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State of California, Incorporated

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ARTICLE I

The Grand Lodge-Its Title

SECTION 1:

This Grand Lodge shall be entitled THE MOST
WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE, FREE
AND ACCEPTED MASONS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
INCORPORATED, formerly "The Most Worshipful Prince
Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons State of
California & Hawaii Incorporated," formerly "The Most
Worshipful Sovereign Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted
Masons of the State of California."

SECTION 2:

Articles of Incorporation (See Part VI, Appendix A)

Its Seal

SECTION 3:

This Grand Lodge shall have a seal bearing such devices
and inscriptions as have heretofore been or may hereafter
be determined. This seal shall be affixed to all instruments
issued by or under the authority of this Grand Lodge.

Its Vision Statement

SECTION 4:

"California Prince Hall Masons creating and achieving
exceptional solutions to advance the order and the
community."

ARTICLE II

Its Members and Their Titles

SECTION 1:

a. The Grand Lodge shall have a Grand Master, whose address shall be Most Worshipful, a Deputy Grand Master, a Senior Grand Warden, a Junior Grand Warden, a Grand Treasurer, a Grand Secretary and a Grand Lecturer, who shall be elected annually.

b. There shall be nine (9) Grand Directors who shall be elected as follows: The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, by virtue of their respective offices, and five (5) additional members, who shall be elected by the Grand Lodge.

c. There shall be the following appointed officers: A Grand Chaplain, whose address shall be Very Reverend, Senior Grand Deacon, Junior Grand Deacon, Senior Grand Steward, Junior Grand Steward, Grand Pursuivant, Grand Tyler, Grand Architect, Grand Bible Bearer, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Flag Bearer, Grand Keeper of the Archives, Grand Orator, Grand Marshal and two Assistant Marshals, Grand Organist, Grand Historian, Grand Auditor and two Assistant Auditors, Assistant Grand Secretary, District Deputy Grand Masters.

d. These officers together with Past Masters of this jurisdiction and Masters and Wardens of the several chartered and duly constituted lodges or the representatives thereof, duly elected as hereinafter provided shall constitute the membership of this Grand Lodge.

e. The address of all officers, other than the Grand Master and the Grand Chaplain, shall be Right Worshipful.

Membership

SECTION 2:

Each officer and member of this Grand Lodge must be a member of a lodge within this jurisdiction.

Proxy

SECTION 3:

No member of this Grand Lodge shall be represented by proxy.

ARTICLE III

The Grand Lodge-Its Power and Authority

SECTION 1:

The Grand Lodge is the supreme Masonic authority in its jurisdiction, possessing all the attributes of sovereignty and government-legislative, executive and judicial-limited only by a strict adherence to the ancient landmarks of the Order, and by the provisions of its own constitution and regulations.

Legislative

SECTION 2:

Its legislative powers extend to every case of legislation not expressly delegated by itself to the lodges under its jurisdiction.

Executive

SECTION 3:

Its executive powers include the granting of dispensations and charters to establish and perpetuate lodges within this jurisdiction and in other territories where no grand lodge exists, the revocation and suspensions of such dispensations and charters, the issuing of special dispensations for all purposes permitted by the provisions of this constitution and all authority necessary to carry its own legislation into effect.

Kinds of Judicial Power

SECTION 4:

Its judicial powers are two kinds viz: original and appellate.

Original Judicial Power

SECTION 5:

The original judicial power includes the decision of all controversies between any of the lodges, or between one of them and a member or members of another, or between members of different lodges, and the enforcement of discipline upon its own members, and upon lodges under its jurisdiction.

Appellate Judicial Power

SECTION 6:

Its appellate power shall embrace the hearing and necessary revision of all matters of controversy or discipline proper for Masonic investigations which may have arisen in any of the lodges under its jurisdiction.

ARTICLE IV

Its Communications

SECTION 1:

The Grand Lodge shall hold its annual communication for the transaction of its regular business in California at a facility such as shall be recommended by the Grand Sessions Committee and selected by the Grand Lodge Board of Directors commencing on the second or third Monday in July of each year at 10:00 A.M.

No Other Body to Meet

SECTION 2:

There shall be no other Masonic body convened while the Grand Lodge is in session except for the purpose of burying the dead.

SECTION 3:

There shall be no other Masonic body of adoptive rite convened for any purpose on occasion as proclaimed by the Grand Lodge and/or Grand Master, except for participation with the lodge or Grand Lodge.

Church Services

SECTION 4:

Appropriate church services will be held on the Sunday afternoon preceding the opening of the Grand Lodge in its annual communication, and a suitable program for the occasion shall be under the supervision of the Grand Master. The Lodge of Sorrow and Chapter of Sorrow will be combined with the religious services on Sunday, no other services for the departed will be held after Sunday services. The memorial service for the departed will be conducted annually, alternating in order, between the bodies of sorrow specified above.

Special

SECTION 5:

Special communication of the Grand Lodge may be ordered by the Grand Master whenever, in his opinion, the welfare of the Fraternity shall require it, or when a written application for the same, signed by the Masters of at least seven (7) chartered lodges, shall be presented to him.

Object

SECTION 6:

Every order for a special communication must designate the object thereof, so far as is proper to be written, and shall be issued to each lodge, and grand lodge officer at least thirty (30) days before the day named for the meeting, and no business shall be transacted there other than that for which the Grand Lodge was especially convened.

ARTICLE V

Time of Election and Tenure of Office

SECTION 1:

a. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Lecturer, and Grand Directors, shall be elected by ballot at each annual communication the third (3rd) day of the session of the Grand Lodge, shall be installed before closing thereof, and shall hold their offices until their successors shall have been elected and installed. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for an election. (See Constitution Article XVI, Section 3B-Bylaws Grand Directors).

b. A Grand Master during his tenure in office shall be exempt from his Masonic lodge dues and Grand Lodge per capita taxes.

SECTION 2:

All nominees for election shall be included on one written ballot.

Limits of Tenure

SECTION 3:

A Grand Master who has served three (3) consecutive terms cannot succeed himself for a fourth term and must be out of office one (1) full year before being eligible to run for the office of Grand Master.

Officers Appointed and by Whom

SECTION 4:

All other grand officers except the Assistant Grand Secretary, who shall be appointed by the Grand Secretary, shall be appointed by the Grand Master immediately after his installation at each annual communication and shall hold their office during his will and pleasure.

Order of Succession - Office of Grand Master

SECTION 5:

In the case of the death of the Grand Master or his removal from the jurisdiction, the Deputy Grand Master shall succeed to the office and be vested with all the powers, prerogatives, and duties of the office for the remainder of the term for which said Grand Master was elected; should the office again be vacated, then the Senior Grand Warden, then the Junior Grand Warden, then the Junior Most Worshipful Past Grand Master.

Representation Necessary for a Quorum

SECTION 6:

The officers or representatives of at least three (3) chartered Lodges shall be present in order to transact business in the Grand Lodge at an annual communication and seven (7) at a special communication, but upon occasions of ceremony only, the Grand Master or his duly authorized representative with a sufficient number of brethren to fill the stations and places, may at any time, open the Grand Lodge.

Vacancies

SECTION 7:

Whenever a vacancy shall occur in any elective office of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master shall have the power to fill the same by appointment, which appointment shall be valid until the succeeding annual election and installation, and the officers so appointed shall be charged with all the duties and responsibilities of one regularly elected.

