

CONSTITUTIONS AND REGULATIONS
of the
MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE
of
ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
of the
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
THE GRAND LODGE

2012

ACT OF INCORPORATION
AND AMENDMENTS THERETO

1859, Chapter 73.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE THE MASTER, WARDENS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASONS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. John T. Heard, Grand Master, and his associates, the Grand Wardens and Members of the Voluntary Association known as the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Massachusetts, and their successors, are hereby incorporated, and made a body politic by the name of "The Master, Wardens and Members of The Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts," for the purpose of managing and administering the charity funds belonging to said voluntary association, *and for other charitable, benevolent, educational and religious purposes*,* with power to have a common seal, to sue and be sued, to make and ordain, from time to time, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations for the government and management of the Corporation, provided the same be not repugnant to the Constitution and Laws of the Commonwealth; and that they have all the privileges, and be subject to all the liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes, so far as the same are applicable to Corporations for charitable purposes.

Sect. 2. The said Corporation may take by purchase, gift, grant, or otherwise, and hold real estate not exceeding the value of *Two Hundred Thousand Dollars* and personal estate not exceeding the value of *Fifty Thousand Dollars*.

Sect. 3. John T. Heard is hereby authorized to call the first meeting of said Corporation, by advertisement in two newspapers printed in Boston one week previous thereto, and appoint the time and place thereof, at which meeting the mode of calling future meetings shall be regulated.

Sect. 4. This Act shall take effect on and after its passage.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 1, 1859

Passed to be enacted

CHARLES HALE, Speaker

IN SENATE, March 1, 1859.

Passed to be enacted

CHARLES A. PHELPS, President.

March 1, 1859.

N.P. BANKS

Approved.

*NOTE: In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 180, Section 10, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, the Act of Incorporation of "The Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts" was amended by the insertion of the words here printed in italics, thus clarifying the purpose of the corporation. The amendment was unanimously adopted by the corporation at its regular meeting held September 13, 1939. A duly witnessed certification of the amendment was approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation and filed in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth on October 18, 1939.

1866, CHAPTER 134.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

AN ACT**TO AMEND AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE MASTER, WARDENS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASONS IN MASSACHUSETTS.***Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

The Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts, a Corporation duly established by law, are hereby authorized to take by purchase, gift, grant, or otherwise, and hold real estate in the city of Boston to an amount not exceeding in value *Three Hundred Thousand Dollars*, in addition to the amount authorized by the second section of the seventy-third chapter of the Acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, for the purposes in said chapter specified.

Passed to be enacted

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 29, 1866

JAMES M. STONE, Speaker.

Passed to be enacted.

IN SENATE, March 31, 1866.

JOSEPH A. POND, President.

Approved

April 7, 1866

ALEX H. BULLOCK.

1896, CHAPTER 112

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

AN ACT

TO ALLOW THE MASTER, WARDENS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASONS IN MASSACHUSETTS TO HOLD ADDITIONAL REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts may take and hold real estate not exceeding, in all, the value of Two Million Dollars, and personal estate not exceeding, in all, the value of *Two Hundred Thousand Dollars*.

SECT. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed to be enacted

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 19, 1896

G.v.L. MEYER, *Speaker*.

Passed to be enacted

IN SENATE, Feb. 25, 1896

GEO. P. LAWRENCE, *President*.

Approved.

Feb. 27, 1896

ROGER WOLCOTT
Lieutenant-Governor, Acting Governor

1916, CHAPTER 23.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

AN ACT

TO AUTHORIZE THE MASTER, WARDENS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASONS IN MASSACHUSETTS TO HOLD ADDITIONAL REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts may take and hold real estate not exceeding in value *Five Million Dollars*, and personal estate not exceeding in value *One Million Dollars*.

SECT. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 28, 1916

Passed to be enacted.

CHANNING H. COX, *Speaker*.

IN SENATE, January 31, 1916

Passed to be enacted.

HENRY G. WELLS, *President*.

February 2, 1916

Approved.

SAMUEL W. McCALL

1965, CHAPTER 188.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

AN ACT

INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY WHICH MAY BE HELD BY THE MASTER, WARDENS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASONS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by authority of the same, as follows:

Chapter 23 of the Special Acts of 1916 is hereby amended by striking out Section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

SECTION 1. The Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts may hold real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding Fifteen Million Dollars.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE, March 19, 1965

Passed to be enacted..

ROBERT H. QUINN, Acting Speaker.

IN SENATE, March 23, 1965

Passed to be enacted.

MAURICE A. DONAHUE, *President*

March 26, 1965

Approved.

ELLIOT L. RICHARDSON,
Lieutenant-Governor, Acting Governor

1986, CHAPTER 182.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

AN ACT**INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY WHICH MAY BE HELD BY THE MASTER, WARDENS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASONS IN MASSACHUSETTS.**

1. Whereas, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to grant to the Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts an immediate extension of its authority to hold additional funds and property, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

2. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by authority of the same, as follows:
Chapter 23 of the special acts of 1916 is hereby amended by striking out Section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

SECTION 1. The Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts may hold real and personal estate such as may be deposited with or received by the Corporation.

Preamble adopted.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 25, 1986.
GEORGE KEVERIAN, *Speaker*.

Preamble adopted.

IN SENATE, June 26, 1986.
WILLIAM M. BULGER, *President*.

Passed to be enacted.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 25, 1986.
GEORGE KEVERIAN, *Speaker*.

Passed to be enacted.

IN SENATE, June 26, 1986.
WILLIAM M. BULGER, *President*.

Approved.

July 5, 1986.
MICHAEL S. DUKAKIS, *Governor*.

1884, CHAPTER 221.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

AN ACT

TO ESTABLISH AND INCORPORATE THE MASONIC EDUCATION AND CHARITY TRUST.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Corporation known as the Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts, established by Chapter Seventy- three of the Acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, shall have authority to institute a Board of Trustees, as hereinafter provided, to receive, hold, invest, reinvest, and manage all gifts, devises, and bequests, made either to said Board or to the Grand Lodge, upon trusts for educational or charitable purposes and relief connected with the families of deceased or living members of said Grand Lodge and its subordinate organizations, or for the relief of distressed Freemasons, their widows or orphans, of this or other States or countries, and also for the promotion of its Library and collections relating to art, architecture and antiquities; and it may also accept and hold in trust such funds as the said Grand Lodge may, from time to time, give to it upon specific trusts for any of the above-named charitable or educational uses; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the whole amount of funds and property so held shall not exceed *One Million Dollars*.

SECT. 2. When said Board of Trustees have been elected and shall have organized by electing a President, Treasurer and Secretary, the Board shall report its organization to the Grand Lodge, and the Master thereof shall report the same to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, attested by the Grand Secretary, and thereupon said Board shall be a Corporation, by the name of "Masonic Education and Charity Trust," with the same powers and subject to the same restrictions and liabilities as provided by general laws relating to corporations for similar purposes, but shall have none of the powers described in Sections eight, nine, and eleven of Chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes.

SECT. 3. The said Grand Lodge shall elect eight Trustees who shall hold respectively, for terms of one, two, three, four, five, six, seven and eight years from the first day of January in the current year, and thereafter shall elect one Trustee annually, to hold for eight years, and may fill any vacancy that shall arise by death, resignation, or removal by the Board of any member for infirmity, neglect, or other sufficient cause. A Trustee may hold over after his term expires till his successor has been elected and accepted. If after four months from the expiration of the term, or the occasion of a vacancy, no election of a successor has been so made, the Board of Trustees may elect a Trustee, who shall be a member of the Grand Lodge aforesaid, to fill the unexpired term. The Grand Master

for the time being shall be a member of the Board. Five of Said Trustees shall not at the same time hold office of Trustee, and any other elected or appointed office in the Grand Lodge.

SECT. 4. No loan shall be made of the Trust funds to any member of the Board, nor shall any member be surety for such loan. The Trustees shall annually report the condition and investment of all the funds entrusted to them, to the said Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge, whose Directors shall cause the accounts of the said Board to be examined at least once a year, and oftener should they deem it necessary, and certify the result.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 2, 1884.

Passed to be enacted

GEO. A. MARDEN, *Speaker*.

IN SENATE, May 8, 1884.

Passed to be enacted.

GEO. A. BRUCE, *President*.

May 8, 1884.

Approved

GEO. D. ROBINSON

1916, CHAPTER 24.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

AN ACT

TO AUTHORIZE THE MASONIC EDUCATION AND CHARITY TRUST TO HOLD ADDITIONAL REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Masonic Education and Charity Trust may take and hold funds and property not exceeding in value *Five Million Dollars*.

SECT. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed to be enacted

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 28, 1916.

CHANNING H. COX, *Speaker*.

Passed to be enacted.

IN SENATE, January 31, 1916.

HENRY G. WELLS, *President*.

Approved

February 2, 1916.

SAMUEL W. McCALL.

1951, CHAPTER 171.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**AN ACT
TO AUTHORIZE THE MASONIC EDUCATION AND CHARITY TRUST TO
HOLD ADDITIONAL FUNDS AND PROPERTY.**

1. Whereas, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to grant to the corporation referred to therein an immediate extension of its authority to hold additional funds and property, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

2. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Masonic Education and Charity Trust may take and hold funds and property not exceeding in value *Ten Million Dollars*.

Preamble adopted.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 20, 1951.

THOMAS P. O'NEILL, JR., *Speaker*.

Preamble adopted

IN SENATE, March 20, 1951.

RICHARD I. FURBUSH, *President*.

Passed to be enacted.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE, March 20, 1951.

THOMAS P. O'NEILL, JR., *Speaker*.

Passed to be enacted.

IN SENATE, March 21, 1951.

RICHARD I. FURBUSH, *President*.

Approved.

March 26, 1951.

PAUL A. DEVER, *Governor*.

1965, CHAPTER 196.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

AN ACT

INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY WHICH MAY BE HELD BY
THE MASONIC EDUCATION AND CHARITY TRUST.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court
assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

Chapter 24 of the Special Acts of 1916 is hereby amended by striking out Section 1 as
amended by Chapter 171 of the Acts of 1951, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

SECTION 1: The Masonic Education and Charity Trust may hold real and personal
estate to an amount not exceeding *Twenty Million Dollars*.

Passed to be enacted.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE, March 19, 1965.

ROBERT H. QUINN, *Acting Speaker*.

Passed to be enacted.

IN SENATE, March 23, 1965.

MAURICE C. DONAHUE, *President*.

Approved

March 26, 1965.

ELLIOT L. RICHARDSON,
Lieutenant-Governor, Acting Governor.

1986, CHAPTER 183.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

AN ACT

TO AUTHORIZE THE MASONIC EDUCATION AND CHARITY TRUST TO HOLD ADDITIONAL FUNDS AND PROPERTY.

1. Whereas, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to grant to the Masonic Education and Charity Trust an immediate extension of its authority to hold additional funds and property, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

2. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Chapter 24 of the Special Acts of 1916 is hereby amended by striking out Section 1, as most recently amended by Chapter 196 of the Acts of 1965, and inserting in place thereof the following section:

SECTION 1. The Masonic Education and Charity Trust may hold such real and personal estate as may be deposited with or received by it.

Preamble adopted. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 25, 1986.
GEORGE KEVERIAN, *Speaker*.

Preamble adopted. IN SENATE, June 26, 1986.
WILLIAM M. BULGER, *President*.

Passed to be enacted. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 26, 1986.
GEORGE KEVERIAN, *Speaker*.

Passed to be enacted. IN SENATE, June 26, 1986.
WILLIAM M. BULGER, *President*.

Approved. July 8, 1986.
MICHAEL S. DUKAKIS, *Governor*.

CONSTITUTIONS AND REGULATIONS

ABBREVIATIONS AND NOTES

The proceedings of Grand Lodge for the years 1733-1869 are contained in seven volumes of reprints as follows:

- Vol. I: 1733 - 1792 (March 5)
- Vol. II: 1792 (March 19) - 1815 (Sept. 11)
- Vol. III: 1815 (Dec. 11) - 1825
- Vol. IV: 1826 - 1844
- Vol. V: 1845 - 1855
- Vol. VI: 1856 - 1864
- Vol. VII: 1865 - 1869

Citations from the above are given by volume and page; e.g. II:99. A few citations are given from a single year in the original proceedings (O.P.), when reference is made to matter not included in the above reprints.

Beginning with 1870, citations are given by year and page. "M.F.M." means Moore's Freemasons' Magazine. "N.E.F." means Nickerson's New England Freemason. "Build." means The Builder. Complete copies of several editions of the Grand Constitutions may be found in the proceedings as follows:

Code of 1792 (Harris)	II: 5-11
Revision of 1811	II: 515-525
1818	III: 217-238
1843 (Moore)	IV: 618-657
1918	1918: 331-431
1930	1930: 87-183

In addition, reprints with amendments to date may be found bound, separately paged, with some copies of the 1870 and 1871 proceedings.

For historical data on the editions of the Grand Constitutions, see 1918: 313-316.

CONSTITUTIONS AND REGULATIONS
of the
Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

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PREAMBLE

Freemasonry seeks to proclaim its principles as widely as men will hear them. Its only secrets are in its methods of recognition and of symbolic instruction. 1902: 26
1918: 332
1930: 87

Freemasonry is charitable in that it is not organized for profit and none of its income inures to the benefit of any individual, but all is devoted to the promotion of the welfare and happiness of mankind. 1939: 82, 103, 176,
208
1989: 96

It is benevolent in that it teaches and exemplifies altruism as a duty.

It is educational in that it teaches by prescribed ceremonials a system of morality and brotherhood based upon the Sacred Law.

It is religious in that it teaches monotheism; a Volume of the Sacred Law is open upon its altars whenever a Lodge is in session, reverence for God is ever present in its ceremonials, and to its Brethren are constantly addressed lessons of morality; but it is not sectarian or theological.

It is a social organization only so far as it furnishes additional inducement that men may foregather in numbers, thereby providing more material for its primary work of education and charity.

Through the improvement and strengthening of the character of the individual man, Freemasonry seeks to improve the community. Thus it impresses upon its members the principles of personal righteousness and personal responsibility, enlightens them as to those things which make for human welfare, and inspires them with that feeling of charity, or goodwill toward all mankind which will move them to translate principle and conviction into action.

To that end, it stands for fraternity and philanthropy, truth and justice, reverence for God; and enlightenment in all spheres, civil, religious, and intellectual. It charges each of its members to be true and loyal to the government of the country to which he owes allegiance and to be obedient to the laws of any state in which he may be.

It believes that the attainment of these objectives is best accomplished by laying a broad basis of principle upon which men of every race, country, sect, and opinion may unite rather than by setting up a restricted platform upon which only those of certain races, creeds, and opinion can assemble.

Believing these things, this Grand Lodge affirms its continued adherence to that ancient and approved rule of Freemasonry which forbids the discussion in Masonic meetings of creeds, politics, or other topics likely to excite personal animosities.

It further affirms its conviction that it is not only contrary to the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, but dangerous to its unity, strength, usefulness, and welfare for Masonic bodies to take action or attempt to exercise pressure or influence for or against any legislation, or in any way attempt to procure the election or appointment of governmental officials, or to influence them, whether or not members of the Fraternity, in the performance of their official duties. The true Freemason will act in civil life according to his individual judgment and the dictates of his conscience.

In ancient times, the Brethren met in General Assembly for the ordering of the affairs of the Craft. With growth in number, however, it became necessary in 1717, to adopt a representative form of government, since which time the Brethren have met in Lodges, and each Lodge has sent its delegates to a legislative body known as the Grand Lodge.

The voluntary association known by the title of "The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts" obtained and accepted an Act of Incorporation from the General Court of Massachusetts, dated March 1, 1859, with power to make and ordain from time to time By-Laws, Rules and Regulations for

the government and management of the Corporation, provided the same be not repugnant to the Constitution and Laws of the Commonwealth.

Now, Therefore, the following Constitutions and Regulations of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are hereby made, ordained and promulgated as the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Masters, Wardens, and Members of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts.

PART I

General

**COMMON
LAW**

Sec. 100. The Common Law of Freemasonry is to be learned from the ancient usages of the Craft as developed and interpreted from and after A.D. 1721. It is the foundation of Masonic jurisprudence.

1877: 20 ff
1916: 826 ff, 872 A ff
1918: 334
1930: 90
25 M.F.M. 21

LANDMARKS

Sec. 101. The Landmarks are those ancient and universal fundamental principles of the Craft which no Masonic authority can alter or repeal.

1902: 21 1916:
805 ff
1918: 217, 334
1930: 90

Sec. 102. This Grand Lodge recognizes the following Landmarks:

1878: 85
1918: 334
1930: 90

a. Monotheism, the sole dogma of Freemasonry;

26 M.F.M. 325
1915: 227, 381
1916: 819

b. Belief in immortality, the ultimate lesson of Masonic philosophy;

1916: 820

c. The Volume of the Sacred Law, an indispensable part of the furniture of a Lodge;

1915: 221, 230,
379
1916: 821

d. The legend of the Third Degree;

1916: 823

e. Secrecy;

1916: 823

f. The symbolism of the operative art;

1916: 824

g. A Mason must be a freeborn male adult.

1916: 824

The above list of Landmarks is not declared to be exclusive.

1951: 138
31 M.F.M. 99
1915 Build. 38,
183, 197

PART II

The Grand Lodge

POWERS

Sec. 200. The Grand Lodge, when congregated, is a representation of every individual Brother of its jurisdiction. It is the supreme and sovereign Masonic authority, executive, legislative and judicial, and is subject only to the Ancient Landmarks and to such limitations as it may impose upon itself or are imposed by the law of the land.

I: 303
 II: 5, 515
 III: 218
 IV: 344, 459, 620,
 709 f
 V: 241
 1867 (O.P.): 125
 1870: 24
 1876: 60 ff
 1878: 46
 1882: 87
 1888: 323
 1901: 243
 1902: 29
 1918: 335
 1923: 55
 1930: 91
 3 M.F.M. 268, 270
 7 M.F.M. 33
 9 M.F.M. 133
 14 M.F.M. 262
 28 M.F.M. 353
 Sec. Secs. 305 and 340

**DELEGATION
OF POWERS**

Sec. 201. The Grand Lodge may exercise its powers itself or by such delegated authority as, in its wisdom, it may appoint, except that in the Grand Lodge alone resides the power to revoke Charters of Lodges or to expel or to suspend (except *pro tempore*) Brethren from the rights and privileges of Masonry.

IV: 620
 1878: 46
 1890: 123
 1891: 59
 1918: 335
 1930: 91

COMPOSITION

Sec. 202. The Grand Lodge consists of the Worshipful Master, the Senior and Junior Wardens, and the Proxies of the Lodges of this jurisdiction; of the officers of the Grand Lodge; and of its Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past District Grand Masters, and Past Grand Wardens.

Nov. 21, 1724;
 Feb. 28, 1726;
 May 10, 1727;
 (*Grand Lodge of
 England*)
 II: 6, 515
 III: 221 f
 IV: 700
 1880: 154
 1900: 25
 1901: 138, 243
 1914: 362
 1915: 41, 113
 1918: 336
 1930: 91

**VOTING
POWERS OF
LODGES**

Sec. 203. Each particular Lodge of this jurisdiction shall be allowed three votes in all elections and other business, whether represented by one or more of its representatives, as follows:

II: 6, 113, 206
IV: 622
VI: 338
VII: 179
1918: 317, 336
1930: 192

a. If the Master and both Wardens are present, each shall cast one vote;

1921: 151
1922: 37

b. If the Master and one Warden or the Wardens only are present, the higher in rank shall cast two votes and the other one vote;

c. If but one representative of a Lodge is present, he shall cast three votes; but the Proxy shall have no vote unless the Master and Wardens are all three absent.

1878: 50, 87

**VOTING
POWERS OF
GRAND
LODGE
OFFICERS
AND
MEMBERS**

Sec. 204. Each officer and permanent member of the Grand Lodge except the Grand Organist and Grand Tyler shall be allowed one and only one vote unless he be also a representative of a particular Lodge, except that in all cases of a tie vote the presiding officer shall cast the deciding vote.

II: 6
III: 221, 224
IV: 619, 622
V: 336
1878: 51, 88
1918: 336
1930: 92
1953: 42, 197

Sec. 205. Members of the Grand Lodge cannot delegate the right to vote.

III: 224 IV: 622
1918: 336
1930: 92

**COMMUNI-
CATIONS**

Sec. 206. Regular Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge shall be held in the City of Boston on the second Wednesday in December, March, June, and September at two o'clock p.m. or at such earlier hour as the Grand Master may direct. The Quarterly Communication in December shall be the Annual Communication.

I: 4
II: 6, 9, 11, 36,
517
III: 219, 222
IV: 619, 622
V: 594
VI: 24
1870: 50

The Stated Communication shall also be held annually on the 27th of December, commencing at 4 o'clock p.m. or at such earlier hour as the Grand Master may direct, for the Installation of the Grand Officers and the celebration of the Anniversary of Saint John the Evangelist. When that Anniversary shall happen on Saturday or Sunday, the Communication shall take place on the following Monday.

