



# **ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS**

of the

**Ancient Fraternity**

of

**Free and Accepted Masons**

under

**The United Grand Lodge**

of

**New South Wales**

and the

**Australian Capital Territory**

**Containing the Articles of Union, Charges,  
Objects and Regulations**



# **THE UNITED GRAND LODGE**

of

**New South Wales**

and the

**Australian Capital Territory**

of

**Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons**

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**The United Grand Lodge**  
**of**  
**New South Wales**  
**of**  
**Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons**

**ARTICLES OF UNION**

*Whereas* the rites and tenets of Pure and Ancient Freemasonry were first practised and taught in Australia by the Lodge of Social and Military Virtues, No. 227 on the Roll of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, in or about the year 1816; perpetuated by the establishment of other Lodges from time to time under the Constitution of England, of Scotland, and of Ireland; and extended by the formation of the Provincial (now District) Grand Lodge of England in 1839, of the Provincial (now District) Grand Lodge of Scotland in the year 1855, and of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1858.

*And Whereas* in the year 1877 a number of Masonic Lodges met in Sydney and established the present Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

*And Whereas* there are now under the English Constitution 80 Lodges, under the Scotch Constitution 55 Lodges, and under the New South Wales Constitution 51 Lodges.

*And Whereas* it is expedient in the best interests of the Craft that perfect unity shall be secured and maintained throughout this Colony and that there shall be henceforth perfect uniformity of obligation, of discipline, and of the working of all Lodges.

*And Therefore* it is hereby declared and agreed that from and after (St John's Day) the twenty-fourth day of June, 1888, all the aforesaid Bodies of Masons shall constitute one Grand Lodge under the style of

"The United Grand Lodge  
of New South Wales"

*That* to effect this purpose the Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of all Lodges (having first obtained the sanction of their respective Lodges) attend a meeting on a day and at a place to be hereafter named, and proceed then and there to the election of some distinguished Brother to be the Grand Master of the aforesaid United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

*That* a Committee consisting of three Past Masters from each of the existing Bodies be appointed to ascertain and define the respective precedence of Lodges, and ranks and appointments of all Past Grand Lodge Officers, the intent being that all such Past rank and appointments shall be confirmed and retained; such Committee to report to a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge to be convened by the MW Grand Master at Six Months from the date of the establishment of the United Grand Lodge as aforesaid.

*That* Warrants under the seal of "*The United Grand Lodge of NSW*" bearing date of the day of its Establishment, be prepared for each and every Lodge then enrolled on the Registers of the aforesaid Grand and District Grand Lodges, and that the names of seven Members of each such Lodge be furnished with as little delay as possible to the Grand Secretary, for insertion in such Warrants; the numbers of such Warrants on the Register of "*The United Grand Lodge*" not to be affixed thereto till after the Grand Lodge shall have received the report of the Committee on precedence as aforesaid. Provided that if any lodge be desirous of retaining its present Warrant, and the Grand Lodge under which same has been held assent thereto, it shall be permitted to do so, subject to the said Warrant being first handed to the Grand Master, to be by him re-issued with an annexure setting forth such facts as are proper to be recorded, for the purpose of declaring the Lodge's allegiance to "*The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales*", and in due course the number of such Lodge on its Register, when determined on Report from the Committee as aforesaid.

*And That* all Lodges in the Colony of New South Wales be notified of these proceedings and invited to enrol themselves within the said period of six months, so that they may be accorded their precedence on the Register of the United Grand Lodge at the Special Communication as aforesaid.

*Agreed to by* The Committees Representing The Three Constitutions

*As Witness* our hands at Sydney this First Day of June, 1888  
A.L. 5888

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# **THE CHARGES OF A FREEMASON**

Extracted from the

## **Ancient Records of Lodges beyond the Sea**

and of those in

## **England, Scotland & Ireland**

*To be read in Lodges at the Making of new  
Brethren, or when the Master shall order it.*

# THE CHARGES OF A FREEMASON, ETC.

## I Concerning God and Religion

A MASON is obliged, by his tenure, to obey the moral law; and if he rightly understands the art he will never be a stupid atheist, nor an irreligious libertine. He, of all men, should best understand that GOD seeth not as man seeth; for a man looketh at the outward appearance, but GOD looketh to the heart. A Mason is, therefore, particularly bound never to act against the dictates of his conscience. Let a man's religion or mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the Order, provided he believe in the glorious Architect of heaven and earth, and practise the sacred duties of morality. Masons unite with the virtuous of every persuasion in the firm and pleasing bond of fraternal love: they are taught to view the errors of mankind with compassion and to strive by the purity of their own conduct to demonstrate the superior excellence of the faith they may profess. Thus Masonry is the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

## II of the Civil Magistrate, Supreme and Subordinate

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

## III of Lodges

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

The persons made Masons or admitted Members of a Lodge must be good and true men, free-born and of mature and discreet age, and sound judgement; no bond men, no women, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good report.

#### **IV of Masters, Wardens, Fellows, and Apprentices**

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

No Brother can be a Warden until he has passed the part of a Fellow-Craft, nor a Master until he has acted as a Warden, nor Grand Warden until he has been Master of a Lodge, nor Grand Master unless he has been a Fellow-Craft before his election, who is also to be nobly born, or a gentleman of the best fashion, or some eminent scholar, or some curious architect, or other artist, descended of honest parents, and who is of singularly great merit in the opinion of the Lodges. And for the better, and easier, and more honourable discharge of his office, the Grand Master has a power to choose his own Deputy Grand Master, who must then be, or have formerly been, the Master of a particular Lodge, and who has the privilege of acting whenever the Grand Master, his Principal, should act, unless the said Principal be present, or interpose his authority by letter.

These Rulers and Governors, Supreme and Subordinate, of the ancient Lodge, are to be obeyed in their respective stations by all the Brethren, according to the old charges and regulations, with all humility, reverence, love and alacrity.

*NB - In ancient times no Brother, however skilled in the Craft, was called a Master Mason until he had been elected into the chair of a Lodge.*

#### **V of the Management of the Craft in Working**

ALL Masons should work hard and honestly on working days, that they may live reputably, and appear in a decent and becoming manner on holidays; and the working hours appointed by law, or confirmed by custom, shall be observed.

A Master Mason only must be the surveyor of the work, who shall undertake the Lord's work reasonably, shall truly dispend his goods as if they were his own, and shall not give more wages than just to any fellow or apprentice.

The Wardens shall be true both to Master and Fellows, taking care of all things both within and without the Lodge, especially in the Master's absence; and their Brethren shall obey them.

The Master and the Masons shall faithfully finish the Lord's work, whether task or journey; nor shall they take the work at task which hath been accustomed to journey.

None shall show envy at a Brother's prosperity, nor supplant him, nor put him out of his work if capable to finish it.

All Masons shall meekly receive their wages without murmuring or mutiny, and not desert the Master till the Lord's work is finished; they must avoid ill language, call each other Brother or Fellow, with much courtesy, both within and without the Lodge; they shall instruct a younger Brother to become bright and expert, that the Lord's materials may not be spoiled.

But free and accepted Masons shall not allow cowans to work with them, nor shall they be employed by cowans without an urgent necessity; and even in that case they must not teach cowans, but must have a separate communication; no labourers shall be employed in the proper work of Freemasons

**VI of Behaviour, viz -**

***1. In the Lodge while Constituted***

YOU are not to hold private Committees, or separate conversations, without leave from the Master, nor to talk of anything impertinently or unseemly, nor interrupt the Master or Wardens, or any Brother speaking to the Master; nor behave yourself ludicrously or jestingly while the Lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn; nor use any unbecoming language upon any pretence whatsoever; but to pay due reverence to your Master, Wardens, and Fellows, and put them to worship.

If any complaint be brought, the Brother found guilty shall stand to the award and determination of the Lodge, who are the proper and competent judges of all such controversies (unless you carry them by appeal to the Grand Lodge) and to whom they ought to be referred; but you must never go to law about what concerns Masonry, without an absolute necessity apparent to the Lodge.

