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OF ENGLAND.

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# CONSTITUTIONS

OF THE

ANTIEN<sup>T</sup> FRATERNITY

OF

**Free and Accepted Masons,**

UNDER THE

**United Grand Lodge of England,**

CONTAINING THE

GENERAL CHARGES, LAWS AND REGULATIONS,

ETC., ETC.

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THE GRAND LODGE

having approved of this Revised Edition of the Book  
of Constitutions, the Board of General Purposes has  
accordingly superintended its publication.

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*Summary of the ANTIENT CHARGES AND REGULATIONS to be read by the Secretary (or acting Secretary), to the MASTER ELECT, prior to his Installation into the Chair of a Lodge.*

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1. You agree to be a good Man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law.
2. You are to be a peaceable Subject, and cheerfully to conform to the laws of the country in which you reside.
3. You promise not to be concerned in plots or Conspiracies against Government, but patiently to submit to the decisions of the Supreme Legislature.
4. You agree to pay a proper respect to the Civil Magistrate, to work diligently, live creditably, and act honourably by all Men.
5. You agree to hold in veneration the original Rulers and Patrons of the Order of Free-Masonry, and their regular Successors, supreme and subordinate, according to their Stations; and to submit to the Awards and Resolutions of your Brethren in general Lodge convened, in every case consistent with the Constitutions of the Order.

6. You agree to avoid private piques and quarrels, and to guard against intemperance and excess.
7. You agree to be cautious in your carriage and behaviour, courteous to your Brethren, and faithful to your Lodge.
8. You promise to respect genuine and true Brethren, and to discountenance Impostors and all Dissenters from the original Plan of Free-Masonry.
9. You agree to promote the general good of Society, to cultivate the Social Virtues, and to propagate the knowledge of the Mystic Art as far as your influence and ability can extend.
10. You promise to pay homage to the Grand Master for the time being, and to his Officers when duly installed, and strictly to conform to every Edict of the Grand Lodge.
11. You admit that it is not in the power of any Man or Body of Men to make innovation in the Body of Masonry.
12. You promise a regular attendance on the Communications and Committees of the Grand Lodge, upon receiving proper notice thereof, and to pay attention to all the duties of Free-Masonry upon proper and convenient occasions.
13. You admit that no new Lodge can be formed without permission of the Grand Master or his Deputy, and that no countenance

ought to be given to any irregular Lodge, or to any person initiated therein; and that no public processions of Masons clothed with the Badges of the Order can take place without the special Licence of the Grand Master or his Deputy.

14. You admit that no person can regularly be made a Free-Mason or admitted a Member of any Lodge without previous notice and due inquiry into his character; and that no Brother can be advanced to a higher Degree except in strict conformity with the Laws of the Grand Lodge.

15. You promise that no Visitor shall be received into your Lodge without due examination, and producing proper Vouchers of his having been initiated in a regular Lodge.

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*At the conclusion the Installing Officer addresses the Master Elect as follows:—"Do you submit to and promise to support these Charges and Regulations as Masters have done in all ages?" Upon his answering in the affirmative the Ceremony of Installation proceeds.*

THE  
CHARGES  
OF A  
FREE-MASON :  
EXTRACTED FROM  
THE ANTIENT RECORDS OF LODGES  
BEYOND SEA,  
AND OF THOSE IN  
ENGLAND, SCOTLAND AND IRELAND,  
**For the use of Lodges,**  
TO BE READ  
AT THE MAKING OF NEW BRETHREN, OR WHEN  
THE MASTER SHALL ORDER IT.

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*Published by Order of the Grand Lodge.*

THE GENERAL HEADS OF THE  
CHARGES OF A FREE-MASON,  
&c., &c.

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- I. *Of God and Religion.*
- II. *Of the Civil Magistrate, supreme and subordinate.*
- III. *Of Lodges.*
- IV. *Of Masters, Wardens, Fellows, and Apprentices.*
- V. *Of the Management of the Craft in Working.*
- VI. *Of Behaviour*
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  5. *At Home and in the Neighbourhood.*
  6. *Towards a strange Brother.*

THE  
CHARGES  
OF A  
FREE-MASON,  
ETC., ETC.

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I.—*Concerning* GOD and RELIGION.

A MASON is obliged, by his tenure, to obey the moral law; and if he rightly understand the art he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine. He, of all men, should best understand that God seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh at the outward appearance, but God looketh to the heart. A mason is, therefore, particularly bound never to act against the dictates of his conscience. Let a man's religion or mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the order, provided he believe in the glorious architect of heaven and earth, and practise the sacred duties of morality. Masons unite with the virtuous of every persuasion in the firm and

pleasing bond of fraternal love; they are taught to view the errors of mankind with compassion, and to strive, by the purity of their own conduct, to demonstrate the superior excellence of the faith they may profess. Thus masonry is the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

## II.—*Of the* CIVIL MAGISTRATE, SUPREME *and* SUBORDINATE.

A MASON is a peaceable subject to the civil powers, wherever he resides or works, and is never to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the nation, nor to behave himself undutifully to inferior magistrates. He is cheerfully to conform to every lawful authority; to uphold, on every occasion, the interest of the community, and zealously promote the prosperity of his own country. Masonry has ever flourished in times of peace and been always injured by war, bloodshed, and confusion; so that kings and princes, in every age, have been much disposed to encourage the craftsmen on account of their peaceableness and loyalty, whereby they prac-

tically answer the cavils of their adversaries and promote the honour of the fraternity. Craftsmen are bound by peculiar ties to promote peace, cultivate harmony, and live in concord and brotherly love.

## III.—*Of* LODGES.

A LODGE is a place where free-masons assemble to work and to instruct and improve themselves in the mysteries of the antient science. In an extended sense it applies to persons as well as to place; hence every regular assembly or duly organised meeting of masons is called a lodge. Every brother ought to belong to some lodge, and be subject to its by-laws and the general regulations of the craft. A lodge may be either general or particular, as will be best understood by attending it, and there a knowledge of the established usages and customs of the craft is alone to be acquired. From antient times no master or fellow could be absent from his lodge, especially when warned to appear at it, without incurring a severe censure, unless it appeared to the master and wardens that pure necessity hindered him.

The persons made masons or admitted members of a lodge must be good and true men,



free-born, and of mature and discreet age and sound judgment, no bond-men, no women, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good report.

IV.—*Of* MASTERS, WARDENS, FELLOWS,  
and APPRENTICES.

ALL preferment among masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only; that so the lords may be well served, the brethren not put to shame, nor the royal craft despised; therefore no master or warden is chosen by seniority, but for his merit. It is impossible to describe these things in writing, and therefore every brother must attend in his place, and learn them in a way peculiar to this fraternity. Candidates may, nevertheless, know that no master should take an apprentice unless he has sufficient employment for him; and, unless he be a perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art, of serving his master's lord, and of being made a brother, and then a fellow-craft in due time, after he has served such a term of years as the custom of the country directs; and that he should be descended of honest parents; that so, when otherwise qualified, he may arrive to the honour of being the warden, and then the master of the lodge, the grand warden, and at length

the grand master of all the lodges, according to his merit.

No brother can be a warden until he has passed the part of a fellow-craft, nor a master until he has acted as a warden, nor grand warden until he has been master of a lodge, nor grand master unless he has been a fellow-craft before his election, who is also to be nobly born, or a gentleman of the best fashion, or some eminent scholar, or some curious architect, or other artist descended of honest parents, and who is of singularly great merit in the opinion of the lodges. And for the better, and easier, and more honourable discharge of his office, the grand master has the power to choose his own deputy grand master, who must then be, or have formerly been, the master of a particular lodge, and who has the privilege of acting whatever the grand master, his principal, should act, unless the said principal be present, or interpose his authority by letter.

These rulers and governors supreme and subordinate, of the antient lodge, are to be obeyed in their respective stations by all the brethren, according to the old charges and regulations, with all humility, reverence, love, and alacrity.

*N.B.*—*In antient times no brother, however skilled in the craft, was called a master-mason until he had been elected into the chair of a lodge.*

V.—*Of the MANAGEMENT of the CRAFT  
in WORKING.*

ALL masons shall work honestly on working days, that they may live creditably on holy days; and the time appointed by the law of the land, or confirmed by custom, shall be observed.

The most expert of the fellow-craftsmen shall be chosen or appointed the master, or overseer of the lord's work; who is to be called master by those that work under him. The craftsmen are to avoid all ill language, and to call each other by no disobliging name, but brother or fellow; and to behave themselves courteously within and without the lodge.

The master, knowing himself to be able of cunning, shall undertake the lord's work as reasonable as possible, and truly dispend his goods as if they were his own; nor to give more wages to any brother or apprentice than he really may deserve.

Both the master and the masons receiving their wages justly, shall be faithful to the lord, and honestly finish their work, whether task or journey; nor put the work to task that hath been accustomed to journey.

None shall discover envy at the prosperity of a brother, nor supplant him, nor put him out of his work, if he be capable to finish the same; for no man can finish another's work so much to the lord's profit, unless he be thoroughly acquainted with the designs and draughts of him that began it.

When a fellow-craftsman is chosen warden of the work under the master, he shall be true both to master and fellows, shall carefully oversee the work in the master's absence, to the lord's profit; and his brethren shall obey him.

All masons employed shall meekly receive their wages without murmuring or mutiny, and not desert the master till the work be finished.

A younger brother shall be instructed in working, to prevent spoiling the materials for want of judgment and for increasing and continuing of brotherly love.

All the tools used in working shall be approved by the grand lodge.

No labourer shall be employed in the proper work of masonry; nor shall free-masons work with those that are not free, without an urgent necessity; nor shall they teach labourers and unaccepted masons as they should teach a brother or fellow.

VI.—*Of* BEHAVIOUR.

## 1.—IN THE LODGE WHILE CONSTITUTED.

YOU are not to hold private committees, or separate conversation, without leave from the master ; nor to talk of anything impertinently or unseemly, nor interrupt the master or wardens, or any brother speaking to the master ; nor behave yourself ludicrously or jestingly while the lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn ; nor use any unbecoming language upon any pretence whatsoever, but to pay due reverence to your master, wardens and fellows, and put them to worship.

If any complaint be brought, the brother found guilty shall stand to the award and determination of the lodge, who are the proper and competent judges of all such controversies (unless you carry them by appeal to the grand lodge), and to whom they ought to be referred, unless a lord's work be hindered the meanwhile, in which case a particular reference may be made, but you must never go to law about what concerneth masonry, without an absolute necessity apparent to the lodge.

2.—BEHAVIOUR AFTER THE LODGE IS OVER,  
AND THE BRETHREN NOT GONE.

YOU may enjoy yourselves with innocent mirth, treating one another according to ability, but avoiding all excess, or forcing any brother to eat or drink beyond his inclination, or hindering him from going when his occasions call him, or doing or saying anything offensive, or that may forbid an easy and free conversation ; for that would blast our harmony, and defeat our laudable purposes. Therefore no private piques or quarrels must be brought within the door of the lodge, far less any quarrels about religion, or nations, or state policy, we being only, as masons, of the universal religion above-mentioned ; we are also of all nations, tongues, kindreds, and languages, and are resolved against all politics, as what never yet conduced to the welfare of the lodge, nor ever will.

3.—BEHAVIOUR WHEN BRETHREN MEET WITH-  
OUT STRANGERS, BUT NOT IN A LODGE  
FORMED.

YOU are to salute one another in a courteous manner, as you will be instructed, calling each

other brother, freely giving mutual instruction, as shall be thought expedient, without being overseen or overheard, and without encroaching upon each other, or derogating from that respect which is due to any brother, were he not a mason ; for though all masons are, as brethren, upon the same level, yet masonry takes no honour from a man that he had before ; nay, rather it adds to his honour, especially if he has deserved well of the brotherhood, who must give honour to whom it is due, and avoid ill manners.

4.—BEHAVIOUR IN PRESENCE OF STRANGERS,  
NOT MASONS.

You shall be cautious in your words and carriage, that the most penetrating stranger shall not be able to discover or find out what is not proper to be intimated ; and sometimes you shall divert a discourse, and manage it prudently for the honour of the worshipful fraternity.

5.—BEHAVIOUR AT HOME AND IN YOUR  
NEIGHBOURHOOD.

You are to act as becomes a moral and wise man ; particularly not to let your family,

friends, and neighbours, know the concerns of the lodge, &c., but wisely to consult your own honour, and that of your antient brotherhood, for reasons not to be mentioned here. You must also consult your health by not continuing together too late or too long from home after lodge hours are past ; and by avoiding of glutony or drunkenness, that your families be not neglected or injured, nor you disabled from working.

6.—BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS A STRANGE  
BROTHER.

You are cautiously to examine him in such a method as prudence shall direct you, that you may not be imposed upon by an ignorant, false pretender, whom you are to reject with contempt and derision, and beware of giving him any hints of knowledge.

But if you discover him to be a true and genuine brother, you are to respect him accordingly ; and if he is in want you must relieve him if you can, or else direct him how he may be relieved. You must employ him some days, or else recommend him to be employed. But you are not charged to do beyond your ability ; only to prefer a poor brother that is a good man

and true before any other poor people in the same circumstances.

Finally.—All these charges you are to observe and also those that shall be communicated to you in another way ; cultivating brotherly love, the foundation and cope-stone, the cement and glory, of this antient fraternity, avoiding all wrangling and quarrelling, all slander and backbiting, nor permitting others to slander any honest brother but defending his character and doing him all good offices, as far as is consistent with your honour and safety, and no farther. And if any of them do you injury, you must apply to your own or his lodge ; and from thence you may appeal to the grand lodge at the quarterly communication, as has been the antient laudable conduct of our forefathers in every nation ; never taking a legal course but when the case cannot be otherwise decided, and patiently listening to the honest and friendly advice of master and fellows, when they would prevent your going to law with strangers, or would excite you to put a speedy period to all law-suits, that so you may find the affair of masonry with the more alacrity and success ; but with respect to brothers or fellows at law, the master and brethren should kindly offer their mediation, which ought to be thankfully sub-

mitted to by the contending brethren ; and if that submission is impracticable, they must, however, carry on their process, or law-suit, without wrath and rancour (not in the common way), saying or doing nothing which may hinder brotherly love and good offices to be renewed and continued, that all may see the benign influence of masonry, as all true masons have done from the beginning of the world, and will do to the end of time.

*Amen, so mote it be.*

GENERAL LAWS  
AND  
REGULATIONS

FOR THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE CRAFT.

Preliminary  
Declaration.

BY the solemn Act of Union between the two Grand Lodges of Free-Masons of England in December, 1813, it was "declared and pronounced that pure Antient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, viz., those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch."

PRELIMINARY.

Marginal  
headings.

1. The marginal headings are for convenience of reference only, and are not to affect the construction of these Laws and Regulations nor to form any part thereof.

THE GRAND LODGE.

The Grand  
Lodge.

2. The interests of the Fraternity are managed by a general representation of all private Lodges on the Register, the Grand Stewards for the year and the Grand Officers, present and past, with the Grand Master at their

THE GRAND LODGE.

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head. This collective body is styled THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ANTIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND, and is hereinafter referred to as "The Grand Lodge."

3. Every Brother who shall, in accordance with the laws and procedure of Masonry, preside or act in the Grand Lodge, or in any Provincial or District Grand Lodge, or in any private Lodge, or on any Board or Committee for, or in the place of, any Officer or Brother who may be absent, shall, while so presiding or acting, have all the rights, powers, and duties of the Officer or Brother whose substitute he shall be or in whose place he shall act; he shall enforce all rules and regulations, and his acts shall have the same validity in all respects as those of such Officer or Brother, unless the contrary is expressly provided for in these laws and regulations.

General  
powers of  
all substituted  
authorities.

4. The Grand Lodge possesses the supreme superintending authority, and alone has the inherent power of enacting laws and regulations for the government of the Craft, and of altering, repealing, and abrogating them, always taking care that the antient Landmarks of the Order be preserved.

Powers of  
the Grand  
Lodge.

The Grand Lodge has also the power of investigating, regulating, and deciding all matters relative to the Craft, or to particular Lodges, or to individual Brothers, which power it may exercise either of itself or by such delegated authority as in its wisdom and discretion it may appoint; but the Grand Lodge alone has the power of erasing Lodges and expelling Brethren from the Craft, a power which it does not delegate to any subordinate authority.

Rank and  
precedence  
of members.

5. The members of the Grand Lodge rank in the following order:—

1. The Grand Master.
2. The Pro Grand Master.
3. Past Grand Masters.
4. Past Pro Grand Masters.
5. Deputy Grand Master.
6. Past Deputy Grand Masters.
7. Assistant Grand Masters.
8. Past Assistant Grand Masters.
9. Provincial and District Grand Masters.
10. Past Provincial and District Grand Masters.
11. Grand Wardens.
12. Past Grand Wardens.
13. Grand Chaplains.
14. Past Grand Chaplains.

15. Grand Treasurer.
16. Past Grand Treasurers.
17. Grand Registrar.
18. Past Grand Registrars.
19. Deputy Grand Registrar.
20. Past Deputy Grand Registrars.
21. President of the Board of General Purposes.
22. Past Presidents of the Board of General Purposes.
23. Grand Secretary.
24. Past Grand Secretaries.
25. President of the Board of Benevolence.
26. Past Presidents of the Board of Benevolence.
27. Grand Director of Ceremonies.
28. Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
29. Grand Inspectors.
30. Past Grand Inspectors.
31. Holders of the Grand Master's Order of Service to Masonry.
32. Grand Deacons.
33. Past Grand Deacons.
34. Grand Sword Bearer.
35. Past Grand Sword Bearers.
36. Deputy Grand Secretary.
37. Past Deputy Grand Secretaries.
38. Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
39. Past Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies.

40. Deputy Grand Sword Bearer.
41. Past Deputy Grand Sword Bearers.
42. Assistant Grand Chaplains.
43. Past Assistant Grand Chaplains.
44. Assistant Grand Registrars.
45. Past Assistant Grand Registrars.
46. Grand Superintendent of Works.
47. Past Grand Superintendents of Works.
48. Assistant Grand Secretary.
49. Past Assistant Grand Secretaries.
50. Assistant Grand Superintendents of Works.
51. Past Assistant Grand Superintendents of Works.
52. Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
53. Past Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
54. Assistant Grand Sword Bearers.
55. Past Assistant Grand Sword Bearers.
56. Grand Standard Bearers.
57. Past Grand Standard Bearers.
58. Assistant Grand Standard Bearers.
59. Past Assistant Grand Standard Bearers.
60. Grand Organist.
61. Past Grand Organists.
62. Deputy Grand Organist.
63. Past Deputy Grand Organists.
64. Assistant Grand Secretary for Foreign Correspondence.
65. Past Assistant Grand Secretaries for Foreign Correspondence.

66. Grand Pursuivant.
67. Past Grand Pursuivants.
68. Assistant Grand Pursuivants.
69. Past Assistant Grand Pursuivants.
70. The Grand Stewards for the year.
71. Grand Tyler.
72. Past Grand Tylers.
73. Such Past Grand Stewards as are Masters or Past Masters qualified under Rule 9, of private Lodges.
74. The Master, Past Masters qualified under Rule 9, and Wardens of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, and of every other private Lodge.

Two or more members of the Grand Lodge holding or having held identical rank therein shall, as between themselves, rank according to the order in which they were appointed to such rank.

6. The prefixes to be accorded to and used by Brethren are as follows:—  
Most Worshipful (M.W.):

The Grand Master and Pro Grand Master, and Past Grand Masters and Past Pro Grand Masters.

Right Worshipful (R.W.):

Present and Past Deputy Grand Masters, Assistant Grand Masters, Provincial and District Grand Masters, and Grand Wardens.

Titles,  
prefixes,  
and abbreviations.



## Very Worshipful (V.W.):

Present and Past Grand Chaplains, Grand Treasurers, Grand Registrars, Deputy Grand Registrars, Presidents of the Board of General Purposes, Grand Secretaries, Presidents of the Board of Benevolence, Grand Directors of Ceremonies, Grand Inspectors and Holders of the Grand Master's Order of Service to Masonry.

## Worshipful (W.):

Other Grand Officers, present and past, and Masters of Lodges, present and past. All other Brethren shall have the style of "Brother" only.

Salutes.

The Salutes when given shall be as follows:—

M.W. Brethren, eleven; the Deputy and Assistant Grand Masters, present and past, nine; other R.W. Brethren, seven; V.W. Brethren, five; other Grand Officers, present and past, three.

Within their own Provinces and Districts, present Deputy and Assistant Provincial and District Grand Masters, five\*, and other Provincial and District Grand Officers, present and past, three; in London, members of

\* Past Deputy and Assistant Provincial or District Grand Masters shall be given five, if they have for at least five years served in the particular Province or District in the office of Deputy or Assistant Provincial or District Grand Master, or for that period partly in one such office and partly in the other.

London Grand Rank, three; and, in Lodges abroad not under Districts, members of Overseas Grand Rank, three.

7. Brethren of eminence and ability, members of recognised Constitutions, who have rendered service to Freemasonry may, by appointment of the Grand Master, be constituted members of the Grand Lodge, with such rank and distinction as he may think proper.

8. The Grand Master may, by warrant, appoint any Brother to represent him in a recognised Grand Lodge, and may constitute him and also any Brother regularly deputed from a recognised Grand Lodge, a member of the Grand Lodge, with such rank as the Grand Master may deem appropriate.

9. Every Brother regularly elected and installed as Master of a Lodge under the Grand Lodge, who has filled that office for a year in accordance with Rule 105, shall, so long as he continues a subscribing member of any Lodge under the Grand Lodge be a member of the Grand Lodge, but, when he is no longer a subscribing member of any Lodge under the Grand Lodge, he shall cease to be a member of the Grand Lodge.

If he has resigned from his Lodge in good standing he will on becoming a subscribing member of the same or another Lodge under the Grand Lodge again become a member of the Grand Lodge, but, if he has been excluded or has resigned without having paid his subscriptions, he cannot become a member of the Grand Lodge as a Past Master until he has again duly served the office of Master.

Visitors to  
the Grand  
Lodge.

10. A visiting Brother can only attend the Grand Lodge by permission of the Grand Master, and if admitted he shall not speak to any question without leave of the Grand Master; nor shall he, on any occasion, be permitted to vote.

Regular  
Meetings.

11. Four Grand Lodges shall be holden for Quarterly Communication each year, namely, on the first Wednesday in the months of March, June, September and December. These meetings shall be holden in London, but the Grand Master may order that one of these meetings shall be holden in such other place as he shall determine.

Grand  
Festival.

12. There shall be a Grand Festival annually, on the Wednesday next following St. George's Day, to which all regular Masons

who shall provide themselves with tickets from the Grand Stewards for the year shall be admitted; the price of such ticket shall not exceed three guineas.

13. The Grand Master, or failing him Especial Meetings. the Pro Grand Master, or failing him the Deputy Grand Master, or failing him an Assistant Grand Master, or failing an Assistant Grand Master, the two Grand Wardens may summon Especial Grand Lodges whenever the good of the Craft shall, in their opinion, require it. The particular reason for convening such Especial Grand Lodge shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting.

14. The Grand Master shall, according to Nomination, election and installation of Grand Master. antient usage, be nominated at the Grand Lodge in December in every year, and at the ensuing Grand Lodge in March the election shall take place. The Grand Master, so elected, shall be installed on the day of the Grand Festival, or, in the case of his first election, either on that day or some other day to be selected by him.

Should the Grand Master die or resign, the Vacancy in office of Grand Master. Pro Grand Master, or failing him the Deputy Grand Master, or failing him an Assistant

Grand Master, or failing him the Grand Wardens, shall, as soon as may be practicable, summon the Grand Lodge for the purpose of electing a new Grand Master who shall be installed at a convenient date thereafter. From the day of election the Grand Master shall exercise the powers and prerogatives of the office.

During the vacancy in the Grand Mastership, the Pro Grand Master shall act as Grand Master until a new Grand Master is elected. If there be no Pro Grand Master then the Deputy Grand Master and, if there be no Deputy Grand Master, then an Assistant Grand Master, shall act.

15. If the Grand Master should abuse his power and render himself unworthy of the obedience of the Lodges, he shall be subjected to some new regulation, to be dictated by the occasion; because, hitherto, the Antient Fraternity have had no reason to provide for an event which they have presumed would never happen.

16. The Grand Master, if a Prince of the Blood Royal, may appoint a Pro Grand Master, who must be a Peer of the Realm.

Abuse of  
power by  
Grand  
Master.

Pro Grand  
Master.

17. No communication on any Masonic matter shall be made to the Grand Master, except through the Grand Secretary.

Communica-  
tions  
to the  
Grand  
Master.

