

GENERAL REGULATIONS
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MINNESOTA

ARTICLE 1 - OF GRAND CHAPTER MEETINGS

Section 1. The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter shall be held at such time and place as may have been designated at the previous assembly, provided that the date is set not earlier than April 1st, nor later than May 31st, subject to the right of the Grand High priest to change the time and -place of meeting as provided in the constitution.

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

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

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

Section 5. Each member of the Grand Chapter shall appear at its annual and special convocations properly clothed and, if an officer, wearing his proper jewel.
The jewels of the officers shall be of gold, and their collars and aprons of scarlet velvet trimmed with gold. The designs for such jewels shall be, for all, an equilateral triangle, and with the peculiar emblem of the office in the center as follows:
For the Grand High Priest, a Mitre surmounted by a Triple Tau within the triangle.
For the Grand King, a Level surmounted by a Crown;
For the Grand Scribe, a Plumb surmounted by a Turban;
For the Grand Treasurer, Crossed Keys;
For the Grand Secretary, Crossed Pens;
For the Grand Chaplain, Bible;
For the Grand Captain of the Host, Soldier with drawn sword;
For the Grand Principal Sojourner, Pilgrim with staff;
For the Grand Royal Arch Captain, Crossed Swords - points up.
For the Grand Masters of the Third, Second and First Veils, each a sword;
For Grand Sentinel, Crossed Swords - points down.
The representatives from all chapters shall wear the proper jewels and clothing of their respective offices.

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

Section 7. The following shall be -the Order of Business at each Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter - subject to modification, at the will and pleasure of the Grand High

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

65 *Section 8.* All motions, except such as are merely formal, and all resolutions shall be submitted

66 in writing before consideration; and such resolutions shall be in duplicate.

67 *Section 9.* Upon any report, or recommendation therein contained, and upon any amendment

68 thereto or substitute therefor, the committeeman submitting such report shall be entitled

69 to open and close debate. No other member shall be entitled to speak twice upon any

70 subject, except by permission of the Grand High Priest.

71 *Section 10.* All voting in the Grand Chapter, except in the election of officers, and when the

72 "ayes" and "nays" are called, shall be by the "usual sign." The "ayes" and "nays" shall

73 be called upon any changes or amendments of, or additions to, the Grand Constitution

74 or these General Regulations, or in any case upon demand of not less than fifteen

75 members who belong to different chapters. In calling the "ayes" and "nays," the

76 chapters shall be called by number only, unless the vote of any chapter is challenged, in

77 which case the names of the representatives present of such chapter shall be called.

78 Other members of the Grand Chapter shall be called by name.

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80 *Section 11.* While the Grand High Priest controls debate in any case, and the previous question

81 cannot be moved, there shall be no debate upon any motion which, under general

82 parliamentary law is not debatable.

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

84 *Section 1.* The Grand High Priest shall appoint well informed Royal Arch Masons as

85 representatives near other Grand Chapters, which appoint like Representatives to this

86 Grand Chapter and authorize them to extend the fraternal greetings and good will of this

87 Grand Chapter to such other Grand Chapter, and to protect the interest of the

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88 companions of this jurisdiction, who may be in that of the Grand Chapter near which
89 they are so accredited, as occasion may require. Such Grand Representative shall
90 receive the proceedings of the Grand Chapter he represents, if available, and make a
91 written summary report thereof to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, with
92 copies to the Grand High priest and Grand King.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

115 **1st.** To receipt for and take charge of all moneys, funds, securities and other
116 evidences of debt, and all other property of the Grand Chapter not placed by law
117 in the special custody of another Grand Officer, and to keep an accurate account
118 thereof, in such manner and form as may be directed by the Trustees of this
119 Grand Chapter

120 **2nd.** To pay all orders drawn upon him in accordance with the law or special direction
121 of the Grand Chapter.

122 **3rd.** To attend the meetings of the Grand Chapter, the Trustees and. upon the Grand
123 High Priest when required, with-his books and all necessary documents relating
124 to his office, as well as upon any committee whose duty it may be to inquire into
125 the financial concerns of the Grand Chapter;

126 **4th.** To report to the Annual Convocation his receipts and disbursements in summary
127 form, together with a schedule of all securities and property in his hands or under
128 his control, and a statement of the condition of finances of the Grand Chapter.