Nomination When Absent

SECTION 8:

Should a member of this obedience seek election or re-election to an office in Grand Lodge but is unable to attend its annual communication due to serious illness or hospitalization, both of which require care by a physician,

or due to the death of an immediate family member- wife, son, daughter, brother, sister, mother, or father- or may be placed in nomination for any elective office in Grand Lodge provided, he has presented a letter to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, informing them of his intentions, and in the case of a medical problem, the letter must contain the reason for his absence, with the signature of a licensed physician. All requests must be signed in the requester's handwriting, read in open grand session, and voted upon by a show of hands; a majority being sufficient to determine approval.

ARTICLE VI

Voting and Representations

SECTION 1:

All questions in the Grand Lodge except the election of officers, resolutions, and/or recommendations (Article XXXI, Section 3) shall be decided by a show of hands unless, before the announcement of the vote thereof, three (3) members shall demand that the vote be taken by BALLOT. In voting on the demand, a majority of votes cast shall be necessary to send to ballot. Should the demand prevail, the question must be decided by ballot.

SECTION 2:

Each lodge represented shall be entitled to three (3) votes, and the Past Masters of each lodge will be entitled to one (1) vote each.

SECTION 3:

No grand officer, past grand officer, or past master voting or participating in either of the above capacities, shall vote in any other of them. But each of such members may, as master, warden, or representative of a lodge, cast also the number of votes to which such position shall entitle him.

Vote of Representatives

SECTION 4:

When a lodge shall be represented by only two (2) of its officers, the highest in rank must cast two (2) of its three (3) votes. When a lodge is represented by only one (1) of its proper officers, such officer or representative, shall cast all of the votes to which it is entitled.

Tie Vote

SECTION 5:

In all cases of a tie vote, except when voting by ballot, the Grand Master, in addition to his proper vote, shall have the deciding vote.

SECTION 6:

All voting members in annual communication shall register with the local Grand Sessions Committee, who shall provide a badge reflecting the brother's name, lodge number, and status-past master, master, or warden.

ARTICLE VII

Committees and Their Duties

SECTION 1:

a. The following regular committees shall be appointed by the Grand Master at the annual communication, to consist of not less than three (3) members each:

1. Credentials
2. Grand Master's Address
3. Grievances and Appeals
4. Jurisprudence
5. Charters and Warrants
6. Concierge
7. Public Relations/Electronic Media
8. Necrology
9. Ways and Means
10. and a permanent committee on grand Session.

b. There shall also be a Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Chairman of Public Relations, Chairman and Directors of the Youth Fraternity, Editor of the Masonic Digest, and a Chairman of Charity and Benevolence Committee.

c. Special committees may be appointed by the Grand Master whenever it may be deemed necessary, by him, or by the grand lodge.

d. The tenure of the members on the Grand Session Committee shall not exceed three (3) years or until the resignation, disability, non-election, or death of the appointing Grand Master.

Referral to Committee

SECTION 2:

No business of any kind, shall be acted upon finally, until it has been referred to a committee, and said committee's report has been submitted, unless such business is decided upon by the unanimous consent of the grand lodge, and no appropriation of money shall be made, until reference has been made to and a report thereon made by the Board of Grand Directors.

ARTICLE VIII

Revenue

SECTION 1:

a. The revenue of the grand lodge shall be derived from the following sources:

1. For a dispensation to form a new lodge, the sum of sixty - five dollars (\$65.00);
2. For a charter to perpetuate a lodge, the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00);
3. For each new profane initiated in a new lodge, the sum of sixty - five dollars (\$65.00);
4. For a dispensation for other than the regular annual election, the sum of five dollars (\$5.00);
5. For a dispensation to ballot on a candidate for the degrees at a time other than a Stated meeting, the sum of five dollars (\$5.00);
6. For a dispensation to confer the three degrees at any one meeting, the sum of five dollars (\$5.00);
7. For a dispensation to confer the three degrees in less time than provided for by the constitution, the sum of five dollars (\$5.00);
8. For a Master Mason certificate, the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00).
9. For each healing, the sum of sixty - five dollars (\$65.00).
10. For filling out a diploma or certificate of any kind, the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) except when issued for

the widow or children of a deceased Mason, in which case there shall be no charge, but no diploma or certificate shall be issued except upon the presentation of a certificate to the Grand Secretary from the secretary of a lodge.

Collection of Same

SECTION 2:

In no case shall any of the foregoing documents be issued until the fees shall have been paid to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 3:

The fees shall be transferred to the General Department for administrative purposes of grand lodge.

Annual Fees

SECTION 4:

a. The following fees shall be paid annually by each of the chartered and U. D. lodges:

1. For each Entered Apprentice degree conferred during a year, the sum of sixty-five dollars (\$65.00).
2. For each Master Mason degree conferred during the year, a chartered lodge shall pay the sum of seven dollars and fifty cent (\$7.50) and a U. D. lodge, the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00).
3. For each member received by affiliation, the sum of twelve dollars and fifty cent (\$12.50).
4. For each member reinstating, the sum of twelve dollars and fifty cent (\$12.50).
5. For each Master Mason borne upon its quarterly returns, the sum of eight dollars and seventy-five cent (\$8.75).
- b. These sums are to be forwarded to the Grand Secretary on or before August 15th, November 15th, February 15th, and May 15th of each year.

Exemptions for MWPGMs

SECTION 5:

a. The subordinate "bodies" of this jurisdiction will amend any and all financial payment records of the Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters who are members of their respective lodge, chapter, or court to indicate that no dues will be paid by the Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, and no taxes will be paid by subordinate body.

b. The bodies that have their "seat of power" outside the jurisdiction of California, (A.E.A.O.N.M.S., A.A.S.R., Royal Arch, Knights Templar, Etc.), will amend their financial records to reflect that the Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters will not pay dues; however, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge will assume payment of their per capita taxes.

Lodges Responsible for Dues of Members

SECTION 6:

Every lodge shall be accountable for the dues of each of its members embraced in its Returns.

To Whom Payable

SECTION 7:

All monies intended for this grand lodge shall be payable to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of California, Incorporated.

ARTICLE IX

Duties of The Grand Master

SECTION 1:

a. It shall be the duty of the Grand Master:

1. To preside at all the communications of the grand lodge.
2. To present at each annual communication a written message setting forth therein all his official acts during the year, showing the general condition of Masonry within the jurisdiction, and recommending such legislation as may be deemed necessary for the welfare of the Order.

3. To constitute all chartered lodges either in person or by duly authorized representatives in accordance with ancient usages and regulations.

4. To visit each lodge in the jurisdiction at least once during the year, either in person or by duly accredited representatives.

5. To exercise a general and careful supervision over the Craft, to see that the constitution and regulations of the grand lodge are strictly maintained, supported, and obeyed, and to discharge all the necessary functions of the grand lodge when that body is not in session; but nothing herein contained shall authorize the Grand Master to do other than carry out the expressed legislative action of this grand lodge in accordance with constitutional requirements and not otherwise.

6. To render a complete report of all monies coming into his hands during the year.

ARTICLE X

Powers of the Grand Master

SECTION 1:

a. The Grand Master has the general supervision of the Craft during the interval between the communications of the grand lodge, and may exercise all its executive powers and functions, except the granting of charters or superseding legislative action of the grand lodge in annual communication passed. By virtue of his authority, he may:

1. Grant dispensations for the formation of new lodges.
2. Grant dispensations for holding elections of an officer or officers at times other than the regular periods.
3. Grant dispensations to ballot on and confer the degrees upon candidates in less time than specified in the constitution.
4. Dispense with the constitutional fee for initiation and accept a less sum for a specified time.