***2. Behaviour after the Lodge is over and the Brethren not gone***

YOU may enjoy yourselves with innocent mirth, treating one another according to ability, but avoiding all excess, or forcing any Brother to eat or drink beyond his inclination, or hindering him from going when his occasions call him, or doing or saying anything offensive, or that may forbid an easy and free conversation; for that would blast our harmony, and defeat our laudable purposes. Therefore no private piques or quarrels must be brought within the door of the Lodge, far less any quarrels about religion, or nations, or state policy, we being only as Masons, of the universal religion abovementioned; we are also of all nations, tongues, kindreds and



languages, and are resolved against all politics, as what never yet conduced to the welfare of the Lodge, nor ever will.

**3. *Behaviour when Brethren meet without strangers, but not in a Lodge formed***

YOU are to salute one another in a courteous manner, as you will be instructed, calling each other Brother, freely giving mutual instruction as shall be thought expedient, without being overseen or overheard, and without encroaching upon each other; or derogating from that respect which is due to any Brother, were he not a Mason; for though all Masons are, as Brethren, upon the same level, yet Masonry takes no honour from a man that he had before; nay, rather it adds to his honour, especially if he has deserved well of the Brotherhood, who must give honour to whom it is due, and avoid ill manners.

**4. *Behaviour in presence of strangers not Masons***

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

**5. *Behaviour at home and in your neighbourhood***

YOU are to act as becomes a moral and wise man; particularly not to let your family, friends and neighbours know the concerns of the Lodge, etc., but wisely to consult your own honour, and that of your ancient Brotherhood, for reasons not to be mentioned here. You must also consult your health by not continuing together too late or too long from home after Lodge hours are past; and by avoiding of gluttony or drunkenness, that your family be not neglected or injured, nor you disabled from working.

**6. *Behaviour towards a strange Brother***

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

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

FINALLY - All these charges you are to observe, and also those that shall be communicated to you in another way; cultivating brotherly love, the foundation and copestone, the cement and glory, of this ancient Fraternity, avoiding all wrangling and

quarrelling, all slander and backbiting, nor permitting others to slander any honest Brother, but defending his character and doing him all good offices, as far as is consistent with your honour and safety, and no further. And if any of them do you injury you must apply to your own or his Lodge; and from thence you may appeal to the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication, as has been the ancient laudable conduct of our forefathers in every nation; never taking a legal course but when the case cannot be otherwise decided, and patiently listening to the honest and friendly advice of Masters and Fellows, when they would prevent you going to law with strangers or would excite you to put a speedy period to law-suits, that so you may find the affair of Masonry with the more alacrity and success; but with respect to Brothers or Fellows at law, the Master and Brethren should kindly offer their mediation, which ought to be thankfully submitted to by the contending Brethren; and if that submission is impracticable, they must, however, carry on their process, or law-suit, without wrath and rancour (not in the common way), saying or doing nothing which may hinder brotherly love and good offices to be renewed and continued, that all may see the benign influence of Masonry, as all true Masons have done from the beginning of the world, and will do to the end of time.

AMEN, SO MOTE IT BE.

## SUMMARY OF THE ANCIENT CHARGES AND REGULATIONS

*To be read by the Secretary to the MASTER-ELECT prior to his Installation into the Chair of a Lodge*

1. You agree to be a good Man and true, and strictly to obey the Moral law.
2. You are to be a peaceable Subject, and cheerfully to conform to the Laws of the Country in which you reside.
3. You promise not to be concerned in Plots or Conspiracies against Government, but patiently to submit to the decisions of the Supreme Legislature.
4. You agree to pay a proper respect to the Civil Magistrate, to work diligently, live creditably, and act honourably by all Men.
5. You agree to hold in veneration the original Rulers and Patrons of the Order of Freemasonry, and their regular Successors, supreme and subordinate, according to their Stations; and to submit to the Awards and Resolutions of your Brethren in general Lodge convened, in every case consistent with the Constitutions of the Order.
6. You agree to avoid private piques and quarrels, and to guard against intemperance and excess.
7. You agree to be cautious in your carriage and behaviour, courteous to your Brethren, and faithful to your Lodge.
8. You promise to respect genuine and true Brethren, and to discountenance impostors and all dissenters from the original plan of Freemasonry.
9. You agree to promote the general good of Society, to cultivate the Social Virtues, and to propagate the knowledge of the Mystic Art as far as your influence and ability can extend.
10. You promise to pay homage to the Grand Master for the time being, and to his Officers when installed, and strictly to conform to every Edict of the Grand Master and the decisions of the Grand Lodge.
11. You admit that it is not in the power of any man or body of men to make innovation in the Body of Masonry.
12. You promise a regular attendance on the Communications and Committees of the Grand Lodge, where practicable and upon receiving proper notice thereof, and to pay attention to all the duties of Freemasonry upon proper and convenient occasions.

13. You admit that no new Lodge can be formed without permission of the Grand Master, and that no countenance ought to be given to any irregular Lodge, or to any person initiated therein; and that no public processions of Masons clothed with the badges of the Order can take place without the special license of the Grand Master.
14. You admit that no person can regularly be made a Freemason, or admitted a Member of any Lodge without previous notice and due inquiry into his character; and that no Brother can be advanced to a higher Degree, except in strict conformity with the Laws of the Grand Lodge.
15. You promise that no visitor shall be received into your Lodge without due examination, and producing proper vouchers of his having been initiated in a regular Lodge.

*At the conclusion, the Installing Officer addresses the Master-Elect, as follows -*

*"Do you submit to and promise to support these Charges and Regulations as Masters have done in all ages?" Upon his answering in the affirmative, the Ceremony of Installation proceeds.*

## OBJECTS

Whereas the principal and dominant object of The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons is to provide community service, it will achieve this by:

- 1.0 Pursuing the aims of Freemasonry which are to:
  - 1.1 Teach and encourage both public and private morality and to support the maintenance of high moral standards on which public life and private conduct should be based.
  - 1.2 Practice and support charity and philanthropy (including, where necessary, mutual support for members and their families) by recognising and responding to the needs of the whole human community.
  - 1.3 Participate openly and actively in the life of the community.
- 2.0 In the course of pursuing the aims of Freemasonry, it will:
  - 2.1 Control, regulate and promote the practice of Freemasonry in the State of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.
  - 2.2 Warrant Lodges.
  - 2.3 Ensure that suitable facilities exist for the practice of Freemasonry within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.
  - 2.4 Manage all of the benevolent and charitable enterprises of the Grand Lodge including:
    - (a) The Fund of Benevolence.
    - (b) The New South Wales Freemasons' Disaster Relief Fund.
    - (c) The New South Wales Freemasons' Grand Charity Fund.
  - 2.5 Provide assistance to and otherwise encourage Masons to support the Masonic Charities which are not structured within the Grand Lodge and all of which provide benefits to the public at large:

The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes  
The Royal Freemasons Benevolent Institution  
The NSW Masonic Youth Welfare Fund  
The NSW Freemasons Orphan Society
  - 2.6 Establish or absorb any other enterprise (as may be approved by the Grand Lodge) which is compatible with the charitable, benevolent or community service aims and activities of the Grand Lodge.
  - 2.7 Conduct all business so that the property and income of the Grand Lodge, however derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Grand Lodge and so that no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly

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by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the members of the Grand Lodge provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment of remuneration to any employee of the Grand Lodge or the reimbursement of expenses to any member or employee of the Grand Lodge for services actually rendered to the Grand Lodge.