129 These duties shall be incorporated into the Duties of the Grand Secretary under the
130 title for the office to be Grand Treasurer/Secretary. [2008]

131 *Section 4.* The duties of the Grand Secretary shall be:

132 **1st.** To record all transactions of the Grand Chapter proper to be written;

133 **2nd.** To collect and receive, and keep a correct account of all moneys of or due the
134 Grand Chapter in proper and regular books of account, and to perform the duties

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- 135 of the Grand Treasurer as detailed in Section 3 above [2008]
136 **3rd [deleted 2008]**
137 **4th.** To keep a register of, and to enter therein, all charters, warrants, dispensations
138 and certificates granted by the Grand Chapter or the Grand High Priest.
139 **5th.** To keep a register of all chapters and their members with the chapter number
140 prefixed to each name, and the age, residence, dates of markings, inductions,
141 receptions and exaltations, affiliations, withdrawals, striking from the rolls,
142 suspensions, expulsions, deaths, reinstatements and restorations, as the same
143 are reported in the annual returns from such chapters, and to keep a Card Index
144 of such members by chapter and number;
145 **6th.** To receive, file and safely keep all papers and documents of the Grand Chapter
146 not in the proper custody of other Grand Officers;
147 **7th.** To procure all books, stationary and printing regularly required for the use of the
148 Grand Chapter or its officers;
149 **8th.** To conduct the correspondence of his office and such other as the Grand
150 Chapter or the Grand High Priest may direct;
151 **9th.** To have charge of the jewels, clothing, furniture and paraphernalia of the Grand
152 Chapter during the inter between annual convocations;
153 **10th.** To prepare and mail to all chapters and members of the Grand Chapter, and to
154 all Masonic Bodies with which this Grand Chapter is in correspondence, a
155 circular giving the results of the annual election, as well as any amendment or
156 change of law adopted, immediately following the Annual Convocation. To have
157 the Constitution and General Regulations printed in lose leaf form and prepare
158 substitute pages as required.
159 **11th.** To obtain at least semi-annually from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of
160 A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota a list of all suspensions, expulsions and restorations by
161 Masonic lodges, keep a record thereof and to transmit to each chapter as often
162 as half-yearly a complete list of such rejections, expulsions, suspensions and
163 restoration as they have been reported to him;
164 **12th.** To attend with all necessary books and papers under his control all Convocations of
165 the Grand Chapter or any meetings of its committees, upon proper notice, as
166 well as upon the Grand High Priest when necessary or required;
167 **13th.** To have the annual proceedings of this Grand Chapter printed each year. To have
168 copy for the proceedings in the hands of the printer not later than ninety days
169 after the close of the Grand Convocation. He shall distribute copies thereof as
170 follows:
171 One to each Grand Officer and elected Past Grand High Priest of the Grand
172 Chapter and to each representative of and to sister Grand Chapters; two copies
173 to each chapter; two copies to each Masonic Body recognized by this Grand
174 Chapter, which reciprocates by furnishing the proceedings of its meetings to this
175 Grand Chapter, and one copy to any Masonic or other library, or Mason,
176 requesting the same and having legitimate Masonic use therefor; and it shall be
177 the duty of the Grand Secretary to have printed as an Appendix to such Annual
178 Proceedings a roll of the first six Elective Grand Officers from its organization to
179 date; a Directory of Subordinate Chapters for the current year with number,
180 name, location (and postoffice, date of charter, the names of its High Priest,
181 King, Scribe and Secretary, and time of meetings; an Abstract of Returns of
182 chapters, with membership and financial data; a roll of chapters lost, with name
183 and number, name, location, date of charter and cause of loss; a roll of Grand
184 Chapters, with names of incumbent Grand Secretaries, and their addresses; a

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185 roll of Grand representatives to and from the several Grand Chapters, with
186 addresses; memorial pages and death roll of chapters; Proceedings of Grand
187 Convocation of Anointed High Priests and Roll of Living Anointed High Priests of
188 Minnesota, with chapter number and year, and the Report of the Committee on
189 Foreign Correspondence; the roll of the General Grand Chapter Distinguished
190 Service Medal recipients.