5. Convene any lodge, preside therein, inspect its proceedings, and compel its uniformity to Masonic usages.
6. Arrest the charter or dispensation of any lodge for violation of the constitution or edicts of this grand lodge until the next annual communication.

7. Arrest the jewel of the Master of any lodge, thereby suspending him from the exercise of the powers and duties of his office for violation of the constitution or edicts of this grand lodge, or for his inability to properly perform the duties of a Worshipful Master. Such suspension shall extend until the next annual communication, but shall not affect his membership.

8. Require the attendance of or any information from any grand officer respecting matters appertaining to the duties of his office.

9. Appoint grand representatives in other recognized grand lodges and receive and accredit Grand representative from them, provided that they are past masters.

Power of Dispensation

SECTION 2:

The Grand Master has no dispensing powers other than those conferred by the ancient landmarks or when lawfully conferred by the constitution of the grand lodge or any lawful edict thereof.

SECTION 3:

The Grand Master cannot dispense with any of the ancient landmarks, regulations or usages of Masonry, nor has he the power by dispensation to authorize a lodge to join in a funeral procession of a deceased Mason unless such funeral is conducted by a Masonic lodge.

Decisions of the Grand Master

SECTION 4:

The Grand Master shall, at his discretion, report to the grand lodge decisions upon Masonic law made by him during its recess. If made to and approved by the grand lodge, they do not have the force and effect of written laws, but have the effect of an approval, of the act of the Grand Master in a particular instance, and are of value only as an opinion formed upon an *ex parte* statement if without an issue submitted in a proceeding requiring judicial determination. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a committee from accompanying its report with a draft for a change in the law in accordance with a recommendation, or otherwise, or from making recommendations as to such drafts; but the action of the grand lodge in its enactments must be independent of its action on the report.

Emergency or Unforeseen Eventuality

SECTION 5:

There shall be placed at his disposal a sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be used in case of an emergency or any unforeseen eventuality.

ARTICLE XI

Duties of the Deputy Grand Master

SECTION 1:

It shall be the duty of the Deputy Grand Master to assist the Grand Master in the discharge of his duties at all the communications of the grand lodge, and in the absence of the Grand Master, to preside therein, and in the event of the death of the Grand Master, his absence from the state, or his inability from any cause to perform the functions of his office, the Deputy Grand Master shall succeed to and be charged with all of his powers and duties.

ARTICLE XII

Duties of the Grand Wardens

SECTION 1:

It shall be the duty of the Grand Wardens to assist the Grand Master at all communications of the grand lodge, and in his absence and in the absence of the Deputy Grand Master, to preside therein in the order of their rank, and in the case of the death or absence from the state or other inability of their superiors, the Wardens shall in the order of their rank succeed to and be charged with all the powers and duties of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master.

ARTICLE XIII

Duties of the Grand Treasurer

SECTION 1:

a. It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer:

1. To receive all monies from the Grand Secretary belonging to the grand lodge, to give him receipts for the same, and to retain duplicates.

2. To retain all securities and vouchers of the grand lodge and to pay all orders drawn upon such funds and monies under such regulations as are provided by the grand lodge.

3. To attend the grand lodge at all its communications, and the Grand Master when required, with the books, papers, and all the necessary documents relative to his office, and when required by the grand lodge or Grand Master, to attend with his books upon any committee whose duty it may be to act in relation to the financial concerns of the grand lodge.

4. To make available a detailed account of his receipts and disbursements for examination by any member upon request and in conjunction with the Grand Secretary to present at each annual communication a certified balance sheet depicting the existing condition of finances. In the event a certified balance is not available, present an uncertified statement of the same.

5. To deliver his books properly balanced into the hands of the Grand Auditor quarterly.

6. To deliver on demand, to the grand lodge, or to his successor in office all books, funds, and property of the grand lodge that have been received by him as Grand Treasurer.

7. To deliver his books, and other documents, as appropriate, to a certified public accountant designated by the Board of Grand Directors annually.

ARTICLE XIV

Duties of the Grand Secretary

SECTION 1:

a. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary;

1. To record all transactions of the grand lodge that are proper to be written and to superintend the publication thereof under such instructions as may be given by the grand lodge.
2. To draw all vouchers properly ordered and keep a true record of the same.
3. To receive duly and safely keep all papers and documents addressed to or belonging to the grand lodge and to present such as may require its action at each annual communication thereof.

4. To keep the seal of the grand lodge and affix the same with his attestation to all instruments emanating from the body and to all written and official acts of the Grand Master.
5. To collect all monies due the grand lodge, keep a correct account of the same in proper books, and pay them over to the Grand Treasurer.

6. To make available a detailed account of all monies received by him during the year with all the sources from whence they came for examination by any member upon request. In conjunction with the Grand Treasurer, present at each annual communication certified financial statements depicting revenue and expenses during the year. In the event certified statements are not available, present uncertified statements depicting the same. Report on all lodges that shall be in arrears to the grand lodge or that shall have neglected or refused to comply with any

provisions of its constitution and regulations.

Amended at the 146th Annual Grand Session 2001 in Ontario, CA. Effective August 1, 2001.

7. To conduct all correspondence of the grand lodge under the direction of the Grand Master, to submit copies thereof at each annual communication, and to submit a copy of the Grand Auditor's quarterly report to each subordinate lodge.

8. To attend the grand lodge at all its communications and the Grand Master when required with the books and papers appertaining to his office.

9. At the close of each quarter, to send to each lodge and to all associate and adoptive bodies of this obedience, a list of all demissions, deaths, rejections, expulsions, suspensions, and restorations together with the dates thereof.

10. To issue notices of any special communications ordered by the Grand Master to each lodge and grand officer within the jurisdiction.

11. To issue notices of the formation of new lodges by the Grand Master under dispensation.

12. To act as Grand Librarian and take charge of the library of the grand lodge under such regulations as it may prescribe;

13. To report at each annual communication all unfinished business, to present all such other matters to the grand lodge as may properly come within his province, and to perform such other duties appertaining to his office as the grand lodge may direct.

14. To compile the proceedings of each grand Session.

15. To deliver his books and accounts properly balanced into the hands of the Grand Auditor quarterly.

16. To deliver dues cards to the subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction not later than December 1st of each year.

17. To deliver his books and other documents as appropriate to a certified public accountant designated by the Board of Grand Directors annually, and to present an independent report of audit at each annual communication.

ARTICLE XV

Duties of the Grand Lecturer

SECTION 1:

It shall be the duty of the Grand Lecturer, under the direction of the Grand Master, to visit all of the lodges in the jurisdiction, and to exemplify the ritualistic work that there may be uniformity of action throughout the jurisdiction, as approved by the grand lodge, and not otherwise.

SECTION 2:

The Grand Lecturer will, insure that each District Deputy Grand Master is proficient in the work, and in the lectures authorized by the grand lodge, and report his findings to the Grand Master annually.

ARTICLE XVI

Powers and Duties of the Board of Grand

Directors

SECTION 1:

The Board of Grand Directors, who shall always be under control of the grand lodge, shall be empowered to acquire, hold, mortgage, execute a trust deed, sell and otherwise dispose of the real properties of the grand lodge as the grand lodge may direct, and shall make a detailed report of their work to the Grand Master when required by him and to the grand lodge at its annual communication.

Bylaws for the Board of Grand Directors

NAME

SECTION 2:

This Board shall be titled: The Board of Grand Directors of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of California, Incorporated.