18. Upon the annual installation of the Grand Master he shall appoint the following Grand Officers, who, together with the Grand Treasurer, are thereupon to be installed or invested in antient form :—  
Pro Grand Master (subject to Rule 16).  
Deputy Grand Master.  
Assistant Grand Master or Masters.  
Two Grand Wardens.  
Two Grand Chaplains.  
Grand Registrar.  
Deputy Grand Registrar.  
President of the Board of General Purposes.  
President of the Board of Benevolence.  
Grand Director of Ceremonies.  
Twelve Grand Deacons.  
Grand Sword Bearer.  
Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies.  
Deputy Grand Sword Bearer.  
Two Assistant Grand Chaplains.  
Two Assistant Grand Registrars.  
Grand Superintendent of Works.  
Two Assistant Grand Superintendents of Works.  
Two Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies.

Appoint-  
ment of  
Grand  
Officers.

Two Assistant Grand Sword Bearers.  
 Two Grand Standard Bearers.  
 Six Assistant Grand Standard Bearers.  
 Grand Organist.  
 Grand Pursuivant.  
 Four Assistant Grand Pursuivants.  
 Nineteen Grand Stewards.

He may also appoint additional Assistant Grand Masters, a Deputy Grand Secretary, an Assistant Grand Secretary, a Deputy Grand Organist and an Assistant Grand Secretary for Foreign Correspondence.

Casual vacancies among the Grand Officers may be filled by the Grand Master.

*Note.*—Provincial and District Grand Masters and Grand Inspectors, though not subject to annual re-appointment, are by virtue of their offices Grand Officers. They become Past Grand Officers upon relinquishing their appointments and take precedence in accordance with Rule 5.

19. The Grand Master is empowered to confer the rank of a Past Grand Officer on any Brother of ability who is a member of the Grand Lodge in accordance with Rule 9.

The Grand Master is also empowered to confer on Brethren, who have rendered special

Appoint-  
 ment to  
 Past Rank.

service to the Craft, a distinction to be known as The Grand Master's Order of Service to Masonry.

20. The Grand Treasurer shall be nominated at the Grand Lodge in September from those members of the Grand Lodge who have not already held Grand Office\*, and be elected at the Grand Lodge in March. Should there be more than one nomination for the office, voting papers shall, within three weeks after the nomination, be sent to the Secretary of every private Lodge, who shall, immediately on receipt thereof, give or send one voting paper to each member of his Lodge who is a member of the Grand Lodge. Such paper shall contain the names, ages, addresses, and occupations of all the nominated candidates, together with the names, numbers, and location of the several Lodges to which they belong, and full particulars of their services in Freemasonry. The voting paper shall also contain a declaration that the voter has not already voted at the same election, and shall give directions as to how the voting paper is to be marked. This paper, when signed by

Election of  
 Grand  
 Treasurer.

\* It is acknowledged that the holding or having held the office of Grand Steward is no disqualification to holding the office of Grand Treasurer.

the Brother entitled to vote, shall be returned by him direct to the Grand Secretary, so as to reach that officer not later than the 15th day of February.

Scrutineers  
for the  
election of  
Grand  
Treasurer.

**21.** Three Scrutineers shall be appointed by the Grand Master, and three other Scrutineers shall be elected by the Board of General Purposes at its meeting previously to the Grand Lodge in March. The Grand Secretary shall deliver the whole of the voting papers to the Scrutineers, who shall, with such clerical assistance as may be necessary, ascertain the numbers of the votes for the respective candidates, and make a correct report thereof in a sealed envelope to be delivered to the Grand Master or presiding Officer at the Grand Lodge in March, when the result of such election shall be declared by him without any further proposition or seconding. In the event of an equality of votes the Grand Master or other presiding Officer shall give a casting or deciding vote. The Scrutineers, previous to entering upon their duties, shall solemnly pledge themselves to make a correct report under their hands of the result of the voting, and not to disclose anything pertaining thereto until after the Grand Master or presiding Officer has declared the result in the Grand

Lodge. Should the Scrutineers find that any member has sent in more than one voting paper, all such papers shall be put aside and not counted, and a special report in respect thereof shall be made to the Grand Master.

**22.** The Grand Secretary shall be appointed by the Grand Master as a vacancy occurs, and shall continue in office without re-appointment during the pleasure of the Grand Lodge until he reaches the age of sixty-five years, and thereafter during the pleasure of the Grand Master.

Appoint-  
ment of  
Grand  
Secretary.

**23.** The Grand Tyler shall be an Installed Master. He shall be appointed by the Grand Master as a vacancy occurs, and shall continue in office during the pleasure of the Grand Master.

Appoint-  
ment of  
Grand Tyler.

**24.** Should the Grand Master be dissatisfied with the conduct of any of his Grand Officers, who are annually appointed, he may displace such Grand Officer and deprive him of his rank and privileges. The Grand Master has power in a like case to deprive a Past Grand Officer of his rank and privileges. No such action, however, shall in either case be taken by the Grand Master without the approval of the Grand Lodge.

Removal  
of Grand  
Officers.

No Brother  
to hold  
more than  
one office.

25. No Brother shall hold more than one office in the Grand Lodge at one and the same time, but this provision is not to prevent the holder of the office of Provincial or District Grand Master or Grand Steward from holding one other office in addition thereto.

Deputy  
Grand  
Master.

26. The Deputy Grand Master, in the absence of the Grand Master and Pro Grand Master, shall possess all the powers and privileges of the Grand Master.

Assistant  
Grand  
Masters.

27. The Assistant Grand Master, in the absence of the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, shall possess all the powers and privileges of the Grand Master. If there be more than one Assistant Grand Master, they shall act in the order of seniority.

Grand  
Wardens  
in Grand  
Lodge.

28. When the Grand Wardens are in the Grand Lodge no others can supply their places, but, if a Grand Warden be absent, the Grand Master or other presiding Officer may direct any Grand Officer or other member of the Grand Lodge to act as Grand Warden for that occasion.

29. The Grand Wardens, whenever commanded, are to attend the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, or an Assistant Grand Master, and, while he presides in any Lodge, are to act there as his Wardens if so commanded.

Grand  
Wardens  
to attend  
Grand  
Master.

30. The Grand Chaplains shall attend the Quarterly Communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer, suitable to the occasion, as established by the usage of the Fraternity.

Grand  
Chaplains.

31. The Grand Registrar is the adviser of the Grand Lodge. He shall have the custody of the seals of the Grand Lodge, and shall affix, or may authorise the Grand Secretary to affix, the same to all patents, warrants, certificates, and other documents issued by the authority of the Grand Lodge, as well as to such as the Grand Master, in conformity with the established laws and regulations of the Craft, may direct.

Duties of  
Grand  
Registrar.

32. The Grand Secretary shall issue summonses for all meetings of the Grand

Duties of  
Grand  
Secretary.

Lodge, its Boards and Committees, and attend and take minutes of their proceedings, receive the returns of the several Lodges and enter them in the books of the Grand Lodge, receive the fees and contributions payable by Lodges or Brethren to the Fund of Benevolence, the Fund of General Purposes and other Funds, and pay or cause the same to be paid to the appropriate banking accounts. He shall transmit to the proper quarters the reports of the proceedings of the Quarterly Communications, and all other documents which may be ordered to be transmitted, and lay them before the proper authority. He shall attend the Grand Master, and take to him any books and papers he may direct, and generally do all such things as heretofore have been done or ought to be done by a Grand Secretary.

Grand  
Secretary's  
Clerks.

**33.** The clerks on the Grand Secretary's staff must be Master Masons.

*(Suspended by Grand Lodge until further directed, 7th September, 1949.)*

Grand  
Director of  
Ceremonies.

**34.** The Grand Director of Ceremonies shall have the arrangement and direction of all processions and ceremonies of the Grand Lodge,

and shall have charge of the regalia, clothing, insignia, and jewels belonging to the Grand Lodge.

**35.** The Grand Superintendent of Works shall advise the Board of General Purposes when required on any matter in connection with the building and works. He shall furnish reports on the state of repair of the properties of the Grand Lodge when required.

**36. (a)** Upon the annual installation of the Grand Master, he shall appoint nineteen Grand Stewards, and for this purpose one Brother shall be recommended annually to the Grand Master for appointment by each of the nineteen Lodges which enjoy the privilege of recommendation for that office. Every Brother so recommended must have been a subscribing member of the recommending Lodge for not less than three years at the time of the commencement of his Grand Stewardship, and must have attained the rank of Warden in that Lodge, unless he be the Master or a Past Master of another Lodge. The name, address and Masonic rank of every Brother recommended shall be transmitted

by his Lodge to the Grand Secretary on or before the 31st March, and should any Brother decline the office, or be incapable of discharging the duties thereof or fail to receive the approval of the Grand Master, the Lodge which recommended him, when informed of the circumstance, shall within fourteen days transmit the name, address and Masonic rank of another Brother to supply his place. If any Lodge possessing the privilege of recommendation shall neglect to recommend a Grand Steward as required by this Rule that Lodge (unless it is otherwise directed by the Grand Master) shall forfeit its privilege and the Grand Master shall nominate some other Lodge to have such privilege in future.

(b) The Grand Stewards shall rank as Grand Officers during their year of office.

(c) The duties of the Grand Stewards are to regulate the Grand Festival under the direction of the Grand Master, and to assist in the arrangements for the Quarterly Communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies. They shall so regulate the Grand Festival that no expense shall fall on the Grand Lodge and no Lodge shall, under the penalty of forfeiting the privilege of recommendation, contribute towards the expense to be incurred

by any Grand Steward in the discharge of his duties. Any Grand Steward who shall accept of moneys towards such expenses, or shall neglect to pay his proportion of the necessary expenses, shall forfeit all privilege or distinction acquired in consequence of his serving that office.

(d) Only those Brethren who hold or have held the office of Grand Steward shall have the privilege of becoming members of the Grand Stewards' Lodge. The Grand Stewards' Lodge, being constituted as a Master Mason's Lodge, has no power of making, passing or raising Masons.

**37.** At meetings of the Grand Lodge such Past Grand Stewards as are members of the Grand Lodge, but are not Past Grand Officers, shall have set apart for them the front bench on each side in the body of the hall.

**38.** Business to be brought under the consideration of the Grand Lodge, at any Quarterly Communication or other meeting thereof, shall be communicated to the Grand Secretary in writing not less than seven days before the regular meeting of the Board of General Purposes immediately preceding such Quarterly Communication or meeting.



This Rule shall not apply to any business which the Board of General Purposes shall authorise to be placed on the paper of business of any Quarterly Communication or other meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Notices of Motion.

**39.** Any member of the Grand Lodge desiring to make a motion therein, or to submit any matter for its consideration at any Quarterly Communication, or other meeting thereof, shall give notice in writing to the Grand Secretary, of the terms of such intended motion or the precise nature of such matter not less than seven days before the regular meeting of the Board of General Purposes immediately preceding such Quarterly Communication or meeting. No such motion or matter shall be dealt with in the Grand Lodge, unless such notice has been given, except by special leave of the Grand Master or Officer presiding in the Grand Lodge.

Notices of Motion for amendments of the Book of Constitutions, etc.

**40.** Notice of any motion which proposes to make any addition to, or alteration or amendment of, these general Laws and Regulations, or to alter or affect the general practice of the Craft, shall be delivered to the Grand Secretary in writing not less than seven days before the regular meeting of the Board of

General Purposes immediately preceding a Quarterly Communication in order that it may be printed in the paper of business for such Quarterly Communication. At the next following Quarterly Communication the motion shall be brought under consideration, but a resolution in favour of any such proposal shall not be valid unless confirmed at the next ensuing Quarterly Communication. Notice of motion to confirm the resolution shall appear on the paper of business, and no objection to such confirmation shall be entertained unless notice of intention to make such objection with the grounds thereof shall have been delivered to the Grand Secretary in writing not later than eight weeks after the original resolution has been carried. Notice of the intention to object and the grounds thereof, or a statement that no such notice has been given (as the case may be), shall appear on the paper of business.

Resolutions require confirmation.

**41.** The Board of General Purposes shall direct that any notice of motion which in its judgment is scandalous, irregular or not within the cognizance of the Grand Lodge, shall be omitted from the paper of business, and in such case the President is to report the same to the Grand Master, with a copy of the notice. If on receiving any such notice the Grand Secre-

Board of General Purposes may reject notices of motion.

tary considers that its terms are such that a direction under this Rule is likely to be given he shall, if time and circumstances make it reasonably possible to do so, arrange that at the meeting of the Board at which the matter is to be considered the member of the Grand Lodge who has given the notice may attend for the purpose of showing cause why the direction should not be given, and in every case, before giving such direction, the Board shall if reasonably possible give such member an opportunity to attend at its meeting for such purpose. When any such notice of motion has been directed by the Board to be omitted as aforesaid, the member of the Grand Lodge who gave such notice of motion shall forthwith be informed by the Grand Secretary of such direction, and of the right of such member to submit in writing a statement on the matter for consideration by the Grand Master.

**42.** The Grand Master or Officer presiding in the Grand Lodge may allow to be introduced or discussed at any Quarterly Communication or other meeting of the Grand Lodge, without notice, any business or motion which he shall consider to be urgent.

Urgent  
business.

**43.** Nothing in the foregoing Rules shall Exception. require notice to be given of any motion to adopt or otherwise deal with any report or recommendation, not coming within the provisions of Rule 40, of any Board or Committee of the Grand Lodge.

**44.** No motion, the substance of which the Matters already decided. Grand Lodge has already considered and decided upon, shall again be brought forward or otherwise discussed, save at the instance of the Grand Master, until after the expiration of one year from the date of such consideration or decision.

**45.** Every nomination of a candidate for Nominations for Boards or Committees. any Board or Committee to be elected by the Grand Lodge, must be made in writing to the Grand Secretary at least fourteen days previous to the regular meeting of the Board of General Purposes to be held next before the Quarterly Communication at which such election is to take place. The proposer must be a member of the Grand Lodge, and the nomination must state the number of the Lodge and the Masonic rank both of himself and the candidate.

Business  
Papers.

46. A paper of the business to be transacted in the Grand Lodge at each Quarterly Communication shall be prepared by the Grand Secretary, and submitted to the Board of General Purposes for approval at the regular meeting immediately preceding such Quarterly Communication.

To whom  
business  
papers and  
reports to be  
transmitted.

47. A copy of the paper of business so approved, together with a printed report of the proceedings at the immediately preceding Quarterly Communication and at any intervening meeting of the Grand Lodge shall be forwarded to all Provincial and District Grand Masters, Grand Officers, present and past, Deputy and Assistant Provincial and District Grand Masters, Provincial and District Grand Secretaries, and the members of the Boards of Benevolence and General Purposes, at least ten days before the Quarterly Communication. At the same time two copies of the paper of business and printed report or reports shall be sent to the Secretary of each Lodge at his address as given on the annual list of members returned in accordance with Rule 151. On receipt of these copies the Secretary shall immediately forward one of them to the Master of the Lodge for the better informing by him of the members of his Lodge. Copies

of the paper of business shall be provided for the members of the Grand Lodge attending the meeting.

Any subscribing Master Mason of a Lodge under the Grand Lodge may have such papers of business, notices and reports forwarded to him by post on registering his address with the Grand Secretary and paying such fee as from time to time shall be fixed by the Board of General Purposes.

Brethren  
entitled on  
payment.

48. At the regular meeting of the Board of General Purposes immediately preceding each Quarterly Communication, a sufficient number of Masters or Past Masters shall be nominated who shall attend within the Porch of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of ascertaining whether Brethren seeking admission to the Grand Lodge are qualified to attend.

Scrutineers  
for the  
porch.

The Board shall nominate Brethren for similar duties at the Grand Festival and, if required, for any Especial Meeting of the Grand Lodge.

49. Whenever the Grand Master shall so direct, priority of admission to the Grand Lodge shall be accorded to those Brethren entitled to attend who have applied for and received tickets of admission.

Priority of  
admission  
to Grand  
Lodge.

The applications, if exceeding the available accommodation, shall be dealt with by ballot to be conducted by, or under the direction of, the Grand Secretary.

Absence of the Grand Master from Grand Lodge.

50. If, at any meeting of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master be absent, the Grand Lodge shall be ruled by the Pro Grand Master, or failing him by the Deputy Grand Master, or failing him by an Assistant Grand Master, or failing him by the member of the Grand Lodge present who shall be highest in rank, according to the table of precedence in Rule 5.

Opening and Closing of Grand Lodge.

51. The Grand Lodge is to be declared opened and declared closed in *ample form* when the Grand Master or Pro Grand Master presides, in *due form* when a Past Grand Master or the Deputy or an Assistant Grand Master presides, and in *form* on all other occasions, yet with the same authority.

Minutes of Grand Lodge.

52. At each Quarterly Communication, the Grand Lodge being opened, the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication and of any intervening meeting of the Grand Lodge are to be put for confirmation as a correct record of the proceedings, and no part of the said

minutes nor any matter appearing on the paper of business shall be read *in extenso* unless the Grand Lodge shall so direct, or a Brother, supported by not less than five other Brethren, shall so desire, with a view to founding a motion thereon.

53. Communications, if any, from the Grand Master shall be received before the business set forth in the paper of business is considered. Communications from the Grand Master.

54. No memorial, petition or other document shall be presented to the Grand Lodge if it contains improper matter, or offensive or indecorous language. Memorials and petitions.

55. If it shall appear to the Grand Master that any proposed resolution contains anything contrary to the antient Landmarks of the Order, he may refuse to permit the same to be discussed. Irregular propositions.

56. The proposer of an original motion shall have the right of reply, but no other Brother shall speak twice to the same question, unless by permission. This rule shall not apply to the Grand Registrar. No member to speak twice.

Mis-  
behaviour  
in the  
Grand  
Lodge.

57. If any member shall behave in the Grand Lodge in a manner disrespectful to the Chair or otherwise unbecoming a Mason, the Grand Master or Officer presiding may peremptorily order him to quit the Grand Lodge, which he shall thereupon do, and further the Grand Lodge may declare him to be no longer a member of the Grand Lodge until the Grand Master shall have granted him grace.

Motions for  
erasure or  
expulsion.

58. No motion for the erasure of a Lodge for misconduct, or for the expulsion of a Brother, shall be made, unless the Master and Wardens of the Lodge, or the Brother concerned, shall have been summoned to answer the complaint in person in the Grand Lodge, or to make answer in writing, as they or he may desire.

Voting.

59. All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, each member having one vote, and the Grand Master or Officer presiding a second or casting vote, unless the Grand Lodge think proper to leave any particular subject to the determination of the Grand Master or Officer presiding. Except in elections by ballot or voting papers, the votes are to be signified by each member holding up one hand, and the motion is then to be declared carried

or lost; but if two members demand that the votes be counted, and such demand appear reasonable to the Grand Master or Officer presiding, the counting shall be conducted under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

#### LONDON GRAND RANK.

60. The Grand Master may once a year confer the rank designated London Grand Rank on Past Masters of London Lodges, who have rendered long and meritorious service to the Craft in the London area and are members of the Grand Lodge in accordance with Rule 9, to a number not exceeding one for every complete three London Lodges then on the register of the Grand Lodge. The holders of such rank shall be entitled, during the Grand Master's pleasure, to wear at all Masonic meetings the distinctive regalia prescribed under Rules 246, 249, 260, 265 and 268, but can claim precedence as such only within the London area as defined in Rule 128.

61. A fee of honour of two guineas shall be payable by each recipient of London Grand Rank, and such fee shall be paid into a special fund, to be exclusively appropriated to the

relief of Brethren or the widows or children of deceased Brethren who have been installed Masters of London Lodges, such special fund to be distributed and applied by a Committee composed of not more than thirty members of London Lodges (being Masters or Past Masters thereof) appointed by the Grand Master, of whom two-thirds at least shall be holders of London Grand Rank. The Rules of this Committee shall be approved from time to time by the Grand Master.

## PROVINCIAL AND DISTRICT GRAND LODGES.

62. The Grand Master has power to form any specified area in England into a Province and overseas into a District, whereupon a Provincial or District Grand Lodge shall be formed and given jurisdiction within such area, the Provincial or District Grand Master acting therein by the authority vested in him under his Patent of Appointment from the Grand Master.

Formation of  
Provincial  
and District  
Grand  
Lodges.

The Grand Master has also power to rearrange boundaries of Provinces or Districts, and to combine any Provinces or Districts or sub-divide any Province or District as he may think fit.

63. The appointment of a Provincial or District Grand Master is a prerogative of the Grand Master, by whom a patent may be granted, to hold during his pleasure, to any Brother whom he may think worthy of the appointment. By this patent the Brother is invested with appropriate authority in the particular Province or District. He shall be installed at the first Provincial or District Grand Lodge which he may hold after his

Appoint-  
ment of  
Provincial  
and District  
Grand  
Master.

appointment, and, until such installation, he shall not be qualified to perform any of the functions of his office, except that of summoning the Provincial or District Grand Lodge to meet for the purposes of his installation.

Provision in the case of the death of a Provincial or District Grand Master, and other contingencies.

**64.** In the event of the death, resignation, suspension, or removal of a Provincial or District Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial or District Grand Master shall, subject to Rule 63, exercise all the functions of Provincial or District Grand Master until a Brother is duly appointed and has been installed as Provincial or District Grand Master, but such Deputy shall not thereby acquire the right to any additional rank or distinction, but while so acting he shall be designated "Deputy Provincial (or District) Grand Master in Charge."

If the Provincial or District Grand Master be not available, the Deputy Provincial or District Grand Master, or if there be no Deputy, or if he also be not available, then the senior Provincial or District Grand Officer of such Province or District next in rank and then available shall exercise the functions of Provincial or District Grand Master subject to any directions of the Provincial or District Grand Master.

**65.** In addition to the Provincial or District Grand Master for the time being, a Provincial or District Grand Lodge consists of the other present Provincial or District Grand Officers, and the Masters and Wardens of all Lodges under such Provincial or District Grand Lodge, and also (so long as they may respectively be both members of the Grand Lodge and subscribing members of a Lodge under such Provincial or District Grand Lodge) the Past Provincial or District Grand Officers and the Past Masters of any Lodge under the Grand Lodge.

Membership of Provincial or District Grand Lodge

**66.** A Provincial or District Grand Master by patent under his hand and seal or otherwise may appoint a Deputy Provincial or District Grand Master, and (when so empowered by Rule 67) an Assistant Provincial or District Grand Master or Masters to hold office during his pleasure and to execute forthwith all the powers and duties of such office in his name.

Appointment of Deputy and Assistant Provincial or District Grand Masters.

No Brother may be so appointed unless he shall have previously served the office of Master in a Lodge under the Grand Lodge.

The Provincial or District Grand Master within one month of the appointment must transmit, in writing, the name and address of his Deputy and of his Assistant or Assistants,

if any, to all the Lodges of his Province or District, and also to the Grand Secretary, for registration.

A Deputy or Assistant Provincial or District Grand Master may be invested either in the Provincial or District Grand Lodge or in a private Lodge within the Province or District.

Assistant Provincial or District Grand Masters, limitation of.

67. For each complete fifty Lodges in a Province or District, a Provincial or District Grand Master is empowered to appoint an Assistant Provincial or District Grand Master to take rank immediately after the Deputy Provincial or District Grand Master. Provided that in any District, if it shall appear to the Grand Master that the area of the District, the means of communication, or other sufficient reason renders such a provision desirable, he may authorise the District Grand Master to appoint such a number of Assistant District Grand Masters as he may indicate without regard to the limitation hereinbefore stated.

Additional.

A Provincial or District Grand Master, if a Prince of Blood Royal, shall have power to appoint an Assistant Provincial or District Grand Master, in addition to any power otherwise vested in him under this Rule.

68. A Provincial or District Grand Master is empowered also to appoint annually for his Province or District the following Provincial or District Grand Officers and no more :—

Provincial or District Grand Officers.

- (i) In the case of a Province or District containing 24 or less Lodges one Senior and one Junior Warden, a Chaplain, a Registrar, a Secretary, a Director of Ceremonies, one Senior and one Junior Deacon, a Sword Bearer, a Superintendent of Works, an Assistant Director of Ceremonies, two Standard Bearers, an Organist, an Assistant Secretary, a Pursuivant, two Stewards and a Tyler.
- (ii) In the case of a Province or District containing more than 24 and less than 35 Lodges, one Senior and one Junior Warden, two Chaplains, a Registrar, a Secretary, a Director of Ceremonies, one Senior and one Junior Deacon, a Sword Bearer, a Deputy Director of Ceremonies, a Superintendent of Works, an Assistant Director of Ceremonies, two Standard Bearers, an Organist, an Assistant Secretary, a Pursuivant, an Assistant Pursuivant, four Stewards and a Tyler.



35-49  
Lodges.

(iii) In the case of a Province or District containing more than 34 and less than 50 Lodges, one Senior and one Junior Warden, two Chaplains, a Registrar, a Secretary, a Director of Ceremonies, two Senior and two Junior Deacons, a Sword Bearer, a Deputy Director of Ceremonies, a Superintendent of Works, two Assistant Directors of Ceremonies, two Standard Bearers, an Assistant Standard Bearer, an Organist, an Assistant Secretary, a Pursuivant, an Assistant Pursuivant, four Stewards and a Tyler.

50-74  
Lodges.