191 **14th.** To issue certificates of good standing upon application by any member of a
192 defunct chapter who is shown by its records in possession of the Grand
193 Secretary to have been in good standing when it ceased to work, upon which he
194 may apply for membership elsewhere;

195 **15th.** To provide and sell to chapters at approximate cost and postage, proper blanks
196 and petitions, as well as other blanks required to be in common use, and dimit
197 blanks, having space for name in full, and a place for nevarietur signature and for
198 dates receiving Mark, Past, Most Excellent and Royal Arch Degrees in what
199 chapter and where, as well as for any earned honors recognized by Capitular
200 Masonry. It shall be his duty to provide each year a Past Grand High Priest gold
201 jewel of the design heretofore selected in this jurisdiction, appropriately
202 engraved; or at the option of the recipient, a suitable engraved watch, ring or
203 token together with a Past Grand High Priest's apron to be monogrammed with
204 the word "Minnesota" to be presented to the High Priest as soon as practicable
205 after his installation, for which it shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to
206 include in its report a reasonable appropriation each year.

207 **16th.** To provide, at cost, to the chapters, and send to the Secretaries thereof not later
208 than October 1st each year sufficient receipt blanks, with name, number,
209 location and serial number printed thereon for dues on cardboard bearing in
210 conspicuous block figures the year for which, when issued, they are to be in
211 force with place for nevarietur signature of the member, and certifying over his
212 facsimile signature and seal of the Grand Chapter, that the Chapter issuing the
213 same is a legally constituted chapter under this Grand Chapter. The use of such
214 blanks for receipts of dues is mandatory in every chapter.

215 **17th.** To perform such other duties as the Grand Chapter may require;

216 **18th.** To prepare and submit an annual report to the Grand Chapter at its Annual
217 Convocation showing all moneys received and from what source, as well as the
218 disposition thereof, during the fiscal year ending December 31st, as well as a
219 statement of the financial and membership status of the several chapters, and
220 such other facts in relation thereto as may be proper and advisable for the
221 information and action of the Grand Chapter.

222 **19th.** To receive all moneys designated as being for Life Memberships, deposit such
223 amounts to a special bank account, maintain necessary records, issue
224 Certificates of such membership, invest funds as directed by the Trustees,
225 calculate earnings and pay same over to the separate participating chapters.
226 Administration of the foregoing to be in accord with Article **IX** of these General
227 Regulations ..

228 **20th.** And at the expiration of his term, and the qualification of his successor, to turn
229 over to the latter or to such person as the Grand Chapter may direct, all books,
230 papers, writings, accounts and other property of the Grand Chapter under his
231 control.

232 *Section 5.* The Grand Treasurer shall give bond in the sum of \$ 10,000.00 and the Grand

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233 Secretary in the sum of \$ 20,000.00, or in such larger amounts as the Grand Chapter
234 may require, conditioned for the faithful performance and discharge of the duties of their
235 respective offices, running to the Grand High Priest by name and his successor in office,
236 in trust for this Grand Chapter, and executed by some Surety Company approved by the
237 Grand High Priest as surety, and to be filed with him. The cost of such bonds will be
238 paid by the Grand Chapter. If either of said officers fails to file such bond with the Grand
239 High Priest within fifteen days after his election, the latter may by his order remove him
240 from office and appoint another eligible member who will provide such bond to the
241 vacancy so made.

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

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245 . The Grand Secretary shall at all times have care and custody of the seal of this Grand
246 Chapter, which shall be of the following size and design:



247 Said seal shall be used only to attest formal official papers and documents of the
248 Grand Chapter, and such Grand Chapter correspondence as is not merely incidental to
249 the orderly transaction' of the business of his office.