- 2.8 Ensure that, if the Grand Lodge shall be wound up or otherwise determined, all remaining assets of the Grand Lodge shall be distributed to an organisation or fund whose objects are similar to or fit within the objects of the Grand Lodge, and comply with sub-division 30-B of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

*Note: These Objects were adopted by the Grand Lodge in September 1996.*

**REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CRAFT**

**PART I THE GRAND LODGE**

**Chapter 1 - Declarations**

- R1.1 Degrees Recognised**  
*See Book of Constitutions*
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- R1.4 Power of Final Decision**  
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- R1.5 Power to Make Regulations**  
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## Chapter 2 - Membership of Grand Lodge

### R2.1 Members of Grand Lodge

*See Book of Constitutions*

### R2.2 Qualification of Past Masters

*See Book of Constitutions*

### R2.3 Rank and Precedence of Members

The members of the Grand Lodge rank in the following order:

- R2.3.1 Grand Master
- R2.3.2 Pro-Grand Master
- R2.3.3 Past Grand Masters
- R2.3.4 Past Pro-Grand Masters
- R2.3.5 Deputy Grand Master
- R2.3.6 Past Deputy Grand Masters
- R2.3.7 Assistant Grand Master
- R2.3.8 Past Assistant Grand Masters
- R2.3.9 Senior Grand Warden
- R2.3.10 Past Senior Grand Wardens
- R2.3.11 Junior Grand Warden
- R2.3.12 Past Junior Grand Wardens
- R2.3.13 Regional Grand Counsellors
- R2.3.14 Past Regional Grand Counsellors
- R2.3.15 Grand Director of Ceremonies
- R2.3.16 Past Grand Director of Ceremonies
- R2.3.17 Grand Chaplains
- R2.3.18 Past Grand Chaplains
- R2.3.19 Grand Treasurer
- R2.3.20 Past Grand Treasurers
- R2.3.21 Deputy Grand Treasurer
- R2.3.22 Past Deputy Grand Treasurers
- R2.3.23 Grand Registrar
- R2.3.24 Past Grand Registrars
- R2.3.25 Deputy Grand Registrar
- R2.3.26 Past Deputy Grand Registrars
- R2.3.27 Chairman of the Board of Management
- R2.3.28 Past Chairman of the Board of Management
- R2.3.29 Chairman of the Grand Charity Board
- R2.3.30 Past Chairman of the Grand Charity Board
- R2.3.31 District Grand Inspectors of Workings
- R2.3.32 Past District Grand Inspectors of Workings
- R2.3.33 Grand Architect or Grand Superintendent of Works
- R2.3.34 Past Grand Architect or Past Grand Superintendent of Works
- R2.3.35 Deputy Grand Architect or Deputy Grand Superintendent of Works
- R2.3.36 Past Deputy Grand Architect or Past Deputy Grand Superintendent of Works

- R2.3.37 Grand Secretary
- R2.3.38 Past Grand Secretaries
- R2.3.39 Deputy Grand Secretaries
- R2.3.40 Past Deputy Grand Secretaries
- R2.3.41 Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
- R2.3.42 Past Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
- R2.3.43 Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
- R2.3.44 Past Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies
- R2.3.45 Senior Grand Deacons
- R2.3.46 Past Senior Grand Deacons
- R2.3.47 Junior Grand Deacons
- R2.3.48 Past Junior Grand Deacons
- R2.3.49 Grand Sword Bearer
- R2.3.50 Past Grand Sword Bearers
- R2.3.51 Grand Standard Bearer
- R2.3.52 Past Grand Standard Bearers
- R2.3.53 Grand Director of Music
- R2.3.54 Past Grand Directors of Music
- R2.3.55 Grand Organist
- R2.3.56 Past Grand Organists
- R2.3.57 Deputy Grand Organist
- R2.3.58 Past Deputy Grand Organist
- R2.3.59 Grand Herald
- R2.3.60 Past Grand Herald
- R2.3.61 Regional Buildings Officers
- R2.3.62 Past Regional Buildings Officers
- R2.3.63 Grand Pursuivant
- R2.3.64 Past Grand Pursuivants
- R2.3.65 Deputy Grand Pursuivant
- R2.3.66 Past Deputy Grand Pursuivants
- R2.3.67 Grand Stewards
- R2.3.68 Past Grand Stewards
- R2.3.69 Grand Tyler
- R2.3.70 Past Grand Tyler
- R2.3.71 The Master, Past Masters, Wardens and Master Masons of every Private Lodge.

The Executive Council shall determine the rank and precedence of members of the Grand Lodge.

#### **R2.4 Titles and Prefixes**

The Grand Master, the Pro-Grand Master, Past Grand Masters and Past Pro-Grand Masters are entitled to the appellation of "MOST WORSHIPFUL" (MW). The prefix of "RIGHT WORSHIPFUL" (RW) is accorded to and used only by the Deputy Grand Master, Past Deputy Grand Masters, the Assistant Grand Master, Past Assistant Grand Masters, Present and Past

Grand Wardens, the Present and Past Regional Grand Counsellors and the Present and Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge. The prefix of "VERY WORSHIPFUL" (VW) is to be used only by the Present and Past Grand Chaplains, the Present and Past Grand Treasurers, the Present and Past Deputy Grand Treasurers, the Present and Past Grand Registrars, the Present and Past Deputy Grand Registrars, the Present and Past Chairmen of the Board of Management, the Present and Past Chairmen of the Grand Charity Board, the Present and Past District Grand Inspectors of Workings, the Present and Past Grand Architect or Grand Superintendents of Works, the Present and Past Deputy Grand Architect or Deputy Superintendents of Works, the Present and Past Grand Secretaries, the Present and Past Deputy Grand Secretaries (if an Installed Master but otherwise they shall be entitled to the designation Brother only), the Present and Past Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies, the Present and Past Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies, of the Grand Lodge. The prefix of "WORSHIPFUL" (W) is to be used by the rest of the Present and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge if they be Installed Masters, and by the Present and Past Masters of Lodges. All other members are to be designated as "BROTHER" (Bro) only.

The Executive Council shall determine the titles and appellation of the members of the Grand Lodge.

**R2.5 Conferring of Rank**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R2.6 Rank for Representatives**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R2.7 Reciprocal Recognition of Grand Rank**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R2.8 District Masonic Award**

R2.8.1

*See Book of Constitutions*

R2.8.2

The nomination for such an award will be determined by a District Award Committee.

R2.8.3

The Award shall comprise both a medal, the Masonic District Service Medal, and also a Certificate signed by the District Grand Inspector of Workings setting out the nature of the service for which the Award was made. The Medal and the Certificate shall be only of the authorised uniform design.

R2.8.4

The particular circumstances governing the application of Regulations R2.8.2, and R2.8.3 above shall be in accordance with the Rules promulgated to this end from time to time by the Executive Council.

**R2.9 Regional Masonic Award**

R.2.9.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R2.9.2 The nomination for such an award will be determined by a Regional Award Committee.

R2.9.3 The Award shall comprise both a medal, the Masonic Regional Service Medal, and also a Certificate signed by the Regional Grand Counsellor setting out the nature of the service for which the Award was made. The Medal and the Certificate shall be only of the authorised uniform design.

R2.9.4 The particular circumstances governing the application of Regulations R2.9.2, and R2.9.3 above shall be in accordance with the Rules promulgated to this end from time to time by the Executive Council.

### Chapter 3 - Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers

#### **R3.1 Nomination and Election of Grand Lodge Officers**

*R3.1.1 See Book of Constitutions*

*R3.1.2 See Book of Constitutions*

*R3.1.3 See Book of Constitutions*

*R3.1.4 See Book of Constitutions*

*R3.1.5 See Book of Constitutions*

*R3.1.6 See Book of Constitutions*

*R3.1.7* The nominations for Grand Pursuivants shall not specify that the nomination is for either Grand Pursuivant or Deputy Grand Pursuivant. At the ballot for Grand Pursuivants the Brother receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared duly elected as Grand Pursuivant and the Brother receiving the next highest number of votes shall be declared duly elected as Deputy Grand Pursuivant.

*R3.1.8 See Book of Constitutions*

*R3.1.9 See Book of Constitutions*

*R3.1.10 See Book of Constitutions*

#### **R3.2 Pro-Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Assistant Grand Master**

*R3.2.1 See Book of Constitutions*

*R3.2.2 See Book of Constitutions*

*R3.2.3 See Book of Constitutions*

*R3.2.4 See Book of Constitutions*

#### **R3.3 Qualifications of Grand Lodge Officers**

*See Book of Constitutions*

#### **R3.4 Only One Office to be Held**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R3.5 Installation and Investiture**

*3.5.1 See Book of Constitutions*

R3.5.2 The Pro-Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Assistant Grand Master and the following Grand Lodge Officers, shall be invested on the same day in ancient form:

Senior Grand Warden  
Junior Grand Warden  
Grand Director of Ceremonies  
Grand Chaplains  
Grand Treasurer  
Deputy Grand Treasurer  
Grand Registrar  
Deputy Grand Registrar  
Chairman of the Board of Management  
Chairman of the Grand Charity Board  
Grand Architect or Grand Superintendent of Works  
Deputy Grand Architect or Deputy Grand Superintendent of Works  
Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies  
Two Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies  
Senior Grand Deacon  
Junior Grand Deacon  
Grand Sword Bearer  
Grand Standard Bearer  
Grand Director of Music  
Grand Organist  
Grand Heralds  
Grand Pursuivant  
Deputy Grand Pursuivant  
Twenty Four Grand Stewards  
Grand Tyler

*R3.5.3 See Book of Constitutions*

**R3.6 Death or Resignation of Grand Master**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R3.7 Vacancies among Grand Lodge Officers**

*R3.7.1 See Book of Constitutions*

*R3.7.2 See Book of Constitutions*

*R3.7.3 See Book of Constitutions*

*R3.7.4 See Book of Constitutions*

**R3.8 Removal of Grand Lodge Officers or Members of Boards and Committees**

R3.8.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.8.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.8.3 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.8.4 *See Book of Constitutions*

**R3.9 Grand Wardens**

R3.9.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.9.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.9.3 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.9.4 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.9.5 *See Book of Constitutions*

**R3.10 Grand Chaplains**

The number of Grand Chaplains shall be determined by the Grand Master from time to time.