1872: 117, 124,
245
1873: 13
1878: 46
1884: 245
1906: 119
1910: 45
1918: 317, 318,
337

Special Communications may be called at pleasure by the presiding officer of the Corporation.

1930: 92
1953: 42, 197
26 M.F.M. 97
1989:

NOTICES OF COMMUNICATIONS

Sec. 207. Notice of every Communication of the Grand Lodge which is called for the transaction of business shall be sent to the officers, permanent members, and the Lodges stating the time, place, and purpose of the Communication. This notice is to be sent at least 14 days prior to such Communication.

I: 375
 II: 9
 III: 226
 IV: 627
 VI: 25, 240, 334
 1878: 46, 87
 1910: 46
 1918: 337
 1930: 93
 1953: 42, 197
 1974: 173
 1989:

OFFICERS, ETC.

Sec. 208. The officers, permanent members, Grand Representatives, and other officials of the Grand Lodge, and their respective rank and titles are as follows:

Nov. 21, 1724;
 Feb. 28, 1726;
 May 10, 1727
(Grand Lodge of England)
 II: 5, 490, 515, 516, 517
 III: 221
 IV: 619
 VII: 27 1875: 67
 1893: 82
 1900: 25, 128
 1901: 138
 1904: 66
 1909: 64
 1910: 45
 1914: 363
 1915: 103, 265
 1918: 318, 337
 1930: 93
 1938: 161
 1953: 42, 197

RANK AND TITLES OF OFFICERS, ETC

1. M.W. Grand Master.
2. R.W. Deputy Grand Master.
3. R.W. District Grand Masters.
4. R.W. Senior Grand Warden.
5. R.W. Junior Grand Warden.
6. M.W. Past Grand Masters.
7. R.W. Past Deputy Grand Masters.
8. R.W. Past District Grand Masters.
9. R.W. Past Grand Wardens.
10. R.W. Directors.
11. R.W. Grand Treasurer.
12. R.W. Grand Secretary.
13. R.W. District Deputy Grand Masters.
14. R.W. Grand Representatives
15. R.W. Grand Marshal.
16. W. and Rev. Grand Chaplains.
17. W. Grand Lecturers.
18. W. Senior Grand Deacon.
19. W. Junior Grand Deacon.
20. W. Grand Stewards.
21. W. Grand Sword Bearer.
22. W. Grand Standard Bearer.
23. W. Grand Pursuivants.
24. W. Grand Organist.
25. W. Grand Tyler.

I: 337
 II: 7, 517
 III: 224
 IV: 614, 624
 1858 (O.P.): 39
 VI: 483
 VII: 67, 278
 1868 (O.P.): 43, 56, 59
 1871: 138
 1872: 228
 1873: 115, 124
 1878: 46, 87
 1881: 164
 1901: 20
 1916: 575
 1918: 338
 1930: 94
 1934: 84
 1936: 165
 1941: 46

GRAND MASTER

Sec. 209. The Grand Master is the presiding officer of the Corporation. He is also Grand Master of Masons and as such enjoys *ex officio* all the powers and prerogatives conferred by the ancient Constitutions and the usages and landmarks of the Craft. He may convene any Lodge within his jurisdiction, preside therein (with his officers or otherwise), inspect its proceedings, and require its conformity with the regulations of the Grand Lodge; and for dereliction of duty, or other un-Masonic conduct, he may suspend a Brother, an Officer, or a Lodge, until the ensuing meeting of the Grand Lodge, when he shall present the reasons for such suspension.

Such suspension shall remain in effect as fixed by the Grand Master unless the Grand Lodge otherwise orders.

**GRAND
MASTER**
(Continued)

He may also grant Dispensations "*Provida juris communis relaxatio*" and do all such other acts and deeds as are warranted or required of him by the regulations and the ancient usages of the Fraternity.

The Grand Master is requested to make a detailed report of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication.

1943: 267
1953: 43, 197
2008: 167
12 M.F.M. 13
20 M.F.M. 119,
151
30 M.F.M. 189
Mackey: Masonic
Jurisprudence Bk.
V, Ch. III, Sec. 1

**DEPUTY
GRAND
MASTER**

Sec. 210. The Deputy Grand Master shall, in the absence of the Grand Master, preside in Grand Lodge, and perform such duties and possess such authority as appertain to the Grand Master; and, in case of the inability of the Grand Master to attend, he may call Special Communications of the Grand Lodge, should the interest of the Craft, in his opinion, at any time require it.

I: 7, 337, 517
III: 224 IV: 454,
624
1878: 47, 88
1918: 339 1930:
95

**GRAND
MASTER EX
OFFICIO**

Sec. 211. In case of the death, resignation, or disability of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master shall act, *ex officio*, as Grand Master during such disability, or until a successor be chosen.

IV: 625
1895: 126, 219
1918: 339
1930: 95

**GRAND
MASTER PRO
TEMPORE**

Sec. 212. If there be a vacancy in the office of Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, the ranking officer of the Grand Lodge then within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall forthwith call a Special Communication to choose a Grand Master, if the Grand Lodge shall see fit, and to transact any other business as the exigency may require. In the interim, such ranking officer shall act as Grand Master *pro tempore*.

The term "ranking officer" in this section shall not apply to District Grand Masters or Past District Grand Masters.

1918: 318, 339
1930: 95

ABSENCE

Sec. 213. In the event of the disability or the absence of the Grand Master or Grand Master *pro tempore* from the jurisdiction, the Grand Secretary shall make a notation thereof upon the records and shall notify the ranking officer within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts who shall act as Grand Master *pro tempore* until a senior ranking officer shall be within the Commonwealth. This section shall not apply to District Grand Masters or Past District Grand Masters.

II: 517
IV: 614, 625
1918: 318, 340
1930: 96

**DISTRICT
GRAND
MASTER**

Sec. 214. A District Grand Master's duties, power, and authority shall be such as granted in each case by the Most Worshipful Grand Master who may decrease or increase the same at pleasure, except, however, that they shall not exceed the ancient customs and usages with regard to District Grand Masters and District Grand Lodges as heretofore established and practiced by the Fraternity.

1871:255
1913:257
1915:98
1918:340, 374
1930:96
See Secs. 349-35

**GRAND
WARDENS**

Sec. 215. The Grand Wardens shall assist the Grand Master in the Grand Lodge; and, whenever required, shall attend him; and, while he presides in any Lodge, shall act there as his Wardens if directed so to do by him.

II: 7, 11, 518
III: 224
IV: 625
1878: 47, 87
1918: 340
1930: 97

Sec. 216. In the absence of the Senior Grand Warden, the senior Past Senior Grand Warden present shall wear his jewel and assume his duties. In the absence of the Junior Grand Warden, the junior Past Junior Grand Warden present shall wear his jewel and assume his duties.

IV: 625
1878: 47, 87
1918: 340
1930: 97
1989:

Sec. 217. In the absence of the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden shall preside; in his absence, the Junior Grand Warden; in the absence of all of them, the Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, and Grand Wardens, according to seniority; and if none of them be present, the ranking officer present shall preside. In such case, the presiding officer (unless he be a Past Grand Master) shall wear the jewel of the Deputy Grand Master.

II: 7, 517, 518
III: 224
1878: 47, 87
1918: 341
1930: 97

DIRECTORS

Sec. 218. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the Grand Master and nine other members, of whom four, at least, shall be permanent members of the Grand Lodge, and five may be chosen from the members of the Lodges. The Past Grand Masters, the Grand Secretary, and the Grand Treasurer, shall be ex officio, non-voting members of the Board. Five voting members shall constitute a quorum.

VI: 239, 334
VII: 388
1868 (O.P.): 37
1918: 341
1930: 97
1994:

Sec. 219. The Grand Master shall be President and the Grand Secretary Clerk of the Board of Directors

The Past Grand Masters shall constitute an Advisory Committee to the Grand Master to assist him in the performance of his duties as he may require and shall be consulted in determining those to fill all offices and positions.

Sec. 220. In the absence of directions by the Corporation, said Board shall have full power to do and transact any and all business of the Corporation in any way relating to its property, real and personal, but shall not exercise any powers of the Grand Lodge not expressly given to it. It shall make a full report of its doings at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. It shall annually cause an audit to be made of the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and shall report to the Grand Lodge thereon. Said Board shall, however, be at all times subject to the direction of the Corporation.

II: 523
 III: 218, 237
 IV: 615, 633
 VI: 239, 334, 336
 1871: 32, 127
 1872: 31
 1878: 48, 87
 1895: 126, 220
 1918: 341
 1930: 98

Sec. 221. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called and held in such manner and at such times as it shall determine. The Grand Master, however, shall have the power to call special meetings at his pleasure. An elected Board member is allowed no more than 25% unexcused absences each year. Exceeding this automatically ends his term.

VI: 239, 334
 1878: 45
 1918: 342
 1930: 98
 1994:

GRAND TREASURER

Sec. 222. The Grand Treasurer shall have charge of the personal property and funds of the Grand Lodge; shall give bonds for the faithful discharge of his trust in such sum and with such sureties as the Grand Lodge shall require; and shall from time to time invest all unappropriated funds in his hands in such manner as the Board of Directors shall direct. He shall receive all moneys from the Grand Secretary, as well as all other moneys paid to the Grand Lodge, and shall pay all bills passed by the Board of Directors. He shall keep an accurate account of all money by him received and paid; shall monthly and annually render an account thereof, with a schedule of the funds of the Grand Lodge, to the Board of Directors. He may, with the approval of the Board of Directors, delegate his duties or any part thereof to a person employed by the Directors of the Grand Lodge.

II: 7, 8, 136, 518,
 525
 III: 225
 IV: 626, 632
 VI: 24
 1878: 47, 87
 1910: 46
 1918: 342
 1930: 99
 1989:

GRAND SECRETARY

Sec. 223. The Grand Secretary shall make a correct record of all transactions of the Grand Lodge. It shall be his duty to receive petitions, applications, and appeals and lay them before the Grand Master; to file and preserve all its records, papers, and documents; to conduct its correspondence; to prepare, sign, seal, certify, and attest Charters, Dispensations, warrants, commissions, and other instruments wherever such action is appropriate; to issue calls for its Communications; to attend to the publication of its proceedings; to receive and examine all returns of Lodges and to correct or cause to be corrected errors and omissions therein; to attend and act as clerk of its Board of Directors; and to discharge such other duties as naturally devolve upon his office, all his duties being under and subject to the Grand Master, whose orders, in any case, shall be sufficient warrant for any act covered thereby. He shall transmit to the Grand Treasurer all moneys of the Grand Lodge coming into his hands or possession, but shall retain custody of all Charters, seals, records, regalia, and personal property (other than money and securities) returned to the Grand Lodge unless and until it shall otherwise direct.

II: 7, 8, 109, 518, 522
 III: 225, 226
 IV: 627
 VI: 25
 1870: 52
 1878: 47, 87
 1880: 15
 1902: 51
 1910: 46
 1915: 34, 120, 123
 1918: 343
 1930: 99
 1994:
 1989: 96
 1996: 95
 2002: 72

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

Sec. 224. The District Deputy Grand Masters are the personal representatives of the Grand Master to the Lodges of their respective districts. They shall visit their Lodges and (between the thirty-first of August and the first of December in each year) shall inspect the Charters, or certified copies thereof, By-Laws, records, and mode of work. They shall communicate edicts and regulations of the Grand Lodge and Grand Master; shall receive and receipt for all moneys due the Grand Lodge except Grand Lodge dues of members as provided in Sec. 331; shall receive the returns of the Lodges and make comments thereon; shall generally supervise and advise their Lodges under the direction of the Grand Master and perform such other duties as are ordered by him. They may, with the approval of the Grand Master, delegate their duties or any part thereof to some suitable Brother. They shall annually transmit the returns of the Lodges and all moneys in their hands to the Grand Secretary on or before the first of December; and if they shall fail to comply with this regulation, unless prevented by sickness or by some other cause beyond their control, they shall not be eligible to re-appointment. They shall be reimbursed their necessary expenses in visiting the Lodges, but shall present their accounts to the Grand Master for payment.

I: 360
 II: 7, 192, 319, 339, 486, 489, 519, 542, 627
 I: 360
 II: 7, 192, 319, 339
 III: 228, 332
 IV: 628 VI: 25, 477
 VII: 66, 429
 1878: 47, 87
 1895: 126, 220, 312
 1896: 35
 1900: 25
 1910: 46
 1915: 103, 108
 1918: 319, 344
 1920: 466
 1930: 100
 1953: 43, 197
 1917 Build. 291
 1989: 96

Past District Deputy Grand Masters shall be styled "Right Worshipful."

	Sec. 225. The Grand Master may call meetings of the District Deputy Grand Masters (together with such other officers or members of the Grand Lodge as he may desire), and he is authorized and empowered to draw upon the Grand Treasurer for such sums of money as are necessary to defray the expenses of such meetings.	1918: 319, 345 1939: 101
GRAND MARSHAL	Sec. 226. The Grand Marshal shall direct the organization of the Grand Lodge before it is opened; shall receive all reports presented in Grand Lodge and place them before the Grand Secretary; shall introduce visitors, direct the formation of processions, and communicate and execute the commands of the Grand Master.	II: 9, 519 III: 227 IV: 629 1878: 47, 87 1895: 126, 220 1918: 318, 338, 345 1930: 101 1989: 96
GRAND CHAPLAINS	Sec. 227. Two or more Grand Chaplains shall be appointed who shall attend the Communications and Meetings of the Grand Lodge and perform such Clerical duties as are suitable to the occasion and as are established by the usages of the Fraternity.	II: 92 IV: 629 1873: 179, 185 1878: 47, 87 1912: 126 1918: 345 1930: 101
GRAND LECTURERS	Sec. 228. One or more Grand Lecturers shall be appointed who shall impart instruction to Lodges and exemplify, for the benefit of the Brethren generally, the Work and Lectures of the several degrees, and other ritualistic ceremonies, at such times and in such places as the Grand Master shall direct. A Chairman may be designated by the Grand Master. The compensation for such services shall be fixed by the Board of Directors and paid by the Grand Lodge. Instructions other than that directed by the Grand Master, may be requested by any Lodge for the compensation fixed by the Board of Directors, which shall be paid by such Lodge.	II: 280, 282, 287, 291, 358 IV: 559, 564, 573, 630 V: 336, 346 VI: 25, 449 1858 (O.P.): 42 1870: 114 1874: 114 1875: 111 1878: 48, 87 1888: 67, 288 1889: 168 1895: 129, 223 1910: 213 1918: 345 1930: 102 1936: 152 1989: 96
GRAND DEACONS	Sec. 229. The Grand Deacons shall communicate messages and attend the Grand Master in all processions.	II: 9, 490, 520 III: 229 IV: 630 1878: 47, 87 1918: 346 1919: 245
GRAND STEWARDS	Sec. 230. Four Grand Stewards shall be appointed annually. It shall be their duty to attend all processions under the direction of the Grand Master and to perform such other services as he may require of them.	II: 9, 520 III: 229 IV: 630 1878: 47, 87 1895: 312 1896: 35 1910: 46 1918: 346 1930: 102

GRAND SWORD BEARER	Sec. 231. The Grand Sword Bearer shall assist the Grand Marshal, and, in the absence of his principal, shall act as his substitute.	II: 9, 490, 520 III: 230 IV: 614, 630 1918: 346 1930: 102 1953: 43, 197
GRAND STANDARD BEARER	Sec. 232. The Grand Standard Bearer shall carry the standard in processions if directed so to do and, at other times, shall assist the Grand Marshal.	VII: 26 1918: 346 1930: 103 1953: 43, 197
GRAND PURSUIVANTS	Sec. 233. Two Grand Pursuivants shall be appointed annually. Under the direction of the Grand Marshal, they shall attend to the admission, seating, and proper clothing of officers, members, and visitors. They shall also assist the Grand Marshal in processions and other ceremonies.	II: 490, 520 III: 230 IV: 615, 630 1878: 48, 87 1910: 46 1918: 346 1930: 103
GRAND ORGANIST	Sec. 234. The Grand Organist shall act as organist of the Grand Lodge when directed so to do and shall receive such compensation as may be approved by the Board of Directors.	1863 (O.P.): Supp. 20 VII: 27 1918: 347 1930: 103
GRAND TYLER	Sec. 235. The Grand Tyler shall guard the outer door and see that none enter previously to the opening of the Grand Lodge, except officers and members, unless by special permission of the Grand Master.	II: 9, 490, 520 III: 225 IV: 631 1918: 347 1930: 103 1989: 96
QUALIFICATIONS OF GRAND OFFICERS	Sec. 236. No Brother shall be eligible to the office of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, District Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Lecturer, unless he be a Past Master of a Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.	II: 7, 516 III: 223 IV: 621 VI: 559 1910: 46 1915: 44 1918: 347 1930: 103 1989: 96
	Sec. 237. No Brother shall be eligible to an office in Grand Lodge except he be a permanent member thereof, or a member of a particular Lodge of this jurisdiction.	III: 223 IV: 614, 621 1918: 347 1930: 104
	Sec. 238. The Grand Master and Grand Wardens shall not be eligible to their respective offices for more than three years successively, except by unanimous vote of Grand Lodge, taken by ballot at the Annual Communication.	III: 223 IV: 614, 621 1918: 347 1930: 104
ELECTED GRAND OFFICERS	Sec. 239. The Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Communication, the election to commence at a time designated by the Grand Master. Two-thirds of the votes collected shall be necessary for a choice.	II: 6, 7, 8, 151, 516 III: 222 IV: 454, 621 1872: 27 1897: 169 1918: 348 1930: 104 1953: 43, 197 1989: 96

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS	<p>Sec. 240. Three Directors shall be elected at each Annual Communication to serve for three years. Each Director may serve not more than two consecutive three year terms. Each elected Director shall not stand for re-election after their second term until at least one year has elapsed.</p>	<p>VII: 388 1878: 87 1915: 43 1918: 348 1930: 104 1953: 43, 197 1994:</p>
APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS	<p>Sec. 241. All Grand Officers not herein designated for election shall be appointed by the Grand Master, who may revoke the appointment or suspend the powers of any such officer at his will and pleasure.</p>	<p>II: 7 IV: 456, 622 1918: 344, 348 1930: 104</p>
INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS	<p>Sec. 242. The officers of Grand Lodge (except District Grand Master) shall be annually installed at the Stated Communication. The Grand Master shall be installed by his immediate predecessor; or, in his absence, by the senior Past Grand Master present; and, in the absence of all Past Grand Masters, by the senior permanent member of Grand Lodge present.</p>	<p>I: 41, 148 II: 516 III: 222 IV: 623 VI: 448 1878: 46, 87 1910: 46 1918: 348 1930: 104 1953: 43, 197 1989:</p>
OFFICIAL OBLIGATION	<p>Sec. 243. The Grand Master is requested to install the elective officers, his Deputy, and his District Deputies. The remaining officers may be installed by the Deputy Grand Master.</p> <p>Sec. 244. The several Grand Officers, previous to their Installation, shall make the following declaration: I solemnly promise, upon the honor of a Mason, that, in the office of _____, I will, according to the best of my abilities, strictly comply with the Constitutions and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, and all other ancient Masonic usages, so far as the same shall come to my knowledge.</p>	<p>II: 516 III: 223 IV: 623 1918: 348 1930: 105</p> <p>II: 8, 516 III: 223 IV: 623 1904: 105 1918: 349</p>
INSTALLATION BY PROXY	<p>Sec. 245. In case the Grand Master-elect cannot attend at the time appointed for his installation, he may be installed by proxy, on signifying his acceptance of the office. But such proxy must be a Past Grand Master, or the senior permanent member of Grand Lodge present.</p> <p>Sec. 246. If the Grand Master is absent, his proxy shall install the Deputy Grand Master, who shall install the remaining officers. In the absence of the Deputy Grand Master, either of the Grand Wardens, the Grand Treasurer, or Grand Secretary, they may be installed by proxies, who shall be past officers of corresponding rank, or Past Masters of subordinate Lodges and members of this Grand Lodge. The proxies for all other officers, except Grand Chaplain and Tyler, must also be members of this Grand Lodge.</p>	<p>II: 7, 516 III: 223 IV: 623 1918: 349 1930: 105 1989:</p> <p>II: 7, 516 III: 223 IV: 623 1918: 349 1930: 106</p>

Sec. 247. All Grand Officers, when installed, shall be proclaimed by the Grand Marshal, and shall retain their stations until their successors are duly elected and installed.

II: 516
 III: 223 IV: 624
 1878: 46, 87
 1918: 350
 1930: 106

Sec. 248. No elected officer of the Grand Lodge, except a Director, shall act as such until he is duly installed.

