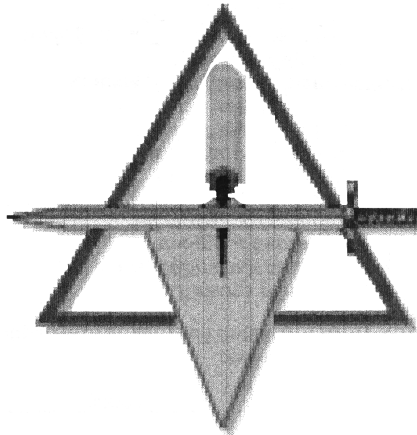


# **CONSTITUTION OF THE SUPREME GRAND COUNCIL**

of the

EASTERN JURISDICTION OF CANADA,

## **Royal and Select Masters**



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### **Preamble**

The Supreme Grand Council of the Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters, hereby ordains and establishes for the government of the Order within its Jurisdiction, the following Constitution and Regulations, retaining nevertheless all rights, privileges and jurisdiction granted to and enjoyed by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters and appendant Orders of New Brunswick, or the Supreme Grand Council of the Cryptic Rite of the Maritime Provinces, under its Constitution, Edicts and General Regulations, since the time of its organization on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, Anno Domini 1867, Anno Depositionis 2867, insofar as the same may not be inconsistent.

### **THE SUPREME GRAND COUNCIL**

#### **Name**

1.01.00 The name of this Supreme Grand Council is 'The Supreme Grand Council of the Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters' herein referred to as the Grand Council.

#### **Powers and Authority**

1.02.00 In this Grand Council is vested the sole power of government, control and superintendence of all matters relative to the Degrees of Royal Master, Select Master, Super-Excellent Master, Royal Ark Mariner and the Order of Thrice Illustrious Master.

1.02.01 The Degrees of Royal Master and Select Master are obligatory before a Companion may be considered as admitted and entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership in a Council. The Degrees of Super-Excellent Master and Royal Ark Mariner are honorary and may be taken as opportunity offers for a fee of \$2.00 for each, which is to include a permanent membership card.

### **Jurisdiction**

1.03.00 The jurisdiction of this Grand Council is over all Councils and Royal Ark Mariner Lodges situate, and Companion Royal and Select Masters residing, within the Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Newfoundland & Labrador.

### **Fraternal Relations**

1.04.00 This Grand Council is in fraternal relations with the Grand Councils of Ontario and the Western Jurisdiction of Canada, whose respective Jurisdictions are acknowledged, and other Jurisdictions which from time to time are recognized.

### **Membership**

1.05.00 The Grand Council is composed of the Officers thereof, all Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Principal Conductors of the Work, Past Grand Inspectors-General of Districts, Past Thrice Illustrious Masters of the constituent Councils, and the first three Officers, for the time being, of the respective Councils under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council, in good standing.

### **Honorary Rank**

1.06.00 The Grand Council may confer such Honorary Past Grand Rank as it may by resolution deem advisable upon any distinguished and well skilled member of a Grand Council in fraternal relations with this Grand Council.

1.06.01 Notwithstanding 1.06.00, Past Grand Rank cannot be conferred at a higher level on any Past Thrice Illustrious Master of

another Grand Council than that which he has attained in his own Grand Council.

1.06.02 With the approval of the Advisory Council, and on the recommendation of the Grand Master, Grand Council may confer on any Companion of this Jurisdiction such honorary rank as Grand Council may determine.

### **Officers**

1.07.00 The Officers of the Grand Council shall consist of:

Most Puissant Grand Master  
Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master  
Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work  
Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard  
Right Illustrious Grand Inspectors-General  
Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer  
Right Illustrious Grand Recorder  
Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain  
Right Illustrious Grand Historian  
Very Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council  
Very Illustrious Grand Master of Ceremonies  
Very Illustrious Grand Organist  
Very Illustrious Grand Stewards (one for each Province)  
Very Illustrious Grand Sentinel

1.07.01 No ruling Thrice Illustrious Master, Recorder or Treasurer may concurrently hold his Council office and that of Grand Master or Grand Inspector-General.

1.07.02 Notwithstanding 1.07.01, the Grand Master may grant dispensation for a Companion to be the Grand Inspector-General and the Recorder of his Council.

1.07.03 In the event of 1.07.02 being granted, the Grand Master shall appoint a Grand Council officer to carry out the duties of the Grand Inspector-General in that council.

## Assemblies

1.08.00 The Annual Assembly shall be held on the third Saturday in May, or on such date as the Grand Master may decide. The time and place shall be fixed by the Grand Master after consultation with the Advisory Council.

I.08.01 The Grand Council may only consider invitations to host Grand Council as are received by the Grand Recorder in writing no later than ten days prior to the date of the Annual Assembly. Such invitations must have the approval of the Advisory Council before being presented to Grand Council.

1.08.02 The Grand Council, by majority vote at an Annual Assembly, may accept the invitation recommended by the Advisory Council for Grand Council to hold its next Annual Assembly at a certain place within the Jurisdiction. In the absence of any invitation, the next Annual Assembly shall be held at such place within the Jurisdiction as may be named by the Grand Master on the advice of the Advisory Council.

1.08.03 The Grand Master may at any time summon an Emergent Assembly of the Grand Council to be held, not less than fourteen days notice being given.

1.08.04 The special reason for calling an Emergent Assembly shall be stated in the summons calling such Assembly and no business other than that so specified or incidental thereto shall be transacted at such Assembly.

1.08.05 The Grand Master may for good and sufficient reason change the place of meeting.

## Quorum

1.09.00 A minimum of ten members from at least four constituent Councils shall constitute a quorum.

## Officers and Stations

1.10.00 The officers of the Grand Council shall be stationed as follows:

The Grand Master - in the East.

The Deputy Grand Master - on the right of the Grand Master.

The Grand Principal Conductor of the Work - on the left of the Grand Master.

The Grand Captain of the Guard - in the west.

The Grand Inspectors-General - on the right of the Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Treasurer - on the right and in front of the Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Recorder - on the left and in front of the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.

The Grand Chaplain - on the left of the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.

The Grand Historian - on the left of the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Conductor of the Council - in the south.

The Grand Master of Ceremonies - on the left of the Grand Captain of the Guard.

The Grand Steward (named by the Grand Master) - at the door, inside.

The Grand Sentinel - at the door, outside.

