member of a Chapter constituent to this Grand Chapter for any cause, his office shall become vacant

B. In the event the office of Grand High Priest shall become vacant, the Grand King will become Acting Grand High Priest until the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, and

C. In the event the office of Grand King or Grand Scribe shall thus become vacant, the elected line officer of next lower rank will succeed to that office, and the (acting) Grand High Priest shall appoint a pro-tempore Grand Captain of the Host to serve until the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

D. In the event the Grand Chapter shall be deprived of all its elective line officers, the Junior Past Grand High Priest able and willing to serve shall succeed to the office of Grand High Priest until the next Annual Convocation, and shall be vested with all the rights, powers, and prerogatives of the Grand High Priest during that period.

E. In the event a vacancy shall occur in any office of this Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest shall appoint a pro-tempore officer to fill that station until the next Annual Convocation. Any officer so appointed must be installed. (2015)

Section 21. **Elective Grand Officers.**

A. The following Grand Officers shall be severally nominated and elected by ballot; provided that there shall be no nominating or acceptance speeches, nor shall a second be required for any nomination, and; provided further that if there be but one nominee for a given office, such election may be made by acclamation, or by the casting of a single ballot as determined by the voting members present at that Convocation, and; provided further that the vote to make such election by acclamation or the casting of a single ballot must have been unanimous:

1. The Grand High Priest;
2. The Grand King,
3. The Grand Scribe;
4. The Grand Treasurer;
5. The Grand Secretary: and,
6. The Grand Captain of the Host.

B. The election of officers at each Annual Convocation shall commence at the hour specified and fixed by the Grand Chapter, and shall take precedence over all other business. (1988)

### **DUTIES OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS**

Section 22. **The Grand High Priest** — Powers and Prerogatives. The powers and prerogatives of the Grand High Priest are such as are conferred upon him by the provisions of this Constitution and the laws enacted thereunder. (1988)

Section 23. **Presides in any Chapter** — Holds and Authorizes Elections

A. The Grand High Priest may preside in any Chapter. If a Chapter is deprived of all its installed officers who could lawfully open it, the Grand High Priest, either in person or by his proxy, may congregate and open it, and hold an election therein to fill vacancies, but the members of such Chapter shall have due notice of the time when said election is to be held.

B. If a Chapter shall fail to elect its officers at the time fixed in Section 84, the Grand High Priest may authorize such Chapter to hold an election at a designated convocation. (1988)

Section 24. The **Duties of the Grand High Priest** are:

A. To preside over the Grand Chapter: exercise general and special supervision over chapters in its jurisdiction, inspect their methods and require a strict compliance with the constitution and regulations of this Grand Chapter.

B. To convene the Grand Chapter at the Grand East when there shall appear to him to be an emergent occasion therefor; provided that the Grand High Priest shall convene the Grand Chapter upon the certified request of one-half (1/2) of the constituent Chapters, to consider such business as may be included in such request(s), and, provided that only that business which has been requested by one-half (1/2) of the Chapters may be considered, and; provided further that every permanent member and each Chapter must be notified at least ten (10) days before such special (called) convocation is to be held; however, it shall not be necessary to notify every permanent member if the called convocation be for the purpose of instituting a new Chapter. 411.0

C. To take command of the Grand Officers and call upon them for advice and assistance on business relative to the craft.

D. To appoint the Committees of the Grand Chapter, not otherwise provided for.

E. To decide questions of law and order subject to review by the Grand Chapter. A copy of every decision made by the Grand High Priest shall, as soon as rendered, be sent by him to the Grand Secretary,

who shall within 5 working days transmit a copy thereof to each member of the Committee on Jurisprudence. The Grand Secretary shall also cause every decision made by the Grand High Priest to be published in the Masonic Home Journal, or send a copy to each Constituent Chapter.

F. To grant dispensations during the recess of the Grand Chapter as he may determine to be in the best interests of the Craft; provided that the Grand High Priest does not have authority to grant dispensation permitting a Stated Convocation of a constituent Chapter to be held at a time other than specified in the by-laws of the Chapter; however, he may grant dispensation permitting actions to be taken at a called convocation of the Chapter which otherwise could be done only at a stated convocation.

G. To grant dispensations during the recess of the Grand Chapter for the formation of new Chapters, and, in person or by proxy, to set them regularly to work. Such dispensations shall expire with the close of the next succeeding annual convocation.

H. To fill vacancies in office in the Grand Chapter.

I. To sign the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

J. To vote at any stockholders' or members' meeting in which the Grand Chapter is interested, and cast any votes to which it may be entitled, in the absence of any special direction from the Grand Chapter.

K. To arrest the Dispensation or Charter of any Chapter, if he be convinced that the interests of Capitular Masonry require it, citing the Chapter to answer at the next succeeding Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

L. To suspend from office any officer of the Grand or a constituent Chapter who is not performing to the best of his abilities the duties assigned him by the Grand or his own constituent Chapter, but in no case shall such suspension affect the membership or standing of such officer in his constituent Chapter(s), and the Grand High Priest shall report his action(s) to the Grand Chapter at its next Annual Convocation for its final action. (1988)

Section 25. **Grand King.** The Grand King shall perform such duties as are prescribed by these Constitutions and Regulations, as well as any which may be assigned him by the Grand High Priest. In case of the death, demit, permanent disability, refusal to act, or absence from the annual convocation of the Grand High Priest, he shall assume the duties of the Grand high Priest and be vested with every privilege, responsibility, and facet of that office as acting Grand High Priest. (1988)

Section 26. **Grand Scribe.** The Grand Scribe shall perform those duties assigned him by these Constitutions and Regulations, as well as any which may be assigned him by the Grand High Priest. In case of the death, demit, permanent disability, refusal to act, or absence from the annual convocation of both the Grand High Priest and the Grand King, he shall assume the duties of the Grand High Priest, being vested with the powers, privileges and responsibilities of that office during such time as he is acting as Grand High Priest. (1988)

Section 27. **Grand Captain of the Host.** The Grand Captain of the Host shall assist in maintaining order, proclaim Grand Officers elected and/or installed, and in conjunction with the Committee on Visitors introduce visiting Companions of distinction as directed, and he shall also conduct processions of the Grand Chapter. In addition he shall perform such duties as may be assigned him by the Grand High Priest, familiarize himself with the workings of the Grand Chapter, the requirements of this Constitution and Regulations, and the duties of the officers, in preparation for his ascension to the office of Grand High Priest. In case of the death, demit, permanent disability, refusal to act, or absence from the annual convocation of the Grand

High Priest, the Grand King, and the Grand Scribe, he shall assume the duties of the Grand High Priest, being vested with the powers, privileges and responsibilities of that office during such time as he is acting as Grand high Priest. (1988)

Section 28. **When others may preside.** If the Grand High Priest, the Grand King, the Grand Scribe and the Grand Captain of the Host are all absent, the powers and duties of the Grand High Priest shall devolve upon:

- A. Past Grand High Priests, commencing with the junior; and if none such be present, then upon;
- B. High Priests of constituent Chapters, commencing with the oldest Chapter. (1988)

Section 29. **The duties of the Grand Treasurer** are:

- A. To receive all monies of the Grand Chapter from the hands of the Grand Secretary, giving receipts therefor; provided that in case he shall hold bonds or other securities of the Grand Chapter, he shall collect the interest or dividends thereon, hut shall immediately state the fact and the amount to the Grand Secretary. to be entered in his books.
- B. To deposit at interest, if possible, in some Bank, Trust Company, or Investment Firm, to be selected by him with advice of the Grand High Priest, such money as may, from time to time, come into his hands. Should more money accumulate than may be necessary to liquidate the debts of the Grand Chapter and pay the current expenses, the same shall be invested by him in either an interest-bearing security account, or an investment account as may be approved by the Permanent Fund Trustees, and all such investments shall be reported to the Grand Chapter at its next convocation. (2017)
- C. To pay out monies only as directed and approved by the Grand Chapter, countersigned by the Grand High Priest and/or the Grand Secretary.
- D. To attend the convocations of the Grand Chapter, and, when required, attend the sittings of the Finance and Budget Committee and/or the Trustees of the Permanent Fund. with his books, papers and vouchers.
- E. To account for all monies and property received, paid or transferred to him, and submit a full statement of his accounts, with books and vouchers, to the Grand Chapter at its annual convocation, or whenever required by the Grand High Priest, which shall be referred to the Committee on Finance and Budget for its examination and report.
- F. To appoint, with the approval of the Grand High Priest, an Assistant Grand Treasurer.
- G. To maintain all funds belonging to the Grand Chapter in such a manner as to require two, (2) signatures for their withdrawal. The authority to authenticate such withdrawal instruments is vested in the Grand Treasurer or Assistant Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Secretary only, with signatures from both of these offices being required. (2017)
- H. To obtain approval of the Permanent Fund Trustees or the Grand Chapter before funds under the control of the Permanent Fund Trustees are committed or transferred to the general fund.
- I. To transfer funds in excess of the needs of the Grand Chapter to the Permanent Fund following the close of the first annual convocation after each triennial session of the General Grand Chapter\_ (1988)

Section 30. **Accounts Examined.** The books and financial affairs of the Grand Treasurer's and the Grand Secretary's offices shall, between the first and the fifteenth (1-15) day of August in each year, Be examined by an acceptable accountant, to be selected by and make his report to the Grand High Priest. (1988)

Section 31. **Give Bond.** The Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, the Assistant Grand Treasurer and the Assistant Grand Secretary each shall execute a bond with some reliable and satisfactory guaranty company as surety, in the penal sum of not less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00), payable to the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, which bond shall be conditioned that he will faithfully receive and pay over or deliver all money, books, papers and other property entrusted to him as Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Assistant Grand Treasurer or Assistant Grand Secretary respectively, or any part thereof, upon requisition of the Grand Chapter or its authorized officers or agents, and in all respects faithfully to perform the duties of his office. He shall not enter upon the duties of his office until such bond is executed, and approved by the Grand High Priest. If he shall fail to execute and file such bond within ten (10) days next after his installation, the Grand High Priest may remove him from office and appoint a replacement officer who will do so. The premium on such bonds shall be paid by the Grand Chapter. (1988)

Section 32. **The duties of the Grand Secretary** are:

- A. To receive all money due or paid to the Grand Chapter except as provided for in Section 29 (A) and promptly pay the same to the Grand Treasurer.
- B. To attend personally, and by his Assistant, at every convocation of the Grand Chapter with his books, papers and vouchers, and when required attend the sittings of the Finance and Budget Committee.
- C. To keep true and accurate minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, proper to be written, cause the same to be printed in such manner as the Grand Chapter may direct, and preserve a copy of the same in his office.
- D. To procure all books and stationery required for the use of the Grand Chapter.
- E. To examine the returns of constituent Chapters, make corrections, if any, and make proper entries of the same to the debit or credit of the respective Chapters.
- F. To send notice of indebtedness, at least once each year, to all chapters in arrears.
- G. To correspond with such chapters as he may deem necessary or desirable, and with such others as the Grand Chapter or the Grand High Priest may direct.
- H. To cause amendments to the laws of the Grand Chapter to be printed in suitable form and promptly send a copy of such amendments to each constituent chapter and person entitled thereto.
- I. To keep a regular set of books, which shall show the complete financial condition of the Grand Chapter, including accounts with constituent Chapters.
- J. To receive, copy and distribute to each member of the Jurisprudence Committee, within 5 working days after its receipt, any decision of the Grand High Priest, and also cause the same to be published in the next issue of the Masonic Home Journal, or send a copy to each of the constituent Chapters.
- K. To appoint, with the approval of the Grand High Priest, an Assistant Grand Secretary,
- L. To countersign, with the Grand Treasurer or the Assistant Grand Treasurer, all instruments for withdrawal or expenditure of Grand Chapter funds. (1988)

M. To maintain the records of, collect all dues of, and issue dues cards to "affiliates at large" members and account for the Life Membership Funds of any defunct Chapter as required in Section 192-B. (1995)

Section 33. **Tenure.** 11w term of office of the Grand Secretary shall begin with the first (10) day of January following the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter at which he is elected, and terminate on December 31 following, except as in Sections II and 20. (1988)

Section 34. **Installation.** If the Grand High Priest approve the required Bond, he shall, in person or by proxy install the Grand Secretary-elect. If by January first (1st) he shall fail to give bond as required by this constitution, the Grand High Priest may declare the office vacant, and appoint a Grand Secretary who will so qualify. (1988)

### **PERMANENT FUND TRUSTEES**

Section 35. **Established.**

A. There shall be a Board of Trustees for the Permanent Fund of this Grand Chapter, which shall consist of three (3) members, with one (1) of these members to be elected, at the annual convocation each year, for a term of three (3) years. The Grand High Priest and the Grand Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of this Board.

B. The Grand Treasurer shall serve as Secretary for the Board.

C. Neither the Board of Trustees, nor any member thereof, shall receive any remuneration for their services in the management or investment of the Permanent Fund.

D. The Board of trustees shall supervise and direct investments of the Permanent Funds of the Grand Chapter, and render to the Grand Chapter at each annual convocation, a true and accurate account of its actions in regard to the receipt, disbursement and /or investment of Bonds and securities belonging to the Grand Chapter. (1994)

E. None of the principal resources (corpus) of the permanent fund shall be used or appropriated , except by the consent of three-fourths (3/4) of the members of the Grand Chapter reported as present at the annual convocation by the Credentials Committee. The income received from investments of these resources may be utilized as approved by the Grand Chapter, generally as a result of recommendations from the Grand High Priest and/or from the Finance and Budget Committee.

F. Written notice of the proposed appropriation of any portion of the principal (corpus) shall be filed in the office of the Grand Secretary at least ninety (90) days prior to said annual convocation, and shall be provided to each constituent Chapter, in the same manner as required for a change to the Constitution.

G. The senior member of the Board (the elected member serving the last year of his three-year term) shall serve as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and shall be an ex-officio member of the Finance and Budget Committee

Implementing Resolution. At the annual convocation at which this Section is adopted, three (3) Trustees shall be elected by a single ballot, with the member receiving the largest number of votes being elected for a period of three (3) years; the member receiving the next highest number of votes being elected for a two (2) year term; and the member receiving the third largest number of votes being elected for a period of one (1) year. Thereafter, one member of this Board shall be elected at each annual convocation, for a term of three (3) years.



## APPOINTIVE GRAND OFFICERS

### Section 36. **Who Appoints.**

- A. The Grand High Priest shall appoint the Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Grand Master of the Third Veil, Grand Master of the Second Veil, Grand Master of the First Veil, Grand Chaplain and Grand Sentinel.
- B. The Grand Treasurer shall appoint the Assistant Grand Treasurer, with the approval of the Grand High Priest.
- C. The Grand Secretary shall appoint the Assistant Grand Secretary, with the approval of the Grand High Priest. (1988)

## DUTIES OF APPOINTIVE GRAND OFFICERS

Section 37. The **Grand Principal Sojourner** shall assign seats to registered members within the bar of the Grand Chapter, and perform such duties as may be required of him. (1988)

### Section 38. The **Grand Royal Arch Captain Shall**

- A) Guard the inner entrance to the Grand Chapter, communicate with the Grand Sentinel and, when required, announce to the Grand Captain of the Host applicants for admission, and assist the Grand Captain of the Host and the Grand Principal Sojourner in the performance of their duties.
- B) Under the direction of the Grand High Priest, generally oversee Areas assigned to him by the Grand High Priest. He shall be responsible for coordination degree work between the Deputy Grand High Priest(s) in the Areas assigned to him, especially in the planning, forming and completion of One Day Festivals.
- C) He shall be allowed his actual expenses for travel in his assigned Areas, to be paid upon submission of appropriate documentation not to exceed \$250.00 per year. (2010)

### Section 39. The **Grand Masters of the Veils** shall

- A) Collect papers and resolutions from members of the Grand Chapter, and place them in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and assist in the collection of ballots.
- B) Under the direction of the Grand High Priest, generally oversee Areas assigned to him by the Grand High Priest. He shall be responsible for coordination degree work between the Deputy Grand High Priest(s) in the Areas assigned to him, especially in the planning, forming and completion of One Day Festivals.
- C) They (each of them) shall be allowed their actual expenses for travel in their assigned Areas, to be paid upon submission of appropriate documentation not to exceed \$250.00 per year. (2010)

Section 40. The **Grand Chaplain** shall open and close the convocations of the Grand Chapter with prayer. (1988)

Section 41. The **Grand Sentinel** shall guard the outer entrance of the Grand Chapter, and see that none enter but such as are duly qualified and properly clothed. He shall have charge of the hall, great lights, jewels, aprons, gavels, and other paraphernalia; be responsible for their safekeeping during the Convocations of the Grand Chapter, and during the time the Grand Chapter is at recess (not in Convocation), he shall see that all the paraphernalia and property generally under his supervision is properly safeguarded; and deliver, or

cause to be delivered, all property and paraphernalia belonging to the Grand Chapter as proper authority may direct. (1988)

Section 42. The **Assistant Grand Treasurer** shall, under the direction of the Grand Treasurer, become familiar with the workings of the office of Grand Treasurer, assist the Grand Treasurer in the performance of his duties, and be prepared to perform them if such should become necessary. (1988)

Section 43. The **Assistant Grand Secretary** shall, under the direction of the Grand Secretary, become familiar with the workings of the office of Grand Secretary, assist the Grand Secretary in the performance of his duties, and be prepared to perform them if such should become necessary. (1988)

### COMMITTEES

Section 44. **General.** No person shall be appointed on any Committee unless he be a permanent member of this Grand Chapter: provided that the Grand Chaplain may be appointed to the Committee on Necrology(1988)

Section 45. **Appointed.** The Grand High Priest shall appoint ten (11) standing committees as follows:

- A Committee on Appeals;
- A Committee on Awards
- A Committee on Biography;
- A Committee on By-Laws;
- A Committee on Charters and Chapters Under Dispensation;
- A Committee on Credentials;
- A Committee on Finance and Budget;
- A Committee on Jurisprudence;
- A Committee on Necrology;
- A Committee on Visitors, and;
- A Committee on Work. (2010)

Section 46. **Number on each.** The Committees on Biography and on Necrology shall consist of one member only; the other Committees shall consist of three (3) permanent members of the Grand Chapter (1988)

Section 47. **Meetings.** Committees on Appeals; By-Laws; Charters and Chapters Under Dispensation; Finance and Budget; and Jurisprudence shall meet in the office of the Grand Secretary prior to the opening of the Grand Chapter, to consider any matters that may be referred to them Every Committeeman shall meet at the call of its Chairman. (2005)

Section 48. **Reports.**

A. All reports of Committees shall be made after the Grand Officers shall have rendered their reports, and at such times as they may be called for by the Grand High Priest or the Grand Chapter. Each Committee shall report on all matters which may have been referred to it.

B. All Committee reports are to be prepared in typed, or printed form, double spaced, and two (2) copies are to be given to the Grand Secretary immediately following action on them by the Grand Chapter.

C. All Committee reports submitted to and adopted by the Grand Chapter shall be printed in the proceedings as submitted, and in their entirety.

D. Reports of Committees which are modified or altered by the Grand Chapter shall be included in the Proceedings to show:

1. The original report or proposal as submitted, and,
2. The action of the Grand Chapter, eg: the proposal as submitted, and the proposal as modified and adopted. (1988)

### **DUTIES OF COMMITTEES**

Section 49 Appeals. The Committee on Appeals shall consider and report on all appeals from the decisions of Chapters or the High Priests thereof, and on all questions in controversy between chapter and chapter. (1988)

#### Section 50 Awards

- A) The committee on Awards shall consist of three (3) Past Grand High Priest Of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky Royal Arch Masons. The member who is senior shall be designated the Chairman of the Committee.
- B) The committee shall select no more than one deserving Companion to be awarded the Grand Chapter of Kentucky Lifetime Achievement Award each year.
- C) The Committee shall only consider recommendations from a permeant member of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons. This recommendation must be endorsed by at least three (3) permanent members of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons.
- D) The Committee shall make their selection from all deserving Companions of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons. Who shall meet all areas of the criteria as follows:
  - 1 The Grand Chapter of Kentucky Lifetime achievement Award is open to all members of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons, in good standing, who have completed a minimum of twenty (20) years service to the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons
  - 2 The Committee shall only consider appropriate letters of recommendation listing the Companion's Service to the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons.
  - 3 The Committee shall only consider recommendations which are specific and detailed. Simply saying "he does a good job" is not sufficient.
  - 4 The Committee may consider areas such as Degree Work, Administration, Committee Service and Leadership at either the local , state , national or international level.
  - 5 The Committee may consider service rendered to other Masonic Bodies, or to the community at large.
- E) Selections must be received by the Grand Secretary's office not later that June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.
- F) The Grand Chapter of Kentucky Lifetime Achievement Award jewel/ badge may be worn or displayed at any and all Masonic functions. (2010)

#### Section 51. **Biography.**

The Committee on Biography shall prepare a suitable resume of the Grand High Priest for inclusion in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter. (1988)

#### Section 52. **By-Laws.**

A. The Committee on By-laws shall examine the By-laws of constituent Chapters and amendments thereto. Such By-laws and Amendments to By-laws of constituent Chapters are to be received by this Committee through the office of the Grand Secretary, and shall be returned through that office, including such decisions as the Committee, or its members, shall have made regarding the By-laws and/or Amendments which have been referred to them.

B. Decisions of the Committee on By-laws shall be conclusive until reversed or modified by the Grand Chapter.

C. The Committee on By-laws shall report to the Grand Chapter the names and numbers of those Chapters whose By-laws it may have passed on, as well as any which may have been rejected and not returned with corrections.

D. it is not within the authority of the Committee on By-laws to require any change in By-laws of a constituent Chapter unless they be inconsistent with the Constitution and Regulations of this Grand Chapter. (1988)

E) **Grand Law Prevails.** The fact that a By-law of a Chapter has been approved by the Grand Chapter Committee on By-laws does not mean that the provisions of the Constitution does not prevail. Should it be found that any such By-law is not consistent with the Constitution and Regulations of this Grand Chapter, the provisions of the Constitution and Regulations shall take precedence and prevail, irrespective of whether such inconsistency existed at the time the by-law was approved or was caused by a later revision of the laws of this Grand Chapter. (1988)

Section 53. **Charters and Chapters Under Dispensation.** The Committee on Charters and Chapters Under Dispensation shall examine and report upon the books, work and methods of Chapters Under Dispensation (U.D.), and make appropriate recommendations. It shall also consider and report upon the issuance or re-issuance of Charters. (1988)

Section 54. **Credentials.** The Committee on Credentials shall examine and pass upon the credentials of representatives; register the officers, permanent members, representatives, area coordinators, deputy grand high priests, and committee members, issue the election ballots, and report to the Grand Chapter such information as may be pertinent to their duties (1988)

Section 55. **Finance and Budget.**

A. The Committee on Finance and Budget shall consist of three (3) members, with one (1) member to be appointed each year, for a term of three (3) years. The member saying his last year on the committee shall be its Chairman. The Chairman of the Permanent Fund Trustees shall be an ex-officio member of this Committee.

B. This committee shall examine and pass upon all questions of a monetary character. It shall also examine and report upon the accounts of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer.

C. This committee shall include the Grand High Priest, the Grand King, the Grand Scribe, the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Secretary in their budgetary deliberations.

D. This committee shall hold a meeting on or near the fifteenth (15th) day of August preceding the Annual Convocation, to prepare a balanced budget covering the ensuing year, to be submitted to the Grand Chapter for its consideration and adoption

E. The budget and associated financial figures presented to the Grand Chapter shall include a full and true picture of the total anticipated income and expenditures, regardless of the source of funds or reasons for the allocation.

F. The report of the Audits as specified in Section 30 shall be utilized by this Committee during their deliberations on Budget. (1988)

**Section 56. Jurisprudence.**

A. The Committee on Jurisprudence shall consist of three (3) members. Each of the members of this Committee shall be appointed for a three (3) year term, with one member to be appointed each year.

B. This Committee shall consider and report on all questions of Capitular law and usage, except such as pertain to the By-laws of the constituent Chapter:

C. All proposed amendments to the Constitution and Regulations of this Grand Chapter shall be referred to this Committee, and if such not be contrary to the established usages and customs of the Fraternity, or contrary to the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, and if not already in proper form, shall be re-written in suitable terms and reported to the Grand Chapter Convocation for consideration.

D. Items reported to the Grand Chapter for action shall be stated in such terms that only one vote is required on the item. e.g.: negative motions are not to be presented, as they could cause more than one vote to be taken.

E. Recommendations to adopt or reject any proposed amendment shall include reasons therefore, e.g.; references to established laws, usages, and/or customs which may be appropriate. (1988)

**Implementing Resolution** At the annual convocation at which this Section is adopted, the Grand High Priest shall appoint one member of this committee to serve for a three year (3) term; one for a two (2) year term; and one for a one (1) year term. Thereafter, each incoming Grand High Priest shall appoint one member to this committee for a term of three (3) years.

**Section 57. Necrology.** The Committee on Necrology shall make a brief report on the death of distinguished Craftsmen, and such appropriate notices of other deceased companions as in its opinion, ought to be made. (1988)

**Section 58. "Our Home."** The Committee on "Our Home" is deleted. (2005)

**Section 59. Visitors.** The Committee on Visitors shall examine un-avouched representatives, and such Royal Arch Masons as may apply for admission to the sittings of the Grand Chapter as it shall deem advisable, and, if they be found worthy, may conduct them to appropriate seats, or may introduce them. (1988)

**Section 60. Work.**

A. The Committee on Work consist of three (3) members at least one (1) of whom shall be a Past Grand High Priest. Each incoming Grand High Priest shall appoint one member to this Committee for a three year term.

B. This committee shall consider all proposed changes in conferment procedure, and after due deliberation, present said changes to the Grand Chapter at the next Annual Convocation for action.

C. Committee shall prepare, and keep up to date, three (3) Master Rituals, one for use of the committee, one for the use of the Chief Evaluator, and one to be maintained in the office of the Grand Secretary. This Committee shall also act as Custodian of the Work. (1988)

Implementing Resolution. Following the annual convocation at which this section is adopted, the term of the members of the Committee on Work with one (1) year remaining on his term shall expire in one (1) year; the term of the member with three (3) years remaining shall expire in two years; and the term of the member with five (5) years remaining shall expire in three (3) years. Thereafter each incoming Grand High Priest shall appoint one member to this committee for a term of three years.

**Section 61. Planning and Direction.**

A. The Planning and Direction Committee shall consist of the Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Captain of the Host, and three (3) immediate preceding Past Grand High Priests. The senior Past Grand High Priest on the Committee shall be its Chairman.

B. This committee shall but not be limited by:

1. I bold a meeting within sixty (60) days after the close of each Annual Grand Convocation.
2. Evaluate the goals and programs of the Grand Officers.
3. Establish Priorities, Time Tables, and Costs.
4. Promote and Publicize activities of the Grand Chapter.
5. Give status reports to the Grand Officers and the Grand Convocations.

