

MN RAM GENERAL REGULATIONS
GENERAL REGULATIONS

OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
OF

ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MINNESOTA

ARTICLE 1 - OF GRAND CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

Section 5. Each member of the Grand Chapter shall appear at its annual and special convocations properly clothed and, if an officer, wearing his proper jewel.

The jewels of the officers shall be of gold, and their collars and aprons of scarlet velvet trimmed with gold. The designs for such jewels shall be, for all, an equilateral triangle, 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 (>1) 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

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42 Grand Chapter - subject to modification, and at the will and pleasure of the Grand High
43 Priest to expedite business:

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

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

66 *Section 9.* Upon any report, or recommendation therein contained, and upon any amendment
67 thereto or substitute therefor, the committeeman submitting such report shall be entitled
68 to open and close debate. No other member shall be entitled to speak twice upon any
69 subject, except by permission of the Grand High Priest.

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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 be
73 called upon any changes or amendments of, or additions to, the Grand Constitution or
74 these General Regulations, or in any case upon demand of not less than fifteen (15)
75 members who belong to different chapters.

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77 *Section 11.* While the Grand High Priest controls debate in any case, and the previous question
78 cannot be moved, there shall be no debate upon any motion which, under general
79 parliamentary law is not debatable.

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

81 *Section 1.* The Grand High Priest shall appoint well informed Royal Arch Masons as
82 representatives near other Grand Chapters, which appoint like Representatives to this
83 Grand Chapter and authorize them to extend the fraternal greetings and good will of this
84 Grand Chapter to such other Grand Chapter, and to protect the interest of the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 113 **1st.** To receipt for and take charge of all moneys, funds, securities and other
114 evidences of debt, and all other property of the Grand Chapter not placed by law
115 in the special custody of another Grand Officer, and to keep an accurate account
116 thereof, in such manner and form as may be directed by the Trustees of this
117 Grand Chapter
- 118 **2nd.** To pay all orders drawn upon him in accordance with the law or special direction
119 of the Grand Chapter.
- 120 **3rd.** To attend the meetings of the Grand Chapter, the Trustees and. upon the Grand
121 High Priest when required, with-his books and all necessary documents relating
122 to his office, as well as upon any committee whose duty it may be to inquire into
123 the financial concerns of the Grand Chapter;
- 124 **4th.** To report to the Annual Convocation his receipts and disbursements in summary
125 form, together with a schedule of all securities and property in his hands or under
126 his control, and a statement of the condition of finances of the Grand Chapter.

127 These duties may be incorporated into the Duties of the Grand Secretary
128 under the title for the office to be Grand Treasurer/Secretary