(iv) In the case of a Province or District containing more than 49 and less than 75 Lodges, one Senior and one Junior Warden, two Chaplains, a Registrar, a Secretary, a Director of Ceremonies, three Senior and three Junior Deacons, a Sword Bearer, two Deputy Directors of Ceremonies, a Deputy Sword Bearer, an Assistant Chaplain, an Assistant Registrar, a Superintendent of Works, four Assistant Directors of Ceremonies, two Standard Bearers, two Assistant Standard Bearers, an Organist, an Assistant Secretary, a Pursui-

vant, an Assistant Pursuivant, six Stewards and a Tyler.

(v) In the case of a Province or District <sup>75-99</sup> containing more than 74 and less than <sub>Lodges.</sub>

100 Lodges, one Senior and one Junior Warden, two Chaplains, a Registrar, a Secretary, a Director of Ceremonies, four Senior and four Junior Deacons, a Sword Bearer, two Deputy Directors of Ceremonies, a Deputy Sword Bearer, an Assistant Chaplain, an Assistant Registrar, a Superintendent of Works, seven Assistant Directors of Ceremonies, two Standard Bearers, two Assistant Standard Bearers, an Organist, an Assistant Secretary, a Pursuivant, an Assistant Pursuivant, ten Stewards and a Tyler.

(vi) In the case of a Province or District <sup>100-149</sup> containing more than 99 and less than <sub>Lodges.</sub>

150 Lodges, one Senior and one Junior Warden, two Chaplains, a Registrar, a Deputy Registrar, a Secretary, a Director of Ceremonies, five Senior and five Junior Deacons, a Sword Bearer, two Deputy Directors of Ceremonies, a Deputy Sword Bearer, an Assistant Chaplain, an Assistant

Registrar, a Superintendent of Works, an Assistant Superintendent of Works, ten Assistant Directors of Ceremonies, an Assistant Sword Bearer, two Standard Bearers, three Assistant Standard Bearers, an Organist, a Deputy Organist, an Assistant Secretary, a Pursuivant, two Assistant Pursuivants, fourteen Stewards and a Tyler.

150-199  
Lodges.

- (vii) In the case of a Province or District containing more than 149 and less than 200 Lodges, one Senior and one Junior Warden, two Chaplains, a Registrar, a Deputy Registrar, a Secretary, a Director of Ceremonies, six Senior and six Junior Deacons, a Sword Bearer, two Deputy Directors of Ceremonies, a Deputy Sword Bearer, two Assistant Chaplains, two Assistant Registrars, a Superintendent of Works, two Assistant Superintendents of Works, twelve Assistant Directors of Ceremonies, two Assistant Sword Bearers, two Standard Bearers, six Assistant Standard Bearers, an Organist, a Deputy Organist, an Assistant Secretary, a Pursuivant, four Assistant Pursuivants, sixteen Stewards and a Tyler.

- (viii) Where there are 200 or more Lodges, <sup>200 Lodges or more.</sup> the same as in (vii), save that additional Provincial or District Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies may be appointed, but in no case shall their total exceed the number appointed by the Grand Master for the Grand Lodge.

In addition to the foregoing, a District <sup>District Grand Lodges.</sup> Grand Master shall, subject to Rule 81, appoint a President of the District Board of General Purposes, and a President of the District Board of Benevolence.

Provided that in any District, if it shall appear to the Grand Master that the area of that District, the means of communication, or other sufficient reason renders such a provision desirable, he may authorise the District Grand Master to appoint such additional District Grand Officer or Officers as he may indicate without regard to the limitation hereinbefore stated.

The Provincial or District Grand Officers <sup>Provincial or District Grand Treasurers to be elected annually.</sup> shall be annually appointed in the Provincial or District Grand Lodge, and such Officers whenever practicable shall be then invested together with the Provincial or District Grand

Treasurer who shall be elected annually.\*

Casual vacancies among the above may be filled by the Provincial or District Grand Master.

A Provincial or District Grand Master shall have a like power to displace a Provincial or District Grand Officer as is vested in the Grand Master in respect of Grand Officers by Rule 24.

Past Rank.  
50 or more  
Lodges.

**69.** In every Province or District containing 50 or more Lodges, the Provincial or District Grand Master is empowered to confer on any Brother of ability, who is a member of a Lodge within his Province or District and has rendered service to the Craft, the rank of a past Provincial or District Grand Officer, except that of a Past Deputy or Past Assistant Provincial or District Grand Master; but no Provincial or District Grand Master shall have power, in any one year, to confer such rank upon more than one Brother for every complete three Lodges in his Province or District. Every Brother upon whom such rank shall have been conferred shall be entitled to wear his clothing as a Provincial or District Grand Officer at all Masonic meetings.

In Provinces or Districts containing more

\* A Brother who has held Provincial or District Grand Rank is not thereby rendered ineligible for election as Provincial or District Grand Treasurer.

35-49  
Lodges.

than 34 and less than 50 Lodges, a Provincial or District Grand Master is empowered under the same conditions to confer Past Provincial or District Grand Rank upon one Brother for every complete five Lodges.

Provided that in a Province or District containing more than 24 and less than 35 Lodges, a Provincial or District Grand Master is empowered under the same conditions to confer Past Provincial or District Grand Rank upon four Brethren and no more; and that in a Province or District containing 24 or less Lodges, a Provincial or District Grand Master is empowered under the same conditions to confer Past Provincial or District Grand Rank upon two Brethren and no more.

A Provincial or District Grand Master shall have a like power to displace a Past Provincial or District Grand Officer as is vested in the Grand Master in respect of Past Grand Officers under Rule 24.

**70.** A Provincial or District Grand Master may annually promote Provincial or District Grand Officers at his discretion.

**71.** Provincial and District Grand Officers, present and past, take precedence amongst themselves in similar order to Grand Officers holding or having held corresponding ranks as

Precedence  
of Provincial  
and District  
Grand  
Officers.

provided by Rule 5, except Provincial or District Assistant Grand Secretaries, present and past, who rank immediately before Provincial or District Grand Pursuivants, and Past Provincial or District Grand Stewards, who rank immediately before the Provincial or District Grand Tyler.

Provincial and District Grand Officers have precedence only in their own Province or District.

**72.** With the exception of Provincial or District Grand Masters, present and past, Provincial or District Grand Officers, present and past, can claim precedence as such only within their Province or District. They are, however, entitled to wear their regalia as defined in Rules 247, 248, 249, 256, 260, 265 and 268 at all Masonic meetings.

Qualification for office.

**73.** No Brother shall be appointed a Provincial or District Grand Warden unless he be the Master or a Past Master of a Lodge; nor a Provincial or District Grand Deacon unless he be a Warden or Past Warden of a Lodge, and the same qualifications are required for appointments to Past Rank in such offices respectively.

Power to summon Officers and Brethren.

**74.** The Provincial or District Grand Master may summon the Officers of any Lodge within his jurisdiction to attend him or some other Officer authorised by him and to produce

the warrant, books, papers, and accounts of the Lodge, and may summon any Brother within his jurisdiction to attend him or such other Officer and to produce his Grand Lodge Certificate. If any such summons be not complied with (no sufficient reason being given for non-compliance), the Provincial or District Grand Master may declare it to be a case of contumacy, and inflict a suitable penalty upon the Lodge or Brother; and the proceedings as soon as practicable shall be notified to the Grand Secretary for transmission to the proper authority.

**75.** The Provincial or District Grand Master shall determine all cases of Masonic complaint or irregularity respecting Lodges or individual Masons within his jurisdiction, and may proceed to admonition, fine or suspension. With a view to any such determination, he may depute the duty of investigating and reporting to him upon the circumstances of the case to any existing Board or Committee of his Provincial or District Grand Lodge or to any Committee consisting of a Brother or Brethren of his Province or District, as the case may require or admit, nominated or set up by him for that purpose, and he shall have power to accept or reject either in whole or in part the

findings of any such Board or Committee, and to act either in whole or in part upon its recommendations. A report of the case with all necessary particulars shall be forwarded as soon as practicable to the Grand Secretary for transmission to the proper authority, unless the Provincial or District Grand Master shall consider the case of insufficient importance to require this to be done. The decision of the Provincial or District Grand Master shall be final, unless an appeal be made to the Grand Lodge.

No power to erase or expel.

**76.** The Provincial or District Grand Master has no power to erase a Lodge or expel a Brother; when, therefore, a case is such as, in his judgment, to require the erasure of a Lodge, or the expulsion of a Brother, he shall make a special report to the Grand Secretary.

To report proceedings to the Grand Secretary.

**77.** The Provincial or District Grand Master shall transmit to the Grand Secretary annually an account, in writing, of his proceedings, and of the state of Masonry within his Province or District. He is to forward to the Grand Master a summary of the minutes of every Provincial or District Grand Lodge within one month of the holding thereof, together with the names of all Brethren appointed to Provincial or District Grand Office, and the

names and numbers of the Lodges to which they belong.

**78.** A Provincial or District Grand Master shall hold an annual Provincial or District Grand Lodge, at which the appointment of the Provincial or District Grand Officers shall be made, and shall also hold such other meetings of the Provincial or District Grand Lodge as he shall consider necessary. All such meetings shall be held within the Province or District, unless a dispensation is granted by the Grand Master.

Meetings of Provincial and District Grand Lodges.

**79.** The Provincial or District Grand Lodge is to be declared open and declared closed in *due form* when the Provincial or District Grand Master presides, and in *form* on all other occasions, yet with the same authority.

Opening and Closing of Provincial or District Grand Lodge.

**80.** The Provincial or District Grand Lodge has the power of framing and revising suitable by-laws for its own government, which may provide for the appointment or constitution of Committees and the definition of their powers, and of making and altering regulations to be observed by the private Lodges and Brethren in the Province or District, but no such by-law or regulation nor any revision or alteration thereof shall be in

By-laws and regulations of Provincial and District Grand Lodges.

conflict with or contrary to anything contained in these Rules nor be valid until submitted to, and approved by, the Provincial or District Grand Master and the Grand Master.

District  
Boards of  
General  
Purposes.

81. In every District of less than seven Lodges there may be, and in every District consisting of seven or more Lodges there shall be, a Board of General Purposes composed of a President, appointed annually by the District Grand Master, and the holders, not exceeding seven in number, of such offices in the District Grand Lodge as may be specified by the by-laws, *ex-officio*, and of such a number of other members of the District Grand Lodge, not exceeding sixteen, as may be so specified, of whom one-half shall be elected, in such a manner as the by-laws may prescribe, by the District Grand Lodge, and the other half shall be appointed by the District Grand Master.

The Board shall be entrusted with such administrative powers, authorities and duties as may be specified in the by-laws or may from time to time be delegated to it (subject to revocation and review) by the District Grand Master, and it shall also act in an advisory and consultative capacity by making recommendations to the District Grand

Master or the District Grand Lodge, as the case may require, for the welfare of the Craft and the better regulation of the District.

In every District there may also be a District Board of Benevolence composed of a District Board of Benevolence. President, appointed annually by the District Grand Master, and of such a number of other members, not exceeding eight in number, as may be specified in the by-laws, of whom one-half shall be elected, in such a manner as the by-laws may prescribe, by the District Grand Lodge, and the other half shall be appointed by the District Grand Master.

In respect of both Boards, the by-laws may provide for the retirement of the elected and appointed members in rotation, and for the filling of vacancies. No election or appointment of any such member shall be for a period exceeding three years, but this shall not render him ineligible for re-election or re-appointment if thought fit.

82. Correct minutes of the proceedings of Minutes. the Provincial or District Grand Lodge or of any Board or Committee thereof shall be properly kept in suitable books, which shall be produced by the Provincial or District Grand Master, for the inspection of the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge, whenever required.

83. Great advantage having been experienced from the establishment of a local fund for charitable and other Masonic purposes, each Provincial Grand Lodge may direct payments to be made by the Provincial Grand Officers and the Lodges in the Province for this desirable purpose (in addition to the contributions payable to the Grand Lodge). The payments by Lodges shall not exceed the following sums, viz., three shillings per annum for every member whose name appears on the returns required by the Provincial Grand Lodge in accordance with Rule 149, ten shillings for every member who has been initiated therein or who has joined from a Lodge not under the Grand Lodge, and two shillings and sixpence for every other member who has joined the Lodge, since the last payment. A Provincial Grand Lodge may also direct the payment of the following fees :—

	£	s.	d.
For registering a new Lodge	2	2	0
For registering by-laws ..	0	5	0
For registering amendments of by-laws ..	..	0	5 0
For a dispensation..	..	0	5 0

This fund cannot be established without the concurrence of at least two-thirds of the members present in the Provincial Grand Lodge, nor unless each Lodge in the Province

shall have had due notice of the meeting, and of the intention to propose the establishment of such fund, nor until the decision shall have been confirmed at a subsequent meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, of which meeting due notice shall have been given.

If such fund be established, the mode of contribution by Lodges shall in no circumstances be departed from, except as hereinafter provided, though the Provincial Grand Lodge may diminish any of the payments, or exact only part of them at its discretion.

Provided always that any Provincial Grand Lodge may increase the above yearly payment from three shillings to six shillings under the following regulations :—

- (1) That notice in writing of the increase proposed, and also of the day of meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the discussion of the subject, be sent to each Lodge in the Province two months at least prior to such meeting.
- (2) That if the proposed payment be agreed to by two-thirds at least of the members present at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, a day shall be appointed for considering the confirmation thereof, at a period of not less than three months from the first meeting, and a copy of

the resolution so agreed to shall be sent to each Lodge with the summons for the second meeting. Provided that no motion for the non-confirmation of any such resolution shall be entertained by the Provincial Grand Lodge unless notice in writing thereof shall have been given to the Provincial Grand Secretary within one month of the first meeting, and placed upon the summons to the second meeting.

When the resolution has been confirmed by a majority of the members present at the second meeting, a copy thereof shall be transmitted to the Grand Master for his approval.

When the Grand Master shall have given his approval, the resolution shall become operative and the increased payment shall be payable from the commencement of the annual period next following that in which the Provincial Grand Lodge confirmed the resolution. Provided also that, when a Provincial Grand Lodge has passed an effective resolution for increasing the quarterly payment formerly due under this Rule, that resolution shall be effective to increase the corresponding annual sum now payable.

A Provincial Grand Lodge may also require the payment of such Fees of Honour and fines as may be authorised by its by-laws.

84. Each District Grand Lodge may direct the payments allowed in Rule 83 to be made by the District Grand Officers and the Lodges in the District, and in addition may require payment to their District Fund of fees larger than are allowed to Provincial Grand Lodges, providing the following procedure is adopted :—

District  
Grand  
Lodge  
Funds.

That notice in writing of the increased fees proposed, and also of the day of meeting for the discussion of the subject, be sent to each Lodge in the District two months at least prior to the meeting.

That if the proposed payments be agreed to by two-thirds at least of the members present, a day shall be appointed for considering the confirmation thereof, at a period of not less than three months from the first meeting, and a copy of the resolutions so agreed to shall be sent forthwith to each Lodge with the summons for the second meeting.

That any Lodge whose officers may not be able to attend by reason of their distance from the place of assembly be permitted to state its opinions in writing: provided the same be despatched to the District Grand Secretary within the period of one month from the date of receiving the summons for the second meeting.



When the resolutions have been confirmed by a majority of the members present at the second meeting, a copy thereof shall be transmitted to the Grand Master for his approval, together with copies of any opinions which may have been received in writing.

When the Grand Master shall have given his approval, the resolution shall become operative, and the increased fees and payments shall be payable from the commencement of the annual period next following that in which the District Grand Lodge confirmed the resolution.

Provincial or  
District  
Grand  
Lodge  
Accounts  
and  
Audit.

**85.** Regular accounts of the receipts and disbursements of the Provincial or District Grand Lodge Funds shall be kept in accordance with the rules laid down in the Provincial or District Grand Lodge by-laws. These accounts must be audited once in each year by an auditor or auditors, who must be a Master Mason or Master Masons elected annually in Provincial or District Grand Lodge. Such accounts must be produced annually at the meeting of the Provincial or District Grand Lodge specified in the by-laws for that purpose, and a copy thereof transmitted to the Lodges under the Province or District.

**86.** In order to avoid delay, and for the accommodation of Lodges under a District Grand Master, those Lodges may make their Grand Lodge returns and payments to the District Grand Master or such Brother as he may direct, but for the due remittance of which to the Grand Lodge the District Grand Master shall be personally responsible; the District Grand Master is thereupon to issue Grand Lodge Certificates furnished to him for the purpose, which Certificates are to be countersigned as specified in the following Rule.

Returns and  
issue of Cer-  
tificates  
in Districts.

**87.** The Grand Secretary is to furnish to District Grand Masters Grand Lodge Certificates, with the necessary alterations in the form, signed and sealed, but in other respects left blank; the blanks to be filled up by the District Grand Master, or by his order. Such Grand Lodge Certificates shall have attached to them the seal of the District Grand Lodge, and be countersigned by the District Grand Master, or his Deputy, and by the District Grand Secretary.

Blank forms  
of certificate  
to be  
provided.

**88.** When a return with payment for a District Certificate has been made to a District Grand Master, or other Brother on his behalf, the Lodge making the same shall forthwith transmit to the Grand Secretary a duplicate of the return, signed by the Master and the

Duplicate  
returns to  
Grand  
Secretary.

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GRAND LODGES.

Secretary or Treasurer, specifying the date when and the person to whom the return and payment have been made, and also specifying for whom the District Grand Master has issued Certificates.

Remittance  
of dues.

89. The District Grand Master shall with all reasonable expedition, forward to the Grand Secretary the returns received from the several Lodges in his District, together with the amount payable thereon, so that the Brethren may be duly registered, and the money placed to the credit of the respective Lodges in the Grand Lodge accounts.

Dispensa-  
tion to con-  
fer degrees  
at short  
intervals.

90. In Lodges abroad a Brother may be advanced to a higher degree at an interval of not less than one week instead of four weeks, as provided by Rule 172, but only if and so far as authorised by a dispensation granted by the District Grand Master in the case of a Lodge under a District, or by or under the authority of the Grand Master in the case of a Lodge not under a District.

LODGES ABROAD NOT UNDER A  
DISTRICT.

Groups of  
Overseas  
Lodges and  
Grand  
Inspectors.

91. In the case of Overseas Lodges not under a District, the Grand Master shall have power to form them, or any of them, into a

LODGES ABROAD NOT UNDER 73  
A DISTRICT.

group or groups, and to confer upon a Brother or Brethren appointed by him such jurisdiction as he may think fit in respect of any such group, or of any such Overseas Lodges. The Grand Master shall, at any time, and from time to time, have power to alter such groups, to extend or limit such jurisdiction, and to remove any Brother so appointed, and to appoint any other Brother in his place. A Brother while holding such appointment shall be styled Grand Inspector.

OVERSEAS GRAND RANK.

92. The Grand Master may once a year confer the rank designated Overseas Grand Rank on Past Masters of Lodges abroad not under a District who are members of the Grand Lodge in accordance with Rule 9, to a number not exceeding one in three of such Lodges. The holders of such rank shall be entitled, during the Grand Master's pleasure, to wear at all Masonic meetings the distinctive regalia prescribed under Rules 246, 249, 260, 265 and 268, but can claim precedence as such only within the Lodges in which Overseas Grand Rank is conferred.

93. A Registration Fee of one guinea shall be paid by each recipient of Overseas Grand Rank into the Fund of General Purposes.

Overseas  
Grand Rank  
registration  
fee.

## PRIVATE LODGES.

Petition for  
Warrant for  
new Lodge.

**94.** Every application for a warrant to hold a new Lodge must be by petition to the Grand Master, signed by not less than seven Master Masons regularly registered under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. Provided that in the case of petitions for Lodges to meet in Districts, or abroad not within the territory of any District Grand Lodge, it shall suffice if at least four-sevenths in number of the signatories are Brethren so registered, but no Brother not so registered shall sign any petition unless he be regularly registered under the Constitution of a Grand Lodge recognised by the Grand Lodge, and shall at the same time declare in writing his adherence to the Book of Constitutions, and promise due obedience to the Grand Master and the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge. The petition must specify every Lodge to which each signatory belongs and every Lodge to which he has at any time belonged, and in respect of each of the signatories be accompanied by a Certificate in accordance with Rule 175 from every such Lodge showing that he is not indebted to it. To every such petition must be added a recommendation, signed in open Lodge

by the Master and Wardens of a regular Lodge under the Grand Lodge with the approval of a majority of the Brethren then present, and notice that the petition is to be submitted for approval must have been given on the summons convening the meeting at which it is to be considered. The petition must then be transmitted to the Grand Secretary for the decision of the Grand Master, provided that, if the Lodge is proposed to be holden in a Province or District, the petition, with the Certificates and recommendation, is in the first instance to be forwarded to the Provincial or District Grand Master, as the case may be, who is to transmit the same with his observations thereon to the Grand Secretary for such decision as beforementioned.

**95.** The Grand Master, upon receipt of a Provisional Warrant for Lodges in Districts. Petition presented in accordance with Rule 94 and recommended by a District Grand Master, may authorise such District Grand Master to grant a provisional warrant for the formation of the new Lodge pending the issue of a regular warrant of constitution.

**96.** The following is the form of petition for a warrant to hold a new Lodge:—

Form of  
petition for  
warrant.

“ To the M. W. The Grand Master of the United Fraternity of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England :

We, the undersigned, being regularly registered Master Masons of the Lodges mentioned against our respective names, having the prosperity of the Craft at heart, are anxious to exert our best endeavours to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of the art ; and, for the conveniency of our respective dwellings and other good reasons, we are desirous of forming a new Lodge, to be named . In consequence of this

desire, we pray for a warrant of constitution, empowering us to meet as a regular Lodge, at  
on the ,

and there to discharge the duties of Masonry, in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the Order and the laws of the Grand Lodge ; and we have nominated and do recommend Brother [*A.B.*], who has served the office of Warden in a regular Lodge to be the first Master, Brother [*C.D.*] to be the first Senior Warden, and Brother [*E.F.*] to be the first Junior Warden of the said Lodge. Should the prayer of this petition be granted, we promise strict obedience to the commands of the Grand Master and the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge.”

**97.** Every new Lodge shall be solemnly constituted, according to antient usage, by the Grand Master or by some other Grand Officer or Master or Past Master of a Lodge appointed to act for him. No Brother shall be installed as Master or invested as a Warden except the Brother named in the warrant for such office, unless by sanction of the Grand Master. No Lodge shall be acknowledged, nor its Officers admitted as such into the Grand Lodge, or a Provincial or District Grand Lodge, nor any of its members as such entitled to petition the Board of Benevolence or enjoy any Masonic privilege, unless such Lodge has been regularly constituted and registered.

New Lodge must be regularly constituted.

**98.** Every Lodge must be distinguished by a name or title, as well as a number, and no Lodge shall be permitted to make any alteration in its name or title without the approval of the Grand Master, and, in Provinces or Districts, that of the Provincial or District Grand Master also.

Lodge to bear name and number.

**99.** Lodges shall rank in precedence in the order of their numbers as registered in the books of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Stewards' Lodge shall not have a number, but

Precedence of Lodges.

shall be registered in the books of the Grand Lodge, and placed in the printed list at the head of all other Lodges, and rank accordingly.

Local precedence of Lodges in Provinces and Districts.

**100.** Every Lodge shall have a local as well as a general rank, so that if any Lodge be removed from one Masonic area into another, although it is to retain its original number in the Grand Lodge books, and preserve the same rank in the Grand Lodge, and in all public meetings out of the area into which it may have been removed, yet within such area it is to rank immediately after the last Lodge registered therein at the time of such removal, both at any Provincial or District Grand Lodge or at any public ceremony within the area, unless the Grand Master, Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or an Assistant Grand Master presides. The seniority of Provincial or District Lodges in their particular Provinces or Districts is to be determined by the date of their registry in the books of the Provincial or District Grand Lodge.

A Lodge not to act without a Warrant.

**101.** Except under the provisions of Rule 95, no Lodge may meet without a warrant of constitution from the Grand Master, which is to be specially entrusted to each Master at

his installation, to be held by him in safe custody on behalf of the Grand Master. The Master shall produce it at every meeting of the Lodge. This regulation does not apply to the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, and the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4, which act under immemorial constitutions.

**102.** The warrant of a Lodge is the property of the Grand Master. It must be retained for the sole use of the Lodge to which it is granted. Any Lodge concerned in transferring or improperly disposing of any warrant shall be liable to be erased, and every Brother so concerned shall be deemed to have committed a Masonic offence. The warrant must not bear any endorsement or other inscription except with the authority of the Grand Master.

Warrant not to be sold or irregularly procured.

**103.** If a warrant be lost or improperly withheld from those lawfully entitled to hold or use the same, or withheld by competent Masonic authority, the Lodge must suspend its meetings until a warrant of confirmation has been applied for and granted by the Grand Master, or until the warrant so lost or withheld be found or restored, in which case the warrant of confirmation, if any, shall be returned forthwith to the Grand Master.

Warrant lost or withheld.

Officers of  
a Lodge.