6. See• that actions required by approved recommendations, made by Out-going Grand High Priests, are accomplished (1988)

**PAY, FORFEITURE OF PAY, ROLL CALL, AND PENALTIES**

Section 62. **Mileage and Per Diem.** Grand Officers, Past Grand High Priests, Area Coordinators, the Chief Evaluator, Deputy Grand High Priests, one representative from each chapter, and each member of a committee shall he paid Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per day for actual service at the convocations of this Grand Chapter, and twenty cents (\$0 20) per mile, one way, to the location of their respective chapters, the distance to be measured by the nearest travel route; provided that no representative shall receive in mileage and per diem more than 75% of the money his chapter pays in dues to the Grand Chapter for the same year. (1988)

Section 63. **Double Pay, or Pay Without Service.** No Companion shall receive pay in a double capacity; nor per diem for the time he is not actually in attendance during the sittings of the Grand Chapter Convocations. (1988)

Section 64. **Receipts shown.** The representative of each chapter shall exhibit to the Credentials Committee the receipt of the Grand Secretary in full for all indebtedness of his Chapter to the Grand Chapter before he is issued his ballot or permitted to sign the Register. (1988)

Section 65. **No Pay If.** No one shall receive pay if his Chapter has not paid in full its indebtedness to the Grand Chapter, or if its dues be donated or remitted; nor to one who vacates his seat without permission of the Grand Chapter. (1988)

Section 66. **Pay Forfeited.** Any time the roll is called, every representative or other member who is entitled to mileage or per diem must answer for his Chapter, or for his name if not a representative. If any fail to answer he shall forfeit the amount of his mileage and per diem. (1988)

Section 67. **Claims Submitted.** All claims for expenses, for whatever purpose, are to be submitted in time to reach the office of the Grand Secretary by the close of the fiscal year (July 31<sup>st</sup>). Any claim which does not reach the hands of the Grand Secretary by this time shall not be allowed (1988)

Section 68. **Answering for another.** Any Companion who shall answer for another at any roll call shall forfeit his mileage and per diem, and should be tried for un-masonic conduct. (1988)

Section 69. **Grand High Priest.** The Grand High Priest shall be paid his actual expenses for visitations and Grand Chapter business, to be paid upon presentation of proper vouchers, but in no event shall this exceed the amount budgeted and approved by the Grand Chapter for the current year. (67) (2002)

Section 70. **Grand King.** The Grand King shall be paid his actual expenses for visitations and Grand Chapter business, to be paid upon presentation of proper vouchers, but in no event shall this exceed the amount budgeted and approved by the Grand Chapter for the current year. (67) (2002)

Section 71. **Grand Scribe.** The Grand Scribe shall be paid his actual expenses for visitations and Grand Chapter business, to be paid upon presentation of proper vouchers, but in no event shall this exceed the amount budgeted and approved by the Grand Chapter for the current year. (67) (2002)

Section 72. **Grand Captain of the Host.** The Grand Captain of the Host shall be paid his actual expenses for visitations and Grand Chapter business, to be paid upon presentation of proper vouchers, but in no event shall this exceed the amount budgeted and approved by the Grand Chapter for the current year.(67)(2002)

Section 73. **Grand Treasurer.** The Grand Treasurer shall be paid the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per year. (1988)

Section 74. **Grand Secretary.** The Grand Secretary shall be paid a salary not to exceed Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600.00) per year, payable monthly. (1988)

Section 75. **Assistant Grand Secretary.** The compensation of the Assistant Grand Secretary shall be Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per year. (1988)

Section 76. **Grand Sentinel.** The Grand Sentinel shall receive for his services the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per year. (1988)

### **ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD**

Section 77. **Authorized.** This Grand Chapter hereby authorizes, supports, and recognizes as legitimate and constituent to this Grand Chapter, the organization to become and be known as "The Grand Council, Order of High Priesthood of Kentucky". (1988)

### **CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS**

Section 78. **Must have Charter or Dispensation.**

A. Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the State of Kentucky must have a Charter or Dispensation, issued under authority of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons, empowering

it to meet and work; and each Chapter meeting and working under such authority is constituent and subordinate to this Grand Chapter.

B. Any 'Royal Arch Chapter in Kentucky' which does not hold such Charter or Dispensation from this Grand Chapter is declared to be irregular and clandestine, and any and all contact, communication, or intercourse with such 'Chapter' so far as Capitular Masonry is concerned is strictly forbidden.

C. Any Chapter, or any Companion found guilty of violating this section shall be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry. (1988)

Section 79. **General Powers.** Constituent chapters have such powers, and only such powers, as are conferred upon them by the constitution, regulations, rules, edicts, or decisions of this Grand Chapter (1988)

Section 80. **Shall Adopt By-Laws.** Each Constituent chapter is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations as it may deem proper for the government of its own affairs; provided, that the same be not inconsistent with the constitution, regulations, rules, edicts or decisions of this Grand Chapter. (1988)

Section 81. **Must Include.** The By-laws of every constituent Chapter must include the following

- A. The Name and Location of the Chapter
- B. The Date and the time of Stated Convocations, eg: 3rd Thursday at 7.30 P.M.
- C. The amount charged by the chapter as FPPS for the degrees
- D. The amount of Annual Dues. (1988)

#### **OF WHOM COMPOSED**

Section 82. **Officers and Members.** Each Chapter shall consist of the following officers; provided that the Chapter may in its by-laws make provision for the offices of Treasurer and Secretary to be combined, in which case the office shall be known as Secretary-Treasurer, and be filled by a single companion•

#### **Elective**

High Priest, titled Excellent  
King, titled Companion  
Scribe, titled Companion  
Treasurer, titled Companion  
Secretary, titled Companion  
Captain of the Host, titled Companion

#### **Elective or Appointive**

Principal Sojourner, titled Companion  
Royal Arch Captain, titled Companion  
Master of the Third Veil, titled Companion  
Master of the Second Veil, titled Companion  
Master of the First Veil, titled Companion  
Sentinel, titled Companion,



and as many other members as may be elected and exalted into, or affiliated with the Chapter (240)  
(1988)

Section 83 **Assistant Secretary.** The Secretary of each constituent Chapter within the Grand Chapter of Kentucky shall, immediately upon his election, appoint an Assistant Secretary, subject to the approval of his High Priest. It is permissible for one of the Chapter officers to hold this position in addition to his other duties.  
(1988)

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 84. **When Elected.** Every constituent Chapter, chartered by this Grand Chapter, shall elect its officers annually, and at its last Stated Convocation in June.  
(1988)

Section 85. **Rules for Elections.** The rules and usages of the Grand Chapter, so far as applicable, shall govern elections in constituent chapters. (1988)

Section 86. **Qualifications.** Any Royal Arch Mason shall be eligible for election or appointment to any office in the Chapter of which he is a member; provided that a Companion who holds dual membership may not serve as High Priest in more than one Chapter at the same time, and, provided that a Companion who has been removed from office shall not be eligible for any office until the next succeeding annual election of officers.  
(1988)

Section 87. **Elective Officers.** The High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer, Secretary, and Captain of the Host shall severally be nominated, and then elected by ballot.  
(1988)

Section 88. **Elective or Appointive Officers.** The remaining officers shall be elected by the chapter, or appointed by the High Priest, as may be provided by the by-laws of the Chapter. If the Chapter by-laws do not require the election of these officers, they shall be appointed by the High Priest.  
(1988)

Section 89. **Installation Essential.** No Companion, except as in Section 387. shall exercise any of the rights, privileges or powers of any office in the chapter until he shall have been duly elected, or appointed, and installed; provided, however, that this restriction shall not apply to pro-tempore officers.  
(1988)

Section 90. **Tenure.** The several officers shall hold and discharge the duties of their respective offices until their successors are duly elected or appointed, and installed.  
(1988)

Section 91. **Filling Vacancies.**

A. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in an elective office within a constituent chapter, the presiding officer shall, after due notice to the members, hold an election to fill the same at the next stated convocation following such notice, provided that a dispensation must first be obtained from the Grand High Priest before an election is held to fill a vacancy in the office of High Priest or the office of Secretary.

B. A vacancy which occurs in any of the appointive offices shall be filled at the next stated convocation of the chapter, and notice to the membership is not required.  
(1988)

### DUTIES OF CHAPTER OFFICERS

Section 92. **The Duties of the High Priest are:**

- A. To preside and have general supervision over his chapter and decide questions of law and order, subject to appeal.
- B. To see that the by-laws, rules and regulations of his chapter are observed, and that the constitution, regulations and edicts of this Grand Chapter are duly obeyed.
- C. To see that annual returns and other required reports are promptly made to this Grand Chapter.
- D. To attain such proficiency in the work as will enable him to conduct the ceremonies of his chapter in a creditable manner.
- E. To call Convocations of his Chapter as provided in Section 109.
- F. To attend the convocations of this Grand Chapter, or, if unable to attend, to see that his chapter is properly represented.
- G. To have charge of the charter, or dispensation, of his chapter, and be responsible for its safekeeping.
- H. To have charge of the Book of Essentials issued to his Chapter, and to transmit such Book of Essentials to his successor in office at the time of his installation, causing this fact to be recorded in the minutes of that convocation, including the number of the Book of Essentials so transmitted.
- I. To remove from office any officer of his Chapter who does not perform his duties to the best of his abilities, provided that written permission must be obtained from the Grand High Priest before an elective officer is thus removed. An officer who shall miss three (3) consecutive stated convocations of the Chapter without good cause, may be removed from office. (1988)

Section 93. **Duties of the King and Scribe.** The King and Scribe shall assist the High Priest in the discharge of his duties, and perform such other duties as may be devolved upon them by the usages of the craft, by-laws of the chapter, and laws of the Grand Chapter. (1988)

Section 94. **The Duties of the Treasurer are:**

- A. To receive all money of the chapter from the Secretary, giving receipts therefor, and pay it out by consent of the chapter on warrants of the High Priest, countersigned by the Secretary.
- B. All funds of a Chapter, liquid, tangible, or otherwise, are to be received, accounted for, recorded, reported, and maintained ,separately from those of any individual or other organization. A Chapter may join other York Rite Bodies (Lodge/Council/Commandery) in the purchase or the maintenance of paraphernalia or real estate, however ownership of the articles must be established, recorded, and reported, and maintained in such manner as to permit the 'separation' of such assets.
- C. Liquid assets (monies) of the Chapter are to be maintained in federally insured financial institutions only. Any such account(s) must be in the name of the Chapter, and are to be established in such manner as to necessitate two signatures to be required before any withdrawal of such funds can be made. (1988)

Section 95. **The Duties of the Secretary are:**

- A. To keep correct minutes of the transactions of his chapter.

- B. To collect and receive all money due the Chapter, keep true accounts thereof, and promptly pay the same to the Treasurer, taking receipts therefor.
- C. To have charge of the Seal of the Chapter and affix the same to all Dues Cards issued, also affix same to all other papers and documents requiring it.
- D. To issue notices to attend the convocations (stated or called) of the Chapter under direction of the High Priest.
- K To mail out dues notices to each member not later than December 1st of each year. He shall also issue any summons directed by the Chapter.
- F. To give notice to Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies. Where there are two or more Chapters in the same City, notice of all petitions for degrees or affiliation shall be furnished to the other Chapters, at the end of the quarterly reporting period, by the Secretary of the Chapter petitioned. Notices of rejections, suspensions, expulsions and re-instatements shall also be promptly given by him to the other Chapters in the same City, as well as to any Councils and/or Commanderies which may be appropriate.
- G. To promptly make the returns required by Section 158, and remit to the Grand Secretary the amount of dues and other indebtedness owing by his chapter to this Grand Chapter.
- H. To report all suspensions, expulsions and re-instatements by his chapter. to the Grand Secretary.
- I. To promptly transmit to the Grand Secretary copies of all by-laws and amendments thereto adopted by his chapter.
- J. To submit his books and accounts to an examination whenever required to do so by his chapter.
- K. To appoint, prior to his installation, an Assistant Secretary, subject to the approval of his High Priest
- L. To ensure that the Assistant Secretary is familiar with and well versed in the operation of the office of Secretary, including, but not necessarily limited to, the location of and procedures used with minutes, ledgers, records, and reports. (1988)

Section 96. **The Duties of the Assistant Secretary.** It shall be the duty of the Assistant Secretary, immediately following his appointment as such, and under the supervision of the Secretary, to become thoroughly familiar with and well versed in the duties, operations, and procedures of the office of Secretary, including, but not necessarily limited to the location and procedures used with minutes, ledgers, records, and reports. It shall also be his duty, upon notification of the absence, illness, death, or removal from office of the elected Secretary, to assume and perform all of the duties assigned to the office of Secretary. (1988)

#### **DUTIES OF REMAINING OFFICERS**

Section 97. **Duties of the Remaining Chapter Officers** shall be consistent with those outlined for the Grand Chapter Officers, changing terminology to suit the case. (1988)

#### **DUTIES OF COMPANIONS**

Section 98. **It is the duty of every Capitular Mason** to obey the moral law, to be neither an atheist nor a skeptic, but to be a good man and true, and live in peace, practice charity, to be a member of some Chapter and

attend its convocations; and to keep the Secretary of his Chapter informed as to his current standing in the Symbolic Lodge as well as his place of residence. (1988)

## JURISDICTION

Section 99. **The Jurisdiction of all Constituent Chapters in the Commonwealth of Kentucky** shall be concurrent, except for the purpose of granting Waivers in favor of a Chapter from another Grand Jurisdiction. (1988)

Section 100. **Jurisdiction Near State Boundary.** The Jurisdiction of constituent Chapters shall extend half-way to the nearest Chapter into any adjoining Grand Jurisdiction to be measured from the constituent Chapter nearest to the border of the Commonwealth to the nearest Chapter in such other Jurisdiction; provided however, that there be an agreement to that effect between such neighboring Grand Chapter and this Grand Chapter. (1988)

Section 101. **Waivers of Jurisdiction.** For the purpose of granting Waivers of Jurisdiction in favor of a Chapter in another Grand Jurisdiction, only the Chapter located nearest to the residence of the petitioner shall have authority to grant such Waiver, provided that in counties in which there are two or more chapters, the Jurisdiction of such Chapters shall be concurrent in considering a request for Waiver of Jurisdiction over a petitioner who has his residence within such county, and provided that any request for Waiver of Jurisdiction must be received through the office of the Grand Secretary, hearing certification of the regularity of the request. (1988)

Section 102 **Invaded Jurisdiction.** No constituent Chapter in the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall receive the petition of a candidate or admit to membership any person residing in a foreign Jurisdiction without securing a Waiver from a Chapter in said foreign Jurisdiction where the applicant resides, except as provided in Section 100. Such Waiver of Jurisdiction must be processed through the office of the Grand Secretary; provided that this section shall not apply to affiliation of dual members in so far as the provisions of Section 104 may be applicable. (1988)

Section 103. **Moving.** Moving from the jurisdiction of a Chapter does not forfeit membership therein. (1988)

## DUAL MEMBERSHIP

Section 104. **Royal Arch Mason May Be.**

A. A Royal Arch Mason in good standing in a Royal Arch Chapter in this Jurisdiction, or in a Royal Arch Chapter in another Grand Jurisdiction which does not forbid Dual Membership, may apply for affiliation to any other Royal Arch Chapter, or he may join in the application for the formation of a new Royal Arch Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction, and if such Royal Arch Chapter be formed, or he be elected in the Chapter to which he has applied, he may retain membership in each Chapter, but shall thereupon ‘and thereafter pay all dues and assessments required by each Royal Arch Chapter in which he holds membership, and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership in each Chapter, provided that he may not serve as High Priest in more than one Chapter at the same time.

B. Suspension or expulsion from any Royal Arch Chapter, shall suspend or expel him from every Royal Arch Chapter with which he may have affiliated in this Grand Jurisdiction.

C. A Companion who desires to petition for Dual Membership shall use the special Dual Membership form provided by the Grand Chapter. Copies of this petition form shall be distributed as shown on the form, after the petitioner has been elected to membership.

D. The records of each Royal Arch Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction shall be maintained in such manner as to show such dual membership, and the returns of each Chapter shall show the name of each companion holding such dual membership, and the Chapter wherein such membership is held. (1988)

## CHAPTER CONVOCATIONS

### Section 105. **Stated Convocations.**

A. The Stated Convocations of each constituent chapter shall be held at least monthly, at such place as may be specified in the charter or dispensation, or authorized by the Grand Chapter; and at such times as may be designated in its by-laws.

B. The Grand High Priest does not have authority to change the date or time of such stated convocations through issuance of a dispensation. (1988)

Section 106. **Business.** All Chapter business shall be done in a Chapter opened on the Royal Arch Degree, except conferring the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master, which degrees shall be conferred in lodges opened on these degrees respectively; and, provided that the trial of any Chapter member shall be held in the Lodge or Chapter opened on the highest degree to which the accused has advanced. (1988)

Section 107. **Grand Chapter Proceedings, Official Letters.** Grand Chapter proceedings, and all official communications from the Grand High Priest or the Grand Secretary relating to the chapter, shall be read publicly in each chapter at its next stated convocation after their reception. In case the proceedings cannot be read at a single convocation without unreasonably protracting it, a portion thereof may be read, and the reading continued at the subsequent convocation, and so on until the same shall have been completed. (1988)

Section 108. **Work on Sunday.** No convocation of a chapter shall be held on Sunday, except to attend funerals or religious services. (1988)

Section 109. **Called Convocations.** The High Priest, or one lawfully acting in his place, may call a convocation of his chapter at his pleasure; and upon the written request of nine (9) or more members of his chapter, shall call a convocation for consideration of such matters as may be named in said request. Due notice of all called convocations shall be given to the members of the chapter, and no business shall be transacted at a called convocation except that specified in the notice, provided that a chapter may be opened for instruction at any time. (1988)

### Section 110. **What Constitutes Due Notice.**

A. For the purpose of special business, eg: elections, change of meeting place or change of or amendment to by-laws, every member of the chapter must be notified, either in person or in writing. For the items listed above, announcement of the convocation published in the Masonic Home Journal at least ten (10) days but not more than forty-five (45) days before it is to be held shall be deemed to constitute due notice.

B. For the purposes of consolidation, each member must be individually notified either in person or in writing.

C. For the purpose of holding a called convocation to confer degree work only, announcement at a convocation of the chapter shall be sufficient. (1988)

**Section 111. Quorum.**

A. Royal Arch Degree. Nine Royal Arch Masons, including at least five (5) members of that chapter constitute a quorum to transact the business of a chapter, except that nine (9) Royal Arch Masons members of that Chapter constitute a quorum in order for a trial to proceed, but a chapter may be opened and the Royal Arch Degree conferred if the High Priest, the King, the Scribe, or a Past High Priest of that chapter, with eight (8) other companions, be present, whether they be members of that particular chapter or not.

B. Dependent Lodges. One Royal Arch Mason, authorized to open the chapter, and such additional brethren as may be prescribed by the ritual for the particular lodge to be opened, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of such business as may lawfully come before it; provided that in case of the trial of a member who is not a Royal Arch Mason nine (9) Royal Arch Masons, members of the chapter, constitute a quorum in order for the trial to proceed. (1988)

**PRESIDING OFFICER**

Section 112. **Who Presides.** When the High Priest is absent the King shall perform the duties of the High Priest, when both the High Priest and the King are absent the Scribe shall act as High Priest. At a stated, or lawfully called convocation, if the High Priest, the King, and the Scribe are all absent, a dependent lodge or the chapter may be opened by the Junior Past High Priest of the chapter present, and business may be transacted as if the High Priest were presiding, but the powers of such Past High Priest shall not extend beyond that convocation or meeting. (1988)

**CANDIDATES**

**Section 113. Qualifications, Character.**

A. A candidate for degrees must be an affiliated Master Mason of good report with some visible means of adequate support for himself and those dependent upon him, and possessing no maim or deformity which will prevent him from being instructed in the art and mysteries of Capitular Masonry, and in his own person instructing others by exemplification. Of all this the chapter is the sole judge; provided that maim or deformity after advancement shall not prevent the brother from receiving the remaining degrees.

B. A Petitioner for the degrees or for affiliation must be, and remain, a member of a symbolic Lodge recognized as legitimate by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons. (1988)

Section 114. **Residence.** No petition for degrees or affiliation shall be balloted upon by any chapter unless the petitioner shall have been continuously a bona fide resident of its jurisdiction for at least six months, or obtained a waiver from the chapter having jurisdiction over him. (1988)

Section 115 **Manufacture or Sale of Liquors.** No Chapter shall receive the petition of any one who is engaged in the manufacture or sale of liquor as a beverage, (1988)

**PETITIONS**

Section 116. **Forms.** Petitions shall be made in accordance with the forms prescribed by the Grand Chapter.(1988)

Section 117. **Written or Printed.** Petitions must be in writing (or printed), signed by the petitioner, giving his occupation, date and place of birth and the place where he has resided during the previous six months; also the degree attained, if any, the name, number and location of the Symbolic Lodge to which he belongs, and whether or not his petition has ever been presented to or rejected by a chapter of Royal Arch Masons, If it has, then the name, number and location of the chapter so petitioned must be given. (1988)

Section 118. **Lodge Affiliation.** Every petition for affiliation or induction into any degree of Capitular Masonry in Kentucky, shall state on the face of such petition that the petitioner is a member of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. If a member of a Chapter shall cease to be a member of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, he shall at once cease to be a member of his Chapter until restored to membership in the Lodge. (1988)

Section 119. **Demit Accompanies Petition.** A Demit, or its equivalent, must accompany a petition for affiliation, except as in sections 142, 178 and 179, and be retained by the chapter petitioned if the petitioner be elected to membership. If rejected, the Demit shall be returned to him. (1988)

Section 120. **Recommended by.** Action on. A Petition, for degrees or membership, shall be recommended by two members of the chapter petitioned, and be referred to a committee of three other members for inquiry into the character and qualifications of the petitioner. A petition may be acted upon at the same or a subsequent (stated or called) convocation, provided that the investigating committee shall first make its report thereon. (1988)

Section 121. **Petition Withdrawn.** A petition for degrees or membership received by a chapter may be withdrawn by unanimous consent, expressed by ballot, before the investigating committee shall have reported thereon; but no petition can be withdrawn after the committee shall have reported. (1988)

#### **THE BALLOT — OBJECTION**

Section 122. **When Taken.** The Ballot on a petition, either for affiliation or for the degrees, shall be taken only in a Chapter open on the Royal Arch Degree, and may be done either at a stated or a called convocation. (1988)

Section 123. **Disclosing Ballot.** A companion who shall intentionally disclose his vote, by ballot, whether it be favorable or unfavorable, or who shall make any inquiry or by other means endeavor to ascertain how another companion voted, or who, knowing how a companion voted, shall disclose such knowledge, shall be tried for the offense, and, if convicted, shall be expelled. No method shall be used to ascertain how companions would vote if a ballot should be taken. It is the special duty of the High Priest to cause such charges to be preferred by the scribe for such offenses. (1988)

Section 124. **Unanimous.** The ballot must be unanimous to elect a petitioner for the degrees or for affiliation. (1988)

Section 125. **Two Unfavorable Ballots.** If two (2) unfavorable ballots appear against a petitioner he shall be declared rejected; nor can his petition be again balloted on in less than six months, and then only after petitioning as before. (1988)

Section 126. **One Unfavorable Ballot.** In balloting on a petition for membership, if only one negative ballot appears, the presiding officer shall immediately destroy the ballot, and direct a second ballot to be taken at once, announcing that such is being done to "allow for correction of a possible error". If on the second ballot one negative ballot again appears, the petitioner shall be declared to have been rejected, and no ballot

shall be taken on the same petitioner in less time than six (6) months, and then only after petitioning as before. (1988)

Section 127. **Effect of Rejection.** A petitioner having been rejected for the degrees or for membership may not again be balloted upon until the expiration of six (6) months, and no chapter may receive and ballot upon a petition from one who has been rejected, except under the same restrictions. (1988)

Section 128. **Malicious Ballot.** If a companion threaten that the chapter shall not increase in membership, or that no more candidates shall be elected; or by words of like purport threaten the growth or prosperity of the chapter, and candidates are in fact rejected thereafter when he is present, he may be tried for un-masonic conduct, because of the threat. (1988)

Section 129. **Objection.**

A. An objection to a candidate for the degrees may be made by a member of the chapter prior to the preparation of the candidate for the Mark Master degree; and such objection shall have the same effect, in every respect, as if the objector had cast an unfavorable ballot. The objection may be made in open lodge or chapter, or to the High Priest privately or otherwise. The fact that objection was made, but not the name of the objector, shall be entered in the minutes.

B. Any member of the chapter who seeks to prevent or delay the conferring of the remaining degrees, on an elected candidate who shall have been advanced to the degree of Mark Master, shall be required to prefer written charges against him.

C. The remaining degrees may not be conferred until such charges have been disposed of, however such charges may be withdrawn by vote of the chapter. (1988)

## DEGREES

Section 130. **Order of Succession.** The constituent chapters are authorized to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason, and in the order named. (1988)

Section 131. **Conferred by Another Chapter.** Any chapter, upon request of a chapter having jurisdiction, may confer the degrees or either of them, on a candidate elected by the chapter making the request; provided that in the case of a chapter in some other Grand Jurisdiction, the request must reach the chapter through the office of the Grand Secretary. (1988)

Section 132. **Forfeiture of Election for Degrees.** If a candidate shall have due notice of his election, and of the time and place (when and where) he could receive the Mark Master degree, but shall fail for a period of six months thereafter to present himself to receive it, his election shall be void, unless the chapter shall declare the reason for such failure to be good and sufficient. In the latter case the time may be extended for an additional six months: after that time he must again petition and be balloted upon as in the first instance. (1988)

Section 133. **Time Between Degrees.** No definite time between the conferring of the degrees on a candidate is required. (1988)

Section 134. **Fees for Degrees.** No Chapter shall confer any degree for a less sum than five dollars (\$5.00), nor all the degrees for a less sum than twenty dollars (\$20.00), and no one shall be in any manner exempt or excused from paying the required fees, nor any portion of them; neither is it lawful for a chapter to pay the fees for a candidate, however the members of the chapter may do so as individuals (1988)



Section 135. **Past Master Degree.** The Degree conferred in a convocation of actual Past Masters is not a Chapter degree, and cannot be recognized as such (1988) Section 136. **Confers Membership.** The conferring of any of the degrees on an elected petitioner confers membership in the chapter electing him. (1988)

### **DEMITTS**

Section 136. **Defined.** To demit is to withdraw from a chapter. A certificate of withdrawal shall be issued to the demitting member, hut it shall not contain any recommendation; provided that in the case of a demit for continuous membership or of a dual member demitting, the certificate of withdrawal shall he sent to the Secretary of the other chapter in which he holds membership, and not be given to the member. (1988)

Section 137. **Form of Demit.** Certificates of Demit must be in accordance with the forms prescribed by the Grand Chapter, and in all cases the Demit should be registered in the ledger account of the member. (1988)

Section 138. **Request for Demit.** A request for a demit is to be made in writing, and must be signed by the member requesting it; provided that an oral request for a demit, made in person, during a stated convocation of the chapter, and recorded in the minutes of said stated convocation, shall have the same effect as a written request. (1988)

Section 139. **Cannot be Refused.**

A. The right to demit is inherent in every member, hence a demit cannot be refused by a Chapter to any member (including an officer) of any degree, whose indebtedness to the chapter is fully paid, if there be no charges pending against him; provided that if an objection be made on the grounds that charges will be preferred at the next stated convocation, action on the request for demit shall be deferred until that time; and, provided further, that if no charges he filed by such next stated convocation the demit shall be granted.