## Order of Business

1. 11.00 The order of business at Assemblies of the Grand Council, unless the presiding officer otherwise orders, shall be as follows:

Opening the Grand Council

Report of the Committee on Credentials

Reading and confirming of minutes of previous Assemblies

Communication from the Grand Master

Communication from the Deputy Grand Master

Reports from the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer

Report from the Audit Committee

Reports from the Grand Inspectors-General

Reading and considering communications

Deferred business

New business

Election and Appointment of Officers

Installation of Officers

Closing the Grand Council

## **Voting and Proxies**

1.12.00 Each member of the Grand Council being a member of a constituent Council in good standing together with the first three officers of each Council shall be entitled to one vote.

1.12.01 A Council may, by a resolution under its seal (which resolution shall not extend beyond the next Assembly of the Grand Council after the date thereof), appoint a Companion or Companions of such Council to vote for any one, two or three of the first three officers of the Council unable to be present at such Assembly, but no such resolution shall entitle any Companion to more than three votes in his own right and as a proxy. This section applies only to voting in the election of Grand Council Officers.

## **Election and Installation**

1.13.00 The Deputy Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Treasurer and Grand Captain of the Guard shall be elected by nomination and ballot at the Annual Assembly, and the Companion having a majority of all the votes cast shall be declared duly elected. Voting shall continue until such time as one nominee has a clear majority of all votes cast. After each ballot in which no clear majority is indicated, the nominee with the least number of votes shall be dropped, the announcement made to Grand Council, and further ballots taken in like manner as necessary to declare a majority obtained by one nominee.

1.13.01 The Deputy Grand Master shall succeed to the office of Grand Master without election. To be eligible for nomination as Deputy Grand Master, the nominee must have served at least one year as Grand Principal Conductor of the Work or as a Grand Inspector-General.

1.13.02 Nomination for any elective office requiring nomination shall be in writing, giving the full name and Council rank, Post Office address of the Candidate, name and number of his Council, and the office for which he is nominated.

1.13.03 Such nomination shall be signed by the proposer, who shall

be a member of Grand Council and who shall give his own full name, Post Office address, Council rank, and the name and number of his Council.

1.13.04 Every nomination, with the signed acceptance of the nominee, shall be sent by registered mail to the Grand Recorder and shall be postmarked not later than February 15.

1.13.05. The Grand Recorder shall without delay send a list of such nominations by registered mail to all members so nominated and by ordinary mail to all Council Recorders and members of the Advisory Council.

1.13.06 No Companion shall permit his name to be placed in nomination for more than one elective office.

1.13.07. If no nominations for an elective office are received by February 15, the Grand Master may receive nominations at such time during the Annual Assembly as he may determine. If there is more than one nomination, the names shall be voted upon as nearly as if they had appeared on the list prepared under 1.13.05. If there is only one nomination, the Grand Master shall declare the person elected by acclamation.

1. 13.08 The other Grand Officers, as well as the several committees, shall be appointed by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.

1.13.09 All Officers elected or appointed shall be installed at the Annual Assembly or at such time and place as the Grand Master may appoint.

1.13.10 The several Officers shall retain their respective offices until their successors are duly elected and installed at an Emergent or Annual Assembly.

## **Succession of Power and Filling Vacancies**

1.14.00 In case of the death, absence or disability of the Grand Master, the powers and duties of his office shall devolve upon the

Deputy Grand Master and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, in that order.

1.14.01 The Grand Master shall fill vacancies which may occur in the offices of the Grand Council, until the next Annual Assembly.

### **Committees**

1.15.00 The following committees shall be appointed annually by the Grand Master at such times as he may deem prudent:

- Credentials - one or more members of Grand Council.
- Condition of the Order - the three Junior Past Grand Masters present at the Grand Assembly, to review the address of the Grand Master and the reports of the other Officers.
- An Auditor or an Auditing Committee.

1.15.01 The Grand Master may appoint a Committee on Jurisprudence consisting of five members, a Committee on Grievances and Appeals consisting of three members, and a Committee on Rites and Ceremonies consisting of three members.

1.15.02 The Grand Master may appoint such other ad hoc committees as may be deemed necessary.

### **Supplies and Services**

1.16.00 The cost of supplies and services provided by the Grand Recorder shall be approved by the Grand Council on the recommendation of the Advisory Council.

### **Treasury Warrants**

1.17.00 Accounts for current operating expenditures (postage, office supplies, rituals, printing proceeds, etc.) may be paid by the Grand Treasurer on the order of the Grand Master or Grand Recorder. No other accounts may be paid without the approval of the Grand Master or a vote of Grand Council.

### **Remuneration of Officers**

1.18.00 The Grand Master shall receive assistance with his travel expenses. The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder shall be reimbursed for such expenses as may be appropriate for the proper functioning of their offices. Such expenses shall be approved by the Grand Council on the recommendation of the Advisory Council.

### **Masonic Year**

1.19.00 The fiscal year of the Grand Council and of all constituent Councils shall end on December 31.

### **Alterations or Amendments**

1.20.00 The Constitution shall not be altered or amended unless notice shall have been given of the proposed alteration or amendment in the summons calling the Annual Assembly and unless such alteration or amendment shall receive the approval of two thirds of the members then present and entitled to vote.

### **Grand Honours**

1.21.00 Grand Honours of three times three shall be used on all occasions.

## **GRAND OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES**

### **The Grand Master**

2.01.00 The Grand Master shall exercise all the executive and judicial functions of the Grand Council during its recess and shall at each Annual Assembly communicate in writing a statement of his official acts during such recess and recommend such measures as to him may seem expedient. He shall have power and authority to grant letters of dispensation to a competent number of petitioners empowering them to open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters until the next Annual Assembly.

2.01.01 The Grand Master shall, on installation, assume the title of Grand Commander Noah.

## **The Deputy Grand Master**

2.02.00 The Deputy Grand Master shall exercise such executive or judicial functions as may be delegated to him by the Grand Master, and in the case of the death of the Grand Master or his inability to attend to the affairs of Grand Council the Deputy Grand Master shall assume his duties and prerogatives.

## **Grand Principal Conductor of the Work**

2.03.00 The Grand Principal Conductor of the Work shall perform such duties as may be delegated to him by the Grand Master, and in the absence of his two senior Officers he shall assume the duties and prerogatives of the senior executive.

## **Grand Inspector-General**

2.04.00 The Jurisdiction of this Grand Council shall be divided into Districts designated as follows:

Nova Scotia - composing Councils 3,5,7,10,14,15,18,19

New Brunswick and P.E.I. - composing Councils 1,8,9,11

Newfoundland - composing Councils 6,16

Quebec - composing Councils 4,17,20

2.04.01 To these Districts there shall be appointed annually, by the Grand Master, an Officer whose style and title shall be 'Right Illustrious Grand Inspector-General' and who shall rank next to the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.