IV: 624
 1878: 88
 1918: 350
 1930: 106

Sec. 249. Newly elected Directors shall enter upon their duties at the close of the annual installation ceremonies.

VII: 388
 1918: 350
 1930: 106

VACANCIES

Sec. 250. In case of the death, disability, resignation, or declination of any elective officer, the Grand Lodge may, after due notice, proceed to elect and install a successor at any subsequent regular Communication. In the interim, the Grand Master may appoint and qualify a suitable Brother to act until the office is filled as aforesaid, except that a vacancy in the office of Director shall be filled only by election by the Grand Lodge.

IV: 621
 VII: 388
 1878: 46, 87
 1918: 350
 1930: 106
 1953: 43, 197

Sec. 251. In case of vacancy, temporary or permanent, for any cause in any appointive office, the Grand Master may act at his pleasure.

1918: 350
 1930: 107

SEAL

Sec. 252. The seal of the Grand Lodge shall bear the arms, crest, and supporters of this Grand Lodge impaled with those of the State, as described below, and surrounded by the legend, "Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, A.F. & A.M., 1733."

I: 22, 233
 III: 218
 VI: 116, 234, 239
 1878: 21
 1880: 24, 164
 1910: 45
 1918: 353
 1930: 107

Arms.— Per pale. Dexter, sable, a chevron, or, between three castles proper, masoned of the field; on the chevron a pair of compasses extended chevronwise, proper. Sinister, azure, an Indian armed with bow and arrows proper; in dexter chief a mullet, or; for Massachusetts.

Crest.— A dove, close, bearing an olive branch in its beak, all proper.

Supporters.— Two beavers, proper.

Motto.— On a ribbon, FOLLOW REASON, an old translation of the motto upon the arms and seal affixed to the commission of our first Provincial Grand Master, and the original on our own.

1918: 319, 354



This shall be the Seal of the Corporation, to be kept and used by the Grand Secretary.

STANDING COMMITTEES

**CHARTERS
AND BY-LAWS**

Sec. 253. There shall be a Committee on Charters and By-Laws, to consist of three members, who, under the direction of the Grand Master, shall have authority, when the Grand Lodge is not in session, to approve By-Laws and amendments to By-Laws of Lodges, provided the same are in conformity to the regulations of this Grand Lodge and the ancient usages, customs, and landmarks of Freemasonry. A record of the By-Laws as approved shall be kept in the office of the Grand Secretary, who shall certify the approval to the Lodge under the seal of the Grand Lodge. The Committee shall make reports of their doings at each Quarterly Communication, and shall recommend to the Grand Lodge such further action in reference to Charters and By-Laws as may be required and cannot be had under the provisions of this Section.

VI: 108
1890: 18
1918: 354
1927: 105
1930: 108

LIBRARY

Sec. 254. There shall be a Library Committee, to consist of three members, who, under the direction of the Board of Directors, shall have charge of the Library.

II: 620
III: 100, 363
IV: 15
V: 291, 297
1852 (O.P.): 18
VI: 26, 471
1917: 332
1918: 355
1930: 108
1953: 43, 197

RECORDS

Sec. 255. There shall be a Committee on Records, to consist of three members, who shall examine the current records of the Grand Lodge and report thereon to the Grand Lodge with such recommendations as they may deem expedient. They shall annually, at least, examine all records and report the condition of the originals, the condition of the transcripts, the number of volumes of each, and where they are kept.

II: 523
III: 187
VII: 289, 368
1870: 52 1910: 47
1918: 355
1930: 109

MUSEUM

Sec. 256. There shall be a Museum Committee, to consist of three members, who shall, under the direction of the Board of Directors, collect, preserve, and display curiosities of the Craft and other articles having historical interest or sentimental value connected directly or indirectly with Freemasonry or Freemasons.

1887: 27
1918: 355
1930: 109

**FOREIGN
RELATIONS**

Sec. 257. There shall be a Committee on Foreign Relations of not less than five members, who shall consider and report on all questions relating to the recognition of foreign Grand Lodges.

1913: 301
1927: 410
1951: 295
1953: 44, 197

MASONIC SERVICE	Sec. 258. There shall be a Committee on Masonic Service of not less than seven members, who shall supervise and direct the service activities of Grand Lodge.	1927: 410 1953: 44, 197
MASONIC EDUCATION	Sec. 259. There shall be a Committee on Masonic Education of not less than seven members, who shall have general supervision of the Lodges of Instruction and of the instruction and programs presented therein.	1927: 410 1953: 44, 197
APPOINTMENT	Sec. 260. All committees shall be appointed and vacancies therein filled by the Grand Master, or, in his absence, by the Grand Lodge presiding officer, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge. Each member shall be notified of his appointment by the Grand Secretary.	III: 505 IV: 640 1918: 356 1930: 109 1989: 96
	Sec. 261. Standing committees shall be appointed annually.	II: 523 1918: 356 1930: 110
SPECIAL COMMITTEES	Sec. 262. Special committees may be appointed at the pleasure of the Grand Master. They shall report to him or to the Grand Lodge as he shall direct.	1918: 356 1930: 110
ELIGIBILITY	Sec. 263. The Grand Master may commission any Brother who is a member of this Grand Jurisdiction to serve on any committee.	IV: 640 1878: 49, 87 1895: 312 1896: 36 1917: 35 1918: 356 1930: 110 1989:96
CHAIRMAN	Sec. 264. The first Brother chosen or appointed shall be Chairman, unless otherwise ordered, and shall designate times and places of meeting.	II: 523 III: 237 IV: 640 1918: 356 1930: 110
EXPENSES	Sec. 265. The necessary expenses of all committees shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.	II: 523, 598 III: 237 IV: 641 1918: 356 1930: 110

**GRAND
REPRESENT-
ATIVES**

Sec. 266. The Grand Master may appoint and commission Representatives of this Grand Lodge near other Grand Lodges with whom we are in fraternal relations, and may receive Brethren commissioned to represent such other Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge.

IV: 400, 561, 609
V: 21, 29, 30
VI: 252
VII: 450
1927: 352
1928: 38
1930: 110

**SEATS IN
GRAND
LODGE**

Sec. 267. Members of Committees and Representatives of other Grand Lodges who are not otherwise members of this Grand Lodge shall be entitled to seats but not to votes therein, and may be permitted to speak upon all matters coming within the province of their respective committees or relating especially to the Grand Lodge which they represent.

IV: 454
1918: 357
1928: 41
1930: 110

PART III

PARTICULAR LODGES

**DISPENSATIONS
FOR NEW
LODGES**

Sec. 300. Dispensations to establish new Lodges may be issued by the Grand Master, or by the Grand Lodge on petition of not less than twenty-five affiliated Master Masons of known skill and good standing.

The fee for such dispensations shall be a sum fixed, from time to time, by the Grand Lodge.

II: 109, 522
III: 236, 414
IV: 6, 634
1887: 23
1895: 126, 220
1911: 81
1917: 62, 190
1918: 358
1929: 43
1930: 112
1953: 44, 197
1989: 96

**PETITION
FOR
DISPENSATION**

Sec. 301. The form of petition for a Dispensation shall be as follows: To the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts:

We, the undersigned, being affiliated Master Masons in good standing, and having the prosperity of the Craft at heart, are eager to exert our best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Freemasonry; and, for the convenience of our respective dwellings and other good reasons, we are desirous of forming a new Lodge, to be named _____. We, therefore, respectfully pray for a Dispensation empowering us to meet as a regular Lodge at _____ on the _____ of every month, and there to discharge the duties of Freemasonry in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the Order and the laws of the Grand Lodge; and we have nominated and do recommend Brother A B to be the first Master, Brother C D to be the first Senior Warden, and Brother E F to be the first Junior Warden of the said Lodge.

The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the commands of the Grand Master and the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

I: 2
IV: 634
1910: 103
1917: 196
1918: 358
1930: 112
1953: 44, 197
1989: 96

CHARTERS

Sec. 302. Every Dispensation shall be returned to the Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication next prior to the expiration of one year from the date thereof, together with an attested transcript of all the proceedings and of the By-Laws of the Lodge working under the same. If these be approved by the Grand Lodge, a Charter of Constitution may be issued to the petitioners, for which they shall pay to the Grand Treasurer a sum fixed, from time to time by the Grand Lodge.

I: 236, 272
II: 22, 28, 194, 522
III: 236
IV: 634
1870: 348, 445
1878: 48, 87
1918: 359
1930: 113
5 M.F.M. 164
7 M.F.M. 33
8 M.F.M. 68, 355
9 M.F.M. 228
11 M.F.M. 108
12 M.F.M. 230
24 M.F.M. 325
1989: 96

**CERTIFIED
COPIES OF
CHARTERS**

Sec. 303. For the better preservation of the Charters of Lodges under this jurisdiction, which are likely to become defaced by age or wear, a copy of such Charter, duly certified by the Grand Secretary, and under the seal of the Grand Lodge, may, with the approbation of the Grand Master, be granted to such Lodge on its request, to be used for all Masonic purposes in the same manner and with the same effect as the original Charter; *provided*, that the Grand Master, District Grand Master, or District Deputy Grand Master, whenever he shall deem it expedient, may order the production of the original Charter for inspection or other purposes.

1880: 126, 167
1881: 47
1915: 282
1918: 360
1930: 113

**CONSTITUTION
OF NEW
LODGE**

Sec. 304. Each new Lodge shall be solemnly constituted by the Grand Master and his officers, or by some competent Brother especially commissioned by him for the purpose.

I: 3
III: 236
IV: 635
VII: 67
1918: 360
1930: 113

**SURRENDER
OR
FORFEITURE
OF CHARTER**

Sec. 305. Each Lodge is a constituent part of the Grand Lodge, which is the representative body of the whole Craft and of each particular Lodge and individual member. In the Grand Lodge, therefore, resides the fee of all property and effects belonging to the Craft as a whole or to any subdivision thereof so that whenever a Charter shall be surrendered, suspended, or revoked, it shall be returned to the Grand Lodge; also the By-Laws, records, seal, regalia, funds, and other property of every description of the Lodge shall forthwith be transferred and delivered to the Grand Lodge.

I: 178
II: 6, 523
III: 232, 236
IV: 502, 635
V: 25, 45, 169, 173
1857 (O.P.): 36
1878: 48, 87
1918: 319, 360
1921: 155
1930: 114
1953: 44, 197
See Secs. 200 and 340

Sec. 306. All members of a Lodge which comes within the provisions of Section 305 who shall refuse or neglect to make such transfer and delivery or who shall vote to divide the funds or other property thereof among themselves or be a party to any other disposition thereof than that provided by said Section 305 shall be liable to expulsion from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

III: 236
IV: 636, 644
1878: 48, 87
1918: 361
1930: 114

**RESTORATION
OF CHARTER**

Sec. 307. All the property and effects of a Lodge surrendering its Charter, with the intention of resuming it, shall be held by the Grand Lodge until such time as the Charter shall be restored or the intention of reclaiming it be abandoned or the Charter declared forfeited. If and when the Charter shall be restored, such property and effects (excluding increment or interest) shall also be restored. No Charter thus deposited shall be restored unless the provisions of Sec. 306 relating to such property and effects shall have been strictly complied with, nor unless seven of the petitioners for the restoration were members of the Lodge at the time of its surrender.

II: 522
III: 51
IV: 636
1857 (O.P.): 3
1878: 48, 87
1918: 319, 361
1989: 96

**STATUS OF
MEMBERS OF
SMOTHERED
LODGES**

Sec. 308. If at any time the Charter of any Lodge under this jurisdiction shall be suspended or revoked for irregular or un-Masonic conduct, the members of said Lodge, at the time of its having incurred such a penalty, shall be disqualified to visit or join any other Lodge without the permission of the Grand Master.

IV: 496, 636
1878: 48, 87
1905: 197
1918: 361
1930: 115
1953: 44, 197

If such Charter is revoked for any other reason or is surrendered, the members of the Lodge then in good standing and clear on the books shall receive demits from the Grand Secretary or District Grand Secretary.

Sec. 309. Any Mason knowingly assisting at the work of a Lodge whose Charter has been suspended or revoked shall be liable to expulsion from the rights and privileges of Masonry.

IV: 497, 637
1878: 48, 87
1918: 362
1930: 115
1953: 44, 197

**INCORPORATION OF
LODGES
FORBIDDEN**

Sec. 310. No Lodge shall apply for, receive, or act under any corporate Charter granted by the Legislature or political government; and the receiving such Charter of incorporation, or acting thereunder by any Lodge under this jurisdiction shall operate as a surrender and revocation of its Masonic Charter.

IV: 16
VII: 176, 205
1918: 362
1930: 115

POWERS

Sec. 311. All Lodges under this jurisdiction have a right to convene in accordance with their Charters, to receive and enter Apprentices, pass Fellow Crafts, and raise Master Masons, and assess fees therefor, to choose officers annually, establish funds for charitable purposes, and transact all matters appertaining to Masonry agreeably to their Charters, the laws of Grand Lodge, and the ancient usages of the Craft.

II: 520
III: 230
IV: 642
1918: 362
1930: 116
1989: 96

MEETINGS

Sec. 312. Each Lodge shall meet at least once in each calendar or lunar month, except that it may omit meeting for not more than three months in any calendar year. Due notification of each meeting shall be given by written notice to each member thereof; but no defect in notice alone shall invalidate any action taken or work performed at any such meeting.

IV: 651
1878: 51, 87
1889: 191
1918: 362
1930: 116
1942: 123
1953: 45, 198
4 M.F.M. 67
1989: 96

Sec. 313. No Lodge shall hold more than one meeting in the same day, except to attend the funeral of a Master Mason, nor shall it hold a special meeting, without dispensation of the Grand Master, on the same day on which the Lodge of Instruction of its district has been scheduled to meet.

VI: 523
1894: 13, 65
1910: 48
1918: 363
1930: 116
1953: 45

CUSTODY OF CHARTER	<p>Sec. 314. The Master of a Lodge shall have the special charge of its Charter, and shall see that it is carefully preserved and that it (or a duly certified copy) is present whenever the Lodge is open.</p>	<p>IV: 651 1878: 51, 87 1915: 282 1918: 363 1930: 116</p>
BY-LAWS	<p>Sec. 315. No Lodge shall suspend the operation of a By-Law; nor at a <i>Special Meeting</i> alter or amend any part of the proceedings of a <i>Stated</i> one.</p>	<p>IV: 652 1878: 51, 87 1918: 363 1930: 116 2 M.F.M. 165 8 M.F.M. 65 12 M.F.M. 357</p>
BUSINESS	<p>Sec. 316. All general business of the Lodge, such as the election of officers, action on questions relating to the general interests of the Fraternity, and the local affairs of the Lodge, may be transacted while open on any degree at a Stated Meeting. No vote shall be taken by mail nor shall any general business be conducted at a Special Meeting except the installation of officers or a Masonic Funeral Service.</p>	<p>IV: 505, 561, 650 1895: 127, 221 1918: 363 1926: 240 1930: 117 1953: 45, 197 1974: 173 2001: 99</p>
MEMBERS	<p>Sec. 317. The Lodge shall admit as members such only as are Master Masons.</p>	<p>II: 521 III: 232, 538 IV: 650 1895: 127, 221 1918: 363 1930: 117</p>
ABSENCE OF MASTER AND WARDENS	<p>Sec. 318. No Lodge, in the absence of the Master and both Wardens, shall transact any business or do any work, unless the Grand Master be present or represented by his District Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Master, or a Special Deputy.</p>	<p>II: 521 III: 233 IV: 649 1894: 65 1915: 218 1918: 176, 363 1926: 242 1930: 117 13 M.F.M. 39</p>
JURISDICTION	<p>Sec. 319. The jurisdiction of a Lodge located within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall be the territorial limits of the Commonwealth, and all Lodges located therein shall have equal and concurrent jurisdiction. The jurisdiction of a Lodge located without said Commonwealth shall be the limits of the territory designated by its Charter.</p> <p>If, however, the jurisdiction of a lodge as stated in its Charter shall be a college, university or other institution of like character and standing, such Lodge shall have jurisdiction over any candidate, who, in addition to having a Masonic residence in Massachusetts, shall have been officially recognized by such college, university, or institution, as an officer, instructor,</p>	<p>1918: 364 1930: 117 1946: 209, 351 1953: 45, 197 1974: 173</p> <p>1922: 35 1936: 166 1943: 128</p>

student, alumnus, or employee thereof for at least six months continuously next preceding the date of his application.

PLACE OF MEETING

Sec. 320. No Lodge, unless authorized by the Grand Master, shall hold a meeting, except to attend the funeral of a Master Mason, in any municipality other than the one designated in its Charter, under the penalty of a forfeiture thereof.

In cases where the jurisdiction of a Lodge is named in the Charter as a college or university or other institution of like character and standing, the word "municipality" shall be held to mean that municipality in which the administrative offices of the college are located.

Two or more Lodges which may be located by their Charters in different municipalities may upon petition be granted a dispensation by Grand Lodge to occupy Masonic Apartments jointly within the municipalities of at least one of the participating Lodges.

II: 521
IV: 91
1865 (O.P.): 39
1878: 49, 87
1894: 13
1918: 364
1930: 118
1936: 166
1961: 175
1974: 174

REMOVAL

Sec. 321. A Lodge shall not remove from the municipality in which it is located without first obtaining the consent of the Grand Lodge upon petition.

II: 570
III: 10, 234
IV: 643
1872: 105
1876: 52
1918: 319, 365
1930: 119
1953: 45, 197

QUALIFICATIONS OF MASTER

Sec. 322. No Brother shall be installed Master of a Lodge who has not served at least one year in the office of Warden. A Brother who has served as Warden in a Lodge acting Under Dispensation is eligible for election as its Master.

IV: 652
1878: 51, 87
1881: 164
1918: 21, 365
1930: 119
1953: 45, 197

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Sec. 323. No elected officer of a Lodge shall act as such until he has been duly installed, nor shall he be installed by proxy. In case the Master-elect is unable to be present for installation, his predecessor in office shall continue to act as Master until such time as the installation of the Master-elect shall take place.

1878: 88
1918: 365
1925: 143
1930: 119
1953: 45, 197
6 M.F.M. 315

VACANCIES

Sec. 324. If the Master resigns, dies, or demits, or is suspended, deposed, disabled, or absent, the Senior Warden shall forthwith fill the Master's chair and be styled "Senior Warden, Acting Master." 1915: 217
1953: 45, 197

If the Senior Warden also be disqualified, the Junior Warden shall forthwith fill the Master's chair and be styled "Junior Warden, Acting Master."

In the event that a Lodge is without all three of these officers, that fact shall forthwith be made known to the District Deputy Grand Master for the District, who will fill the chair himself, or if that be impossible, the Grand Master will preside or commission a special deputy for that purpose.

REPRESENTATION IN GRAND LODGE

Sec. 325. Every Lodge shall be represented at the Communications of the Grand Lodge by its Master and Wardens, or by a proxy duly designated by the Lodge in its Return of Officers; and that there may be no excuse for neglect of this duty, each Lodge is authorized to appoint any Master Mason of regular standing who is a member of said Lodge a proxy to represent it in the Grand Lodge; and such proxy shall have a right to a seat in the Grand Lodge during the Masonic year in which he is appointed, and to vote in the absence of the Master and Wardens of the Lodge he represents. I: 98, 231
II: 6, 10, 37, 78, 206, 520, 529
III: 230
IV: 645
VI: 338
VII: 179
1871: 75
1878: 50, 87
1895: 127, 221
1901: 172
1918: 366
1930: 119
1989: 96

Sec. 326. Any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, but established beyond the territorial limits of Massachusetts, may constitute an honorary member of such Lodge to act as its proxy in Grand Lodge. VI: 337
1918: 367
1930: 119

Sec. 327. Each Lodge located within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts represented by proxy in the Grand Lodge shall designate the Brother serving as proxy in its Return of Officers. The term of the proxy shall coincide with the term of the elected officers of the Lodge he represents. No Brother shall represent more than one Lodge at the same time as proxy, nor shall he be representative of one or more Lodges and proxy for another. Designations of proxies of Lodges located without said Commonwealth shall remain in force until revoked or until a new proxy is designated. II: 490, 521
III: 231
IV: 647
1918: 320, 368
1923: 40
1930: 120
1989: 96

Every Lodge, following the installation of its officers, shall submit a Return of Officers with its next monthly report to the Grand Secretary's Office.

**INSTRUCTION
OF
REPRESENTA
TIVES**

Sec. 328. At a duly called business meeting of any Lodge, a majority of the members then present shall have the right to instruct their representatives in the Grand Lodge, provided that one of the members is qualified to preside.

IV: 644
VI: 27
1918 : 368
1930: 121
1950: 190
1953: 46, 197

**GRAND
LODGE FEES**

Sec. 329. Each Lodge shall pay the Grand Lodge Fifteen Dollars for each candidate initiated, and shall receive from the Grand Lodge as many diplomas as it may make Master Masons. Each Lodge shall also pay the Grand Lodge \$1.00. (One Dollar) for each member who is not a Life Member of Grand Lodge. Said funds to be paid to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial for its general maintenance and upkeep.