B. An applicant for a demit being clear of the books, and no accusation made, or charge being suggested against him, the High Priest, in open chapter, should instruct the Secretary to make the record and issue the certificate. (1988)

Section 140. **Duplicate Demit.** A duplicate certificate of demit cannot be issued; but, if the original be lost, a statement of the time when, and of the fact of a demit having been granted and of the alleged loss, may be certified by the Secretary on order of the chapter granting it; or by the Grand Secretary if the chapter be defunct. (1988)

Section 141. **Demits for Continuous Membership.**

A. If a member wishes to change his membership and be continuously affiliated, he may file his petition with a chapter having jurisdiction, and with it a receipt under seal of the chapter, from the Secretary of the chapter of which he is a member, showing that his dues are 'up to date' (having been paid for the current year); also a written application to his chapter for a Demit; provided that for the purpose of moving membership from one chapter to another within this Grand jurisdiction, a copy of the petition, signed by the member, indicating his having petitioned another chapter for membership by transfer while being continuously affiliated, shall suffice for a request for demit, provided further that the chapter also be officially notified of his election in such chapter.

B. If elected to membership in the chapter petitioned, the Secretary thereof shall immediately forward said application for demit, or a copy of the petition form, to the petitioners chapter, and when the demit is received shall file it with the petition and enter the petitioner's name as a member of the chapter petitioned

as of even date with the certificate of demit. if the petitioner be rejected, the aforesaid receipt of dues and application for demit shall be returned to him. (1988)

### CHAPTER DUES

Section 142. **Chapter to Fix and Collect.** Each Chapter shall fix and collect such annual dues from its members as may be necessary to enable it to maintain itself and discharge all its duties and obligations, but no chapter shall charge an amount which is less than 5250 plus the Grand Chapter per-capita per annum. Dues of all Chapters shall be due on January each year and payable in advance for the full year. Dues for each year shall become delinquent on April 1, and the delinquent member shall be subject to suspension on the stated convocation in June. Any chapter failing to notify said companion of his delinquency each year, shall forfeit the right to collect more than one year's delinquent dues from said member and on payment of same, such member shall be in good standing in his chapter. (149) (1997)

Section 143. **Fiscal Year.** Each Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction shall operate its business on a fiscal year basis. July 1 to June 30 the next succeeding, EXCEPT in the matter of collection of its annual membership dues. All dues in each constituent chapter shall become due and payable on the first day of January of each year, for one year in advance. (1988)

Section 144. **Dues Cards.**

A. The Grand Chapter shall furnish standard dues cards free of charge. Any chapter desiring special printing upon its card must have the copy approved by the Grand Secretary and must pay for the extra work to be done.

B. The official Dues Card of this Grand Chapter shall consist of a standard 2 inch by 3 1/4 inch (2 X 3-1/4) card, with the background to the multiple copies of the Triple-Tau within a triangle within a circle. Upon the back shall be printed the certification of the Grand Secretary along with the seal of the Grand Chapter. The front side of the card shall contain a rule across one end for the signature of the holder, and a rule across the other end for the date of issue. Also, on the face of the card shall be printed the year for which the card is issued, the name and number of the chapter issuing the card, along with the statement that the member has paid his dues until December 31 of the year for which the card is issued.

C. Dues cards are ordered through the office of the Grand Secretary, and will be ordered by the Grand Secretary using information supplied by the chapters, provided that in the event the chapter does not provide such information, cards shall automatically be ordered by the Grand Secretary during the first week of July each year. D. The Seal of the Chapter is to be affixed to each dues card issued. (1988)

Section 145. **Issued To.** Dues cards are to be issued only to those members who have attained the degree of Royal Arch Mason. (1988)

### PRE-PAID DUES FUND

Section 146. **Authorized.**

A. Each constituent chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction is authorized to establish a Pre-paid Dues Fund, for the purpose of permitting members to pre-pay their dues for LIFE.

B. The pre-paid dues fund shall be and remain the property of the Chapter which has established such fund. (1988)

Section 147. **Establishment of a Pre-Paid Dues Fund.**

- A. A constituent Chapter desiring to establish a pre-paid dues fund must adhere to the following:
1. Provision for such pre-paid dues fund MUST be a portion of the By-laws of the Chapter.
  2. The amount required to pre-pay dues for I if+, shall be established by the Chapter, which sum shall not be less than twelve (12) times the amount of annual dues, or a MINIMUM of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), whichever is the greater amount.
  3. All monies paid into the pre-paid dues fund are the property of the Chapter and are to remain in such dues fund in perpetuity.
  4. The pre-paid dues fund shall in no manner be co-mingled with any other assets of the Chapter.
  5. Chapters shall in no case borrow from said dues fund, pledge the assets of such fund, or loan any part of such dues fund for any purpose.
- B. All monies paid into such pre-paid dues fund shall be invested by the Chapter. These monies are to be invested in insured income producing accounts, and ONLY in federally insured financial institutions.
1. The income, and only the income, from the investment of such monies may be used to pay the dues of the member or other expenses of the Chapter. The Corpus (original investment) shall NOT be reduced.
  2. A member of a Chapter, which has established a pre-paid dues fund, having paid to such dues fund the sum designated by the Chapter shall, each year thereafter receive his dues card for the current year, without making further payment.
  3. No refund shall be made from the dues fund to any person for any reason. (1988)

### **GRAND CHAPTER DUES AND ASSESSMENTS**

**Section 148. Per-Capita, Amount.**

- A. Every constituent chapter shall annually pay to the Grand Chapter the sum of Thirteen dollars (\$13.00) Plus General Grand Chapter assessments for every Royal Arch Mason on its rolls as of low twelve on June 30th, except as provided in Sections 155 and 156 and at the same time each chapter shall pay such fines as may have accumulated in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Regulations, as well as such assessments as may have been ordered by the Grand Chapter. (2016)
- B. For any companion suspended for non-payment of dues between January 1 and June 30 and then restored to membership between July 1 and December 31 in the same year, the constituent chapter must pay to the Grand Chapter the required per-capita on the companion. This must be paid at the end of the quarter in which the chapter restores the companion to membership. (1999)

**Section 149. When Payable.** Each Chapter shall pay its Grand Chapter indebtedness to the Grand Secretary on or before July 31st each year. (1988)

**Section 150. Penalty for Delinquency.** If any chapter shall fail to comply with the provisions of Sections 152, 158, and 159, it shall immediately be charged with a fine of five dollars (55.00) to be due and payable on the first day of August and an additional fine of five dollars (\$5.00) for each successive fifteen days of

delinquency. If the indebtedness to the Grand Chapter be not paid by January 1st next thereafter, the Grand High Priest shall forthwith arrest the charter of such delinquent chapter, reporting his actions to the Grand Chapter no later than, as well as at, its next annual convocation. (1988)

**Section 151. Reports.**

A. Membership recapitulation reports shall be made on a quarterly calendar basis, and shall be mailed so as to reach the office of the Grand Secretary as follows:

1. For the first quarter, not later than April 10th.
2. For the second quarter, not later than July 10th; (which will conclude the annual report);
3. For the third quarter, not later than October 10th; and
4. for the fourth quarter, not later than January 10th.

B. A penalty (fine) of five dollars (\$5.00) (per report), shall be assessed against any chapter whose quarterly membership recapitulation report does not reach the office of the Grand Secretary before the 10th of the following month as shown above, and an additional fine of five dollars (\$5.00) for each successive fifteen (15) days of delinquency, and such fines are to be accumulated and collected at the end of the year along with the per-capita dues and any other assessments which may be due.

C. A penalty (fine) of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be assessed against any chapter for failure to mail either or both of the following returns before August 1st (with a post mark showing dispatch on a date later than July 31st), they being:

1. The Annual Election Return;
2. The Annual Audit; and, An additional penalty (fine) of ten dollars (\$10.00) (per report) shall be assessed for each successive fifteen (15) days of additional delinquency. (1988)

**Section 152. Cards on New Members.**

A. For every Royal Arch Mason member added to the rolls of the chapter, whether through exaltation, affiliation, re-instatement, transfer, or consolidation, a card containing pertinent information on the member shall be sent to the Grand Secretary along with the next (quarterly) report, on which the member is picked up.

B. A fine, or surcharge of fifty-cents (\$0.50) shall be levied against the chapter for each membership card not submitted as a portion of the report on which the member is picked up, or which is incorrectly filled out. (1988)

**Section 153. Settlement with Chapters.** No chapter shall be discharged from any demand against it until the receipt in full shall have been obtained therefor from the Grand Secretary, or the amount be remitted by the Grand Chapter. (1988)

**Section 154. Free Members.** Chapters shall be exempt from paying Grand Chapter dues and assessments on residents of the Old Masons' Home of Kentucky, and on ministers who are wholly engaged as such, and not in secular pursuits. If, by the by-laws of the chapter, they are exempted from the payment of dues. or on one who has been legally adjudged insane, or one who is a bona-fide resident of a nursing home or facility and is financially destitute, provided that in the case of the member adjudged insane or confined to a nursing

home or facility, the Chapter making such claim for exemption must certify such to the Grand Secretary along with the annual return. (1988)

Section 155. **Fifty Years Affiliated.** No chapter shall be required to pay Grand Chapter Dues on any member thereof, who for a period of fifty (50) years, shall have been a Royal Arch Mason, affiliated with a chapter, or chapters, of Royal Arch Masons, which shall have paid Grand Chapter dues on such member for fifty (50) years. (1988)

#### ANNUAL RETURNS — RETURNS

Section 156. **No Representation, When.** Every chapter shall make returns to the Grand Chapter each year on forms furnished by the Grand Secretary, and according to instructions supplied. Unless such returns are so made, a receipt shall not be given the delinquent chapter or its representative, nor shall such representative take his seat as such in the Grand Chapter. (1988)

Section 157. **Returns Include, What.**

A. Annual Returns are the completed reports submitted to the Grand Chapter, and consist of

1. The Quarterly Activity Report covering the period April 1st to June 30th.
2. The Report of the annual election of officers.
3. The Annual Audit report.
4. The Annual Membership recapitulation report.

Each of these are to be completed and submitted in accordance with instructions provided by the Grand Secretary.

B. Additionally, other reports will be required at selected intervals, and are to be completed and submitted in accordance with instructions provided. (1988)

Section 158. **Prepared How, Forwarded When.** Reports shall be prepared in duplicate, and either typed or printed with ink. After examination and correction if needed, the duplicate copy thereof shall be retained and preserved by the chapter Secretary, and the original copy shall be forwarded so as to reach the office of the Grand Secretary not later than the date specified for that particular report. (1988)

Section 159. **Accurate and Legible.** Returns made as herein required, if reasonably accurate and legible, shall be printed in the Proceedings under direction of the Grand Secretary. (1988)

#### PENALTIES

Section 160. **Masonic Penalties.** The only penalties known to Masonry in the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky are fine, forfeiture, reprimand, suspension and expulsion. (1988)

Section 161. **Fine and Forfeiture.** Fine and forfeiture apply only to chapters and can be imposed or remitted only by the Grand Chapter. (1988)

Section 162. **Reprimand.** Reprimand shall be inflicted only in open chapter. (1988)

Section 163. **Suspensions.** Suspensions, except as provided for in Sections 118 and 166, shall be for a definite period. (1988)

Section 164. **Expulsion.** Expulsion terminates every vestige of Capitular rights and privileges. (1988)

### SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT

Section 165. **Non-payment. Suspension** for non-payment of dues is a suspension from the rights and privileges of Capitular Masonry, and no companion shall be suspended for non-payment of dues, except as provided in Section 143. (1997)

Section 166. **Notice Before Action.** No member shall be suspended for nonpayment of dues until he shall be notified by certified or registered mail, or by personal service, of the amount of his indebtedness and of the time when the Chapter will consider the question as to whether he should not be suspended for such nonpayment, which notice shall be given not less than twenty-eight (28) days next before the date for such hearing. The facts as to when and how such notice was given shall be entered in the minutes of the convocation when action in the case is taken, (1988)

Section 167. **Notice When Address is Unknown.** When a member's address is unknown, and after every reasonable effort to discover such shall have been exhausted, notice shall be given the member by registered or certified letter sent to him at his last known address, in which case the steps taken shall be reported in open Chapter, noted in the minutes and read at three (3) successive Stated Convocations; after which, the Chapter may proceed as if the notice had been received by the accused. (1988)

Section 168 **Failing to Pay After Notice.** If the delinquent member shall fail to pay his dues in conformity with the notice, the Chapter may suspend him; or if a satisfactory reason for the delinquency be given, the Chapter may excuse him, and remit his dues. In either event the decision shall be made by ballot. It shall not be necessary to go through any formalities of a trial except as stated in this and the next succeeding sections. (1988)

Section 169. **Granting Time After Notice to Appear - Effect.** When a member has been notified to appear and show cause why he should not be suspended for non-payment of dues, and has appeared or answered and has been granted an indefinite time in which to pay, such action is a final disposition of the case under that notice. Before the Chapter can again act upon the case, it must begin proceedings by issuing a new notice. The Chapter may grant time to a fixed date, and at such date may take up and dispose of the case, but cannot act against him for non-payment before such date. (1988)

Section 170. **Conditional Suspension.** A member can be suspended only for an offense committed and complete; therefore, a Chapter cannot suspend a member conditioned on his performing or failing to perform a certain specific duty or act. It cannot say in its by-laws, or on motion, that if a member commit an offense he shall stand suspended without further action of the Chapter. (1988)

Section 171. **Must Be Done at Stated Convocation.** A member can be suspended for non-payment of dues only at a stated convocation. (1988)

Section 172. **No Publication.** The publication of expulsions or suspensions in the public press is prohibited. (1988)

### RESTORATIONS

Section 173 **After Suspension for Non-payment.**

A. A Chapter member suspended for non-payment of dues shall rest under the suspension only so long as his dues remain unpaid.

- B. Payment, of the amount owing up to the time he was suspended plus the current years dues, shall restore him to membership without action of the Chapter, but a notation of the fact shall be made in the minutes, provided however that;
- C. If he shall remain suspended for two years or longer, he can be restored to good standing only upon payment of the amount owing at the time of his suspension, and being re-elected to membership by consent of three-fourths (3/4) of the members present, expressed by ballot, after a regular petition, which must be referred to and reported on by a committee the same as any other petition for membership. (1988)

## **RITUALS**

### Section 174. **Rituals, Use of.**

- A. Each Chapter within this Grand Jurisdiction shall use the Ritual now known as the Kentucky Ritual.
- B. Chapters shall be entitled to purchase from the Grand Secretary, as many copies of the ritual as needed 41
- C. These Rituals are to be ordered through the office of the Grand Secretary, with the price to be established as the cost of the printing, plus ten percent (10%) for storage and handling, plus postage. (1988)

### Section 175. **Book of Essentials.**

- A. There shall be a "Book of Essentials" which contains the 'secret work' of the various degrees, as authorized by the Grand Chapter in 1965.
- B. Distribution of this Book of Essentials shall be restricted to:
  - 1. One copy to each 'elective line' officer of this Grand Chapter, and one copy to each Past Grand High Priest.
  - 2. One copy to each Constituent Chapter, to be issued to and controlled by the High Priest, and this copy is to be passed to his successor at the time of his installation.
  - 3. One copy to the Chief Evaluator, to be passed to his successor.
  - 4. One copy to each Deputy Grand High Priest, to be passed to his successor.
  - 5. One copy to each Area Coordinator, to be passed to his successor.
- C. The individuals possessing a copy of the Book of Essentials shall safeguard the same, and keep it in a safe place, not to be accessible to those not authorized to see it.
- D. A penalty of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be levied for the loss of a copy of the Book of Essentials. This penalty is to be paid by the chapter, or the individual, who shall have received the Book of Essentials, and must be paid, to the Grand Secretary, before a replacement copy is issued.
- E. An individual, or a Chapter, against whom such penalty has been levied, shall not be entitled to vote in the affairs of this Grand Chapter until such penalty has been satisfied. (1988)

## **CHAFFERS UNDER DISPENSATION**

Section 176. **Laws that govern.** Chapters under dispensation shall be governed by the same laws and regulations which apply to chartered chapters, except that chapters under dispensation cannot elect officers other than Treasurer and Secretary, as provided in Section 183, and need not have a Seal (1988)

Section 177. **How to Establish.**

A. A Chapter Under Dispensation may be established on the petition of not less than twenty-seven (27) Royal Arch Masons or nine (9) Royal Arch Masons plus eighteen (18) Master Masons, residents of the Jurisdiction, who shall file with the Grand Secretary said petition, together with the petition (s) for Dual Membership, petition(s) for membership for the Master Masons, or Derails of petitioners as in Section 179 if applicable, and the consent of the nearest Chapter, except as provided in Section 180.

B. Conferral of Degrees. The Grand High Priest shall confer the Degrees of the Chapter upon those Master Masons who petition the new Chapter or direct some other person to confer the work. This to be done on the date of establishing the Chapter U.D. (1995)

Section 178. **Provisional Remits.** A. It shall be held as complying with the requirements touching demits, if, in lieu of a formal certificate of demit, there be a "provisional demit" granted to an affiliated petitioner for the new chapter, who shall have paid his chapter dues for three months (or more) in advance.

B. Said provisional demit certificate shall be made according to the form prescribed by this Grand Chapter, and be sent to the Grand Secretary by the Secretary of the chapter issuing it.

C. If the new chapter shall be established within the time limit mentioned in said certificate, the same shall be filed with the papers of the new chapter, and the issuing chapter shall be notified by the Grand Secretary, at which time the provisional demit shall become permanent and the companion to whom it was granted cease to be a member of the chapter which granted it.

D. Should the proposed new chapter not be established within the time limit stated in the provisional demit certificate, said certificate shall be cancelled and returned to the chapter which issued it, and the companion for whom it was issued shall be held to have been continuously affiliated with the chapter which issued the provisional demit (1988)

Section 179. Consent of City Chapters. Should the proposed new chapter be located in a city in which there are located one or more chapters, the consent of a majority of said chapters shall be required before a dispensation can be granted for the formation of the new chapter. (1988)

Section 180. Fee of Dispensation. The fee for dispensation to establish a new chapter shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00). which must be paid before the dispensation shall be issued. (1988)

Section 181. **Dispensation Expires, When.**

A. Before a Charter shall be granted to a new Chapter, it shall acquire and have in its possession the paraphernalia and equipment required in the Ritual of this Grand Chapter.

B. Every dispensation for the formation of a new chapter shall expire at the close of the annual convocation of this Grand Chapter next succeeding the date thereof, but it may be once continued, by the Grand Chapter, until its next subsequent annual convocation. (1988)

Section 182. **Officers Installed, Capabilities Shown.**



- A. The Grand High Priest or the Grand Chapter shall name the companions to serve as High Priest, King, Scribe and Captain of the Host of a Chapter granted dispensation, but the Treasurer and the Secretary shall be elected by the chapter
- B. The other officers shall be appointed by the High Priest.
- C. The officers shall be regularly installed when the chapter is set to work,
- D. The chapter must also show its capabilities before being granted a charter. (1988)

Section 184. **Books, By-Laws, and Dispensation.** Chapters Under Dispensation (U D.) must deliver their record and account books, by-laws, and their Dispensation to the Grand Secretary in time to reach him not later than the Monday next preceding the next annual convocation of the Grand Chapter. (1988)

### **CHARTERED CHAPTERS**

Section 185. **Instituted, When.** A chapter which shall have worked under dispensation (U.D.) may be granted a charter by the Grand Chapter, but it then must be regularly instituted and its officers installed before it can proceed to work as a chartered chapter. (1988)

Section 186. **Fee for Charter.** The fee for a charter shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00), which must be paid before the charter shall be issued. (1988)

Section 187. **Must Have and Use Seal.**

- A. Every chartered chapter must have a seal, which is to be used only for official chapter business, and will be used in certifying official reports, documents and communications. The seal is also to be applied to every dues card which is issued.
- B. An impression of the chapter seal is to be provided to the Grand Secretary, and due notice of the loss or change of such seal along with an impression of the new one shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary without delay. (1988)

Section 188. **Surrender of Charter.** No charter or dispensation shall be surrendered by a chapter so long as there are nine (9) Royal Arch Masons, members thereof, who will maintain and work it in conformity to the laws of this Grand Chapter (1988)

### **CONSOLIDATION OF CHAPTERS**

Section 189. **Steps For Consolidation.**

- A. Two or more chapters may consolidate into one by the following method:
  1. A resolution agreeing to consolidate must be offered at a stated convocation of each of the chapters, parties to the consolidation, which must be spread in full upon the minutes of that stated convocation, and if accepted, must be laid over until the next stated convocation.
  2. As soon as possible after action in paragraph "1" above, but less than fifteen (15) days before a vote thereon is to be taken, the Secretary of each chapter which is party to the proposed consolidation shall, by written or printed notices, inform every member of his chapter of the proposal to consolidate, and of the date and time when a vote is to be taken on such proposal; provided that no proposal to consolidate shall be voted on in less time than twenty-eight (28) days after the resolution (paragraph 1 above) was presented.

3. At the next stated convocation, held pursuant to the notices (paragraph 2 above), if two-thirds (2/3) of the members present in each chapter vote for the proposal to consolidate it shall be declared adopted.

4. The Secretary of each Chapter shall promptly notify the other chapter(s), parties to the proposal, and the Grand Chapter of the action taken by his chapter.

5. If all of the chapters are agreed on the proposition, the Grand High Priest shall be informed, and he shall set a time and place for a convocation to complete the consolidation. After consulting with the companions of the consolidating chapters, he shall give the consolidated chapter the name and/or number of any of the consolidating chapters, as may be agreed upon by the consolidating chapters.

B. At the Convocation for the consolidation, the Grand High Priest, or his Proxy, shall congregate a chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and hold an election for officers in the consolidated chapter.

1. The appointive officers shall be named, all officers installed, by-laws adopted or provided for, and matters of detail arranged.

2. At the consolidation convocation it is necessary to install all officers, as it is in effect a new Chapter which is formed.

C. The Secretary of the consolidated chapter shall immediately report to the Grand High Priest the action hereinbefore indicated, and forward to the Grand Secretary a full transcript of the proceedings held in all the chapters which were parties to the consolidation, including that of the consolidated chapter, relative to consolidation; and also send to the Grand Secretary all the Charters, Seals, and Books of Essentials of the several chapters, except the Charter, Seal and the Book of Essentials of the chapter whose name and number may have been agreed upon, and which shall become the Charter, Seal, and Book of Essentials of the new chapter.

D. The property of all chapters in interest, except the old Charters, Seals, and Books of Essentials, shall at once become the property of the consolidated chapter.

E. The consolidated chapter shall accept all assets and a El liabilities of each chapter which was a party to the consolidation. (1988)

#### **DEFUNCT CHAPTERS**

Section 190. **Definition.** A defunct chapter is one whose charter or dispensation has been forfeited, surrendered, lost or destroyed, or whose membership has been reduced to less than nine (9) Royal Arch Masons, and which has not been authorized to continue working by the Grand High Priest or Grand Chapter. (1988)

Section 191. **Restoration.** A surrendered, arrested, forfeited or lost charter may within one year, be restored by the Grand High Priest or the Grand Chapter; but after the lapse of one year from the time the chapter became defunct, the old charter or number may he restored only by action of the Grand Chapter. (1988)

Section 192. **Property Vests in Grand Chapter.**

A. Property of defunct chapters shall at once become the property of the Grand Chapter and subject to its absolute disposal. (1988)

B. Should the defunct Chapter have had a Life Membership Fund, the Grand Secretary shall keep separate accounting of such funds as long as there are any 'affiliates at large' holding such life membership, and shall pay the amount contributed by such member to any Kentucky Chapter to which such member affiliates, provided the Chapter has a Life Membership Fund and agrees to accept the payment as a fully paid life membership for the member. When there are no "affiliates at large" holding such life membership, the Grand Secretary shall transfer the corpus of such fund to the Grand Chapter permanent fund. (1995)

Section 193. **Wrongful Disposition of Property.** Disposal of property or remitting dues in view of surrender of a charter, is unlawful and void. A member who gives his assent to such unlawful act or acts may be tried, by order of the Grand I sgh Priest or the Grand Chapter, for unmasonic conduct. (1988)

Section 194. **Duty of Last Chapter Officers.**

A. When a chapter shall become defunct its last High Priest (or King or Scribe if the High Priest for any cause be unable to attend the duty), the Treasurer and the Secretary, shall immediately make an inventory and statement of all the property of every description then owned or held by said chapter, including, but not necessarily limited to, real estate, hall, furniture, paraphernalia, monies, investments (stocks, bonds and other securities), records and account books, Grand Chapter proceedings and other books.

B. They shall state what money is owing to the chapter in dues or otherwise, and by whom the same is owing; also what debts, if any, are outstanding against the chapter and to whom the same are owed.

C. This inventory and statement of accounts, duly certified, is to be transmitted to the Grand Secretary without delay. (1988)

Section 195. **Penalty for Neglect of Duty.** If the provisions of Section 194 be not complied with, the derelict officer(s) of the chapter which shall have become defunct shall be cited by the Grand High Priest to answer charges for violation of this constitution, either before the Grand Chapter or in some constituent chapter to be designated by the Grand High Priest, who may appoint a companion to represent the Grand Chapter at the trial of such delinquents on said charges. (1988)

Section 196 **Agent to Settle Affairs.** The Grand Secretary is the financial agent of the Grand Chapter to settle the affairs of defunct chapters. As such he is authorized to take immediate possession of all property of a defunct chapter and shall make full reports of his actions to the Grand Chapter. (1988)

Section 197. **Property, To Sell or Preserve.** The Grand Secretary is authorized to sell the personal property belonging to defunct chapters; provided, that the charters and records of such chapters shall be preserved by him. 1 he old seals, after being held for One year, may be destroyed. (1988)

Section 198. **Real Estate and Halls.** The Grand Secretary may sell real estate and halls of defunct chapters on the best practicable terms, giving a quit-claim deed therefor conditioned that such sale shall he subject to the approval or confirmation of the Grand Chapter (1988)

Section 199. **Collectors and Custodians.** The Grand Secretary may employ some person to collect the dues of defunct chapter members and hold any property of the chapter, subject to his order, but shall not be liable for any negligence on the part of such agent under him. Collections and sales shall be on commission, and not salary, which, with the expenses shall, in no case, exceed the amount collected or received. (1988)

Section 200. **Employs Counsel and Visits Locality.** The Grand Secretary, with consent of the Grand High Priest, may employ counsel in winding up the affairs of defunct chapters. If the Grand Secretary deems it necessary to visit the locality of the defunct chapter he may do so, with the consent of the Grand High Priest. In such cases his actual expenses shall be paid by warrant on the Grand Treasurer. (1988)

Section 201. **Extent of Liability.** The Grand Chapter shall in no case be liable for any indebtedness of a defunct chapter beyond the net amount received from the sale of its property and dues collected, after paying all expenses attending the settlement of the affairs of such chapter. (1988)

Section 202. **Status of Members.**

A. Status: When a Chapter becomes defunct, all its members, whose dues are current, immediately become affiliates at large.

B. Dues. The dues for affiliates at large shall be three (3) times the Grand Chapter per-capita listed in Section 149, and payable to the Grand Secretary prior to January 1 of each year, except as modified below:

1. Companions exempt from dues in Sections 155 and 156 shall be exempt from the above dues.

2. Companions who held a life membership in the defunct chapter in accordance with Section 148, shall be exempt from the above dues provided the defunct chapter turned over to the Grand Chapter such Life Membership Fund.