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 3:

The membership shall be composed of nine (9) Grand Directors, who shall be elected as follows:

a. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary, by virtue of their respective elected offices, and five (5) additional members who shall be elected by the grand lodge.

b. Term of office:

The term of office of Grand Directors elected, as such by the grand lodge, shall be three (3) years.

c. Manner of Election:
Grand Directors shall be elected each year according to the following sequential system, by plurality vote:

1. First year, two (2) Grand Directors elected for three years.
2. Second year, two (2) Grand Directors elected for three years.
3. Third year, one (1) Grand Director elected for three years.

OFFICERS

SECTION 4:

TERM OF OFFICE:

- a. The term of office for each respective officer, of the Board of Grand Directors, shall be for one year.

ELECTION:

- b. Upon the first meeting of the Board of Grand Directors following the convening of the grand lodge, with the subsequent election of new members to the Board, or the reelection of a former member. Officers shall be elected by secret written ballot.

DUTIES:

- c. The duties of the officers shall be those generally accepted for like positions.

OBJECT

SECTION 5:

The object of the Board of Grand directors is that of supervising matters relating to the financial welfare and well-being of the grand lodge, and of providing for the safekeeping of all property of the grand lodge.

THE BOARD

SECTION 6:

- a. It shall be the duty of the Board of Grand Directors to:

1. Prepare a budget that shall be a guide to all officers

regarding expenditures of the grand lodge. This budget shall be prepared and presented to the grand lodge in session each year.

2. Approve all depositories and transfer of funds. Said loans must not be in excess of 70% of the appraised value of the property. All appraisals are to be made by the board.

4. Refer all approved applications for loans, in excess of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00), to the grand lodge for disbursement authority.

5. Keep an accurate inventory of, and to have and to hold, all real and personal property of the grand lodge. They shall designate, and provide a safe storage place for the same.

6. Recommend grand lodge taxes and assessments according to the needs of the grand lodge and in accordance with the income and expenses of the grand lodge.

7. Call for and inspect documentary proof, if necessary, of all bills presented to be paid by the grand lodge. They shall certify as to the correctness of the same and order them paid if found valid except current expenses and salaries.

8. Be consulted on all business transactions that involve property and finances, which shall be binding on the grand lodge. They shall be consulted on all matters of increased expenses contemplated by any person authorized to recommend such matters.

9. Report in writing each year to the grand lodge, in session, their activities and business transactions for the past year.

10. Receive a quarterly report from the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Auditor.

11. Be authorized to employ personnel necessary for the efficient operation of the grand lodge business.

12. The board shall be empowered to invest, control, and adjust reserves in the Relief Department, Building Department, and General Department by a majority vote of five (5) between annual communications.

13. The following Grand officers—Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Chairman of the Board of Grand Directors, and other personnel as the board may deem necessary—shall be bonded in the penal sum minimum responsibility coverage of ten thousand dollars each (\$10,000.00). Blanket bond coverage shall be provided, and fees paid by the Board of Directors.

MEETINGS

SECTION 7:

Meetings are to be called by the chairman or the Grand Master, or any three members of the board with either of the above mentioned officers.

Special meetings shall be called according to the provisions established by the grand lodge.

RULES OF ORDER

SECTION 8:

Roberts Rules of Order will govern the deliberations of this board.

QUORUM

SECTION 9:

Five (5) members of the Board of Grand Directors shall constitute a quorum to transact business of the grand lodge.

SUBSECTIONS

SECTION 10:

The board shall be obligated to accord a measure of respect, in regard to, financial official extra duty assignments made by the Grand Master, and delegated to members of the Craft when the same are determined, in his judgment, to contribute to the best interest and welfare of the grand lodge.

CONTRACTS

SECTION 11:

No elective officer or member of the Board of Grand Directors shall be allowed to enter into any pecuniary contracts or do business with this grand lodge unless first authorized in writing by a majority of the board or with the consent of the grand lodge.

NOMINATION OF A BOARD MEMBER

SECTION 12:

No member of the Board of Grand Directors may accept nomination nor be elected to any other elective office of this grand lodge while holding an elective office of the Board of Grand Directors unless he first resigns from his office on the board. The vacant position created due to his resignation, if prior to grand lodge in session, shall be filled by the Grand Master in accordance with provision of Article V, Section 7, of the Masonic Constitution.

ARTICLE XVII

Appointed Officers - Their Duties

Grand Chaplain - His Duty

SECTION 1:

It shall be the duty of the Grand Chaplain during each communication of the grand lodge, to perform such services appertaining to his office as may be required of him, by the Grand Master.

Grand Deacons - Their Duties

SECTION 2:

It shall be the duty of the Grand Deacons to assist the Grand Master and the Grand Wardens, in such manner as the ancient usages of the Craft prescribe. The Senior Grand Deacon shall introduce the representatives of the other grand lodges and visiting brothers of distinction.

Grand Stewards - Their Duties

SECTION 3:

It shall be the duty of the Grand Stewards to superintend the preparations for all occasions directed by the grand lodge.

Grand Pursuivant - His Duty

SECTION 4:

It shall be the duty of the Grand Pursuivant:

1. To guard the inner door and communicate with the Grand Tyler without, to announce all applicants for admission by name and rank, and see that all who enter wear the proper jewel and clothing.

2. To allow none to withdraw without permission from the Grand Master.

Grand Tyler - His Duty

SECTION 5:

It shall be the duty of the Grand Tyler:

1. To guard the outer door of the grand lodge, to communicate with the Grand Pursivant within, to report to the Grand Pursivant all applications for admission to the grand lodge, and to see that all who enter are properly clothed.

2. To make suitable preparations for the communications to the grand lodge, and to keep the hall in proper jewels, furniture, clothing, and paraphernalia of the grand lodge during the communications.

3. To deliver all notices and summons sent by the grand lodge or by the Grand Master.

Grand Bible Bearer - His Duty

SECTION 6:

It shall be the duty of the Grand Bible Bearer to bear the Holy Writings in all processions and public ceremonies.

Grand Standard Bearer - His Duty

SECTION 7:

It shall be the duty of the Grand Standard Bearer to bear the banner of the grand lodge in all processions and public ceremonies.

Grand Sword Bearer - His Duty

SECTION 8:

It shall be the duty of the Grand Sword Bearer to attend upon the Grand Master, and bear the sword of the grand

lodge in all processions and public ceremonies.

Grand Flag Bearer - His Duty

SECTION 9:

It shall be the duty of the Grand Flag Bearer to bear the flag of the United States of America in all processions and public ceremonies.

Grand Orator - His Duty

SECTION 10:

It shall be the duty of the Grand Orator, at each annual communication, to deliver an address to the grand lodge upon matters appertaining to the Craft.

Grand Marshal - His Duty

SECTION 11:

There shall be one (1) Grand Marshal and two (2) Assistant Grand Marshals, whose duties shall be:

1. To proclaim the Grand officers, at their installation, and to make such proclamations as directed.
2. To conduct all processions of the grand lodge, and to perform such other duties appertaining to his office, as may be required.

Grand Organist - His Duty

SECTION 12:

It shall be the duty of the Grand Organist to preside at the organ and conduct the music of the grand lodge upon all occasions of ceremony when required.

Grand Internal Auditors - Their Duties

SECTION 13:

There shall be three (3) Grand Internal Auditors, one of

whom shall be designated chairman. Their duties shall be to audit the books and accounts of the financial officers and of all grand lodge officers and committees authorized to handle finances within the grand lodge, to report their findings to the Board of Grand Directors quarterly, to submit an annual report to the grand lodge in session, and to carry out other duties as assigned.