I: 272, 375
II: 37, 123, 193, 194,
521, 522
III: 7, 234, 615, 645
V: 87, 240
VI: 211
VII: 79
1883: 130, 280
1930: 121, 480
1949: 26
See Sec. 607
2008: 168

**GRAND
LODGE DUES**

Sec. 330. Each Lodge shall pay, annually, to the Grand Lodge for its charitable uses and support a sum so designated and voted by the Grand Lodge for each of its members, such payments to be made at such times, and in such manner, and with such appropriate credits for dual membership, remissions of dues, or other causes, as the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge may from time to time prescribe. For the fiscal year 2013, the sum is \$60.00. For each subsequent year, such sum shall be increased by up to twice the same percentage increase for the preceding available twelve month period as the Services component of the Boston Area Consumer Price Index for All Urban Workers (CPI-U) as published by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, or closest approximation, rounded to the next highest whole dollar. The increase shall be determined each year by the Grand Treasurer and forwarded to the Board of Directors for consideration and approval sufficiently in advance that adequate notice may be given to the Lodges of the increase for that year.

IV: 609
1918: 182, 368
1924: 40, 317,
333, 365
1925: 183
1926: 259
1929: 54
1930: 121, 302,
338, 486
1931: 36
1949: 26 1968: 99
1976: 172
1982: 77
1985: 98,99
1989: 96
1995: 299
2012: <

Sec. 331. Any member may prepay all future Grand Lodge dues by remitting direct to the Grand Lodge a sum equal to the product of 34 multiplied by the then Grand Lodge dues, reduced however, by an amount equal to one-half of the then current Grand Lodge dues multiplied by the number of years in excess of twenty-one of the then attained age of such member, and thereafter no further assessments shall be made by the Grand Lodge upon said member or upon any Lodge on account of such member. All moneys so paid to the Grand Lodge shall be used by it for its charitable purposes and support and no refund shall be made on account of the death or demit of the member or for any other purpose. The investment and expenditure of all funds received for such payment of all future Grand

1930: 302, 486
1940: 328
1948: 222
1949: 26
1953: 46, 197
1968: 99
1976: 172
1982: 77, 78
1985: 99
1989: 96

Lodge dues shall be under the direction of the Board of Directors. Unless otherwise voted by the Grand Lodge, expenditures from the principal of the funds shall not in any one year exceed a sum equal to the then current Grand Lodge Dues for each prepaid member.

WORK

Sec. 332. All Lodges shall observe the same usages and customs. In order to preserve uniformity in work, the Master and Wardens shall qualify themselves in the work and lectures sanctioned by the Grand Lodge, that they may be enabled to instruct their respective Lodges. The use of any cipher or presentation of Masonic ritual not authorized by this Grand Lodge is forbidden. The use of the stereopticon or other devices not in general use in the work and lectures of the degrees is prohibited. Floor work, unless it involves an interpretation of the ritual, is at the discretion of the Master of each Lodge.

IV: 559, 598, 645, 650, 706
 V: 225, 594
 1857 (O.P.): 43
 1872: 17
 1875: 11, 116
 1878: 50, 87
 1894: 139
 1895: 127, 220
 1896: 32, 108
 1898: 21 1908: 191
 1915: 143
 1918: 369
 1921: 154
 1930: 121
 1935: 90
 1936: 153
 1952: 111
 1953: 46, 197
 1916 Build. 166
 1989: 96

Sec. 333. A Master or Past Master of a particular Lodge of any jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Lodge may participate in the ritualistic work of a Lodge of this jurisdiction upon the invitation of its Master or Acting Master, provided that the work is done in accordance with the ritual of this Grand Lodge.

1919: 64
 1947: 373
 1953: 46, 197
 1989: 96

A Warden shall not occupy the Master's chair in any Lodge other than his own.

Sec. 334. Each candidate shall individually answer the questions preliminary to the first degree in the presence of the Junior Deacon and Stewards alone. Each candidate shall be received and entered individually in the first section of the first degree up to the Chaplain's lesson. Each candidate shall be received and raised individually in the second section of the third degree.

VI: 523
 1894: 65
 1918: 369
 1930: 122
 1957: 126, 175
 1958: 132, 178

LIMITATION ON WORK

Sec. 335. No Lodge shall confer any one of the three degrees upon more than five candidates at one meeting, nor shall any degree be divided between two meetings, nor shall different degrees be worked simultaneously by any Lodge in separate halls.

IV: 706, 715
 VI: 516
 1894: 65
 1915: 112
 1918: 369
 1921: 154
 1930: 122
 1939: 396
 1953: 47, 197

- Sec. 336. No Lodge shall confer more than one degree upon the same candidate on the same day, nor at a less interval than two weeks from the time of his receiving the previous degree, unless a Dispensation therefor shall have been obtained.
- It is the sense of the Grand Lodge that such Dispensation should be granted only in case of necessity or extraordinary emergency, and should never be granted to confer the third degree upon the same day on which the second is conferred.
- II: 105
IV: 588, 597, 706, 715
V: 374
1852 (O.P.): 18
1855 (O.P.): 30
VI: 516
1891: 59
1894: 65
1914: 155
1917: 140, 227,
308 1918: 369
1930: 122
1931: 55, 91, 113
2003:
- POLITICS,
ETC.**
- Sec. 337. No political, sectarian, religious dogma, or other topics likely to excite personal animosities shall be introduced for discussion in any Lodge under this jurisdiction.
- IV: 651
VII: 345
1878: 51, 87
1918: 370
1930: 123
1989: 96
- PUBLIC
PROCESSION**
- Sec. 338. No Lodge shall form a public procession, except to attend the funeral of a Master Mason or to attend Divine Worship, without permission from the Grand Master.
- IV: 628
1870: 60, 114,
161
1873: 113
1878: 127
1879: 23
1910: 48
1917: 292
1918: 370
1930: 123
1938: 374 23
M.F.M. 213
- RECUSANTS**
- Sec. 339. As each particular Lodge is a constituent part of the Grand Lodge, in which assembly all the powers of the Fraternity reside, so no other authority can destroy the power granted by a Charter. If, therefore, the majority of any Lodge should determine to leave the Institution, or leave that Lodge, the Charter and power of assembling remain with the members who adhere to their allegiance. If the number remaining shall, however, be reduced to less than seven, the Charter and other property of the Lodge shall be delivered to the Grand Lodge as hereinbefore provided.
- I: 303
IV: 644
VI: 27
1878: 49, 87
1918: 320, 370
1930: 123
See Secs. 200 and
305
- CENTENARY
WARRANT**
- Sec. 340. When any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall have completed an existence of a century, it may make application to the Grand Master for a Centenary Warrant, setting forth its claims and submitting the necessary evidence to his satisfaction; whereupon he may issue such a Warrant, in form as hereinafter prescribed, granting to the officers and members of such Lodge the privilege of wearing a distinctive medal commemorating the fact, which privilege shall be restricted to officers and members in good standing of the said Lodge.
- 1880: 158
1881: 56, 70
1918: 371
1930: 123

FORM OF A CENTENARY WARRANT To the
Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of (such a)
Lodge, located in (such a place):

WHEREAS, It appears by the Records of the Grand
Lodge, that, on the _____ day of _____,
Anno Lucis 6... , a Charter (or Dispensation, as the case
may be) was granted to certain Brethren therein named,
authorizing and empowering them and their associates
and successors to open a Regular Lodge, for the purpose
of entering Apprentices, passing Fellowcrafts, and
raising Master Masons under the name and title of
_____;

And whereas the Brethren at present composing the
said Lodge are desirous, now that one hundred years
have elapsed since the Institution of the Lodge, that they
may be permitted to wear a jewel commemorative of
such event, and have prayed the sanction of the Most
Worshipful Grand Master for the purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW YE, That I,
_____, Grand Master of Masons
in Massachusetts, by virtue of the authority in me
vested, do hereby give and grant to all and each of the
members of said Lodge permission to wear in all
Masonic Meetings, suspended to the left breast by a
ribbon of blue, a jewel or medal, of the pattern or device
of the drawing in the margin hereof, as a Centenary
Medal. But such Medal is to be worn only by those
Brethren who are in regular standing in the said Lodge.

Given at the Masonic Temple, Boston, this
_____ day of _____ A.L. Grand
Master of Masons in Massachusetts.

Attest:
(Seal of G.L.)
Grand Secretary

**LODGES OF
INSTRUCTION**

Sec. 341. The Grand Master is authorized and requested to form the Lodges holding Charters of this Grand Lodge into Lodges of Instruction for the purpose of presenting to the candidates of each constituent Lodge and to Master Masons such non-ritualistic instruction and programs as may be approved by the Grand Master. He may issue Warrants to such Lodges of Instruction specifying the particular Lodges composing them, and he may at any time and from time to time change the membership of such Lodges. If, in the opinion of the Grand Master, it shall, at any time, be inexpedient to form the Lodges which are chartered by this Grand Lodge outside the Commonwealth of Massachusetts into Lodges of Instruction or to continue in existence any such Lodges of Instruction formed pursuant hereto he may require that such instruction and programs shall be presented in the particular Lodges which are not members of any Lodge of Instruction in such manner and under such conditions as he may at any time and from time to time order.

IV: 641
VI: 26, 27, 336
1858 (O.P.): 43
1918: 372
1921: 370
1923: 160
1924: 556
1927: 345
1930: 125
1933: 366, 502

Sec. 342. Lodges of Instruction when formed pursuant hereto shall organize in such manner as the Grand Master may order and may adopt such By-Laws and other rules for the conduct of their work as may be approved by the Grand Master or by the Committee on Masonic Education under his direction. Such Lodges shall be answerable for their proceedings and responsible that the type of instruction and programs therein adopted have received the sanction of the Grand Master. They shall meet at such times and in such places as they may from time to time decide and shall give notice of such meetings to the Master of each constituent Lodge. They shall present to the candidates of each constituent Lodge and to Master Masons such instruction and programs as may be approved by the Grand Master or by the Committee on Masonic Education under his direction. Each Lodge of Instruction shall keep a record of its proceedings, and of the names of all Brethren present at each meeting who are not members of the constituent Lodges, and of the Brethren chosen to hold office, and such records shall be produced by such Lodges when called for by the Grand Master or by any of the constituent Lodges.

IV: 27
1878: 49, 87
1918: 373
1930: 125
1933: 366, 502
1935: 90

Sec. 343. Masters of each constituent Lodge composing any Lodge of Instruction shall cause notice of the times and places of the meetings of such Lodges of Instruction to be given to the Brethren of the constituent Lodges through their regular Lodge notices. It shall be the duty of the Master of each constituent

1918: 372
1933: 366, 502

Lodge to see that the candidates of his Lodge are present to receive such instruction in the three degrees, unless excused by him for good reason, in which case it shall be his duty to see that such candidates receive the required instruction. All members of the constituent Lodges shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of the Lodges of Instruction.

Sec. 344. The Grand Master shall have power to suspend or dissolve any Lodge of Instruction, whether heretofore or hereafter formed, when in his opinion there shall be sufficient cause therefor. 1918: 373
1930: 126
1933: 366, 502

Sec. 345. Lodges of Instruction have none of the rights of Chartered Lodges. 1918:373
1930:126

Sec. 346. The presiding officer of a Lodge of Instruction shall have the same prerogatives as the Master of a Chartered Lodge with regard to the admission of visitors. 1940: 225
1953: 47, 197
1989: 96

One who has sat with a Brother in a Chartered Lodge or in a Lodge of Instruction may vouch for him in another Lodge of Instruction, but sitting with a Brother in a Lodge of Instruction is not sufficient to enable one to vouch for him in a Chartered Lodge. Only by sitting with a Brother in a Chartered Lodge can one vouch for his admission to another Chartered Lodge.

DISTRICTS

Sec. 347. The Grand Master is requested to form the Lodges holding Charters of this Grand Lodge into Districts, for each of which a District Deputy Grand Master shall be appointed annually. Outside of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, where Lodges are Chartered by the Grand Lodge, the appointment of District Grand Masters is at and during the pleasure of the Grand Master. II: 148, 191, 522
III: 235, 334
IV: 643
1866 (O.P.): 67
1989: 96

**DISTRICT
GRAND
MASTER**

Sec. 348. A district Grand Master shall enjoy, in his District, a rank and dignity similar to those possessed by the Grand Master. 1914: 362
1918: 374
1930: 126
See Sec. 214

Sec. 349. The District Grand Master may appoint a Deputy District Grand Master who shall discharge the duties of a Deputy District Grand Master, and in the case of the death of the District Grand Master, his disability, or absence from the District, shall act as District Grand Master until a successor shall be appointed by the Grand Master. The District Grand Master may also appoint such other officers as may be necessary or desirable for the satisfactory conduct of the affairs of Masonry in his District appertaining to the Grand Lodge of 1913: 258
1914: 362
1923: 324
1930: 126
1989: 96

Massachusetts, whose duties shall be such as are performed by officers of like title in the Grand Lodge.

VISITATIONS

Sec. 350. Every Master or presiding officer of a Lodge when notified of an intended official visit of the District Grand Master or District Deputy Grand Master shall convene his Lodge, receive him as the representative of the Grand Master, resign the chair to him while making his official communications, submit to his inspection of the By-Laws, records, and mode of work, and deliver to him the returns of the Lodge and all moneys due the Grand Lodge except Grand Lodge dues of members as provided in Sec. 330.

II: 522
III: 235
IV: 643
1918: 374
1930: 127
1953: 47, 197

RETURNS

Sec. 351. The Lodges shall deliver to their District Grand Master or to their District Deputy Grand Master an Annual Return of their officers and members, of all candidates initiated, crafted, and raised, and of such other information as the Grand Lodge may require agreeably to the form established by the Grand Master or by the Grand Lodge, for which purpose suitable blanks shall be furnished.

The Annual Returns aforesaid shall cover the period from September first to August thirty-first, inclusive, which period shall constitute the fiscal year of the several Lodges.

II: 10, 36, 192, 521, 522
III: 232
IV: 643
1878: 49, 87
1910: 47
1914: 216
1918: 321, 375
1926: 315, 322
1930: 127

Sec. 352. Any Lodge neglecting to present its Returns and moneys due the Grand Lodge to the District Grand Master or to the District Deputy Grand Master at the time of his official visit to such Lodge, when demanded by him, shall not be permitted to work in any of the degrees of Masonry until such Returns and moneys due the Grand Lodge are placed in the hands of the District Grand Master or of the District Deputy Grand Master and shall be subject to such further action as the Grand Lodge may see fit to take in the premises.

If any Lodge shall neglect to make its Returns and payments to the Grand Lodge for the space of two years, the Charter, funds, regalia, and all other property and effects of such Lodge shall be delivered to the Grand Lodge.

I: 337, 348, 374
II: 521
III: 232
IV: 615, 643
1871: 72
1878: 49, 87
1918: 321, 375
1930: 128

SUMMONS

Sec. 353. If the Master and Wardens of any Lodge be summoned to attend the Grand Master, the District Grand Master, or the District Deputy Grand Master within whose jurisdiction it is located, or any Special Deputy of the Grand Master, or any committee of the Grand Lodge, or to produce the Charter, books, papers, or accounts of their Lodge, and refuse to comply with said summons or give satisfactory reasons for non-compliance, they may be suspended, and the

III: 137
IV: 636, 644
1878: 49, 87
1918: 376
1930: 128

proceedings shall be reported to the Grand Lodge, when, in case of a contumacy, expulsion or revocation of Charter shall be the penalty.

**EXEMPLIFI-
CATIONS**

Sec. 354. It shall be the duty of each District Deputy Grand Master to convene the Lodges of his District once each year for the purpose of holding a District Exemplification of the work and lectures of the degrees and other ritualistic ceremonies under the supervision of one of the Grand Lecturers, unless excused, for cause, by the Grand Master.

IV: 563, 620
 V: 594
 1874: 115
 1875: 28, 67, 111
 1895: 303
 1896: 33
 1918: 376
 1930: 129
 1989: 96

PART IV

Candidates

**INITIATION
FEES**

Sec. 400. All Lodges in this jurisdiction shall demand as the fee for initiating, crafting and raising a Mason not less than Fifty Dollars, including the fee to Grand Lodge.

No reduction shall be made in the fees for degrees required by a Lodge, excepting by a two-thirds vote of Grand Lodge. No Lodge under this jurisdiction shall charge less than Fifty Dollars for the degrees, or take a note of hand for the fees, or grant any time of credit therefor, or confer any degree without the regular charge having been paid, or return any fee after the three degrees have been conferred.

II: 192, 509, 521,
573, 622
III: 13, 233
IV: 496, 561, 649
1864 (O.P.): 83
VII: 79
1891: 61, 82
1892: 56, 106,
189
1894: 17, 65
1918: 377
1930: 130
1989: 96

**APPLICATIONS
FOR
INITIATION**

Sec. 401. An application for initiation shall not be accepted by a Lodge until the applicant and his sponsor shall have appeared before an application committee of not less than three members of the Lodge, of which the Master or a Warden shall be one, for a preliminary examination as to his fitness. The applicant shall also be required to read, sign, and file with the Secretary such an application statement as shall have been approved by the Grand Master.

1936: 23
1937: 81, 128
1953: 47, 197
1989: 96
2005: 127

Sec. 402. All applications for initiation shall be made in writing over the signature of the applicant on the blank furnished therefor by the Grand Lodge.

An application may be read in a Lodge but not acted upon until all papers required for the application shall be on file with the Secretary: namely, the application statement signed by the applicant, the petition signed by both the applicant and his sponsor, three copies of the questionnaire for the use of the investigating committee, and any waiver required for a non-resident applicant or for an applicant previously rejected in another Lodge.

II: 139 IV: 647
VI: 27
1866 (O.P.): 66
1874: 111
1875: 22
1877: 275
1894: 14, 62
1909: 177
1918: 23, 321,
377
1931: 173
1937: 270
1944: 156
1952: 112
1953: 48, 197
1974: 173
6 M.F.M. 384
9 M.F.M. 202
10 M.F.M. 200
32 M.F.M. 305
2005: 127

JURISDICTION	<p>Sec. 403. At the time of application for initiation the petitioner shall have last acquired a Masonic residence in this Jurisdiction by residing therein at least six months continuously.</p>	<p>II: 112, 139 III: 233 IV: 649 VI: 28, 337 VII: 69, 89 1872: 62 1874: 51, 81 1878: 50, 87 1889: 115 1894: 64 1911: 87 1912: 37, 219 1918: 378 1930: 131 1953: 48, 197 1974: 174</p>
MASONIC NON-RESIDENTS	<p>Sec. 404. No candidate residing in any other recognized jurisdiction shall be balloted for without the written permission of the Grand Master of such jurisdiction, except as provided in the following Section.</p>	<p>IV: 649 V: 373 1918: 381 1930: 132</p>
SERVICEMEN	<p>Sec. 405. While in active service, any merchant-mariner, or any soldier, sailor, or employee of government whose duties under official orders in ordinary course require his absence for indefinite and extended periods from his legal residence, whose application has never been rejected and who (at the time of application) has not actually resided continuously for six months within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, may apply to any Lodge within this jurisdiction.</p>	<p>II: 585, 597 1917: 242 1918: 321, 381 1921: 44 1930: 132 1974: 174, 175</p>
COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION	<p>Sec. 406. A committee of investigation, consisting of three or more members of the Lodge, shall be appointed by the Master at the time when an application for the degrees is received by the Lodge. The names of the committee shall be entered on the record of that meeting, but shall not be put on the notices, nor shall they be read in open Lodge. Each member of the committee shall be immediately notified of his appointment by the Secretary.</p> <p>It shall be the duty of the committee carefully and thoroughly to investigate the moral character and standing of each applicant, and in no case to make a favorable report to the Lodge without feeling reasonably certain that the character of the applicant will warrant such a report. No ballot shall be taken on any application until at least a majority of the committee shall have reported to the Lodge in person or in writing over their own signatures.</p>	<p>II: 521 IV: 647 1857 (O.P.): 44 1890: 50, 83 1893: 37 1894: 15, 63 1918: 381 1930: 133 1937: 120 1953: 49, 197</p> <p>1919: 58, 351 1920: 96, 258 1921: 49, 252 1922: 200, 433 1923: 318</p>

NOTICE

Sec. 407. Candidates must be proposed at a Regular Monthly Meeting and stand proposed from one Regular Monthly Meeting to another; and the full names and residential addresses of candidates, including street and number if any, must be borne upon the notification of the Meeting at which they are to be balloted upon.

II: 105, 521
 III: 233, 538
 IV: 647
 VI: 477
 VII: 112
 1889: 192
 1893: 48
 1894: 15, 63
 1917: 227, 308

WITHDRAWAL

An application that has been received by a Lodge may be withdrawn by written request and over the signature of the applicant at any time prior to the meeting at which his application is to be balloted for. If the application is withdrawn the status of the applicant is the same as before the application was received and all fees collected shall be returned.