**R3.11 Grand Treasurer**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R3.12 Grand Registrar**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R3.13 Regional Grand Counsellors**

R3.13.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.13.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.13.3 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.13.4 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.13.5 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.13.6 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.13.7 *Deleted*

R3.13.8 Each Regional Grand Counsellor shall forward quarterly to the Executive Council a report on his activities, of the visits made to the Lodges within his Region by District Grand Inspectors of Workings and of any irregularities in the working of the Ritual or infringement of the Constitutions or the Regulations.

**R3.14 Grand Inspectors of Workings**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R3.15 District Grand Inspectors of Workings**

R3.15.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.15.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.15.3 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.15.4 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.15.5 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.15.6 Each District Grand Inspector of Workings shall, at least once in each three months, visit officially each Lodge in his District and forward quarterly to the Regional Grand Counsellor of his District a report on the working of Lodges so visited.

R3.15.7 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.15.8 In respect of matters raised by the Regional Grand Counsellor, each District Grand Inspector of Workings shall make such reports as may reasonably be required of him.

R3.15.9 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.15.10 *Deleted*

**R3.16 Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand Secretaries**

R3.16.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.16.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.16.3 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.16.4 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.16.5 *See Book of Constitutions*

**R3.17 Grand Architect (if an architect, and if not Grand Superintendent of Works) and Deputy Grand Architect (if an architect, and if not Deputy Grand Superintendent of Works)**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R3.18 Grand Director of Ceremonies**

R3.18.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.18.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

**R3.19 Grand Deacons**

*See Book of Constitutions*



**R3.20 Grand Sword Bearer**  
*See Book of Constitutions*

**R3.21 Grand Standard Bearer**  
*See Book of Constitutions*

**R3.22 Regional Buildings Officers**  
*See Book of Constitutions*

R3.22.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.22.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.22.3 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.22.4 *See Book of Constitutions*

**R3.23 Grand Pursuivant**  
*See Book of Constitutions*

R3.23.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.23.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

**R3.24 Grand Stewards**  
*See Book of Constitutions*

R3.24.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.24.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

R3.24.3 *See Book of Constitutions*

**R3.25 Substituted Authorities**  
*See Book of Constitutions*



## **Chapter 4 - Meetings of Grand Lodge**

### **R4.1 Regular Meetings**

*R4.1.1 See Book of Constitutions*

*R4.1.2 See Book of Constitutions*

### **R4.2 Special Meetings**

*R4.2.1 See Book of Constitutions*

*R4.2.2 See Book of Constitutions*

### **R4.3 Rulership of Grand Lodge**

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### **R4.4 Opening of Grand Lodge**

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### **R4.5 Visitors to Grand Lodge**

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## **Chapter 5 - Business**

**R5.1 Time for Submission of Business**

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**R5.2 Submission of Business**

*R5.2.1 See Book of Constitutions*

*R5.2.2 See Book of Constitutions*

*R5.2.3 See Book of Constitutions*

*R5.2.4 See Book of Constitutions*

**R5.3 Precedence of Motions**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R5.4 Issue of Notices and Reports**

*R5.4.1 See Book of Constitutions*

*R5.4.2 See Book of Constitutions*

*R5.4.3 See Book of Constitutions*

*R5.4.4 See Book of Constitutions*

**R5.5 The Minutes**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R5.6 Communications and Reports**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R5.7 Motions for Erasure or Expulsion**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R5.8 Silence to be Observed**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R5.9 Members to be Seated**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R5.10 Speakers to Stand**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R5.11 No Member to Speak Twice**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R5.12 Transgressing Regulations**

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**Chapter 6 - Voting****R6.1 Voting**

R6.1.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R6.1.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

R6.1.3 *See Book of Constitutions*

R6.1.4 *See Book of Constitutions*

**R6.2 Scrutineers**

R6.2.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R6.2.2 Scrutineers appointed by the Grand Master shall solemnly pledge themselves to make a correct report under their hands of the result of the ballot.

R6.2.3 They shall retire and, having ascertained the result, shall present their report to the Grand Master.

R6.2.4 If their report is not ready by the time the Grand Lodge is about to be closed, the Grand Master shall, after closing the Grand Lodge, personally receive their report.

R6.2.5 A copy of the report, verified by the Grand Secretary, shall be exhibited in the Grand Secretary's office for one week thereafter.

**R6.3 Distribution of Ballot Papers**

Whenever a ballot is to be taken, the ballot papers shall be distributed under the superintendence of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, (or, in his absence, the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies or the Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies) and the Brethren shall keep their seats until the ballot papers shall have been collected and handed to the Scrutineers.

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## **Chapter 7 - Grand Lodge Trustees**

### **R7.1 Grand Lodge Property**

*R7.1.1 See Book of Constitutions*

*R7.1.2 See Book of Constitutions*

*R7.1.3 See Book of Constitutions*

*R7.1.4 See Book of Constitutions*

*R7.1.5 See Book of Constitutions*

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*R7.1.10 See Book of Constitutions*

*R7.1.11 See Book of Constitutions*

*R7.1.12 See Book of Constitutions*

### **R7.2 Other Property**

*R7.2.1 See Book of Constitutions*

*R7.2.2 See Book of Constitutions*

*R7.2.3 See Book of Constitutions*

*R7.2.4 See Book of Constitutions*

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### **R7.3 Grand Lodge Representatives on Company Board**

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**Chapter 8 - Boards****R8.1 General Provisions**

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R8.1.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

R8.1.3 *See Book of Constitutions*

R8.1.4 *See Book of Constitutions*

R8.1.5 *See Book of Constitutions*

R8.1.6 *See Book of Constitutions*

R8.1.7 *See Book of Constitutions*

R8.1.8 *See Book of Constitutions*

R8.1.9 *See Book of Constitutions*

R8.1.10 *See Book of Constitutions*

R8.1.11 At the first meeting following the first day of June each year, each Board (other than the Executive Council) shall elect a Deputy Chairman from among its members.

R8.1.12 *See Book of Constitutions*

R8.1.13 *See Book of Constitutions*

R8.1.14 Each Board shall report in writing to the Executive Council within seven days of any meeting of the Board.

R8.1.15 *See Book of Constitutions*

R8.1.16 *See Book of Constitutions*

R8.1.17 *See Book of Constitutions*

R8.1.18 *See Book of Constitutions*

R8.1.19 *See Book of Constitutions*

R8.1.20 *See Book of Constitutions*

R8.1.21 *See Book of Constitutions*

R8.1.22 *See Book of Constitutions*

R8.1.23 *See Book of Constitutions*

**R8.2 Executive Council**

R8.2.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R8.2.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

R8.2.3 *See Book of Constitutions*

R8.2.4 Where members of the Council are unable to attend a meeting the following shall substitute for the absent member:

- (a) for the Grand Master - the Pro Grand Master;
- (b) for the Deputy Grand Master – the Assistant Grand Master;
- (c) for the Grand Treasurer the Deputy Grand Treasurer;
- (d) for the Grand Registrar - the Deputy Grand Registrar; and
- (e) for the Chairman of any Board - the Deputy Chairman-

R8.2.5 *See Book of Constitutions*

R8.2.6 *See Book of Constitutions*

**R8.3 The Board of Management**

R8.3.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R8.3.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

R8.3.3 *See Book of Constitutions*

R8.3.4 *See Book of Constitutions*

**R8.4 Grand Charity Board**

R8.4.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R8.4.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

R8.4.3 *See Book of Constitutions*

R8.4.4 *See Book of Constitutions*

**R8.5 College of Masonic Studies**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**Chapter 9 - Funds of Grand Lodge****R9.1 Fund of Benevolence**

R9.1.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R9.1.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

R9.1.3 *See Book of Constitutions*

R9.1.4 *See Book of Constitutions*

R9.1.5 Applications for relief shall be by petition, in the form approved by the Grand Charity Board and shall be accompanied by such documents and shall contain such information as the Board shall specify.