**104.** The *regular* Officers of a Lodge shall be the Master and his two Wardens, a Treasurer, a Secretary, two Deacons, an Inner Guard and a Tyler. The Master may also appoint as *additional* officers a Chaplain, a Director of Ceremonies, an Assistant Director of Ceremonies, an Almoner, an Organist, an Assistant Secretary, and a Steward or Stewards, but no others. No Brother can hold more than one *regular* office in the Lodge at one and the same time, but the Master may appoint a Brother who is holding a *regular* office to one *additional* office also.

A Brother who is not a subscribing member of the Lodge may not hold any office therein except that of Tyler.

A Lodge in its by-laws may provide that the services of its Secretary be equivalent to the appropriate subscription to the Lodge, but shall remit to the Grand Lodge and to Provincial or District Grand Lodge the requisite payments due in respect of his membership of the Lodge.

The Officers of a Lodge shall take precedence for investiture and otherwise in the following order: Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Chaplain (if any), Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Ceremonies (if any), Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Assistant Director of Cere-

monies (if any), Almoner (if any), Organist (if any), Assistant Secretary (if any), Inner Guard, Steward (if any) and Tyler.

No Brother has any right to claim advancement. The appointment of all Officers, except the Master, the Treasurer and (if elected) the Tyler, is in the sole discretion and power of the Master.

The Immediate Past Master, as such, is not an officer of the Lodge. He holds his position and responsibilities by virtue of his Mastership, and retains that position until a succeeding Master becomes Immediate Past Master. He reoccupies the position if such succeeding Master should die or cease to be a member of the Lodge while holding the position of Immediate Past Master.

The Immediate Past Master takes precedence in the Lodge immediately in front of the Chaplain, or, if there be no Chaplain, then immediately in front of the Treasurer.

**105.** Every Lodge shall annually, on the day named in its By-Laws for the purpose, proceed to elect a Master by ballot from among those of its members who have, or previously to the installation of such Master shall have, served for one year (that is to say from one regular installation meeting until the next regular

Election and  
Installation  
of Master.

installation at the corresponding period in the following year) the office of Master, or of Senior Warden or of Junior Warden, in a regular Lodge warranted under the Grand Lodge, or who shall have been rendered eligible by dispensation under Rule 109. The ballot shall be declared in favour of the member thus qualified who has received the largest number of votes of the members present and voting.

At the next regular meeting the Master so elected shall be duly installed according to antient usage, provided that no motion that the Master Elect be not installed has been moved and carried in the manner herein provided. A motion to this effect shall be entertained by the Lodge only if written notice thereof, signed by the Proposer and Secunder, and a separate statement, similarly signed, of the reasons for moving the motion, shall have been given to the Secretary of the Lodge at least fourteen days previously to the meeting. In that case copies of the proposed motion and of the separate statement shall be forwarded forthwith to the Master Elect by the Secretary, and a copy of the proposed motion, but not a copy of the separate statement, shall be printed on the summons convening the meeting. Should the motion, on a ballot being taken, receive the support

of three-fourths of the members present, the election shall be void and the members shall forthwith proceed to elect some other qualified Brother as Master. The installation of the Master then elected, shall, subject to the foregoing proviso, take place within five weeks of the date of election either at the next regular meeting of the Lodge, if such be held within that period, or at an emergency meeting specially called for that purpose. The Master Elect, shall, subject to the foregoing proviso, then be duly installed, and he and the Wardens invested by him shall, at the date of the next regular installation meeting, be deemed to have filled the offices of Master and Wardens respectively for one year, in compliance with the provisions of Rule 9 and this Rule.

No Master Elect shall assume the Master's Chair until he has been regularly installed.

**106.** If not less than seven days before the day appointed for the regular installation meeting of the Lodge, the Master Elect should die or become disqualified or incapacitated, or send to the Master a notice in writing of his intention not to accept the office of Master, then a summons shall be issued to each member of the Lodge stating the fact and

Death or  
incapacity  
of Master  
Elect.

intimating that on the said day the Brethren will again proceed to elect a Master. The installation of the Master then elected shall, subject to the provisions of Rule 105, take place within five weeks of the date of election either at the next regular meeting of the Lodge, if such be held within that period, or at an emergency meeting specially called for the purpose. The Master Elect shall then be duly installed, and he and the Wardens then invested shall at the date of the next regular installation meeting be deemed to have filled the offices of Master and Wardens respectively for one year, in compliance with the provisions of Rules 9 and 105.

Provided that, where there is a period of not less than two months between the regular days of election and installation of Master, and any of the events before mentioned (rendering the election of the Master ineffective) occur not less than six weeks before the regular day of installation, then the Master may summon an emergency meeting, to be held not less than three weeks before such day of installation, for the purpose of electing another Master, and the Master then elected shall, subject to the provisions of Rule 105, be installed on the regular day of installation, as if he had been elected on the regular day of election.

**107.** If less than seven days before the day appointed for the regular installation meeting of the Lodge the Master Elect should die or become disqualified or incapacitated, or send to the Master a notice in writing of his intention not to accept the office of Master, then the outgoing Master shall continue as Master of the Lodge until the end of the period for which the Master Elect was elected, and shall at such meeting invest the Wardens and other Officers (if any) selected by the Master Elect, or, as to any not so selected, to be appointed by himself, together with the Treasurer and Tyler.

Death or  
incapacity of  
Master Elect.

**108.** If on the day appointed for the regular installation meeting of the Lodge the Master Elect (though ready and willing to act as such) is unavoidably prevented from attending the meeting, the installation shall be postponed and shall take place within five weeks of the date of such regular installation meeting, either at the next regular meeting of the Lodge, if such be held within that period, or at an emergency meeting called for the purpose. The Master Elect shall be installed, and he and his Wardens then invested shall at the date of the next regular installation meeting be deemed to have filled the offices of Master and

Postpone-  
ment of  
installation  
of Master.



Wardens respectively for one year, in compliance with the provisions of Rules 9 and 105.

Provided that if the Master Elect does not attend at the regular or emergency meeting last above mentioned his election shall be void, and the outgoing Master shall continue as Master of the Lodge until the end of the period for which the Master Elect was elected, and shall at such meeting invest the Wardens and other Officers (if any) selected by the Master Elect, or, as to any not so selected, to be appointed by himself, together with the Treasurer and Tyler, and the Wardens then invested shall at the date of the next regular installation meeting be deemed to have filled the offices of Wardens for one year, in compliance with the provisions of Rules 9 and 105.

Qualification  
of Warden  
for Master's  
Chair.

**109.** If the investiture of a Warden shall not have taken place at the meeting at which the Master was installed, and thereby the member appointed has not served the office for one year as aforesaid, he cannot be included among those eligible for election as Master of the Lodge except by dispensation from the Grand Master, which can only be granted on petition setting forth the circumstances in which the investiture was delayed, the actual service of

the member in the Warden's Chair, and the special reasons for asking the Grand Master's intervention. The Installing Master shall not proceed to the installation of a Master unless satisfied that the requirements of Rule 105 have been complied with, or unless such dispensation shall have been produced to him.

**110.** Should a Prince of the Blood Royal honour any private Lodge by accepting the office of Master, he may appoint a Deputy Master, qualified in compliance with the provisions of Rule 105, who shall be regularly installed, and be entitled, when in office, to all the privileges of Master, and, after he has served his period of office, to those of a Past Master.

**111.** Every Master Elect, before being placed in the Chair, shall solemnly pledge himself to preserve the Landmarks of the Order, to observe the antient usages and established customs, and strictly to enforce them within his own Lodge.

**112.** The Treasurer shall be elected by the members by ballot on the regular day of election of the Master.

Tyler of a  
Lodge.

**113.** The Tyler shall be elected by the members on the regular day of election of the Master. A Lodge, however, may resolve that a subscribing member of the Lodge shall be Tyler without emolument, in which case he shall be appointed with the other Officers by the Master.

In cases where the Tyler is elected by the members, he may at any time be removed for cause deemed sufficient by a majority of the members present at a regular meeting of the Lodge.

Every Tyler must be a Master Mason and registered as such in the books of the Grand Lodge.

Master  
responsible  
for  
observance  
of laws.

**114.** The Master is responsible for the due observance of the laws by the Lodge over which he presides.

Master's  
period of  
office.

**115.** No Brother shall continue Master of the same Lodge for more than two years in succession, unless by a dispensation, which may be granted by the Grand Master, or in a Province or District by the Provincial or District Grand Master, in cases of necessity; but he may again be elected after he has been out of office one year.

This regulation shall not apply to a Prince of the Blood Royal who appoints a Deputy, but it shall apply to the Deputy.

Master of  
more than  
one Lodge  
at same  
time.

No Brother shall be Master of two or more Lodges at the same time without a dispensation from the Grand Master, or, if the Lodges are in the same District, then from the District Grand Master.

**116.** Upon his installation the Master shall appoint his Wardens and other Officers, other than those elected, and shall invest all the Officers present.

Appoint-  
ment and  
Investiture  
of Officers.

**117.** No proprietor or manager of the tavern or house at which a Lodge meets shall hold any office in the Lodge without a dispensation from the Grand Master or in a Province or District from the Provincial or District Grand Master.

Proprietor  
of Meeting  
Place.

**118.** The Master and Wardens and members of every Lodge, when summoned to do so, shall attend the Grand Master or his Deputy or Assistant, or the Provincial or District Grand Master or his Deputy or Assistant, or the Board of General Purposes, or any other Board or Committee authorised by the Grand Lodge; and, if required, shall produce the

Brethren to  
attend  
summonses.

warrant, books and papers of the Lodge, and each Brother so summoned his Grand Lodge Certificate, all or any of which may be retained by any of the said authorities.

Failure to comply with the terms of a summons under this Rule shall render any Brother liable to suspension and to being reported to the Grand Lodge.

**119.** If the Master shall die, be removed, or be rendered permanently incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden, or in the absence of both Wardens the Immediate Past Master, or in his absence the Senior Past Master of the Lodge shall summon the Lodge until the next installation of Master.

If the Master be not present, the Immediate Past Master, or if he be absent the Senior Past Master of the Lodge present, or if no Past Master of the Lodge be present the Senior Installed Master who is a subscribing member of the Lodge shall take the Chair. And if no Installed Master who is a subscribing member of the Lodge be present, then the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden, shall rule the Lodge. When a Warden, who is not an Installed Master, rules the Lodge, he shall not occupy the Master's Chair, and no

Death of  
Master and  
other con-  
tingencies.

degrees shall be conferred, unless by a Brother who is an Installed Master.

If the Master's absence be only temporary and circumstances so permit, he may exercise such authority over the affairs of the Lodge as devolves upon him by virtue of his office. He may request a duly qualified Brother to occupy the Chair to confer degrees as if he himself were present in the Lodge.

**120.** Should the Master be dissatisfied with the conduct of any of the Officers, he may lay the cause of complaint before the Lodge at a regular meeting. Particulars of the complaint shall be sent at least seven days before such meeting to the Officer concerned. If it shall appear to the majority of the members present that the complaint be well founded, the Master shall have power to displace such Officer, and to appoint another.

Removal  
of Officers.

**121.** If a vacancy shall occur in a regular office other than that of Master, such office shall be filled for the remainder of the year by the election or appointment (according to the normal method of filling the office) of a member not serving a regular office in the Lodge at the time the vacancy occurred. If an election be required, due notice thereof shall appear on the summons.

Vacancies  
in regular  
Offices.

Official  
visitation  
of Lodges.

**122.** The Grand Master has full authority to preside in any Lodge, and to order any of his Grand Officers to attend him. His Wardens, if present and so commanded, are to act as Wardens of the Lodge while he presides; but the Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge or any Master Masons to act as Wardens.

The Pro Grand Master, if the Grand Master be not present, has the same authority.

The Deputy Grand Master, if the Grand Master and the Pro Grand Master be not present, has the same authority.

An Assistant Grand Master, if the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master be not present, has the same authority.

The Provincial or District Grand Master has the same authority in any Lodge he visits within his Province or District.

The Deputy Provincial or District Grand Master, if the Provincial or District Grand Master be not present, has the same authority.

An Assistant Provincial or District Grand Master, if the Provincial or District Grand Master and his Deputy be not present, has the same authority.

In all the above cases the Master of the Lodge shall be placed on the immediate left of the Brother so presiding.

**123.** The Grand Master may send any of his Grand Officers, present or past, to visit any Lodge whenever he may think fit to do so, and such visiting Officer shall be placed on the immediate right of the Brother presiding.

**124.** The Provincial or District Grand Master may send any of his Provincial or District Grand Officers, present or past, to visit any Lodge in his Province or District whenever he may think fit to do so, and such visiting Officer shall be placed on the immediate right of the Brother presiding.

**125.** No Brother subject to the Grand Lodge shall be admitted into a Lodge unless he be personally known to, and vouched for, by one of the Brethren present, or unless he shall be well vouched for after due examination. He shall, if required, produce his Grand Lodge Certificate and proof of good standing in his Lodge or Lodges.

No Brother who is not subject to the Grand Lodge shall be admitted unless his Certificate shows that he has been initiated according to the antient rites and ceremonies in a Lodge belonging to a Grand Lodge professing belief in T.G.A.O.T.U., such Certificate

not to be regarded as valid unless granted by a Grand Lodge recognised by the Grand Lodge, nor unless he himself shall acknowledge that this belief is an essential Landmark of the Order, and is able to produce proof of his good standing in his Lodge or Lodges. It is incumbent on the Master of any Lodge to which a visitor from another Constitution seeks admission to satisfy himself by adequate enquiries, if need be, from the Grand Secretary, that such Constitution is recognised by the Grand Lodge.

Every visitor during his presence in a Lodge is subject to its relevant by-laws.

Refusal of admission to visitors.

**126.** It is within the power of the Master of every private Lodge to refuse admission to any visitor of known bad character or whose presence is in his opinion likely to disturb the harmony of the Lodge.

Disqualification to visit.

**127.** In the case of a Brother who has ceased to be a subscribing member of every Lodge of which he has at any time been a member, the following provisions shall have effect, viz. :

(a) If he comes within the provisions of this Rule by reason of his exclusion under Rule 148 or Rule 181, he shall not

be permitted to attend any Lodge or Lodge of Instruction until he again becomes a subscribing member of a Lodge.

(b) In any other case he shall not be permitted to attend any one Lodge more than once until he again becomes a subscribing member of a Lodge, and upon such one attendance he shall append the word "unattached" to his signature in the attendance book, stating therein the name and number of the Lodge of which he was last a subscribing member.

Nothing in this Rule shall preclude the attendance of a Brother at any Lodge of which he is an Honorary Member.

**128.** All Lodges held within ten miles London Lodges. from Freemasons' Hall, London, are London Lodges, and are to pay London dues and fees. The Master of every such Lodge shall cause to be sent to the Grand Secretary a copy of the summons to every regular and emergency meeting of the Lodge at the same time as it is issued to the members.

**129.** All Lodges held at a greater distance Provincial or District Lodges. than ten miles from Freemasons' Hall, London, are Provincial or District Lodges.

are, subject to the provisions of Rule 91, Provincial or District Lodges, and are under the immediate superintendence of the Provincial or District Grand Master within whose jurisdiction they meet.

Military  
Lodges  
abroad.

**130.** When any Military Lodge, under the Grand Lodge, shall meet out of England, it shall be conducted so as not to give offence to the Masonic authorities of the country or place in which it is holden, never losing sight of the duties it owes to the Grand Lodge, to which communication is ever to be made, and all fees and dues regularly transmitted.

Surrender or  
exchange of  
warrant  
of Military  
Lodge.

**131.** If the military body to which a Lodge is attached be disbanded, the Brethren shall transmit the warrant to the Grand Secretary; but, if a competent number of the Brethren remain together, they may apply for another warrant of the same number, authorising a Lodge to be holden as a civil Lodge, at such place as may be convenient and approved of by the Grand Master, such warrant to be granted without any additional expense.

Sanction for  
Lodge of  
Instruction.

**132.** No Lodge of Instruction shall be holden unless under the sanction of a regular warranted Lodge, or by the licence and authority of the Grand Master. The Lodge

giving its sanction, or the Brethren to whom such licence is granted, shall be responsible for seeing that the proceedings are in accordance with the Antient Charges, Landmarks and Regulations of the Order as established by the Grand Lodge.

**133.** The times and places of meeting of Lodges of Instruction in London shall be submitted for approval to the Grand Secretary, and in Provinces and Districts to the Provincial and District Grand Secretaries respectively.

Time and  
place of  
meeting of  
Lodges of  
Instruction  
to be  
approved.

**134.** Lodges of Instruction shall keep minutes recording the names of all Brethren present at each meeting, and of Brethren appointed to hold office, and such minutes shall be produced when called for by the Grand Master, the Provincial or District Grand Master, the Board of General Purposes, or the Lodge granting the sanction.

Minutes of  
Lodges of  
Instruction.

Any Officer who is in possession of any property of a Lodge of Instruction shall, upon ceasing to hold his office, hand over such property to his successor, or to such person or persons as the Lodge giving its sanction, or the Grand Master, or other competent authority, shall direct.

Withdrawal  
of sanction  
from Lodge  
of Instruc-  
tion.

**135.** If a Lodge which has given its sanction for a Lodge of Instruction being held shall see fit, it may at any regular meeting withdraw that sanction by a resolution of the Lodge, provided that notice of intention to withdraw the sanction be inserted in the summons for that meeting, and at the same time be communicated to the Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction. A decision to withdraw the sanction of the Lodge shall be notified to the Lodge of Instruction, which shall thereupon cease to exist. The decision shall also be notified to the Grand Secretary or the Provincial or District Grand Secretary, as the case may be.

The Grand Master may at any time withdraw a licence given by him for a Lodge of Instruction, which shall thereupon cease to exist.

Whenever a Lodge of Instruction ceases to exist, the books, papers, and other documents become the property of, and must be handed over to, the Lodge under whose sanction it worked, or to the Grand Secretary on behalf of the Grand Master. The other property of the Lodge of Instruction shall be disposed of in such a manner as its members shall properly determine.

**136.** Every Lodge has the power of framing <sup>By-Laws.</sup> proper by-laws for its government, but no by-law nor any alteration thereof shall come into operation until approved in accordance with these Rules. The by-laws and every alteration thereof must be submitted to the Grand Secretary for the approval of the Grand Master, and, in the case of a Provincial or District Lodge, the same shall in the first instance be sent to the Provincial or District Grand Secretary for the approval of the Provincial or District Grand Master, and for subsequent transmission to the Grand Secretary. When finally approved, the by-laws must be printed, and a copy sent to the Grand Secretary, and also in the case beforementioned to the Provincial or District Grand Secretary.

**137.** The by-laws shall specify the regular <sup>Time and place of meeting.</sup> days and place of meeting of the Lodge, also the regular meeting for the election of Master, Treasurer and (if he is to be elected) Tyler, and the regular meeting for the installation of Master, which shall be the regular meeting next following that specified for his election. There is no power to cancel any regular meeting, nor may any meeting of the Lodge be held other than at the specified place and

Adjournment prohibited.

on the specified day, except as otherwise provided in these Rules. No meeting of a Lodge may be adjourned.\*

Submission to by-laws.

**138.** A copy of the by-laws shall be delivered to the Master on his installation, and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed to be a solemn pledge on his part that he will observe and enforce them.

Every Brother shall be supplied with a printed copy of the by-laws of the Lodge when he becomes a member, and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed to be a declaration of his submission to them.

Prohibited days for Meetings.

**139.** In no case may a meeting of the Grand Lodge, or of any Provincial or District Grand Lodge, or of any private Lodge be held upon Christmas Day, Good Friday, or a Sunday, and the provisions of this Rule are subject always to those days being prohibited days for any such meeting.

Meetings falling upon prohibited days or public holidays.

In case the specified day for the regular meeting of a Lodge shall fall upon Christmas Day, Good Friday, a Sunday, or a public holiday, then the meeting shall be held on such alternative day (being not more than seven days before nor more than seven days after the

\* Nor is an adjournment of any Masonic Meeting permissible.

specified day) as the Master shall direct, save only that in the case of the specified day falling upon a public holiday the meeting may be held upon that day provided that it be not a prohibited day.

If in any Lodge it should be desired to hold a regular meeting upon a day other than the specified day then the Grand Master or, in a Province or District, the Provincial or District Grand Master may, on good cause shown, grant a dispensation for the holding of such meeting on an alternative day being not more than fourteen days before nor more than fourteen days after the specified day.

For the purpose of computing the interval of four weeks mentioned in Rule 172, a meeting shall always be considered as having been held on the actual day on which it was held, and not on the specified day for which such actual day was substituted. For all other purposes a meeting held on an alternative day shall be deemed to have been held on the specified day.

**140.** Not more than one meeting of a Lodge may be held on one and the same day. When, on good cause shown, a dispensation shall first have been granted by the Grand Master, or, in a Province or District, the

Altering day of meeting by dispensation.

Computation of four weeks interval in Rule 172.

Emergency Meetings.



Provincial or District Grand Master, an emergency meeting of a Lodge may be called by the authority of the Master, or, if he be not available, then of the Senior Warden, or, if he also be not available, then of the Junior Warden, but on no pretence without such authority. No business which these Rules require to be transacted only at a regular meeting shall be transacted at an emergency meeting, and the business to be transacted thereat shall not include any business whatsoever except such as is mentioned on the summons convening the meeting nor shall the minutes of any previous meeting be read or confirmed at an emergency meeting, except in so far as any such minutes relate to or affect the validity of the business so mentioned.

Removal  
of Lodges.

**141.** Without prejudice to any power conferred by its warrant any Lodge may be removed from one house to another, if the following provisions are strictly complied with:—

- (a) If at any regular meeting a notice of motion for the removal of the Lodge signed by not fewer than seven subscribing members be given, the Master shall cause such motion, which may also propose a consequential alteration of the days of meeting, to be placed on the

summons for the next regular meeting or for a special meeting called for the sole purpose of considering and finally deciding the motion, for either of which not less than seven days' notice shall be given.

- (b) The motion shall not be carried unless two-thirds of the members voting shall vote in favour of it, and, if carried, shall effect, subject to all necessary approvals, the appropriate alterations in the by-laws of the Lodge.
- (c) No Lodge shall be removed without the consent of the Grand Master, and, if the removal be to or from or within a Province or District, the consent of the Provincial or District Grand Master concerned must first be obtained. Consent to removal.
- (d) When a Lodge shall have resolved to alter its place or day of meeting, a copy of the alterations of the by-laws shall forthwith be submitted for approval in accordance with Rule 136, together with a copy of the minutes relating to such alterations. Removal to be recorded.
- (e) If it is desired permanently to remove the Lodge, and it is not possible at once to specify a particular place of future Temporary removal.

meeting, the Master shall apply for an appropriate dispensation or appropriate dispensations in accordance with Rule 142. The dispensation, if granted, shall be for such period as is specified therein and shall authorise the Lodge to meet and carry on its business until the provisions of these Rules have been complied with.

Removal of  
Lodges for  
one meeting.

**142.** If any meeting of a Lodge at its regular place should for any reason be impracticable or undesirable, the Master shall forthwith apply to the Grand Master or the Provincial or District Grand Master, as the case may be, for a dispensation to meet at a specified place to carry on the general business of the Lodge, and, if the specified place be outside the area of jurisdiction in which the Lodge regularly meets, a dispensation shall be applied for from each of the authorities concerned.

Property,  
Furniture,  
Jewels,  
Books,  
Papers, etc.,  
of a Lodge.

**143.** All property of a Lodge not vested in special trustees belongs to, and is the property of, the Master and Wardens for the time being, in trust for the members of the Lodge. If any Lodge shall pledge its jewels and furniture or any part thereof, or permit or suffer any charge or lien thereon to arise or to be created, then its warrant is liable to be forfeited.

Every member of a Lodge is bound on ceasing to hold an office in the Lodge forthwith to hand over to his successor in such office all books, papers, documents and other property, if any, in his possession or under his control by virtue of his having held such office.

**144.** Every Lodge shall keep a Minute Minutes. Book in which the Master or the Secretary shall regularly enter from time to time:—

First.—The names of all persons initiated, passed or raised in the Lodge, or becoming members thereof, with the dates of their proposal, initiation, passing and raising or admission respectively, together with their ages, addresses, titles and professions or occupations.

Secondly.—The names of all members present at each meeting of the Lodge, and of all visiting Brethren with the names and numbers of their Lodges and their Masonic ranks.

Thirdly.—Minutes of all the proceedings of the Lodge.

The minutes of each meeting of a Lodge shall at the regular meeting next following be read and submitted for confirmation as a true record of fact.

Lodge Sub-  
scriptions.

145. All members entitled to the same privileges of a Lodge must pay annually the same amount of subscription, save that, if the by-laws so provide, a smaller rate of annual subscription may be fixed for members who, for some cause satisfactory to the Lodge, are not in a position to enjoy such privileges regularly.

No Lodge may by its by-laws or otherwise provide that any subscribing member thereof shall not be entitled to receive summonses, or be disqualified from holding office therein, but a Lodge may in its by-laws provide that members who are in default in the payment of their subscriptions for some specified period, not less than three months after their becoming due, shall be deprived while so in default of all or any of the rights of voting, proposing or seconding candidates, and being appointed or elected to office.