1918: 382
 1919: 401
 1926: 437
 1927: 43
 1929: 117
 1930: 133, 134
 1941: 48
 1953: 49, 197
 1917 Build. 404
 2005: 128

TIME FOR BALLOT

Sec. 408. No candidate shall be balloted on at any but a Regular Monthly Meeting in any Lodge unless a dispensation therefor shall have been obtained. The Master of a Lodge is not obligated to take a ballot upon a candidate whose name appears on the notice of the meeting. If he decides not to take action at that meeting, he shall so state at the beginning of the business of balloting and shall not call for the report of the committee on that candidate. It is not permitted after the report of the committee has been read for the Master of the Lodge to decide by vote or otherwise to postpone the ballot until a later meeting. If the report of the investigating committee is read, the Lodge must immediately proceed to ballot and the acceptance or rejection of the application must be settled without postponement.

IV: 486
 1857 (O.P.): 46
 1878: 50, 87
 1889: 192
 1894: 15, 63
 1918: 382
 1989: 96

UNANIMOUS BALLOT REQUIRED

Sec. 409. A clear and unanimously favorable ballot shall be necessary to the election of a candidate.

IV: 648
 VII: 111
 1885: 164
 1894: 16, 64
 1918: 321, 383
 1930: 134
 8 M.F.M. 65

TOTAL BALLOT REQUIRED

Sec. 410. Every member of the Lodge present at the time of the ballot shall vote unless excused by the Lodge.

IV: 648,
 1894: 16, 64
 1916: 357
 1918: 383
 1930: 134, 489
 1931: 41
 4 M.F.M. 227
 5 M.F.M. 167
 8 M.F.M. 66
 9 M.F.M. 226,
 363
 10 M.F.M. 230
 13 M.F.M. 259
 15 M.F.M. 45
 26 M.F.M. 129,
 28 M.F.M. 150

**BUSINESS OF
BALLOTING**

Sec. 411. Immediately before the business of balloting is commenced, the Master shall permit the entrance of any members of the Lodge who have presented themselves to the Tyler seeking and prepared for admission. The entire business of balloting shall then be continuous without the intervention of any other business; and during the balloting on any one candidate, from the commencement of the report of the investigating committee until the declaration of the ballot on the candidate under consideration, none shall be permitted to enter or leave the Lodge except only in case of extraordinary emergency.

1877: 194
1917: 199
1918: 383
1930: 134, 489
1931: 41
1936: 24
1940: 335
1951: 188
1953: 50, 197
13 M.F.M. 259
14 M.F.M. 227
1917 Build. 70

In balloting for degrees or membership, the Worshipful Master may allow three ballotings, at his discretion, but no more.

The ballot must in each case be presented to the South, West, and East for inspection and report before the applicant may be declared accepted or rejected.

**FACTIOUS
BALLOT**

Sec. 412. Casting a black ball factiously and without just cause is a Masonic offense for which a member is subject to Masonic punishment.

VI: 294, 367
1866 (O.P.): 66
1884: 193
1887: 19
1918: 384
1919: 206
1930: 135
1940: 337
1941: 64
1943: 84
1944: 305
1951: 139
10 M.F.M. 230

**ELECTED
CANDIDATES**

Sec. 413. Every candidate elected to receive the degrees shall be notified thereof by the Secretary in writing. The notice shall specify the time and place at which he may present himself to receive the first degree, which time shall not be the meeting at which he is elected, and, if through his own fault or neglect, he does not receive the degree within one year from that time, the ballot by which he was elected shall be void and all fees he has paid shall be forfeited to the Lodge. Such a candidate shall be considered as not having filed an application. This provision shall be borne in full upon the notice to the candidate.

1911: 19
1918: 384
1929: 33
1989: 96

**REJECTED
APPLICANTS**

Sec. 414. Every candidate whose application for the degrees is rejected shall be notified thereof by the Secretary and all fees he has paid shall be returned to him. The notice shall specify the date of the rejection, the constitutional period which must elapse before the candidate may apply again to that Lodge, and also the

1911: 20
1918: 322, 384
1930: 136
27 M.F.M. 362
1917 Build. 70

period which must elapse before he may be balloted for in any other Lodge without the consent and recommendation of the Lodge which has rejected his application.

JURISDICTION OVER REJECTED APPLICANTS

Sec. 415. (a) No candidate whose application has been rejected by a Lodge shall be proposed in any Lodge under this jurisdiction within six months after such rejection; nor shall any candidate be balloted for in any Lodge within this jurisdiction, other than the one to which he first applied, within five years after such application, without a written recommendation from the Master, Wardens, and three members of the Lodge last mentioned.

(b) Such recommendation shall specify the Lodge which may receive the petition of the rejected applicant. The request for release of jurisdiction and recommendation shall be read in the Lodge to which it is presented, and borne upon the notice for a Monthly Meeting, and shall not be granted before the close of that Meeting; in the meantime any Brother having good reasons for objecting to granting the request may make them known to the Master or Wardens. The Master shall report to the Lodge whether or not the request is granted, and shall cause the same to be noted on the record.

(c) The word "recommendation" is to be taken in its full and complete sense, and is not to be construed as a consent or permission only.

(d) When a recommendation is granted, the secretary shall make the following endorsement upon it:

Entered on the Records of _____ Lodge.

Attest: _____
(seal) *Secretary.*

- III: 26, 234
- IV: 647
- 1866 (O.P.): 67
- 1871: 148
- 1872: 21, 49, 54, 59, 136, 265
- 1873: 14, 128
- 1886: 106
- 1892: 177
- 1893: 87
- 1894: 16, 63
- 1895: 41, 127, 132, 221, 313
- 1896: 36, 372, 373
- 1897: 54, 55
- 1898: 19
- 1907: 189
- 1918: 385
- 1919: 62
- 1926: 241, 438
- 1930: 136
- 1940: 233
- 1917 Build. 70
- 1989: 96

PENALTY FOR IRREGULAR INITIATION

Sec. 416. Any candidate whose application has been rejected who shall, within five years after such rejection, be initiated in any Lodge in this jurisdiction, other than the one to which he first applied, without the recommendation aforesaid, shall be deemed an irregularly made Mason, and all Masonic intercourse with him is forbidden. Any Mason who, knowing of such rejection, shall advise or assist in such initiation or be a party or accessory thereto before or after the fact, shall be expelled or subjected to such other penalty as the Grand Lodge may see fit to impose.

- IV: 648
- VI: 28
- 1871: 148
- 1894: 16, 63
- 1918: 386
- 1930: 137
- 1936: 167

**OBJECTION
TO
ADVANCEMENT**

Sec. 417. Any member of a Lodge may object in writing or in open Lodge to the initiation, passing, or raising by said Lodge of a candidate, at any time before the degree is conferred; and the Lodge shall investigate such objection and decide thereon by a majority vote before proceeding further with the candidate.

If the objection be sustained, the entire fee paid by the candidate shall be returned, and he then shall have the status of a rejected applicant, subject to all the disabilities thereof. A Lodge, having once voted to sustain the objection, shall not reconsider its action.

IV: 649
VI: 29
VII: 491
1875: 71
1877: 217
1878: 50, 87
1894: 65
1910: 47
1918: 322, 386
1926: 240
1930: 138
1952: 113
1953: 50, 197
13 M.F.M. 96
1917 Build. 70

**ADVANCEMENT
OF FOREIGN
MASONS**

Sec. 418. No Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft, initiated or passed in any Lodge within the United States, shall be passed or raised in any other Lodge under this jurisdiction without the consent of the Lodge in which he was first admitted, except by Dispensation from the Grand Master.

IV: 649
1894: 65
1910: 47
1918: 387
1930: 138

**PHYSICAL
QUALIFICA-
TIONS**

Sec. 419. If the physical deformity of any applicant for the degrees does not amount to an inability to meet the requirements of the Ritual and honestly to acquire the means of subsistence, it shall constitute no hindrance to his initiation.

II: 328
IV: 648
VI: 28
1871: 55, 137
1878: 50, 87
1894: 16, 64
1915: 219
1918: 387
1930: 138
10 M.F.M. 55, 201
11 M.F.M. 216
13 M.F.M. 118
24 M.F.M. 350
25 M.F.M. 225
1916 Build. 7
1917 Build. 259,
273, 310

**LODGE
MEMBERSHIP**

Sec. 420. The fees for initiating, passing, and raising shall entitle the candidate to membership in the Lodge which accepts his application and confers the degrees without further charge or ballot if the candidate signs the By-Laws on the date of his raising. Notwithstanding signing the By-Laws on the date of his raising, a candidate shall be required to demonstrate suitable proficiency in, and to receive required instruction in all three degrees; and for a period of one year thereafter, the right to objection is reserved to any member to such signing, for cause, the sufficiency of which shall be determined by the vote of a majority of the members present at a Regular Monthly Meeting.

If, after receiving the third degree, a candidate dies before the expiration of the time required for signing the

1871: 128
1893: 15
1894: 17, 66
1895: 41, 133
1918: 322, 387
1925: 213, 439
1926: 440
1930: 139
1937: 84
1945: 41
1953: 50, 197
2008: 90

By-Laws, he shall be considered as having been entitled to all the rights and privileges of Masonry at the time of his death; otherwise no candidate shall be in good standing in the Lodge to which he is elected until he has signed the By-Laws, and he shall not be permitted to sign the By-Laws until he shall have attained suitable proficiency, and shall have received the required instruction, in all three degrees.

Should a candidate fail to sign the By-Laws within the required year, he may obtain membership in the Lodge to which he was elected, or in some other Lodge, as provided in Sec. 422, after he shall have attained suitable proficiency, and shall have received the required instruction in all three degrees.

HEALING

Sec. 421. Whenever it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Grand Master that any irregularly made Mason is irregular for a reason not attributable to his own fault, the Grand Master, in his discretion, may cause such irregular Mason to be healed.

When a Mason who has been irregularly made is denied healing on account of false representation in his application, it is tantamount to expulsion; and he can acquire the privilege of applying for the degrees only by some action of Grand Lodge.

1870: 155
1871: 75
1872: 35, 122,
131, 241
1873: 23, 84
1874: 11, 32, 141
1876: 19
1877: 190, 275
1910: 147
1918: 388
1929: 117
1930: 139
1932: 27
1953: 51, 197
15 M.F.M. 178
16 M.F.M. 273

AFFILIATION

Sec. 422. A Master Mason in good standing in the Fraternity or holding a demit from a regular Lodge may apply for membership by affiliation to any Lodge within this jurisdiction.

Such application must be made upon the blank furnished therefore by the Grand Lodge.

Action upon such application for membership shall be governed by the provisions of Sections 406 to 411 inclusive except that an application for membership may be withdrawn without ballot.

The provisions of Sections 414, 415, and 416 do not apply to rejected applications for membership.

If such an application be made to the Lodge from which the applicant took a demit and within five years from date of his demitting, it may be accepted by a majority vote of those present at a regular meeting of the demitting Lodge, the other provisions of the Grand Constitutions having been complied with.

IV: 130
1866 (O.P.): 17
1916: 593
1921: 46
1926: 442
1930: 139
1936: 117
1937: 136
1938: 148
1953: 51, 197
1961: 175
1974: 175

If an application for affiliation is received from a member owing allegiance to another Grand Jurisdiction which does not permit dual membership, a Lodge may act upon the application but must not allow the applicant to sign the By-Laws until he has presented a demit from his former Lodge whose jurisdiction does not allow dual membership.

If an applicant for affiliation is elected to membership, he must sign the By-Laws of the Lodge within six months after the date of his election. Otherwise his election to such membership shall become void. The applicant shall be advised of this requirement when notified of his election.

PART V

Brethren

VISITING

Sec. 500. It is the privilege of every affiliated Mason, in good and regular standing, to visit any Lodge when not engaged in the transaction of private business unless objection is made by a sitting member of the Lodge to the admission of such visitor, in which event such visitor shall not be admitted during the meeting. Such objection may not be made to the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the District Grand Master, the Lodge's District Deputy Grand Master, nor to one who has been appointed by the Grand Master to represent the Grand Master, nor to a visitor who is a member of a suite accompanying any of the foregoing.

A candidate may visit another Lodge provided the lodge is then open upon a degree which has been conferred upon the candidate and the candidate is accompanied by and vouched for by a Master Mason who was present at the conferring of such degree upon the candidate.

Except for the Grand Master, District Grand Master, or a District Deputy Grand Master acting under his warrant, and their Marshals or suite, every one who enters a Lodge while it is at labor must approach to the west of the Altar and there salute the Master. Under no circumstances whatever may any visitor (save only the Grand Master, a District Grand Master or a District Deputy Grand Master) be covered while in the Lodge.

Sec. 501. Except on a duly authorized public occasion, no visitor shall be admitted into a tyled Lodge, unless he produces a duly authorized uniform card showing the payment or remission of this Grand Lodge and particular Lodge dues for the current fiscal year, or for the next preceding year if the card be presented within six months after the expiration date thereof, or, if he be a member of a Lodge under the jurisdiction of a regular Grand Lodge other than this Grand Lodge, produces a receipt for the payment of his particular Lodge dues for the next preceding or current fiscal or calendar year, as may be the custom of such jurisdiction, and complies with one of the following conditions:

1st: Being vouched for in writing by a Brother present who, if not a member, shall himself be vouched for at the time by a member of the Lodge and who shall, if required, state in writing when and where he sat with the visitor in a tyled Lodge, and the degree upon which such Lodge was then open.

I: 416
 II: 109
 III: 314
 1870: 83, 227
 1878: 36
 1886: 182
 1914: 153
 1916: 585, 847
 1918: 389
 1926: 316
 1930: 141
 1952: 112
 1953: 51, 197
 29 M.F.M. 292
 1989: 96
 2008: 167

IV: 560, 607
 1857 (O.P.): 47
 1858 (O.P.): 38
 1872: 19
 1875: 414
 1879: 99 1883:
 51
 1885: 206 1886:
 36
 1895: 128, 222
 1903: 87
 1904: 70, 105,
 177
 1905: 19 1910:
 214
 1918: 389
 1926: 78, 242,
 259, 301, 315
 1927: 343
 1928: 204
 1930: 141
 1936: 154
 1952: 214

2nd: Producing a certificate or diploma of a regular Grand Lodge, and passing a satisfactory examination. A certificate under seal of the Secretary of a regular Lodge may be accepted in lieu of the Grand Lodge certificate, but the acceptance of such a certificate or of a Grand Lodge certificate dated more than three years previous to the date of the visit, shall be at the discretion of the Master of the Lodge visited. If the required uniform card or receipt presented by the visitor bears his signature attested by the Secretary of the Lodge of which the visitor is a member, the Master of the Lodge visited may waive the production of a certificate or diploma of a regular Grand Lodge.

Every Lodge shall keep and preserve a record of visitors in the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge or by the Grand Master for the time being.

Sec. 502. A visiting Brother, having produced his Grand Lodge Certificate or Diploma, shall have the right to call for the Charter of the Lodge he desires to visit.

IV: 651
1878: 51, 87
1918: 390
1930: 142

INTERJURIS- DICTIONAL VISITING

Sec. 503. When a Lodge in this jurisdiction is invited or desires to visit a Lodge under the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge, application should be made for a warrant or dispensation therefor. This warrant or dispensation will not issue except after request to the Grand Master of the jurisdiction sought to be visited and receipt of his consent thereto. Visiting Lodges from other Grand Jurisdictions should not be received unless and until application has been made for dispensation therefor and receipt by the Lodge of such dispensation. In the event that work is performed by a visiting Lodge, the work should be in accordance with the ritual prescribed by the jurisdiction of the visiting Lodge and upon a candidate of that jurisdiction.

IV: 652
1926: 244
1953: 52, 197

Visiting by teams of Massachusetts Masons to a Lodge under the jurisdiction of other Grand Lodges must be governed by the procedure hereinbefore described.

SUSPENSION FROM MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 504. A Brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, even by a Lodge in another jurisdiction, shall have no right to attend the meetings of any Lodge until the amount due the suspending Lodge has been paid or remitted.

IV: 130, 562
1910: 47, 212
1918: 390 1926:
239
1930: 143 1953: 53,
197
1974: 176
26 M.F.M. 257

DEIMITS

Sec. 505. Any member of a lodge who has paid his dues to the Lodge and the Grand Lodge is entitled to a demit upon application therefor. Such demit should date from the receipt of the application by the Secretary and should be reported to the next succeeding meeting of the Lodge for record. If a Brother who is a member of two or more Lodges in this jurisdiction wishes to withdraw from membership in one or more Lodges in this jurisdiction while still retaining his membership in some Massachusetts Lodge, he is entitled to withdraw provided he is clear on the books of the Lodge from which he desires to withdraw. In such cases a certificate of clearance should be issued instead of a demit.

1890: 122
1891: 58
1893: 162
1894: 11
1895: 128, 221
1901: 27
1926: 441
1927: 342
1930: 143
1953: 53, 197

Sec. 506. A Brother who holds a demit is entitled to visit Lodges, subject to the constitutional provisions for visiting, for one year from the date of issue and no more. If he remains for more than one year without being affiliated with some regular Lodge, he shall not of right be entitled to any of the benefits or privileges of Masonry, except that he may at any time petition for affiliation.

IV: 652
VI: 3
1890: 123
1918: 322, 391
1919: 60
1930: 143
1953: 53, 197
1974: 175
25 M.F.M. 64
26 M.F.M. 237
1917 Build. 10,
56, 134

**REINSTATEMENT
BY LODGE**

Sec. 507. A Brother who has been suspended by a Lodge for non-payment of dues and whose dues have been paid or remitted to the date of his suspension is entitled to a demit upon application therefor, or he may be reinstated at a regular meeting of the suspending Lodge, provided that his petition for reinstatement has been read at one meeting and duly notified to the members for the meeting at which the vote is to be taken. If his petition for reinstatement is made to the Lodge within five years after the date of suspension, he may be reinstated by a majority vote of the members present; otherwise a clear and unanimously favorable ballot shall be required. The vote for reinstatement shall be taken in secret. If not reinstated, he is entitled to a certificate of prior membership in the Fraternity, and he may at any time petition for affiliation in any Lodge.

1887: 170
1895: 127, 221
1916: 172
1918: 391
1930: 143
1931: 36
1943: 121
1953: 53, 197
1955: 235, 375
1974: 175
1989: 96

**MASONIC
BURIAL**

Sec. 508. No Mason shall be interred with the formalities of the Order, unless it be at his own special request, made known to the Lodge during his lifetime or communicated to its officers after his death by a family member, an intimate friend, or other credible person, nor unless he has been advanced to the degree of Master Mason and was in good standing at the time of his death, without a Dispensation from the Grand Master.

IV: 651
1878: 50, 87
1916: 305, 308
1918: 392
1930: 144, 279
1953: 54, 1975
M.F.M. 32
7 M.F.M. 99
1 N.E.F. 221

Trials

**JURISDICTION
OF LODGES
FOR TRIAL**

Sec. 509. The Grand Lodge has original jurisdiction in all matters of Masonic discipline. A Lodge has concurrent original jurisdiction to institute proceedings before the Board of Commissioners of Trials:

(a) against a Brother who is a member thereof, or when

(b) the offense is alleged to have been committed against a member of said Lodge.

IV: 37, 650
1916: 861 1918:
392
1930: 144
1934: 121
1940: 234
1974: 175
6 M.F.M. 303
8 M.F.M. 355
24 M.F.M. 325
1989: 96

**COMMISSIONERS
OF TRIALS**

Sec. 510. The Grand Master is requested to appoint annually a Board of five Masons who are Past or Presiding Masters of Lodges and/or members of the Bar authorized to practice law within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to be styled Commissioners of Trials; but he may in his discretion appoint a Special Board of Commissioners for the trial of any given cause. The first-named of said Board shall be the Chairman thereof, and three members shall constitute a quorum. The vote of a majority of the members present shall suffice for the determination of any matter brought before the Board. A single member may take testimony. In the absence of the Chairman, the Board shall elect a Chairman pro tempore.

1875: 27, 57, 112,
414, 421
1876: 8, 11
1910: 47
1918: 323, 393
1924: 322
1930: 145

**JUDGE
ADVOCATE**

Sec. 511. The Grand Master is requested to appoint annually a Mason who is a Past or Presiding Master of a Lodge and/or a member of the Bar authorized to practice law within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to be styled Judge Advocate, to perform such duties as may be delegated to him by the Grand Master. It shall be the responsibility of the Judge Advocate to prepare and present all matters of discipline brought before the Board of Commissioners of Trials. The Judge Advocate shall receive for his services, and for necessary expenses, such compensation as the Grand Master shall determine and allow upon the certificate of the Judge Advocate.