R9.1.6 The Grand Charity Board may request the attendance in person of a petitioner or of a representative of the petitioner.

R9.1.7 The qualifications of petitioners are:

- (a) except as hereinafter provided, no Brother registered under the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge shall receive the benefit of this Fund unless he shall have paid the full initiation or joining fee, and have continued a subscribing member of a Lodge for at least two years;
- (b) the Grand Charity Board may waive the limitation of two years in cases of severe loss or injury resulting from a properly documented event;
- (c) any Brother who has remained unaffiliated for the previous fifteen years shall not be entitled to petition the Grand Charity Board for relief, nor shall the widow or child of any deceased Brother, who had remained unaffiliated for fifteen years immediately preceding his death, be entitled to petition the Board for relief unless, in each instance, such Brother, when affiliated, had been so for not less than ten years in aggregate.

R9.1.8 If, on inquiry into any petition, it shall be proved that any Brother has paid to his Lodge the full fees, including the registration fee, and also two years' dues, but that the Lodge has neglected to register such Brother or to transmit the dues to the Grand Lodge, the Grand Charity Board may relieve the petitioner, and shall forthwith report the case to the Executive Council and the Lodge shall be proceeded against for withholding moneys the property of the Grand Lodge.

- R9.1.9 The Grand Charity Board may:
- (a) pay on behalf of a deceased Mason such of that Brother's debts as may be owing at the time of his death and/or any debts incurred by his estate;
  - (b) grant relief to the indigent widow and/or a child or children of a deceased Mason who would himself have qualified to receive assistance;
  - (c) grant relief to the indigent widow and/or a child or children of a deceased Mason who shall have died within two years of the date of his initiation or of his having joined a Lodge under the Grand Lodge from a Foreign Lodge, and who shall have continued a subscribing member to the time of his death.
- R9.1.10 Brethren registered under other Constitutions may be relieved on the production of certificates from their respective Grand Lodges, or other sufficient certificates and testimonials to the satisfaction of the Grand Charity Board, provided that the requirements of R9.1.7 shall have been complied with in so far as they apply.
- R9.1.11 Any person who has been relieved by the Grand Charity Board shall not be again relieved until after the expiration of one year from the date of the last grant, unless some new circumstance, to be stated in the petition, shall have arisen to warrant a new grant within that time.
- R9.1.12 The Grand Charity Board may order the payment of any sum in accordance with the schedule which it may from time to time approve.
- R9.1.13 Exceptional grants may be made by the Grand Charity Board provided that the requirements of R9.1.7 shall have been strictly complied with. Such grants shall be in accordance with the schedule set by the Grand Lodge and made upon any petition presented in due time, although the other conditions and forms prescribed above have not been fully complied with.
- R9.1.14 The members of the Grand Charity Board shall not be subject to canvass or previous solicitation, but shall decide each case with impartiality. If this rule be transgressed, consideration of the case shall be deferred for the space of three months.

R9.1.15 No member of the Grand Charity Board shall vote upon the petition of any person to whom he is related, nor upon the petition of a Brother who is a member of a Lodge to which he himself belongs. Such member may be heard in evidence on the merits of the petition, but shall withdraw before the Board adjudicates upon the case.

R9.1.16 *See Book of Constitutions*

**R9.2 Masonic Buildings Fund**

R9.2.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R9.2.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

R9.2.3 Contributions to the Fund: Except as provided in this Regulation:

- (a) every Lodge shall pay for each member an amount decided by the Grand Lodge from time to time;
- (b) a Brother will be required to contribute the said sum through one Lodge only; and
- (c) payment of members' contributions shall be made at the same time as the Lodge is required to pay Grand Lodge Dues.

**R9.3 Disaster Relief Fund**

R9.3.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R9.3.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

R9.3.3 *See Book of Constitutions*

R9.3.4 *See Book of Constitutions*

**R9.4 Grand Charity Fund**

R9.4.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R9.4.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

R9.4.3 *See Book of Constitutions*

R9.4.4 *See Book of Constitutions*

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## Chapter 10 - Investments and Accounts

### **R10.1 Investments**

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*R10.1.2 See Book of Constitutions*

*R10.1.3 See Book of Constitutions*

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*R10.1.5 See Book of Constitutions*

### **R10.2 Accounts**

*R10.2.1 See Book of Constitutions*

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*R10.2.4 See Book of Constitutions*

*R10.2.5 See Book of Constitutions*

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**Chapter 11 - Judicial****R11.1 Grand Registrar's Committee**

*R11.1.1 See Book of Constitutions*

*R11.1.2 See Book of Constitutions*

*R11.1.3 See Book of Constitutions*

*R11.1.4 See Book of Constitutions*

*R11.1.5 See Book of Constitutions*

- R11.1.6 (a) A Lodge or Brother failing to comply with a summons without sufficient reason may be suspended, and the proceedings notified to the Grand Lodge.
- (b) Every Brother appearing in any capacity before the Grand Registrar's Committee is required to keep strictly confidential the Committee's proceedings and to give his evidence in person and on his Masonic honour.
- (c) No person appearing before the Grand Registrar's Committee is entitled to representation unless the representative is a member of a Lodge holding a warrant issued by this Grand Lodge. If the person appearing before the Committee wishes to be represented he must seek approval from the Grand Registrar's Committee stating his reasons for so doing. The decision of the Committee in this regard is final. If he chooses not to be represented he must give his evidence or answer any case against him (whether by examining or cross-examining any witness or otherwise) in person.
- (d) No person may be summoned to appear before the Grand Registrar's Committee unless that person is a Brother who is a member of a Lodge holding a warrant issued by this Grand Lodge or the New South Wales Lodge of Transition. No person may give evidence to the Grand Registrar's Committee unless that person is one who may be summoned before it or is a Brother who is a member of a Lodge holding a warrant issued by a Grand Lodge that is recognised by this Grand Lodge.
- (e) The Grand Registrar's Committee shall be entitled to adopt such rules of procedure as it thinks appropriate from time to time and to vary them from case to case as it thinks fit, provided however that the Committee shall ensure that any Brother summoned to appear before it receives a fair hearing including prior written precise details of the Masonic offence with which he has been charged, the right to question his accusers and any other Brother giving evidence and the right to make whatever submissions he believes are appropriate to the Committee.
- R11.1.7 The Committee shall hear the charge, complaint or appeal and shall make a report to the Executive Council including a recommendation specifying the penalty considered to be appropriate (if any) and any other matters relating to the case.

- R11.1.8 The Executive Council may adopt, vary or reverse the finding and/or any recommendation of the Grand Registrar's Committee or may direct a rehearing and the submission of a further report to the Council.
- R11.1.9 When the Executive Council has adopted, varied or reversed the finding of the Committee in any matter, the resolution of the Council shall be the decision of the Council without further hearing.
- R11.1.10 A member of the Grand Registrar's Committee shall not be entitled to adjudicate upon any charge or complaint affecting him or a Lodge to which he belongs.
- R11.1.11 The Grand Registrar may allocate to an Arbitrator any dispute arising between two or more Brethren.
- R11.1.12 The Arbitrator will hear any dispute referred to him upon whatever evidence he sees fit to avail himself of, including statements produced to him, evidence produced to him and such other material as he considers appropriate in the circumstances to enable him to give a determination in writing as to the dispute involved in the arbitration.
- R11.1.13 Arbitrators shall be nominated by the Grand Registrar and appointed by the Grand Master and shall have the jurisdiction of the Grand Registrar's Committee in respect to any complaint with the exception of a matter being properly defined as Un-Masonic Conduct.
- R11.1.14 The Arbitrator may refer any matter he considers appropriate to the Grand Registrar's Committee.
- R11.1.15 Subject to Regulation 11.1.16, any Brother may apply to the Grand Registrar for a re-hearing of the matter the subject of the arbitration and such hearing will be a hearing *de novo*. Any such application is to be made within twenty-eight days of the date of the Arbitrator's decision.
- R11.1.16 In any arbitration should the parties agree to be bound by the decision of the Arbitrator, that decision will be final and conclusive and not called into question other than for a finding of un-Masonic Conduct and in any other case only by leave of the Grand Registrar.
- R11.1.17 The procedure for hearing of the arbitration shall be at the Arbitrator's discretion and the Arbitrator may receive at any stage directions from the Grand Registrar in respect to the procedure to be adopted at the arbitration.