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

- 131 **1st.** To record all transactions of the Grand Chapter proper to be written;
- 132 **2nd.** To collect and receive, and keep a correct account of all moneys of or due the
133 Grand Chapter in proper and regular books of account, and to perform the duties
134 of the Grand Treasurer as detailed in Section 3 above
- 135 **3rd** To keep a register of, and to enter therein, all charters, warrants, dispensations
136 and certificates granted by the Grand Chapter or the Grand High Priest.
- 137 **4th.** To keep a register of all chapters and their members with the chapter number
138 prefixed to each name, and the age, residence, dates of markings, inductions,
139 receptions and exaltations, affiliations, withdrawals, striking from the rolls,
140 suspensions, expulsions, deaths, reinstatements and restorations, as the same
141 are reported in the annual returns from such chapters, and to keep a Card Index
142 of such members by chapter and number;
- 143 **5th.** To receive, file and safely keep all papers and documents of the Grand Chapter
144 not in the proper custody of other Grand Officers;
- 145 **6th.** To procure all books, stationary and printing regularly required for the use of the
146 Grand Chapter or its officers;
- 147 **7th.** To conduct the correspondence of his office and such other as the Grand
148 Chapter or the Grand High Priest may direct;
- 149 **8th.** To have charge of the jewels, clothing, furniture and paraphernalia of the Grand
150 Chapter during the inter between annual convocations;
- 151 **9th.** To prepare and mail to all chapters and members of the Grand Chapter, and to
152 all Masonic Bodies with which this Grand Chapter is in correspondence, a
153 circular giving the results of the annual election, as well as any amendment or
154 change of law adopted, immediately following the Annual Convocation. To have
155 the Constitution and General Regulations printed in lose leaf form and prepare
156 substitute pages as required.
- 157 **10th.** To obtain at least semi-annually from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of
158 A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota a list of all suspensions, expulsions and restorations by
159 Masonic lodges, keep a record thereof and to transmit to each chapter as often
160 as half-yearly a complete list of-such rejections, expulsions, suspensions and
161 restoration as they have been reported to him;
- 162 **12th.** To attend with all necessary books and papers under his control all Convocations
163 of the Grand Chapter or any meetings of its committees, upon proper notice, as
164 well as upon the Grand High Priest when necessary or required;
- 165 **13th.** To have the annual proceedings of this Grand Chapter printed each year. To have
166 copy for the proceedings in the hands of the printer not later than ninety (90)
167 days after the close of the Grand Convocation. He shall distribute copies thereof
168 as follows:
169 One (1) copy to each Grand Officer and elected Past Grand High Priest of the
170 Grand Chapter and to each representative of and to sister Grand Chapters;
171 two (2) copies to each chapter;
172 two (2) copies to each Masonic Body recognized by this Grand Chapter, which
173 reciprocates by furnishing the proceedings of its meetings to this Grand Chapter,
174 and one (1) copy to any Masonic or other library, or Mason, requesting the same
175 and having legitimate Masonic use therefor; and it shall be the duty of the Grand
176 Secretary to have printed as an Appendix to such Annual Proceedings a roll of

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177 the first six (6) Elective Grand Officers from its organization to date; a Directory
178 of Subordinate Chapters for the current year with number, name, location (and
179 postal address, date of charter, the names of its High Priest, King, Scribe and
180 Secretary, and time of meetings; an Abstract of Returns of chapters, with
181 membership and financial data; a roll of chapters lost, with name and number,
182 name, location, date of charter and cause of loss; a roll of Grand Chapters, with
183 names of incumbent Grand Secretaries, and their addresses; a roll of Grand
184 representatives to and from the several Grand Chapters, with addresses;
185 memorial pages and death roll of chapters; Proceedings of Grand Convocation
186 of Anointed High Priests and Roll of Living Anointed High Priests of Minnesota,
187 with chapter number and year, and the Report of the Committee on Foreign
188 Correspondence; the roll of the General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service
189 Medal recipients.

190 **14th.** To issue certificates of good standing upon application by any member of a
191 defunct chapter who is shown by its records in possession of the Grand
192 Secretary to have been in good standing when it ceased to work, upon which he
193 may apply for membership elsewhere;

194 **15th.** To provide and sell to chapters at approximate cost and postage, proper blanks
195 and petitions, as well as other blanks required to be in common use, and demit
196 blanks, having space for name in full, and a place for nevarietur signature and for
197 dates receiving Mark, Past, Most Excellent and Royal Arch Degrees in what
198 chapter and where, as well as for any earned honors recognized by Capitular
199 Masonry. It shall be his duty to provide each year a Past Grand High Priest gold
200 jewel of the design heretofore selected in this jurisdiction, appropriately
201 engraved; or at the option of the recipient, a suitable engraved watch, ring or
202 token together with a Past Grand High Priest's apron to be monogrammed with
203 the word "Minnesota" to be presented to the High Priest as soon as practicable
204 after his installation, for which it shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to
205 include in its report a reasonable appropriation each year.

206 **16th.** To provide, at cost, to the chapters, and send to the Secretaries thereof not later
207 than October 1st each year sufficient receipt blanks, with name, number,
208 location and serial number printed thereon for dues on cardboard bearing in
209 conspicuous block figures the year for which, when issued, they are to be in
210 force with place for nevarietur signature of the member, and certifying over his
211 facsimile signature and seal of the Grand Chapter, that the Chapter issuing the
212 same is a legally constituted chapter under this Grand Chapter. The use of such
213 blanks for receipts of dues is mandatory in every chapter.