Annual  
Return of  
Members.

146. Every Lodge, by its Secretary, shall within three months after the end of each of its financial years transmit to the Grand Secretary, upon a printed form which he will provide, a return of the persons who were during such year its subscribing members, specifying in the case of every member who during such year was initiated in, or passed or raised in or for the Lodge, the date of every

such ceremony; and in the case of every member who joined or rejoined the Lodge during such year the date of his joining or rejoining and the name and number of every Lodge to which he then belonged or had at any time previously belonged; and in the case of all new members (whether by initiation or joining or rejoining) their ages, addresses, titles, and professions or occupations. Particulars shall also be given in the return of the dates of election to Honorary Membership, and of the deaths, resignations or exclusions of subscribing members which have occurred during such year. Such return shall be signed by the Master and the Secretary, and it shall be the duty of every Lodge to keep a register of its subscribing members and to enter therein all the particulars which are required to be specified on the return.

147. Every Lodge when it makes the return required by the preceding Rule shall remit the proper fees and contributions in respect of every member whose name appears thereon, irrespective of whether the subscription has been paid or not.

But (i) the words "in arrears" (stating the full period of such arrears) shall be written

Remittance  
of fees, etc.

against the name of any member whose subscription shall not have been paid up to the end of the annual period in respect of which the return is made.

(ii) When any such arrear is cleared, the period in respect of which the subscription shall have been paid shall be noted against the member's name on the next annual return.

Cessation of membership when three years in arrear.

148. Should the subscription of a member to his Lodge remain unpaid for three full years, at the expiration of that period he shall cease to be a member of the Lodge, which fact shall be reported to the Lodge at the next regular meeting, and recorded on the minutes. He can only become a member again by regular proposition and ballot according to Rule 163, and the Lodge shall require payment of the arrears as a condition precedent to his election. This Rule shall not prevent any Lodge proceeding against any of its members under Rule 181 in respect of sums due for a shorter period than three years, if so provided in its by-laws. When a Brother ceases to be a member under this Rule, the fact shall be forthwith notified to the Grand Secretary and, if the Lodge be within a Province or District, also to the Provincial or District Grand Secretary.

The provisions of Rules 9, 163, 175 and 182 shall apply in the case of a Brother ceasing to be a member under this Rule as if he had been excluded by vote.

149. If a Lodge be in a Province or District, it shall make returns similar to those required to be made to the Grand Secretary once in each year, or oftener if required, to the Provincial or District Grand Secretary, and transmit therewith all moneys payable to the Provincial or District Grand Lodge.

Returns by Lodges in Provinces and Districts.

150. To prevent injury to individuals, by being excluded from the privileges of Masonry through neglect in not registering their names or not paying their Grand Lodge dues, any Brother so circumstanced, on producing sufficient proof that he has paid the full fees to his Lodge, including the registration fee, shall not suffer any disability by reason of such neglect, and the offending Lodge shall be reported to the Board of General Purposes for detaining moneys which are the property of the Grand Lodge.

Rights of Brethren not prejudiced by neglect to make returns, etc.

151. Every Lodge, by its Secretary, shall annually, immediately after the installation of

Annual Installation Return.

the Master, make a return to the Grand Secretary of the Master, Wardens, and Past Masters of the Lodge, and of all members who claim to be entitled to attend the Grand Lodge as Past Masters, under Rule 9, having served the office of Master in some other Lodge, specifying the Lodge in which each of them has served the office of Master; and no Brother shall be permitted to attend the Grand Lodge unless his name shall appear in such return. This return shall also contain the full names and addresses of the Master and Secretary, both of whom shall sign the return.

Penalty for neglect to make returns.

152. If any Lodge shall neglect to make its return and payments to the Grand Lodge for a period of six months after the same are due according to these regulations, it shall be liable to erasure or to a lesser penalty under Rule 179 and in addition the Board of General Purposes may impose such penalty as it considers fitting upon any of the members of the Lodge who have been responsible for the neglect. The Master, Wardens, and Past Masters shall not be permitted to attend the Grand Lodge or sit upon any Board or Committee by virtue of any qualification derived from a Lodge until the proper returns and

payments to the Grand Lodge from that Lodge have been made.

153. All moneys due to, or held for, the Lodge shall be paid or remitted to the Treasurer direct, who shall without undue delay deposit the same in an account in the name of the Lodge at a bank to be approved by resolution of the Lodge. The Treasurer shall make such payments as are duly authorised, or have been sanctioned by the Lodge. All cheques must bear the signature of the Treasurer and (unless the Lodge resolves to the contrary) of at least one other member authorised by the Lodge. The Treasurer shall regularly enter a complete record of all moneys passing through his hands in the proper books of account, which shall be the property of the Lodge, and which, together with all Lodge funds and property in his possession, shall be transferred to his successor upon investiture. He shall prepare a statement of accounts annually, at a date to be determined by the members, showing the exact financial position of the Lodge, which statement shall be verified and audited by a Committee appointed by the Lodge, after which it shall be submitted to the members

Treasurer's Duties and Lodge Accounts.

for their consideration not later than the second regular meeting after the date to which the accounts are made up. The books of account shall be produced for inspection in open Lodge, or on other suitable occasion, if required by a resolution of the Lodge.

Lodge  
Committees.

**154.** A Lodge, if authorised by its by-laws, may appoint a Committee of its members for the purpose of considering and reporting upon proposals for membership of the Lodge. The Lodge by resolution may specifically refer any other matter to such Committee (or other Committee specially appointed in open Lodge) for consideration and report, or with power to act within such limits as the Lodge may define, but no Committee can be invested with any general executive powers. Any Committee may submit to the Lodge for consideration any matter which it may deem to be for the benefit of the Lodge. The Master *ex-officio* shall belong to, and be entitled to preside over, every Committee of the Lodge.

Lodge may  
regulate its  
own pro-  
ceedings.

**155.** The members present at any Lodge duly summoned have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings, provided they are consistent with the general laws and regulations of the Craft; but a protest

against any resolution or proceeding, based on the ground of its being contrary to the laws and usages of the Craft, and for the purpose of complaining or appealing to a higher Masonic authority, may be made, and such protest shall be entered in the Minute Book if the Brother making the protest shall so request.

**156.** Whenever it shall happen that the Voting. votes are equal upon any question to be decided by a majority, either by ballot or otherwise, the Master in the chair or the Warden ruling the Lodge shall give a second or casting vote.

**157.** No person shall be made a Mason Qualification for Initiation. while under the age of twenty-one years, unless by dispensation of the Grand Master or Provincial or District Grand Master. Every candidate must be a free man, and in reputable circumstances.

**158.** If a candidate for initiation seeks Enquiries as to candidates from other localities. admission to a Lodge in a locality in which he has neither a permanent residence nor a regular place of business or employment, he shall state in writing his reasons for so doing, and his reason for not seeking admission to a Lodge in the locality of his residence or principal place of business. In such a case the Lodge to which he seeks admission, upon

the receipt of a proposal form for initiation, shall forthwith make enquiries as to the candidate's suitability from the Masonic Authority having jurisdiction over the locality of his residence or principal place of business. A candidate coming within the provisions of this Rule shall not be proposed in open Lodge until the Masonic Authority has replied to the enquiries.

Candidates  
for  
Initiation.

**159.** Except as provided by Rule-160, a candidate for initiation may be proposed and seconded at a regular meeting only, and he must be balloted for at the next regular meeting. If the ballot be not so taken the proposal shall lapse. The particulars required of the candidate, as well as of his proposer and seconder, shall be furnished to the Secretary of the Lodge, previously to the meeting of the Lodge at which the proposal is to be made. For this purpose the printed form of application approved by the Board of General Purposes and for the time being in use, must be employed. Copies of such printed form will be supplied by the Grand Secretary. The proposer and seconder of a candidate must either be subscribing members of the Lodge, or be qualified in this respect by Rule 167; the candidate must be personally known to

them and they must be able to state that he is a man of good reputation and well fitted to become a member of the Lodge. When a candidate is not initiated on the day of his election, the date of such election shall be stated on the summons for the meeting at which the initiation is to take place. If a candidate is not initiated within one year after his election, the election shall be void. Every Brother upon initiation shall be supplied with a copy of the Book of Constitutions, and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed a declaration of his submission to its contents.

**160.** In cases where the length of the pro-  
cedure under Rule 159 would impose serious  
hardship upon a prospective candidate, any  
two members of a Lodge may send in writing  
to the Master, the name, age, profession or  
occupation (if any), and place of abode of the  
candidate, and the circumstances which in  
their opinion render it desirable that such  
candidate, who must be personally known to  
them, should be initiated as a matter of  
urgency. If in the opinion of the Master the  
urgency be real, and that hardship upon the  
candidate would be serious, he shall require the  
candidate and his proposer and seconder re-  
spectively to furnish the appropriate parti-

Initiation  
in cases of  
urgency.

culars to the Secretary of the Lodge on the printed form of application mentioned in Rule 159, not less than fourteen days previously to the regular or emergency meeting of the Lodge at which the proposal is to be submitted, and the ballot taken, and the candidate, if elected, is to be thereupon initiated.

A statement by the Master of the cause of the urgency and the nature of the hardship shall in every case be specified in the summons (issued in accordance with Rule 164) for the regular or emergency meeting at which the proposal is to be submitted. The Master, previously to the ballot being taken, shall state in open Lodge the cause of the urgency and the nature of the hardship, and such matters shall be recorded in the Lodge minutes.

**161.** No Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge shall initiate any candidate whose usual place of residence is in Ireland or Scotland or any place where the Grand Lodge of Ireland or the Grand Lodge of Scotland has exclusive Masonic jurisdiction without first communicating with the Grand Secretary in order that he may make enquiries of the Grand Secretary of the Jurisdiction from which the candidate comes, before a ballot is taken for his election.

Candidates  
from  
Ireland and  
Scotland.

This Rule shall not apply to members of Her Majesty's Forces on the Active List, or to members of any University who are candidates for initiation in a Lodge specially associated with that University.

**162.** Every candidate before his initiation must subscribe his name at full length to a declaration of the following import, viz. :—

Declaration  
by Candi-  
date.

To the Master, Wardens, Officers and Members of the Lodge of  
No.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being a free man, and of the full age of twenty-one years, do declare that, unbiassed by the improper solicitation of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motive, I do freely and voluntarily offer myself a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry; that I am prompted by a favourable opinion conceived of the institution, and a desire of knowledge; and that I will cheerfully conform to all the antient usages and the established customs of the Order.

Witness my hand, this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
Witness .....

**163.** A Brother desiring to become a joining member of a Lodge must be proposed and seconded at a regular

Joining  
Members.



meeting only. He must be balloted for at the next regular meeting. If the ballot be not so taken, the proposal shall be void. If elected, he must take up his membership within one year, and if he fails to do so the election shall be void.

The particulars required of the candidate, as well as of his proposer and seconder, shall be furnished to the Secretary of the Lodge previously to the meeting of the Lodge at which the proposition is to be made. For this purpose the printed form of application mentioned in Rule 159 must be employed. The proposer and seconder of a candidate must be qualified in the same manner and fulfil the same requirements as are mentioned in Rules 159 and 167 with respect to the proposer and seconder of a candidate for initiation.

Before the ballot is taken the candidate must produce to the Secretary of the Lodge his Grand Lodge Certificate, and, in accordance with Rule 175, a certificate of good standing from each of the Lodges of which he is a member to show that all dues have been paid, as well as a certificate from each of the Lodges of which he has ceased to be a member, stating the circumstances in which he left the Lodge, and whether at that time all dues were

Certificate  
to be  
produced.

paid, or have since been paid. If any of such Lodges has ceased to exist, and the candidate is not in possession of the necessary certificate, there shall be substituted a certificate from the Grand Secretary stating all relevant facts so far as they are known.

If any Brother who has been excluded from a Lodge or who has resigned without having complied with its by-laws or the general regulations of the Craft seeks to join another Lodge, the circumstances of such exclusion or resignation shall be stated to the Lodge before the ballot is taken, the better to enable the Brethren to exercise their discretion as to his admission. If a Lodge accepts such a Brother as a joining member, it shall be liable for any arrears that may be owing by him to the Lodge or Lodges from which he has been excluded or has resigned.

In the event of a Brother who has been initiated in a Lodge not under the Grand Lodge applying to join a Lodge under the Grand Lodge, the Secretary of the Lodge shall, before the ballot is taken, apply to the Grand Secretary (or in the case of a District Lodge, to the District Grand Secretary) to ascertain that the Grand Lodge under which the Brother was initiated is recognised by the Grand Lodge.

Upon election or within one year after his election, and previously to being admitted for

Joining  
Members  
from other  
Jurisdic-  
tions.

the first time as a member of the Lodge, the joining Brother shall make the following declaration:—

“I,....., initiated in Lodge....., No.....on the Register of the Grand Lodge of..... do solemnly declare that if I am admitted a member of this Lodge I will adhere to the Book of Constitutions of the United Grand Lodge of England, and promise due obedience to the Grand Master thereof and to all the Rules and Regulations of such United Grand Lodge.”

The declaration shall be made in the Lodge which the Brother is joining or in some other Lodge under the Grand Lodge, or in writing witnessed by a Brother, who shall state the name, number and Jurisdiction (which must be the Grand Lodge or a Jurisdiction recognised by the Grand Lodge) of the Lodge to which he himself belongs. The declaration validates the election retrospectively and must be recorded in the Lodge minutes.

A copy of the Book of Constitutions must be presented to each such joining Brother.

**164.** The particulars required by Rules 159, 160 and 163, when inserted in the printed form of application, shall be considered by

Election of candidates for initiation or joining.

the appropriate Committee of the Lodge or, if there be no such Committee, by the Master, and read in open Lodge immediately before the ballot is taken, and, if the candidate be elected, the form shall be signed by the Master and Secretary and sent by the Secretary to the Grand Secretary for filing when the registration fee is paid. In a Province or District a duplicate thereof shall be sent to the Provincial or District Grand Secretary when the annual returns are made.

In the case of a candidate for initiation his

- (a) full name,
- (b) age,
- (c) profession or occupation (if any),
- (d) place or places of abode,
- (e) business address or addresses,
- (f) the names of his proposer and seconder, and

(g) the date of his proposal in open Lodge, and, in the case of a candidate for joining or rejoining, the same particulars (except of age), together with the name and number of the Lodge or Lodges of which he is and has been a member, shall be specified in the summons for the meeting at which the ballot is to take place, and a copy of such summons shall be sent to each member of the Lodge at least seven days before the day of such meeting.

It is competent for a Lodge to specify in its by-laws that the form containing the particulars of a candidate shall be deposited with the Secretary for a reasonable number of days before the meeting at which the candidate is to be proposed, such number being specified in the by-laws, but the period of fourteen days mentioned in Rule 160 shall in no case be abridged.

Rejection  
on ballot.

**165.** No person shall be made a Mason in, or admitted a member of, a Lodge, if, on the ballot, three black balls appear against him; but the by-laws of a Lodge may enact that two black balls or one black ball shall exclude a candidate; and the by-laws may also enact that a reasonable period therein prescribed shall elapse before any rejected candidate can be proposed again in that Lodge.

Initiate  
becomes  
member.

**166.** Except in the case of a serving Brother, every candidate becomes a subscribing member of the Lodge upon initiation therein.

Honorary  
Members.

**167.** A Lodge shall have power, after notice placed on the summons, to elect as an

Honorary Member any Brother of good standing and worthy of such distinction by reason of his services to the Craft, or to the particular Lodge, who is, or within the previous year has been, a subscribing member of a regular Lodge. The motion for his election shall be voted on by ballot and declared carried unless three or more black balls appear against it. Such Honorary Member, who shall not be liable for any fees payable to the Lodge, shall possess the right of attending the meetings of the Lodge, but not, unless he ceases to be an Honorary Member by becoming a subscribing member of the Lodge in accordance with Rules 163 and 164, of making or voting upon any proposition or holding any office in the Lodge. The Grand Lodge and Provincial or District Grand Lodge dues under Rules 83, 84 and 270 shall not be paid in respect of an Honorary Member, and his name shall not be included in the list of subscribing members returned to the Grand Lodge in accordance with Rule 146 or the return required by Rule 151.

Where, however, the distinction of Honorary Membership has been conferred upon a Past Master because of the services he has rendered to the Lodge, he shall, if he has been a subscribing member thereof, be entitled to propose or second candidates for admission to the Lodge.

Number of candidates on the same day limited.

168. No Lodge shall initiate or confer any one degree on more than two candidates on the same day unless by dispensation from the Grand Master or the Provincial or District Grand Master. The application for such dispensation shall specify the names of the candidates, the degree to be conferred and the special circumstances in which the application is made.

Fee for Initiation.

169. When a person is made a Mason (except as provided in the following Rule) he shall on or before the day of his initiation pay to the Lodge the initiation fee prescribed in the by-laws which shall be not less than the minimum fee hereby prescribed, that is to say, five guineas inclusive of the registration fee in England, and three guineas exclusive of the registration and certificate fees abroad. No Lodge shall forgo or defer the payment of these sums or any part thereof.

Initiation and status of serving Brethren.

170. A person may be initiated as a serving Brother without any fee by the Lodge in which he is to serve or by any Lodge for the service of the Grand Lodge or a Provincial or District Grand Lodge, subject to a dispensation first being obtained from the Grand Master or the Provincial or District Grand Master.

Every such initiation and the circumstances thereof shall be specially notified to the Grand Secretary in the return made to him, and the serving Brother shall be registered free of expense, but shall be obliged to pay for a special Grand Lodge Certificate the fee prescribed. A Brother initiated as a serving Brother can only become a member of a Lodge by being elected thereto as a joining member and paying thereto the same fee as an initiate therein, but from and after such election and payment he shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges to which he would have been entitled if he had been initiated in a Lodge otherwise than as a serving Brother. Upon the first registration of a serving Brother as a joining member of a Lodge the appropriate fee for the registration of an initiate shall be paid by such Lodge, and the Brother shall be entitled to return the special Grand Lodge Certificate originally issued to him, in exchange for a Grand Lodge Certificate of the same date as his original Certificate.

A serving Brother may himself pay through the Lodge in which he was initiated such sums as would, if he were a member thereof, be payable in respect of him to the Fund of Benevolence pursuant to Rule 271, and when such payments have been made for ten years at

least in the aggregate, he shall be eligible to be relieved in case of distress, but such payments shall not be receivable except while the Brother is actually serving the Lodge in question and has not joined the same or any other Lodge under the foregoing provisions of this Rule.

A Tyler not initiated as a serving Brother is not qualified himself to pay the dues referred to in the preceding paragraph, neither may any Lodge pay such dues for him unless he is a subscribing member thereof.

Proposer  
responsible  
for fees.

**171.** The member who proposes a candidate shall be responsible to the Lodge for all fees payable under its by-laws in respect of the initiation of such candidate.

Interval  
between  
degrees.

**172.** Except abroad as provided by Rule 90, no Lodge shall confer a degree on any Brother at a less interval than four weeks from his receiving the previous degree, and every ceremony performed in contravention of this provision (unless validated as mentioned below) shall be void. The Grand Master shall refer every breach of this Rule to the Board of General Purposes pursuant to Rule 232, and may if he thinks proper upon the recommendation of the Board grant a dispensation

validating any such ceremony retrospectively, subject to such (if any) conditions as he may consider proper.

**173.** No Lodge of which he is not a member shall pass or raise a Brother who has been initiated in another Lodge except at the written request of the Master (or in his absence a Warden) and the Secretary of the Lodge in which he was initiated. Conferral of Degrees by request.

In the case of a request by or on behalf of a Lodge under a recognised Grand Lodge to have a degree conferred on a Brother in a Lodge under the Grand Lodge, the request must be countersigned by the Grand Secretary of the recognised Grand Lodge and by him forwarded to the Grand Secretary for transmission to the Lodge, in which the degree is to be conferred.

In the converse case a request by or on behalf of a Lodge under the Grand Lodge to have a degree conferred on a Brother in a Lodge under a recognised Grand Lodge, the request must be countersigned by the Grand Secretary and by him forwarded to the Grand Secretary of the recognised Grand Lodge for transmission to the Lodge in which the degree is to be conferred.

Whenever a Brother has been passed or raised under any of the provisions of this Rule a document certifying such passing or raising shall forthwith be forwarded to the Grand Secretary and to the Lodge to which the candidate belongs.

Application for Grand Lodge Certificate.

**174.** Applications for Grand Lodge Certificates must be made by the Lodge in which the Brother has been initiated to the Grand Secretary, on the appropriate form provided by him, except in the case of District Lodges where the District Grand Master is authorised by Rule 87 to issue Certificates, in which case the application must be made to the District Grand Secretary.

Fee for Certificate must be paid.

The fee payable for the registration of a Mason, in accordance with Rule 270, shall be paid and sent, together with the proposal form, on the registration of a Brother's name by the Lodge in which he was initiated. No Certificate can be issued until the appropriate fee is paid and the proposal form duly completed is received.

Who entitled to Certificate.

Every Brother in good standing shall be entitled to a Grand Lodge Certificate immediately upon his being registered in the books of the Grand Lodge as having received the third degree; but a Brother may in

special circumstances obtain a Certificate of the first or second degree, and, after he has been advanced to a superior degree, shall be entitled free of charge to exchange such Certificate for one of the superior degree.

A Brother's Grand Lodge Certificate should be presented to him in open Lodge, and the fact entered on the minutes, but, in cases where this cannot conveniently be done, the Certificate shall be sent to him by registered post, and the Secretary shall report the fact at the next regular meeting of the Lodge so that it be duly recorded.

A Grand Lodge Certificate must immediately upon receipt be signed in the margin by the Brother to whom it is issued.

In case a Certificate be lost or destroyed, of which satisfactory proof must be adduced, the Grand Secretary may issue a duplicate to the Brother to whom the original was issued upon payment of the fee prescribed in Rule 270.

**175.** A Lodge shall grant a Certificate free of charge to a Brother whenever required by him in each of the following cases :—

- (a) When he is a member of the Lodge, a Certificate to that effect and stating (if such be the case) that he is not indebted to the Lodge; and

(b) When he has been but is no longer a member of the Lodge, a Certificate stating whether he ceased to be a member by resignation or by exclusion, giving the date and circumstances thereof, and stating whether he was at the time indebted to the Lodge and, if so, whether and at what time such indebtedness was discharged by him.

The Certificate shall be dated, and, unless handed to the Brother himself, shall be transmitted by registered post, the envelope being plainly marked on the outside, "Private and Confidential."

Except as provided by this Rule no Lodge shall grant a Certificate of any kind to a Brother.

Membership  
of quasi-  
Masonic  
and other  
organisations.

**176.** A person who has in any way been connected with any organisation which is quasi-Masonic, imitative of Masonry, or regarded by the Grand Lodge as irregular or as incompatible with the Craft, may not be initiated into the Craft except by leave of the Grand Master or the Provincial or District Grand Master, as the case may be.

A Brother who subsequent to his initiation has in any way been or is connected with any such organisation as above-mentioned shall be

bound to disclaim and finally to sever such connection, or on failure so to do when called upon to do so by any proper Masonic authority shall be liable to suspension or expulsion and shall not thereafter be entitled to a resumption of his Masonic privileges or to relief from the Board of Benevolence until he shall have petitioned the Grand Master, made due submission, and obtained grace.

**177.** No Brother shall publish or cause to be published anything which according to the established principles of Masonry ought not to be published. Printing or publishing proceedings.

No Brother, without the consent of the Grand Master or the Provincial or District Grand Master as the case may be, shall publish or cause to be published the proceedings of any Lodge.

No Brother, without the like consent, shall publish or circulate or cause to be published or circulated any document relating to any case before a regularly constituted Masonic tribunal, except that copies of documents may be furnished for the use of such tribunal if sent through the Grand Secretary or the Provincial or District Grand Secretary or the Chairman or Secretary of the Board or

Committee forming the tribunal, as the case may require.

Public appearance in Masonic Clothing.

**178.** No Brother shall appear clothed in any of the jewels, collars or badges of the Craft, in any procession, meeting or assemblage at which persons other than Masons are present, or in any place of public resort, unless the Grand Master or the Provincial or District Grand Master, as the case may be, shall have previously given a dispensation for Brethren to be there present in Masonic clothing.

Breaches of Regulations.

**179.** A Lodge or Brother offending against any law or regulation of the Craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall, at the discretion of the Grand Lodge, or of any of its delegated authorities, or of a Provincial or District Grand Master, be subject to admonition, fine or suspension.

If a Lodge be suspended, the members thereof are not relieved of their responsibility to pay the dues to the Grand Lodge, or to Provincial or District Grand Lodge, and each member is liable for his share of proper expenses incurred by the Lodge during the period of suspension.

If a Brother be suspended, the penalty may be made to apply to his membership of a

particular Lodge or Lodges, or to all, or some only, of his Masonic privileges, and such Brother remains liable for his subscription to any Lodge from which he has been suspended.