**R11.2 Offences And Penalties**

R11.2.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R11.2.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

R11.2.3 *See Book of Constitutions*

R11.2.4 *See Book of Constitutions*

R11.2.5 *See Book of Constitutions*

R11.2.6 *See Book of Constitutions*

R11.2.7 *See Book of Constitutions*

R11.2.8 The non payment of dues is a Masonic offence and shall be dealt with in the following manner:

- (a) Brother owing three years' dues to a Lodge may be excluded forthwith without discussion or ballot but only after due notification to him;
- (b) in case of hardship, the non-payment of dues may be deemed not to be a Masonic offence but rather a neglect of Masonic duty for which the penalty may be a suspension of membership and not an exclusion;
- (c) the matter shall be reported to the Lodge, and then name of the Brother shall be entered in the minutes as excluded or suspended;
- (d) the name of every Brother excluded or suspended for non-payment of dues shall be reported to the Grand Secretary within seven days;
- (e) nothing in this Regulation shall preclude a Lodge from excluding a member for non-payment of less amount of dues in accordance with its By-Laws;
- (f) a Brother excluded or suspended from any Lodge for non-payment of dues shall thereby be excluded or suspended from any Lodge of which he is member.

R11.2.9 *See Book of Constitutions*

R11.2.10 *See Book of Constitutions*

R11.2.11 A Lodge may enter into any agreement with a Brother who has been suspended to forego (either in whole or in part) or allow time for payment or enter into any other arrangement in respect of dues owing or payable (whether in the past or present) by such a Brother.

R11.2.12 *See Book of Constitutions*

R11.2.13 *See Book of Constitutions*

R11.2.14 *See Book of Constitutions*

R11.2.15 For the purpose of Clause 11.2.15 of the Book of Constitutions, the following Masonic Orders or Bodies, are specified as Orders or Bodies, to which that Clause applies:

- i. United Supreme Grand Chapter of Mark and Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory;
- ii. The Grand Council of the Order of the Secret Monitor of for the Sovereign State of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory also known as the Brotherhood of David and Jonathan;

- iii. The Masonic and Military Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and St John the Evangelist;
- iv. The United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

### **R11.3 Complaints Procedures**

- R11.3.1 Any formal complaint against a Brother shall be made in writing and delivered to the Secretary of the Lodge of which the Brother is a member. If the complaint alleges any breach of a Lodge's By-laws, these Regulations or the Constitutions then the complaint shall specify the By-law, Regulation or clause of the Constitution concerned and shall give proper particulars of the alleged breach. If the complaint alleges Un-Masonic Conduct then the complaint shall give proper particulars of the relevant conduct.
- R11.3.2 The Worshipful Master of the Lodge which receives a complaint against one of its members shall, without undue delay, appoint a time for consideration of the complaint.
- R11.3.3 The Brother against whom the complaint is made shall receive not less than seven clear days' notice in writing of the complaint (which shall include proper particulars of the alleged breach of By-laws, Regulations or the Constitutions, or of alleged Un-Masonic Conduct made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration, when he may attend and be heard.
- R11.3.4 Complaints or differences between members of a Lodge or between members of more than one Lodge which cannot be accommodated privately or in regular Lodge (including, without limiting the generality of this Regulation, complaints against the Worshipful Master of a Lodge) shall be reduced into writing and delivered to the Grand Secretary who shall lay the same before the Grand Registrar's Committee of the Executive Council. The matter shall then be dealt with by that Committee.
- R11.3.5 No complaint shall be made against any Brother where the conduct upon which the complaint is founded occurred more than one year prior to the date on which the notice in writing of the complaint is received by the Secretary of the Lodge, or (where the complaint is made under Regulation R11.3.4) the Grand Secretary, provided that, in special circumstances the Grand Registrar's Committee of the Executive Council may extend the time for giving such notice and its decision in such matters shall be final and not subject to appeal.
- R11.3.6 Where a complaint is dealt with in a Private Lodge, and when all parties have been heard, the question whether an offence has been committed shall be decided by secret ballot, unless the complaint be for non-payment of dues in terms of Regulation R11.2.8.

- R11.3.7 Where a complaint other than for non-payment of dues is sustained, it is necessary for a motion regarding the penalty to be moved and seconded, and the matter decided by a further ballot.
- R11.3.8 The power of exclusion shall only be exercised in a Private Lodge by a majority of not less than two thirds of the members present, until the matter shall have been decided by the Grand Registrar's Committee of the Executive Council.
- R11.3.9 The decision of a Private Lodge in respect of any complaint, other than for non-payment of dues in terms of Regulation R11.2.8 of the Constitutions, shall be reported forthwith to the Grand Secretary, and the exclusion shall not operate until it has been approved by the Grand Registrar's Committee of the Executive Council.
- R11.3.10 The Brother found guilty shall, however, be suspended from all Masonic privileges in that Lodge.
- R11.3.11 Any notice given under these Regulations shall be served personally or by certified mail and, if so mailed, shall be deemed to have been served on the third day after mailing, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays, unless satisfactory proof of earlier receipt is given.

#### **R11.4 Appeals Procedures**

- R11.4.1 An appeal to the Grand Registrar's Committee of the Executive Council may be made in the following circumstances and in the following manner:
- (a) any Lodge or Brother feeling aggrieved by the decision of any Masonic authority or jurisdiction other than the Grand Master or any Board or Council of the Grand Lodge, may appeal against such decision to the Grand Registrars' Committee of the Executive Council;
  - (b) the appeal shall be made in writing and shall specify the grievance complained of, and the grounds of appeal;
  - (c) the appeal shall be delivered to the Grand Secretary, together with all documentary evidence, within one month after the decision has been given, and shall be accompanied by a certificate that notices and copies of the appeal have been served by the appellant upon the authority against whose decision the appeal is made, and also upon the opposite party;
  - (d) notices shall be deemed to have been duly served if sent by certified mail to the last known address of the party to be served;
  - (e) the Grand Secretary shall give fourteen clear days' notice to all interested parties of the date fixed for the hearing of the appeal;
  - (f) when the appeal shall have been heard, the Grand Registrar's Committee shall make a report to the Executive Council and the Committee may recommend any penalty consistent with these Regulations;

- (g) the Executive Council shall make such order on the matter as it thinks fit and this shall be communicated forthwith to the parties concerned by the Grand Secretary.

R11.4.2 An appeal to the Grand Lodge may be made in the following circumstances and in the following manner:

- (a) a Lodge or Brother may appeal to Grand Lodge against any decision of any Board or Council of the Grand Lodge;
- (b) appeals shall be made within one month from the date upon which such decision was given;
- (c) appeals so made shall be subject to the requirements contained in Regulation R11.4.1;
- (d) no fresh evidence shall be admitted on any appeal without the permission of the Grand Lodge.

**R11.5 Restoration of a Brother to Membership**

*R11.5.1 See Book of Constitutions*

*R11.5.2 See Book of Constitutions*

*R11.5.3 See Book of Constitutions*



**PART II PRIVATE LODGES****Chapter 12 - Constitution of a Lodge****R12.1 Warrant Necessary**

R12.1.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R12.1.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

R12.1.3 *See Book of Constitutions*

**R12.2 Loss of Warrant**

R12.2.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R12.2.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

**R12.3 Irregular Warrant**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R12.4 Lodge to Bear Name and Number**

R12.4.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R12.4.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

**R12.5 Precedence of Lodges**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R12.6 Petition for New Lodge**

R12.6.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R12.6.2 An application to hold a new Lodge may be made by individual Masons or by two or more Lodges that wish to hold a new Lodge by way of reconstitution.