PROCEDURE

Sec. 512. Whenever a Brother shall be accused of any offense which, if proved, might subject him to expulsion or suspension from the rights and privileges of Masonry, the proceedings shall be conducted agreeably to the following rules:

(a) The accusation shall be made in writing, with specifications of the offense, under the signature of a Master Mason. It shall be given to the Master of the Lodge having original jurisdiction under Sec. 509 (a) if any, and if none, under 509 (b), who shall summon his Lodge to act upon the accusation.

(b) If the Lodge having original jurisdiction by a majority vote of its members present determines that the accusation requires investigation, the accusation and specifications, together with notice of the action of the Lodge thereon, shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, who shall, under the direction of the Grand Master, transmit the same to the Judge Advocate.

(c) If the accusation does not come within the provisions of Sec. 509 (a) or 509 (b), or if it be presented directly to the Grand Lodge, such accusation and specifications shall be presented to the Grand Master, who may in his discretion cause the Grand Secretary to transmit the same to the Judge Advocate. Notwithstanding any other provisions hereof, if a Brother shall be accused of un-Masonic conduct by reason of his commission of a felony or other serious crime involving moral turpitude for which he has been convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction, he shall be subject to such discipline as the Grand Master may, in his discretion, choose to impose. The accused shall be deemed to have waived any right to a hearing or review unless within thirty (30) days after notice of the imposition of such discipline he shall have filed with the Grand Secretary a written request for a hearing or review by the Board of Trial Commissioners, in which event the matter shall be referred to the Judge Advocate for proceedings before the Board of Trial Commissioners, pending which proceedings any discipline previously imposed shall remain in full force and effect.

(d) Upon receipt of the accusation and specifications the Judge Advocate shall prepare a complaint reciting the charges and specifications and undertake the presentation of evidence to the Board of Trial Commissioners. He shall forward a copy of the complaint to the Chairman of the Board of Trial Com-

IV: 637
 V: 92
 VII: 306, 361
 1870: 119
 1872: 138
 1873: 139
 1874: 42, 44, 72
 1875: 24, 106
 1876: 11, 12, 13,
 124
 1878: 49, 87
 1900: 203
 1901: 26
 1910: 47
 1916: 861
 1918: 323, 393
 1930: 145, 146,
 147, 148
 1934: 121
 1936: 168
 7 M.F.M. 321
 8 M.F.M. 66
 10 M.F.M. 67
 12 M.F.M. 354,
 384
 18 M.F.M. 352
 23 M.F.M. 192
 1989: 96

missioners and cause and cause the Grand Secretary to serve the accused with an attested copy of the complaint together with a summons, Commissioners which may be issued by any Commissioner, to make such answer in writing to the complaint as the accused may desire prior to a return date to be named in said summons. The summons shall be served upon the accused in hand or by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to his last known residential address at least 30 days prior to such return date. If no residence of the accused is known, or if the accused fails to answer the complaint in writing prior to the return date, the Commissioners may proceed to examine the charges and specifications ex parte. The service and the return thereof in any case where no address of the accused is known shall be according to regulations to be made by the Commissioners, and, when so made, shall be conclusive.

(e)The written answer to the complaint shall be served by the accused in hand or by ordinary mail upon the Grand Secretary who shall promptly forward copies thereof to the Judge Advocate and the Chairman of the Board of Trial Commissioners.

(f)The examination upon the complaint shall be had at some convenient place and time to be designated by the Commissioners, of which due notice shall be given to the accused by the Grand Secretary, and no visitor shall be admitted except as counsel, or witness, or stenographer for the Commissioners, or the accused, provided that such stenographer is a Mason. Unless otherwise ordered by the Commissioners, the testimony may be taken by the Chairman, or Chairman pro tempore, or any member designated by him, who shall reduce the substance of the same to writing, to be submitted to the Board. Witnesses, if Masons, shall testify on their honor as such. Other witnesses shall be duly sworn before their testimony is taken. In the discretion of the Chairman or Chairman pro tempore, the proceedings may be recorded by any convenient means, including by audio-visual means.

(g) Each Commissioner shall have the power to issue a summons to any Mason then present or residing within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, commanding him to appear at said time and place and testify as a witness. A summons may be served by copy delivered in hand or by certified mail, return receipt requested. Witnesses summoned or appearing at the request of the Board or any Commissioner shall be paid their actual necessary traveling expenses.

(h) Any Brother duly authorized may appear as counsel in support of, or in opposition to, the complaint during the taking of the testimony and in the argument of the case.

(j) A report of the proceedings and summary of the facts in each case, including the findings and recommendation of the Commissioners thereon, shall be signed by the Commissioners acting in such case and shall be submitted to the Grand Master at least seven days before the Communication of Grand Lodge at which it is to be presented. The finding and recommendation of the Commissioners, if approved by Grand Lodge shall stand as the judgment of the Grand Lodge. The finding and recommendation of the Commissioners shall be subject to correction or review by the Grand Lodge, who may order a new trial or otherwise dispose of the case.

(j) A Brother aggrieved by the failure of a Lodge to determine that the accusation requires investigation may appeal to the Grand Master, who may, in his discretion, cause the accusation to be transmitted through the Grand Secretary to the Judge Advocate, who shall thereafter proceed in the same manner as above provided.

IMPEACHMENT OF MASTER

Sec. 513. Any five members of a Lodge, its District Deputy Grand Master, as the case may be, may impeach the Master of said Lodge before the Grand Master, who shall conduct such investigation of the charges as he determines appropriate; and if, in his opinion, they are well founded and of a character to justify the proceeding, may suspend the accused Master of such Lodge from his office and/or summon him to appear for trial before said Commissioners or such special Commissioners as the Grand Master may appoint. The foregoing rules, as far as the same shall be practicable, shall be observed in the trial of the Master of a Lodge before such Commissioners.

IV: 609, 638
VII: 159, 175, 205
1867 (O.P.): 91
1873: 40, 115
1876: 13
1918: 395
1930: 148
20 M.F.M. 151,
331

EXPENSES OF COMMISSIONERS

Sec. 514. The Commissioners shall receive for their services and for necessary expenses in each case such compensation as the Grand Master shall determine and allow upon the certificate of the Commissioners.

1876: 14
1918: 396
1930: 148

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION IN GRAND LODGE FOR TRIALS

Sec. 515. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to prevent the Grand Lodge from taking original jurisdiction in any case and proceeding according to any method which it may adopt, provided, however, that no action shall be taken against any Brother whose address is known without reasonable notice to him and an opportunity to appear and be heard in person or by Masonic counsel.

V: 92
1918: 396
1927: 31, 70
1930: 149

EFFECT OF DISCIPLINE IN OTHER MASONIC BODIES

Sec. 516. An expulsion or suspension of a Brother from its membership by any Masonic body other than a Grand Lodge having jurisdiction over such Brother shall not operate as an expulsion or suspension from Masonry or from the Lodge of which he is a member, except that any Lodge may, for cause, suspend such Brother from its membership.

IV: 639, 652
VI: 367 ff
1876: 10, 13, 14
1878: 49, 87
1895: 127, 220
1916: 533
1918: 396
1930: 149
1974: 175
1 M.F.M. 33
26 M.F.M. 148

DISCIPLINE BY LODGE LIMITED

Sec. 517. No Lodge shall expel or suspend a member from the rights of Masonry.

IV: 639
VI: 26, 118
1873: 13
1876: 14
1914: 177
1918: 397
1930: 149
26 M.F.M. 257

NOTICE OF DISCIPLINE

Sec. 518. Suspension from membership shall not be imposed until the Brother has been duly notified of the time when and place where action will be taken in his case. If his residence is unknown, no notice shall be required.

1872: 20, 118, 246
1873: 13
1876: 14
1916: 533
1918: 397
1930: 149
1974: 176

UNSPECIFIED PENALTIES

Sec. 519. A Lodge or Brother offending against any Landmark, law, regulation, or ancient established custom or usage of the Craft or of this Grand Lodge, to the breach of which no special penalty is attached, shall, at the discretion of the Grand Lodge, be subject to admonition, reprimand, suspension, or expulsion.

IV: 652
1918: 397
1930: 149
1934: 121

APPEALS

Sec. 520. Any Brother who is aggrieved by a decision or action of any Lodge or other Masonic authority, other than the Grand Master, acting under this jurisdiction, may appeal to the Grand Lodge against such decision or action. The appeal must be made in writing, specifying the particular grievance complained of, and transmitted to the Grand Secretary to be received by him within thirty days after the decision or action appealed from. A notice and copy of the appeal shall also, and at the same time, be sent by the appellant to the party against whose decision or action the appeal is taken. The appeal shall be transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the Board of Commissioners of Trials and dealt with in accordance with the following rules:

II: 10
IV: 639
VII: 279
1878: 88
1918: 125, 397
1930: 150
6 M.F.M. 225
7 M.F.M. 321
23 M.F.M. 192

(a) The Board of Commissioners of Trials shall meet and consider the substance of the appeal. In so doing, they may summons witnesses, consider written exhibits and take such testimony as they deem necessary. Notice of any hearing thereon shall be given by the Grand Secretary to the appellant and the party against whose decision or action the appeal was taken by certified mail, return receipt requested.

(b) Hearings may be held at the call of the Chairman, or in his absence, the Chairman pro tempore.

(c) All relevant provisions of Section 512 (f) through (i) shall apply to the proceedings.

**EFFECT OF
DISCIPLINE,
OR OF
REINSTATEMENT
OR
RESTORATION
BY GRAND
LODGE**

Sec. 521. A Brother who is suspended or expelled by the Grand Lodge from the rights and privileges of Masonry thereby loses absolutely his membership in any Lodge in this jurisdiction to which he then belongs. Whenever the Grand Lodge reinstates a suspended Brother or restores an expelled Brother to the rights and privileges of Masonry, he shall not thereby be restored to membership within any Lodge of which he was formerly a member without its consent expressed by ballot as provided in Section 422 upon an application for membership, but shall have the status of a demitted Brother, except that when such suspension or expulsion is for non-payment of dues he may be readmitted to membership in his former Lodge by a majority vote in the manner provided in Section 507.

IV: 640
1878: 44, 87
1911: 134
1918: 398
1930: 150
1931: 36

PART VI

Grand Charity

MASONIC EDUCATION AND CHARITY TRUST

Sec. 600. Whereas, the Grand Lodge has accepted “An Act to establish and incorporate the Masonic Education and Charity Trust,” enacted by the General Court of Massachusetts, and approved May 8, 1884, the following regulations are adopted by the Grand Lodge to aid in carrying out the provisions of said Act:

(a) The Grand Lodge shall elect one Trustee for said Trust at each Annual Communication and may fill vacancies at any Quarterly Communication, or at any Special Meeting called for this purpose. A Trustee may serve his eight year term, but one year must elapse before he is eligible for reelection. An elected Board Member is allowed no more than 25% unexcused absences each year. Exceeding this automatically ends his term.

(b) It is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the M.W. Grand Master for the time being should be the President of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Education and Charity Trust.

(c) The annual income, less premium on investments, hereafter generated by the Grand Charity Fund and of such additions as may be made to it by the Grand Lodge and by gifts and bequests or otherwise, all held in trust by the Masonic Education and Charity Trust, shall annually be added to the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, except in the case of special funds where the expenditure of income is given to said Trustees by the will, deed, or other instrument creating the trust.

(d) Income of funds in the hands of the Trustees shall be disposed of as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time direct except in the case of specific funds where the expenditure of income is given to said Trustees by the will, deed, or other instrument creating the trust.

REPRESENT- ATIVES TO THE MASONIC HOME

Sec. 601. There shall also be a Board of Representatives to the Masonic Home composed of the following:

(a) One District Representative chosen by and from each Masonic District in Massachusetts. It shall be the duty of the Masters of the Lodges in each District, under the direction of the District Deputy Grand Master, to annually elect a District Representative for their respective District.

I: 403
II: 37, 123, 124,
465, 524
III: 219
IV: 631
VII: 290
1878: 48, 87
1884: 36, 78, 87,
106, 109, 177, 231
1915: 321
1918: 399
1930: 151
2009: 55

1884: 112
1910: 216
1918: 399

IV: 631
VI: 335
1910: 216
1918: 399
1989: 96

IV: 633
1910: 47, 216
1918: 323, 400

1910: 91, 138
1914: 87
1918: 325, 401
1926: 104, 254
1927: 51, 344
1930: 153
1983: 146
1989: 96

b) Each Lodge at its Annual Communication may elect a Lodge Representative; and in the event of the failure of any Lodge to elect, the Master of the Lodge shall appoint a Lodge Representative, who shall hold office during the year of his appointment.

MEETINGS

The Representatives to the Masonic Home shall meet twice a year at the Masonic Home in Charlton; usually in the fall and spring. Additional meetings may be called by the Grand Master, who is to be Chairman of the Board. Due notice in writing of all meetings shall be sent to all Representatives.

DUTIES

It is expected that each Representative will attend the Board meetings, report to the Lodges the happenings at the Masonic Home, assist the Director of the Home in the processing of applications when requested, and perform such other duties as the Grand Master may from time to time direct.

MASONIC SERVICE COMMITTEE

MEMBERS

Sec. 602. The Masonic Service Committee, consisting of the Zone Committeemen, appointed annually by the Grand Master, shall meet in the Grand Lodge building on the mornings of the Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge and at such other times as the Chairman or Grand Master shall direct. This Committee shall be the Charity Committee of the Grand Lodge.

II: 524, 582, 609
 III: 220
 1910: 91, 138
 1914: 88
 1918: 401
 1926: 105, 256
 1927: 49, 51
 1930: 153
 1953: 54, 197
 1983: 146
 1989: 96

OFFICERS

The Chairman of the Committee will be appointed by the Grand Master. They will elect their own clerk.

DUTIES

The Committee shall supervise and direct the service and charity activities of Grand Lodge, in concert with the Director of Masonic Service.

DIRECTOR

Sec. 603. A Director of Masonic Service shall be appointed by and act under and be subject to the direction of the Grand Master.

DUTIES

The Director of Masonic Service, and the Masonic Service Committee, shall be responsible for acting on applications for relief and financial assistance, the Grand Lodge Blood Program, widows program, and hospital visitation. He will also perform such other duties as the Grand Master may from time to time direct.

APPLICATIONS	Applications for service or financial assistance shall be processed by the Director of Masonic Service, who shall make, or cause to be made, such investigation thereof as may be directed by the Grand Master.	
REPORTS OF COMMITTEE	Sec. 604. The Masonic Service Committee shall be subject at all times to the direction of Grand Lodge and shall make a full report of its doings at each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.	1910: 92, 138 1918: 402 1926: 106, 257 1927: 52 1930: 154 1983: 146 1989: 96
INITIATES' CONTRIBUTION	Sec. 605. There shall be contributed for each initiate Five Dollars to the charitable funds of the Grand Lodge. This amount shall be added to the initiation fee by all Lodges which have not already so provided.	II: 524 III: 8, 219 IV: 631 1912: 103 1918: 326, 403 1930: 155 See Sec. 329
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT OR AFFILIATION	Sec. 606. Five Dollars shall likewise be contributed for each member reinstated or admitted by affiliation. This amount shall be added to the affiliation fee by all Lodges which have not already so provided. These amounts shall be collected from the Lodges by the District Deputy Grand Masters at their official visitations and remitted with the returns.	1917: 241 1918: 403 1922: 554 1923: 41 1930: 156 1974: 176 1983: 146 1989: 96
EXPENSES FOR RELIEF	Sec. 607. The Board of Directors unless otherwise directed by the Grand Lodge may, with the approval of the Grand Master, reserve from the amounts collected under Sec. 605 and 606 so much thereof as may be deemed by the Board necessary for the conduct of the charities of Grand Lodge during the current fiscal year, (a) for expenditures on permanent account for which no other provision is made; (b) to supply deficiencies caused by expenditures on maintenance account over available income; and (c) to be appropriated if specifically recommended by the Grand Master for relief upon extraordinary occasions of great disaster or distress, whether within or without the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. All amounts not so reserved shall promptly be transmitted to the Trustees of the Masonic Education and Charity Trust to be added to the Masonic Home Fund.	1918: 403 1930: 156 1989: 96

**DISTRICT
CHARITY
FUNDS**

Sec. 608. Lodges without the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall be exempt from the provisions of Section 607. There shall, however, be contributed for each initiate and for each such affiliate as described in Sec. 605 and 606, Five Dollars to a District Charity Fund. This amount shall be added to the initiation fee by all Lodges in such Districts which have not already so provided. These amounts shall be remitted by said Lodges to the District Grand Master with the annual returns. The District Grand Master shall pay the same to a Board of Trustees, consisting of the District Grand Master as Chairman, ex-officio, three members at large to be elected by the District Grand Lodge and of one member annually to be elected by each Lodge in said District. Three members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Said Board of Trustees shall receive, hold, invest, reinvest the same and all gifts, devises, and bequests made either to said Board or to said District Grand Lodge upon trusts for educational or charitable purposes and relief connected with the families of deceased or living members of said District Grand Lodge and its subordinate organizations, or for the relief of distressed Freemasons, their widows, orphans, or other dependents of said District or of other states or countries, and may expend the income thereof, or principal if necessary, for such purposes, with the approval in each case of the District Grand Master. Said Trustees shall annually report the condition and investment of all funds intrusted to them, and the expenditure of the income thereof, to the District Grand Lodge.

1915: 118
1918: 327, 404
1930: 157
1931: 333
1983: 146

PART VII

Miscellaneous Regulations

**REGULAR
MASONIC
BODIES**

Sec. 700. Whereas, this Grand Lodge recognizes no degrees of Masonry except those conferred under the regulations of the Grand Lodges of the various states and territories of the United States and the Governments throughout the world; and, whereas, it admits the following-named organizations to be regular and duly constituted Masonic Bodies, namely:

1882: 16, 20, 85
1883: 43
1884: 122, 175
1895: 128, 222
1901: 21, 147, 243
1902: 14
1903: 84
1916: 575
1918: 327, 406
1930: 159
1931: 37
1983: 219

The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International; The Grand Royal Arch Chapters of the Several States and Territories of the United States, and the Royal Arch Chapters and other Bodies under their jurisdiction; the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International; The Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters of the several States and Territories of the United States, and the Councils under their jurisdiction; The Grand Encampment of the United States; The Grand Commanderies of the several States and Territories of the United States, and the Commanderies under their jurisdiction; The Supreme Councils of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions of the United States, and the various Bodies under their jurisdiction; The Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America, and the Temples under their jurisdiction:

Therefore, any Mason admitted into any other Orders, as Masonic (as distinguished from Masonic-related), is acting un-Masonically, and for such conduct shall be liable to be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, and shall be ineligible to membership or office in any Lodge or in this Grand Lodge.

1896: 351
1918: 407

**SPURIOUS
MASONRY**

Sec. 701. Any Mason in this jurisdiction who shall confer, communicate, or sell, or shall assist in or be accessory to the conferring, communicating, or selling, or shall solicit any one to receive or apply for any degree called, claimed, or represented to be Masonic, not hereinbefore recognized or admitted, may be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

1881: 21, 85
1883: 43 ff
1901: 21, 147
1902: 14
1903: 84, 137
1904: 160 1918:
407
1922: 213
1930: 160

PAST MASTER'S DIPLOMA	Sec. 702. The Master of any Lodge under this jurisdiction who has faithfully discharged his duties and complied with the laws of the Grand Lodge may at the end of his first year, be presented by the District Deputy Grand Master or the District Grand Master with a Past Master's Diploma.	II: 193, 522 III: 235 IV: 650 VI: 559 1916: 307, 592 1918: 408 1930: 160 1989: 96
INTER- JURISDICTIONAL CORRES- PONDENCE	Sec. 703. Inter-jurisdictional correspondence shall in all cases be conducted through the office of the Grand Secretary except as the Grand Master may otherwise order.	II: 123, 130, 179 1909: 179 1918: 408 1930: 160
ITINERANT CERTIFICATES	Sec. 704. No Lodge or officer or member of a Lodge shall give a certificate or recommendation to enable a Mason to proceed from Lodge to Lodge as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner to apply to Lodges or Brethren for relief.	IV: 651 1878: 50, 87 1895: 128, 221 1918: 408 1930: 161
BEGGING LETTERS	Sec. 705. Begging circulars or similar appeals from any source, domestic or foreign, shall not be entertained unless they have been approved by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.	1916: 17 1917: 30 1918: 409 1930: 161
USE OF MASONRY IN BUSINESS	Sec. 706. No Mason (or other person) shall, within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, be a principal in, or accessory to, the conduct of any business, profession, occupation, or other calling prosecuted for profit under any name or style by which it is held out to the public as Masonic; but this regulation shall not apply to such as were being conducted at the time of the adoption of this regulation or to such as may hereafter be approved by vote of this Grand Lodge taken at a Regular Communication subsequent to that at which said approval is proposed.	1874: 129 1918: 328, 409 1930: 161
OFFICER LIMITED TO ONE OFFICE	Sec. 707. No Brother shall hold more than one office in the same Lodge, or in Grand Lodge, except as a Director, at the same time.	IV: 652 1895: 128, 221 1900: 207 1901: 27 1918: 409 1930: 161
QUORUM OF GRAND LODGE OR LODGE	Sec. 708. A Communication or Meeting of the Grand Lodge or of a particular Lodge, duly convened, may transact business and do work if three or more members are present provided one of them is, by Masonic law, entitled to preside thereover.	I: 228 1888: 320 1918: 409 1930: 161

Sec. 709. Definitions.