214 **17th.** To perform such other duties as the Grand Chapter may require;

215 **18th.** To prepare and submit an annual report to the Grand Chapter at its Annual
216 Convocation showing all moneys received and from what source, as well as the
217 disposition thereof, during the fiscal year ending December 31st, as well as a
218 statement of the financial and membership status of the several chapters, and
219 such other facts in relation thereto as may be proper and advisable for the
220 information and action of the Grand Chapter.

221 **19th.** To receive all moneys designated as being for Life Memberships, deposit such
222 amounts to a special bank account, maintain necessary records, issue
223 Certificates of such membership, invest funds as directed by the Trustees,

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224 calculate earnings and pay same over to the separate participating chapters.
225 Administration of the foregoing to be in accord with Article IX of these General
226 Regulations

227 **20th.** And at the expiration of his term, and the qualification of his successor, to turn
228 over to the latter or to such person as the Grand Chapter may direct, all books,
229 papers, writings, accounts and other property of the Grand Chapter under his
230 control.

231 *Section 5.* The Grand Treasurer shall give bond in the sum of \$ 10,000.00 and the Grand
232 Secretary in the sum of \$ 20,000.00, or in such larger amounts as the Grand Chapter
233 may require, conditioned for the faithful performance and discharge of the duties of their
234 respective offices, running to the Grand High Priest by name and his successor in office,
235 in trust for this Grand Chapter, and executed by some Surety Company approved by the
236 Grand High Priest as surety, and to be filed with him. The cost of such bonds will be
237 paid by the Grand Chapter. If either of said officers fails to file such bond with the Grand
238 High Priest within fifteen days after his election, the latter may by his order remove him
239 from office and appoint another eligible member who will provide such bond to the
240 vacancy so made.

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

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



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

249 **ARTICLE III - OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS**

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

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- 257 available and that the chapter will start clear of debt.
258 All petitioners who are not non-affiliates remain members of their respective chapters
259 with all rights therein until they respectively request and are given demits.
- 260 *Section 2.* A chapter under dispensation shall terminate its work forty-five (45) days prior to the
261 next convocation following the issuance of the dispensation, make return and report of
262 all its doings and forward the same upon that date with all its books and papers, and a
263 certificate stating whether or not it desires a charter to issue at once, or the dispensation
264 to be renewed; the names of the officers it has selected for High Priest, King and Scribe
265 under charter and the demits of all petitioners who still desire to become members of the
266 new chapter, to the Grand Secretary. The Grand Secretary shall place the same in the
267 hands of the Committee on Chapters immediately for examination and report.
- 268 *Section 3.* If upon the report of the Committee on Chapters a charter is granted, the same shall
269 be signed by the retiring members of the Grand Council and by the Grand Secretary,
270 and the chapter thereafter be constituted and its officers installed by the Grand High
271 Priest or by some Past High Priest deputized therefor by him, at his pleasure. The
272 installing officer shall at once report the date and names of the officers installed to the
273 Grand Secretary, unless the latter takes part in the constitution. If the officers named for
274 the charter are not those named in the dispensation, a certificate from the Grand
275 Lecturer must be furnished the Grand High Priest before constitution, certifying to the
276 proficiency of the principal officers in the Work and Lectures and as to their ability to
277 conduct a chapter.
- 278 *Section 4.* The meeting at which a new chapter is constituted is a Stated Convocation at which,
279 after the installation of officers, it may transact any chapter business and should fix the
280 time for its future Stated Convocations and adopt or provide for necessary By-Laws.
- 281 *Section 5.* The charter members of such new chapters shall be all those companions who
282 petitioned for the same and whose demits are filed with the Grand Secretary before
283 constitution, as well as all Royal Arch Masons exalted by it while working under
284 dispensation - as shown by the Grand Secretary's records thereof.
- 285 *Section 6.* Every chapter must adopt a seal with its name and number engraved thereon and
286 use the same for certifying all its official reports, communications and documents. A
287 perfect impression of such seal must be certified to and filed with the Grand Secretary.
288 In case it is lost or changed, that fact must be certified in like manner.
- 289 *Section 7.* A stated Convocation of a chapter may be opened and business conducted in the
290 absence of the High Priest, by the King or Scribe in the order named, or in the absence
291 of all three of those officers by the Junior Past High Priest thereof present; but no
292 Special Convocation can be opened by the King, Scribe or other companion in the
293 absence of the High Priest, or by the King, Scribe or other companion in the absence of
294 the High Priest, or of his order or request in writing.
- 295 *Section 8.* Any official communication received by a chapter or its High Priest or Secretary from
296 the Grand High Priest or the Grand Secretary shall be read in open chapter and noted
297 in its proceedings, as so read, at the first Stated Convocation held following the receipt