If fine be the punishment awarded, it shall, <sup>Fines.</sup> for the first offence, be not less than one pound nor more than five pounds; for the second offence of a similar nature within three years, it shall not be less than two nor more than ten pounds; and if the Lodge or Brother shall refuse to pay the fine, or be guilty of a third offence within three years of the second offence, the Lodge shall be liable to be erased or the Brother to be expelled.

All fines shall be applied to the Fund of Benevolence of the Grand Lodge or Provincial or District Grand Lodge as the case may be.

**180.** If any Brother behave in Lodge in <sup>Misbehaviour in Lodge.</sup> such a manner as to disturb the harmony of the Lodge, he shall be formally admonished by the Master; and if he persist in his irregular conduct, he shall be punished by censure, fine, or exclusion for the remainder of the meeting, according to the opinion of the majority of the members present, or the case may be reported to higher Masonic authority.



Permanent  
exclusion.

181. Any Lodge may by resolution exclude any member for sufficient cause, provided a notice in writing shall have been served upon him not less than fourteen days previously to the meeting at which the complaint is to be considered, together with the particulars of the complaint made against him, stating the time and place appointed for its consideration when he may attend and be heard. Not less than seven days' notice in writing shall also be served upon each member of the Lodge of the intention to propose such a resolution. The name of the Brother concerned shall not appear in the notice served upon the members of the Lodge. The notices shall be considered duly served if sent by post to the last-known address of each member, but, in the case of the member against whom the complaint is made, the notice shall be sent by registered post, the envelope being plainly marked on the outside "Private and Confidential." The voting shall be by ballot, and the power of exclusion cannot be exercised unless two-thirds of the members present vote in favour of it. The name of every Brother excluded from a Lodge, with the cause of the exclusion, shall forthwith be sent to the Grand Secretary and, if the Lodge

be within a Province or District, also to the Provincial or District Grand Secretary.

*N.B.—The term expelled is only used when a Brother is removed from the Craft by the Grand Lodge. Upon a removal of a Brother from a private Lodge, the term excluded only is applicable.*

182. (a) If the Grand Master be satisfied that any Brother has been excluded without due cause or that the provisions of Rule 181 have not been complied with, he may, either of his own motion or on the complaint of the Brother who has been excluded, order him to be reinstated, and may suspend any Lodge which fails to comply with that order.
- (b) A Provincial or District Grand Master has the same power within his Province or District.
- (c) A complaint under this Rule must be made within three months after the exclusion of the Brother who makes it.
- (d) No appeal shall lie from any decision of the Grand Master under this Rule, but an appeal may be made under Rule 185 against a decision of a Provincial or District Grand Master

Power to  
reinstated  
excluded  
Brethren.

if the Grand Registrar shall be of opinion that such decision is one that requires further consideration.

Resignations.

**183.** A member of a Lodge may at any time resign his membership (either immediately or as from some later date specified by him at the time), by notifying such resignation either by a written notice to the Secretary or orally to the Lodge at a regular meeting. If the resignation be so notified to the Secretary, he shall (unless it had in the meantime been withdrawn by a further written notice to him), communicate it to Lodge at the next regular meeting thereof. The resignation, if notified to the Secretary and reported to the Lodge, takes effect from the time such notification in writing was received by the Secretary, or, if communicated orally to the Lodge, takes effect forthwith, or (in either case) as from the later date (if any) as has been so specified as above-mentioned. No acceptance of the resignation is necessary, and, subject to the following provisions, it is, after notification or communication to the Lodge, irrevocable. Provided first that if, when the resignation is notified or communicated to the Lodge as aforesaid, the member be desired by a majority of the members present and voting to withdraw his

resignation, it shall, if within twenty-one days thereafter he does so withdraw it, be considered cancelled; and, secondly, the resignation of a Brother notified or communicated to a Lodge after a notice has been served upon him, in accordance with Rule 181, that a resolution is to be proposed to exclude him from the Lodge, cannot be withdrawn, and such resignation does not prevent the Lodge considering and voting upon such resolution if it so desires, but, unless the Lodge has resolved that the Brother shall be excluded, it may in such a case proceed in the manner indicated in the first proviso of this Rule.

**184.** Any Masonic question, dispute or difference, other than one coming under Rule 181 or Rule 182, which cannot be settled between the parties to it shall be reduced into writing and delivered as follows:—

Differences and complaints not in Provinces and Districts.

- (a) If arising in London or in a place where no Provincial or District Grand Master has jurisdiction, to the Grand Secretary, who shall lay the same before the Grand Master or the Board of General Purposes, as the case may require;
- (b) If arising in a Province or District, to the Provincial or District Grand Secretary, who shall lay the same before the

In Provinces or Districts.

Provincial or District Grand Master, with a view to the same being dealt with in accordance with Rules 74 and 75.

Provided that on the request of a Provincial or District Grand Master and with the approval of the Board of General Purposes the same may be referred by the Grand Secretary to an Appeal Committee constituted under Rule 185A and dealt with in accordance with Rules 185B, 185C, 185D and 185E.

Appeals.

**185.** Any Lodge or Brother feeling aggrieved by a decision given under the foregoing Rule may appeal against such decision to the Grand Lodge. The appeal must be made in writing, specifying the particular grievance complained of, and be transmitted, with all relevant documents, to the Grand Secretary, accompanied by a certificate that duplicates of the appeal and of such relevant documents have been sent by the appellant to the authority against whose decision the appeal is made, and also to the opposite party, if any; and upon the receipt of the appeal and certificates by the Grand Secretary, he shall forthwith give notice thereof to the authority whose decision is thereby called in question, and also to the opposite party, if any; and on the hearing of

the appeal the proof of the service of the notice and copies of the appeal shall, unless admitted, be upon the appellant. Such notices shall be considered duly served if proved to have been sent by registered post.

No appeal can be entertained unless couched in proper and respectful language, nor unless made within three months after the decision appealed from or such, if any, longer period as the Grand Master may allow.

**185a.** Every appeal shall be referred by the Grand Secretary to an Appeal Committee to be appointed in the case of an appeal against a decision of the Board of General Purposes by the Grand Registrar from amongst members of the Grand Lodge who are not members of the Board of General Purposes, and in all other appeals by the Board of General Purposes from amongst members of the Grand Lodge.

**185b.** An Appeal Committee shall fully investigate the case referred to it and shall have power to require the attendance before it of any Brother and the production by any Lodge or Brother of any books or documents including power to direct that any books or documents shall be sent to the Committee.

**185c.** Any Brother being an appellant or an opposite party in the appeal shall be entitled to state his case in writing and to appear before the Appeal Committee either in person or by any authorised representative who is a member of the Grand Lodge.

Any Lodge being an appellant or an opposite party in the appeal shall be entitled to state its case in writing and to appear by any authorised representative who is either a member of the Lodge or a member of the Grand Lodge.

**185d.** An Appeal Committee shall report :—

(a) in the case of an appeal from the Board of General Purposes direct to the Grand Lodge ; and

(b) in every other case to the Board of General Purposes, which shall bring the report before the Grand Lodge.

**185e.** No recommendation contained in a report shall have effect until accepted by a resolution of the Grand Lodge.

**186.** In any territory in which a District Grand Lodge exists, if the District Grand Master shall think proper to grant a dispensa-

Meeting to discuss formation of Sovereign Grand Lodge.

tion for that purpose, it shall be lawful for any Lodge to hold a special meeting, or meetings, to discuss and resolve on the question of the formation of a Sovereign Grand Lodge for or including the District or part thereof, or any neighbouring District or part thereof, or any Lodge or Lodges not in a District. Such dispensation may be granted subject to any conditions that the District Grand Master may deem proper, and also to provisions enabling two or more Lodges to unite in the special meeting ; and if the District Grand Master should refuse to grant a dispensation, an appeal from such refusal may be made to the Grand Master. In a territory in which more than one District Grand Lodge exists the same procedure shall be adopted in each District, and before any Grand Lodge shall be recognised as having jurisdiction over the whole of such territory the consent of each District Grand Lodge shall be certified by the District Grand Master thereof.

**187.** Whenever the Grand Lodge shall, with the assent of the Grand Master, recognise a Grand Lodge as a regular and independent Sovereign Body, having jurisdiction in any territory where a District Grand Lodge or Lodges not in a District exist, and the Grand

Regulations to be observed by Lodges in the jurisdiction of a new Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Master shall signify that it is not his intention to grant for the future any warrant for a new Lodge in that jurisdiction, the following rules shall apply :—

1. Within six months after recognition the Master of every Lodge in such jurisdiction shall convene a special meeting of the Lodge on not less than twenty-one days' notice to every member ; failing the Master, the District Grand Master, or, failing him, his Deputy shall convene such meeting, and preside thereat.
2. The Brethren present at such meeting, whose names appear as subscribing members on the last return filed with the Grand Secretary, shall decide whether they desire that the Lodge shall continue under the Grand Lodge of England or join the new Grand Lodge. If the decision be to join the new Grand Lodge, the Brethren shall, at the same meeting, decide in whom the property and effects of the Lodge shall be vested, and the warrant shall be forthwith returned to the Grand Secretary to be delivered up to the Grand Master. A majority of two-thirds of the members present

shall be required to carry such resolutions.

3. No questions shall be discussed or put at such meeting other than those above prescribed.
4. Immediately after such meeting a full copy of the minutes and a list from the signature book of all members attending, together with the numbers voting for or against, shall be sent to the Grand Secretary, verified under the hand of the presiding Master, and countersigned by the Secretary of the Lodge.
5. No second meeting shall be called to discuss the above-mentioned questions without the special leave of the Grand Master.

188. Whenever the number of subscribing members of any Lodge, as shown on the last return to Grand Lodge, shall be fewer than five, the Lodge shall cease to meet, and the warrant, books, and papers shall be delivered up to the Grand Master, who may, nevertheless, if he thinks proper, grant a dispensation to enable the members to meet, subject to such conditions as he may deem expedient, until

Lodge with less than five members.

he has finally decided whether the Lodge shall be continued or erased.

Lodge fail-  
ing to meet.

**189.** Should a Lodge fail to meet for one year, it shall be liable to be erased.

Surrender of  
Warrant.

**190.** Upon the dissolution of a Lodge, the warrant, together with all the books and papers relating to the affairs of the Lodge, must be delivered up to the Grand Master. Its other property shall be disposed of as the Lodge may, prior to its dissolution, have resolved, or in default of or subject to any such resolution, as the Grand Master may direct. A warrant cannot in any circumstances be transferred.

### BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

**191.** The fund appropriated to the object of benevolence shall be devoted solely to charity. Fund of Benevolence.

**192.** The Grand Lodge may at any time and from time to time make grants out of the Fund of Benevolence for charitable purposes. Applications or recommendations for such grants must be previously submitted to the Board of Benevolence. Subject thereto the Fund shall be administered by the Board for the purpose of relieving distress. Meetings and constitution of the Board of Benevolence

The Board shall consist of a President to be appointed by the Grand Master in accordance with Rule 18; two Vice-Presidents to be appointed annually by the Grand Master at the Grand Lodge in December and eight Installed Masters, four of whom shall represent the London Lodges and four the Provincial Lodges, to be elected in the manner and to serve for the period prescribed in Rules 193 and 194 respectively. Appointment of Vice-Presidents.

The distribution and application of the Fund by the Board shall take place at the meetings to be held on the third Wednesday of every month.

The Board shall apply towards the cost of

administration of the Fund ten per cent. of the sums payable to the Fund of Benevolence under Rule 271.

Election of  
Members  
representing  
London  
Lodges.

**193.** The four Installed Masters to represent London Lodges shall be members of the Grand Lodge qualified by membership of a London Lodge. Each of them shall serve for a period of four years and on the 30th November in each year one in rotation shall retire but, subject to the provisions of Rule 196, be eligible for re-election. Nominations of them may be made by Brethren who are members of the Grand Lodge qualified in respect of membership of a London Lodge.

A nomination shall be in writing and delivered to the Grand Secretary on or before the first Tuesday in November in each year, and shall contain the name of the Installed Master, his Masonic Rank, and the name and number of the Lodge in London under the Grand Lodge of which he is a subscribing member, provided that not more than one member of any Lodge shall be eligible as such for nomination, but a duly qualified Brother being a subscribing member of another Lodge may be nominated in respect of his membership of such other Lodge.

In the case of more than the requisite number of Brethren being so nominated, the election shall be by ballot at the December Quarterly Communication, for which purpose the names of the candidates so proposed shall be printed on a balloting card in alphabetical order with the Masonic Rank of each candidate and the number of his Lodge, a copy of which card shall be delivered to every member of a London Lodge attending the December Quarterly Communication. The balloting cards shall be deposited in ballot boxes provided for that purpose and must not be signed. The result of the poll shall be ascertained and notified in the manner prescribed in Rule 224. In the event of an equality of votes the Grand Master or other Presiding Officer shall give a casting or deciding vote.

**194.** The four Installed Masters to represent Provincial Lodges shall be members of the Grand Lodge qualified by membership of a Provincial Lodge. Each of them shall serve for a period of four years and on the 30th November in each year one in rotation shall retire but, subject to the provisions of Rule 196, be eligible for re-election.

Election of  
Members  
representing  
Provincial  
Lodges.

Each Province in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled shall be entitled on or before the

30th June in every year to nominate one duly qualified Brother for election. Such nomination, containing the name of the Brother together with the number of his Provincial Lodge and his Masonic Rank, shall, within fourteen days, be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, who shall prepare a list of candidates and send a copy thereof on or before the 30th September of the same year to each Provincial Grand Master in the form of a voting paper containing the names of the several candidates, the numbers of their Lodges, their Masonic Ranks and the Province by which each nomination has been made.

A Provincial Grand Master cannot give more than one vote for any one candidate.

The voting papers shall be returned on or before the following 31st October to the Grand Secretary by whom the votes shall be counted, and the name of the candidate who has received the highest number of votes shall be announced to the Grand Lodge at the next December Quarterly Communication. In the event of an equality of votes the Grand Master or other presiding Officer shall give a casting or deciding vote.

If two or more candidates are proposed in a Provincial Grand Lodge, the decision as to

which of them shall be nominated shall be made by that Provincial Grand Lodge.

195. If the President or either of the Vice-<sup>Death, resignation or removal of members</sup> Presidents shall die, resign or be removed the Grand Master shall appoint a member of the Grand Lodge to fill the vacancy. If a member elected to represent the London Lodges shall die, resign, be removed, cease to be a member of the Grand Lodge or be appointed President or Vice-President, the vacancy shall be filled at the earliest Quarterly Communication for which it can conveniently be arranged by the election of a duly qualified Brother to serve for the remainder of the term, and for the purposes of such election nominations in writing shall be submitted to the Grand Secretary not later than twenty-eight days after the occurrence of the vacancy.

If a member elected to represent the Provincial Lodges shall die, resign, be removed, cease to be a member of the Grand Lodge or be appointed President or Vice-President, the Provincial Grand Master of the Province of the Brother concerned shall appoint a duly qualified Provincial Brother to serve in his stead for the remainder of the term. Such appointment shall be made by the Provincial Grand Master and notified to



the Grand Secretary within twenty-eight days after the vacancy occurs, or in default shall be made by the Grand Master.

Disquali-  
fication  
of elected  
Members.

**196.** A member of the Board representing London or Provincial Lodges shall be eligible for re-election at the end of the term for which he was elected unless he shall have been deemed to have resigned in accordance with the following provision.

If a member of the Board representing London or Provincial Lodges shall not have attended at least half the number of meetings of the Board held during any one year (unless in the opinion of the Board such absence was due to illness or other good cause), he shall be deemed to have resigned the Board for the period for which he was elected.

Absence of  
President  
or Vice-  
Presidents.

**197.** In the absence of the President, the Senior Vice-President, and in the absence of both, the Junior Vice-President shall preside; should all three be absent, the Brother present who is highest in Masonic rank shall preside. If either of the Vice-Presidents shall be absent, or be in the chair, his place shall be filled in like manner.

Responsi-  
bility of  
presiding  
Brother.

**198.** The Brother presiding shall be bound strictly to enforce all the regulations of the Craft respecting the distribution of the fund,

and shall be satisfied, before any petition is read, that all the required formalities have been complied with.

**199.** The members shall not be subject to canvassing or solicitation, but shall have their minds free from prejudice, to decide on the merits of each case with the impartiality and purity of Masonic feeling. If it shall appear that this rule has been wilfully transgressed, the consideration of the case shall be deferred for the space of three months.

**200.** If any member of the Board shall canvass or otherwise solicit on behalf of a petitioner, the Grand Lodge may, on the fact being proved, disqualify him from attending as a member of the Board of Benevolence for twelve months.

**201.** No member shall at any time vote upon the petition of any person for whom he may have improperly allowed himself to be canvassed, or to whom he is related, nor upon the petition of a Brother, or widow or child of a Brother who is, or was, a member of a Lodge to which he himself belongs. Such member may be heard on the merits of the petition, but must then withdraw.

Qualifica-  
tions for  
relief.

**202.** Except as provided in this Rule or in Rule 170, no Brother registered under the Grand Lodge shall receive the benefit of the Fund of Benevolence unless he has paid the full initiation or joining fee, has been a subscribing member of a Lodge or Lodges under the Grand Lodge for at least five years, and his dues in respect of that period have been paid to the Fund. Any Brother who has ceased subscribing for the immediate past twenty years shall not be eligible to petition the Board unless he had previously subscribed to a Lodge or Lodges for fifteen years or upwards. Provided that if by any resolution of the Grand Lodge the payment of the subscriptions and quarterly dues on account of any Brother has been excused during a state of war, the period of abstinence from such payment may be deemed as part of the period of five years or fifteen years, as the case may be, for the purpose of this Rule. In reckoning the period of five or fifteen years herein mentioned, the payment of subscriptions concurrently to more than one Lodge shall be considered only as a single subscription.

The Board may in its discretion relieve any case notwithstanding that the qualifying period has not been completed or that the Brother's subscriptions during the qualifying

period have not been paid in full provided that it is proved to the satisfaction of the Board that the Brother's failure to complete the qualifying period or fully to pay all subscriptions as the case may be is due to physical incapacity preventing him from so doing.

**203.** If on enquiry into any petition it shall appear that a Lodge has neglected to register the Brother in respect of whose membership the petition is presented, or to transmit the dues in respect of him to the Grand Lodge, the Board of Benevolence shall forthwith report the case to the Board of General Purposes the Lodge may be proceeded against, and the petition shall not be prejudiced by such default of the Lodge.

Neglect  
by Lodges  
to make  
payments  
to be  
reported.

**204.** The Board of Benevolence may grant relief to the indigent widow or for the indigent child or children under the age of 21 years of a deceased Brother (a) who would at the time of his death himself have been qualified to receive relief under Rule 202, or (b) who, having been initiated in a Lodge under the Grand Lodge, and having continued a subscribing member to such a Lodge from his initiation to the time of his death, shall have died within five years of such initiation.

Relief of  
widows and  
children

No application in respect of any child shall be made later than five years after the death of the father.

Certificates  
required.

**205.** Before the petition of a widow or child shall be considered, the certificates of the deceased Brother's marriage and death, or burial, and, in the case of children, the certificates also of their births, shall be deposited with the Grand Secretary. In the case of the petition of a Brother on whom his wife is stated to be dependent, the certificates of his marriage and of the births of his dependent children, if any, shall, if required, be deposited. In the case of the loss of any of the above-mentioned certificates, or the impossibility of procuring them, the Board may grant relief if such loss or impossibility of procuring them be proved, and the facts otherwise established to the satisfaction of the Board.

Petitioners  
from  
recognised  
Jurisdictions  
etc.

**206.** Brethren registered under the Lodges of recognised Constitutions may, subject to sub-section (d) of Rule 208, be relieved on the production of certificates and testimonials to the satisfaction of the Board of Benevolence and proof of identity and distress, and of having paid at least five years' subscription to a regular Lodge, it being understood that such relief, if exceeding five pounds, except in the

case of sickness, is intended to assist them to return to their native land, or to any country in which they have been established or have friends.

**207.** Applications for relief must be by Petitions  
for relief. petition, stating the name, occupation, place of abode, and present circumstances of the petitioner, the name and number of the Lodge in which and the time when he (or the husband or father, in the case of the petition of a widow, child, or children) was initiated, and the other Lodges, if any, which he afterwards joined. The applicant, unless disabled by disease or accident, must sign the petition.

**208.** (a) Every petition must be submitted Recom-  
mendation  
of Petition to a Lodge to which the petitioner belongs or belonged or to which the late husband or father, as the case may be, belonged, and no Lodge receiving such a petition shall refuse to consider and report upon it.

(b) Not later than the second regular meeting after the receipt of a petition, the Lodge must pass a resolution, whether at a regular or emergency meeting, either to support or not to support the petition and, within three months at the latest, forward it

to the Grand Secretary, with a report which has been approved in open Lodge and signed by the Brethren occupying the chairs of the Master and Wardens at the meeting, and also by the Treasurer, or the Secretary or a Past Master present thereat, and which must:—

- (1) Set out the resolution and the date thereof;
- (2) State, if in the opinion of the Brethren present the facts justify it, that they know or knew or have good reason for believing the Brother named in the petition to have been reputable in character, and that he has or had been for not less than five years (except as provided for in Rules 170 and 202) paying the stipulated subscriptions to the funds of a regular Lodge, and that the requirements of Rule 202 have been complied with;
- (3) State any facts or circumstances known to the Lodge which may aid the Board when dealing with the petition, with such other observations, if any, as may be thought proper; and
- (4) Certify that such report has been so approved in open Lodge as before-mentioned.

(c) Provided that:—

- (1) If any arrears of the Brother named in the petition have for any reason been cancelled by a resolution of the Grand Lodge during a state of war or other national emergency, the clause in (b) (2) with respect to subscriptions or contributions shall not apply for the period for which such arrears were cancelled; or
- (2) If a Lodge cannot report on any necessary fact, it shall give such explanation as may be possible; or
- (3) Should the next regular meeting of a Lodge not be held within two months from the receipt of the application for relief, and undue hardship would be occasioned by the delay, the report required by clause (b) of this Rule may be signed by the Master, Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and a subscribing Past Master of the Lodge.
- (4) If a Lodge has been erased or suspended, or has temporarily ceased to meet, the report required by clause (b) of this Rule may be made by any Brother registered under the Grand Lodge, and accepted and approved for that purpose by the Board.

(d) Every petition reported upon by a Provincial or District Lodge shall be forwarded to the Provincial or District Grand Secretary of the Province or District in which the Brother's Lodge is situated for his report on the circumstances therein set forth, provided that in the case of a petition where the Brother named therein belongs or belonged to a Lodge under a District, and the petitioner is residing at such a distance from the Lodge that there would be a delay of more than one month in the presentation of the petition to the Board by reason of obtaining a report by the Lodge upon the petition, then the procedure hereinafter defined applying to a Brother belonging to an overseas Lodge not under a District may be adopted.

In the case of members of military Lodges or overseas Lodges not under a District, and of Brethren under a recognised Constitution, a report attached to the petition and signed by a Brother registered under the Grand Lodge shall at the discretion of the Board be deemed sufficient.

**209.** To prevent mistakes in the presentation of petitions, the printed form following the requirements of Rule 208 is to be used, copies of which can be obtained from the Grand Secre-

Form of  
petition.

tary's office, or from the Provincial or District Grand Secretary's office, as the case may be.

**210.** Every petitioner shall be visited in <sup>Petitioners</sup> his or her home by the Master or a Brother of <sup>to be</sup> visited. the Lodge, or by some other Brother, who shall certify, so far as he has been able to ascertain, (a) as to the actual condition, age, profession or occupation, means of subsistence, family aid received and future prospects of the petitioner, (b) the position the Brother (or the late husband or father named in the petition) has held in the Craft, and (c) the use proposed to be made of any grant which may be made to a widow or child. The certificate shall also include any facts or circumstances known to the visiting Brother which may aid the Board when dealing with the petition and a statement to the effect that he is not aware of any circumstances disintitling the petitioner to relief, or which ought to be disclosed. The form of certificate shall be decided by the President and the Vice-Presidents of the Board of Benevolence and the Grand Secretary for the time being. Where the petitioner resides within the London area, the visiting Brother shall, if required, attend the Board when the Petition is considered.

*N.B.—Masters of Lodges and visiting Brethren are earnestly requested to forward full particulars of each case to enable the Board to act with complete knowledge of the relevant facts.*

Time for  
presenting  
Petitions.

**211.** Petitions for relief shall be delivered to the Grand Secretary not later than the first Wednesday in each month for presentation to the Board of Benevolence at its meeting to be held in that month.

Petitioner  
to attend  
Board if  
required.

**212.** The petitioner shall, if required by the Board but not otherwise, attend the meeting of the Board of Benevolence in person.

Further  
applications

**213.** A Brother or a widow who has been relieved cannot be again relieved until after an interval of at least twelve months.

An orphan who has been relieved cannot petition again.

Report to  
Grand  
Lodge.