Division of the Jurisdiction

SECTION 14:

The Grand Master shall divide the jurisdiction into districts and shall appoint for each district an officer called District Deputy Grand Master, who shall be a member of a lodge of his district and a past master of this jurisdiction. They must be certified by the Grand Lecturer as being proficient in the work and lectures authorized by the grand lodge.

District Deputy Grand Masters – Their Duties

SECTION 15:

Each District Deputy Grand Master, shall visit the lodges in his district and shall advise, as to any corrections necessary for uniformity. He shall report the ritualistic condition of the lodge to the Grand Lecturer, who shall recommend corrective action to the Grand Master.

SECTION 16:

District Deputy Grand Masters shall report working conditions of lodges, and when required by the Grand Master, shall examine their records, and accounts, and perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Grand Master.

SECTION 17:

District Deputy Grand Masters shall in no way, voluntarily interfere in the affairs of the lodges.

Youth Organizations

SECTION 18:

There shall be youth organizations formed throughout the jurisdiction, wherever possible, to be known as the Order of Pythagorean Knights.

SECTION 19:

The youth organizations shall be governed by such constitution, by-laws and ritual, as the grand lodge shall approve.

SECTION 20:

The ritual used by the Order of Pythagorean Knights shall be known as the *Knights' Companion*.

SECTION 21:

The grand lodge, shall provide financial assistance, to aid in the growth and development of the Order of Pythagorean Knights.

ARTICLE XVIII

Expenses and Fees of Grand Officers

SECTION I:

The Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Assistant Grand Secretary, Grand Lecturer, Grand Directors, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Grand Orator, Grand Marshal, Grand Historian, Directors of the Youth Fraternity, Grand Organist, Grand Tyler, Chairman of Grievances and Appeals, District Deputy Grand Masters, Chairman of Jurisprudence, Masonic Digest Editor, and others as approved by the Grand Master, shall receive for their necessary expenses incurred in the interest of grand lodge at its annual communication, the prevailing per diem and travel allowance, except in the cases wherein any of the above named grand officers shall be a representative of the lodge of which they are members, and in such cases, he or they shall not be entitled to pay from the grand lodge.

Per Diem Allowance

SECTION 2:

a. The per diem allowance of grand lodge officers on official business, shall be the sum of thirty five dollars (\$35.00) per day when their business trip exceeds fifty (50) miles from their residence or requires more than eight hours time. When lodging is paid by the grand lodge, a maximum of ten dollars (\$10.00) per day and \$35.00 on the last day is allowed.

b. Where per diem is paid at grand Session, the per diem allowance shall be thirty-five dollars \$35.00 per day.

c. Each Most Worshipful Past Grand Master who has been elected and served as Most Worshipful Grand Master of

this jurisdiction, and is able to travel to the annual communication will be provided five (5) days of housing at said annual communication.

Amended at the 145th Annual Grand Session 2000 in Los Angeles, CA. to add subsection c. Effective August 1, 2002.

d. A mileage allowance has been approved. The mileage allowance is determined at prevailing rates by the Board of Grand Directors.

Change added at the 151st Communication at Sacramento, California 2006.

Compensation of Grand Officers Forfeited

SECTION 3:

Grand lodge officers holding any of the above named positions shall not be entitled to receive per diem from the grand lodge, unless they shall be in attendance from the first to the last day inclusive of such communication unless excused by special action of the grand lodge.

Compensation of Lodge for Grand Visitation

SECTION 4:

Nothing in the above section shall prohibit the various lodges so visited from contributing to the expenses of such visitation, provided however, that monies so received shall be reported to the grand lodge and deducted from said bill of expenses.

Special Visitation

SECTION 5:

All expenses incurred in a special visitation shall be borne by the lodge which requested such special visitation.

ARTICLE XIX

Powers and Duties of a Lodge-Subordinate

SECTION 1:

The powers of a lodge are as follows:

1. Executive, which are as prescribed in its charter and by the constitution and regulations for the performance of its own work under the control of the Master, who is the executive authority.

2. Legislative, which includes all matters appertaining to its internal affairs that are not in violation of the general regulations of Masonry, the constitution and regulations of the grand lodge, or the bylaws of the lodge.

3. Judicial, which embraces the exercise of discipline over its own members - Worshipful Masters excepted.

Meetings

SECTION 2:

Each lodge shall hold one Stated communication thereof in each calendar month and such other communications as it may determine or as the Worshipful Master directs.

Quorum

SECTION 3:

No lodge shall hold a Stated communication thereof with less than five members of the lodge present, one of whom shall be Worshipful Master, Senior, or Junior Warden.

Work

SECTION 4:

The election of the representative to the grand lodge and the receipt of petitions for degrees, or affiliation, shall be done at a Stated meeting only.

Transaction of Business

SECTION 5:

a. A lodge shall transact business at a Stated meeting only or one called for a specific purpose. Conducting any business at an intermediate meeting requires dispensation from the Grand Master with the exception of balloting on candidates. This exception requires that the craft be notified before the ballot.

b. Dispensations are also required for the following:
1. In cases where a lodge's bylaws stipulate two meetings per month and the Stated meeting is not held as required, then the intermediate meeting or subsequent time may be used to transact the lodge's business.
2. To hold a special meeting to transact business when a lodge's bylaws stipulate one meeting a month and the meeting is not held.

Amended at the 147th Annual Grand Session 2002 in Sacramento, CA. Effective August 1, 2002

Regular and Special

SECTION 6:

The work of conferring degrees, making appropriations for charity, and holding ceremonial observances may be done at an intermediate or special meeting. All business except the examination of candidates or the conferring of degrees, shall be done by a lodge of Master Masons.

Adherence to the Work

SECTION 7:

In conferring the degrees of Masonry, the subordinate lodges are enjoined to a strict adherence to the work as authorized and taught in this jurisdiction. Failure to comply with this requirement will be sufficient grounds for revocation of the charter.

Representation

SECTION 8:

Each chartered and duly constituted lodge shall be represented in the grand lodge, at each of its communications by one or more of its proper officers or by a duly accredited representative (See Section 187, Masonic Code). If any lodge shall be unrepresented at two successive annual communications its charter may be forfeited unless excused by the grand lodge.

Expenses of Representatives Borne by Lodge

SECTION 9:

Each subordinate lodge shall bear the expense of its representative or representatives while in attendance at the grand lodge.

Jewel and Clothing

SECTION 10:

Each member or representative of the grand lodge shall appear therein with the proper jewel of his office, except he be an officer of the grand lodge or while temporarily filling a station, when he shall wear the jewel pertaining to said office.

Solicitations

SECTION 11:

No lodge nor any member thereof shall, by circular or otherwise, solicit pecuniary assistance from any of the lodges of this, or any other jurisdiction, without permission of the Grand Master.

Electioneering

SECTION 12:

No campaign by circular, or other communication, for the passage of legislation or concerning the election of officers, shall be sent to the lodges without express permission from the Grand Master.

Seal

SECTION 13:

Each lodge shall provide a uniform seal furnished by the grand lodge at cost having inscribed thereon, the name, and number of the lodge, the date of its charter, and the place of its location. All documents, and papers emanating from such lodge, shall bear the impression of its seal, or shall be considered null and void.

Books of Secretary

SECTION 14:

Each lodge shall provide: first, a book of bylaws with the signature of each member; second, a book of records of the lodge; third, a register of the member's date of birth, their occupation, social security number, date of initiation, passing, raising, suspensions, expulsions, or rejections; fourth, a cash book with a ledger for the accounts of each member.