C. Vote. Affiliates at large who have a current dues card shall be permitted to attend Grand Chapter Convocations, but are not entitled to vote (1995)

#### **GRAND CHAPTER DEMITS**

Section 203. **Demits to Defunct Chapter Members.**

A. A Demit to one who was a member of a Chapter which shall have become defunct, or to an affiliate at large, shall be issued by the Grand Secretary upon such member making application therefore and pay net to the Grand Secretary of the amount of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) plus any dues owed.

B. The same rule shall apply to all persons who were suspended for nonpayment of dues by said chapter prior to the time the chapter became defunct; and provided that, Grand Chapter Demits are to be issued under these conditions ONLY for the purpose of affiliating with another chapter (1995)

#### **TRIALS**

Section 204. **General.** In the overwhelming majority of instances when charges of Un-masonic Conduct would be preferred, such charges will be disposed of in a Symbolic Lodge; and the inclusion within this Digest of a complete code would add numerous pages to the document, and result in a marked increase in the cost thereof, therefore; (1988)

Section 205: **Grand Lodge Law to be Used.**

A. In the event a Trial shall be the appropriate procedure, the processes specified within the Constitution, Regulations and Code of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons are to be used, substituting Chapter and/or Grand Chapter terms, titles and nomenclatures as may be appropriate.

Any Chapter which is considering such Trial process is encouraged to seek advice and assistance from the Grand High Priest or other appropriate Grand Chapter member.

B. In an instance when charges are preferred, and a trial becomes appropriate, such proceedings are to be conducted in accordance with the provisions contained within the laws of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons.

C. Any and all such procedures followed, and all forms, reports, investigations, documents and so forth used, shall have the names and titles changed to conform to Capitular terms, e.g.: Chapter -vs- Lodge, High Priest -vs- Master, Scribe -vs- Junior Warden, Grand Chapter -vs-Grand Lodge, etc.

D. The supply of such forms as may be necessary to proceed with such charges and/or trial are to be procured through the office of the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter. (1988)

Section 206. **What Constitutes an Offense.** A Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral law. In addition to any offenses which may be specifically set out in the Constitution and Regulations of this Grand Chapter, any offense against the laws of God or man involving moral turpitude is an

offense against Capitular Masonry. (1988)

Section 207. Acquittal or Conviction by Courts. A. The fact that a chapter member has been convicted by the courts does not affect his status or standing in a chapter. He can be divested of Masonic rights only by the Order.

B. Trial in and acquittal by the courts does not bar the Chapter from trying. If charges he preferred by the Chapter. Neither does conviction by the courts

require trial by the Chapter. (1988)

### LEGITIMATE MASONIC BODIES

Section 208. **Enumerated.**

A. The Grand Chapter of Kentucky does not acknowledge any degree of Masonry or order of Knighthood to be regular or legitimate except those conferred under the authority of the following Masonic Bodies in the United States of America, and those of corresponding rank in foreign countries, recognized by, or in fraternal correspondence with this Grand Chapter, and continues to be recognized by it and them to wit:

1. Symbolic Masonry. The Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons of the several States and Territories,
2. Capitular Masonry. The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International and the Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons of the several States and Territories.
3. Cryptic Masonry. The General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International, and the Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters, or of Cryptic Masons, of the several States and Territories.
4. Chivalric Masonry. The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and the Grand Commanderies of the several States and Territories.

5. Scottish Rite. The Supreme Councils of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish of the Southern Jurisdiction, and the Northern Jurisdiction, and the several bodies under their obedience.

6. Mark Master Lodges. The Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales and the dominions and dependencies of the British Crown. Foreign bodies not specifically referred to and not included in the foregoing, but deemed Masonic and legitimate are the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of New South Wales, South Australia, Queensland, India, and the United Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Victoria.

7. Royal Order of Scotland. The Royal Order of Scotland and the Provincial Grand Body of that order in the United States.

8. Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis.

9. Whereas: The Grand Lodge of Kentucky has officially recognized the PHGL as a sovereign body. The Grand Chapter shall here forth recognize the PHA Grand Chapter of Kentucky as a sovereign body. Membership shall be regulated as per the GL Constitution Resolution adopted according to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Kentucky and the Most Worshipful PHA Grand Lodge resolution adopted at the 215<sup>th</sup> Session of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. (2011) and allow inter-visitation without Dual or Plural memberships as it was adopted at the 219<sup>th</sup> Grand Communication (2018) "FOR VISITATION ONLY."

B. Penalty. Any member of a chapter under the jurisdiction of The Grand Chapter of Kentucky, who shall recognize as Masonic, take or receive, communicate, confer, sell, or be present at, or assist in communicating, conferring, selling, or solicit anyone to take or receive, or apply for any alleged Masonic Degree or Order, from or by any person, or in the assemblage of persons, no matter by whatsoever name it or they be called, except it be held and done under the authority of one of the bodies recognized in this Section. and acknowledged to be legitimate, shall be expelled from the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry.

C. Conditions of the Foregoing. The recognitions enumerated in this section shall not be or become operative unless the laws of the respective Grand Bodies shall require that each member of their subordinate, or constituent bodies shall be in affiliation with some subordinate or constituent chapter; provided, this shall not apply to the bodies named in subsections A-1,5,6,7 and 8 above; and provided further the penalty required by subsection B above shall not be applied if the organization is recognized by a majority of the several Masonic Jurisdictions in the United States and the member who belongs to such does not claim his membership to constitute such organization to be Masonic, but admits such is simply an organization whose membership is composed of Masons, and is therefore Masonic ally affiliated. (1988)

## AMENDMENTS

### Section 209. **Amended, flow.**

A. This Digest (Constitution, Rules and Regulations), shall not be amended until a proposed amendment shall have been presented in writing to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky not later than ninety (90) days before an annual convocation of said Grand Chapter,

B. The Grand Secretary shall, within ten (10) working days after receipt thereof send a copy of such proposed amendment to each constituent chapter, with notification that such proposed amendment will be submitted to the forthcoming annual convocation of the Grand Chapter for its action thereon, provided that such proposals received in the office of the Grand Secretary more than ninety (90) days in advance of an annual convocation may be considered as having been received on the 90th day before such annual convocation.

C. At said forthcoming annual convocation, such proposed amendment shall be submitted for action, and shall be adopted only by the following:

1. The affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the members and representatives present and entitled to vote, as reported by the Credentials Committee, shall be required to approve an amendment to the provisions of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, and,

2. The affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members and representatives of the Grand Chapter present and entitled to vote, as reported by the Credentials Committee, shall be required to approve an amendment to the provisions of the Regulations of this Grand Chapter; and, provided that;

3. The Grand Chapter may, subject to approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting, receive and act upon an amendment which has not been presented as required by section (B) above, e.g.: a recommendation of the Grand High Priest or of a Committee, and provided that a unanimous vote of the Grand Chapter shall be required to adopt an amendment acted upon in this manner.

D. The Grand Secretary shall not accept for action at a forthcoming annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, any proposed amendment that is not presented to him, in writing, at least ninety (90) days before said annual convocation.

E. When an amendment to this Constitution and Regulations is under consideration, that amendment may be amended without regard to the ninety (90) day provision, provided that the amendment to the amendments germane to the subject. (1988)

### **OLD CONSTITUTIONS REPEALED**

Section 210. **Repealing Clause.** All previous constitutions of this Grand Chapter are hereby repealed. (1988)

### **RULES OF ORDER**

NOTE: — These Rules of order are NOT a part of the Constitution. The section numbers are continued consecutively simply as a convenience for indexing and reference.

Section 211. **General Parliamentary** Law shall govern this Grand Chapter in the transaction of its business unless modified by the following:

**RULE 1. Call of Chapters.** A call of chapters can only be had upon the demand of the representatives of nine (9) chapters.

**RULE 2. Debate.** When a companion rises to speak he shall address the "Most Excellent Grand High Priest," then announce his name and the name and number of his chapter.

**RULE 3. Debate.** No companion shall speak more than twice to a question, without leave: nor shall he speak more than once until every other companion wishing to speak shall have spoken.

**RULE 4. Order of Business.** After reading the minutes the Grand High Priest shall call for:

- A. Reports of Grand Officers,
- B. Reports of Standing Committees.
- C. Reports of Special Committees.
- D. Unfinished Business.
- E. New Business.

**RULE 5. Previous Question.** Ordering the previous question shall only be to preclude debate and further amendment.

**RULE 6. Privileged Questions.** When a question is under debate no motion shall be entertained except:

- A. To close or call off;
- B. To amend;
- C. To commit or recommit;
- D. To postpone;
- E. For the previous question; and these shall have precedence in the order here given.

**RULE 7. Roll Call.** When the roll is called the representative of each chapter shall, as the name or number of his chapter is called, rise in his place and in a loud voice answer "here" or ("aye" or "no"), as the case may be, and immediately resume his seat The same provisions apply to other members when their names are called.

**RULE 8. Conflict of Interest.** No one shall vote when he is directly and personally interested in the question, nor when he is not present when the question is first put.

**RULE 9. Vote.** Every member having the right to vote shall do so if present, unless excused by the Grand Chapter; provided that in all instances except that of casting his vote during the election of officers, the Grand High Priest shall vote only in the case of a tie, when he shall cast the deciding vote. (1988)

Section 212. **Any Rule of Order** may be suspended, amended or repealed at any time by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Grand Chapter present and entitled to vote. (1988)



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**REGULATIONS**  
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NOTE: For convenience in indexing and reference the numbering of the Regulations follow consecutively from the preceding matter, and so continue through the entire book.

**AFFILIATE**

Reg. 213. **Affiliation without Demit.** A Chapter receiving a petition for membership affiliation without a demit, or lawful evidence of the status of the applicant, is not only liable for his dues, but also subjects itself to punishment. (1988)

**AID, ASSIST**

- Reg. 214. **Obligation to Aid** — When. The obligation to aid and assist extends only to "worthy companions, their wives, widows and orphans". A "worthy companion" is one who is in good standing. If he be suspended, it matters not from what cause, our obligations toward him cease until he shall again regain his good standing; and if he should die without having done so, that is the misfortune of himself and his family, and not the fault of the fraternity. (1988)
- Reg. 215. **Aid to Suspended.** A chapter has the right to extend charity approval of the Grand High Priest, are forbidden. A chapter violating this rule subjects itself to forfeiture of its charter, and a member doing so should be suspended or expelled by his chapter (1988)
- Reg. 217. **Request Because of Loss of Property.** The Grand High Priest should require a chapter asking for aid on account of loss of property to state what interest it had in the property. (1988)
- Reg. 218. **Obligation to Aid Needy Masons.** It is obligatory upon all Masons everywhere to supply the immediate and reasonable wants of a needy and worthy brother without regard to the lodge or chapter of which he is a member. (1988)
- Reg. 219. **Attention to Member of Another Chapter without Contract.** There is no obligation which can be enforced on any chapter to pay for articles furnished or attention given a member of another chapter, or for his funeral expenses, in absence of a request or contract therefor by the chapter which is sought to be charged, but a chapter of which a needy and worthy companion is a member ought to reimburse any other chapter for any reasonable amount expended in administering to the necessities or the burial of such companion. (1988)

#### **APRON**

- Reg. 220 **Defined.** The distinctive clothing of a Royal Arch Mason is declared to be a white apron, square in form, with a narrow edge of scarlet, without any device whatever on the body, but with a triple tau-cross within a triangle, and that within a circle on the flap; provided that the Aprons worn by the officers of a Chapter may have the appropriate insignia of their office on the body of the apron, to include Past High Priests, if they so desire. (1988) Reg. 221. **How Worn.** The Apron should, at all times, be worn over all garments and displayed in full view, with the top of the apron at the waist of the wearer, except when wearing robing which precludes such display of the Apron. It is not proper to wear a suit coat or jacket buttoned over, or even partially covering the apron. (1988)

#### **BALLOT**

- Reg. 222 **Ballot a Personal Right** — No Proxy Allowed. The deposit of a ballot for acceptance or rejection of a candidate is the exercise of a personal right and the performance of an individual duty. No member shall act for another in casting a ballot, except as specified in Regulation 226. (1988)
- Reg. 223. **Withdrawal of Ballot.** A ballot cannot be reconsidered, with-drawn or rescinded. (1988)
- Reg. 224. **Ballot at Called Convocation.** The constitutional prohibition of balloting at a called convocation refers to such voting as can be done by ballot, degrees and membership excepted, and not expressing the sense of the Chapter in that way on questions that may lawfully be determined by voice vote. (1988)
- Reg. 225. **Ballot Commenced, Not Postponed.** When a ballot has commenced it shall be concluded and the result declared - without postponement, (1988)

- Reg. 226. **Election by a Single Ballot.** In case there be but one nomination for an office, a motion may be entertained that the Secretary (or person named) be directed to cast a ballot on behalf of the chapter for the nominee, but the vote for such action must be unanimous. (1988)
- Reg. 227. **Effect of Rejection.** The rejection of an applicant for the degrees or for affiliation is final. Such rejection does not affect the Masonic standing of a demitted companion or brother who applies for membership. (1988)
- Reg. 228. **Casting and Disclosing Ballot.** A member cannot be arraigned (charged) for casting a black ball, but he may be for confessing that he did cast it because that would violate the essential secrecy of the ballot. (1988)
- Reg. 229. **Remarks Before, None After Ballot.** Remarks, to a limited extent and in proper terms, before balloting on a candidate, are admissible, but it would be unmasonic after the result of the ballot is announced. (1988)

### **BOOKS**

- Reg. 230. **Improper Books Prohibited** — Penalty for Use. The use of improper and unauthorized books is ruinous in its influence. The use of such books within this jurisdiction will be regarded as a high offense. Any chapter or member thereof so offending will be proceeded against by this Grand Chapter, and have its charter arrested or the member tried for so doing. (1988)
- Reg. 231. **Books of Marks.** Chapters shall keep a Book of Marks. and no brother should be exalted before he has recorded his mark therein. (1988) Reg. 232. **Furnished by Grand Chapter.** Books of Record and Accounts are furnished at cost by the Grand Chapter. These should be procured and used by all Chapters. (1988)
- Reg. 233. **Examination of Books.** The examination of the books of the Secretary and Treasurer should be thorough, and take place immediately following the close of the fiscal year, or upon a change in the office of Secretary and/or Treasurer, or more frequently if needed. (1988)

### **BY-LAWS**

- Reg. 234. **Change of By-Laws by Committee.** It is not within the province of the Grand Chapter Committee on By-laws to require any change of a chapter by-law that does not conflict with the laws of this Grand Chapter. (1988)
- Reg. 235. **By-Laws** — When Declared Void. A High Priest of a chapter cannot lawfully declare a by-law or set of by-laws null and void after the same has been approved by the Grand Chapter Committee on By-laws. (1988)
- Reg 236. **Grand Law Prevails.** The fact that a By-law of a Chapter has been approved by the Grand Chapter Committee on By-laws does not mean that the provisions of the Constitution do not prevail. Should it be found that such By-law is not consistent with the Constitution and Regulations of this Grand Chapter, the provisions of the laws of the Grand Chapter shall take precedence and prevail, irrespective of whether such inconsistency existed at the time the By-law was approved or was caused by a later revision of the laws of this Grand Chapter. (1988)
- Reg 237. **How a Chapter May Amend By-Laws.** A Chapter may, at any time, amend its By-laws in any respect that does not infringe upon this Constitution and the Laws of the Grand Chapter. but such amendment must be made in conformity with the provisions of this Constitution and their By-laws; provided that with the exception of date and hour of meeting, any amendments to the By-laws of a Chapter shall not become effective until they have been approved by the Grand Chapter Committee on By-laws. (1988)

Reg. 238. **Vote Necessary to Amend and When.** The By-laws of a Chapter cannot be amended, unless the proposed amendment be submitted in writing at a Stated Convocation and laid over until the next Stated Convocation, then be concurred in by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members present; provided that at least 28 days must elapse after the proposal is submitted, and all the members of the chapter must have been notified as required by this Constitution, before such vote may be taken. (1988)

Reg. 239. **Amendment to Amendment.** Where an amendment to the By-laws has been before the Chapter for one month, an amendment to the amendment, then proposed, need not take the course of the original by being carried over an additional month, but may be acted upon at that Convocation if it is germane to the question being considered. (1988)

Reg. 240. **Limit of Right to Vote or Hold Office.** A By-law making the non-payment of dues, previous to suspension, a disqualification for holding office is constitutional. (82) (1988)

Reg. 241. **Stated Convocations — Time to be Given.** Chapter By-laws shall specify the time for holding Stated Convocations, by designating the day and hour of opening. (81,105) (1988)

Reg. 242. **Ritualistic Openings.** Each Constituent Chapter is to have at least one stated convocation each month, with the date(s) and time for such stated convocations to be stated in their By-laws. Additionally, each chapter shall have at least four (4) full form ritualistic openings on the Royal Arch Degree during each year. The dates on which these full form openings on the Royal Arch Degree will be held shall be reported to the Grand High Priest as he may direct. (1988)

#### CALLED OFF

Reg. 243. **Chapter Closed on Day Opened.** A Chapter cannot call off from one day to another, but must be closed on the same day of its opening, except in the case of a trial commenced as provided for, and which trial cannot be concluded at such Convocation. In that event the Chapter may be called off to a day and hour certain, for consideration of the pending trial only. (1988)

Reg. 244. **May Call Off and Open any Degree — But Must Close It.** A chapter duly opened on any degree can call from labor to refreshment and open on any other degree, but the chapter must close each degree on which it opens. (1988)

#### CANDIDATE

Reg 245. **Belief in God Essential.** Belief in the existence of God is a fundamental tenet of Freemasonry, and is an indispensable prerequisite to eligibility to receive the Degrees. If a Candidate practices false pretense in obtaining admission to the Chapter by deceptively announcing such faith, or, if subsequent to his admission his mind, for any cause, should undergo a change of religious belief to the extent of repudiating or renouncing Faith in God, he ought to be expelled. Denying the main essential to a genuine Masonic life, he ought to be denied such privileges. (1988)

Reg. 246. **Rejected. Petitions Anew.** A candidate who has been rejected for the degrees or membership, and desires to again apply therefor, must petition or make application as in the first instance. (1988)

#### CHAPTERS

Reg. 247, **Change of Chapter Name.** The Grand Chapter, and not the Grand High Priest, has the power to change the name of a Chapter, on petition of the Chapter. (1988)

Reg. 248. **Incorporation.** The Incorporation of a Chapter does not affect the relationship between the Grand Chapter and the Constituent Chapter. (1988)

Reg. 249. **Disposal of Property.** A chapter has the right to manage its own property and to dispose of it - except when done with a view toward surrender or forfeiture of its charter, which would be an unlawful abuse of its rights and is absolutely void, rendering members consenting thereto liable to discipline. (1988)

Reg. 250. **Claims — How Proven.** Claims against defunct chapters should be proven as any claim against a decedent's estate is proved; i.e., by affidavit that the claim is just and has never been paid; that there is no offset or discount against the same, nor does it include any excessive rate of interest. As a rule there should be at least one corroborating, witness, or documentary evidence as to the correctness of the claim. (1988)

Reg. 251. **Dues of Defunct Chapter Members.** Members of a defunct chapter are to be charged dues to the date of surrender or forfeiture of the charter; that is up to the day the chapter actually became defunct. (1988)

#### CHAPTERS UNDER DISPENSATION (U.D.)

Reg. 252. **Demits Accompany Petition for New Chapter.** To obtain the consent of a chapter whose Jurisdiction would be affected by the establishment of a proposed new chapter, it is not necessary that demits accompany the petition when presented to a chapter for its action, nor would it be lawful in case of provisional demits, which must be sent direct to the Grand Secretary. (1988)

#### CHARTER

Reg. 253. **Officers Named in Charter.** The Grand Chapter shall name the first High Priest, King, Scribe and Captain of the Host of a chapter to which it grants a charter. (1988)

Reg. 254. **Last Charter Valid - Old One Returned or Arrest Follows.** If a charter be granted to a chapter because the old one is reported to have been lost or destroyed, such action shall be equivalent to a cancellation of the old charter, and render it void and of no value. In case the old charter shall subsequently be found, the High Priest of such chapter shall immediately return it to the Grand Secretary. On his failure to do so, the Grand High Priest shall arrest the charter and cite the chapter to appear at the next annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, to show cause why its charter should not be revoked. (1988)

Reg. 255. **When Charter is Lost or Destroyed.** A chapter whose charter has been lost or destroyed by fire, and is given a formal certificate of its authority to continue working as a chapter (the certificate reciting that the charter had been lost or burned), is not a Chapter Under Dispensation, but is a chartered chapter, its charter never having been surrendered or revoked; but, such certificate shall be valid only through the next annual convocation of this Grand Chapter, and should so state on its face. (1988)

Reg. 256. **Work in absence of Charter Illegal-Exception, Custodian.** Work done in the absence of the dispensation or charter (or its equivalent) is illegal, except at public installations, when the actual presence of the charter is not required. If the charter of a chapter be in the anteroom of the chapter, it is present for all practical purposes. The High Priest of a chapter is the custodian of its charter. When traveling, the written dispensation of the Grand High Priest shall suffice, so as to lessen the chances of the charter being lost, stolen or damaged. (2003)

Reg. 257. **Revocation of Charter.** A charter can only be revoked by the Grand Chapter granting it. and a chapter can be permanently deprived of its charter only after being cited to show cause why it should not be done. (1988)

Reg. 258. **Failing to Pay Dues.** Mere failure to pay dues does not forfeit the charter, and the chapter has the right to exercise its functions until the charter is arrested, surrendered or revoked. (1988)

### COMMITTEES

Reg. 259. **Non-Affiliates** — Not Eligible. Non-affiliates are not eligible to office or appointment on committees. (1988)

Reg. 260. **Who Appoints.** The High Priest, not the Council (1 High Priest, King, & Scribe), appoints committees not otherwise provided for, A by-law which surrenders the right to appoint all committees into the hands of the chair is improper. (1988)

Reg. 261. **Report of Investigation Committee.** When a Committee of Investigation reports upon the worthiness or un-worthiness of a petitioner, the chapter has no right to compel it to say in what way it came to its conclusion. (1988)

Reg. 262. **Recommenders Not on Committee.** A member having signed as recommending a petitioner, shall not be assigned to the Committee of Investigation for that petitioner. (1988)

Reg. 263. **Agreeing, Who Reports — Vacancies.** If a Committee has agreed upon a report, the member present may make the report in the absence of the other two, If it has taken no action, and at a Chapter convocation one or more months after their appointment two of the members of the committee are absent, the High Priest may treat their places as vacant and appoint others. The same result may be reached by a motion, but the High Priest may fill the vacancies by new appointment without a motion. The new committee may report at the same convocation, but it should investigate and report at the next convocation. (1988)

### CONTRIBUTIONS

Reg. 264. **Old Masons' Home.** The Grand Chapter of Kentucky shall contribute to the Old Masons' Home of Kentucky, for the support of its beneficiaries, the sum of ten cents (\$0.10) each year for every member of Kentucky Chapters as shown on the annual returns. (1998)

Reg. 265. **Royal Arch Research Assistance.** The Grand Chapter of Kentucky shall contribute to the Philanthropy of the General Grand Chapter, to wit: Royal Arch Research Assistance, the sum of ten cents (\$0.10) each year for every member of Kentucky Chapters as shown on the annual returns. (1988)

Reg. 266. **Youth Groups.** The Grand Chapter of Kentucky shall contribute to each of the four Masonic Youth Groups in Kentucky, i.e. the Order of DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls, Jobs Daughters, and the Order of the Builders, the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) each year. (2000)

### CORRESPONDENCE

Reg. 267. **Read in Chapter** — Prompt Reply. Secretaries should read all official communications from the Grand High Priest and/or the Grand Secretary in open Chapter, promptly responding thereto, always giving the name, number, and post office address of the Chapter. (1988)

### DEBTS

Reg. 268. **Inability to Pay Debts.** Inability to pay debts is not a masonic offense, but rather a misfortune, therefore a subject for compassion; but a debtors refusal to meet those obligations he is able to meet, being an infraction of the moral law, is a masonic offense, and subjects the offender to discipline. (1988)

## DECISIONS

Reg. 269. **Advice or Decision of the Grand High Priest.** It is not improper for any Royal Arch Mason, nor any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, to ask advice of the Grand High Priest on any point of Capitular Masonic Law; neither is it improper for the Grand High Priest to give advice in response to such request, or upon his own motion; but such advice does not rise to the dignity of a decision: A decision can be made only in response to a question concerning interpretation of the law, or in case of an appeal from the decision of a chapter or of its high priest. The question, or facts necessary to be stated to enable the Grand High Priest to understand the point or points in controversy, should be certified to the Grand High Priest, under seal of the chapter. (1988)

## DEGREES

Reg. 270. **Chapters Confer Degrees Constituent Chapters** —and not the Grand Chapter — confer the degrees, but they do so under authority delegated to them in Charters or Dispensations granted by the Grand Chapter, or its executive head, in accordance with the law. (1988)

Reg. 271. **Foreign Companions Healed.** Companions from foreign jurisdictions which do not require the same degrees that are required within this Grand Chapter, who present themselves as Royal Arch Masons, producing satisfactory evidence of having received that degree, may be given the degrees, or take the several obligations of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master, to the end that they may be healed, otherwise they could not visit a chapter. It would not be an invasion of jurisdiction to confer a missing degree upon a member of such foreign chapter. (1988)

Reg. 272. **Effect of Healing Foreign Companions.** Healing a companion of a foreign jurisdiction to enable him to visit a chapter, does not confer upon him membership in a dependent lodge, nor does it affiliate him with the chapter. (1988)

Reg. 273. **Order of Degrees.** The order of degrees cannot be changed without an amendment to the constitution of the General Grand Chapter. (1988)

Reg. 274. **Degrees on Ministers.** It is NOT LAWFUL to confer the degrees upon clergymen without the constitutional fees. (1988)

Reg. 275. **Degrees at Called Convocations.** The Degrees may be conferred at a called convocation. (1988)

Reg. 276. **Monitorial Parts of Degrees.** While portions of the degrees are monitorial, it is highly improper to exemplify the monitorial parts in public. (1988)

Reg. 277. **Exaltation Defined.** Symbolically, the goal sought in the Royal Arch Degree is the discovery of that which has been lost The Mas-ter's Word. Exaltation then is the communication to the candidate of that for which he has been searching. It is the end of his symbolic Masonic Labor. Revealing to the candidate, per ritual, in groups of three, the G.O.R.A.W. and the ineffable name constitutes exaltation. (1988)

## DEMITTS

- Reg. 278. **What Constitutes a Demit** it is the action of the chapter which permits a member to withdraw from membership therein that constitutes a demit. The certificate of demit is but the written, authenticated statement of what the chapter has done, and in no case should it contain any recommendations. (1988)
- Reg. 279. **Status After Demit.** A demit severs the relation between the chapter and the member absolutely. To again become a member of the same chapter, he must petition and file his certificate of demit, the same as if he should apply to any other chapter. (1988)
- Reg. 280. **Demit to Unworthy.** A chapter should not grant a demit to one known to be unworthy, but should prefer charges against such member. For knowingly issuing a demit to an unworthy person, a chapter is liable to have its charter arrested. (1988)
- Reg. 281. **Provisional Demits.** Provisional demits are the only demits that can be granted to have effect conditioned on the happenings of anything thereafter. They are granted only to enable companions to unite in the formation of a new chapter, or re-habilitating one that is defunct, and are not to be delivered to any person save the Grand Secretary. (1988)
- Reg. 282. **To Remit Dues and Grant Demit.** A Chapter has the right to remit the dues of a suspended member, restore him to membership subject to the provisions of the Constitution and Regulations of this Grand Chapter, and grant him a demit, but a Chapter cannot remit the dues (or receive the same from the family or friends) of a deceased member who died while under suspension for non-payment of dues. (1988)
- Reg. 283. **Demit is Personal Property.** The rejection of an applicant for membership does not affect his Masonic standing. His certificate of demit must be restored to him if he be rejected. (1988)

#### **DEMIT FROM DEFUNCT CHAPTERS**

- Reg. 284. **Demits After Surrender of Charter.** The members of a chapter cannot grant demits to themselves after surrendering the charter, neither are demitted Royal Arch Masons able to surrender the charter of a chapter. (1988)
- Reg. 285. **Demits by Grand Secretary.** Pending the action of the Grand Chapter, demits cannot be issued by the Grand Secretary to members of a chapter whose charter has been arrested by the Grand High Priest, and the chapter cited to make answer. (1988)
- Reg. 286. **Penalty for Admitting Without Demit.** A chapter admitting to membership a member of a defunct chapter in the absence of a demit from the Grand Secretary, becomes thereby liable to the Grand Chapter for the cost of a Grand Chapter demit, and to such additional punishment as the Grand Chapter shall impose (1988)
- Reg. 287. **Demits by Grand Secretary in Absence of Records.** Demits are not to be withheld for the sole reason that the seal and records of a defunct chapter have not been returned to the Grand Secretary provided the status of the member can be determined, in the absence of such records, from information as may be filed in his office. (1988)
- Reg. 288. **Grand Chapter Demit — Inaction by Chapter.** A. In the event the Grand Secretary is asked for assistance in obtaining a Demit from either a dormant Chapter, or a Secretary who has not replied to regular correspondence, the following procedures are to be followed:
1. The Grand Secretary will request of the complainant copies of at least two (2) letters written in request of a Demit,



2. After receiving proper evidence that a Demit has been requested with no results, the Grand Secretary will then forward such evidence by certified or registered mail to the Secretary of the constituent Chapter involved, with a request that either the Demit be issued, or a letter of explanation as to why a Demit cannot be issued be mailed to the Grand secretary by certified or registered mail.