R12.6.3 In the case of an application to hold a new Lodge made by individual Masons:

- (a) the petition shall be signed by not less than seven Master Masons, each of whom must either be registered under this Grand Lodge or registered under the Grand Lodge of a Sister Constitution recognised by this Grand Lodge, in which latter case each such Master Mason must produce a letter from the Grand Secretary of that Sister Constitution (together, if necessary, with a translation of the same into the English language) which vouches for the registration of the Master Mason in question;
- (b) every Master Mason who signs the petition and who is not registered under this Grand Lodge but who is registered under the Grand Lodge of a Sister Constitution recognised by this Grand Lodge, does by so signing become a member of this

Grand Lodge and shall for all purposes be subject to the authority of the Grand Master and of these regulations;

- (c) to every petition shall be attached a recommendation, signed in open Lodge by the Master and Wardens of a Regular Lodge, with the approval of a majority of its members then present and voting. Notice that a petition is to be submitted for recommendation shall appear on the summons covering the meeting of the Lodge at which it is considered.

R12.6.4 In the case of an application to hold a new Lodge by way of reconstitution:

- (a) the petition shall be signed by not less than seven Master Masons from each one of the petitioning Lodges and to every petition shall be attached the names (together with such other details as the Grand Secretary may prescribe from time to time) of all members of the petitioning Lodges;
- (b) to every petition shall be attached a recommendation, signed in open Lodge by the Master and Wardens of each Lodge, with the approval of not less than two-thirds majority of its members then present and voting. Notice that a petition to hold a new Lodge by way of reconstitution (and specifying such further detail as the Grand Secretary may prescribe from time to time) shall appear on the summons convening the meeting of each of the Lodges at which it is considered.

R12.6.5 Every petition shall be submitted to the Board of Management and, after consideration, shall be sent to the Grand Master accompanied by a recommendation from the Board.

**R12.7 Constitution of New Lodge**

R12.7.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R12.7.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

R12.7.3 *See Book of Constitutions*

R12.7.4 *See Book of Constitutions*

**R12.8 First Officers not to be Varied**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R12.9 Consolidation of Lodges**

R12.9.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R12.9.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

R12.9.3 *See Book of Constitutions*

R12.9.4 *See Book of Constitutions*

R12.9.5 *See Book of Constitutions*

R12.9.6 *See Book of Constitutions*

R12.9.7 *See Book of Constitutions*

R12.9.8 *See Book of Constitutions*

R12.9.9 *See Book of Constitutions*

**R12.10 Dissolution of a Lodge**

R12.10.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R12.10.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

R12.10.3 *See Book of Constitutions*

R12.10.4 *See Book of Constitutions*

R12.10.5 *See Book of Constitutions*

R12.10.6 *See Book of Constitutions*

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**Chapter 13 - Officers of a Lodge and Related Matters****R13.1 Officers of a Lodge**

*R13.1.1 See Book of Constitutions*

*R13.1.2* The number of Stewards shall not exceed six unless the number of members of a Lodge exceeds one hundred. When the number of members exceeds one hundred the number of Stewards may be increased to eight, and to ten where the number of members exceeds two hundred.

*R13.1.3 See Book of Constitutions*

*R13.1.4 See Book of Constitutions*

*R13.1.5 See Book of Constitutions*

*R13.1.6* The officers shall take precedence among themselves in the order provided for by the Executive Council.

**R13.2 Election of Officers**

*R13.2.1 See Book of Constitutions*

*R13.2.2 See Book of Constitutions*

*R13.2.3 See Book of Constitutions*

*R13.2.4 See Book of Constitutions*

*R13.2.5 See Book of Constitutions*

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*R13.2.7 See Book of Constitutions*

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*R13.2.9 See Book of Constitutions*

**R13.3 Installation of Master**

*R13.3.1 See Book of Constitutions*

*R13.3.2 See Book of Constitutions*

*R13.3.3 See Book of Constitutions*

*R13.3.4 See Book of Constitutions*

*R13.3.5 See Book of Constitutions*

*R13.3.6 See Book of Constitutions*

**R13.4 Master-elect Unable to be Installed**

*R13.4.1 See Book of Constitutions*

*R13.4.2 See Book of Constitutions*

*R13.4.3 See Book of Constitutions*

*R13.4.4 See Book of Constitutions*

*R13.4.5 See Book of Constitutions*

*R13.4.6 See Book of Constitutions*

**R13.5 Alteration of Dates of Election and Installation**

*R13.5.1 See Book of Constitutions*

*R13.5.2 See Book of Constitutions*

*R13.5.3 See Book of Constitutions*

**R13.6 Master and Wardens to Attend Summons**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R13.7 Death or Incapacity of Master**

*R13.7.1 See Book of Constitutions*

**R13.8 Absence of Master**

*R13.8.1 See Book of Constitutions*

*R13.8.2 See Book of Constitutions*

*R13.8.3 See Book of Constitutions*

*R13.8.4 See Book of Constitutions*

**R13.9 Death or Incapacity of Officers**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R13.10 Removal of Officers**

*R13.10.1 See Book of Constitutions*

*R13.10.2 See Book of Constitutions*

*R13.10.3 See Book of Constitutions*

*R13.10.4 See Book of Constitutions*

*R13.10.5 See Book of Constitutions*

*R13.10.6 See Book of Constitutions*

**R13.11 Master and Wardens to Visit**

The Master and Wardens of a Lodge are enjoined to visit other Lodges as often as they conveniently can, in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the Craft, and a good understanding cultivated amongst Freemasons.

**R13.12 Grand Master may Preside**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R13.13 Deputy Grand Master may Preside**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R13.14 Assistant Grand Master may Preside**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R13.15 Substituted Authorities**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R13.16 Visits of Grand Lodge Officers**

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R14.1.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

R14.1.3 *See Book of Constitutions*

R14.1.4 *See Book of Constitutions*

R14.1.5 *See Book of Constitutions*

R14.1.6 *See Book of Constitutions*

**R14.2 Contents of By-Laws**

R14.2.1 The days, time, and place of meeting

R14.2.2 The day on which the officers shall be elected and the date of installation;

R14.2.3 The number of black balls necessary for the rejection of an applicant, if other than that provided in the Constitutions.

R14.2.4 The fees and dues payable by its members; and

R14.2.5 Such other matters as may be deemed expedient.

**R14.3 Determination of Fees and Dues**

R14.3.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R14.3.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

R14.3.3 *See Book of Constitutions*

R14.3.4 *See Book of Constitutions*

R14.3.5 *See Book of Constitutions*

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R14.3.7 *See Book of Constitutions*

**R14.4 Alteration in Date or Place of Meeting**

R14.4.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R14.4.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

**R14.5 Lodges of Emergency**

R14.5.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R14.5.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

**R14.6 Summonses**

In addition to the persons referred to in Clause 14.6 of the Book of Constitutions, a copy of any summons convening all Regular and Emergency meetings of Private Lodges and of all Lodges of Instruction shall be transmitted to the Regional Grand Counsellor of the Region in which the Lodge meets.

**R14.7 Permanent Removal**

*R14.7.1 See Book of Constitutions*

**R14.8 Alteration in Date**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R14.9 Temporary Alterations**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R14.10 Frequency of Meetings**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R14.11 Suspension of Meetings**

*R14.11.1 See Book of Constitutions*

*R14.11.2 See Book of Constitutions*

*R14.11.3 See Book of Constitutions*

*R14.11.4 See Book of Constitutions*

**R14.12 Furniture in Trust**

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**R14.13 Regulation of Proceedings**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R14.14 Casting Vote**

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*R15.1.1 See Book of Constitutions*

*R15.1.2 See Book of Constitutions*

*R15.1.3 See Book of Constitutions*

**R15.2 Register of Members**

R15.2.1 The full name of each Brother initiated in the Lodge, together with his date of birth, address, occupation, the dates of his initiation, passing and raising, and the number of his Master Mason's Certificate issued by the Grand Lodge.

R15.2.2 The full name of each Brother affiliated to the Lodge, together with his date of birth, address, occupation, and the particulars of any Lodge of which he is, or has been, a member.