250 **ARTICLE III - OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS**

251 *Section 1.* Every petition for a charter for a chapter must be accompanied by a fee of Twenty-
252 five dollars, the dimits of all non-affiliate petitioners and a certificate from respective
253 chapters of the other year and that they are free from charges; the certified consent of
254 all chapters whose jurisdiction will be affected if such charter is granted; the certificate of
255 the Grand Lecturer vouching for the proficiency of the Companions who are
256 recommended to serve as officers to open and conduct a chapter and confer the
257 capitular degrees; that suitable hall with capitular appurtenances and equipment is
258 available and that the chapter will start clear of debt.

259 All petitioners who are not non-affiliates remain members of their respective chapters
260 with all rights therein until they respectively request and are given dimits.

261 *Section 2.* A chapter under dispensation shall terminate its work on the 28th day of February
262 following the issuance of the dispensation, make return and report of all its doings and
263 forward the same upon that date with all its books and papers, and a certificate stating
264 whether or not it desires a charter to issue at once, or the dispensation to be renewed;
265 the names of the officers it has selected for High Priest, King and Scribe under charter
266 and the dimits of all petitioners who still desire to become members of the new chapter,
267 to the Grand Secretary. The Grand Secretary shall place the same in the hands of the

268 Committee on Chapters immediately for examination and report.

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

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

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

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

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

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

301 *Section 9.* A chapter must provide books for its Secretary and Treasurer; retain control over its
302 own funds; cannot incorporate, but may hold stock through a trustee in a corporation
303 formed for the purpose of owning, and the maintenance of a Masonic Hall, and
304 incidentally for rental purposes; may hold, mortgage, sell or make other dispensation of
305 its own property, and invest and reinvest its funds, as the chapter may direct through
306 trustees legally provided for (who shall always be under and subject to its control). No
307 money shall be withdrawn from its funds without its consent appearing in the records,
308 except only for charitable purposes as provided by law and the payment of the annual
309 dues to the Grand Chapter. Wherever practicable all funds of a chapter shall be
310 deposited in some banking institution selected by the chapter, and in its name, and the

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311 same shall be withdrawn therefrom *only* to pay the expenses incident to its being a
312 chapter, including Masonic charity, by order thereupon signed by the High Priest,
313 Secretary and Treasurer. Provided, that where funds are given the chapter in trust for
314 any specified Masonic purpose, they may be used as directed in the gift except as
315 permitted by other articles of these regulations. No chapter, by amendment of its By-
316 Laws or otherwise, can use, or permit the use of, its funds or property for any other
317 purpose whatsoever, nor divide the same among its members.

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

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

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

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

338 *Section 14.* Smoking in a chapter hall or preparation room is prohibited, and it is the duty of the
339 High Priest to see that compliance with this law is maintained.

340 *Section 15.* No chapter shall participate in any public procession or ceremonial or hold a public
341 installation without being first formally opened, and, before separating, formally closed.
342 Where installation is to be public, if more convenient, the opening or closing may be in
343 any room adjoining the hall; and if a procession occurs at considerable distance from its
344 hall, the High Priest for convenience may take the charter and open and close the
345 chapter in any suitable room near the place of such ceremony; and the Secretary shall
346 make and keep a record of the facts.

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348 *Section 16.* No chapter shall reconsider at any subsequent Convocation any action it has
349 previously taken, if the same has already been acted upon, and in no case can a motion
350 to reconsider be entertained later than the next Stated Convocation held after the action
351 was taken.

352 *Section 17.* No chapter shall contract any debt or obligation for the building of a hall or for

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353 furnishing the same until arrangements have been made to secure the necessary funds
354 to meet such obligation.

355 *Section 18.* A chapter may invest its surplus funds from time to time, if any, in properly secured
356 loans, to be carried in the name of the trustees who must file proper declaration of trust
357 in favor of the chapter.

358 *Section 19.* Any member of a chapter in good standing and clear of the books, except the High
359 Priest, King or Scribe, may apply, either in writing filed with the Secretary, or orally at a
360 Stated Convocation, for, and be granted, a dimit, without vote, by order of the High
361 Priest, entered upon the minutes, which shall take effect as of the date when the
362 request therefor was filed with the Secretary or so made to the chapter; and the
363 companion so dimitted immediately becomes a non-affiliate, whether the certificate of
364 such dimission is immediately issued or not - such certificate being only the written
365 evidence of such dimission.