3. In the event the Demit is not issued, or a reply received by the Grand Secretary by the end of the next quarterly reporting period following the lapse of ninety (90) days after mailing the request outlined in paragraph 2 above, the Grand Secretary shall issue a Grand Demit as explained in Keg. 287.

4. Any Chapter which fails to respond to the repeated requests for a Demit, and one is subsequently issued by the Grand Secretary in accordance with this Regulation, shall pay the Grand Chapter the sum of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00), this being the charge for a Grand Chapter Demit. (1988)

### **DISTINCTIONS**

Reg. 289. **No Distinction Among Masons.** All candidates for the degrees or for membership must petition a chapter, and alike be subjected to the ballot. (1988)

### **DRUNKENNESS**

Reg. 290. **A Masonic Offense.** Drunkenness is a Masonic offense, and chapters should be rigid in their discipline for such violation of the moral and Masonic laws. (1988)

### **DUES**

Reg. 291. **Only Royal Arch Masons Liable.** Only Royal Arch Masons, members of the chapter, are chargeable with dues and subject to discipline for the non-payment thereof. (1988)

Reg. 292. **Dues Cease When.** Dues go on until the member dies, demits, is suspended or expelled, unless he is lawfully exempted by his chapter. (1988)

Reg. 293. **Not Chargeable During Suspension.** A suspended member is only chargeable with dues up to the time of his suspension, and not during the time he stood suspended. (1988)

Reg. 294. **Dues Remitted.** Dues can be remitted only by the consent of three-fourths (3/4) of the members present, expressed by ballot. (1988)

Reg. 295. **Remitting Chapter Dues — No Effect on Grand Chapter Dues.** A chapter has the right to remit dues owing by a member, and then grant him a demit if they so desire, but that will not relieve the chapter from payment of all dues and assessments levied by this Grand Chapter. (1988)

### **DUES TO THE GRAND CHAPTER**

Reg. 296. **Remission of Dues by Grand Chapter.** The action of the Grand Chapter, should it decide to donate or remit the balance of dues which are due from a chapter, does not carry with it a remission of assessments. This would require separate action by the Grand Chapter. (1988)

Reg. 297. **Grand High Priest Cannot Remit Dues.** The Grand High Priest does not have the power to remit the dues or assessments due to the Grand Chapter from a constituent chapter. (1988)

## ELECTIONS

- Reg. 298. **Election Void, When** — Effect. An election of officers held on any other day or in any other way than that authorized by the laws of this Grand Chapter, or when the charter is not present, is illegal. Officers elected in any such manner cannot be installed, and the old officers hold over. (1988)
- Reg. 299. **Vote of the Sentinel.** If the Sentinel be given an opportunity to vote, an election would not be void because of his failure to do so, and if he be inadvertently overlooked, and his vote could not change the results, the election is valid, (1988)
- Reg. 300. **Ballots.** The Grand Secretary is directed to have ballots printed to be used at the Annual Convocations of this Grand Chapter. (1988)

## FEES

- Reg. 301. **Fee Returned** — When. The fee accompanying a petition for degrees, or paid for affiliation, should in all case; be returned if the applicant is rejected. (1988)

## FINANCE COMMITTEE OF GRAND CHAPTER

- Reg. 302. **Obtain Information** — How. On all questions involving accounts between the Grand Chapter and Constituent Chapters, or for fines or forfeitures accruing to the Grand Chapter, or involving any other accounts which are required by law to be kept by the Grand Secretary, the Committee on Finance should call upon that officer, as custodian of the records, for information in reference to said accounts before making any report or recommendation regarding the financial interests of the Grand Chapter. (1988)

## FINANCES

- Reg. 303. **Chapter Manages its Own.** A constituent Chapter has a right to manage its own financial affairs, subject only to the restrictions prescribed by the Grand Chapter. (1988)

## FREE MEMBERS

- Reg. 304. **Ministers Made Free Members** — How. Section 155 of the constitution does NOT of itself make Ministers free members of constituent Chapters. This is permitted, but must be done, if at all, by the Chapter By-laws, (1988)
- Reg. 305. **Ministers Free Members** — When. Ministers of the Gospel, under Section 155 of the constitution, are such ministers as are regularly engaged in this high calling, and (unless physically incapacitated) such as have a regular charge. The fact that it is necessary to supplement their meager salaries in other ways should be no bar to their being declared and reported as free members of the chapter. (1988)
- Reg. 306. **Errors in Reporting Free Members.** A chapter having reported as a free member one who was not such in fact, and this error being discovered, the Grand Secretary shall charge the chapter with the amount that had been erroneously allowed as a credit to it. (1988)

## FUNERALS

- Reg. 307. **Chapter, or Grand Chapter at Funerals.** A Chapter, or the Grand Chapter, when invited, has a right to appear at a funeral conducted by a Lodge of Master Masons, taking such position as may be assigned them by the Lodge having charge. (1988)

## GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

Reg. 308. **Powers.** The powers of the General Grand Chapter are derived from the respective Grand Chapters. (1988)

Reg. 309. **Complaint Against Grand Chapter.** The General Grand Chapter cannot receive any document purporting to be a complaint by a constituent Chapter, or a member thereof, against this Grand Chapter. (1988)  
Reg. 310. **Jurisdiction Exclusive, Where.** The Jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter is exclusive only over territory in which no Grand Chapter has been formed, (1988)

## GRAND CHAPTER

Reg. 311. **Bar of Grand Chapter** — Defined. The bar of the Grand Chapter is a real or imaginary line across the hall at such points as may be designated, to separate the members of the Grand Chapter and those entitled to seats therein, from non-members and visiting companions, who may be admitted to witness the proceedings. (1988)

Reg. 312 **Limitation of Power.** The Grand Chapter of Kentucky is the final arbiter of all questions arising within its jurisdiction (and over members of Kentucky chapters), subject only to the restrictions of the constitution of the. General Grand Chapter, and has the power to make and unmake law for the government of Royal Arch Masonry within its territory. (1988)

## GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Reg. 313. **Prerogative Subordinate to Law.** The Grand High Priest is a creature of the Grand Chapter, deriving all his authority from that body, and is not invested with any "prerogative" which might annul her laws or not conform to her avowed policies. (1988)

Reg. 314. **Decisions Obeyed.** A chapter should obey the mandate of the Grand High Priest, and upon refusal of its officers to submit to his decision, until reversed by the Grand Chapter, he should regard such action as revolutionary, and take the charter of the chapter into custody. (1988)

Reg. 335. **Powers in Vacation.** The Grand High Priest must, while the Grand Chapter is not assembled in convocation, he the executive authority in all matters pertaining to discipline in capitular Masonry, the correction of errors, the communication of proper instruction, and reconcilements of contending chapters and/or companions, but his acts are subject to review by the Grand Chapter. (1988)

Reg. 316. **Powers Restricted to Law.** The Grand High Priest, as chief executive officer, has no more power to violate or dispense with any portion of the constitution or annul the force of a law of the Grand Chapter than does any other member. (1988)

Reg. 317. **Cannot Interfere in Trials.** The Grand High Priest cannot determine whether proceedings in a trial were or were not regular, reverse the action of a chapter, or interfere with the result. Such matters can be determined only by the Grand Chapter, and then only upon appeal (1988)

Reg. 318. **No Authority Over Candidate's Qualification.** The Grand High Priest has no authority to grant dispensations to confer degrees on one deemed by the chapter to be physically disqualified. (1988)

- Reg. 319. **Photograph and Life Sketch.** It is a duty of the Grand High Priest, immediately after his installation as such, to file with the Grand Secretary a sketch of his life and a photograph of himself (1988)
- Reg. 320. **Cannot Interfere With Right of Others.** The Grand High Priest cannot authorize any companion as his proxy to preside at a stated or called convocation of the Grand Chapter in his absence. The constitution prescribes who shall preside, and their rights cannot be interfered with or ignored. (1988)

### GRAND SECRETARY

- Reg. 321. **Prints Reports** — When. The Grand Secretary is authorized to commence printing reports and returns before the Grand Chapter convenes. (1988) Reg. 322. **Reports Delinquents.** It is the duty of the Grand Secretary to report annually, to the Grand Chapter, those chapters which have failed to comply with the law in relation to making returns, or in payment of dues, assessments and/or fines to the Grand Chapter. (1988)
- Reg. 323. **Settlement With Chapters.** It is lawful and proper for the Grand Secretary, in settling with chapters, to be governed by the equities of each case, charging them with any indebtedness which has been omitted, and crediting them with any amounts to which they may be entitled, subject to appeal. (1988)
- Reg. 324. **Visits Location.** When in the judgement of the Grand Secretary it may be considered advisable, and with the prior approval of the Grand High Priest, he visits, or incurs expense as a result of delinquency or failure of officers of a constituent Chapter to properly discharge their duties, the constituent Chapter affected shall reimburse the Grand Chapter for expenses thus incurred by the Grand Secretary in respect thereto. (1988)
- Reg. 325. **Papers Referred to Committees.** Papers which are to be acted upon by the Grand Chapter, coming into the hands of the Grand Secretary prior to the assembling of the Grand Chapter, should be referred by him to committees as appropriate. (1988)
- Reg. 326. **Distribution of Contributions.** Checks drawn for the purpose of distributing contributions made by this Grand Chapter are to be forwarded through the office of the Grand High Priest, in time for presentation of such to be made at an appropriate function of the receiving organization. (1988)
- Reg. 327. **Renting Office.** With the consent of the Grand High Priest, the Grand Secretary may rent a suitable room or rooms as an office, accessible to the Craft at the Grand East, at a cost not to exceed Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00) per annum. (1988)

### HEAL

- Reg. 328. **Definition.** The obligation makes the Mason. To heal is to cure. Healing is, therefore, re-obligating a brother or companion to cure or correct that which has been omitted, or done in error, when making him a chapter Mason, or in conferring, of the degrees. (1988)
- Reg. 329. **Clandestine Cannot Be.** Neither a chapter, the Grand High Priest, nor the Grand Chapter can make legitimate, by any process of healing, actions taken or degrees conferred in a clandestine chapter. (1988)

### HIGH PRIEST

- Reg. 330. **Requires Secretary to Pay Money.** How — When. The High Priest must see that the Secretary promptly pays Chapter funds to the Treasurer, makes the Annual Returns and other Reports, and remits the annual

dues and assessments to the Grand Chapter as required by law, and is justified in removing from office a Secretary who uses Chapter money or improperly retains it in his hands. (1988)

Reg. 331. **Cannot be Charged.** The High Priest of a Constituent Chapter cannot be charged by the members thereof for any decision made during the performance of his duties, nor for violation of this Constitution, however they may appeal such decisions to the Grand High Priest. Any violation which may have occurred during the time he was serving as High Priest may be properly addressed and charges filed AFTER the High Priest has completed his term of office or otherwise been removed from such. (1988)

### HOLY BIBLE

Reg. 332. **Always Open.** The Holy Bible should always be open in each dependent lodge, as well as in the Chapter. To close it while conferring the degree of Past Master is erroneous. (1988)

### HONORARY MEMBERS

Reg. 333. **How Created** — Rights Of. A chapter may confer the complimentary title of "Honorary Member" on a member of another chapter, by unanimous action, after one month's previous notice, but such title does not carry with it the right to vote, nor can it conflict with any right of regular members of the chapter. Honorary members are not chargeable with dues, nor are they reported in annual returns. They cannot be made honorary members, or remain as such, unless they are affiliated and in good standing in some chapter. (1988)

Reg. 334. **Of Grand Chapter.**

A. The Grand Chapter may confer the title of Honorary Member on any visiting Grand or Past Grand Officer of any Grand Chapter recognized by the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, Such title will not carry with it the right to vote, nor the enjoyment of any of the privileges of members of this Grand Chapter.

B. The Grand Secretary is authorized to prepare a Certificate of Honorary Membership which may be presented to recipients of the Honorary Membership. Such action must be with the unanimous consent of the Grand Chapter, and the election of one to this honorarium does not extend any penal jurisdiction as to him, except to the extent that the Grand Chapter may revoke the Honorary Membership. (1988)

Reg. 335. **Jurisdiction Over Honorary Members.** The election of an honorary member by a chapter does not give it penal jurisdiction over such member, except to the extent that the honorary membership may be revoked. (1988)

### INSANE

Reg. 336. **Process — Remission of Dues.** A companion who has been adjudged insane under the civil law is not amenable to Masonic process, and shall be exempt from the payment of all dues and assessments so long as said judgement shall continue in force; neither shall his chapter be required to pay dues or assessments to the Grand Chapter on such member during said period. (1988)

### INSTALLATION

- Reg. 337. **Essential.** The election or appointment of a companion to an office does not confer the authority to exercise the powers of that office, but it does vest in such persons the right to be installed. Installation is a condition precedent to the right to exercise the powers of office. (1988)
- Reg. 338. **Objection To.** If a companion wishes to object to the installation of any officer-elect he must do so in the chapter when the installing officer is about to install him; and the reasons for objecting must be in writing and valid. in the absence of objection or charges, a companion elected to office, if otherwise eligible, is entitled to be installed. (1988)
- Reg. 339. **Stopped by Charges.** Any Officer-elect, against whom an accusation is made or charges are pending, should not be installed until such accusation or charge is disposed of; but he is entitled to a speedy trial. If an accusation be made or charges are about to be preferred, notice should at once be given, and the charges should be preferred not later than the next Stated Convocation. (1988)
- Reg. 340. **Installation by Proxy.** It is not proper to install a man by proxy. Such installation would be void and the old officer would hold over. (1988)
- Reg. 341. **Re-Elected, Need Not be Re-Installed.** Officers who are reelected or re-appointed and are succeeding themselves in office do not need to be re-installed, as their obligations continues "until their successors have been installed". (1988)
- Reg. 342. **Who May Install.** The High Priest, or a Past High Priest, has the right to install officers. (1988)

#### JURISDICTION

- Reg. 343. **American Doctrine.** It is a well-established doctrine in Freemasonry that territorial jurisdiction, once legally acquired, is exclusive. When jurisdiction is so acquired, there is no way by which the possessor can be evicted without its consent. for territory once legally taken is not susceptible to re-entry by another, unless the first proprietor has lost his right to hold by non-user or voluntary abandonment. (1988)
- Reg. 344. **Jurisdictional Boundary.** Constituent Chapters cannot by, agreement between themselves. limit or change jurisdictional rights established by the Constitution. (1988)
- Reg. 345. **Obstruction Cannot Change.** Neither natural obstructions, such as rivers or mountains, nor the personal preference of the petitioner, can change the provisions of jurisdiction. (1988)
- Reg. 346. **Residence and Hall Determine.** Territorial jurisdiction depends on the "straight line" distance from the candidate's place of residence to the nearest chapter hall . (1988)
- Reg. 347 **Jurisdiction on Our Borders.** Masons residing in Kentucky may lawfully petition chapters in an-adjointing State for degrees or affiliation as provided in this constitution; provided, that the same privileges shall be ceded to Kentucky chapters by the Grand Chapter of such adjoining State (1988)
- Reg. 348. **Jurisdiction Over Elected Candidate.** A chapter having elected a petitioner to take, or he having taken one or more of, the degrees and the petitioner be in another State, the chapter may request a chapter in such jurisdiction to confer any or all of the degrees. Such request must bear the certification and seal of the chapter, and be routed through the office of the Grand Secretary. (1988)
- Reg. 349. **Waiver of Jurisdiction.** Waivers of jurisdiction are required only in respect to requests from foreign jurisdictions The vote on the waiver shall be by ballot: and if as many as three (3) negative votes be cast on the question, the request for waiver shall be refused. A chapter cannot authorize anyone to waive jurisdiction (1988)

Reg. 350. **Effect of Removal After Rejection.** A Kentucky Chapter having rejected a petitioner loses jurisdiction over him, and his petition for the degrees can only be received by that or any other chapter after six (6) months as provided in this Constitution. (1988)

Reg. 351. **Invasion of Jurisdiction.** If a chapter invade the jurisdiction of a chapter in a foreign State, it shall pay such fees and such penalties to this Grand Chapter, or to the Chapter whose jurisdiction was invaded, as may be ordered by this Grand Chapter. (1988)

### **JURISPRUDENCE**

Reg. 352. **Jurisprudence Committee** — Additional Duties.

A. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Jurisprudence each year, when reporting upon the decisions of the Grand High Priest, to recommend which, if any of such decisions should become regulations.

B. If, in the opinion of the committee, a point has been decided by the Grand high Priest, which is not, but should be made a part of the constitution or regulations, and the decision he not in proper form therefor; or if any amendment to the constitution or regulations be proposed to the Grand Chapter, the same shall be read and then referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. Said committee shall, if it not already be such, re-write it in suitable terms and submit such amendment to the Grand Chapter, along with the recommendation of said committee. (1988)

### **KING AND SCRIBE**

Reg. 353. **Charges against King and Scribe.** The King and the Scribe are subject to charges and trial during their term of office, and any member of the chapter may make the accusation, upon which the chapter may prefer charges. The fact that they may be acting as High Priest has no bearing on the matter. (1988)

### **LIFE MEMBERS**

Reg. 354 **Vested Rights.** A By-law placing an assessment not required by the Grand Chapter. upon "life Members" who were exempt from such before the by-law was passed is not-valid. (1988)

### **MASONIC WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' HOME**

Reg\_ 355. **Stock in Masonic Temple as a Trust.** Four (4) shares of common stock in the Masonic Temple Company have been transferred to the Trustees of the Endowment Fund of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary of Kentucky, in trust for the use and benefit of said Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary, with the following restrictions, viz. That should the management of said Home and Infirmary ever become inimical to the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, R.A.M., or the said Home and Infirmary be diverted to purposes other than those for which it was originally established. then and in that event, the said shares shall immediately revert to this Grand Chapter, and said stock shall not be sold or transferred to any other party without the consent of this Grand Chapter The right to vote said stock is hereby declared vested in said Trustees (see proceedings, 1890, page 31), (1988)

### **MEETINGS — CONVOCATIONS**

Reg. 356. **Failure to Meet** — Penalty. The Grand High Priest should arrest the Charter of a Chapter which has held no convocation for more than one year, and cite it to appear before the Grand Chapter to make explanation, unless immediate and satisfactory steps be taken to rehabilitate the Chapter. (1988)

Reg. 357 **No Exclusive Called Convocation.** There cannot be a secret or emergency convocation held by a portion of the members of a Chapter, to the exclusion of, or without notice to another portion. (1988)

Reg. 358. **Oral Notice Good** When. Oral notice of called convocations for the purpose of conferring degrees, given at a convocation of the chapter, is legal and sufficient notice. (1988)

Reg 359. **Change of Meeting Place** — Steps For.

A. To permanently change the meeting place of a Chapter, the following steps are essential:

1. A motion or resolution to move to a designated place must be offered at a stated convocation, and; if it be seconded, and agreed to by a majority of the members present, action thereon must be postponed until a subsequent stated convocation,

2. Within ten (10) days after the motion or resolution was received, notice of the proposed change of meeting place. and of the time when it will be considered for action by the Chapter shall be sent to every member

3. At the convocation designated for action on the motion or resolution, the Secretary shall report (and note in the minutes) when and how said notices were sent. He will also enter into the minutes the names of all members present, and how many voted for the motion to change the meeting place, and how many voted against it

4. If three-fourths (3/4) of the members of the Chapter present vote for the removal to another Hall within the same Town or City, the move shall be made.

5. If it be proposed to move to some place that would be closer to the meeting place of another Chapter (or Chapters) than to the present meeting place of the Chapter considering removal from their Hall, the consent of every Chapter whose straight line Jurisdiction would thus be invaded by such removal is necessary.

6. Certificates of such consent(s) shall be sent to the Grand Secretary, together with full transcripts from the minutes, touching such removal (over the Seal of the Chapter); and the Grand Secretary shall forward the same to the Grand High Priest, who in turn shall return them to the Grand Secretary with his authority for the Chapter to move as desired, or his written refusal to do so

7. In either case, the Grand Secretary shall report the decision of the Grand High Priest to the Chapter wishing to move.

8. The Grand High Priest's consent to any removal of a Chapter shall not continue in force beyond the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter; hut, if the Grand Chapter so directs, the removal shall thereby be made permanent from the moment the fact shall be recorded on the Charter of the Chapter, under the Seal of the Grand Chapter, and shall not be operative until that is done.

B. The same steps shall be taken to change the name of a Chapter, as far as applicable.

(1988)

Reg. 360. **Temporary Change of Meeting Place.** A chapter may temporarily occupy a hall, not its own, for any purpose of business, provided the membership be given due notice thereof. A dispensation is not needed,



but the Grand High Priest is to be notified each time the chapter is to be convened at some place other than its permanent place of meeting. (1988)

### MEMBERSHIP

Reg 361 **Forfeiture of Membership.** Membership cannot be forfeited without due notice and opportunity to be heard. (1988)

### MINISTERS

Reg. 362. **Must Pay Fees.** Constituent Chapters shall NOT exempt Ministers from the payment of the fees for the degrees required by the Constitution. (1988)

Reg. 363. **Made Free Members** — May Be — How. Ministers may be made Free Members of a Chapter, and be thereby exempt from the payment of dues, but this MUST be done by the Chapter By-laws, with a specific section thereof dealing with this subject. (1988)

### MINUTES

Reg. 364. **Minutes Show.**

A. The records of a Chapter should include the names and official titles of the officers and a sufficient number of members present at each convocation to show that there was a lawful quorum. The minutes should also give the names of all members and visitors in attendance, unless the Chapter has, and uses, a Register.

B. The Minutes of the Chapter should also contain the annual reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer, as well as the results of any and all audits conducted of the Books and Records of these officers. An annual audit is required. (1988)

Reg 365. **Reading Minutes.** A Chapter may dispense with the reading of the minutes, but they should be read at the first opportunity thereafter, and at a stated convocation. When approved as being correct, the minutes should be immediately signed by the one lawfully presiding as High Priest. (1988)

Reg. 366. **Question on Approving Minutes.** The only question to be decided upon approval of the minutes is, has the Secretary faithfully and truly recorded what was actually done? If he has, there should be no objection, and no motion is required before the High Priest signs the minutes. (1988)

Reg. 367. **True Record Must Stand.** When the minutes of the proceedings of a chapter are correctly recorded by the Secretary, no amendment, or question, or act can be entertained or allowed which would make such minutes reflect a state of things that did not occur. (1988)

### MOTION

Reg. 368. **How Stated Before Vote.** When a motion has been made and seconded, it must be stated by the chair, or read aloud before it can be debated or voted upon. It should be stated in the exact words of the mover, and be so recorded. (1988)

### OFFICIAL VISITATIONS

Reg. 369. **Areas Identified.** The Grand High Priest shall divide this Grand Jurisdiction into nine (9) Areas to coincide with the boundaries of the districts as agreed upon by the York Rite Council of Kentucky. (1988)

**Reg. 370. Area Coordinators.**

A. There shall be, for each area in this Grand Chapter, an Area Coordinator, who shall be a permanent member of this Grand Chapter, and who is to be appointed by the Grand High Priest. The duties of this position shall be to coordinate with Chapters, and other Masonic Bodies. all activities involving Royal Arch Chapters in his area. Additionally he shall:

1. Advise and assist the Deputy Grand High Priests,
2. Conduct one 'school of instruction' within each District in his Area (if possible) prior to the Annual official Visitations.
3. Promote Masonic Activities and the Royal Arch Research Assistance program.
4. Submit a 'State of the Craft' report to the Grand High Priest not later than the first day of August in each year.
5. Perform other duties which may be assigned to him by the Grand High Priest.

B. These Coordinators shall receive as compensation fifteen cents (\$0.15) per mile for the total number of miles travelled in the performance of their official duties (67) (1988)

**Reg. 371. Instructors, Evaluators.** The Grand High Priest shall appoint a Chief Evaluator who shall have direct supervision over the Official Visitation System as a whole; and, in conjunction with the Chief Evaluator, shall appoint a Deputy Grand High Priest for each visitation district, (1988)

**Reg. 372. Deputy Grand High Priests.**

A. Deputy Grand High Priests are to be appointed by the Grand High Priest, and shall consist of competent Past High Priests, who shall officially visit and inspect the halls, paraphernalia, books, and methods of work of the Chapters assigned to him.