R15.2.3 The date of the withdrawal of any Brother, and manner of withdrawal.

**R15.3 Minute Book**

R15.3.1 The Minutes of the Lodge shall in addition to the requirements of Clause 15.3.1 of the Book of Constitutions, include the following:

- (a) the name of the Brother ruling the Lodge;
- (b) particulars of Brethren initiated, passed and raised, and affiliated, from which the entries in the Register of Members may be made;
- (c) the names and particulars of any applicant rejected or withdrawn from the ballot and, in the latter case, the reason for the withdrawal;
- (d) the names of all Brethren elected to office;
- (e) all alterations in the By-Laws; and
- (f) the numbers of the votes in ballots taken in accordance with Clauses 13.10, and 14.7 of the Book of Constitutions and Regulation R11.3.7 of these Regulations, and the number of members present.

*R15.3.2 See Book of Constitutions*

*R15.3.3 See Book of Constitutions*

**R15.4 Presence Book and Members' Attendance Register**

*R15.4.1 See Book of Constitutions*

*R15.4.2 See Book of Constitutions*

*R15.4.3 See Book of Constitutions*

*R15.4.4 The Membership Officer shall maintain the Members' Attendance Register and record in it whether or not a member has attended each meeting of the Lodge.*

*R15.4.5 The Membership Officer shall arrange for immediate contact to be made with any member who has, without prior apology, been absent from two consecutive meetings of the Lodge. Afterwards, the Membership Officer shall arrange for any further appropriate action to be taken to ensure the requirements of that member are attended to.*

**R15.5 Account Books**

*R15.5.1 See Book of Constitutions*

*R15.5.2 See Book of Constitutions*

**R15.6 Annual Financial Statements**

*See Book of Constitutions*

**R15.7 Periodical Returns**

*R15.7.1 See Book of Constitutions*

*R15.7.2 See Book of Constitutions*

*R15.7.3 See Book of Constitutions*

*R15.7.4 See Book of Constitutions*

**R15.8 Return of Lodge Executive Officers, Caring Officers and Trustees**

*R15.8.1 See Book of Constitutions*

*R15.8.2 See Book of Constitutions*

*R15.8.3 See Book of Constitutions*

**R15.9 Penalty for Neglect of Returns**

*See Book of Constitutions*

## **Chapter 16 - Determination and Payment of Grand Lodge Charges**

### **R16.1 Fees and Dues**

*R16.1.1 See Book of Constitutions*

*R16.1.2 See Book of Constitutions*

### **R16.2 Fees and Dues of Members of more than one Lodge**

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### **R17.1 Admission into the Craft** *See Book of Constitutions*

### **R17.2 Qualifications of Applicants**

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*R17.2.2 See Book of Constitutions*

*R17.2.3 See Book of Constitutions*

*R17.2.4 See Book of Constitutions*

*R17.2.5 See Book of Constitutions*

### **R17.3 Application for membership**

*R17.3.1 See Book of Constitutions*

*R17.3.2 See Book of Constitutions*

*R17.3.3 See Book of Constitutions*

*R17.3.4 See Book of Constitutions*

R17.3.5 The following provisions shall apply where an applicant is unable to have his membership application endorsed by two subscribing member as referred to in the Clause 17.3.5 of the Book of Constitutions:

- (a) the applicant shall complete, as far as practicable, the Membership Application, and shall cause that form to be handed to the Secretary of the Lodge in which he desires to be initiated;
- (b) the Secretary shall request the District Grand Inspector of Workings for the District to interview the applicant in company with a Brother of or above the rank of Past District Grand Inspector of Workings. The District Grand Inspector of Workings may, in his discretion, delegate the duties of interviewing and the rights and obligations of a nominator to a suitably qualified Brother of or above the rank of Past District Grand Inspector of Workings;
- (c) if the District Grand Inspector of Workings, or such other Grand Lodge Officer as may be nominated by the Grand Master, informs the Secretary that he and such other Brethren consent to have their respective names shown as nominators of the applicant, the procedure set out in Regulations R17.4.2 to R17.9.7 and their associated Clauses in the Book of Constitutions inclusive shall be followed in so far as is applicable in the circumstances of the particular case except that the ballot required by Clause 17.9.1 (B of C) shall not be held until a dispensation in terms of Regulation R17.3.5(f) has been received by the Secretary. The nominators shall, wherever mentioned as such, be referred to by their respective names and

ranks followed by the words “on behalf of the Board of Management;

- (d) upon completion of the inquiries and interviews the Secretary shall forward to the Grand Secretary for consideration the form of Membership Application and all such papers relative to the inquiries and interviews as the Board of Management shall require;
- (e) the Grand Secretary shall examine the documentation and, subject to any other provisions contained in these Regulations may permit the applicant's nomination to proceed by grant of dispensation.
- (f) should such a Dispensation be granted, it shall not be necessary for any nominator or further nominator to sign the Membership Application;
- (g) a Dispensation so granted shall specify the two Brethren who shall act as nominators of the applicant and who shall have all the rights and obligations of a nominator.

#### **R17.4 Nomination of Applicants**

*R17.4.1 See Book of Constitutions*

R17.4.2 At the next (or the same) regular meeting of the Lodge the Secretary shall read from the Membership Application the names of the applicant, his age, occupation, and private and business addresses, together with the names of his nominators, and their respective Lodges, and these particulars shall appear on each succeeding summons of the Lodge until such application has been disposed of, as hereinafter provided.

#### **R17.5 Inquiries**

*R17.5.1 See Book of Constitutions*

R17.5.2 A Lodge proposing to receive an applicant for initiation who resides or has resided outside the neighbourhood of that Lodge must make inquiries of Lodges which meet in the neighbourhood of the applicants' present or former residence over the period of the previous three years. Where more than one Lodge meets in such a place, a minimum of two inquiries shall be sent in regard to that residence.

R17.5.3 Inquiries and the replies thereto shall be made on the approved form.

R17.5.4 Inquiries shall be read at the next regular meeting of the Lodge to which they are addressed, and the reply shall be sent within seven days thereafter. No formal reply shall be sent until the matter has been brought before the Lodge.

R17.5.5 If no formal reply be received by the meeting set down for ballot the matter shall be referred to the Grand Secretary and the application shall not be proceeded with until authorised by the Grand Secretary.



R17.5.6 If the applicant has resided outside the State of New South Wales or the Australian Capital Territory but within Australia or New Zealand during the past three years, due inquiry shall be made in terms of Regulation R17.5.2 to the Lodge or Lodges of the relevant Grand Lodge.

R17.5.7 If the applicant has resided outside Australia and New Zealand during the past three years, the matter shall be reported to the Grand Secretary, by whom the necessary inquiries shall be made.

**R17.6 Adverse Report**

R17.6.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R17.6.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

**R17.7 Nominations Committee**

R17.7.1 *See Book of Constitutions*

R17.7.2 *See Book of Constitutions*

R17.7.3 The Committee shall interview every applicant for admission into the Lodge and hear his nominators on his behalf at a regularly convened meeting of the Committee and shall make full inquiry into his moral and general character, his home life, his health and financial fitness. Minutes of meetings shall be kept recording only the names of the members of the Committee, the applicants and the nominators present thereat and its recommendation. Such minutes shall be produced to the Grand Secretary on request. The proceedings of a Nominations Committee are strictly confidential and must not be divulged. Any breach of this confidence may be dealt with under the provisions of Clause 11.1.5 (B of C).

R17.7.4 *See Book of Constitutions*

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R17.11.7 *See Book of Constitutions*

R17.11.8 Each applicant for Affiliation shall be interviewed by the Membership Officer. Provided the following conditions are satisfied; the Master shall declare at the second regular meeting after his name appears on the summons that he has been accepted as an Affiliating member. The conditions are:

- (i) the Membership Officer has recommended his application,
- (ii) no member has objected to his application,
- (iii) in the event that enquiries have been made no formal objection has been received and,
- (iv) the Grand Master has not prohibited his application. In the event that:
  - (i) a member objects to the application prior to the Master declaring that the Affiliating member has been accepted or
  - (ii) the Board of Management determines that the ballot may proceed notwithstanding that an objection was made and
  - (iii) the applicant does not withdraw his application, a ballot shall be held in accordance with Clause 17.9 (B of C).

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