Penalty for Lodges for Violation of Law

SECTION 15:

For the neglect, or violation of any duty imposed upon a lodge, or upon any of its officers by this constitution, or by the Masonic Code, the lodge shall be held responsible and its charter may be arrested or forfeited.

ARTICLE XX

Dissolution of Lodges

SECTION 1:

A lodge may be dissolved, by a voluntary surrender of its charter, or by the revocation of same, by the grand lodge.

Charter Forfeited

SECTION 2:

The charter of a lodge may be forfeited; first, by disobedience to any provision of the constitution, laws, and regulations of this grand lodge; second, by disregarding the lawful authority of the Grand Master; third, by violating any of the ancient and recognized usages of the craft; fourth, by failure to meet during a period of six successive months. No charter shall be forfeited unless charges, of which the lodge shall have had due notice, shall be presented and investigated by the grand lodge.

Status of Members under Forfeiture

SECTION 3:

The forfeiture of the charter of a lodge involves the suspension of all its members, except those who may be especially exempt from such effect, and when such forfeiture is declared by the Grand Master, it shall be conclusive; and all the funds, jewels, furniture, dues and property of every kind of said lodge shall be disposed of as provided herein.

Dissolution of Property

SECTION 4:

In the case of the dissolution of a lodge, the Grand Secretary or some other brother, by him duly authorized, shall at once proceed to receive its funds on hand, collect its outstanding dues, and dispose of its jewels, furniture, and property of every kind in such manner as shall seem to him judicious, and he shall place the proceeds thereof, after the payment of the necessary expenses, into the General Fund of the grand lodge.

ARTICLE XXI

Masonic Digest

SECTION 1:

The grand lodge shall publish periodically an official organ, to be known as the *Prince Hall Masonic Digest*.

SECTION 2:

Copies of the official organ shall be mailed to each financial member of this jurisdiction.

ARTICLE XXII

Annual Scholarship

SECTION 1:

The Prince Hall Memorial Education and Scholarship Fund Committee administers the grand lodge scholarship program.

SECTION 2:

The sum of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000.00) annually shall be set-aside for this purpose.

SECTION 3:

Each subordinate lodge, shall establish a Scholarship Committee, for the purpose of advertising and promoting the grand lodge scholarship program. This committee shall be responsible for soliciting applicants for submission to the grand lodge scholarship committee in compliance with the criteria provided by the grand lodge scholarship committee.

SECTION 4:

There shall be a District Scholarship Committee, which shall be chaired by the District Deputy Grand Master, and include the Worshipful Master of each lodge in each district. Said committee shall be responsible for selecting the district applicants for the grand lodge scholarship award.

SECTION 5:

Of the scholarships awarded each year, one (1) scholarship shall be awarded to a deserving Pythagorean Knight. The Grand Lodge Youth Department Head shall be responsible for submitting not less than three (3) applications to the grand lodge scholarship committee for selection of one (1) Pythagorean Knight. If no Pythagorean Knight is eligible in an award year, the grand lodge scholarship committee shall select another student from the several districts to award the eleventh scholarship.

SECTION 6:

- a. The awards shall be granted to deserving students annually, who enroll and attend a four year college, university, or vocational training institution.
- b. The scholarship shall be a one-time award and shall be paid in increments of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars after verification of grades and/or attendance.
- c. Failure to achieve at least a "C" average shall result in forfeiture of the scholarship awards. Students are required to submit grade reports on time or payment shall not be made until the next payment period. Payment periods shall be January 1st and September 1st of each year.

ARTICLE XXIII

Fund for Civic Activities

SECTION 1:

The sum of twenty-five cents (.25) per annum for each member upon the rolls of all lodges shall be placed in the General Fund which monies shall be used exclusively for civic activities.

SECTION 2:

The sum of seventy-five cents (.75) per annum from each member upon the rolls of all lodges shall be due and payable on the February quarterly report. Said monies shall be used exclusively for N.A.A.C.P. Special Contribution Fund and support of the Grand Masters Conference.

ARTICLE XXIV

Building Fund

SECTION 1:

A building fund is hereby established by this grand lodge.

SECTION 2:

This fund is to continue under a Building Assistance Program concept. It shall be self-sustaining by use of proceeds collected on currently outstanding notes and future notes of subordinate lodges.

ARTICLE XXV

Order of Business in Grand Lodge.

SECTION 1:

1. Roll call of lodges.
2. To ascertain if all present are Master Masons.
3. To open a lodge of Master Masons.
4. Appointment of Committee on Credentials.
5. Report of Committee on Credentials.
6. Declaring the grand lodge open in ample form.
7. Appointment of standing committees.
8. Grand Master's annual address.
9. Annual report of principle officers (elected), examination of accounts (C.P.A) Masonic year-to-date report and Board of Grand Directors report.
10. Report of other officers according to rank.
11. Report of Committee on Grand Master's Address.
12. Approving the referring of the several matters recommended by the Committee on Grand Master's Address, reception and referring resolution.
13. Receiving reports of committees appointed at previous sessions.
14. Reports of committees appointed at present session according to rank.
15. Disposing of unfinished business.
16. New business.
17. Election of grand officers.
18. Installation of grand officers.
19. Grand Master rededication ceremony.
20. Closing of grand lodge.

ARTICLE XXVI

Rules of Order of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION I:

1. At the stroke of the Grand Master's gavel there shall be a general silence.

2. The parliamentary usage of civil deliberate bodies, is not recognized in Masonry, except insofar as it does not conflict with our much-established customs and the time-honored powers of the Grand Master. The parliamentary usages of Masonry are something peculiar unto itself. Its outlines are to be found in the ancient constitution, rules of order, and laws of the grand lodge. The sole object of all debates in the grand lodge or subordinate lodge is to elicit decisions that shall be for the good of the Craft, hence all questions under discussion must be positively determined at the time or final action postponed to a stated period when the question must again be resumed and fairly settled. The formation of "Committees of the Whole," the call for the "previous questions," the "motion for adjournment," and all obstruction motions are strictly forbidden.

3. All motions are to be decided by a majority vote except when otherwise provided by law, each member having one vote and each lodge having three votes.
4. Every proposition offered for consideration shall be in writing.

5. No brother shall speak more than once on the same question if objection is made unless by permission of the Grand Master, except that the brother presenting the motion, resolution, or measure, shall be entitled to make the closing address thereon.

6. Every one who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the presiding officer, and no member shall interrupt him unless to call him to order; but after he has been set right, he may proceed, if he observes due order and decorum.

7. If in grand lodge, any member is twice called to order at one communication for transgressing these rules and is guilty of the third offense of the same nature, the Grand Master may peremptorily order him to leave the lodge room for that session.

8. Whoever shall be so rude as to ridicule a brother, or to ridicule what another says or has said, may be forthwith excluded from the communication and declared incapable to of exercising the privilege of membership during the remainder of the session unless he publicly acknowledges his fault and is excused.

9. In the case of the absence of the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens when they or either of them shall be entitled to take the chair by succession, the grand officers present who is highest in rank (if his office is elective) shall take it, and in case of the absence of grand officers entitled to take the chair, the Master of the senior subordinate lodge shall take it.

ARTICLE XXVII

Constitution, Masonic Code, Grand Lodge Charity,
and Uniform Code of By-Laws

SECTION 1:

All parts of the Masonic Constitution of this grand lodge shall be printed in loose-leaf binder form. Subsequent changes shall be so printed as to fit in and become a part of this binder.