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298 thereof; and the officer receiving such communication shall be responsible for so
299 bringing it to the attention of the chapter.

300 *Section 9.* A chapter must provide books for its Secretary and Treasurer; retain control over its
301 own funds; cannot incorporate, but may hold stock through a trustee in a corporation
302 formed for the purpose of owning, and the maintenance of a Masonic Hall, and
303 incidentally for rental purposes; may hold, mortgage, sell or make other dispensation of
304 its own property, and invest and reinvest its funds, as the chapter may direct through
305 trustees legally provided for (who shall always be under and subject to its control). No
306 money shall be withdrawn from its funds without its consent appearing in the records,
307 except only for charitable purposes as provided by law and the payment of the annual
308 dues to the Grand Chapter. Wherever practicable all funds of a chapter shall be
309 deposited in some banking institution selected by the chapter, and in its name, and the
310 same shall be withdrawn there from only to pay the expenses incident to its being a
311 chapter, including Masonic charity, by order thereupon signed by the High Priest,
312 Secretary and Treasurer. Provided, that where funds are given the chapter in trust for
313 any specified Masonic purpose, they may be used as directed in the gift except as
314 permitted by other articles of these regulations. No chapter, by amendment of its By-
315 Laws or otherwise, can use, or permit the use of, its funds or property for any other
316 purpose whatsoever, nor divide the same among its members.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

351 *Section 17.* No chapter shall contract any debt or obligation for the building of a hall or for
352 furnishing the same until arrangements have been made to secure the necessary funds
353 to meet such obligation.

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

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

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

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

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

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379 *Section 23.* The Capitular year of subordinate chapters shall end on December 31st of each
380 year, and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer and Secretary to close their books of
381 accounts as of that date and to submit their reports to the High Priest and such
382 committees as he may designate.
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384 *Section 24.* It shall be the duty of each chapter to make a specified periodic report and send it to
385 the Grand Secretary at prescribed intervals and forward an Annual Return of its
386 membership and financial condition, signed by its High Priest and Secretary,
387 accompanied with the fees for work done and the annual dues upon its membership in
388 good standing at the beginning of the Capitular year for which the report is made. Said
389 return must be forwarded promptly after the close of each capitular year so as to be in
390 the hands of the Grand Secretary on or before February 10th. Any chapter failing to
391 submit this return on or before February 10th shall be assessed a late fee of \$25.00.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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ARTICLE V - OF DEGREES AND MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

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

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

457 *Section 6.* The ballot upon petitions must be secret and may be taken either separately or
458 collectively and must be unanimous in order to elect. If taken collectively and one (1) or
459 more black ballot appears, a separate ballot must be taken upon each petition. If taken
460 separately and not more than one (1) black ballot appears, the High Priest in his
461 discretion (in order to be assured that no mistake has occurred) may at once order one
462 (1) other ballot. Before proceeding to ballot the High priest must satisfy himself that

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463 there are a sufficient number of white balls and black cubes for a legal ballot; and any
464 ballot taken without is void, and another ballot must be taken legally upon the petition.
465 The result of a ballot must be declared by the High Priest immediately upon his
466 inspection thereof.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

494 *Section 15.* No chapter shall confer the degrees on any candidate previously rejected by any
495 other chapter without the consent of such rejecting chapter, if it is still in existence.
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497 *Section 16.* It is the duty of chapters in this jurisdiction to confer the capitular degrees, or any of
498 them, upon a candidate duly elected to receive them by another chapter, as a courtesy
499 to such chapter, and without fee or charge. Provided, that if such request comes from a
500 foreign jurisdiction, it must be through the Grand High Priests of both that foreign
501 jurisdiction and of this.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