**214.** The Board shall submit a report of its proceedings to each Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Death of  
Petitioner  
before Board  
meets.

**215.** If a petitioner shall have died after the date of the presentation of a petition for relief and before such petition shall have been considered by the Board, or before the whole

of any grant shall have been paid to the petitioner, the Board shall be at liberty to order the payment of such sum to the widow, child or children, as the case may be, of the deceased petitioner as it may consider necessary to meet the expenses occasioned by the death. The provisions of Rule 204 shall not apply to such payment, and no such payment shall prejudice any subsequent petition.

## BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

Constitution  
of Board.

**216.** The Board shall consist of the Grand Master, Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, the Assistant Grand Masters, the Grand Wardens, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Registrar, the Deputy Grand Registrar, a President, Past Presidents, the President of the Board of Benevolence, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and thirty-two additional members.

Appointed  
and elected  
members.

**217.** Eight members of the Board shall be appointed annually by the Grand Master at the June Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, and the remaining twenty-four members (twelve of whom shall represent London Lodges and twelve Provincial Lodges) shall be elected as hereinafter provided.

Any casual vacancy in the number of the appointed members shall be filled by the Grand Master.

Election of  
members  
representing  
London  
Lodges.

**218.** Four Brethren eligible to attend Grand Lodge, being either Masters or Past Masters of London Lodges, shall each year be elected by ballot, to serve for a term of three years, by the Brethren who are members of

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London Lodges attending the June Quarterly Communication. Nominations by members of London Lodges who are eligible to attend Grand Lodge, containing the names of the several Brethren, the names and numbers of their Lodges and their Masonic rank, shall be delivered to the Grand Secretary on or before the first Tuesday in May. In the case of more than four Brethren being so nominated, the names of the candidates so proposed shall be printed on a ballot card in alphabetical order with the Masonic rank of each candidate and the number of his Lodge, and a copy of such card shall be delivered to every member of a London Lodge attending the June Quarterly Communication. The ballot cards shall be deposited in ballot boxes provided for that purpose and must not be signed. In the event of the election being indeterminate owing to any equality of votes, the result shall be decided by the casting vote or votes of the Officer presiding over the meeting.

If any London member of the Board die, <sup>Casual</sup> resign, be removed from office, or become an <sup>Vacancies.</sup> *ex-officio* member, the vacancy shall be filled by the election of a duly qualified Brother at the next Quarterly Communication to be held not less than twenty-eight days after the vacancy

occurs. The foregoing provision as to the election at the June Quarterly Communication and Rule 224 shall, as nearly as circumstances will permit, apply to election to fill such casual vacancy.

Subject to Rule 222, London members of the Board shall be eligible for re-election after having served the term for which they were elected or appointed.

Election of  
members  
representing  
Provincial  
Lodges.

**219.** Four Brethren eligible to attend Grand Lodge, being either Masters or Past Masters of Provincial Lodges, shall each year be elected in the manner hereinafter provided, to serve for a term of three years. Each Province in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled shall be entitled on or before the 31st December in every year, to nominate one duly qualified Brother for election. Such nomination, containing the name of the Brother together with number of his Lodge and his Masonic rank, shall, within 14 days be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, who shall prepare a list of candidates, and send a copy thereof on or before the 31st March of the following year to each Provincial Grand Master in the form of a voting paper containing the names of the several Brethren, the numbers of their Lodges, their Masonic ranks,

and the Province by which each nomination has been made. Each Provincial Grand Master may vote for four candidates, but he cannot give more than one vote for any one candidate. The voting papers shall be returned on or before the following 30th April to the Grand Secretary, by whom the votes shall be counted and the names of the candidates required to fill the vacancies who have received the highest number of votes shall be announced to the Grand Lodge at the next June Quarterly Communication as having been duly elected. In the event of the election being indeterminate owing to any equality of votes, the result shall be decided by the casting vote or votes of the Officer presiding over the meeting.

If two or more candidates are proposed in a Provincial Grand Lodge, the decision as to which of them shall be nominated shall be made by the Provincial Grand Lodge.

If any Provincial member of the Board die, resign, be removed from office, or become an *ex-officio* member, the Provincial Grand Master of the Province to which the Brother who has ceased to be a member of the Board belonged shall appoint a duly qualified Provincial Brother to serve in his stead for the remainder of the term. Such appointment

Casual  
vacancies



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shall be made by the Provincial Grand Master and notified to the Grand Secretary within twenty-eight days after the vacancy occurs, or in default shall be made by the Grand Master.

Subject to Rule 222, Provincial members of the Board shall be eligible for re-election after having served the term for which they were elected or appointed.

Eligibility of candidates.

**220.** Not more than one member of any Lodge shall be eligible, as such, for nomination as a candidate for election to the Board ; but this shall not prevent a duly qualified Brother, being a subscribing member of another Lodge, from being nominated in respect of his membership of such other Lodge.

Non-attendance by appointed members.

**221.** In the event of any appointed member being absent from the meetings of the Board or the meetings of any Committee to which he has been elected, for half the number of such meetings held during the year, the fact shall be reported to the Grand Master.

Disqualification of elected members.

**222.** In the event of any elected member being absent from the meetings of the Board or the meetings of any Committee to which he has been elected, for half the number of such

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meetings held during the year (except through illness or other cause sufficient in the opinion of the Board) he shall be deemed to have resigned from the Board, and shall not be eligible in the next succeeding year for re-election as a member of the Board.

**223.** The Board shall elect annually one of its members to be Vice-President. Election of Vice-President.

**224.** To provide for any case of a ballot having to be taken, eight scrutineers are to be elected annually at the meeting of the Board of General Purposes next preceding the Grand Lodge in June, and eight other scrutineers are to be nominated by the Grand Master. The scrutineers shall on each such occasion solemnly pledge themselves to make a correct report under their hands of the result of the ballot, and having ascertained the number of votes polled for the several candidates shall present their report to the Grand Lodge. If their report is not ready by the time that the Grand Lodge is about to be closed, the Grand Master shall receive the report, and a copy thereof, verified by the Grand Secretary, shall be immediately posted at Freemasons' Hall, and remain exhibited for one week for the information of the Craft. Scrutineers for the ballot.

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**Meetings.** **225.** The Board shall meet once in every month, and its meeting in the months of February, May, August and November shall be held on the third Tuesday of those months. It may also be convened at other times by command of the Grand Master, or by the authority of the President.

**Quorum.** **226.** Five members shall form a quorum and proceed to business, except in the hearing and decision of Masonic complaints, for which purpose at least seven members must be present. All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes, the presiding Brother, in case of equality, having a second vote.

**Care of Property and affairs of the Grand Lodge** **227.** The Board has the administration and control of the property of the Grand Lodge, and has also the regulation of all the affairs of the Grand Lodge except such as are by these Rules placed under the control of the Board of Benevolence. Generally the Board shall take cognizance of all matters in any way relating to the Craft.

**Control of Finances.** **228.** Except as provided by the Rules relating to the Board of Benevolence, the Board of General Purposes shall have the control of the finances of the Grand Lodge.

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All moneys belonging to the Grand Lodge shall be deposited in such bank or banks and to such accounts as the Board may from time to time determine.

The Board has power to inspect all books and papers relating to the accounts of the Grand Lodge, and to give such directions as may be necessary, and to require the attendance of any Brother having possession of any books, papers, documents or accounts belonging to the Grand Lodge.

The accounts shall be balanced each year at the 31st December, and shall be audited by a professional auditor, who shall be a Master Mason elected annually in June by the Grand Lodge. These accounts when audited shall be circulated to every Lodge and presented to the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in March next following.

**229.** The Board may recommend or report to the Grand Lodge or to the Craft whatever it may deem conducive to the welfare and good government of the Craft, and every recommendation or report of the Board, or of any Committee appointed by the Board shall, when adopted by the Grand Lodge, be treated as an Edict of the Grand Lodge.

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To conduct  
correspon-  
dence.

**230.** The Board shall conduct the correspondence between the Grand Lodge and its subordinate Lodges and Brethren and communications with Sister Grand Lodges and Brethren of eminence and distinction throughout the world.

Committees.

**231.** The Board, at its regular meeting in June of each year, shall appoint from among its members Committees, of which the President and Vice-President shall be *ex-officio* members. These shall be denominated respectively the Finance Committee; the External Relations Committee; the Procedure Committee; the Premises Committee; the Officers and Clerks Committee; and the Library, Art and Publications Committee. They shall consider all matters having reference to the subjects named, and shall report their proceedings to the Board at its next meeting. The Board may also appoint Committees for specific purposes, which shall report in like manner. Each Committee shall have power to invite to any of its meetings, for purposes of consultation Brethren (whether members of the Board or not) possessed of special knowledge of the subjects with which such Committee has to deal.

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**232.** The Board has authority to hear and determine all subjects of Masonic complaint or irregularity respecting Lodges or individual Masons, when regularly brought before it. Power to adjudicate.

The members of the Board shall wear Masonic clothing when investigating any charge or complaint involving the attendance of Brethren other than members of the Board.

**233.** The Board may admonish, fine or suspend, according to the laws; and its decision shall be final, unless an appeal be made to the Grand Lodge. If, in the opinion of the Board, a Lodge ought to be erased or a Brother expelled, the Board shall make a report to that effect to the Grand Lodge. Disciplinary powers.

**234.** The Board may summon all or any of the Officers of a Lodge to attend the Board or a Committee thereof, and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of the Lodge, and may summon any Brother to attend and produce his Certificate and any other Masonic documents in his possession. If any such summons be not complied with (no sufficient reason being given for non-compliance), the Board may declare it to be a case of contumacy, and inflict a suitable penalty upon the Lodge or Brother. Power to summon Officers and Brethren.

Complaints  
affecting  
members.

**235.** In case of any charge or complaint affecting a member of the Board or a Lodge to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw while the Board considers its decision.

Communica-  
tions to  
the Board.

**236.** All petitions or representations of any kind to the Board must be made in writing and duly signed.

Precedence  
of business.

**237.** Any matter specially referred to the Board by the Grand Master shall have precedence of all other business.

Minutes.

**238.** All transactions and resolutions of the Board shall be entered in the minute book.

REGALIA, CLOTHING, INSIGNIA, AND  
JEWELS.

**239.** The regalia, clothing, insignia and Clothing and  
Insignia. jewels to be worn are as hereinafter prescribed, and no Brother shall be admitted into any meeting of the Grand Lodge, or of any subordinate Lodge, without the clothing appropriate to his rank under the Grand Lodge.

**240.** The Appendix of illustrations and Appendix. descriptions is hereby declared to be part of these Laws and Regulations.

**241.** No Masonic jewel, medal, device, or Unauthorised  
insignia. emblem shall be worn in the Grand Lodge, or any subordinate Lodge, unless it appertains to, or is consistent with, those degrees which are recognised and acknowledged by the Grand Lodge in the preliminary declaration to these Rules, as part of pure Antient Masonry, and has been approved or allowed by the Grand Master.

## JEWELS.

Grand Officers' Jewels, except those of Provincial or District Grand Masters and Grand Inspectors.

**242.** The jewels of the Officers of the Grand Lodge (Nos. 1 to 33 in the Appendix) are composed of an emblem, which (other than those of the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, an Assistant Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden, the Junior Grand Warden and the Grand Treasurer), is enclosed within two circles containing a wreath composed of a sprig of acacia and an ear of corn, except that the emblem of a Grand Steward is enclosed within a double circle on which is engraved the wording shown in illustration No. 32 in the Appendix.

Grand Inspector's Jewel.

**243.** The jewel of a Grand Inspector is described in the Appendix, No. 35.

Order of Service to Masonry Jewel.

**243a.** The jewel of the Grand Master's Order of Service to Masonry is depicted in the Appendix, No. 26.

Past Grand Officer's Jewel.

**244.** The jewel of Past Grand Masters and Past Pro Grand Masters is described in No. 1 in the Appendix, and the jewel of every other Past Grand Officer is composed of the emblem of his Office on a blue enamelled oval medal surrounded by a wreath composed of a sprig of acacia and an ear of corn, as illustrated in No. 37 in the Appendix.

**245.** The jewel of a Past Grand Steward is the same as that of a Grand Steward save that the emblem is enclosed in a crimson enamelled oval medal instead of within a double circle.

Past Grand Steward's Jewel.

**246.** The jewels of the holders of London Grand Rank and the holders of Overseas Grand Rank are described in No. 38 in the Appendix.

London and Overseas Grand Rank Jewels.

**247.** The jewels of Provincial and District Grand Officers (No. 41 in the Appendix) are composed of an emblem enclosed within a double circle on which the name of the Province or District, without any ornament, is to be engraved. The emblems are the same as those worn by the Officers of the Grand Lodge, except those of a Provincial or District Grand Master, a Deputy Provincial or District Grand Master, and an Assistant Provincial or District Grand Master, which are described in Nos. 34, 39 and 40 in the Appendix.

Provincial and District Grand Officers' Jewels.

**248.** The jewel of a Past Provincial or District Grand Officer is composed of the emblem of his office on a blue enamelled oval medal and over such emblem the name of the Province or District, as illustrated in No. 42 in the Appendix, save that in the case of a Past Provincial or District Grand Steward,

Past Provincial and District Grand Officers' Jewels.

the emblem shall be on a crimson enamelled oval medal.

Jewel to be of gold or of metal gilt.

**249.** All the before-mentioned jewels shall be of gold or of metal gilt.

Private Lodge Jewels.

**250.** The jewels of the Officers and Past Masters of private Lodges (Nos. 43 to 58 in the Appendix) shall be of silver except in the case of the Officers of the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, and of the British Lodge, No. 8, which are of gold or of metal gilt.

Hall Stone Lodge Medal.

**251.** The Hall Stone Lodge Medal may be worn appended to a Collarette (No. 70 in the Appendix) on all Masonic occasions by the Master of each Lodge qualified as a Hall Stone Lodge.

#### OPTIONAL JEWELS.

Centenary Jewels and Bi-centenary Bars.

**252.** Application for permission to wear a Centenary Jewel is to be made by petition or memorial to the Grand Master, in which memorial or petition the necessary particulars as to the origin and regular working of the Lodge are to be given, as well as proof of its uninterrupted existence for one hundred years since the date of its Consecration.

Application for permission to attach a Bi-Centenary Bar to the ribbon of the Centenary

Jewel must be similarly made and proof of two hundred years of uninterrupted existence since the date of Consecration established.

When permission has been granted to a Lodge to wear a Centenary Jewel (or Bi-Centenary Bar), the privilege of wearing the Jewel (or Bi-Centenary Bar) is restricted to subscribing members.

The designs for a Centenary Jewel and a Bi-Centenary Bar have been approved by the Grand Master (No. 71 in the Appendix). The fee for a warrant, authorising the qualified members of a Lodge to wear the Jewel (or Bar), is five guineas.

**253.** For serving the office of Steward to any two of the following Institutions, viz. :—

The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls,

The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,

The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution,

a Brother has the privilege of wearing the charity jewel (No. 72 in the Appendix), provided he shall, at each time of so serving, have personally subscribed ten guineas at the least.

The jewel shall be suspended from a ribbon of one and a half inches in width, the colours of which shall be white and blue, white and red, blue and red, or white, blue and red

respectively, according to the Institutions for which the Brother has served the stewardships as above, viz. :—

- White, for the Institution for Girls,
- Blue, for the Institution for Boys,
- Red, for the Benevolent Institution.

A Brother being, according to the foregoing regulation, entitled to wear the charity jewel, and who may have served the office of Steward to any of the Institutions a second time, may wear a bar attached to the ribbon, and an additional bar for each occasion of having served the office of Steward to any of the Institutions; but in no case shall he be entitled to wear such bar or bars, unless he shall, on each of those occasions, at the time of serving such stewardship, have personally subscribed a like amount as above named.

A Vice-President of any one or more of the Masonic Institutions, being otherwise entitled to the charity jewel, may wear attached to the ribbon, immediately above the jewel, a rosette of the colour or colours before mentioned, or in combination, according to the Institution or Institutions of which he is a Vice-President.

A Vice-Patron of any one or more of the Masonic Institutions, being otherwise entitled to the charity jewel, may wear the same suspended from a ribbon around his neck, of the

like width and colour or colours respectively, or in combination, according to the Institution or Institutions of which he is a Vice-Patron.

A Patron of any one or more of the Masonic Institutions may have embroidered on the right and left sides of the ribbon referred to in the preceding paragraph, a sprig of acacia one and a half inches long, meeting in the centre, over the colour appertaining to the Institution of which he is a Patron, and the Jewel ensigned with a representation of the Coronet of the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the time being; the sprig of acacia and the Coronet to be of Silver for a Patron of any one of the Institutions, of Gold for a Patron of two, and enamelled in their proper colours for a Patron of the three Institutions.

None of the foregoing insignia shall be obtained except through the office of the Grand Secretary or the Provincial or District Grand Secretary, to whom the Secretaries of the respective Institutions shall furnish the appropriate certificate or certificates.

#### CHAINS AND COLLARS.

**254.** In every case there shall be appended to the chain or collar the jewel appropriate to the office or rank to which such chain or collar relates, and no other.

Appropriate  
Jewel must  
be appended  
to Chain or  
Collar.

## CHAINS.

Grand  
Officers'  
Chains.

**255.** A present Grand Officer (other than a Grand Steward) shall wear a chain of gold or of metal gilt (No. 59 in the Appendix) in the Grand Lodge and when ordered by the Grand Master to appear in an official capacity.

A past Grand Officer when ordered by the Grand Master to discharge the duties of a present Grand Officer shall wear it likewise.

A Provincial or District Grand Master or a Grand Inspector shall wear it also :—

- (i) at great ceremonials and consecrations, and on other special occasions authorised by the Grand Master ;
- (ii) in any Provincial or District Grand Lodge ; and
- (iii) when officially present at any Lodge of his Province, District or Group.

Deputy and  
Assistant  
Provincial  
and District  
Grand  
Masters'  
Chains.

**256.** A present Deputy or Assistant Provincial or District Grand Master shall wear a chain of gold or of metal gilt (No. 60 and No. 61 in the Appendix) :—

- (i) in the Grand Lodge ;
- (ii) at great ceremonials and consecrations, and on other special occasions authorised by the Grand Master ;

- (iii) in any Provincial or District Grand Lodge ; and
- (iv) when officially present at any Lodge of his Province or District.

## COLLARS.

**257.** Unless required to wear a chain as Grand Officers' Collars. prescribed by Rule 255 a present Grand Officer (other than a Grand Steward) or a past Grand Officer shall wear a collar of garter-blue ribbon embroidered or plain as he so desires (No. 62 and No. 63 in the Appendix) ; except that, unless impracticable, an embroidered collar shall be worn :—

- (i) in the Grand Lodge ;
- (ii) at great ceremonials and consecrations, and on other special occasions authorised by the Grand Master ; and
- (iii) in any Provincial or District Grand Lodge when desired by the Provincial or District Grand Master.

**258.** The Grand Stewards for the year shall Grand Stewards' Collars. wear collars of plain crimson ribbon, four inches wide, and, when attending the Grand Lodge and on other occasions when acting in their official capacity, they shall carry white wands.



259. Past Grand Stewards, so long as they continue subscribing members of a Lodge, shall wear collars of crimson ribbon, four inches wide, with narrow edging of silver cord.

Collars of Provincial and District Grand Officers and recipients of London and Overseas Grand Rank.

260. Subject to the provisions of Rule 257 as to Grand Officers:—

- (i) Unless required to wear a chain as prescribed by Rule 256 a present or past Provincial or District Grand Officer (other than a present or past Provincial or District Grand Steward) shall wear a collar of garter-blue ribbon edged with either gold lace or gold cord as he so desires (No. 66 and No. 67 in the Appendix).
- (ii) A present Provincial or District Grand Steward shall wear a collar of crimson ribbon, two and a half inches wide, and a past Provincial or District Grand Steward shall wear a collar of crimson ribbon of the same width with a silver cord in the centre.
- (iii) A recipient of London or Overseas Grand Rank shall wear a collar of garter-blue ribbon edged with either gold lace or gold cord as he so desires (No. 66 and No. 67 in the Appendix).

- (iv) In the Grand Lodge a Brother entitled to wear any of the collars described above may instead wear the appropriate collar of the office or rank in right of which he is attending.

261. The Officers and Past Masters of the Grand Stewards' Lodge shall wear collars of crimson ribbon, four inches wide.

Collars of the Grand Stewards' Lodge.

262. The collars of Officers of private Lodges shall be of light blue ribbon four inches wide, with the exception of those of the Officers, Past Masters and Past Deputy Masters of the three surviving Lodges of the four which founded the Grand Lodge of England in 1717, viz., the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4, and the Lodge of Fortitude and Old Cumberland, No. 12, who shall be permitted to wear a stripe of garter-blue one-third of its width in the centre of the collar.

Collars of Officers of private Lodges.

In all cases where a chain is worn upon a collar it shall be fastened over the centre of such collar.

263. The collars of the Officers of private Lodges are to be worn only in their own

When Collars of private Lodges to be worn.

Lodges, or when representing their Lodges as Masters or Wardens in the Grand Lodge or in their Provincial or District Grand Lodges, or on any special occasion when ordered by the Grand Master.

Collars of  
Past Masters  
of private  
Lodges.

264. Past Masters of private Lodges shall wear collars of light blue ribbon, four inches wide, with silver braid a quarter of an inch wide in the centre.

#### APRONS AND GAUNTLETS.

##### APRONS.

265. The following details of the aprons to be worn by the Craft are to be observed:—

*Entered Apprentices.*—A plain white lamb skin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, rectangular and without ornament; fitted with white strings and a flap.

*Fellow Crafts.*—The same, with the addition only of two light blue rosettes at the lower corners.

*Master Masons.*—The same, with light blue lining and edging not more than two inches in width, and an additional rosette on the flap, and silver tassels, and with light blue

strings. No other colour or ornament shall be allowed except to present Officers of Lodges who may have the emblems of their offices in silver or white (surrounded by a double circle in which may be inserted the name and number of the Lodge) in the centre of the apron; and except as to the members of the Prince of Wales's Lodge, No. 259, who are allowed to wear the internal border of the edging of garter-blue three-quarters of an inch wide.

*Masters and Past Masters of Lodges.*—The same as Master Masons, but having in the place of the rosettes perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles; the length of the perpendicular lines to be one inch each and of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each; these emblems to be of silver, or of ribbon of the same colour as the lining and edging of the apron, half an inch broad.

*Provincial and District Grand Stewards, present and past.*—The same, with crimson lining and edging not exceeding two inches in width, with Master's emblems, or rosettes, as the case may be, in crimson, and with crimson strings and silver tassels, and the

emblem of their office in crimson in the centre within a double circle in which must be inserted the name of the Province or District.

*London and Overseas Grand Rank.*—The same, with garter-blue lining and edging not exceeding two inches in width, ornamented with either gold lace or cord corresponding to the collar, and with garter-blue strings of the same width and with gold tassels; having the emblem of rank, described in No. 38 in the Appendix, in gold or basically garter-blue in the centre within a double circle in which must be inserted the word "London" or "Overseas", as the case may be, and the Master's emblems in gold or garter-blue. (No. 68 and No. 69 in the Appendix.)

*Provincial and District Grand Officers, present and past (other than Provincial and District Grand Stewards, present and past).*—The same, with garter-blue lining and edging not exceeding two inches in width, ornamented with either gold lace or cord corresponding to the collar, and with garter-blue strings of the same width and with gold tassels; having the emblems of their offices in gold or basically garter-blue in the

centre within a double circle, in which must be inserted the name of the Province or District. If Masters or Past Masters, they shall have the Master's emblems in gold or garter-blue (No. 68 and No. 69 in the Appendix). The word "Deputy" shall be embroidered in gold or garter-blue letters above, or the word "Assistant" beneath, as the case may be, the emblem on the aprons of Provincial and District Deputy and Assistant Grand Officers, present and past, other than Deputy and Assistant Provincial and District Grand Masters, present and past.

*Grand Stewards, present and past.*—The same, with crimson lining and edging not exceeding three and a half inches in width, with the Master's emblems or rosettes, as the case may be, in crimson, and with crimson strings and silver tassels; except present and past Grand Stewards representing the Prince of Wales's Lodge, No. 259, who wear the crimson edging two inches and three-quarters, and an internal border of garter-blue three-quarters of an inch in width.

*Grand Officers, present and past, other than Grand Stewards and those hereafter specified.*—The same, with garter-blue lining and

edging not exceeding three and a half inches in width, ornamented with gold lace, and with garter-blue strings and gold tassels, having the emblems of their offices in gold in the centre within a wreath composed of a sprig of acacia and an ear of corn, and having the Master's emblems in gold. (No. 64 and No. 65 in the Appendix.) The word "Deputy" shall be embroidered in gold letters above, or the word "Assistant" beneath, as the case may be, the emblem on the aprons of the Deputy and Assistant Grand Officers.