366 *Section 20.* In the case of the loss of a dimit, upon written application, and showing such loss, a
367 duplicate of dimission may issue, by vote of the chapter if it is still in existence, or by the
368 Grand Secretary in case the chapter is defunct.

369 *Section 21.* Any member of a chapter, except the High Priest, King or Scribe, if in good standing
370 and free from charges, may withdraw from membership therein, by written notice to that
371 effect, filed with the Secretary. Such notice shall be disposed of in the manner and
372 subject to the same conditions as an application for a dimit. When such withdrawal is
373 consummated, the record should show that the companion was "dropped from the roll at
374 his own request," He will thereafter be an unaffiliated capitular Mason, and have no
375 rights whatsoever, except to petition the Grand Chapter for restoration, and to defend
376 himself against any charges of unmasonic conduct subsequently made against him, for
377 which he thereafter shall be subject to discipline, as he was before withdrawal.

378 *Section 22.* The minimum dues of chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction are fixed at three (3)
379 dollars per annum, plus the annual per capita of the Grand Chapter

380 *Section 23.* The Capitular year of subordinate chapters shall end on December 31st of each
381 year, and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer and Secretary to close their books of
382 accounts as of that date and to submit their reports to the High Priest and such
383 committees as he may designate

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385 *Section 24.* It shall be the duty of each chapter to make a specified periodic report and send it to
386 the Grand Secretary at prescribed intervals and forward an Annual Return of its
387 membership and financial condition, signed by its High Priest and Secretary,
388 accompanied with the fees for work done and the annual dues upon its membership in
389 good standing at the beginning of the Capitular year for which the report is made. Said
390 return must be forwarded promptly after the close of each Capitular year so as to be in
391 the hands of the Grand Secretary on or before February 10th. Any chapter failing to
392 submit this return on or before February 10th shall be assessed a late fee of \$25.00.
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394 **ARTICLE IV - OF ROYAL ARCH CLOTHING AND JEWELS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

438 *Section 3.* If a member wishes to change his membership and be continually affiliated, he may
439 file his petition with a Chapter in which he desires membership and with it a certificate of

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440 good standing from the Secretary of his Chapter under the seal thereof showing that his
441 dues have been paid for the current year, and shall file a written application to his
442 Chapter for a dimit. If he is elected to membership in the Chapter petitioned, the
443 Secretary thereof shall immediately forward said application for a dimit to the Chapter to
444 which it is addressed; and when the dimit is received, it shall be filed with the petition
445 and the companion's name be entered as a member of the Chapter petitioned as of
446 even date with dimit. If the petitioner is rejected, the certificate of good standing and
447 application shall be returned to him.

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

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

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

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

469 *Section 8.* A petitioner for the degrees who is rejected cannot petition again until the expiration
470 of six months from the rejection. A rejected petitioner for affiliation may again petition
471 immediately to any chapter.

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

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

478 *Section 11.* There shall be a fee of \$ 1.00 charged for affiliation. Upon the election of a
479 petitioner for affiliation he must pay in addition, the proportionate amount of dues for the
480 balance of the year.

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

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

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

495 *Section 15.* No chapter shall confer the degrees on any candidate previously rejected by any
496 other chapter without the consent of such rejecting chapter, if it is still in existence.

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498 *Section 16.* It is the duty of chapters in this jurisdiction to confer the capitular degrees, or any of
499 them, upon a candidate duly elected to receive them by another chapter, as a courtesy
500 to such chapter, and without fee or charge. Provided, that if such request comes from a
501 foreign jurisdiction, it must be through the Grand High Priests of both that foreign
502 jurisdiction and of this.

503 *Section 17.* Chapters are authorized to confer free of charge the degrees of Mark Master, Past
504 Master and Most Excellent Master, on any worthy companion from without this
505 jurisdiction, who may present himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produce satisfactory
506 evidence of having received that degree; and when so conferred upon such companion,
507 he thereby is healed and becomes a regular Royal Arch Mason. For conferring said
508 degrees, in such cases, chapters shall be exempt from paying any dues.