ARTICLE XXVIII

Prince Hall Memorial Education and Scholarship Fund

Administration

SECTION 1:

This fund shall be administered by a Board of Directors consisting of eleven (11) or more members.

Governance

SECTION 2:

This fund shall be governed under its bylaws as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation approved by the State of California.

Election And Appointment

SECTION 3:

Members of the board not holding a position by virtue of their elected office in grand lodge shall be appointed by the Grand Master.

Revenue

SECTION 4:

This fund shall be funded by wills, bequests, and by corporate, individual, and group donations.

Endowment

SECTION 5:

Any member of this jurisdiction may bequeath his facility of payment funds, insurance endowment, or property in full or in part to this grand lodge, in testimony to, and in memory of his love for and commitment to the principles, ideals, and perpetuation of the Prince Hall Memorial Education and Scholarship Fund.

ARTICLE XXIX

Adoptive Rites

SECTION 1:

a. The Golden State Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star (O.E.S.) is the adoptive rite of this grand lodge and shall be under the direction and supervision of this grand lodge.

Grand Worthy Patron and Grand Associate Patron

SECTION 2

a. The grand lodge shall have as its immediate representatives in the O.E.S. Past Worshipful Masters who shall be titled Grand Worthy Patron and Grand Associate Patron.

b. It shall be the express duty of the Grand Worthy Patron and the Grand Associate Patron, in addition to their constitutional duties, to preserve and maintain unimpaired all laws of Masonry, written and unwritten, and all laws of this grand lodge-the supreme Masonic authority in this jurisdiction.

c. A full report of his stewardship and interpretations upon Masonic Law shall be rendered by the Grand Worthy Patron in open grand lodge at each communication of the grand lodge and at such other times as directed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master. His stewardship report can be voted on and approved only by the grand lodge while in session. Following the reading of the report, if there are issues regarding interpretation of Masonic law, the report should be referred to the Grand Lodge Jurisprudence Committee for review.

d. The Grand Worthy Patron shall be amenable, to none other than the grand lodge, for any infractions or departures from the general laws of Masonry and the express rules and

laws of this grand lodge by members, subordinate bodies or grand bodies under his supervision.

e. Neglect or willful disobedience, to include Un-Masonic conduct, toward the grand lodge or Grand Master shall be sufficient grounds for immediate deprivation of office.

f. When the interest of Masonry shall require it, the Grand Worthy Patron shall cause such records, information, data, etc. to be surrendered immediately to the grand lodge or to the Grand Master.

g. The Grand Master or his representative-a past grand worthy patron-shall install the Grand Worthy Patron and the Grand Associate Patron.

h. The title of Grand Worthy Patron and Grand Associate Patron will be used in this jurisdiction.

Approved at the 150th Annual Communication Riverside, CA Effective August 1, 2005.

SECTION 3

No member of the adoptive rite shall openly or privately advocate, foster, or promote separation of said rite from this grand lodge. The penalty for same, upon conviction, shall be expulsion.

SECTION 4

Master Mason Members

a. Master Mason members of the adoptive rite shall in no way interfere, impede, or deter the constitutional officers of such rite-grand and/or subordinate-in the normal pursuit of their duties except he be acting in an official capacity and possessing competent authority therefore.

b. Any Master Mason residing in this jurisdiction must be a member in good standing in a regular subordinate lodge of this jurisdiction before they hold membership in the adoptive rite.

c. Appointed male officers of adopted, appendant, allied, of a warranted lodge within this jurisdiction and must owe allegiance to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of California, Inc.

d. To qualify for the position of Worthy Patron of a subordinate chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, a brother must be a Master Mason in good and regular standing of a subordinate lodge within this jurisdiction, have taken all of the OES degrees, and be a member of the chapter.

Change added at the 151st Communication at Sacramento, California 2006.

Female Members

SECTION 5

a. All young women who attain the age of eighteen (18) years and are in good standing with a recognized youth court, affiliated with the Order of the Eastern Star, may be initiated into one of their regular chapters upon recommendation by a youth supervisor without balloting or adoption.

b. Any lady not less than eighteen (18) years of age, who has not been convicted of a felony, is eligible for initiation and membership in the chapter of whose jurisdiction she resides. The ballot for degrees must be unanimous. The petition must be supported by a female OES member and the candidate must be properly investigated and balloted upon. No male can issue or sign a petition for female membership into the OES.

Change added at the 151st Communication at Sacramento, California 2006.

Masonic Observances

SECTION 6

Master Masons, Eastern Stars, and all appendant, allied, and concordant bodies of this jurisdiction will restrict all other Masonic activities-foreign or local-on St. John's Day and on Prince Hall Day for the purpose of joining in the jurisdictional celebrations.

Foundation for All Female Rites

SECTION 7

All females must join the Order of the Eastern Star before she can become a member of any other female body of this jurisdiction- Heroines of Jericho, Golden Circle, the Guild, etc. If she is suspended from the Order of the Eastern Star, she is suspended from all other female bodies of this jurisdiction.

Approved at the 149th Annual Communication Santa Clara, CA. Effective August 1, 2004.

Power of the Grand Worthy Matron

SECTION 8

a. The Grand Worthy Matron is in complete charge of the Golden State Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. She reports only to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for her actions when requested to do so by the Grand Master. She will consult with the Grand Worthy Patron on all matters concerning law prior to rendering a decision. The Grand Worthy Patron has the final word on all matters concerning law. All committees and appointments of the Golden State Grand Chapter will be made by the Grand Worthy Matron, except the Constitution Committee which will be appointed by the Grand Worthy Patron.

Religious Services

SECTION 9

Religious services on the Sunday preceding grand lodge is held in accordance with Article IV Section 4. No other memorial services will be held, by any other body, after Sunday services have been completed.

Protocol

SECTION 10

The *Grand Lodge Protocol Book* adopted and approved by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge will be used by all adopted, allied, appendant and concordant bodies of this jurisdiction.

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ARTICLE XXX

Optional Burial Ceremony

SECTION 1:

Notwithstanding Part IV of the Masonic Code, Section 38, the optional burial ceremony may be used at the discretion of the Worshipful Master wherever deemed appropriate.

Added at the 147th Annual Grand Session 2002 in Sacramento, CA. Effective August 1, 2002.

CEREMONY FOR THE OPTIONAL GRAVESIDE BURIAL SERVICE

Can be used at the grave during inclement or good weather
(The Worshipful Master will open an occasional lodge)

WHEN THE HOUR FOR THE BURIAL SERVICE HAS
ARRIVED. THE OFFICERS AND BRETHREN WILL
TAKE THEIR PROPER POSITIONS. *(The Worshipful
Master will uncover during the prayer, the Chaplain will
use the following or some other suitable prayer.)*

CHAPLAIN - "ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL
FATHER, AS IT HAS PLEASED THEE TO TAKE FROM
US ONE DEAR TO OUR HEARTS, WE BESEECH
THEE TO BLESS AND SANCTIFY UNTO US THIS
DISPENSATION OF THY PROVIDENCE. INSPIRE OUR
HEARTS WITH WISDOM FROM ON HIGH, THAT WE
MAY GLORIFY THEE IN ALL OUR WAYS. WHEN
OUR TOILS ON EARTH SHALL HAVE ENDED, MAY
WE BE RAISED TO THE ENJOYMENT OF FADELESS
LIGHT AND IMMORTAL LIFE IN THAT KINGDOM
WHERE FAITH AND HOPE SHALL END, AND THINE
O RIGHTEOUS FATHER. SHALL. BE THE GLORY
FOREVER, AMEN."