2.04.02 Every Grand Inspector-General shall be a Past Thrice Illustrious Master, a member of some Council in the District for which he is appointed, and a resident of the District.

2.04.03 The Grand Recorder shall, immediately after the appointment of a Grand Inspector-General, notify each of the Councils in the appointee's District of the appointment.

2.04.04 Each Grand Inspector-General shall be installed by the Grand Master, or by some Grand Officer or Past Grand Officer appointed by the Grand Master, in the Council of which such Grand Inspector-General is a member, or at the earliest convenient time and

place.

2.04.05 The Grand Inspectors-General represent the Grand Master in their respective Districts, and shall be received and treated as such representative.

2.04.06 It shall be the duty of every Grand Inspector-General to visit all the Councils in his respective District at least once annually, of which visit the Council shall have timely notice.

2.04.07 Each Grand Inspector-General shall forward to the Grand Recorder, prior to the Annual Assembly, a confidential report on each Council in his District, and a report for presentation to Grand Council of the visits made by him during his term of office.

2.04.08 During his visit to each Council, the Grand Inspector-General shall:

Examine the Minute Book, Financial Record and other Books of the Council

Inspect the Warrant, By-Laws and other documents relating to the Council

Examine the Ceremonial Work of the Council

Satisfy himself that the affairs of the Council are administered in all respects in accordance with the requirements of Grand Council.

2.04.09 A Grand Inspector-General shall not have the authority to grant dispensations for any purpose whatsoever, nor to suspend, alter or amend any law or regulation of Grand Council or By-Law of any Council.

2.04.10 A Grand Inspector-General who shall have performed his duties for at least one year to the satisfaction of the Grand Master, and who shall be especially recommended by him for the honour, may receive, by the vote of the Advisory Council, the rank of Past Grand Inspector-General.

2.04.11 Each Grand Inspector-General shall be charged and appointed as Deputy Commander Noah, and he shall be responsible to see that the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner is conferred in his District. He shall see that a report is made to Grand Council to include the

place of meeting, time, date, and the names of those receiving the Degree, and the names of the Officers taking part.

2.04.12 It shall be the duty of the Grand Inspector-General to ensure that the Degree of Super-Excellent Master is conferred under the auspices of a Council in his District at least once every two years.  
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### **Grand Treasurer**

2.05.00 The Grand Treasurer shall receive from the Grand Recorder all monies belonging to the Grand Council and shall forthwith deposit them in a chartered bank approved by the Grand Council.

2.05.01 All payments shall be made by cheque signed by the Grand Treasurer, countersigned by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master or Grand Recorder.

2.05.02 He shall keep books of account in which shall be regularly entered all receipts and disbursements, and shall produce the same when called upon by the Grand Master, Auditor(s) or other Officer(s) delegated by the Grand Master.

2.05.03 He shall be bonded as may be required by Grand Council.

2.05.04 Immediately upon the installation of his successor he shall deliver over to him all monies, books, and other such property of the Grand Council as shall have come into his possession.

### **Grand Recorder**

2.06.00 The Grand Recorder shall keep minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Council, sign and certify all instruments from the Grand Council, issue summons for all Regular and Emergent Assemblies of Grand Council and the Advisory Council, and sign all orders for payment when duly passed.

2.06.01 He shall receive all returns from constituent Councils, together with all monies paid to Grand Council, and forthwith pay the latter over to the Grand Treasurer.

2.06.02 He shall keep a book in which shall be recorded all monies received and ordered for disbursements and such other acts of Grand Council and Advisory Council as it is his duty to record, and carry out such other duties as are assigned by Grand Council or the Advisory Council.

2.06.03 He shall deliver unto his successor, when duly installed, all books, papers and such other property of the Grand Council and Advisory Council as shall have come into his possession.

### **Grand Chaplain**

2.07.00 It shall be the duty of the Grand Chaplain to assist at dedication, consecration and installation ceremonies, and to attend the Grand Master or his Deputy at all official functions when possible to do so, and particularly to attend the Annual Grand Assembly and to conduct the service of remembrance or necrology.

### **Regalia - Grand Council**

2.08.00 The collars of the officers of Grand Council shall be of purple silk or velvet, edged with gold braid.

2.08.01 The aprons of the officers of Grand Council shall be of white leather, triangular in shape, trimmed with purple silk or velvet, edged with gold braid, with gold bullion fringe or suitable substitute, and with the appropriate jewel wrought in the centre.

2.08.02 The jewels of the officers shall be of gold or a metal resembling it in colour, suspended from the collars, and contained in an equilateral triangle surrounded by a wreath. The wreaths of the first two officers to be surmounted by a crown. In the equilateral triangle are suspended first a trowel vertically with the handle in the apex of the triangle, and second the characteristic jewel of the office as follows:

Grand Master - square and compasses

Deputy Grand Master - square and level

Grand Principal Conductor of the Work - square and plumb

Grand Captain of the Guard - crossed battle-axes, hilts uppermost

Grand Inspectors-General - square  
Past Grand Masters - compasses extended on an arc of 60 degrees  
Grand Treasurer - crossed keys  
Grand Recorder - crossed pens  
Grand Chaplain - Holy Bible, open  
Grand Historian - lamp of learning  
Grand Conductor of the Council - crossed swords, points uppermost  
Grand Master of Ceremonies - crossed batons  
Grand Organist - a Grecian lyre  
Grand Steward - sword horizontal, hilt on the right  
Grand Sentinel - crossed scimitars

2.08.03 Other than those which may be worn by a distinguished guest, the only jewels properly worn in the Grand Council are those pertaining to the Degrees or Order conferred under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council, or honorary jewels which may be presented by another Grand Council.

### **Grand Representatives**

2.09.00 The Grand Master shall appoint Companions of this Jurisdiction as Grand Representatives of other recognized Grand Councils, having regard to the following considerations:

- a. Only such Illustrious Companions as have rendered distinguished or meritorious service to the cause of Royal and Select Masters Masonry shall be recommended for such appointments.
- b. At least one appointment shall be given to each Council. Additional appointments shall be distributed among the various Councils in proportion to their respective memberships.
- c. No Companion shall represent more than one Grand Council.
- d. All Grand Representatives shall reside in the Jurisdiction, and in case of permanent removal therefrom the Grand Master shall declare the appointment vacant and the Grand Recorder shall advise the Grand Council concerned.

e. Appointments shall be for three years, but Companions shall be eligible for reappointment.

f. In the event of any Grand Representative being absent from the Annual Assembly for three consecutive years without reasonable excuse, the Grand Master shall declare the representation vacated and the Grand Recorder shall advise the Grand Council concerned accordingly.

g. It shall be the duty of every Companion so appointed to keep in touch with the Jurisdiction for which he is the Grand Representative, to review the annual proceedings of such Jurisdiction, to furnish his Jurisdiction with an account of the progress of Royal and Select Masters Masonry in this Jurisdiction, and advise the Grand Master and Grand Council of matters concerning the fraternal relations of this Grand Council with the Jurisdiction he represents.