- (a) *Ample Form*. The Grand Lodge is declared to be opened in Ample Form only when the Grand Master presides. IV: 656
1918: 409
1930: 162
1989: 96
- (b) *In Due Form*, when the Deputy Grand Master presides; IV: 656
1918: 410
- (c) *In Form*, when it is opened in the absence of both the Grand Master and his Deputy. IV: 656
1918: 410
- (d) *Suspension from membership* deprives a Brother, temporarily, of his rights as a member of his Lodge. 1895: 128, 222
1916: 172
1918: 410
26 M.F.M. 193
30 M.F.M. 287
See Sec. 504
- (e) *Suspension from Masonry*. The suspension of a Brother excludes him from all his Masonic privileges, and prohibits all Masonic intercourse between him and his Brethren during the time of his suspension. IV: 656
1878: 89
1895: 129, 222
1918: 10
1974: 176
- (f) *Expulsion from Masonry*. This is the highest penalty that can be incurred, and the severest punishment that can be inflicted, for any violations of Masonic engagements. It excludes a Mason from all his Masonic rights and privileges forever, until he be restored by the Grand Lodge. It ought never to be exercised but with extreme caution, and in cases where a lighter punishment would be of no avail. IV: 615, 656
1878: 51, 87
1895: 129, 222
1914: 177
1916: 577
1918: 410
- (g) *Summons and Notification*. These terms are used in the old regulations, and, by many of the Grand Lodges in this country, synonymously. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts makes the following distinction:
A *Notification* is the notice by which the time, place, and hour, and frequently the business of the Lodge, are communicated to the members. Every Brother receiving this notice is requested to attend. The obligation which it imposes is a general one; and the highest penalty incurred by a continuous violation of it is forfeiture of membership.
A *Summons* is a call of authority, a citation to appear and answer to the charges therein set forth. Or it is an imperative injunction to appear at a Meeting of the Lodge with which the Brother receiving it is affiliated; or to attend on the Grand Master, a District Grand Master, a District Deputy Grand Master, or any committee or other body authorized by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master to issue it. The obligation to obey it is special and obligatory on every Brother receiving it. II: 634
III: 27
IV: 39, 657
1878: 51, 87
1918: 411

The penalty for its non-observance is expulsion, unless the party offending be able to urge a pressing and positive necessity as his excuse.

(h) *The Lodge*. A Lodge is a society of Masons meeting by authority of a Charter or warrant from a regular Grand Lodge for the purpose of doing Masonic work and transacting appropriate business. The word Lodge in these Constitutions shall (unless the context indicates otherwise) be construed to refer to the particular Lodges holding Charters by authority of this Grand Lodge. IV: 657
1918: 411

The word sometimes, in Masonic terminology, means the place in which a particular Lodge meets.

In a few jurisdictions the word technically signifies the Ark of the Covenant, which is kept in the Hall, and frequently carried in public processions. The ark is not used in our Lodges.

The Flooring, or Master's Carpet, is frequently called the Lodge. 1918: 412

(i) *The Flooring, or Carpet*, is a regularly arranged painting of the Masonic emblems on canvas. No Lodge should be without one. IV: 657
1918: 412

(j) *The Trestle-Board, or Tracing-Board*, "is for the Master to draw his designs upon"; or it is the Board on which the designs of the Master are already drawn. The term is frequently used synonymously with *Flooring* and *Carpet*. IV: 657
1918: 412

(k) A *clandestine* Mason is one who has been made in a spurious body pretending to be Masonic. 1909: 178
1916: 18
1918: 412

(l) An *irregular* Mason is one who has been made in a regular Lodge but in an unconstitutional or unlawful manner. 1886: 174
1916: 18
1918: 412

(m) A *Stated Communication* is a regular meeting for doing Masonic work and transacting appropriate business. 1906: 119
1918: 412
1974: 176

(n) A *Special Communication* is a meeting called for the purpose of Masonic work and related activities. 1974: 176

(o) A *Deputy Grand Lodge* is a special meeting of the Grand Lodge presided over by a deputy of the Grand Master. 1914: 14
1916: 140, 282
1917: 1
1918: 328
1974: 176

AMENDMENTS Sec. 710. No permanent By-Law, Rule, or Regulation of this Grand Lodge shall be adopted, repealed, or amended at the Communication at which such adoption, repeal, or amendment is proposed, nor until it has been duly considered by a committee, fully discussed in Grand Lodge at the next succeeding Quarterly Communication, and voted on at the second succeeding Quarterly Communication.

II: 10, 524
 III: 238
 IV: 653
 VII: 126, 168, 179
 1878: 51, 88
 1883: 128
 1895: 128, 221
 1918: 412
 1930: 165
 1958: 132, 180

There shall be mailed by the Grand Secretary to the Secretary of each Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, an attested copy of such proposal for adoption, repeal, or amendment, within thirty days after the Communication at which such proposal is made. Two-thirds of the votes cast shall be necessary for the adoption thereof.

The Grand Secretary shall insert in his customary written notifications for Communications of the Grand Lodge to the officer, permanent members and Lodges a notice of any such proposal which may be in order for consideration.

LODGE NOTICES

Sec. 711. All written or printed notices of Lodge meetings containing any Masonic information beyond the time and place of such meeting must be sent out in sealed envelopes. Any electronic display of such information must be password protected and any electronic communication thereof must be in accordance with guidelines established by the Grand lodge.

1890: 52
 1918: 329
 1921: 53
 1930: 165
 1936: 157
 1953: 54, 197
 1974: 176

RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN GRAND LODGES

Sec. 712. Fraternal recognition may be extended to a foreign Grand Lodge when, the Committee on Foreign Relations having first considered and reported thereon, it appears to the satisfaction of this Grand Lodge:

1883: 47
 1920: 174
 1922: 545
 1930: 166
 1951: 295
 1953: 54, 197

1. That the foreign Grand Lodge in question represents a substantial unity of the Freemasons of the territory over which it assumes jurisdiction; i.e. the Country, Province, or State, or else shares such territorial jurisdiction with another Grand Lodge by mutual consent.

2. That it has been lawfully organized by three or more regular Lodges or that it has been legalized by this Grand Lodge or by a Grand Lodge recognized by this Grand Lodge.

3. That it is an independent, self-governing organization, having sovereign Masonic authority within its jurisdiction.

4. That its ritual is fundamentally in accord with the ancient landmarks, customs, and usages of the Craft. This involves:

A. Monotheism;

B. The Volume of the Sacred Law a part of the furniture of the Lodge;

C. Secrecy;

D. The symbolism of the operative art;

E. The division of Symbolic Masonry into the three degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason;

F. The legend of the Third Degree.

5. That it makes Masons of men only.

6. That it is non-sectarian and non-political; i.e., that its dominant purposes are charitable, benevolent, educational, and religious.

GRAND HONORS

Sec. 713. There are only two kinds of Masonic Grand Honors: namely, Public Grand Honors and Private Grand Honors.

1947: 375
1953: 54, 197

The Public Grand Honors (sometimes called Public Honors) consist only of the battery of three times three, the first being right over left, the second left over right, and the third right over left. These Public Grand Honors are given when non-Masons or other than Masons are present.

The Private Grand Honors (sometimes called Private Honors) are given by battery of three times three, each battery being followed by the sign of a degree in the order of the first, second and third. The Private Grand Honors may be given only on four occasions - Dedication of a Masonic Hall, Constitution of a new Lodge, Installation of a Master-elect, on receiving a Grand Master or in honor of a Brother receiving a Grand Lodge Medal or other honor, but only if no Non-Masons are present. It is fitting and proper that a Brother should be greeted with the Private Grand Honors should the Master of the Lodge so direct.

At the installation of the Grand Master, the battery is omitted, the signs only being given.

PART VIII

REGALIA AND JEWELS

CLOTHING AND REGALIA	Sec. 800. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts recognizes no jewels, medals, regalia, insignia, and clothing as Masonic except such as are prescribed by these Constitutions.	1930: 168
JEWELS	Sec. 801. No jewel, medal, or decoration of a similar character shall be worn in the Grand Lodge or any particular Lodge, except such as shall have been authorized by these Constitutions, by this Grand Lodge, or by a recognized Grand Body or its Grand Master, or other presiding officer, and except such as are expressly authorized by the laws of the United States of America, or one of its States, or of some foreign government recognized by, and at peace with, the United States.	IV: 615, 641 1880: 161 1914: 154 1918: 327, 407 1930: 168
REQUIRED CLOTHING	Sec. 802. The following clothing and insignia shall be worn by the Craft; and no Brother shall be admitted into the Grand Lodge, or into any Lodge, without his proper clothing, nor shall any officer of the Grand Lodge, or representative of a Lodge (proxies excepted) be allowed to vote without his jewel or pocket jewel unless he offers a satisfactory excuse and shall have permission of the Grand Master.	II: 6, 523 III: 238 IV: 615, 641 1918: 353, 407 1930: 168 1989: 96
JEWELS		
GRAND OFFICERS' JEWELS	Sec. 803. The Grand Master, the compasses extended to 45°, with the segment of a circle at the points and a gold plate included, on which is to be represented an eye within a triangle, both irradiated.	I: 145 1863 (O.P.): Supp. 20 VII: 29, 105 1871: 253 1872: 27
	Deputy Grand Master, the compasses and square united, with a five-pointed star in the center.	1878: 49, 88 1896: 36 1913: 278
	District Grand Master, the compasses and square united, with a five-pointed star in the center, upon which shall be superimposed a Roman letter D.	1914: 353, 363 1915: 39, 331 1916: 175 1918: 350 1930: 169
	Senior Grand Warden, the level.	1983: 177 1989: 96
	Junior Grand Warden, the plumb rule.	
	Directors, arms and crest of the Grand Lodge.	
	Grand Treasurer, a chased key.	

Grand Secretary, two pens in saltire, tied by a ribbon.

District Deputy Grand Masters, the compasses extended to 45° with the segment of a circle at the points and a crescent in the center.

Grand Marshal, two rods in saltire, tied by a ribbon.

Grand Chaplains, a book, within a triangle, surmounting a glory.

Grand Lecturers, an open book upon the square and compasses.

Grand Deacons, dove and olive branch.

Grand Stewards, a cornucopia between the legs of a pair of compasses extended.

Grand Sword Bearer, two swords in saltire.

Grand Standard Bearer, a standard of the arms of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Pursuivants, a sword and rod saltire-wise.

Grand Organist, a lyre.

Grand Tyler, a sword.

Past Grand Master, the compasses extended to 45°, with the segment of a circle at the points and a gold plate included, on which is to be represented the Seal of Grand Lodge.

The jewels of District Grand Masters are to be placed within a circle, on which the name of the District is to be engraven or superimposed, and no ornament or emblem whatever other than such name shall be engraven on said circle or superimposed thereon; and the jewels of the Grand Lodge Officers other than the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Past Grand Masters, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and District Deputy Grand Masters are to be placed within a circle on which shall be engraven or superimposed a wreath composed of a sprig of acacia and an ear of wheat.

**JEWELS OF
DISTRICT
GRAND
OFFICERS
AND OF
OFFICERS
APPOINTED
BY DISTRICT
DEPUTY
GRAND
MASTERS**

Sec. 804. Deputy District Grand Masters, the compasses extended to 45° with the segment of a circle at the points and a crescent in the center. 1918: 428
1930: 170

All other Officers of District Grand Lodges and all Officers appointed by District Deputy Grand Masters, shall have jewels of the same description as those worn by corresponding Officers of the Grand Lodge.

The jewels of Officers of District Grand Lodges and of Officers appointed by District Grand Masters are to be placed within a circle, on which the name or number of the District is to be engraved or superimposed, and no ornament or emblem whatever other than such name or number shall be engraved on said circle or superimposed thereupon.

**PAST GRAND
MASTER'S
JEWEL**

Sec. 805. The pocket jewel of a Past Grand Master shall be the seal of the Grand Lodge from which shall be pendant the wearer's initials in script and also the Grand Master's jewel placed within an oval studded with diamonds representing the collar of the Grand Master, which oval shall be surmounted by a representation of the traditional three-cornered chapeau of the Grand Master irradiated, all as illustrated in the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the year 1914, opposite page 402. 1863 (O.P.): Supp.
20
VII: 42
1895: 312
1896: 36
1914: 402
1930: 171
1983: 178
1989: 96

**OTHER PAST
GRAND
OFFICERS'
AND PAST
DISTRICT
GRAND
OFFICERS'
JEWELS**

Sec. 806. Each other Past Grand Officer, except Past District Grand Masters, may wear the jewel prescribed for the office he has filled, with this difference: that such jewel shall be placed within an oval on which shall be engraved or superimposed a wreath composed of a sprig of acacia and an ear of wheat; and Past District Grand Masters and Past District Grand Officers may wear the jewel prescribed for the office he has filled with this difference: that such jewel shall be placed within an oval ornamented similarly to the ornamentation of the circle of the jewel of such office. Said jewel shall be worn over the left breast, pendant to a purple ribbon or metal chain or it may be suspended from the neck by a purple ribbon when another authorized jewel is worn over the left breast. 1895: 312
1896: 36
1918: 351
1930: 171

**MATERIAL OF
GRAND
LODGE
JEWELS**

Sec. 807. All the above jewels to be gold or gilt metal. 1930: 172

LIFE MEMBERSHIP MEDALS	Sec. 808. Honorary life membership, and other similar medals, which have been first approved by the Grand Master, may be presented to, and worn by, members of particular Lodges.	1930: 172 1940: 53
VETERAN'S MEDAL	Sec. 809. A medal to be known as the "Masonic Veteran's Medal" may be conferred upon any affiliated Brother of this jurisdiction on or about the fiftieth anniversary of his raising who, in the opinion of the Grand Master, is worthy of such recognition.	1926: 242, 269, 304, 322, 329 1930: 172 1955: 236, 376
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL	Sec. 810. A medal to be known as the "Distinguished Service Medal" may be conferred by the Grand Master upon such Brethren as may have rendered distinguished service to the Lodges of which they are members.	1930: 87, 172
HENRY PRICE MEDAL	Sec. 811. The Henry Price Medal may be worn only, (a) By those heretofore rightfully in possession thereof with the right to wear the same; and, (b) By such distinguished Brethren as may be selected by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master as worthy of such special Masonic recognition.	1884L 44, 77 1916: 171, 272 1918: 328, 408 1926: 268, 304, 322, 329 1930: 172
PARTICULAR LODGE JEWELS	Sec. 812. Master, the square. Past Masters, the blazing sun within the square and compasses extended on a quadrant. Senior Warden, the level. Junior Warden, the plumb rule. Treasurer, two keys in saltire. Secretary, two pens in saltire, tied by a ribbon. Chaplain, a book within a triangle surmounting a glory. Marshal, a baton. Deacons, the square and compasses united. Stewards, a cornucopia. Inside Sentinel, two swords in saltire. Organist, a lyre. Tyler, a sword.	I: 145 VI: 69, 559 1871: 256 1872: 27 1895: 39, 131 1918: 365 1920: 263 1930: 142, 173

The jewels of the Secretary, Chaplain, Deacons, Stewards, Organist, Inside Sentinel, and Tyler are to be placed within a circle and the jewel of the Marshal within a square, and no ornament or emblem whatever shall be engraven on said circle or square or superimposed thereupon.

**MATERIAL OF
LODGE
JEWELS**

Sec. 813. All particular Lodge jewels - except those of Past Master - to be of silver. The jewel of a Past Master may be of gold or silver and it shall be worn over the left breast, pendant to a sky-blue ribbon or metal chain, or it may be suspended from the neck by a sky-blue ribbon when another authorized jewel is worn over the left breast. 1930: 173

COLLARS

**GRAND
OFFICERS'
COLLARS**

Sec. 814. The collars of Officers of the Grand Lodge, of Officers of District Grand Lodges, and of Officers appointed by District Deputy Grand Masters shall be chains of gold or metal gilt upon purple ribbon of such pattern as now in use. 1914: 363
1918: 352
1930: 174
1983: 178
1989: 96

Note: The chains of Officers of the Grand Lodge are all of the same pattern, the number of stars designating the rank: thus the Grand Master has nine stars; the Deputy Grand Master and District Grand Master seven, the Grand Wardens, five; Past Grand Masters, five; the rest of the Grand Officers, three stars.

**CHAINS AND
COLLARS OF
OFFICERS OF
PARTICULAR
LODGES**

Sec. 815. The Officers of particular Lodges shall wear collars of sky-blue ribbon four inches wide, or chains of silver or white metal upon sky-blue ribbon. Said chains of silver or white metal shall be of such pattern or patterns as shall be approved by the Grand Master. I: 145
VI: 3
1870: 61
1878: 44, 87
1881: 167
1882: 84, 170
1918: 320, 365
1920: 263
1930: 174

**TIME TO
WEAR
COLLARS OF
LODGES**

Sec. 816. The collars of the Officers of particular Lodges are to be worn only in their own Lodges or when representing their Lodges as Masters or Wardens in the Grand Lodge, or in their District Grand Lodges. II: 523
1930: 174

APRONS AND GAUNTLETS

APRONS

Sec. 817. (A) *Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft* - 1930: 174
A plain white lambskin, fourteen inches wide, twelve inches deep, square at bottom and without ornament; white strings.

(B) *Master Mason* - A plain apron of white lambskin or other white fabric, fourteen inches wide, twelve inches deep, and square at the bottom, with white tie strings. It may be ornamented with blue lining; blue edging not in excess of two inches wide on the body and one and one-half inches wide on the fall or flap; three blue rosettes, one at each bottom corner and one on the fall or flap; blue strings or tabs two inches wide with silver tassels. No other color or ornament shall be allowed except to Officers and past Officers of Lodges or of Grand Lodge. I: 138, 148
VI: 68
1878: 44, 87
1886: 105
1895: 127, 220
1918: 389
1930: 174
1963: 155

(C) *Lodge Officer, present and past, (except Past Masters)* - Aprons of white lambskin or other white fabric not in excess of seventeen inches wide and fourteen inches deep, square at the bottom; blue lining; blue edging not in excess of two inches wide on the body and one and one-half inches on the fall or flap; the jewels of their offices embroidered in silver or blue in the center of the apron. They may be ornamented with blue strings or tabs two inches wide with silver or white tassels, and may be edged with silver or white braid and fringe. 1930: 175
1963: 155

(D) *Past Masters* - The same as Lodge Officers, except that the jewel of a Past Master shall be embroidered in the center of the apron either in gold, silver or blue. They may be ornamented with blue strings or tabs two inches wide with silver tassels, and may be edged with silver braid and fringe. They may be further ornamented with three emblems one-half inch broad embroidered in blue and silver, one at each bottom corner and one on the fall or flap, said emblems being described as perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three sets of two right angles, the length of the horizontal lines to be two and one-half inches each and of the perpendicular lines one inch each.

(E) *District Grand Officers, present and past* - Aprons of white lambskin or other white fabric of the same dimensions as those of Lodge Officers, with purple lining and edging two inches wide on the body and one and one-half inches wide on the fall or flap; the jewels of their offices within a double circle in which must be inserted the name of the District embroidered in gold 1914: 363
1930: 175
1963: 156

APRONS
(Continued)

or in purple and gold in the center of the apron. They may be ornamented with purple strings or tabs two inches wide with gold tassels, and may be edged with gold braid and fringe. (Gold may be interpreted to mean of gold color.)

(F) *Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge*, present and past (except as otherwise provided herein) - Aprons of white lambskin or other white fabric of the same dimensions as those of Lodge Officers; purple lining; purple edging not in excess of three inches wide on the body and two inches wide on the fall or flap; the jewels of their offices within a wreath composed of a sprig of acacia and an ear of wheat embroidered in gold or in purple and gold in the center of the apron. They may be ornamented with purple strings or tabs two inches wide with gold tassels, and may be edged with gold braid and fringe.

1918: 353
1930: 176
1963: 156

(G) *District Grand Masters*, present and past - The same as the Deputy Grand Master, but with the name of the District within a double circle surrounding the emblem of office.

1918: 352
1930: 176

(H) *Deputy Grand Master* - The same material and lining as that of the Grand Master, having the emblem of his office in gold embroidery in the center, and the pomegranate and lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging.

1918: 352
1930: 176
1989: 96

(I) *The Past Deputy Grand Masters'* apron will be similar to other Grand Lodge Officers (as described in Sec. 817(F)) with the emblem in the center being the square and compasses with a five pointed star in the center.