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

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

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

521 *Section 21...* The work, ritual and lectures prescribed from time to time by the General Grand
522 Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International are adopted by this Grand Chapter, subject

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523 to such changes as in the opinion of the Grand Chapter shall be found necessary, and
524 must be followed and conformed to by all chapters. Such ritual to be supplied at cost to
525 the Subordinate Chapters, as they may desire.

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

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

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

540 *Section 25.* Petitions for capitular degrees and membership, which in all prescribed ways,
541 conform to these General Regulations, and which no Subordinate Chapter has had
542 lawful opportunity to receive and ballot thereupon, may be presented, accepted and
543 balloted upon at an Emergent Convocation of this Grand Chapter called for that specific
544 purpose by the Grand High Priest. To call such an Emergent Convocation, the Grand
545 High Priest shall issue an order prescribing the time and place of the converiing, the
546 composition thereof, its duties, fees and charges, if any, and any limitations. Any
547 petitioner who is balloted upon and elected a! this Emergent Convocation, will become a
548 member of the Subordinate Chapter named upon his petition and, if this Emergent
549 Convocation is held for the purpose of conducting an authorized "Festival" the work
550 may be conferred upon him that named time.

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

552 *Section 1.* The Grand High Priest shall appoint a Grand Lecturer and Deputy Grand Lecturers,
553 the number of which he shall deem necessary, for a term of one year, or for the
554 unexpired term of one removed for cause.

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

558 *Section 3.* 'The Grand High Priest shall divide the State into appropriate districts in each of
559 which he shall designate an elected or appointed line officer as the District Officer
560 whose duty it shall be to visit each Chapter of the District and report, on forms provided,
561 the condition of the Chapter to the Grand high Priest and Grand King, and make such
562 other visitations - perform such other duties and make such reports as the Grand High
563 Priest may require. He shall arrange for Festivals under the direction of the Grand King
564 and for Annual Schools of Instruction in his District to be conducted under the

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565 supervision and direction of the Grand lecturer or other officer or committee as
566 designated by the Grand High Priest at such annual School of Instruction there shall be
567 exemplified at least one degree each year. The chapters to exemplify such work shall
568 be designated the "Host Chapters," but no chapters shall be required to exemplify more
569 than one degree in any one year or anyone of the degrees in any year immediately
570 following the exemplification of such degree in that chapter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

587 *Section 1.* A chapter has the power and it is the duty to take cognizance of, and to administer
588 discipline for any un-masonic conduct, offense or default whatever, by any member
589 thereof, except its High Priest or an acting Grand High Priest, wherever committed, or
590 wherever he may reside, or by any Royal Arch Mason, whether affiliated or not who
591 resides in its area. Provided, that a chapter of concurrent jurisdiction shall not exercise
592 such power of discipline over a member of another chapter of that jurisdiction.

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

604 **ARTICLE VIII - OF MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

605 *Section 1.* This Grand Chapter recognizes as regular and Masonic only the following societies

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606 and organizations, to-wit: the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota and the Grand
607 Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons of the other several states and territories and the
608 District of Columbia, as well as the Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons
609 outside of the United States of America which now. or may hereafter be, recognized as
610 regular by said Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and all those Lodges and Bodies existing
611 under and by virtue of authority of either of said several Grand Lodges; the General
612 Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, together with the Grand Royal Arch Chapters of
613 the several states and territories and of the District of Columbia, as well as all other
614 Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons outside of the United States of America, which
615 are now, or may hereafter be, recognized as regular by the General Grand Chapter of
616 Royal Arch Masons, and the several Chapters and Bodies under authority of either; the
617 General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International together with the Grand
618 Councils of Cryptic Masons or the Grand Councils of Royal & Select Masters of the
619 several states and territories and the District of Columbia, and the several Councils and
620 Bodies existing under and by the authority of either; the Grand Encampment of the
621 Knights Templar of the United States of America together with the Grand
622 Commanderies of the several states and territories and of the District of Columbia, and
623 the several Commanderies and Bodies existing under and by virtue of the authority of
624 either; the Supreme Council of the 33rd degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish
625 Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, of which Venerable Brother
626 Albert Pike was, in 1890, the Sovereign Grand Commander, and the Supreme Council
627 of the 33rd degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern
628 Jurisdiction of the United States, of which Venerable Brother Henry L. Palmer was, in
629 1890, the Sovereign Grand Commander, together with several subordinate Bodies
630 existing under and by virtue of the authority of either, so long as they or either of them
631 may respectively continue to adopt and use the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow
632 Craft and Master Mason as the base upon which to erect the degrees conferred by or
633 under authority of said organizations respectively.