### **ADVISORY COUNCIL**

3.01.00 The Advisory Council shall consist of the Deputy Grand Master (Chairman), Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Inspectors-General, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, two elected members and two appointed members of Grand Council, all Past Grand Masters, and one appointment from each Province not represented by a Past Grand Master. The appointment of a representative appointee shall be made by the Grand Master.

3.02.00 The Advisory Council shall meet at the call of the Chairman at least twice in each year, the first meeting to be held immediately before the Annual Assembly of Grand Council, the second preferably in the fall to consider notices of motion and other business to come before the Annual Assembly of Grand Council. May 6, 2011

3.02.01 In the absence of the Chairman the Advisory Council shall choose a Chairman from among those present for the meeting.

3.02.02 Five members shall constitute a quorum. Those present shall represent at least three Councils.

3.03.00 The Advisory Council shall approve all investments made from time to time. Such investments to be registered in the name of the 'Grand Council, Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters'.

3.03.01 The Advisory Council may execute on behalf of the Grand Council itself and constituent Councils a bond or bonds of Indemnity for the performance of the duties of the Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer, and the Recorders and Treasurers of all constituent Councils. The Advisory Council may assess all or part of the premiums thereof upon the funds of Grand Council and such constituent Councils in such proportion as may be deemed desirable.

3.03.02 The Advisory Council shall examine and report on all applications for Charters.

3.03.03 The Advisory Council shall report on all matters referred to it by the Grand Master or Grand Council.

3.03.04 All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes, the presiding officer in case of equality having the casting vote.

3.03.05 All transactions and resolutions of the Advisory Council shall be recorded and filed by the Grand Recorder after approval.

3.03.06 The Chairman of the Advisory Council shall prepare an Annual Report for presentation to the Annual Assembly of Grand Council.

## **DEGREES AND MEMBERSHIP**

### **Powers**

4.01.00 The Supreme Grand Council has authority over the Degrees of Royal Master, Select Master, Super-Excellent Master, Royal Ark Mariner, and the Order of Thrice Illustrious Master.

### **Prerequisite Degrees**

4.02.00 No Council shall confer the several degrees on any person who is not a member in good standing in some regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a resident of the Jurisdiction, and one whose character and Masonic acquirements have been vouched for by two Select Masters, and then only after a ballot.

4.02.01 Every Council under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council shall have the power and authority to confer the Degrees of the Rite.

4.02.02 Councils in this jurisdiction may meet and conduct business in either the Royal or Select Degree. May 6, 2011.

### **Ritual**

4.03.00 The ritual, forms and ceremonies now adopted and in use, or as may from time to time be authorized by the Grand Council of the Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters, shall be the Authorized Work for all Degrees and Orders.

4.03.01 The ritual and work of the several Councils under the jurisdiction of Grand Council shall be uniform, and the Grand Master or his Deputy may preside in any Council under this Jurisdiction in order to examine its work and proceedings.

4.03.02 Rituals shall be issued only through the Grand Recorder, and constituent Councils are required to keep a record of all Rituals in their care and to make an account for same to the Grand Recorder when requested.

### **Fees for Degrees**

4.04.00 Each candidate for the Degrees of Royal Master and Select Master shall pay for both together not less than Fifteen Dollars previous to receiving the Degrees. The fees for Super-Excellent Master and the Royal Ark Mariner Degree shall be Two Dollars each, and the fee for the Order of Thrice Illustrious Master shall be Fifteen Dollars. The fee for the Order of Thrice Illustrious Master shall be paid by the constituent Councils.

## Membership

4.05.00 No Council shall hereafter admit to membership any Companion until he shall have received, in due form, the Select Master Degree.

## Petition

4.06.00 All petitions for the Degrees of Royal Master, Select Master, Super-Excellent Master and Royal Ark Mariner, or for affiliation, shall be submitted at a regular Assembly only, and referred to a Committee of Investigation, whose report may be made and the ballot spread at the same assembly at which it is presented, or at a regular or emergent assembly held within three months.

## Affiliation

4.07.00 A Council may receive a petition for affiliation from any Royal and Select Master in good standing, without regard to his place of residence, who shall produce satisfactory evidence that he is a member in good standing or has been regularly demitted from a Council of this or any other recognized Jurisdiction or from a Council that has surrendered its warrant.

## Balloting

4.08.00 A petition for membership or affiliation is accepted if not more than two negative ballots appear. If only three negative ballots appear, the Master may take a second ballot, when if more than two negative ballots appear the candidate shall be rejected. The petition of a rejected candidate shall not be renewed within six months, but the petition of a rejected applicant for affiliation may be renewed at any time.

4.08.01 If more than one petition is to be balloted upon at any assembly, a collective ballot maybe taken, provided that, should three or more negative ballots appear in such collective ballot, then a separate ballot shall be taken on each petition.

## Certificate of Membership

4.09.00 Each member of a Council is entitled to a membership

diploma, to be sent by the Grand Recorder to the Recorder of such Council.

4.09.01 Membership cards are to be provided to Companions receiving the Degrees of Super-Excellent Master, Royal Ark Mariner, and the Order of Thrice Illustrious Master.

## Membership at Large

4.10.00 When the Warrant of a Council has been surrendered or revoked, its members in good standing shall be considered Members-at-Large in this Jurisdiction for a period not exceeding two years commencing from the date of the surrender of the Warrant.

4.10.01 The names of all Members-at-Large shall be carried upon a separate roll of such membership. If at the conclusion of the two-year period the members have not affiliated with another Council their Membership-at-Large will be terminated.

4.10.03 The issuance of a demit by the Grand Recorder, or affiliation with a Council, shall terminate the Membership-at-Large of such Companion.

## Suspension

4.11.00 When a Companion who is a member of any Council or is a Member-at-Large shall fail to pay to the Recorder of his Council or to the Grand Recorder as the case may be, for one or more years, the amount of his dues or the amount of the Grand Council per capita tax on his Membership-at-Large, he shall be liable to suspension from all the rights and privileges of Cryptic Masonry, and upon report to his Council by the Recorder, or to the Grand Council by the Grand Recorder, of the facts of the indebtedness, notice and demand, and his failure to pay his indebtedness, the delinquent Companion shall be suspended by a majority vote of the Council or Grand Council, as the case may be.