539 *Section 25.* Petitions for capitular degrees and membership, which in all prescribed ways,
540 conform to these General Regulations, and which no Subordinate Chapter has had
541 lawful opportunity to receive and ballot thereupon, may be presented, accepted and

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542 balloted upon at an Emergent Convocation of this Grand Chapter called for that specific
543 purpose by the Grand High Priest. To call such an Emergent Convocation, the Grand
544 High Priest shall issue an order prescribing the time and place of the convening, the
545 composition thereof, its duties, fees and charges, if any, and any limitations. Any
546 petitioner who is balloted upon and elected at this Emergent Convocation, will become a
547 member of the Subordinate Chapter named upon his petition and, if this Emergent
548 Convocation is held for the purpose of conducting an authorized "Festival" the work
549 may be conferred upon him that named time.

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

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

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

557 *Section 3.* The Grand High Priest shall divide the State into appropriate districts in each of
558 which he shall designate an elected or appointed line officer as the District Officer
559 whose duty it shall be to visit each Chapter of the District and report, on forms provided,
560 the condition of the Chapter to the Grand high Priest and Grand King, and make such
561 other visitations - perform such other duties and make such reports as the Grand High
562 Priest may require. He shall arrange for Festivals under the direction of the Grand King
563 and for Annual Schools of Instruction in his District to be conducted under the
564 supervision and direction of the Grand lecturer or other officer or committee as
565 designated by the Grand High Priest at such annual School of Instruction there shall be
566 exemplified at least one degree each year. The chapters to exemplify such work shall
567 be designated the "Host Chapters," but no chapters shall be required to exemplify more
568 than one degree in any one (1) year or anyone of the degrees in any year immediately
569 following the exemplification of such degree in that chapter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

603 **ARTICLE VIII - OF MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

604 *Section 1.* This Grand Chapter recognizes as regular and Masonic only the following societies
605 and organizations, to-wit: the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota and the Grand
606 Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons of the other several states and territories and the
607 District of Columbia, as well as the Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons
608 outside of the United States of America which now, or may hereafter be, recognized as
609 regular by said Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and all those Lodges and Bodies existing
610 under and by virtue of authority of either of said several Grand Lodges; the General
611 Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, together with the Grand Royal Arch Chapters of
612 the several states and territories and of the District of Columbia, as well as all other
613 Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons outside of the United States of America, which
614 are now, or may hereafter be, recognized as regular by the General Grand Chapter of
615 Royal Arch Masons, and the several Chapters and Bodies under authority of either; the
616 General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International together with the Grand
617 Councils of Cryptic Masons or the Grand Councils of Royal & Select Masters of the
618 several states and territories and the District of Columbia, and the several Councils and
619 Bodies existing under and by the authority of either; the Grand Encampment of the
620 Knights Templar of the United States of America together with the Grand
621 Commanderies of the several states and territories and of the District of Columbia, and
622 the several Commanderies and Bodies existing under and by virtue of the authority of
623 either; the Supreme Council of the 33rd degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish
624 Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, of which Venerable Brother

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625 Albert Pike was, in 1890, the Sovereign Grand Commander, and the Supreme Council
626 of the 33rd degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern
627 Jurisdiction of the United States, of which Venerable Brother Henry L. Palmer was, in
628 1890, the Sovereign Grand Commander, together with several subordinate Bodies
629 existing under and by virtue of the authority of either, so long as they or either of them
630 may respectively continue to adopt and use the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow
631 Craft and Master Mason as the base upon which to erect the degrees conferred by or
632 under authority of said organizations respectively.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 other 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
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,

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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

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713 2nd. All purchasers of Life Membership may, after a down payment of 1/4 the cost of Life
 714 Membership shall be allowed to pay the balance in semi-annual or yearly payments
 715 equal to 1/4 of the cost of the Life Membership with no interest added. All payments are to
 716 be received by the constituent chapters and the money shall be forwarded to the Grand
 717 Secretary upon receipt of the payment.