B. The Deputy Grand High Priests shall submit timely reports, regarding each Chapter officially visited, as may be directed by the Grand High Priest. (1988)

**Reg. 373. Official Visits.**

A. Each constituent Chapter shall be visited officially by the Deputy Grand High Priest on an annual basis.

B. This Official Visit is to be held on the date specified by the Grand High Priest as, agreed upon by the Chapter.

C. All Official Visits are to be scheduled so as to be completed prior to June 1st of each year. (1988)

**Reg. 374. Evaluations.** During the official visitations specified in Regulations 373, the Deputy Grand High Priest shall inspect the Halls, Records, Paraphernalia, Books, and Methods of Work of the Chapter, using such guidelines and reporting procedures as may be directed by the Grand High Priest. (1988)

**Reg. 375. Compensation.** Each Deputy Grand High Priest shall receive, as compensation for his services, the sum of fifteen cents (\$0.15) per mile for miles travelled in the performance of their duties, not to exceed two

visits (if made) to each Chapter within his district each year, provided, that he shall receive no compensation for visits to his home chapter. (67) (1988)

#### PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Reg. 376. **Membership in Lodge and Chapter Essential.** A Past Grand High Priest who has ceased to be a member of a Symbolic Lodge, or of a Constituent Chapter in Kentucky is no longer a member of this Grand Chapter. (1988)

#### PAST HIGH PRIEST

Reg. 377. **What Constitutes.** A Past High Priest is one who has been regularly elected and installed as High Priest of a chartered Chapter, and served for the complete term (one year) for which he was elected. If hi' dies in office he is to be deemed as having served his term, and be listed as a Past High Priest. (1988)

Reg. 378. **May be Tried.** After one has ceased to be High Priest of a chapter he may be tried by his chapter for un-masonic conduct while High Priest. (1988)

#### PAST HIGH PRIEST'S JEWEL

Reg. 379. **Described.** The jewel of a Past High Priest shall be the same as that of a Past Grand High Priest, only dispensing with the wreath and the mitre; that is, golden material (with gems if desired); consisting of three (3) triangular plates united at one of their angles — equal-distant apart; and in the center, covering the points of union, shall be an imitation of a High Priest's breastplate. The face of each triangle to be adorned, according to taste, or with Hebrew characters, or a triple tau cross on the face of the upper triangle, a keystone and pot of incense in the triangles at either side; and the entire jewel shall not exceed two inches in diameter. The whole may be suspended from a pin of appropriate design by ribbon or chains. Between the pin and the jewel shall be the coat of arms of the State. The pin, chains and coat of arms may be dispensed with, the jewel reduced in size and worn as a charm or otherwise. (1988)

#### PETITIONS

Reg. 380. **One Form for ALL Degrees.** Petitions for the Mark Master's Degree only cannot be received, but a petitioner must apply for all the degrees conferred by the chapter. (1988)

Reg. 381. **Absence of Demit.** A petition for affiliation may be presented and referred without its being accompanied by a demit, but ballot before the certificate of demit or its equivalent is in actual possession of the chapter would be un-lawful, except in cases of continuous, or dual, membership. (1988)

Reg. 382. **Chapter Judges Qualification.** A chapter having jurisdiction is the sole judge of the petitioners qualifications. Protests from a neighboring chapter should receive the fullest consideration, but further than that they cannot prevail. (1988)

Reg. 383. **Rejection Without Jurisdiction is Void.** Though a chapter, not having jurisdiction over a candidate, should receive a petition for the degrees or membership and reject the petitioner, the chapter having jurisdiction may receive and act upon the petition of such candidate as if no other application, or petition, had ever been made. (1988)

Reg. 384. **Petition, How Disposed Of.** A petition, either for Degrees or Affiliation, having been received, must, in all cases, be disposed of by Ballot, unless it is withdrawn in accordance with this Constitution and Regulations. (1988)

Reg. 385. **Chapter, not High Priest Receives.** The power to receive or refuse to receive a petition presented to the chapter is in the High Priest, but in the chapter. (1988)

### PRESIDING OFFICER

Reg. 386. **Power of Presiding Officer.** Any companion while presiding, or lawfully acting as High Priest, is clothed in every particular with the full power of a High Priest. (1988)

Reg. 387. **Power of One Acting as High Priest.** One lawfully presiding as High Priest may call to his assistance any Royal Arch Mason to preside. (1988)

### PROCEEDINGS

Reg. 388. **May Be Sold.** The Grand Secretary is authorized to dispose of as many copies of the Grand Chapter Proceedings, as in his opinion can be spared, at net cost plus 10% for handling, and plus postage per copy; and he is to account for the proceeds thereof in the same manner as he accounts for other monies belonging to the Grand Chapter. (1988)

Reg. 389. **Number and Contents to be Printed.** The Grand Secretary shall cause to be printed not to exceed seven hundred (700) copies of the Grand Chapter Proceedings, embracing the returns of constituent Chapters, with the names of the Chapters arranged alphabetically, and by Counties; statistical and other tables and reports. (1988)

Reg. 390. **Rosters to be Included.**

A. In each year which is evenly divisible by five (e.g.: 1990, 1995, 2000 etc., ) the Grand Chapter Proceedings shall contain a roster of every member of the constituent Chapters.

B. In the other years (4 out of 5) only those changes which affect membership of the constituent Chapters are to be printed; i.e. Exalted, Affiliated, Re-instated, Restored, Died, Demitted, Suspended, and Expelled.

C. Each year the proceedings shall contain information on each constituent Chapter to include;

1. Date(s) and time(s) of Stated Convocations and their Official Visitation.

2. A listing of Officers.

3. A list of living Past High Priests.

4. The location where convocations are held.

5. A listing of those members who have Pre-paid their membership for LIFE, with the ones who are deceased being identified by an asterisk (\*).

Reg. 391. **Distribution.** A. The Grand Secretary shall distribute the printed proceedings of the Grand Chapter, sending them by mail or other proper means, as follows:

1. One (1) copy each to.

- a. The Grand Chapter Officers.
  - b. The Past Grand High Priests, so long as they remain members of this Grand Chapter.
  - c. The Elective line Officers of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International.
  - d. The Deputy General Grand High Priest for the Region which includes this Grand Jurisdiction.
  - e. The Chief Evaluator, the Area Co-ordinators and the Deputy Grand High Priests of this Grand Chapter
  - f. The Grand Representatives of this Grand Chapter.
  - g. The Office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons.
  - h. The Elective Officers of the Grand Council of Kentucky, Royal and Select Masters, and of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, Knights Templar.
  - i. The Past Illustrious Grand Masters of the Grand Council of Kentucky and the Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, if requested, so long as they remain members of a Chapter constituent to this Grand Chapter.
  - j. Libraries, Masonic or Masonically Affiliated bodies at his discretion.
  - k. The widow of an elective Grand Chapter Officer or of a Past Grand High Priest, if she should request such.
2. Two (2) Copies each to:
- a. The Constituent Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction.
  - b. The office of the General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International.
  - c. Each Grand Chapter in the Continental United States.
  - d. Foreign Grand Chapters with which this Grand Chapter is in Masonic Fraternal Relations. The number sent to Foreign Grand Chapters may be reduced at the discretion of the Grand Secretary.
- B. Additionally, a copy of the Grand Chapter proceedings containing the notice of the death of a present elected Grand Chapter Officer, or of a Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, shall be presented to the family of the deceased.
- C. A sufficient number shall be reserved for the use of this Grand Chapter. (1988)

Reg. 392. **Proceedings of Other Grand Chapters** shall be sent (assuming the receipt of three copies): One copy to the Representative of that Grand Chapter; one copy to the Grand High Priest if he so desire; and, one copy to the Library. (1988)

### RECORDS

Reg. 393. **How Written.** Records are to be typed or printed in ink, and a marginal Index should be made. (1988)

Reg. 394. **Approved Records Not To Be Altered.** Neither the Grand High Priest nor the Grand Secretary has power to alter the record of the Grand Chapter when once made up and approved, nor does the High Priest or the Secretary have the power to alter the minutes of a constituent Chapter when the same have been approved by the Chapter and signed by the one lawfully presiding as High Priest. (365) (1988)

### REGISTRATION

Reg. 395 **Register. Officers,** Permanent Members and Representatives must register with the Credentials Committee and file with them their credentials, if any, before taking their seats in the Grand Chapter. (1988)

Reg. 396. **Registration Ends** — When. All registration shall cease one hour after the time of opening of the Grand Chapter, and no further issuance of ballots will be allowed. (1988)

Reg. 397. **Seat Taken** — Cannot be Disturbed. A representative, whether an officer of the chapter or a member duly elected and accredited, having taken his seat in Grand Chapter as such, cannot be displaced by the appearance of the High Priest, or other ranking officer, but is entitled to serve until the close of that convocation. (1988)

### RESTORE — RESTORATION

Reg. 398 **Speedy Trial if Restored.** When a member is restored by action of the Grand Chapter because of an irregular trial, the Chapter having jurisdiction shall give him a speedy trial, or refuse to again take up the charges against him. (1988)

Reg. 399, **Payment of Indebtedness** Before Restoration. It is necessary for a suspended member first to pay all indebtedness before the Chapter receives his petition for re-instatement. The dues, for the non-payment of which he was suspended, stand as a just debt which he owes to the Chapter, and he should pay it whether he is re-instated or not. (1988)

Reg. 900. **No Fee** Upon Restoration From Suspension. No affiliation fee can be charged against one who has rested under suspension for non-payment of dues for a period of more than two (2) years, who has paid up his dues to the time of his suspension, and petitions to be restored to good standing, and who has included the dues for the current year with his petition. (1988)

Reg. 401. **Effect of Expulsion** By Lodge. Expulsion by a Symbolic Lodge deprives the expelled member of every Masonic right, not only in Lodge, but also in Chapter. Should the Lodge thereafter restore the expelled member to good standing, such restoration will restore him to good standing in his Chapter. upon proper notification of the action of the Lodge. (1988)

Reg. 402. **Restoration** By Reversal. When the action of a Symbolic Lodge, in case of discipline, is reversed or annulled for any reason, the party regains the status in his chapter that he had at the commencement of the proceedings. (1988)

Reg. 403. **Lodge Membership Essential**—Lodge Action Final. Membership in a Symbolic Lodge of Masons is a pre-requisite to holding membership in a Chapter, and the action of a Symbolic Lodge or the Grand Lodge in regard to the rights of persons to membership therein is final, No Chapter has the right to inquire into the regularity of the action of a Symbolic lodge or of the Grand Lodge in reference to such matters. (1988)

Reg. 404. **Delinquent Chapters** To Be Reported. It is the duty of the Grand Secretary to report to the Grand Chapter, annually, the chapters which shall have failed to comply with the law in relation to making returns and payment of dues, assessments or fines in proper times. (1988)

Reg. 405. **No Restoration** After Death. A member suspended for nonpayment of dues cannot be re-instated after death, but if the record of the suspension shows that the proceeding was a nullity, the fact that he died in good standing may be officially declared; provided, that if the suspension occurred more than one year prior to the demise of such member, and no attempt had been made by him in that length of time to be restored, he shall be deemed to have had full knowledge thereof and concurred therein, and the action of the Chapter shall not in such case be declared void. (1988)

#### RITUAL

Reg. 406. **Reading Improper**. Reading the Ritual in conferring the degrees is strongly disapproved, highly irregular, and declared undesirable. (1988)

#### ROYAL ARCH SUBSTITUTES

Reg. 407. **Substitutes**. The use of substitutes in completing a class in the Royal Arch Degree is not a violation of the ritual or of the installation of a High Priest, therefore they may be used when necessary. (1988)

#### ROLL CALL

Reg. 408. **Last Business in Grand Chapter**. The last business of the Grand Chapter at any Convocation shall be to call the roll of all members entitled to mileage or per diem, provided that installation ceremonies may be held after roll call, if requested by the incoming Grand High Priest and approved by the Grand Chapter. If any member shall fail to answer the roll call without having been excused by the Grand Chapter, he shall forfeit his mileage and per diem. (1988)

#### ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP

Reg. 409. **Dropping From Membership Roll**. If a member shall cease to be affiliated with a recognized Symbolic Lodge of Masons, his name shall be dropped from the rolls of his Chapter, and the Secretary shall give such member notice thereof. (1988)

Reg. 410. **Other Organizations Notified**. The Secretary of a constituent Chapter is required to promptly notify Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies in whose Jurisdiction (using 'straight line' method) or in whose general vicinity their Chapter may be located, of all Suspensions, Expulsions, and Re-instatements therein. (1988)

#### SUMMONS

Reg. 411. **Disobedience of a Summons.** A Summons is the most forcible writ known to Masonry, So long as he is a member of the Fraternity, a Mason of any chapter degree must obey this writ, whether he is a member of that chapter or not. Disobedience of a summons constitutes one of the gravest of Masonic offenses. If it be shown that the summons had been received, it could constitute an act of insubordination for which charges should be preferred. A summons should rarely be used — never when a notice will answer the purpose. (1988)

### TREASURER

Reg. 412. **Custodian of Funds, Pays Warrants How.** It is the duty of the Treasurer to pay warrants made on him by the chapter in the order in which they are presented, if properly drawn and signed as provided in the by-laws or resolution of that chapter. He has no authority over funds of his chapter other than as their custodian. Failure or refusal to obey the mandate of his chapter, when legally expressed, renders him subject to discipline. (1988)

Reg. 413. **Demands Chapter Money.** It is the duty of the Treasurer to demand that the Secretary promptly pay over chapter money, and on his failure, to report the derelict Secretary to the chapter. (1988)

Reg. 414. **Keeping of Chapter Funds.** Although the Treasurer is required to give bond, he does not have authority to use or loan chapter funds, nor to mingle them with his own or any other money, but must hold them separate so they will be immediately available on order of the chapter even in case of the Treasurer's death or insolvency. (1988)

### UPDATING

Reg\_ 415. **Done At Five Year Intervals.** In the fifth (5th) anniversary year after adoption of this Digest, and each fifth (5th) year thereafter (every five years), the Grand Secretary is directed to have re-printed and distributed each page of this Digest upon which a change has been made in the interim, or which is no longer up to date, causing such re-printed pages to be identified by the year in which they were printed, as well as the appropriate sections identified by the year in which change(s) were made. (1988)

Reg. 416 **Annual Updating.** In the remaining years (1,2,3, and 4 of each five year cycle), such changes as may have been made shall normally be published using 'paste in' stickers; provided that the Grand Secretary may have page(s) re-printed which contain such changes, if in his opinion doing so would best serve the interests of this Grand Chapter. All changes printed, whether 'paste in' stickers or complete pages, shall be prepared in such manner as to show the year the particular Section or Regulation was adopted, and also the year in which the page was re-printed as specified in Regulation 415 above. (1988)

### VIOLENCE

Reg. 417. **Right to Guard Against Violence.** Thy Chapter or the High Priest has a right to guard against violence, even to the extent of excluding the offending member or visitor, from the Chapter room. (1988)

### VISITORS

Keg. 418. **Right to Visit.** The right to visit is inherent in every chapter Mason, subject to objections provided for in Regulation 419, hence, brothers and companions may be admitted to bodies of their respective degrees, after due trial, strict examination, or lawful information. (1988)

Reg. 419. **Objections to a Visitor.** Any member of the Chapter proposed to be visited, may object to the presence of the visiting brother or companion, and upon such objection being made. he shall not be admitted; however, the objection does not extend to any convocation of the Chapter, or one of its subordinate Lodges, other



than the one at which it is made and while the objector is present; provided that this Regulation shall have no effect with regard to visitations of the Grand High Priest, or of the Deputy Grand High Priests on their official visitations. (1988)

Reg. 420. **Limitation to Excluding Visitors.** It is not proper to provide that a visitor shall be "forever" excluded. A chapter cannot legislate for all time. (1988)

#### VOTE

Reg. 421. **Who Votes.** Every member of the Grand or of a constituent Chapter must vote if present and entitled to do so, unless he be excused, or he personally interested in the question then being considered, of which the Chapter is the judge. hence mere non-payment of dues does not debar him from voting or holding office; however a chapter may. in it Jay-laws, make the non-payment of dues a bar to holding office. (1988)

Reg. 422. **How Excused.** The power to excuse one from voting is not in the High Priest, but in the chapter or Grand Chapter, and rests with the majority. (1988)

#### VOUCHING

Reg. 423. **Only When Known to be.** A companion can vouch for a visitor only when he knows the visitor to be a Mason of the degree as avouched; or on lawful information: or after strict examination — provided that, in the judgement of the chapter, the one vouching for the visitor is competent to do so. (1988)

Reg. 424. **Lawful Information and Vouching Defined.** By "Lawful Masonic Information" is meant information that can only be received from one who is known to be competent to impart it. It, must be positive, beyond question, and imparted specifically for Masonic purposes, not casually. Vouching is hearing witness; and in witness-bearing only that should be told which is known to be true. (1988)

#### WORK

Reg. 425. **None During Refreshment.** No part of the work can be done by a Chapter while at refreshment. (1988)

#### WORSHIP

Reg. 426. **No Dispensation Needed.** If a constituent Chapter desires to attend religious worship in a body, it shall not be necessary to obtain a dispensation from the Grand High Priest to do so. (1988)

#### REPEALING

Reg. 427, **Former Regulations.** All Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky previously adopted, are hereby repealed. (1988)

#### ADMINISTRATIVE FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS

The Minute Book is, or ought to be, a full account of the doings of the Chapter' Therefore, it should be plainly written, and carefully preserved. Each subject should form a separate paragraph, and the marginal notes, or index, should be given in the fewest words that will suggest the action it refers to.

When the minutes are recorded, the Secretary signs them at the left, as an attestation to their correctness. When they have been read, and approved, or corrected by the Chapter, the High Priest (the one presiding when they are approved) immediately signs them at the right. After that, no change can be made in the record. Any correction

desired may appear in the minutes of a subsequent convocation. "Approving" the minutes does not equal an approval of the action of the chapter as such, but it is as much as to say the record is a correct statement of what actually was done, Get good books, have no other kind, and keep them properly.

The Cash Book is indispensable, and not only serves as a cash book proper, but also as an account with the Treasurer, giving full details. The total received, total paid to the Treasurer, with the dates, show at a glance whether the Secretary is, or is not, prompt. To the total paid the Treasurer, add the balance in his hands at the commencement of the year. and deduct from that the total amount of warrants drawn, and it will show the amount currently in his hands. Carry the footings forward, and at the close of the Masonic year (election) a statement of receipts and expenditures will appear in the last footings — or totals. At the beginning of the term commence anew.

Never receipt for money before the date, name of payer, and amount paid are entered, either in the stub of a receipt, or a memorandum book; or better, in the cash book.

The Ledger is the book for assembling each account under a proper heading. The blanks should invariably be properly filled, which means for example, that the names of the member should be entered in full —and that given names should not be reduced to initials, but written out as fully as is the surname.

List on the left, or debit side, the amount(s) which the member owes, and on the right, or credit side, the amount(s) paid The number of the dues card issued him should also be listed, and the record should be annotated to show "DUES PRE-PAID FOR LIFE" if that is appropriate.

#### **Examination of Secretary's Books**

1. Check every item on the left (receipts) side of the cash book with the ledger postings (accounts with members), then go over both to see that everything has been "checked."
2. Check the amounts paid the Treasurer with that officer's receipts, and see that payments to him were promptly made.
3. Compare the warrants drawn, as entered in the cash book, or Treasurer's account. with the Treasurer's book.
4. See that the fees for degrees and other items are properly entered in the cash book, and charged or credited correctly in the ledgers (member accounts).
5. See that the footings of the cash book are correct and properly carried forward, and balance agrees with the Treasurer.
6. If anything seems to be wrong, or does not "tally" ascertain the cause.
7. Make a list of those owing one year's (or more) dues, and recommend in the report effective means to secure payment.
8. Remember, the Secretary is to collect and receive all chapter money. The Treasurer receives monies only from the Secretary.

#### **Examination of Treasurer's Books**

1. Compare and check every item of receipts entered in the Treasurer's cash book with the receipts he gave the Secretary, and with the Treasurer's bank book, to see if all were promptly deposited.

2. Compare and check each payment entered in the cash book with the properly drawn and endorsed warrants.
3. Add up both sides of the cash book, and see if the balance on hand corresponds with the bank book. Verify it by inquiry at the bank if necessary.
4. Examine every note, bond, or other asset and any insurance policies held by the Treasurer. See that they are in proper form and safely kept. Check them with the former (last) report, and authority for other investments or sales in the interim, and see that the interest or dividends received has been properly entered in the cash book.
5. If anything does not "checkup" right, find out why.
6. When everything is found correct, so state in the Treasurer's cash book, cancel the warrants (if appropriate) and file them with the Secretary.

Sample Summons (See Sec. 167)

Hall of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. ,R.A.M. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_,KY\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Dear Companion \_\_\_\_\_:

By order of our Chapter I have been directed to issue this

**SUMMONS**

You are hereby SUMMONED to appear at the Stated Convocation of \_

\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_, Royal Arch Masons, to be held at  
\_\_\_\_\_ (time) \_\_\_\_\_ on the evening of \_\_\_\_\_, June \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ at  
which time the Chapter will consider the question of Suspensions, to:

SHOW CAUSE WHY YOU SHOULD NOT BE SUSPENDED  
FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES  
OWING TO THE CHAPTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
FOR THE YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

Our obligations in the Capitular Degrees of Masonry require this summons to be answered.

Your dues for the year \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ are also past due,  
making a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ now due and payable to the Chapter.

If there are reasons why you are unable to pay your dues, PLEASE advise us of the facts, in order that the Chapter may give due consideration to your situation.

Payment of your dues will satisfy this summons.

Looking forward to hearing from you in the near future regarding this matter, I remain,  
Fraternally,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

CHAPTER SEAL  
APPLIED HERE

Notice of Suspension, Etc.

Hall of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_, R.A.M. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ .KY \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dear Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ :

It is with heavy heart that I perform that portion of my duties which requires me to inform you that at the last stated convocation of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_you were suspended for non-payment of your dues, owing to the Chapter for the year , in the amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

These dues remain unpaid although repeated notices, to include a summons for you to appear and show cause why you should not be suspended, had been forwarded to you.

You may be restored to good standing upon payment of your dues, to include the current year, and a favorable vote of the Chapter.

Looking forward to having you re-affiliated with us, I remain,

Fraternally,

\_\_\_\_\_,

Secretary

P.S. To be re-instated your “back dues” (\$\_\_\_\_\_) plus the current year’s dues must first be paid. At Present this is a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

#### **To Establish A New Chapter**

(See Sec. 178)

The instruction herein given must be (substantially) observed. Failure in this will only delay action on the petition, and prejudice the case, because if the petitioners cannot or will not follow instructions, it would tend to suggest their liability to disregard other laws and forms.

The first step is to prepare a petition, which should be substantially as follows:

#### **THE PETITION**

To: The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, The Grand Chapter of Kentucky. Royal Arch Masons of Kentucky:

The petition of the undersigned respectfully showeth that they are MASTER MASONS, and they are, or have been members of a regular Chapter of ROYAL ARCH MASONS, as will appear by the petitions and (provisional) demits attached hereto, along with the certificate of good standing in their particular Chapters of ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

Because of the convenience of their particular dwellings, and for what they deem to be other good and sufficient reasons, they desire to organize and form a CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS, to be known and styled as \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter, U.D., and paying due respect to the authority of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons, do pray the Mt. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons to grant such dispensation to empower them assemble as a regular CHAPTER of Royal Arch Masons, at \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of Kentucky, there to discharge the duties of Capitular Freemasonry according to the Constitution, Laws, and Edicts of the GRAND CHAPTER OF KENTUCKY, ROYAL ARCH MASONS and the GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS, INTERNATIONAL.

They further petition that Companion \_\_\_\_\_ be the first HIGH PRIEST, that Companion \_\_\_\_\_ be the first KING, that Companion \_\_\_\_\_ be the first SCRIBE and that Companion \_\_\_\_\_ be the first CAPTAIN OF THE HOST.

The prayer of this petition being granted, the undersigned promise strict obedience to all the laws of the GRAND CHAPTER OF KENTUCKY, ROYAL ARCH MASONS, and of the GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS, INTERNATIONAL.

The Chapter of Royal Arch Masons which meets nearest the proposed location is \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_, Royal Arch Masons, and their approval, granted at their Stated Convocation held on \_\_\_\_\_ is attached hereto.

(This petition must contain the SIGNATURES (in full) of not less than 27 Royal Arch Masons. The back side of the form may be used for this purpose. Demits and/or Provisional Demits are to accompany the petition).

(Comments): The nearest Chapter (except as in Sec. 180) whose jurisdiction will be effected shall recommend the proposed chapter and certify that the Companions suggested for appointment as High Priest, King, Scribe, and Captain of the Host "have been examined as to their proficiency and were found to be capable of doing the work of the Capitular Degrees in a creditable manner."

All this being done, send the petition, demits (or provisional demits) of every petitioner, comments and recommendation of the chapter(s), and the fee (\$50.00) to the Grand Secretary. Also include the name of a Past High Priest who can set the new chapter to work.

Proper books should be procured from the Grand Secretary.

**To set a new chapter to work. Also to institute a newly chartered chapter.**

Having the Dispensation, assemble the petitioners, and other Royal Arch Masons as may be convenient, in the Hall to be occupied. where the Grand High Priest or his proxy is to meet them. This order of business is then to be followed:

The installing/instituting officer takes his place and sounds the gavel. All take seats and maintain silence. All who are not Royal Arch Masons retire.

Installing Officer: "Companions we have assembled for the purpose of installing the officers of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ and setting it regularly to work (instituting it as a regularly chartered chapter). Companion \_\_\_\_\_ will please act as King, Companion \_\_\_\_\_ as Scribe," (and so on, filling the offices pro tempore.)

If the installing officer is the Grand High Priest, he needs no "proxy". If he is not, he directs the Secretary to read his commission of proxy. When that is done, the Secretary reads the dispensation (or charter), and the installing officer directs that these documents be copied IN FULL upon the minute book, then he proceeds to open a chapter of Royal Arch Masons in regular form.

An election to fill the offices of Treasurer and Secretary is held, and the remaining officers (save the top 4) are named by the one who is to be installed as High Priest, then the officers are regularly installed. (If the ceremony is

for the purpose of instituting a newly chartered chapter. the "remaining officers" will be elected or appointed as their by-laws may provide).

The minutes should show exactly what was done, be signed by the installing officer and attested by the Secretary.

It will facilitate matters if the installing officer should communicate with the officers of the proposed chapter, and request that they cause the Commission of Proxy (if appropriate) and the Dispensation (or the Charter) to be copied in the minute book before he arrives.

The installing officer is to promptly render a report to the Grand Secretary, stating that the Chapter was set to work (instituted) at such a time, including a list of the officers and other such matters as may be appropriate.

**Petition form** (for the degrees, affiliation, or re-instatement)

(Available from the Grand Secretary)

**Dual membership petition form**

(Available from the Grand Secretary)

**Certificate of Demit**

(Available from the Grand Secretary)

**Duplicate or equivalent Demit**

(Duplicates cannot be issued, but an equivalent may be issued on written statement, and the fact noted as in Sec. 141)

(Sample)

Hall of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_, R.A.M. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ,KY \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, a certificate of Demit was issued to Companion \_\_\_\_\_, a Royal Arch Mason, but on his written statement that said certificate had been lost, this document is given in lieu thereof, and under the laws of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, R.A.M., has the same force and validity as the original document.

**(apply Chapter Seal)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

**Demits for continuous membership**

(see constitution, Sec. 142)

### **REPORTS**

**A Quarterly Activity Report is to** be submitted as of the close of each calendar quarter, and must reach the office of the Grand Secretary not later than the 10th day of the following month

**Cards on new members** are to be completed and submitted to the office of the Grand Secretary along with the report on which the member is picked up.

Other reports will be required from time to time, each of which is to be completed and submitted in accordance with instructions furnished with them.