4.11.01 Any member of a Council who shall demit from all Royal Arch Chapters of which he is a member, or be suspended from any Royal Arch Chapter of which he is a member, shall be automatically suspended in all Councils of which he is a member. He shall be

reinstated in his Council or Councils on proof of his good standing in his Royal Arch Chapter or Chapters.

### **Demit**

4.12.00 Any member of a Council against whom no charges are pending and who is not under any pecuniary liability to his Council shall be granted a demit upon making application therefor at any regular Assembly.

### **Reinstatement**

4.13.00 A Companion suspended for non-payment of dues may be reinstated on payment of all dues owing at the time of suspension, together with the dues for the current year, or by payment of an amount agreed upon by the Council. A ballot shall not be necessary unless the Companion has been suspended for more than three years.

## **CONSTITUENT COUNCILS**

### **Warrant**

5.01.00 No Council of the Cryptic Rite formed within the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Council shall be deemed legal without the sanction of a Warrant from this Grand Council or a dispensation from the Grand Master.

### **Dispensation**

5.02.00 The Grand Master shall have the power and authority, whenever he shall deem it expedient during the recess of the Grand Council, to grant letters of dispensation under his hand and the seal of the Grand Council, to a competent number of duly qualified petitioners, empowering them to open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters until the next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, provided that the fee for a warrant is first deposited with the Grand Recorder.

### **Report to Grand Council**

5.03.00 The Grand Master shall make a report to the next Annual Assembly of the Supreme Grand Council respecting every Council under dispensation, together with a record of its proceedings up to such time.

5.03.01 The Grand Council may either recall or continue any dispensation or may grant a Warrant of Constitution.

5.03.02 Should the Warrant be not granted or the dispensation not be continued, all fees deposited with the Grand Recorder shall be refunded to the petitioners less disbursements by Grand Council.

5.03.03 The fee for Warrant of a new Council and for instituting same shall be actual cost.

### **Jurisdiction of a Council**

5.04.00 No Council shall be held in any place other than the one named in its Warrant, except by the authority of the Grand Council or the Grand Master.

### **Precedence**

5.05.00 The several Councils under this Jurisdiction shall be numbered according to the respective dates on their Warrants.

### **Seal and Symbol**

5.06.00 Each Council shall have a seal, a description and impression of which shall be transmitted to the Grand Recorder.

5.06.01 The official symbol of the Supreme Grand Council, Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters, shall be the unbroken triangle and shall be made available on the internet in such a manner that all Councils in this Jurisdiction may have access to it and be expected to use it regardless of whether it is downloaded or from a hard copy.

### **Officers of a Council**

5.07.00 The Officers of each Council shall be:

Thrice Illustrious Master  
Deputy Master  
Principal Conductor of the Work  
Treasurer  
Recorder  
Chaplain  
Historian  
Captain of the Guard  
Conductor of the Council  
Master of Ceremonies  
Organist  
Steward  
Sentinel

Upon completion of his term, the Thrice Illustrious Master shall be awarded the permanent title of Illustrious Companion.

### **Election of Officers**

5.07.01 The annual election of Officers shall be held as prescribed in the Council By-Laws. No By-Law shall be approved which does not provide for the individual election, by ballot, of the Thrice Illustrious Master, the Deputy Master and the Principal Conductor of the Work, and all By-Laws are hereby amended accordingly. The remaining Officers may be elected or appointed in accordance with the Councils By-Laws.

5.07.02 a. Scrutineers: Two or more scrutineers shall be appointed by the presiding officer. They will examine all ballots and announce the results. The vote count will not be announced.

b. Nominations: Before voting for an elected Office, a ballot shall be circulated on which each member may place one name. These are collected, examined by the scrutineers, and the names announced. At this point any person may decline nomination. Only those present, or those for whom some person present vouches willingness to serve, shall remain on the ballot.

c. Voting: If only one name has been placed in nomination, a further ballot is not necessary, but a Council may, if it wishes, or such is the

practice, have the Recorder or some other person cast one affirmative ballot. If two or more names remain, a written ballot shall be taken, in which every member present shall vote. A clear majority (one-half the number present plus one) is required for election. Successive ballots shall be taken until this is achieved for those candidates having the largest number of votes, and, collectively, a majority of the votes cast.

### **Installation of Officers**

5.07.03 The installation of Officers shall be held as stated in the Council By-Laws.

### **Representation, Returns and Fees**

5.08.00 Each Council in this Jurisdiction shall be represented in the Grand Council by one or more of its first three officers or by its proxy.

5.08.01 Each Council shall before the first of February make an annual return to the Grand Recorder of its Officers and members and the number of candidates admitted to the Degrees, etc., during the Masonic year.

5.08.02 Each Council shall pay to the Grand Recorder a fee for each candidate admitted during the year, and an annual per capita fee on members on the roll at December 31.

5.08.03 The fees required under 5.08.02 shall be approved from time to time by the Grand Council in Annual Assembly on the recommendation of the Advisory Council, due notice having been given.

### **By-Laws**

5.09.00 Each Council must adopt By-Laws for the regulation of its affairs, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the Grand Council, and all such By-Laws shall be submitted to the Grand Master for approval, or as otherwise provided, and shall become operative from the date of such approval.

### **Forfeiture of Warrant**

5.10.00 If any Council under this Jurisdiction shall fail to assemble for the space of twelve months, or to be represented at the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council for two years in succession, or for the same length of time to discharge its duties to the Grand Council, such Council may, by vote of the Grand Council, forfeit its Warrant.

### **Constitution and By-Laws**

5.11.00 Every candidate on his admission to the Select Master Degree, and every Royal and Select Master affiliating with any Council in this Jurisdiction, shall be presented with (a) a copy of the Constitution of the Grand Council and (b) a copy of the By-Laws of the Council of which he becomes a member.

### **Regalia - Constituent Councils**

5.12.00 The collars of the Officers of a constituent Council shall be of purple silk, or velvet, edged with gold braid or suitable substitute.

5.12.01 The aprons of the Officers and members shall be of white leather, or white cloth, triangular in shape, with both flap and apron trimmed with purple silk or velvet, edged with gold braid or suitable substitute. The flap may bear an equilateral triangle with the trowel vertical and the handle in the apex of the triangle, embroidered in purple.

A Past Thrice Illustrious Master may wear on the flap of his apron an insignia showing the compasses, segment and trowel. The handle of the trowel shall be placed in the apex of the compasses, all on an unbroken triangle.

5.12.02 The jewels of the Officers shall be the same as for Officers of the Grand Council, except for the wreath and crown. Other than those worn by a distinguished guest, the only jewels properly worn in a Council are those pertaining to the Cryptic Degrees, the Royal Ark Mariner Degree or the Order of Thrice Illustrious Master.