- i. *Grand Inspectors, present and past.*—As the Grand Officers, but with the name of the Group in gold above the emblem of office.
- ii. *Provincial and District Grand Masters, present and past.*—As the Grand Officers, but with the name of the Province or District in gold above the emblem of office, and with the pomegranate and lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging, and with the fringe of gold bullion.
- iii. *Assistant Grand Masters, present and past.*—As the Grand Officers, but with the square and compasses in gold in the

centre, and with the pomegranate and lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging, and with the fringe of gold bullion.

- iv. *Deputy Grand Master, present and past.*—As the Grand Officers, but with the square and compasses enclosing a five-pointed star in gold in the centre, and with the pomegranate and lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging, and with the fringe of gold bullion.
- v. *Grand Master (and Pro Grand Master), present and past.*—As the Grand Officers, but with the blazing sun in gold in the centre, and on the edging the pomegranate and lotus with the seven-eared wheat at each corner and also on the fall, all embroidered in gold, and with the fringe of gold bullion.

On all occasions when a Grand Officer, When Grand Officers' Aprons not to be ornamented. present or past, wears a collar of plain garter-blue ribbon, the garter-blue edging of the apron shall not be ornamented and all the emblems and lettering shall be basically in garter-blue.

266. A Provincial or District Grand Master or a Grand Inspector when officially present at any Lodge of his Province, District or Wearing of Apron by a Provincial or District Grand Master or a Grand Inspector.

Group may wear the appropriate apron with plain garter-blue edging and all the emblems and lettering basically in garter-blue.

Wearing of Grand Officers' Apron by a present Provincial or District Grand Officer.

**267.** A Grand Officer who is performing official duties as a present Provincial or District Grand Officer may wear the appropriate chain or collar of such Provincial or District Grand Rank with the apron of a Grand Officer.

## GAUNTLETS.

Gauntlets.

**268.** Grand Officers when wearing aprons ornamented with gold lace shall wear garter-blue silk gauntlets with the emblems of their respective offices or past offices embroidered in gold. This applies also to recipients of London or Overseas Grand Rank and to Provincial and District Grand Officers, present and past, other than Provincial and District Grand Stewards, present and past, who may wear gauntlets of crimson silk with the emblems of their office in silver.

In private Lodges gauntlets of light blue silk with silver embroidery may be worn by the Officers.

## SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

**269.** Every Brother on his appointment to any of the undermentioned offices, or to the corresponding past rank, shall pay to the Fund of Benevolence the fee specified below as a donation, provided that on promotion to an office or rank for which a higher fee is payable than for the one he then holds, he shall only pay the difference between the two fees.

	£	s.	d.
The Pro Grand Master . . . . .	10	10	0
The Deputy Grand Master . . . . .	10	10	0
An Assistant Grand Master . . . . .	10	10	0
A Provincial Grand Master (see 270)	10	10	0
A District Grand Master „ „	10	10	0
Grand Wardens . . . . .	10	10	0
Grand Chaplains . . . . .	10	10	0
Grand Treasurer . . . . .	10	10	0
Grand Registrar . . . . .	10	10	0
Deputy Grand Registrar . . . . .	10	10	0
President of the Board of General Purposes . . . . .	10	10	0
Grand Secretary . . . . .	10	10	0
President of the Board of Benevolence . . . . .	10	10	0
Grand Director of Ceremonies . . . . .	10	10	0
A Grand Inspector . . . . .	10	10	0
Grand Deacons . . . . .	5	5	0

Fees of Honour payable to Fund of Benevolence.

	£	s.	d.
Grand Sword Bearer .....	5	5	0
Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies .....	5	5	0
Deputy Grand Sword Bearer.....	5	5	0
Assistant Grand Chaplains.....	5	5	0
Assistant Grand Registrars .....	5	5	0
Grand Superintendent of Works..	5	5	0
Assistant Grand Superintendents of Works .....	5	5	0
Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies .....	5	5	0
Assistant Grand Sword Bearers ..	5	5	0
Grand Standard Bearers .....	5	5	0
Assistant Grand Standard Bearers	5	5	0
Grand Organist .....	5	5	0
Deputy Grand Organist .....	5	5	0
Grand Pursuivant .....	5	5	0
Assistant Grand Pursuivants.....	5	5	0

Fees payable to Fund of General Purposes.

**270.** The following fees shall be payable to the Fund of General Purposes

	£	s.	d.
A Provincial or District Grand Master, or a Grand Inspector, for his patent .....	3	3	0
A Deputy Provincial or District Grand Master, for registration in the Grand Lodge Books .....	2	2	0

	£	s.	d.
An Assistant Provincial or District Grand Master, for registration in the Grand Lodge books .....	1	1	0
A Warrant for a new Lodge—			
In London .....	15	15	0
In the Provinces .....	10	10	0
In Districts and foreign parts ..	5	5	0
A Warrant for a Centenary Jewel	5	5	0
A Warrant for a Bi-Centenary Bar	5	5	0
A Warrant of Confirmation .....	2	2	0
Registration of Appointment to Overseas Grand Rank (to include Certificate) .....	1	1	0
A Dispensation by the Grand Master .....	0	10	6
Registration of a Mason—			
On Initiation or on joining from a Lodge not under the Grand Lodge—			
In a London Lodge .....	2	0	0
In a Provincial or Military Lodge .....	1	10	0
In a District or other Lodge abroad .....	0	7	6
(The above fees include Grand Lodge Certificate.)			
On Joining from a Lodge under the Grand Lodge—			
A London Lodge .....	0	5	0
Any other Lodge .....	0	2	6

	£	s.	d.
Founders' Fees.....			
	(The same fees as on joining a Lodge.)		
Duplicate Grand Lodge Certificate	0	6	6
Serving Brother's Certificate.....	0	6	6
Corrected Certificate.....	0	2	6
Annual Dues—			
Every Lodge in London for each of its members.....	0	7	6
Every Provincial Lodge for each of its members.....	0	4	6
Every Lodge Overseas for each of its members.....	0	1	0

Fees payable from Fund of General Purposes to Fund of Benevolence.

**271.** There shall be paid each year out of the Fund of General Purposes to the Fund of Benevolence, such a sum as will enable the Fund of Benevolence to receive, from all sources, capitation fees, at the following annual rates:—

	£	s.	d.
(i) In respect of each member of a Lodge in London...	0	3	6
(ii) In respect of each member of a Lodge in the Provinces	0	1	6
(No Payment is due in respect of members of Lodges Overseas.)			

APPENDIX

CONTAINING

ILLUSTRATIONS

OF THE

JEWELS, CHAINS,

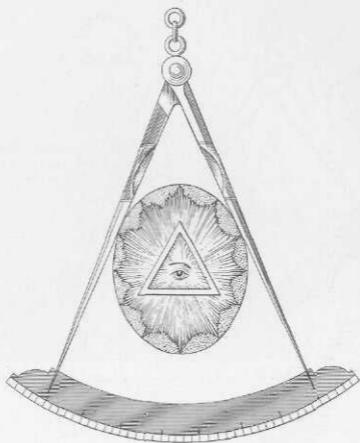
COLLARS AND

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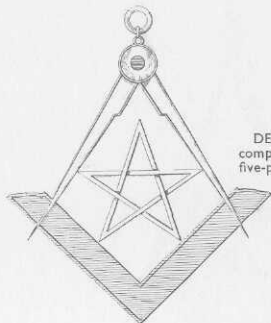


No. 1.

THE GRAND MASTER—The compasses extended to 45°, with the segment of a circle at the points and a gold plate included, on which is to be represented an eye within a triangle, both irradiated.

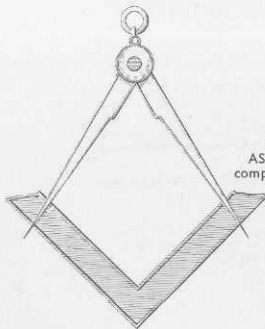
THE PRO GRAND MASTER—The same.

PAST GRAND MASTERS, AND PAST PRO GRAND MASTERS—A similar jewel, without the gold plate.



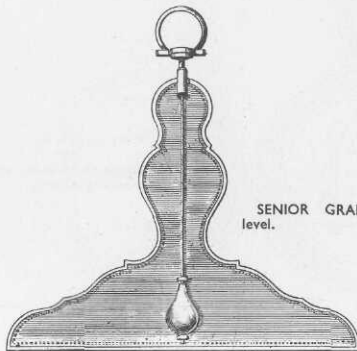
DEPUTY GRAND MASTER—The compasses and square united, with a five-pointed star in the centre.

No. 2.



ASSISTANT GRAND MASTER—The compasses and square.

No. 3.



SENIOR GRAND WARDEN—The level.

No. 4.



JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN—The plumb rule.

No. 5.



No. 6.

GRAND CHAPLAIN—A book, within a triangle, surmounting a glory.



No. 8.

GRAND REGISTRAR—A scroll with seal appended.



No. 7.

GRAND TREASURER—A chased key.



No. 9.

DEPUTY GRAND REGISTRAR—A scroll with seal appended, with the word "Deputy" above the circles.



No. 10.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF  
GENERAL PURPOSES—Arms, crest and  
supporters of the Grand Lodge.



No. 12.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF  
BENEVOLENCE—Arms and crest of the  
Grand Lodge, and underneath a ribbon  
bearing the word "Benevolentia."



No. 11.

GRAND SECRETARY—Two pens in  
saltire tied by a ribbon.



No. 13.

GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES—  
Two rods in saltire, tied by a ribbon.



GRAND DEACON—Dove and olive branch.

No. 14.



DEPUTY GRAND SECRETARY—Two pens in saltire, tied by a ribbon, with the word "Deputy" above the circles.

No. 16.



GRAND SWORD BEARER—Two swords in saltire, with a ribbon across the centre.

No. 15.



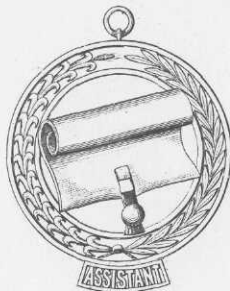
DEPUTY GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES—Two rods in saltire, tied by a ribbon, with the word "Deputy" above the circles.

No. 17.



No. 18.

DEPUTY GRAND SWORD BEARER  
—Two swords in saltire, with a ribbon  
across the centre and the word "Deputy"  
above the circles.



No. 20.

ASSISTANT GRAND REGISTRAR—  
A scroll with seal appended, with the  
word "Assistant" beneath the circles.



No. 19.

ASSISTANT GRAND CHAPLAIN—A  
book within a triangle, surmounting a  
glory, with the word "Assistant"  
beneath the circles.



No. 21.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF  
WORKS—A semi-circular protractor.



No. 22.

ASSISTANT GRAND SECRETARY—  
Two pens in saltire, tied by a ribbon,  
with the word "Assistant" beneath the  
circles.



No. 23.

ASSISTANT GRAND SUPERINTEN-  
DENT OF WORKS—A semi-circular  
protractor, with the word "Assistant"  
beneath the circles.



No. 24.

ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF  
CEREMONIES—Two rods in saltire, tied  
by a ribbon, with the word "Assistant"  
beneath the circles.



No. 25.

ASSISTANT GRAND SWORD  
BEARER—Two swords in saltire, with  
a ribbon across the centre and the word  
"Assistant" beneath the circles.



No. 26.

GRAND STANDARD BEARER—Two staves in saltire, tied by a ribbon, flowing from the dexter a standard of the arms of the Grand Lodge, and from the sinister a standard of the arms of the Grand Master for the time being.



No. 27.

ASSISTANT GRAND STANDARD BEARER—Two staves in saltire, tied by a ribbon, flowing from the dexter a standard of the arms of the Grand Lodge, and from the sinister a standard of the arms of the Grand Master for the time being, with the word "Assistant" beneath the circles.



No. 28.

GRAND ORGANIST—A lyre.



No. 29.

DEPUTY GRAND ORGANIST—A lyre, with the word "Deputy" above the circles.





No. 30.

GRAND PURSUIVANT—Arms of the Grand Lodge surmounting a crossed sword and rod.



No. 32.

GRAND STEWARD—A cornucopia between the legs of a pair of compasses extended upon an irradiated gold plate within a double circle, on which is engraved "United Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England."



No. 31.

ASSISTANT GRAND PURSUIVANT—Arms of the Grand Lodge surmounting a crossed sword and rod, with the word "Assistant" beneath the circles.



No. 33.

GRAND TYLER—A sword.



No. 34.

**PROVINCIAL OR DISTRICT GRAND MASTER**—The compasses and square with the five-pointed star within a double circle with the name of the Province or District, without any ornament, engraved thereon.

**PAST PROVINCIAL OR DISTRICT GRAND MASTER**—The compasses and square only, on a blue enamelled oval medal with the name of the Province or District, without any ornament, engraved thereon, as in No. 42.



No. 35.

**GRAND INSPECTOR**—The compasses, extended to 45° within a double circle with the name of the group of Lodges, without any ornament, engraved thereon.

**PAST GRAND INSPECTOR**—The same, on a blue enamelled oval medal, with the name of the group of Lodges, without any ornament, engraved thereon, as in No. 42.



No. 36.

**GRAND MASTER'S ORDER OF SERVICE to MASONRY**—appended to a dark blue collarette.



No. 37.

**PAST GRAND OFFICER**—Emblem varying with office.



No. 38.

**LONDON GRAND RANK**—The square and the diagram of the 47th proposition of the 1st Book of Euclid, pendant within it, on a blue enamelled oval medal, and over it the word "London."

**OVERSEAS GRAND RANK**—The same, but with the word "Overseas" above it.



No. 39.

DEPUTY PROVINCIAL OR DISTRICT  
GRAND MASTER—The square.



No. 40.

ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL OR DIS-  
TRICT GRAND MASTER—The square  
inverted, surmounted by a bar bearing  
the word "Assistant."



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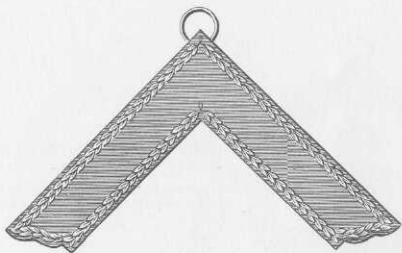
PROVINCIAL OR DISTRICT GRAND  
OFFICER—Emblem varying with office.

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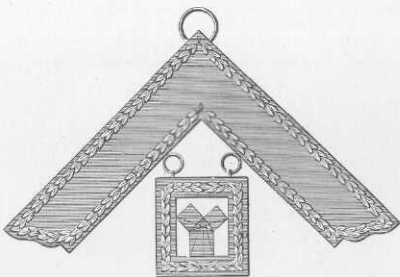


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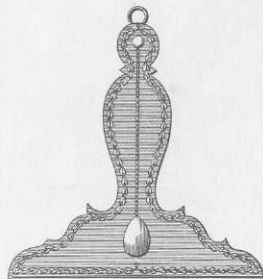
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GRAND OFFICER—Emblem varying  
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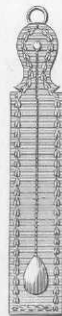
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MASTER OF LODGE—The square.



No. 44.  
PAST MASTER—The square and the  
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plate, pendant within it.



No. 45.  
SENIOR WARDEN—The level.

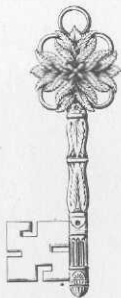


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JUNIOR WARDEN—The plumb rule.



No. 47.

CHAPLAIN—A book on a triangle surmounting a glory.



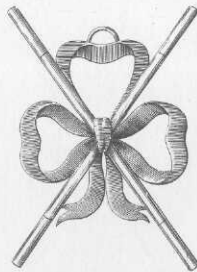
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TREASURER—A key.



No. 49.

SECRETARY—Two pens in saltire, tied by a ribbon.



No. 50.

DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES—Two rods in saltire, tied by a ribbon.



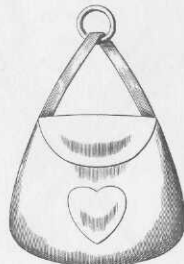
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DEACONS—Dove and olive branch.



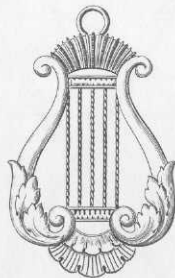
No. 52.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES—Two rods in saltire, surmounted by a bar bearing the word "Assistant."



No. 53.

ALMONER—A scrip-purse, upon which is a heart.



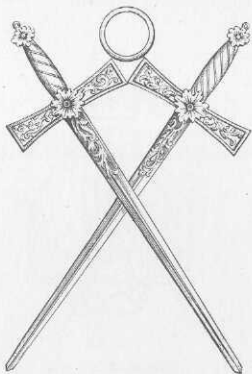
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ORGANIST—A lyre.



No. 55.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY—Two pens in saltire, surmounted by a bar bearing the word "Assistant."



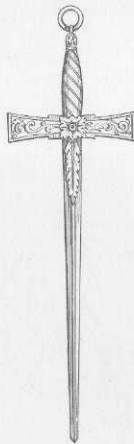
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INNER GUARD—Two swords in saltire.



STEWARD—A cornucopia between the legs of a pair of compasses extended.

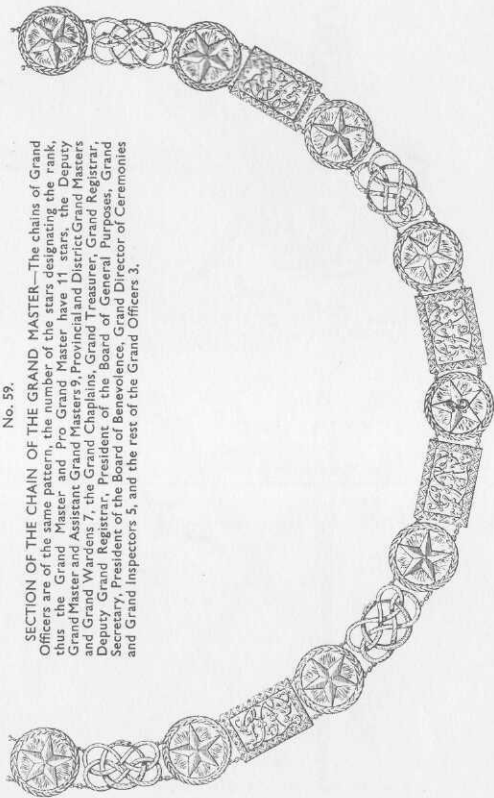
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TYLER—A sword.

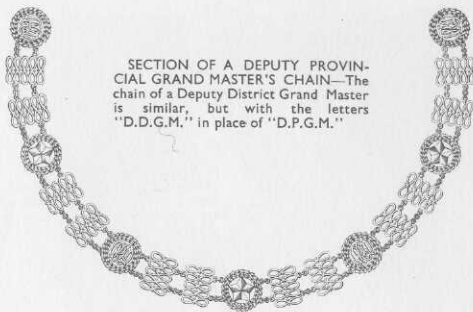
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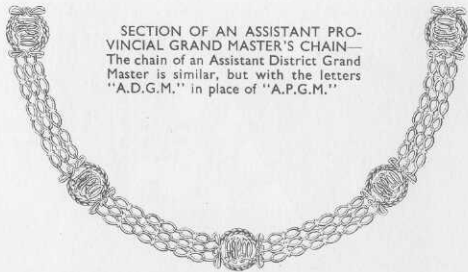
SECTION OF THE CHAIN OF THE GRAND MASTER—The chains of Grand Officers are of the same pattern, the number of the stars designating the rank; thus the Grand Master and Pro Grand Master have 11 stars, the Deputy Grand Master and Assistant Grand Masters 9, Provincial and District Grand Masters and Grand Wardens 7, the Grand Chaplains, Grand Treasurer, Grand Registrar, Deputy Grand Registrar, President of the Board of General Purposes, Grand Secretary, President of the Board of Benevolence, Grand Director of Ceremonies and Grand Inspectors 5, and the rest of the Grand Officers 3.

SECTION OF A DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER'S CHAIN—The chain of a Deputy District Grand Master is similar, but with the letters "D.D.G.M." in place of "D.P.G.M."



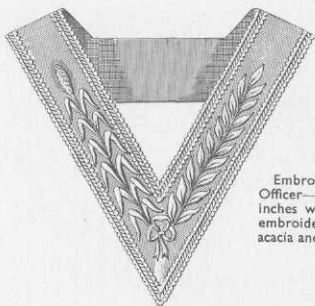
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SECTION OF AN ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER'S CHAIN—The chain of an Assistant District Grand Master is similar, but with the letters "A.D.G.M." in place of "A.P.G.M."



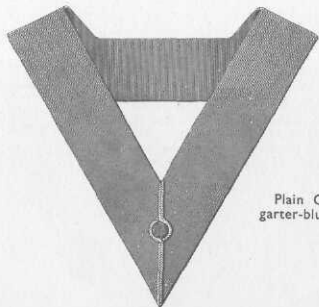
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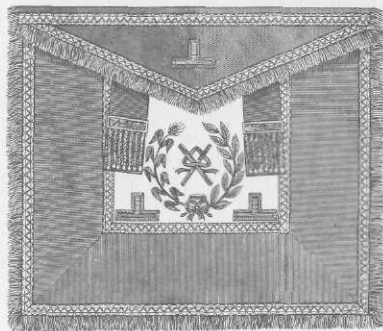
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Embroidered Collar of a Grand Officer—of garter-blue ribbon, four inches wide, edged with gold lace and embroidered in gold with a sprig of acacia and an ear of corn.



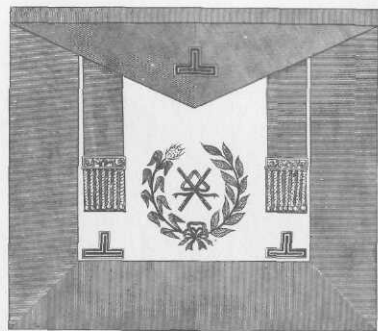
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Plain Collar of a Grand Officer—of garter-blue ribbon, four inches wide.



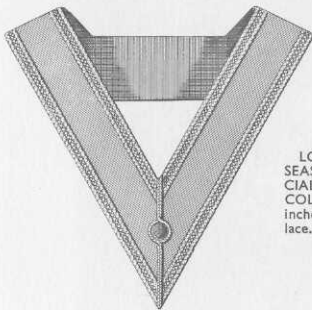
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Embroidered apron of a Grand Officer.



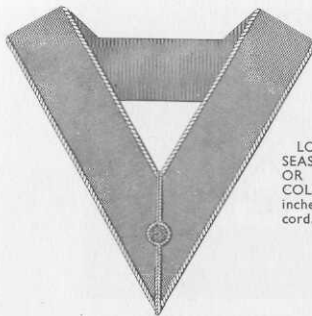
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Plain apron of a Grand Officer.



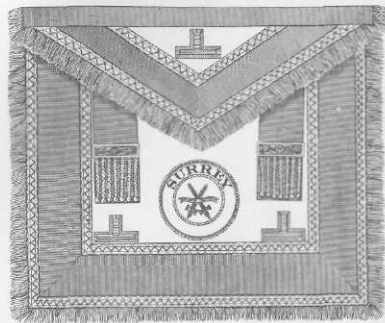
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LONDON GRAND RANK, OVERSEAS GRAND RANK, OR PROVINCIAL OR DISTRICT GRAND OFFICER'S COLLAR—of garter-blue ribbon, four inches wide, with narrow edging of gold lace.



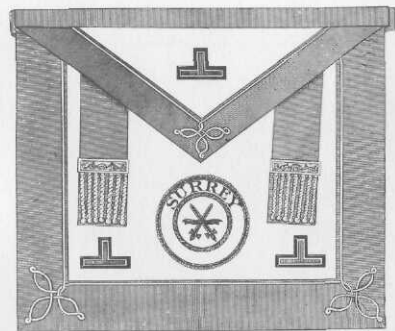
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Apron of holder of London or Overseas Grand Rank or Provincial or District Grand Officer, ornamented with gold lace.



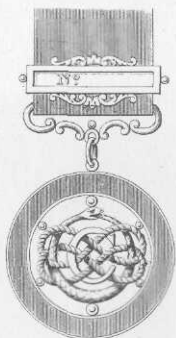
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No. 70.

HALL STONE LODGE MEDAL—ap-  
 pended to a light-blue collarette.



No. 71.

CENTENARY JEWEL.



BI-CENTENARY BAR—To be worn  
 on the light-blue ribbon of the Centenary  
 Jewel.



No. 72.

CHARITY JEWEL.

## PROCEEDINGS OF GRAND LODGE

In making their report, either on the first rising or as a separate item, Secretaries of Lodges are desired to refer especially to:—

- (1) The election of the M.W. The Grand Master and the Grand Treasurer.
- (2) The statement by the President of the Board of Benevolence on the work of the Board in relationship with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- (3) The appointment of W. Bro. Howard G. Potts, P.G.D., as Provincial Grand Master for Buckinghamshire; of W. Bro. Maj.-Gen. Richard L. Bond, P.G.D., as Provincial Grand Master for Hampshire and Isle of Wight; and of W. Bro. Arthur A. Johnstone, as Provincial Grand Master for Cheshire.

*(Reference: Grand Lodge Report, 11th March, 1964.)*

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