1989: 96

(J) *Grand Master, present and past* - Apron similar to the historic apron worn by the Grand Masters of the United Grand Lodge of England as illustrated in the printed Proceedings of this Grand Lodge for 1915 opposite page 331, with the substitution of purple as used by this Grand Lodge in place of the blue used by the United Grand Lodge of England.

1918: 352
1930: 177

GAUNTLETS

(K) In addition to the foregoing, the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and District Grand Masters wear purple velvet gauntlets edged with gold lace or braid, and with the emblems of their respective offices embroidered thereon in gold. 1930: 177

Sec. 818. No Brother shall appear clothed in any of the regalia of the Craft in any procession or at any funeral (except a Masonic funeral), public assembly or meeting, or at any place of public resort unless the Grand Master or District Grand Master, as the case may be, shall have previously given a Dispensation for Brethren to be there present in Masonic clothing. 1930: 177

Sec. 819. Nothing herein provided shall apply to any jewels, chains, collars, or aprons in use prior to A.L. 5930. 1930: 177

RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF 1918: 329, 414
THE GRAND LODGE. 1930: 178

Rule I. No visitor shall be admitted to Grand Lodge II: 6, 517
except by permission of the Grand Master. IV: 653
1918: 414

Rule II. All members and visitors shall keep the seats IV: 653
assigned them except the Grand Marshal and officers 1918: 414
whose duties may call them about the Lodge.

Rule III. All resolutions shall be submitted in writing IV: 653
before there shall be any debate upon them; as shall all 1918: 414
motions, if the Grand Master or any Brother desire it.

Rule IV. All matters in Grand Lodge shall be decided IV: 653
by vote. The Grand Master shall be entitled to one vote 1918: 414
on all questions, and may also give the casting vote
whenever there shall be an equal division.

Rule V. Each member shall vote on all questions, IV: 654
except when he is personally interested, unless specially 1918: 414
excused by the Grand Lodge.

Rule VI. No Brother shall speak more than twice to II: 10
the same question, unless in explanation, without IV: 29, 654
permission of the Grand Master. 1918: 414

Rule VII. Every member who speaks shall rise and IV: 29, 654
remain standing, addressing himself to the Grand 1918: 415
Master; nor shall any Brother presume to interrupt him
except on a point of order.

Rule VIII. When a question is under debate, no IV: 654
motion shall be received except to amend, commit, or 1878: 51, 87
lay upon the table. 1918: 415
1930: 179

Rule IX. A motion to amend, until decided, shall IV: 654
preclude all other amendments of the main question. 1918: 415
1930: 179

Rule X. Any member may call for a division of the IV: 654
question where the same will admit of it. 1918: 415
1930: 179

Rule XI. No new motion, which totally changes the IV: 654
subject-matter on which the original motion was 1918: 415
intended to operate, shall be admitted, under color of 1926: 303
amendment, as a substitute for a motion under debate. 1930: 179

Rule XII. After a motion is stated by the Grand Master, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Grand Lodge, but may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before decision or amendment.

IV: 654
1918: 415
1930: 179

Rule XIII. There shall be no debate upon any question after it is put by the Grand Master.

IV: 654
1918: 415
1930: 179

Rule XIV. All motions and reports may be committed at the pleasure of the Grand Lodge.

IV: 655
1918: 415
1930: 179

Rule XV. While the Grand Master is addressing the Grand Lodge, or putting a question, or a Brother is speaking, no member shall entertain any private discourse, nor pass between the speaker and the Chair.

IV: 655
1918: 425
1930: 179

Rule XVI. All communications, petitions, appeals, resolutions, propositions, and motions shall be couched in decent and respectful language, or they shall not be entertained in Grand Lodge.

IV: 655
1918: 426
1930: 180

Rule XVII. No Brother shall leave the Grand Lodge during the session without permission of the Grand Master.

IV: 655
1918: 416
1930: 180

Rule XVIII. If any member shall have been twice called to order for transgressing these Rules and shall, nevertheless, be guilty of a third offense at the same meeting, the Grand Master shall peremptorily command him to take his seat, and he shall not be permitted to speak again during that session of the Grand Lodge.

IV: 655
1918: 416
1930: 180

RULES AS TO BY-LAWS.

1918: 329, 417
1930: 181

I. By-Laws of a particular Lodge should provide for the election or appointment of a Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Tyler, and such other officers as may be deemed expedient, the first five always to be chosen by ballot.

1873: 49
1881: 48
1918: 417
1930: 181

II. A Lodge may, by its By-Laws, provide for the election, by ballot, of all officers and committees; but where there is no such provision the Worshipful Master *alone* has the appointing power. In the election of officers, blank ballots shall not be counted.

1873: 49
1910: 193
1918: 417
1930: 181
1953: 55

III. By-Laws should provide for the Regular Meetings of the Lodge; Special Meetings can be held only at the will and pleasure of the Worshipful Master.

1873: 49
1918: 417
1930: 181

IV. By-Laws cannot provide for the removal of an officer, because when an officer (elected or appointed) has been installed he cannot be removed, and ought not to resign, during his term if he remain a member of the Lodge in good standing; for misdemeanor in office he may be suspended, subject to the action of the Grand Master or Grand Lodge. Should a vacancy occur from any cause, it cannot be permanently filled without a Dispensation from the Grand Master.

1858 (O.P.): 39
1873: 49
1918: 176, 417
1930: 181

V. By-Laws cannot alter or abridge the duties of officers that are fixed by usage and the Ritual, and ought not to define such duties; it is well for them, however, to set forth fully what is specially required of the Treasurer and Secretary.

1873: 50
1918: 418
1930: 182

VI. By-Laws cannot deprive a Brother of membership by any language therein; every Mason is entitled to due notice and trial before being deprived of any Masonic rights.

1872: 19
1873: 50
1918: 418
1930: 182

VII. In balloting, whether for degrees or for membership, the ballot must be *unanimous* to elect, except as provided in Secs. 422 and 521.

1873: 50
1918: 418
1930: 182
1953: 55, 197

VIII. By-Laws cannot regulate the Aprons, Collars, or Jewels, to be worn by officers or members, they being determined by the Grand Constitutions.

1873: 50
1918: 418
1930: 182

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- IX. By-Laws should not contain extracts from the Grand Constitutions as any part thereof. Such forms as may be needed for general reference might very properly be put in a supplement or footnote; but, if this is done, great care should be taken promptly to insert such amendments as may be made by the Grand Lodge.
- 1873: 50
1918: 418
1930: 182
- X. Each code of By-Laws should set forth the fees for the degrees and membership, the annual dues, and a description of the Seal of the Lodge. A Life Membership Fee, if any, shall be at least twenty times the annual Lodge dues, but provision may be made for an appropriate reduction for increasing age or for previous payment of annual dues over a period of years.
- 1873: 52
1883: 255
1909: 200
1918: 173, 418
1930: 182
1936: 115, 117
1937: 135
1939: 236
1953: 55, 197
1956: 226, 451
1957: 90
- XI. Candidates for honorary membership in a Lodge shall be regularly proposed, named in the notice, and balloted for in the same manner as is required for other candidates, but must be received without any fee. A unanimous ballot shall not be deemed necessary when the candidate is already an active member, unless the Lodge in its By-Laws shall so provide.
- 1881: 68, 167
1884: 40
1895: 129, 222
1918: 419
1930: 183
- XII. Absentee votes or ballots are illegal.
- 1926: 240
1953: 55, 197

REGULATIONS CONCERNING DISTRICT
GRAND MASTERS AND DISTRICT GRAND
LODGES

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| INSTALLATION | <p>1. The District Grand Master shall be installed at the first District Grand Lodge which he may hold after his appointment, and until such installation he shall not be qualified to perform any of the functions of his office, except that of summoning the District Grand Lodge to meet for the purpose of his installation.</p> | <p>1871: 235
1914: 361
1915: 98
1918: 420</p> |
| VACANCY IN OFFICE OF DISTRICT GRAND MASTER | <p>2. In the event of the death, resignation, removal, or suspension of a District Grand Master, the District Grand Lodge shall continue to exercise its functions; and the Deputy District Grand Master, if there be one, and if not, or in the event of his being absent from the District and until his return, the District Grand Officer or Past District Grand Officer next in rank then in the District, shall assume and exercise the functions of District Grand Master until another District Grand Master shall have received his commission from the Grand Master and shall have notified the same to the District Grand Secretary. The Brother so exercising the functions of a District Grand Master shall not assume that title; nor shall he, after having so acted, be entitled to rank as a Past District Grand Master, or to wear the Masonic clothing belonging to that office.</p> | |
| DISTRICT GRAND LODGE | <p>3. A District Grand Lodge consists of the District Grand Master, Past District Grand Masters, District Grand Officers, Officers and Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts who may be present in the District, Past Deputy District Grand Masters, Past District Grand Wardens, and the Master and Wardens of all Lodges in the District.</p> | |
| DISTRICT GRAND OFFICERS | <p>4. The District Grand Master is empowered to appoint for his District the following District Grand Officers and such others as may be necessary or desirable for the satisfactory conduct of the affairs of Masonry in his District appertaining to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, whose duties shall be such as are performed by officers of like title in the Grand Lodge.</p> | <p>1918: 374
1923: 324
1953: 197</p> |

A Deputy District Grand Master.
 A District Senior Grand Warden.
 A District Junior Grand Warden.
 A District Grand Secretary.
 Two District Grand Chaplains.
 A District Grand Marshal.
 A District Grand Lecturer.
 A District Senior Grand Deacon.
 A District Junior Grand Deacon.
 A District Senior Grand Steward.
 A District Junior Grand Steward.
 A District Grand Sword Bearer.
 A District Grand Standard Bearer.
 Two District Grand Pursuivants.
 A District Grand Tyler.

**DISTRICT
 GRAND
 TREASURER**

5. The District Grand Lodge shall elect a District Grand Treasurer annually, by whom a regular account of the receipts and disbursements shall be kept. He shall be ex officio Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the charity funds. His account must be produced at the Annual Meeting of the District Grand Lodge, and audited once in each year, and a copy thereof transmitted to the Grand Master.

**NOTICE OF
 DEPUTY
 DISTRICT
 GRAND
 MASTER**

6. The District Grand Master must transmit, in writing, the name and place of abode of his Deputy to all the Lodges of his District, and also to the Grand Secretary, within one month of the appointment.

**NOTICE OF
 OTHER
 DISTRICT
 GRAND
 OFFICERS**

7. Names, addresses and Lodges of all District Grand Officers shall be transmitted to the Grand Secretary by the District Grand Secretary, within one month of election or appointment. The District Grand Officers must all be residents within the District, unless the Grand Master grant a Dispensation for non-residence.

**QUALIFICATIONS
 OF DISTRICT
 GRAND
 OFFICERS**

8. No Brother can be appointed a District Grand Master, Deputy District Grand Master or District Grand Warden unless he be the Past Master of a Lodge; nor a District Grand Deacon unless he be a Past Warden of a Lodge under the jurisdiction of some Grand Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

**SUMMONS BY
DISTRICT
GRAND
MASTER**

9. The District Grand Master may summon the Officers of any Lodge within his District to attend him, and to produce the Charter, books, papers, and accounts of the Lodge, or he may summon any Brother within his District to attend him and produce his certificate. If the summons be not complied with or a sufficient reason be not given for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of contumacy, the Lodge or Brother may be suspended, and the proceeding notified to the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

II: 634

**DISCIPLINE
BY DISTRICT
GRAND
MASTER**

10. The District Grand Master shall hear and determine all subjects of Masonic complaint or irregularity, respecting Lodges or individual Masons, within his Province or District, and may proceed to admonition, or suspension. The power of summons is an incident to this power and applies to the Brethren complained against as well as to witnesses. A minute of the proceedings, stating the offense and the law applicable to it, together with the decision, is to be transmitted to the Grand Master.

**PROCEDURE
FOR ERASURE
OR
EXPULSION
IN DISTRICT**

11. The District Grand Master has no power to erase a Lodge or expel a Mason; when, therefore, the case is of so flagrant a nature as, in his judgment, to require the erasure of a Lodge, or the expulsion of a Brother, it shall be proceeded with in the method provided in the Grand Constitutions, the trial board to be a Special Board of Commissioners to be appointed by the District Grand Master. They shall report to the Grand Lodge.

**RECORDS OF
DISTRICT
GRAND
LODGE**

12. The District Grand Master, holding his office at the pleasure of the Grand Master, and the power of the Deputy as well as of District Grand Lodge emanating from the authority vested in the District Grand Master, he or his Deputy must be responsible that the District Grand Lodge does not exceed its lawful powers. He is, therefore, to cause correct minutes to be kept of all its proceedings, and to produce them to the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge when required, sending to the Grand Master at least once a year a duplicate thereof.

**REPORT OF
DISTRICT
GRAND
MASTER**

13. The District Grand Master shall annually transmit to the Grand Master so as to be received prior to the Quarterly Communication in December, a circumstantial account, in writing, of his proceedings, and of the state of Masonry within his District for the year ending August thirty-first.

**RANK OF
DISTRICT
GRAND
OFFICERS**

14. District Grand Officers, present or past, other than the District Grand Master, do not take any rank out of their District. They are, however, entitled to wear their clothing as District Grand Officers, or Past District Grand Officers in all Masonic meetings.

**MEETINGS OF
DISTRICT
GRAND
LODGE**

15. District Grand Lodges shall fix stated times for their regular meetings, not exceeding four times in the year, but the District Grand Master may summon and hold a special District Grand Lodge whenever, in his judgment, it may be necessary. The particular reason for calling such special District Grand Lodge shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting.

**OPENING OF
DISTRICT
GRAND
LODGE**

16. When the District Grand Master presides, the District Grand Lodge is to be declared open in due form; if the Deputy of any other Brother presides, in form only.

**BY-LAWS OF
DISTRICT
GRAND
LODGE**

17. The District Grand Lodge may frame By-Laws for its own government, and may make regulations for the guidance of the particular Lodges of the District, provided that none of these be contrary to, or inconsistent with, the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge as laid down in the Book of Constitutions, but such By-Laws shall not be valid until submitted to, and approved by, the Committee on Charters and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge.

**REGULATIONS
OF DISTRICT
GRAND
LODGE**

18. The proceedings and decisions of District Grand Lodges and of their Committees shall in all cases be strictly governed and controlled by the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge, as laid down in the Book of Constitutions.

PROXIES

19. Any Lodge may select a proxy to the District Grand Lodge as well as to the Grand Lodge and under similar terms and conditions, except as such terms and conditions may be from time to time modified by order of the District Grand Master, provided always that every proxy sitting in District Grand Lodge must be an active or honorary member of some Lodge within the District.

DISPENSATIONS OF DISTRICT GRAND MASTER

20. The District Grand Master is hereby granted a power of Dispensation in the following cases:

(a.) In cases of emergency, for a Brother to be advanced to a higher degree at an interval of not less than one week, instead of fourteen days;

(b.) To form in public procession for the purpose of conducting Masonic funeral processions and burial services;

(c.) To form in public procession for the purpose of attending Divine Worship;

(d.) To form in public procession for the purpose of performing any other strictly Masonic service; never, however, upon other than a Masonic occasion;

(e.) To hold regular and business meetings of a Lodge on other days than those called for by its By-Laws;

(f.) In case of necessity, to elect officers of a Lodge on another day than the Annual Meetings;

(g.) To continue Lodge functions pending replacement of a Charter which has been lost or destroyed;

(h.) In cases of necessity, to hold meetings of a Lodge in another place than that named in the Charter;

(i.) To authorize the withdrawal of an application in case the applicant has permanently left the District before a ballot can be taken;

(j.) In case of necessity, to deputize some qualified person to open a Lodge and preside therein in the absence of the Master and both Wardens.

A District Grand Master forthwith upon granting a Dispensation shall transmit to the Grand Master a report thereof. A District Grand Master shall require a return upon each Dispensation, and when such return is received shall immediately transmit a copy thereof to the Grand Master.

POWER OF DISTRICT GRAND MASTER TO PRESIDE

21. The District Grand Master may preside in any Lodge he visits within his District, his Deputy being placed on his left, and the Master of the Lodge on his right hand; his Wardens, if present, shall act as Wardens of the Lodge during the time he presides; but if they be absent, the District Grand Master may direct the Wardens of the Lodge, or any Master Masons, to act as his Wardens pro tempore.

POWER OF DEPUTY DISTRICT GRAND MASTER TO PRESIDE

22. Unless the District Grand Master be present, his Deputy may preside in any Lodge he may visit within his District, the Master of the Lodge being placed on his right hand. The District Grand Wardens, if present, are to act as Wardens of the Lodge during the time he presides.

**POWER OF
DISTRICT
GRAND
MASTER TO
DEPUTIZE**

23. The District Grand Master may send any of his District Grand Officers, present or past, to visit any Lodge in his Province or District whenever he may think fit so to do.

**BY-LAWS OF
LODGES**

24. Every Lodge has the power of framing its By-Laws for its government, provided they are not inconsistent with the regulations and customs of the Grand Lodge. The By-Laws must be submitted through the District Grand Master, for his approval previous to transmission, to the Committee on Charters and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge. No law or alteration will be valid until so submitted and approved by said Committee.

**JEWELS OF
DISTRICT
GRAND
OFFICERS**

25. Jewels of District Grand Officers (except District Grand Master) shall be of the same description as those worn by corresponding officers of the Grand Lodge, except that the jewels are to be placed within a circle on which the name of the District is to be engraven, but no ornament or emblem whatever other than such name shall be engraven on the said circle or superimposed thereupon.

**APRONS OF
DISTRICT
GRAND
OFFICERS**

26. The aprons of District Grand Officers (except the District Grand Master) shall be similar to those worn by corresponding Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, except that the edging to the apron shall not in any event exceed two inches in width. The emblems of their offices shall be in gold in the center within a double circle, in which must be inserted the name of the District. The District Grand Master may have his emblem embroidered upon the apron, but the emblem of other District Grand Officers shall be painted or stamped thereon.

**RETURNS OF
LODGE
UNDER
DISTRICT
GRAND
LODGE**

27. Returns of all Lodges within the jurisdiction of District Grand Lodges shall be made to the Grand Lodge, transmitted through the District Grand Masters, in the same manner as returns made by home Lodges, and upon blanks printed by the Grand Lodge for the purpose. In addition to the returns so furnished for the Grand Lodge, there shall be a return made as prescribed by the District Grand Master for the use of the District Grand Lodge.

STATIONS OF THE GRAND OFFICERS IN
THE GRAND LODGE

I: 49
VII: 100
1910: 48
1918: 430
1953: 56, 197

THE M.W. GRAND MASTER,
In the East at the Head of the Grand Lodge.

THE R.W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,
In the East, next to and left of the Grand Master.

THE R.W. DISTRICT GRAND MASTERS,
In the East, next and left of the Deputy Grand Master.

THE R.W. SENIOR GRAND WARDEN,
In the West.

THE R.W. JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN,
In the South.

THE M.W. PAST GRAND MASTERS,
*In the East, at the right of the Grand Master, and the
Immediate Past Grand Master, next to the Grand
Master.*

THE R.W. PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS,
In the East, at the right of the Past Grand Masters.

THE R.W. PAST DISTRICT GRAND MASTERS,
*In the East, at the right of the Past Deputy Grand
Masters.*

THE R.W. PAST GRAND WARDENS,
*In the East, at the right of the Past Deputy Grand
Masters.*

THE R.W. GRAND TREASURER,
On the right, in front of the Grand Master.

THE R.W. GRAND SECRETARY,
On the left, in front of the Grand Master.

THE R.W. DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS,
In the East, on the left of the Deputy Grand Master.

THE R.W. GRAND REPRESENTATIVES,
In the East, at the right of the Past Grand Wardens.

THE R.W. GRAND MARSHAL,
*Upon the left of the Grand Master, in front of the
Grand Secretary.*

THE W. AND REV. GRAND CHAPLAINS,
*In front of and on the left of the M.W. Grand Master,
near the altar.*

THE W. GRAND LECTURERS,
On the right of the Senior Grand Deacon.

THE W. SENIOR GRAND DEACON,
*Upon the right of the Grand Master, in front of the
Grand Treasurer.*

THE W. JUNIOR GRAND DEACON,
In the West, at the right of the Senior Grand Warden.

THE W. GRAND STEWARDS,
*In the South, two upon the right and two
upon the left of the Junior Grand Warden,
upon each side, one Steward in front of the other.*

THE W. GRAND SWORD-BEARER,
At the left of the Grand Marshal.

THE W. GRAND STANDARD-BEARER,
At the left of the Grand Sword-Bearer.

THE W. GRAND PURSUIVANTS,
Near the door of the entrance to the Grand Lodge.

THE W. GRAND ORGANIST,
At the Organ.

THE W. GRAND TYLER,
Outside of the entrance to the Grand Lodge.

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