### Grand Chapter officers from 1817

(*indicates those who are living)						
year	Grand	Chapter	Deputy Grand			
elected	High Priest	#	High Priest	Grand King	Grand Scribe	Grand Secretary
1817	James Moore	2	John Willett	George M Bibb	William G Hunt	Charles S Todd
1818	James Moore	2	John Willett	David G Cowan	William G Hunt	David Blackwell
1819	John Willett	2	James Birney	David G Cowan	William G Hunt	William Bell
1820	David G Cowan	1	William G Hunt	George M Bibb	Caleb W Cloud	William Bell
1821 Jan	David G Cowan	1	William G Hunt	James Birney	William Bell	John H. Crane
1821 Dec	David G Cowan	1	William G Hunt	William Bell	Edward Tyler	John McKinney, Jr
1822	William G Hunt	1	John McKinney, Jr	William Bell	James M Pike	Philip Swigert
1823	John McKinney, Jr	6	Thomas McClanahan	Robert Johnson	James M Pike	Philip Swigert
1824	Thomas McClanahan	5	James M Pike	Robert Johnson	Thomas H Bradford	Philip Swigert
1825	James M Pike	1	Robert Johnson	Thomas h Bradford	Dabney C Cosby	Philip Swigert
1826	Robert Johnson	3	Thomas H Bradford	Dabney C Cosby	Henry Wingate	Philip Swigert
1827	Thomas H Bradford	13	Oliver G Wagner	Henry Wingate	Levi Tyler	Philip Swigert
1828	Henry Wingate	3	Oliver G Wagner	Levi Tyler	John Payne	Philip Swigert
1829	Levi Tyler	5	Andrew M January	WP Loomis	Nicholas Oliver	Philip Swigert
1830	Andrew M January	9	Warham P Loomis	NL Oliver	John Payne	Philip Swigert
1831	Warham P Lomis	3	Nicholas Oliverf	John Payne	Willima B Warren	Philip Swigert
1832	John Payne	9	William Tucker	James M Bullock	CJ Blackburn	Philip Swigert
1833	James M Bullock	2	Churchhill J Blackburn	Levi Lusk	Jacob Winn	Philip Swigert
1834	Churchhill J Blackburn	15	Levi Lusk	Thomas C Orear	(?)JG Norwood	Philip Swigert
1835	Nathaniel Hardy	5	James M Bullock	William Brown, Jr	Abram Jonas	Philip Swigert
1836	No Meeting (?)					
1837	No Meeting (?)					
1838	No Meeting (?)					
1839	Caleb W Cloud	1	William Brown, Jr	Derrick Warner	(?) JC Caldwell	Thomas C Orear
1840	William Brown, Jr.	6	Derrick Warner	James G Caldwell	Alvin Stephens	Thomas C Orear
1841	Derrick Warner	1	James G Caldwell	Alvin Stephens	Abner Cunningham	Philip Swigert
1842	Abner Cunningham	15	John M McCalla	Herman Bowmar, Jr	Dempsey Carrell	Philip Swigert
1843	John M McCalla	1	Herman Bowmar, Jr	Dempsey Carrell	Willis Stewart	Philip Swigert
1844	Richard Apperson	1	Dempsey Carrell	Willis Stewart	Humphrey Jones, Jr	Philip Swigert
1845	Herman Bowmar, Jr	6	Dempsey Carrell	Willis Stewart	Humphrey Jones, Jr	Philip Swigert
1846	Dempsey Carrell	9	Willis Stewart	Humphrey Jones, jr	James H Daviess	Philip Swigert
1847	Willis Stewart	5	Humphrey Jones, Jr	James H Daviess	CG Wintersmith	Philip Swigert
1848	Humphrey Jones, Jr	16	James H Daviess	CG Wintersmith	Thomas Ware	Philip Swigert
1849	James H. Daviess	13	CG Wintersmith	Thomas Ware	Issac Cunningham	Philip Swigert
1850	C G Wintersmith	34	Thomas Ware	Issac Cunningham	J M S McCorkle	Philip Swigert
1851	Thomas Ware	17	Issac Cunningham	J M S McCorkle	John D McClure	Philip Swigert
1852	Issac Cunningham	12	J M S McCorkle	John D McClure	Harry Hudson	Philip Swigert
1853	J M S McCorkle	36	John D McClure	Harvey T Wilson	Marcus M Tyler	Philip Swigert
1854	John D McClure	23	Harvey T Wilson	Marcus M Tyler	William H Forsythe	Philip Swigert
1855	Harvey T Wilson	47	Marcus M Tyler	William H Forsythe	William M Samuel	Philip Swigert
1856	Marcus Tyler	61	William H Forsythe	William M Samuel	Thomas Todd	Philip Swigert
1857	William H Forsythe	17	William M Samuel	Thomas Todd	Ttheodore N. Wise	Philip Swigert
1858	William M Samuel	15	Thomas Todd	Theodore N. Wise	Benjamin J Hinton	Philip Swigert
1859	Thomas Todd	2	Theodore N Wise	Benjamin J Hinton	ThTheodore Kohlhas	Philip Swigert
1860	Theodore N Wise	35	Benjamin J Hinton	Theodore Kohlhas	Thompson Burnham, Jr	Philip Swigert
1861	Thoreodore Kohlhas	12	Thompson Burnam, Jr	Thomas Sadler	John L Smedlery	Philip Swigert
1862	Thomas Sadler	15	S D McCullough	WH Burns	Joseph H Branham	Philip Swigert
1863	SD McCullough	1	MH Burns	WE Robinson	Hiram Bassett	Philip Swigert
1864	WE Robinson	5	JD Landrum	PH Jeffries	M Bristow	Philip Swigert
1865	Harry Hudson	5	PH Jeffries	Joseph H Branham	Hiram Bassett	Philip Swigert
1866	JH Branham	32	Isaac T Martin	Richard G Hawkins	Edward B Jones	Philip Swigert
1867	Isaac T Martin	17	RG Hawkins	Edward B Jones	Henry Bostwick	Philip Swigert
1868	RG Hawkins	5	Edward B Jones	Henry Bostwick	JosephM Collins	Philip Swigert
1869	Edward B Jones	30	Henry Bostwick	John P Rascoe	William Ryan	Philip Swigert
1870	Henry Bostwick	35	John P Rascoe	William Ryan	David P Robb	Philip Swigert

### Grand Officers (Continued)

(\*indicates those who are living)

year elected	Grand High Priest	Chapter #	Deputy Grand High Priest	Grand King	Grand Scribe	Grand Secretary
1871	John P Rascoe	28	William Ryan	David P Robb	William C Munger	Philip Swigert
1872	William Ryan	5	David P Robb	William C Munger	Joseph P Foree	JMS McCorkle
1873	David P Robb	6	Willima C Munger	Joseph P Foree	James A Beattie	JMS McCorkle
1874	Joseph P Foree	88	James A Beattie	James W Staton	James Blue	JMS McCorkle
1875	James A Beattie	18	James W Staton	James B Blue	Garrett D Buckner	JH Branham
1876	James W Staton	96	James B Blue	Garrett D Buckner	John H Leathers	JH Branham
1877	James B Blue	54	Garett D Buckner	John H Leathers	W LaRue Thomas	JH Branham
1878	Garrett D Buckner	1	John H Leathers	W LaRue Thomas	Reuben J Laughlin	JH Branham
1879	John H. Leathers	18	W LaRue Thomas	Reuben J Laughlin	Howard R French	JH Branham
1880	W LaRue Thomas	22	Reuben J Laughlin	Howard R French	Robert M Fairleigh	JH Branham
1881	Reuben J Laughlin	72	Howard R French	Robert M Fairleigh	Charles E Dunn	JH Branham
1882	Howard R French	21	Robert M Fairleigh	Charles E Dunn	Bernard G Witt	JH Branham
1883	Robert M Fairleigh	14	Charles E Dunn	Bernard G Witt	Hiram Bassett	JH Branham
1884	Charles E Dunn	5	Bernard G Witt	Hiram Bassett	JJ Landes	JH Branham
1885	Bernard G Witt	65	Hiram Bassett	J Soule Smith	Henry G Sandifer	JH Branham
1886	Hiram Bassett	46	J Soule Smith	Henry G Sandifer	Henry B Grant	JH Branham
1887	J Soule Smith	1	Henry G Sandifer	Henry B Grant	Joshua D Powers	JH Branham
1888	Henry G Sandifer	22	Henry B Grant	Joshua D Powers	Charles H Fisk	JH Branham
1889	Henry B Grant	18	Joshua D Powers	Charles H Fisk	Campbell H Johnson	JH Branham
1890	Joshua D Powers	32	Campbell H Johnson	Charles H Fisk	William P Coons	JH Branham
1891	Charles H Fisk	35	Campbell H Johnson	William P Coons	James D Lewis	HB Grant
1892	Campbell H Johnson	65	William P Coons	James D Lewis	Jon G Orndorff	HB Grant
1893	William P Coons	9	James D Lewis	John G Orndorff	Henry Ranshaw	HB Grant
1894	James D Lewis	38	John G Orndorff	Henry Ranshaw	James W Hopper	HB Grant
1895	John G Orndorff	8	Henry Ranshaw	James W Hopper	William R Johnson	HB Grant
1896	Henry Ranshaw	35	James W Hopper	William R Johnson	Robert P Jenkins	HB Grant
1897	james W Hopper	83	William R Johnson	Robert P Jenklins	J Speed Smith	HB Grant
1898	William R Johnson	18	Robert P Jenkins	J Speed Smith	William G Spencer	HB Grant
1899	J Speed Smith	16	William G Spencer	Hal T Jefferson	Edward C Sellers	HB Grant
1900	Hal T Jefferson	5	Edward C Sellers	John W Landrum	Robert R Burnham	HB Grant
1901	Edward C Sellers	35	John W Landrum	Robert R Burnam	Joseph H Ewalt	HB Grant
1902	John W Landrum	69	Robert R Burnam	Joseph H Ewalt	AA Hazelrigg	HB Grant
1903	Robert R Burnam	16	Joseph H Ewalt	AA Hazelrigg	H Hopson Holeman	HB Grant
1904	Joseph H Ewalt	15	AA Hazelrigg	H Hopson Holeman	George A Lewis	HB Grant
1905	AA Hazelrigg	21	H Hopson Holeman	George A Lweis	Laban T Everett	HB Grant
1906	H Hopson Holeman	123	Harry Bailey	Laban T Everett	G Allison Holland	HB Grant
1907	George A Lewis	3	Laban T Everett	G Allison Holland	Harry Bailey	HB Grant
1908	Laban T Everett	81	G Allison Holland	Harry Bailey	David W Gray	HB Grant
1909	G Allison Holland	121	Harry Bailey	David W Gray	John C Worsham	HB Grant
1910	Harry Bailey	17	David W Gray	John C Worsham	William C Black	HB Grant
1911	David W Gray	5	John C Worsham	William C Black	WR Shackelford	HB Grant
1912	John C Worsham	65	William C Black	WR Shackelford	John W Juett	Howard R French
1913	William Carson Black	137	WR Shackelford	John W Juett	George B Winslow	Howard R French
1914	WR Shackelford	16	John W Juett	George B Winslow	Issac T Woodson	Howard R French
1915	John W Juett	121	George B Winslow	Issac T Woodson	Sidney S Pinney	Howard R French
1916	George B Winslow	55	Isaac T Woodson	Sidney S Pinney	Sam K Veach	Howard R French
1917	Isaac T Woodson	5	Sidney S Pinney	Sam K Veach	James F Winn	G Allison Holland
1918	Sidney S Pinney	21	Sam K Veach	James F Winn	Hansen Peterson	G Allison Holland
1919	Sam K Veach	41	James F Winn	Hanson Peterson	James Garnett	G Allison Holland
1920	James F Winn	12	Hanson Peterson	James Garnett	A Gordon Sulset	G Allison Holland
1921	Hanson Peterson	17	James Garnett	A Gordon Sulser	William R Johnston	G Allison Holland
1922	Jame sGarnett	7	A Gordon Sulser	William R Johnston	Frank D Rash	G Allison Holland
1923	A Gordon Sulser	9	William R Johnston	Frank D Rash	Virgil P Smith	G Allison Holland
1924	William R Johnston	83	Frank D Rash	Virgil P Smith	Guy T Johnson	G Allison Holland

**Grand Officers (Continued)**

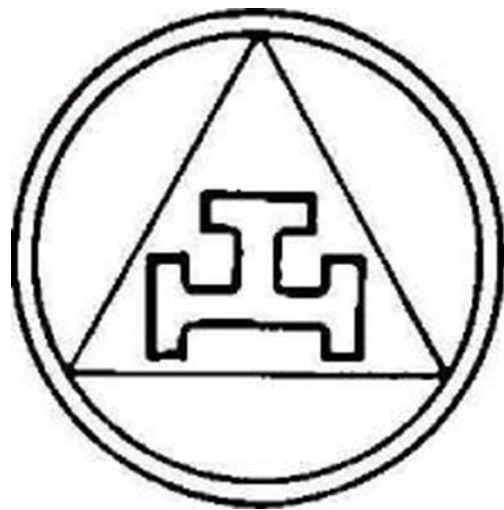
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year elected	Grand High Priest	Chapter #	Deputy Grand High Priest	Grand King	Grand Scribe	Grand Secretary
1923	A Gordon Sulser	9	William R Johnston	Frank D Rash	Virgil P Smith	G Allison Holland
1924	William R Johnston	83	Frank D Rash	Virgil P Smith	Guy T Johnson	G Allison Holland
1925	Frank D Rash	141	Virgil P Smith	Guy T Johnson	WO Rigney	G Allison Holland
1926	Virgil P Smith	25	Guy T Johnson	WO Rigney	Hugh Moore	G Allison Holland
1927	Guy T Johnson	1	WO Rigney	Hugh Moore	John W Bishop	G Allison Holland
1928	WO Rigney	56	Hugh Moore	A W Whitehead	John L Rees	G Allison Holland
1929	Hugh Moore	22	AE Whitehead	John L Rees	WH Tritt	G Allison Holland
1930	AW Whitehead	148	John L Rees	WH Tritt	WD Cannan	G Allison Holland
1931	John L Rees	35	WH Tritt	WD Cannan	John M Cochran	G Allison Holland
1932	WH Tritt	61	WD Cannan	John M Cochran	George L Blackford	G Allison Holland
1933	WD Cannan	70	John M Cochran	George Blackford	Ray G Tipton	G Allison Holland
1934	John M Cochran	9	George L Blackford	Ray G Tipton	JTTT Hourigan	G Allison Holland
1935	George L Blackford	172	Ray G Tipton	JTTT Hourigan	CE Peterson	G Allison Holland
1936	Ray G Tipton	42	JTTT Hourigan	CE Peterson	Owen R Meadors	W Carson Black
1937	JTT Hourigan	83	CE Peterson	Owen R Meadors	William L Dawson	Ray G Tipton
1938	CE Peterson	17	Owen R Meadors	William L Dawson	D Fred Worth	Ray G Tipton
1939	Owen R Meadors	81	William L Dawson	D Fred Worth	Chester D Adams	Ray G Tipton
1940	William L Dawson	102	D Fred Worth	Chester D Adams	Al E Orton	Ray G Tipton
1941	D Fred Worth	110	Chester D Adams	Al E Orton	Allen C Terhune	Ray G Tipton
1942	Chester D Adams	1	Al E Orton	Allen C Terhune	Harry W Baker	Ray G Tipton
1943	AL E Orton	141	Allen C Terhune	Harry W Baker	Rank A Ropke	Ray G Tipton
1944	Allen C Terhune	22	Harry W Baker	Rank A Ropke	Clarence E Tyree	Ray G Tipton
1945	Harry W Baker	35	Rank A Ropke	Clarence E Tyree	Carl W Bridges	Ray G Tipton
1946	Frank A Ropke	5	Clarence E Tyree	Carl W Bridges	James D Carmichael	CKA McGaughey
<b>Note</b>	<b>The office of Deputy Grand High Priest was abolished effective with the the Convocation held in 1947.</b>					
year elected	Grand High Priest	Chapter #	Grand King	Grand Scribe	Grand Secretary	
1947	Clarence E Tyree	42	Carl W Bridges	James D Carmichael	CKA McGaughey	
1948	Carl Bridges	85	James D Carmichael	S Aruthur Carroll	CKA McGaughey	
1949	James D Carmichael	76	S Arthur Carroll	J Chester Gabbard	CKA McGaughey	
1950	S Arthur Carroll	29	J Chester Cabbard	Leon Lewis (P.T.)	CKA McGaughey	
1951 Mar	J Chester Gabbard	151	LeonLewis (P.T.)	Rochie Shields	CKA McGaughey	upon the death of GHP
1951 Oct	Charles A Keith	16	Rochie Shields	Allen E Bell	CKA McGaughey	
1952	Rochie Shields	30	Allen E Bell	Earl A Cook	CKA McGaughey	
1953	Allen E Bell	4	Earl A Cook	John A Peters	CKA McGaughey	
1954	Charles KA McGaughey	16	Earl A Cook	John A Peters	CKA McGaughey	served one day
1954	Earl A Cook	172	John A Peters	Robert E Lee	CKA McGaughey	
1955	John A Petters	103	Robert E Lee	William Sam Williams	CKA McGaughey	
1956	Robert E Lee	152	William Sam Williams	James Forrest	CKA McGaughey	
1957	William Sam Williams	137	James Forrest	Curtis B Coates	CKA McGaughey	
1958	James Forrest	35	Curtis B Coates	P Alfred Lindesy	CKA McGaughey	
1959	Curtis B Coates	81	P Alfred Lindsey	Philip T Jasper	CKA McGaughey	
1960	P Alfred Lindsey	69	Philip T Jasper	Curtis B Feltner	CKA McGaughey	
1961	Philip T Jasper	4	Curtis B Feltner	William B Boswell	CKA McGaughey	
1962	Curtis B Feltner	185	William B Boswell	Otho F Ward	CKA McGaughey	
1963	William B Bosewll	144	Otho F Ward	CE Benedict	CKA McGaughey	
1964	Ortho F Ward	1	CE Benedict	Chester A Riley	CKA McGaughey	
1965	CE Benedict	85	Chester A Riley	Noble S McDougal	CKA McGaughey	
1966	Chester A Riley	153	Noble S McDougal	Guthrie B Churchill	CKA McGaughey	
1967	Noble S McDougal	3	Guthrie B Churchhill	Kenneth H Williams	CKA McGaughey	
1968	Guthrie B Churchill	92	Kenneth H Williams	Chester Bush	CKA McGaughey	

**Grand Officers (Continued)**

(\*indicates those who are living)

year	Grand	Chapter			
elected	High Priest	#	Grand King	Grand Scribe	Grand Secretary
1969	Kenneth H Williams	1	Chester Bush	John J Hagans	CKA McGaughey
1970	Chester Bush	172	John J Hagans	Wmack Wollum	CKA McGaughey
1971	John J Hagans	133	W Mack Wollum	*Norman Harper	CKA McGaughey
1972	W Mack Wollum	4	*Norman Harper	DP Jones	CKA McGaughey
1973	*Norman Harper	30	DP Jones	Beachal R Church	CKA McGaughey
1974	DeMoville P Jones	5	Beachal R Church	Gayle D Baber	CKA McGaughey
1975	Beachal R Church	81	Gayle D Baber	*Harvey D Reynolds	CKA McGaughey
1976	Gayle D Baber	12	*Harvey D Reynolds	Virgil K Ballard	CKA McGaughey
1977	*Harvey D Reynolds	1	Virgil K Ballard	*James B Wall	CKA McGaughey
1978	Virgil K Ballard	30	*James B Wall	Gordon R Taylor	CKA McGaughey
1979	*James B Wall	145	Gordon R Taylor	Edgar A Rockwell, Sr.	CKA McGaughey
1980	Gordon R Taylor	16	Edgar A Rockwell, Sr.	Earl F Ransdell	CKA McGaughey
1981	Edgar A Rockwell, Sr	69	Earl F Ransdell	WR Selby, Sr.	CKA McGaughey
1982	Earl F Ransdell	29	WR Selby, Sr	Ellery G Chase, Jr.	CKA McGaughey
1983	WR Selby, Sr.	4	Ellery G Chase, Jr	Robert L Cooper	CKA McGaughey
1984	Ellery G Chase, Jr	12	Robert L Cooper	*J.B. Hitt, II	CKA McGaughey
1985	Robert L Cooper	30	*JB Hitt, II	James C Willard	CKA McGaughey
1986	*JB Hitt, II	1	James C Willard	John P Ramsey, Sr.	WR Selby, Sr
1987	*JB Hitt, II	1	Johnnie Ramsey	*Everett L Parish, Jr	WR Selby, Sr
1988	Johnnie P Ramsey, Sr	149	*Everett L Parish, Jr	*Anthony Scott	WR Selby, Sr
1989	*Everett L Parish, Jr	193	*Anthony Scott	*C Victor Ramey	WR Selby, Sr
1990	*Anthony D Scott	160	*C Victor Ramsey	*Earl Ray Young	WR Selby, Sr
1991	*C Victory Ramey	168	*Earl Ray Young	*Edwin L Vardiman	WR Selby, Sr
1992	*Earl Ray Young	31	*Edwin L Vardiman	Oral Gilbert Weed	WR Selby, Sr
1993	*Edwin L Vardiman	35	Oral Gilbert Weed	Ed Davis	WR Selby, Sr
1994	Oral Gilbert Weed	38	Ed Davis	William G Hinton	WR Selby, Sr
1995	Ed Davis	193	William G Hinton	Roy Lee Montfort	WR Selby, Sr
1996	William G Hinton	14	Roy Lee Montfort	Robert Williams	WR Selby, Sr
1997	Roy Lee Montfort	5	Robert Williams	*James I Miller	John F Kirby
1998	Robert Williams	8	*James I Miller	*Raleigh C Foster	John F Kirby
1999	*James I Miller	16	*Raleigh C Foster	*Ronnie Skipper	John F Kirby
2000	*Raleigh C Foster	145	*Ronnie Skipper	*J William Riggs	John F Kirby
2001	*Ronnie Skipper	5	*J William Riggs	*Ernest E Atkins	John F Kirby
2002	*J William Riggs	31	*Ernest E Atkins	*Richard Seekman, Jr	John F Kirby
2003	*Ernest E Atkins	30	*Richard Seekman, Jr	*James O Atwood	John F Kirby
2004	*Richard Seekman, Jr	145	*James O Atwood	*John C Williams	John F Kirby
2005	*James O Atwood	45	*John C Williams	*Donald L Powell	John F Kirby
2006	*John C Williams	45	*Donald L Powell	Jeff Ritchie	William G Hinton
2007	*Donald L Powell	12	Jeff Ritchie	*James G Hogue	William G Hinton
2008	Jeff Ritchie	128	*James G Hogue	*Gary K Hunt	William G Hinton
2009	*James G Hogue	29	*Gary K Hunt	*James H King, Jr	William G Hinton
2010	*Gary K Hunt	90	*James H. King, Jr	*Wendell R Curtis	William G Hinton
2011	*James H King, Jr	4	*Wendell R Curtis	*Thomas E Bustle	William G Hinton
2012	*Wendell R Curtis	17	*Thomas E Bustle	*Charles T Mason	*James H King, Jr
2013	*Thomas E Bustle	4	*Charles T Mason	*Stewart Strickland	*James H King, Jr





Chartered Chapters						
No.	Name	Location	County	Dispensation	Charter	Remarks
1	Lexington	Lexington	Fayette	11/23/1814 10/16/1816		By Grand Lodge of Kentucky By Thomas S Webb, DGGHP
					5/20/1818 10/17/1864	Given No. 1 this Date Duplicate issued , old destroyed.
2	Shelbyville	Shelbyville	Shelby	8/28/1816 10/16/1816		By Grand Lodge of Kentucky By Thomas S Webb, DGGHP
					5/20/1818 10/20/1951	Given No. 2 this Date Duplicate issued, old lost
						10/20/1951 moved to new hall at Old Masons' Home
3	Frankfort	Frankfort	Franklin	8/28/1816 10/16/1816		By Grand Lodge of Kentucky By Thomas S Webb, DGGHP
					5/20/1818 10/17/1865	Given No. 3 this Date Duplicate issued, old burned
4	WR Selby, Sr.	Danville	Boyle	12/5/1817	1/23/1818	Given No. 4 5/20/1818 Surrendered: 9/3/1832
	Name & Number changed from Franklin No. 22 to Danville No. 4 Name changed to WR Selby Sr. 10/1995				10/16/1940	Duplicate issued as No. 4
5	Louisville	Louisville	Jefferson	Pr. 5/19/1818	5/19/1818	Given No. 5 5/20/1818
					10/15/1857 10/17/1865	Duplicate issued, old burned Duplicate issued, old burned
	name changed to King Solomon and given No. 5 back				10/1896	Consolidated with No.18 (q.v.) 1890
6	Webb	Versailles	Woodford	1/3/1821	12/4/1821	Suspended: 9/1831 Return made 1839 Consolidated with No. 3 10/1988
7	Columbia	Columbia	Adair	Pr. 1/5/1820 pr. 10/15/1866 10/17/1893	12/4/1821 10/16/1866 10/1894	Revoked 9/1831 Dormant: Pr. 10/1893 Arrested 10/20/1896 Consolidated with No. 90 1/18/1979
8	Russellville	Russellville	Logan	Pr. 12/3/1821	12/6/1821	Suspended: 9/6/1830 Restored 8/28/1845 duplicate issued, old burned. Arested: 12/28/1935 Revived 2/26/1946
9	Maysville	Maysville	Mason	Pr.12/ 2/1822	12/2/1822	
10	New Castle	New Castle	Henry	Pr. 12/2/1822	12/2/1822	Stricken: 9/2/1834
11	Washington	Springfield	Washington	Pr. 12/2/1822	12/2/1822	Revoked 9/4/1827
12	Winchester	Winchester	Clark	12/4/1821	12/2/1822	Revoked: 9/2/1834 restored Pr. To 1842 Arrested: 12/4/1882
UD	Mt. Vernon	Georgetown	Scott	Pr. 12/1/1823		
13	Georgetown	Georgetown	Scott		12/1/1823	10/22/1941 Duplicate issued, old lost Arrested 9/1975
14	Oriental	Hopkinsville	Christian	Pr. 12/1/1823	12/2/1823	Suspended 1/1/1831 dead and revived: pr. 8/1848 10/20/1965 Duplicate issued old lost
15	Paris	Paris	Bourbon	12/2/1823	12/6/1824	10/23/1867 Duplicate issued, Old Lost Consolidated with No. 17 6/17/1974
16	Richmond	Richmond	Madison	9/9/1829	9/8/1830	Stricken 9/2/1834 reinstated 9/1/1841 9/18/1974 duplicate issued, old burned.
17	Cynthiana	Cynthiana	Harrison	9/5/1831	9/3/1832	Apparently Dead 1839-44, 1861-65 Re activated: 10/17/1865
18	King Solomon (see also No. 5)	Louisville	Jefferson	2/26/1840	9/14/1840	defunct: 9/1/1842 10/17/1865 Duplicate issued, old burned. Consolidated with No. 5 1890 No. Changed to 5 10/1896
19	Temple	Lexington	Fayette	Pr. 9/2/1841 res. 8/28/1854	9/2/1841 10/16/1866	forfeited: 8/28/1846 surrendered: 10/20/1874