5.12.03 Grand Council encourages the Officers of constituent Councils to wear tuxedo or dark suit with appropriate bow tie at regular assemblies and particularly at the conferring of Degrees. Council may prefer to confer the Degrees in costume as follows:

5.12.04 The Thrice Illustrious Master shall be clothed in a robe of royal purple, trimmed with gold lace or ermine, a crown upon his head, and a sceptre in his hand.

The Deputy Master shall be clothed in a robe of scarlet trimmed with gold lace or ermine, a crown upon his head, and a sceptre in his hand.

The Principal Conductor of the Work shall be clothed in a robe of blue, trimmed with gold lace or ermine, a turban upon his head, and a gavel in his hand.

The Captain of the Guard shall be clothed in the ancient military costume of the eastern nations, with a sword in his hand.

The Conductor of the Council shall be clothed in a purple tunic and turban with a sword in his hand.

The Master of Ceremonies shall be clothed in a purple tunic and turban with a baton in his hand.

### **Long Service**

5.12.05 There shall be a Long Service Pin in lieu of Long Membership Jewels. For a total of twenty-five years membership, a distinctive Twenty-Five Year lapel pin. For a total of forty years membership a distinctive Forty-Year lapel pin.

5.12.06 The pins shall be circular, of five-eighths inch diameter, edged, lettered and numbered with silver for the twenty-five year pin and with gold for the forty-year pin. There shall be suspended within the triangle from the apex a silver trowel by its handle. The background within the triangle shall be white. The lettering shall be as follows: Centred at the top over the apex of the triangle and in conformity with the circle the letters 'R. & S. M.'; similarly at the bottom of the circle the words 'Eastern Canada' and below the base of the triangle the number 25 or 40 as applicable.

5.12.07 The pin described in 5.12.05 above shall be awarded by the constituent Council at its expense, or that of the member. The pin shall be available through the Grand Recorder's Office at cost to the constituent Council.

5.12.08 Recognition for fifty years membership as a Select Master shall be acknowledged by the presentation of a Fifty Year Jewel and a certificate eight inches by ten inches worded as follows: May 6, 2011

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**

This is to certify that ..... presently a member of ..... Council No. .... located at ..... has been a Select Master under the jurisdiction of Supreme Grand Council for Fifty Years.

Attested to this ..... day of ..... and signed by the Thrice Illustrious Master and Recorder of his Council, as well as the Most Puissant Grand Master and the Grand Recorder.

The Recorder of the Council and the Grand Recorder of the Supreme Grand Council shall impress their seals over the red seals affixed in the lower corners (member’s Council on the left, Grand Council on the right).

5.12.09 Recognition for sixty years membership shall consist of a similar certificate (as outlined in 5.12.08) except it shall state ‘Sixty Years’ and the seals in the two lower corners shall be gold in colour.

5.12.10 It shall be the responsibility of the member’s Council to arrange for appropriate calligraphy in filling in the certificate’s blank spaces as outlined above and to arrange with the Grand Master an appropriate presentation ceremony.

5.12.11 It shall be the responsibility of Grand Council to pay for an appropriate frame for the certificate.

**Use of e-mail**

5.13.00 The Recorder may, with the consent of the Companion, forward by e-mail, address provided by the Companion, the notice for any regular or emergent meeting of the Council, and such delivery shall be deemed regular pursuant to the By-Laws of said Council.

**ORDER OF THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER**

6.01.00 The Order of Thrice Illustrious Master of the Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, hereafter referred to as ‘the Order’, shall be composed of all Thrice Illustrious Companions who have received the Order and who are members of the Supreme Grand Council, Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters.

6.02.00 The regular Annual Assembly of the Order shall be held on the same day as, or on the day preceding or following, the Annual Assembly of Grand Council, for the election of Officers and the conferring of the Order.

6.02.01 It shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to notify all Thrice Illustrious Masters-elect, the Recorder of each Council, and all members of the Order whose addresses are available, as to the time and place of holding all Assemblies of the Order.

6.03.00 The Officers annually elected shall be:

- Thrice Illustrious Master
- Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden
- Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden
- Thrice Illustrious Treasurer
- Thrice Illustrious Recorder
- Thrice Illustrious Chaplain
- Thrice Illustrious Historian
- Thrice Illustrious Steward
- Thrice Illustrious Sentinel

6.04.00 The Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder and Grand Historian of Grand Council shall be ex officio Thrice Illustrious Treasurer, Thrice Illustrious Recorder and Thrice Illustrious Historian respectively.

6.05.00 Every Thrice Illustrious Master and Past Thrice Illustrious Master, being a member of Grand Council, shall be entitled to the Order without ballot, upon written application duly certified by the Grand Recorder as to such eligibility, and upon payment of \$15.00, which sum shall be paid by the candidate’s Council, and shall include the cost of an identification card and jewel.

6.05.01 A member of another recognized Order of Thrice Illustrious Master may petition for affiliation and may be accepted, on motion, at any Assembly of the Order upon payment of an affiliation fee of \$10.00.

6.05.02 Honorary Membership may be conferred upon any Thrice Illustrious Master or Past Thrice Illustrious Master from a Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Council provided that he shall have been recommended by the Thrice Illustrious Master and Thrice Illustrious Wardens of the Order and accepted by a majority vote at the time of the conferring of the Order. No notice shall be required. The recommendations for honorary membership are to be received by the Grand Recorder prior to the Annual Assembly of the Order.

6.06.00 It shall be the duty of the Recorder of every Council to remit to the Grand Recorder the fee specified above along with the Annual Return and payment to the Grand Council.

6.07.00 There shall be no annual dues.

6.08.00 All fees received for the Order shall be paid into the general funds of Supreme Grand Council, and all necessary expenses authorized by majority vote at the Annual Assembly of the Order shall be paid by Grand Council.

6.09.00 In addition to the regular Annual Assembly at which the Order shall be conferred, if possible, with full ceremony, the Thrice Illustrious Master may, through the Thrice Illustrious Recorder, delegate the power of conferring the Order at Special Assemblies at such times and places as he may authorize.

6.09.01 The records of the proceedings of all Special Assemblies shall be at once transmitted, with all fees collected, to the Thrice Illustrious Recorder for publication together with the proceedings of the Annual Assembly in the annual book of proceedings of Grand Council.

6.10.00 In the absence of the Thrice Illustrious Master of the Order, the Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden shall preside; in the absence of both, the Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden shall preside; and in the absence of all three, at the Annual Assembly, the members present

shall elect one of their number to preside until the Officers of the year have been duly elected.