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

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

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

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

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

655 *Section 7.* Any chapter which fails to be represented at any annual Convocation of the Grand
656 Chapter or to make annual returns or pay its annual dues to the-Grand Chapter for two
657 consecutive years shall be suspended thereby from all Masonic functions; and unless
658 within one year from the date of such suspension (of which it shall have been notified by
659 the Grand Secretary) it discharges its arrearages and excuses its neglect, it shall be
660 stricken from the rolls of chartered chapters without other action.

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

664 *Section 9.* A Royal Arch Mason should wear the apron of that degree in the capitular lodges.

665 *Section 10.* That any Royal Arch Chapter member who is serving in the United States Air Force,
666 United States Marine Corps, United States Navy, United States Army, and the United
667 States Coast Guard; or in their respective reserves either serving stateside or serving in
668 foreign countries during times of war or conflict will have their dues remitted by the
669 Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota. Such dues remittance will begin to
670 those active or reserve military personnel serving as of January 1, 2007. [2006]

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

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

679 *Section 13.* Whenever a Grand Chapter of a jurisdiction contiguous to this Grand Jurisdiction
680 provides by legislation that a Master Mason resident in its jurisdiction and living nearer
681 to a chapter of this jurisdiction than to a chapter of such foreign jurisdiction may petition
682 for the capitular degrees or for affiliation in this jurisdiction, this Grand Chapter
683 reciprocally consents that a Master Mason resident in Minnesota but whose residence is
684 nearer a chapter in such contiguous Grand Jurisdiction may file his petition with such
685 chapter.

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687 *Section 14.* A chapter visited by the Grand High Priest at its suggestion or invitation, or by
688 another companion deputized to make such visit, as well as a chapter being constituted,
689 should provide for the local entertainment of the .visiting official. As any other visit of the
690 Grand High Priest or of {}ther officials sent by him are primarily for the benefit of the
691 chapter visited, fraternal courtesy at least suggests like provision for local entertainment
692 by the chapter.

693 *Section 15.* The Article of the By-Laws of Subordinate Chapters that sets the dues paid by their
694 members are, at the option of that Chapter, automatically amended to reflect the

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695 increase in per-capita tax that the Grand Chapter may, from time to time, impose. That
 696 the only action required by the Subordinate Chapter to activate this Amendment to their
 697 By-Laws is a motion at any Stated Convocation to increase their dues to reflect the
 698 Grand Chapter per-capita increase. '

699 **ARTICLE IX - LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

700 *Section 1.* Any member in good standing in this Grand Jurisdiction whose dues are paid to date
 701 may purchase a life membership and be thereby relieved from the further payments of
 702 dues, subject to the provision set forth in this section.

703 1st. Any member may purchase a Life Membership in this Grand Jurisdiction who is
 704 in good standing,

705 The calculated formula for each age is as follows:

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FACTOR CHART FOR MEMBER'S AGE AT NEAREST BIRTHDAY		
Age	May 1999 - June 2009	New Factors – June 25, 2009
<i>UNCHANGED</i>	<i>DELETED</i>	<i>SUBSTITUTED</i>
18 to 40	21	40
40 to 51	18	35
51 to 60	16	30
61 to 70	13	25
71 & up	11	20

707 [2009]
 708 **2nd.** All purchasers of Life Membership may, after a down payment of 1/4 the cost of Life
 709 Membership shall be allowed to pay the balance in semi-annual or yearly payments
 710 equal to 1/4 of the cost of the Life Membership with no interest added. All payments
 711 are to be received by the constituent chapters and the money shall be forwarded
 712 to the Grand Secretary upon receipt of the payment. [2009]