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Nc	Name	Location	County	Dispensation	Charter	Remarks
20	Western Star	Hardinsburg	Breckinridge	9/2/1841 con:9/1/1842	8/31/1843	dead; 1886-1890 restored 1891 dead 1891-1896 Arr:1896 7/30/1900 revived 7/30/1900 10/22/1913 Duplicate issued, old burned 10/19/1938 Duplicate issued, old lost
21	Mt. Horeb	Mt. Sterling	Montgomery	Pr. 8/31/1843 12/5/1867	8/31/1843 10/20/1868	revoked: 10/16/1866 restored 10/20/1868 10/18/1905 Duplicate issued, old burned consolidated with No. 12 12/14/1965
UD	Danville	Danville	Boyle	Pr. 8/31/1843		
22	Franklin	Danville	Boyle		8/31/1843 10/23/1867	revoked 10/17/1865 now WR Selby No. 4
23	Owen	Owenton	Owen	Pr. 8/29/1844	8/29/1844	Arrested 10/23/1889. Resumed; 10/10/1895 Arrested: 1917
24	Mt. Olivet	LaFayette	Christian	8/31/1843	8/29/1845	died about 1871
25	Somerset	Somerset	Pulaski	Pr. 8/27/1846	8/28/1846	Arrested: 8/8/1901 Moved to Burnside 1/21/1902 Oct-02 Moved back to Somerset 10/22/1947 Duplicate issued, old lost
UD	Washington	Springfield	Washington	12/27/1845	9/1/1847	
28	Clay	Princeton	Caldwell	12/27/1845	9/1/1847	
29	Daviess	Harrodsburg	Mercer	Pr. 8/27/1846	9/1/1847	10/15/1856 Duplicate issued, old burned Revoked: 8/16/1866 Resumed: 1867 Arrested; 1874 Restored: 7/28/1911 10/22/1930 Duplicate issued, old lost
30	Paducah	Paducah	McCraken	Pr. 8/30/1847	8/31/18/48 10/22/1941	Duplicate issued, old burned
31	Rawan	Bardstown	Nelson	Pr. 8/28/1848	8/31/1848 10/17/1865 1894	Ceased: 1856-1865 Dead: 1887-1894 Arrested: 10/1896 10/20/1897 restored
32	Jo Daviess	Owensboro	Daviess	Pr. 8/28/1848	8/31/1848	
33	Elkton	Elkton	Todd	Pr. 9/1/1847 Revived	8/31/1848 1910	Surrendered: 10/1875 Arrested: 1/4/1945
34	Eastern Star	Elizabethtown	Hardin	Pr. 8/30/1847	8/31/1848 8/30/1854	Charter lost 1882 Arrested 5/16/1883 Revived 1891 Arrested 10/1896 Restored 3/2/1907 Merged with No. 145 to form Hardin 195 12/11/2007
35	Covington	Covington	Kenton	8/30/1847	8/29/1849	
36	Greensburg	Greensburg	Green		8/29/1849	Dead 1876-1882 Forfeited: 10/17/1882 1888 Resumed: 1867
37	Bath	Sharpsburg	Bath	Pr 8/27/1849	8/29/1849	Arrested: 10/1857
38	Bowling Green	Bowling Green	Warren	Pr. 8/27/1849	8/29/1849 8/19/1948	Duplicate issued, old mutilated.
39	Simpson	Simpsonville	Shelby	Pr. 8/29/1849	8/29/1849	surrenderd: 1859 Revived: 1911 Surrendered: 10/22/1930
40	Swigert	Cadiz	Trigg	Pr. 8/27/1849	8/29/1849 10/19/1965	Forfeited: 10/17/1882 Restored: 1965 Arrested: 6/2/1997
41	Nicholas	Carlisle	Nicholas	8/31/1848	8/29/1849 10/20/1866	Duplicate issued, old burned Dead 1893-1896 Arrested: 10/22/1896 Restored: May 12, 1900 Surrendered: 8/5/1985
42	Irvine	Irvine	Estill	Pr. 8/29/1848	8/29/1849	Revoked: 10/17/1865



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			Resumed	12/21/1923	10/22/1924	
43	Green River	Munfordville	Hart	8/29/1849	8/28/1850	Revoked: 10/17/1865
44	Bullitt	Shepherdsville	Bullitt	Pr. 8/28/1950	8/28/1950	Revoked: 10/17/1865
				March 1870	10/21/1870	dead: 1875-1882
						Forfeited: 10/17/1882
						Revived: 4/7/1891
						Moved to Lebanon Junction, 9/15/1897
						Moved to Shepherdsville, 10/16/1957
					10/22/1958	Duplicate issued, old lost
						Consolidated with No. 34 3/23/1972
45	Glasgow	Glasgow	Barren	Pr. 8/28/1850	8/28/1850	Dead: 1875-1882
						Arrested: 1882
						Revived: 1894
						Arrested: 10/20/1896
						Restored: 2/12/1902
						Arrested: 10/16/1905
						Restored: 10/18/1908
46	Millersburg	Millersburg	Bourbon	Pr. 8/28/1851	8/28/1851	
					10/20/1854	Duplicate issued, old lost.
					10/20/1874	Duplicate issued, old destroyed.
						Arrested: 10/20/1896
47	Sherburne	Sherburne	Fleming	Pr. 8/29/1851	8/29/1851	Dead: since 1872
						Arrested: 7/24/1878
48	MCClure	Crittenden	Grant	Pr. 8/28/1851	8/28/1851	
					10/23/1867	Moved to Walton: 10/28/1869
						Moved to Crittenden 1869
						Moved to Fiskburg 1871
						Arrested: 1/23/1936
49	Hickman	Hickman	Fulton	Pr. 9/2/1852	9/3/1852	
					10/16/1866	Surrendered: 1879 Revived: 5/30/1911
					10/22/1919	Duplicate issued, old burned.
						Arrested: 10/9/1965
50	Benevolent	Blue Springs	Fayette	Pr. 9/2/1852	9/3/1852	Moved to Newton or Centerville 1853
						Revoked: 1865
51	Napoleon	Napoleon	Gallatin	Pr. 9/2/1852	9/3/1852	Dead: 1884-1890
						Revoked: 1891
52	Newport	Newport	Campbell	Pr. 8/29/51	9/3/1852	Delinquent: 1854-56;1858-65
						Forfeited: 8/30/1865
UD	Zerubbabel	Bloomfield	Nelson	Pr. 9/2/1852		
53	Bloomfield	Bloomfield	Nelson		93/1852	Forfeited: 10/14/1857
						Revived: 10/17/1865
						Consolidated with No. 31, 6/4/1953
UD	Caseyville	Caseyville	Union	Pr. 8/1853		
54	Union	Caseyville	Union		8/130/1853	Revoked: 10/17/1865
				10/1866	10/16/1866	Moved to Morganfield.
						Moved to DeKoven.
						Moved to Sturgis
					10/17/1923	Duplicate issued, old burned.
						Arrested: 3/6/1963
UD	Carrollton	Carrollton	Carroll	Pr. 8/29/1853		
55	Carrollton	Carrollton	Carroll		9/1/1853	
56	Lancaster	Lancaster	Garrard	Pr. 8/30/1853	8/31/1853	
					10/23/1867	Duplicate issued, old burned.
						Dead: 1883.
					4/10/1905	Restored: 1905
						Consolidated with WR Selby No.4 9/11/1997
57	Clinton	Albany	Clinton	9/1/1853	8/31/1854	Dead: 1861-1868
						Revived: 1869
						Surrendered: 1916
58	Brandenburg	Brandenburg	Meade	Pr. 8/28/1854	8/31/1854	Revoked: 10/17/1865
59	Stanford	Stanford	Lincoln	9/1/1853	8/31/1854	Dead: 1882-1888
				4/21/1888	10/17/1888	Arrested: 5/7/1901
60	Kelsey	New Liberty	Owen	Pr. 8/27/1855	8/31/1854	Revoked: 10/16/1886
UD	Suwanee	Eddyville	Lyon	8/29/1855		
61	Lyon	Eddyville	Lyon		8/30/1855	Dead: 1866-1890
						Revived: 1890
						Consolidated with No. 28 12/9/1970

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62	Owingsville	Owingsville	Bath	Pr. 10/13/1856	10/15/1856	Revoked: 10/17/1865 Resumed: 1870 Dead: 1881, Revoked Resumed: 1919 10/19/1921 Duplicate issued, old burned. Surrendered: 1929
63	Samuel Reed	Union	Boone	Pr. 10/13/1856	10/15/1856	Dead: 1878 Arrested: May 1883
64	Crescent	Columbus	Hickman	5/29/1857	10/14/1857	Recoked: 10/22/1872
65	Henderson	Henderson	Henderson	6/16/1857	10/14/1857	arrested 1859
66	Paint Lick	Paint Lick	Garrard	8/10/1857	10/14/1857	Moved o Kirksville 1868 Revoked: 10/22/1872
67	Hancock	Hawesville	Hancock	Pr. 8/27/1855	10/14/1857	Arrested: 10/20/1874 3/15/1910 Revived Surrendered: 4/1/1976
68	Mt. Eden	Mt. Eden	Spencer	9/24/1858	10/13/1858	Arrested: 1/11/1874 1877 Revived (dues remitted) Arrested: 1926
69	Alferd P Lindsey	Mayfield	Graves	5/30/1858	10/13/1859	Revoked: 12/14/1877 10/17/1893
	name change from Mayfield to Alferd P Lindsey in 2009				9/20/1967	Duplicate issued, old burned.
70	Crittenden	Marion	Crittenden	12/5/1857	10/13/1858	10/17/1895 Duplicate issued, old burned. Consolidated with No. 28 4/10/1973
UD	Flemingsburg	Flemingsburg	Fleming	Pr. 10/13/1856		
71	Flemingsburg	Flemingsburg	Fleming	10/14/1857	10/19/1859	Surrendered: 9/20/1944
72	Providence	Providence	Webster	Pr. 10/19/1859	10/19/1859	Lost or Stolen: 1870 10/21/1870 Dead: 1879 Revived: 10/1911 10/23/1913 Duplicate issued, old lost 5/14/1921 10/191921 Arrested: 10/4/1937
73	Concord	New Concord	Calloway	7/30/1858	10/19/1859	Surrendered: 10/17/1875
74	Burns	Concord	Lewis	1/31/1859	10/13/1859	10/23/1867 Moved to Vanceburg 10/20/1868 3/25/1915 Duplicated issued, old burned Surrendered: 6/7/1943
75	Moore	Fair View	Christian	8/27/1859	10/16/1860	Revoked: 1883
76	Olive Branch	Newport	Campbell	10/13/1859	10/16/1860	Consolidated with No. 177 1/18/1979
77	Anderson	Lawrenceburg	Anderson	Pr. 10/21/1862	10/21/1862	Surrendered: 10/22/1867
78	Antioch	Antioch	Ballard	Pr. 10/22/1861	10/20/1863	Moved to Blandville, 1872 10/22/1874 Duplicate issued, old destroyed Arreste: 1882 3/28/1906 Restored: 4/10/1905 Moved to Wicklife Arrested: 10/4/1937
79	Bristow	Salem	Livingston	10/1863	10/20/1864	Dead since 1881 10/18/1905 Restored Last Return 1926
80	Graham	Franklin	Simpson	Pr. 10/17/1864	10/18/1864	Restored: July & Oct. 1868 Revoked: 10/18/1882 Restored: 1887 Dead; 1891-1897 Arrested: 10/14/1897 Restored: 7/15/1902 Arrested: 10/16/1905 Restored: 3/13/1907
UD	Ashland	Ashland	Boyd	Pr. 10/17/1864		
81	Apperson	Ashland	Boyd		10/18/1864	
UD	Taylorsville	Taylorsville	Spencer	Pr. 10/17/1864		
82	Johnson	Taylorsville	Spencer		10/18/1864	Dead 1872 Revoked: 7/29/1878 Restored:1900 Arrested: 1901 Restored: 1902 Arrested: 1908

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83	Edmonds	Lebanon	Marion	Pr. 10/16/1865	10/17/1865	Charter "Purloined"
					10/20/1868	Dead: 1887-1890
					10/22/1890	Duplicate issued, old burned
					10/20/1964	Duplicate issued, old burned
84	Liberty	Liberty	Casey	Pr. 10/16/1865	10/17/1865	Dead: since 1872
					11/10/1902	Restored
					11/10/1929	Duplicate issued, old burned
						Arrested: 2/2/1945
85	Calvert	Lodgeton	Fulton	Pr. 10/16/1865	10/17/1865	Moved to Moscow, 1871
						Dead: 1884-1890
						Revived: 1891 Moved to Fulton
						Merged with Lindsey Chapter No. 69 6/9/2008
86	Jessamine	Nicholasville	Jessamine	Pr. 10/15/1866	10/16/1866	Arrested: 10/17/1878
87	Rio Verde	Gilead Church	Hart	10/17/1865	10/16/1866	Forfeited: 10/17/1882
UD	Christiansburg	Christiansburg	Shelby	Pr. 10/15/1866		
88	Thomas Todd	Christiansburg	Shelby		10/16/1866	Arrested: 5/28/1883
89	Benton	Benton	Marshall	10/17/1865	10/16/1866	Dead since 1879
UD	Campbellsville	Campbellsville	Taylor	Pr. 10/16/1866		
90	Taylorville	Campbellsville	Taylor		10/16/1866	Dead: 1881-1890 Arrested: 10/14/1897
					12/29/1901	Restored
91	Palestine	Palestine	Ballard	Pr. 10/15/1866	10/16/1866	Moved to Lovelaceville, 1879
						Arrested; 1897
92	Murray	Murray	Calloway	Pr. 10/15/1866	10/16/1866	
					10/22/1952	new Charter issued
						Consolidated with Lindsey No. 69 11/8/1999
93	Fisherville	Fisherville	Jefferson	12/3/1866	10/23/1867	Chartered as No. 86 changed to No. 93 in 1868
						Arrested: 5/28/1883
94	Logan	Gordonsville	Logan	10/16/1866	10/23/1867	Chartered as No. 87 changed to No. 94 in 1868
						Dead no return since 1885
95	Louisa	Louisa	Lawrence	10/16/1866	10/23/1868	Chartered as No. 88 Changed to No. 95 in 1868
96	Bracken	Brooksville	Bracken	7/14/1866	10/23/1867	Chartered as No. 89 Changed to No. 96 in 1868
						Arrested: 6/12/1945
97	Warsaw	Warsaw	Gallatin	Pr. 10/16/1866	10/23/1867	Chartered as No. 90 Changed to No. 97 in 1868
						Forfeited: 10/1862 Restored: 1883
					3/16/1933	Duplicate issued, old burned
						Consolidated with No. 130 12/6/1943
				4/29/1947	10/22/1947	old Charter and number restored
						Surrendered: 4/15/1951
98	Sacramento	Sacramenton	McLean	10/16/1866	10/20/1868	Moved to South Carrolton, 10/1882
						Dead since 1882
UD	R. D. Gardiner	Bewlyville	Breckinridge	10/20/1867		
99	Bewleyville	Bewlyville	Breckinridge		10/23/1868	Dead: 1881-1885 Revoked: 1885
						Revived: 1892 Moved to Cloverport 1892
						Surrendered: 9/29/1943
100	Edmonton	Edmonton	Metcalf	Pr. 10/19/1868	10/20/1868	dead since 1873
101	Eureka	Louisville	Jefferson	Pr. 10/1868	10/20/1868	Merged with Bullitt No. 44 July 11, 2015
					10/22/1930	Duplicate issued, old lost
102	LaGrange	LaGrange	Oldham	Pr. 10/1868	10/20/1868	Moved to Campbellsville 1871
						Dead: 1886-1891
					10/20/1911	revived at LaGrange 1911
						Consolidated with Shelby No. 2 6/26/1997
103	London	London	Laurel	10/17/1865	10/20/1868	Arrested: 10/4/1937
					1/12/1946	revived: 1946 Consolidated with No. 166 7/18/1978
104	Clinton	Clinton	Hickman	Pr. 10/1868	10/20/1869	Forfeited: 10/17/1882
105	Russell	Jamestown	Russell	5/10/1869	10/20/1869	Arrested: 1020/1874
						Reissued 1891 Arrested: 5/25/1928
106	Slaughtersville	Slaughtersville	Webster	3/11/1869	10/20/1869	Dead: 1884-1890 Resumed: 1891
						Arrested: 5/25/1928
107	Cave Spring	Cave Spring	Christian	Pr. 10/1868	10/21/1870	Dead: 1872 Arrested: 1878
UD	Lillard	Williamstown	Grant	10/20/1869		
108	T.M. Lillard	Williamstown	Grant		10/21/1870	Dead: 1875-1882 Forfeited: 10/17/1882
109	Sharpsburg	Sharpsburg	Bath	4/30/1870	10/21/1870	Arrested: 10/1882
110	Keystone	Hartford	Ohio	6/11/1870	10/21/1870	dead since 1881- Revoked
					5/30/1903	Revived; Arrested: 6/7/1969

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No.	Name	Location	County	Dispensation	Charter	Remarks
111	Chas Eginton	Stanton	Powell	Pr. 10/16/1871	10/16/1871	dead: 1882-1891 Restored 1891
					10/20/1925	Duplicate Charter issued
						Moved to Leco 1946
						Moved to Beattyville
						Consolidated with No. 42 6/21/1985
112	Robertson	Mt. Olivet	Robertson	4/11/1871	10/17/1871	dead : 1880-1890; Restored: 1891
						Arrested: 2/25/1953
113	Bostwick	Caverna	Hart	Pr. 10/16/1871	10/17/1871	Arrested 1889
					8/13/1909	Restored
					8/16/1928	Duplicated issued, old burned
					10/20/1954	New Charter issued; Arrested 5/9/1972
114	S.D. McCullough	Monterey	Owen	Pr. 10/16/1871	10/17/1871	Arrested : 8/30/1920
115	J.P. Knott	Bradfordsville	Marion	Pr. 10/16/1871	10/17/1871	Arrested: 10/14/1897
116	Hauser	Falmouth	Pendleton	10/10/1871	10/22/1872	Consolidated with No. 17 11/15/1976
117	Symsonia	Symsonia	Graves	10/17/1871	10/22/1872	Last Return 1879
118	Leesburg	Leesburg	Harrison	10/17/1871	10/22/1872	Surrendered: 1880
119	Jerry Moss	Fulton	Fulton	Pr. 10/22/1872	10/22/1872	Forfeited: 10/10/1882
					10/17/1888	Re-established; Consolidated with No. 85 1/15/1952
120	Augusta	Augusta	Bracken	7/11/1873	10/20/1873	Forfeited: 10/1882 Arrested: 5/28/1883
					10/19/1883	Restored; Revoked: 10/20/1885
121	Eminence	Eminence	Henry	9/15/1874	10/20/1874	Moved to New Castle 1884
						Dead 1885-1887 Moved to Eminence 1887
						Arrested: 6/9/1945
122	J. L. Rawlings	Station Point	Boyle	3/17/1874	10/20/1874	
					10/16/1888	Duplicate issued, old burned
						Dead since 1890
123	Madisonville	Madisonville	Hopkins	10/20/1874	10/19/1875	
124	Dixon	Dixon	Webster	Pr. 10/19/1875	10/19/1875	Arrested: 8/19/1905
125	Cuba	Cuba	Graves	12/26/1877	10/22/1878	Moved to Lynnville 1879
						Dead since 1882
126	Trenton	Trenton	Todd	5/13/1878	10/22/1878	Dead since 1884
127	Whippoorwill	Ferguson	Logan	4/23/1878	10/22/1878	Surrendered: 10/16/1906
128	Mayslick	Mayslick	Mason	7/7/1878	10/21/1879	Dead since 1887
129	Hiram	Louisville	Jefferson	9/16/1882	10/18/1882	
					10/22/1890	Duplicated issued, old lost in tornado
						Consolidated with No. 101 9/15/1967
130	Ghent	Ghent	Carroll	Pr. 10/1886	10/20/1886	Moved to Warsaw 1981
						Arrested: 8/29/1997
131	Paintsville	Paintsville	Johnson	8/30/1892	10/17/1893	
132	Greenup	Greenup	Greenup	4/20/1893	10/17/1893	Arrested: 10/4/1937
133	Pikeville	Pikeville	Pike	8/30/1892	10/16/1894	
					9/12/1973	Duplicate issued, old burned
134	Scottsville	Scottsville	Allen	11/23/1893	10/16/1894	Surrendered: 10/23/1896
135	Middlesboro	Middlesboro	Bell	6/7/1895	10/16/1895	Consolidated with No. 158 5/13/1976
136	Morganfield	Morganfield	Union	1/14/1896	10/21/1896	Merged wih Madisonville No. 123 8/3/2003
137	Barbourville	Barbourville	Knox	5/21/1897	10/19/1897	arrested: 9/13/2004
138	Lawrenceburg	Lawrenceburg	Anderson	2/19/1898	10/18/1898	
139	Wingo	Wingo	Graves	2/28/1899	10/18/1899	
					10/17/1923	Duplicate issued, old burned
						Arrested: 10/4/1937
140	Mt. Vernon	Mt. Vernon	Rockcastle	8/19/1900	10/17/1900	Consolidated with No. 16 12/18/1979
141	Earlington	Earlington	Hopkins	4/19/1900	10/17/1900	Consolidated with No. 123 3/21/1970
142	Fordsville	Fordsville	Ohio	7/31/1902	10/25/1902	Consolidated with No. 32 1/26/1948
143	Leitchfield	Leitchfield	Grayson	2/14/1903	10/21/1903	Consolidated with Eastern Star No. 34 6/18/1996
144	Beaver Dam	Beaver Dam	Ohio	5/16/1903	10/21/1903	Merged with No.32 2014
145	James B Wall	Vine Grove	Hardin	2/1/1904	10/19/1904	
					10/21/1925	Duplicated issued, old burned
						Moved to Radcliff 12/1985
	Name changed from Vine Grove to James B Wall				9/21/1988	Merged with No. 34 to form Hardin 195 12/11/2007
146	Burnside	Burnside	Pulaski	5/12/1904	10/19/1904	Consolidated with No. 25 8/26/1982
147	Central City	Central City	Muhlenburg	5/9/1905	10/18/1905	Consolidated with No. 144 5/1/1956
148	Ken-Tenn	Jelico	Whitley	1/9/1905	10/18/1905	Moved to Williamsburg 1912
149	Whitesburg	Whitesvurg	Letcher	8/2/1905	10/18/1905	
150	Highland	Louisville	Jefferson	7/24/1905	10/18/1905	Consolidated with No. 5 2/16/1972
151	Berea	Berea	Madison	5/1/1907	10/16/1907	Consolidated with No. 16 11/1/1976

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152	Monticello	Monticello	Wayne	12/26/1907	10/16/1907	
153	H. B. Grant	Orell	Jefferson	12/1/1908	10/20/1909	Moved to Fostoria 1912
						Moved to Valley Station 1914
						Moved to Louisville
						Condolidated with No. 101 10/17/1977
154	West Point	West Point	Hardin	6/15/1910	10/19/1910	
						10/22/1930 Duplicate issued, old burned
						Surrendered: 5/18/1943
155	Greenville	Greenville	Muhlenburg	5/23/1910	10/19/1910	Arrested: 1/8/1945
156	Alney McLean	Calhoun	McLean	10/10/1910	10/17/1911	Arrested: 3/6/1963
157	Brodhead	Brodhead	Rockcastle	2/20/1911	10/17/1911	Consolidated with No. 140 8/13/1934
158	Pineville	Pineville	Bell	12/19/1912	10/22/1913	Consolidated with No. 137 8/16/1985
159	Hodgenville	Hodgenville	Larue	5/12/1913	10/22/1913	Consolidated with No. 34 6/28/1945
160	Jackson	Jackson	Breathitt	8/12/1913	10/21/1914	
161	Green River	Munfordville	Hart	9/8/1913	10/21/1914	Surrendered: 2/23/1927
162	Hiseville	Hiseville	Barren	10/23/1913	10/21/1914	Arrested: 1/20/1927
163	F.H. Johnson	Louisville	Jefferson	2/3/1915	10/20/1915	Surrendered: 1933
164	Jenkins	Jenkins	Letcher	9/23/1916	10/18/1916	
165	Harlan	Harlan	Harlan	12/2/1916	10/17/1917	
166	Corbin	Corbin	Whitley	6/24/1919	10/22/1919	Consolidated with Williamsburg No. 148 6/10/2013
167	Benton	Benton	Marshall	6/24/1919	10/22/1919	Arrested: 10/4/1937
				8/6/1940	10/16/1940	Original Charter restored
						Consolidated with Paducah No. 30 11/3/1999
168	Morehead	Morehead	Rowan	9/6/1919	10/22/1919	
						10/19/1960 Duplicated issued, old burned
169	Webster	Clay	Webster	1/21/1920	10/20/1920	
						10/21/1925 Duplicated issued, old burned
						Arrested: 3/6/1963
170	Benham	Benham	Harlan	2/2/1920	10/20/1920	
171	Scottsville	Scottsville	Allen	8/17/1920	10/20/1920	Arrested: 10/4/1937
				3/24/1944	10/18/1944	Original Charter restored
						9/19/1984 Duplicated issued, old burned
172	Temple	Dayton	Campbell	9/30/1922	10/17/1923	
173	Parkland	Louisville	Jefferson	11/17/1920	10/19/1921	Consolidated with No. 5 2/24/1941
174	Wayland	Wayland	Floyd	5/10/1921	10/19/1921	Arrested: 12/28/1935
175	Lewis	Louisville	Jefferson	4/18/1922	10/18/1922	Surrendered: 1929
176	Owen	Owenton	Owen	8/30/1922	10/18/1922	Arrested: 3/3/1930
177	Fort Thomas	Fort Thomas	Campbell	3/9/1923	10/17/1923	
178	Bardwell	Bardwell	Carlisle	5/17/1923	10/17/1923	Consolidated with No. 85 12/28/1938
179	Sdawson Springs	Dawson Springs	Hopkins	4/16/1923	10/17/1923	Consolidated with No. 141 1935
180	Merritt	DeKoven	Union	1/15/1923	10/22/1924	Consolidated with No. 54 6/28/1938
181	Wallins Creek	Wallins Creek	Harlan	11/19/1923	10/22/1924	Arrested: 8/14/1931
182	Prestonsburg	Prestonsburg	Floyd	1/30/1924	10/22/1924	
						10/18/1927 Duplicated issued, old burned
183	Stone	Stone	Pike	5/10/1924	10/22/1924	arrested 3/25/2006
184	Mogaco	Salyersville	Magoffin	8/5/1925	10/21/1925	Arrested: 10/1/1936
185	Hazard	Hazard	Perry	4/21/1926	10/19/1926	Arrested: 1/15/1983
186	Oneida	Oneida	Clay	1/15/1938	10/19/1938	Consolidated with No. 103 7/21/1947
187	Stearns	Stearns	McCreary	11/12/1947	10/20/1948	Consolidated with No. 148 2/12/1976
188	Charles A Keith	Manchester	Clay	6/14/1952	10/22/1952	Arrested: 5/14/1970
189	Jeffersontown	Jeffersontown	Jefferson	6/28/1952	10/22/1952	Consolidated with No. 2 9/12/1975
190	Ballard	Bandana	Ballard	7/6/1953	10/19/1954	Consolidated with No. 30 8/15/1970
191	Red River	Staton	Powell	6/22/1957	10/16/1957	Consolidated with Winchester No. 12 1999
192	Hebron	Hebron	Boone	2/7/1970	9/23/1970	Consolidated with No. 35 2/9/1978
193	Iroquois	Louisville	Jefferson	5/31/1980	9/17/1980	
195	Hardin	Elizabethtown	Hardin	12/11/2007	9/20/2008	