6.10.01 Three members of the Order shall form a quorum and have power to confer or impart the ritual of the Order.

6.11.00 The Authorized Work shall be that as authorized from time to time by the Supreme Grand Council of the Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters.

6.12.00 The Thrice Illustrious Master shall appoint annually a Committee of Rites and Ceremonies at such times as it may be deemed prudent and necessary.

6.13.00 The identification card shall be issued under the seal of the Grand Council. The jewel of the Order is a small silver trowel suspended from a white ribbon.

6.14.00 Every Thrice Illustrious Master who has not previously received the Order shall be required to present himself, and to receive the Order of Thrice Illustrious Master, at one of the next two regular Assemblies of the Order held following his installation in office.

6.14.01 Any Thrice Illustrious Master who does not present himself for the Order of Thrice Illustrious Master within the prescribed time limit shall forfeit his right to the title of Past Thrice Illustrious Master until such time as he receives the Order. This regulation shall not apply to Thrice Illustrious Masters elected prior to January 1, 1968.

### **ROYAL ARK MARINER LODGES**

7.00.00 The Royal Ark Mariner Lodges shall be governed by the Advisory Council of the Supreme Grand Council, Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters, which shall be the Royal Ark Mariner's Council.

7.01.00 The Most Puissant Grand Master of the Supreme Grand Council, by virtue of such office, shall be Grand Commander 'N'. The Grand Inspector-General of each District, by virtue of such office, shall be Deputy Grand Commander 'N'.

7.02.00 The Grand Inspectors-General shall, within their respective Districts, as defined in Section 2.04.00, assume the same duties as contained in Sections 2.04.06, 2.04.07, 2.04.08 and 2.04.09 of the Constitution of the Supreme Grand Council of the Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters, substituting the word ‘Lodge’ for the word ‘Council’ where it occurs.

7.03.00 Every application for a Warrant to form a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners must be by petition to the Advisory Council, signed by three Royal Ark Mariners registered under the Constitution of the Supreme Grand Council, Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters (who shall be the first Commander ‘N’, Senior Warden ‘J’ and Junior Warden ‘S’). Notice of the proposed petition must be published in the summons calling a Regular Assembly of the Council, and duly approved by a regular majority of those in attendance at the said Assembly. The petition must also be recommended by the Thrice Illustrious Master(s) of the Constituent Council or Councils to which it is proposed the Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners will be moored, and forwarded through the Grand Inspector-General, with his report and recommendation, to the Grand Recorder, for submission to, and consideration of, the Advisory Council.

7.03.01 Each Royal Ark Mariner Lodge shall be moored to some warranted Council or Councils of Royal and Select Masters within the Jurisdiction.

### **Fees**

7.04.00 The following fees shall be charged to Royal Ark Mariner Lodges:

For a Warrant to form a new Lodge	Cost
For any Dispensation	\$2.00
For Registration and Card Certificate	\$2.00

7.05.00 The fiscal year of the Royal Ark Mariner Lodges will end on December 31. Annual reports shall be compiled by the Grand Recorder for presentation to the Advisory Council of Supreme Grand Council prior to the Annual Assembly of Supreme Grand Council, Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters.

### **Royal Ark Mariner Lodges**

7.06.00 The Degree of Royal Ark Mariner may be conferred by Warranted Lodges of Royal Ark Mariners and then only upon members in good standing in Councils of Royal and Select Masters within the Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, according to the Ritual as authorized by the Advisory Council of the Supreme Grand Council. Companions not members of the sponsoring Council(s) shall provide proof of good standing.

7.06.01 The Degree of Royal Ark Mariner may be conferred outside a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners under the direction of the Grand Inspector-General.

7.06.02 All petitions for membership, or applications received, shall be submitted at a Regular Assembly only, and referred to a Committee of Investigation. Their report must be made before the ballot is spread at the same or other Assembly.

7.06.03 Balloting shall be in accordance with Sections 4.08.00 and 4.08.01 of the Constitution of the Supreme Grand Council, Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters.

7.07.00 Any member of a Royal Ark Mariner Lodge suspended or expelled under the provisions of Section 4.11.00 of the Constitution of the Supreme Grand Council, Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters, shall automatically stand suspended or expelled in his Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners until restored to good standing under the provisions of Section 4.13.00.

### **Officers**

7.08.00 The Officers of a Royal Ark Mariner Lodge are as follows:  
Worshipful Commander ‘N’  
Senior Warden ‘J’  
Junior Warden ‘S’  
Treasurer  
Scribe  
Senior Deacon  
Junior Deacon  
Organist

Guardian  
Warder

7.08.01 In addition to the foregoing, the Worshipful Commander 'N' may appoint a Chaplain, Master of Ceremonies and two Stewards.

7.09.00 Every Lodge shall, annually, on the day designated in its By-Laws for that purpose, elect the Worshipful Commander 'N' by ballot from among its members who have served for one year in the office of Warden in a Regular Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners. The Worshipful Commander 'N' must have served as a Thrice Illustrious Master of a Council of Royal and Select Masters. He shall be installed as soon as practicable, following which he shall appoint the remaining Officers.

7.09.01 Following the Installation, the Scribe shall forward a list of the newly installed Officers for the year to the Grand Recorder.

7.10.00 Each Royal Ark Mariner Lodge shall keep a Minute Book, Cash Book, and Register of members. The Fee for conferring the Royal Ark Mariner Degree shall be not less than Five Dollars, and each Lodge shall procure for every Brother elevated therein a Membership Card from the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, the cost of the same to be included in the Fee for registration with the Grand Council.

7.11.00 The Scribe of every Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners shall, within fifteen days after the Degree has been conferred, furnish the Grand Recorder with a return showing the members elevated therein and transmit the Registration Fee for each member so elevated.

7.12.00 The Scribe of every Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners shall, before the first of February, make an Annual Return to the Grand Recorder of its Officers and members and the number of candidates admitted to the Degree during the fiscal year.

7.13.00 Each Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners shall pay to the Grand Recorder a fee of One Dollar per capita for all members on the roll at December 31.

7.14.00 Each Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners must adopt By-Laws for the regulation of its affairs not inconsistent with the Constitution of

Grand Council, and all such By-Laws shall be submitted to the Grand Commander 'N' for approval, or as otherwise provided, and shall become operative from the date of such approval.

7.15.00 If any Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners under this Jurisdiction shall fail to assemble in a period of twelve months, or to discharge its duties to Grand Council, it may, by a vote of Grand Council, forfeit its Warrant.