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 715 **3rd.** A Life Membership Certificate shall only be issued after full payment is received by the
 716 Grand Secretary. Companions may, if they desire, pay the full cost of the Life
 717 Membership and receive a Life Membership Certificate.[2009]

718 **4th.** Upon the holder of a life membership certificate transferring to another Chapter within this
 719 Grand Jurisdiction, the Grand Secretary shall-upon notice thereof transfer on the books of
 720 the Life Membership Fund the fees received for such life membership to the credit of the
 721 Chapter transferred to, regardless of by whom such life membership was purchased.

722 **5th.** Upon the holder of a life membership certificate dimitting from this Grand Jurisdiction to
 723 any other and taking a withdrawal certificate from his Chapter, then the fee paid for such
 724 life membership shall remain to the credit of such Chapter in the Life Membership Fund.

725 **6th.** All monies received by the Grand Secretary from the Chapters for life memberships shall
 726 be placed in the Life Membership Fund.

727 **7th.** Any Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction may by vote purchase from its funds a life
 728 membership certificate for a member thereof, paying the fee as provided in Subdivision
 729 1st of this section.

730 **8th.** When two or more Chapters consolidate, all money in the Life Membership Fund to the
 731 credit of such Chapters shall be transferred to the credit of such consolidated Chapter.

732 **9th.** Upon the dissolution of any Chapter, holders of Grand Chapter certificates of life
 733 membership shall have such memberships transferred as provided in Subdivision 4th of

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734 this section. The interest accruing from the fund remaining to the credit of the dissolved
735 Chapter shall at the end of the year be added to the principal of this fund.

736 **10th.** Holders of life membership certificates are subject to all laws, rules and
737 regulations of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota, and loss
738 of loss of membership by suspension or expulsion shall automatically abrogate his life
739 membership and any claim to pay any portion of any fees paid for such life membership;
740 but the Chapter of which he was last a member shall continue to receive the income from
741 such funds.

742 **11th.** The Grand Secretary shall annually remit to the secretaries of the Subordinate Chapters
743 their pro-rata portion of the earnings of the Life Membership Fund. Earnings shall be
744 credited quarterly; partial quarters shall earn no interest. The Grand Chapter may deduct
745 5% annually from the earnings of the Fund, and transfer the sum to the Grand Chapter
746 General Account for administration costs.

747 **12th.** The annual per capita year for earnings of the Life Membership Fund will be as of
748 December 31st each year.

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750 **13th.** A member reported "indigent", as defined in the Constitution of this Grand
751 Chapter under Article VII, Section 3, Sub-section 4th, may be considered
752 " Permanently Indigent" and, therefore, eligible to receive a Life Membership t no cost to
753 either himself or his Chapter, if so certified by the High Priest and Secretary of his
754 Chapter, on a form titled "Petition for Life Membership for a Permanently Indigent
755 Member" and approved by the Charity Committee of this Grand Chapter. Such Petition
756 to include an explanation as to why he is now indigent and will be permanently so. If
757 approved by the Charity Committee, the Grand Secretary will issue the Life Membership
758 Certificate in the member's name, transfer from the Charity Fund of this Grand Chapter
759 to the records of the affected Chapter, the amount of the cost as set forth under Sub-
760 section 1st of this Section, and forward the Certificate of Life Membership to the Chapter
761 for delivery to the member. Should the Petition be denied, the Chapter may,
762 if it chooses, resort to the procedure outlined under Sub-section 7th, above.

763 **ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS**

764 "These General Regulations, as well as the Uniform Code of By-Laws for Subordinate
765 Chapters, may be amended at any sitting of the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter only,
766 by a three - fourths majority vote of the members present at such Convocation. Provided, that
767 any proposition to amend has been published and circulated to all Subordinate chapters, Grand
768 Officers, Past Grand High Priests and the Committee on Jurisprudence no later than 60 days
769 prior to the Annual Convocation, except by permission of the Grand High Priest, presented and
770 reported on by the Jurisprudence Committee before a vote is taken. "