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719 3rd. A Life Membership Certificate shall only be issued after full payment is received by the
 720 Grand Secretary. Companions may, if they desire, pay the full cost of the Life Membership
 721 and receive a Life Membership Certificate.

722 4th. Upon the holder of a life membership certificate transferring to another Chapter within this
 723 Grand Jurisdiction, the Grand Secretary shall-upon notice thereof transfer on the books of
 724 the Life Membership Fund the fees received for such life membership to the credit of the
 725 Chapter transferred to, regardless of by whom such life membership was purchased.

726 5th. Upon the holder of a life membership certificate dimitting from this Grand Jurisdiction to
 727 any other and taking a withdrawal certificate from his Chapter, then the fee paid for such
 728 life membership shall remain to the credit of such Chapter in the Life Membership Fund.

729 6th. All monies received by the Grand Secretary from the Chapters for life memberships shall
 730 be placed in the Life Membership Fund.

731 7th. Any Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction may by vote purchase from its funds a life
 732 membership certificate for a member thereof, paying the fee as provided in Subdivision
 733 1st of this section.

734 8th. When two (2) or more Chapters consolidate, all money in the Life Membership Fund to the
 735 credit of such Chapters shall be transferred to the credit of such consolidated Chapter.

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736 9th. Upon the dissolution of any Chapter, holders of Grand Chapter certificates of life
737 membership shall have such memberships transferred as provided in Subdivision 4th of
738 this section. The interest accruing from the fund remaining to the credit of the dissolved
739 Chapter shall at the end of the year be added to the principal of this fund.

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

746 11th. The Grand Secretary shall annually remit to the secretaries of the Subordinate Chapters
747 their pro-rata portion of the earnings of the Life Membership Fund. Earnings shall be
748 credited quarterly; partial quarters shall earn no interest. The Grand Chapter may deduct
749 five percent (5%) annually from the earnings of the Fund, and transfer the sum to the
750 Grand Chapter General Account for administration costs.

751 12th. The annual per capita year for earnings of the Life Membership Fund will be as of
752 December 31st each year.

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754 13th Life Membership certificates are issued by chapter and apply only to the chapter to which
755 they issued. Companions holding dual memberships are obligated for payment of dues
756 in all chapters in which they hold membership and may apply for an additional Life
757 Membership in the dual chapter at that chapter's dues rate.

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759 14th. A member reported "indigent", as defined in the Constitution of this Grand
760 Chapter under Article VII, Section 3, Sub-section 4th, may be considered
761 " Permanently Indigent" and, therefore, eligible to receive a Life Membership t no cost to
762 either himself or his Chapter, if so certified by the High Priest and Secretary of his
763 Chapter, on a form titled "Petition for Life Membership for a Permanently Indigent
764 Member" and approved by the Charity Committee of this Grand Chapter. The Petition
765 will include an explanation as to why he is now indigent and will be permanently so. If
766 approved by the Charity Committee, the Grand Secretary will issue the Life Membership
767 Certificate in the member's name, transfer from the Charity Fund of this Grand Chapter
768 to the records of the affected Chapter, the amount of the cost as set forth under Sub-
769 section 1st of this Section, and forward the Certificate of Life Membership to the Chapter
770 for delivery to the member. Should the Petition be denied, the Chapter may,
771 if it chooses, resort to the procedure outlined under Sub-section 7th, above.

772 **ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS**

773 "These General Regulations, as well as the Uniform Code of By-Laws for Subordinate
774 Chapters, may be amended at any sitting of the Annual Convocation of the Grand
775 Chapter only, by a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) majority vote of the members present at such
776 Convocation. Provided, that any proposition to amend has been published and
777 circulated to all Subordinate chapters, Grand Officers, Past Grand High Priests and the

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778 Committee on Jurisprudence no later than sixty (60) days prior to the Annual
779 Convocation, except by permission of the Grand High Priest, presented and reported on
780 by the Jurisprudence Committee before a vote is taken. "