7.16.00 Every candidate on his admission to the Royal Ark Mariner Degree, or affiliating with a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, shall be presented with a copy of the By-Laws of the Lodge of which he has become a member.

7.17.00 The Jewel which every registered Royal Ark Mariner is entitled to wear is a Segmental Plate, representing a rainbow, suspended from which is a dove with an olive branch in its mouth, hanging from a rainbow silk ribbon one and one-quarter inches in width. A Past Commander 'N' may also wear the letter 'N' inside the triangle, pendant from a similar ribbon. When a Past Commander 'N' is a Present or Past Officer in the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, the metal work of the jewel may be gilt or gold.

7.17.01 The breast jewels authorized by the Grand Council for wear in Councils of Royal and Select Masters by members of this Jurisdiction are also specifically authorized to be worn in Lodges of Royal Ark Mariners in this Jurisdiction. In addition, visitors to Lodges of Royal Ark Mariners of this Grand Jurisdiction may wear such jewels as are authorized by their own Jurisdictions.

7.18.00 The Apron is of white kid, with a Segmental flap, bordered with rainbow ribbon one and one-quarter inches in width, with three rosettes. A present or past Commander Noah may wear a similar apron with three triangles of a Silver color in place of the rosettes. May 6, 2011.

7.18.01 In addition to the apron of the Degree, the triangular apron authorized by the Supreme Grand Council for wear in

Councils of Royal and Select Masters in this Jurisdiction may be worn. Qualified visitors to this Jurisdiction may wear the regalia approved by their own Jurisdictions.

7.19.00 Grand Commander Noah, and the Deputy Grand Commander Noah, may wear in a Lodge a collar of rainbow ribbon one and one-quarter inches in width, from which is suspended the appropriate letter of his office in gilt or gold.

7.20.00 The collars of Lodge Officers worn in a Lodge shall be of rainbow ribbon two inches in width, with silver button and cord, and the Jewels of silver or white metal, showing the following emblems within the triangle:

Commander 'N'	Ark
Past Commander 'N'	Letter 'N'
Senior Warden	Letter 'I'
Junior Warden	Letter 'S'
Chaplain	Volume of the Sacred Law
Treasurer	Key
Scribe	Pens in Saltire
Senior Deacon	Triangle
Junior Deacon	Triangle
Director of Ceremonies	Wands In Saltire
Organist	Lyre
Guardian	Axes in Saltire
Steward	Cornucopia
Warder	Axe

### HONOURS AND AWARDS

#### Past Grand Master's Jewel

8.00.00 The Grand Jurisdiction shall present to the outgoing Most Puissant Grand Master a Past Grand Master's Jewel of the Order, in recognition of his dedication and service to this Grand Council.

#### Meritorious Service Medal

8.01.00 The Meritorious Service Medal shall be made of bronze with a gold finish or imitation, suspended by a purple ribbon from a bar bearing the words 'Meritorious Service'. The medal shall be an unbroken triangle.

8.01.01 This medal may be awarded by a Council to a member who in the opinion of the Honours and Awards Committee is not expected to become T.I.M. of a Council but has fully earned the esteem and respect of his Companions for outstanding services and good work, subject to the following conditions:

8.01.02 The member to receive the award must be a member in good standing of the Council making the award and have been such for at least five years continuously.

8.01.03 The member to receive the award must have not less than 15 years membership in good standing in the Craft, not necessarily continuous, dating from his Select Master Degree.

8.01.04 Notice of intention to propose the award must be given at a regular meeting after notice of the proposal has been given in the summons calling the latter meeting. Approval may be given by the affirmative votes of the majority of those present, and the vote shall be by secret ballot.

8.01.05 A citation setting out the service for which the award is given shall be prepared, signed by the Thrice Illustrious Master, the Deputy Master and the Recorder, or any two of them, under the seal of the Council. It shall be set out in full in the Council minutes when the medal has been presented and shall be delivered to the member.

8.01.06 The Grand Recorder shall transmit a medal to the Council only on receipt of a signed copy of the citation; and the council shall pay the cost of the medal.

8.01.07 The medal may be presented to the member by the Thrice Illustrious Master or such person as he may nominate, at a time and place to be determined by him or his nominee.

8.01.08 No Council shall award more than two such medals, and no

Council have more than two living recipients except as follows:

8.01.09 If a member already holding the Meritorious Service Medal affiliates with a new council.

8.01.10 **Grand Council** may award this medal to those members not attaining the rank of T.I.M. who in the opinion of the Honours and Awards Committee are not expected to become T.I.M. of a Council but who have fully earned the esteem and respect of their Companions for outstanding service and good work, subject to the following restrictions:

8.01.11 The member to receive the award must have been a member of a Council under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council in good standing for at least five years continuously, and a member of the Order in good standing for at least 15 years, not necessarily continuous, dating from the Select Master Degree.

8.01.12 The award must be approved by a majority vote of the members present at any Annual Communication of Grand Council but no previous notice need be given.

8.01.13 It shall be accompanied by a citation setting out the service for which the award is given, signed by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Recorder, or any two of them, under the seal of Grand Council; and the jewel and the citation shall be presented by the Grand Master or such person as he may nominate at a time and place to be determined by him or his nominee; and

8.01.14 Grand Council shall not award more than two such medals in any calendar year.

8.01.15 All costs associated with Grand Council awards to be borne by Grand Council.

### **Council Recorder's Long Service Medal**

8.02.00 The long service medal shall be made of bronze with a gold finish or imitation, suspended by a purple ribbon from a bar bearing the words 'Recorder's Long Service'. The Medal shall be an unbroken triangle surmounted by crossed pens.

8.02.01 Awarded to a member of a constituent Council who has held the office of Recorder not less than ten years, not necessarily consecutively and not necessarily in one Council. A bar shall be awarded for each additional ten-year accumulation.

8.02.02 It will be presented as occasion arises by the Grand Master or any other Companion that the Grand Master may depute.

8.02.03 The cost of the medal shall be borne by Grand Council.

### **Council Treasurer's Long Service Medal**

8.03.00 The Long service medal shall be made of bronze with a gold finish or imitation, suspended by a purple ribbon from a bar bearing the words 'Treasurer's Long Service'. The medal shall be an unbroken triangle surmounted by crossed keys.

8.03.01 Awarded to a member of a constituent Council who has held the office of Treasurer not less than ten years, not necessarily consecutively and not necessarily in one Council. A bar shall be awarded for each additional ten-year accumulation.

8.03.02 It will be presented as occasion arises by the Grand Master or any other Companion that the Grand Master may depute.

8.03.03 The cost of the medal shall be borne by Grand Council.

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Consolidated with corrections through Proceedings of 2008 Annual Assembly

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