RESPONSE - "SO MOTE IT BE"

W. M. - "BRETHREN, WE HAVE ASSEMBLED
HERE TODAY AS MASONS TO OFFER TO THE
MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED BROTHER THIS
LAST TRIBUTE OF OUR AFFECTION. UNTO
THE GRAVE WE CONSIGN THIS BODY - EARTH
TO EARTH; ASHES TO ASHES; DUST TO DUST -
THERE TO REMAIN UNTIL THE TRUMPET SHALL
SOUND ON THE RESSURECTION MORNING. WE
CAN TRUSTFULLY LEAVE HIM TO THE HANDS
OF HIM WHO DOETH ALL THINGS WELL." (The
Marshal collects the Evergreen from the brethren and the
Worshipful Master presents the Apron.)

W. M. - "THE LAMBSKIN APRON IS AN
EMBLEM OF INNOCENCE AND THE BADGE OF A
MASON. THIS EMBLEM I NOW DEPOSIT IN THE
GRAVE OF OUR DECEASED BROTHER. BY IT, WE
ARE REMINDED OF THE UNIVERSAL DOMINION
OF DEATH." (The Marshal gives the Evergreen to the
Worshipful Master and the Worshipful Master displays
the Evergreen and continues.)

W. M. - "THIS EVERGREEN IS AN EMBLEM
OF OUR FAITH IN THE IMMORTALITY OF THE
SOUL. BY IT, WE ARE REMINDED THAT WE HAVE
AN IMMORTAL PART WITHIN US WHICH SHALL
NEVER, NEVER, DIE." (The funeral honors are given,
led by the Worshipful Master. The first movement, which
is by extending the hands towards the grave with palms
up and say:)

W. M. - "WITH THOSE OF HIS IMMEDIATE FAMILY, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHO ARE

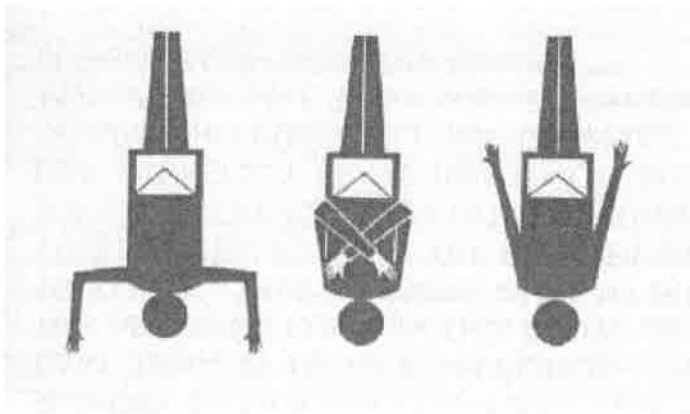
BRETHREN - "HIS SPIRIT WE COMMEND TO GOD, WHO GAVE IT." (Then drop the hands to the side)

BRETHREN - "HERE." (The third and final movement, which is by raising both hands above the head looking upward, and say:)

BRETHREN - "HIS MEMORY." (Then change the position of the hands, which is by crossing the arms over the breast, the left over the right, the fingers touching the shoulders, and say:)

BRETHREN - "WE CHERISH." (Then change the position of the hands, which is by crossing the arms over the breast, the right over the left, the fingers touching the shoulders, and say:)

BRETHREN - "TO THE GRAVE WE CONSIGN THE MORTAL REMAINS OF OUR DECEASED BROTHER." (The second movement, which is by crossing the arms over the breast, the left over the right, the fingers touching the shoulders, and say:)



The following figures represent the manner in which the funeral honors shall be given.

RESPONSE - "SO MOTE IT BE."

W. M. - "THE WILL OF GOD IS ACCOMPLISHED."

RESPONSE - "SO MOTE IT BE."

CHAPLAIN - "MOST GLORIOUS GOD, AUTHOR OF ALL GOOD, AND GIVER OF ALL MERCY, POUR DOWN THY BLESSINGS UPON US AND STRENGTHEN OUR SOLEMN ENGAGEMENTS WITH THE TIES OF SINCERE AFFECTION. MAY THE PRESENT INSTANCE OF MORTALITY REMIND US OF OUR OWN APPROACHING FATE, AND BY DRAWING OUR ATTENTION TOWARD THEE, THE ONLY REFUGE IN TIME OF NEED, MAY WE BE INDUCED SO TO REGULATE OUR CONDUCT HERE THAT WHEN THE AWFUL MOMENTS SHALL ARRIVE AT WHICH WE MUST QUIT THIS TRANSATORY SCENE, THE EVERLIVING PROSPECT OF THY MERCY MAY DISPEL THE GLOOM OF DEATH, AND THAT AFTER OUR DEPARTURE HENCE IN PEACE AND IN THY FAVOR, WE MAY BE RECEIVED INTO THINE EVERLASTING KINGDOM AND INTO UNCEASING FELICITY, WHICH IS ALLOTTED TO THE SOULS OF JUST MEN MADE PERFECT. AMEN."

following or a suitable prayer:)
PUT THEIR TRUST IN HIM." (The Chaplain will use the HIS LOVE AND PROTECTION AROUND THOSE WHO THEIR DESOLATION. HE WILL FOLD THE ARMS OF WIDOW AND THE FATHERLESS ON THE HOUR OF LOOKS DOWN WITH COMPASSION UPON THE COMMENT THEM TO THY INFINITE FATHER, WHO AND MOST AFFECTIONATELY SYMPATHIZE, AND HAVE ALL SUSTAINED, WE SINCERELY, DEEPLY, MOST HEART STRICKEN OF THE LOSS THAT WE

W. M. - "FROM DUST WE CAME, AND UNTO
DUST WE MUST RETURN."

RESPONSE - "MAY WE ALL BE RECOMPENSED
AT THE RESSURRECTION OF THE JUST. AMEN." (At
the conclusion of the ceremony, with the Worshipful Master
leading, the Senior and Junior Wardens offer comfort to
the bereaved family and friends. The Marshal conducts all
other brethren to some secluded spot at the cemetery where
the Worshipful Master will close the Occasional lodge.)

ARTICLE XXXI

Amendments

SECTION 1:

This Constitution shall be altered or amended only in the following manner: All proposed amendments must be in writing and submitted at the annual communication, the same being recited and entered upon the minutes, thence referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who after deliberation thereon, shall report to the grand lodge for its determination. Four-fifths of all votes cast shall be necessary for its adoption. If said amendment is adopted, it shall become part and parcel of the law after the close of said communication.

Resolutions Presented by Whom

SECTION 2:

Any subordinate lodge or any five (5) or more past masters of this jurisdiction in good standing with their lodge may submit resolutions to the grand lodge.

Resolutions When Presented

SECTION 3:

All resolutions that are to be presented to the grand lodge must be in the office of the Grand Secretary at least 90 days before the convening of the annual communication. Every subordinate lodge shall be mailed a copy of each such resolution by the Grand Secretary in time sufficient for it to be read at a Stated meeting prior to the annual communication. All motions related to resolutions and/or recommendations are to be decided by written ballot.

Recommendations

SECTION 4:

The recommendations of the Grand Master in his address as to change in, alterations of, or additions to the law, although concurred in by the grand lodge or on the report of a committee to which it has been referred, shall not be forced and effect as law merely by reason of such action; but to render it a legal enactment, it must be presented to the grand lodge in writing independent of such address or report and then be referred and adopted as provided by law, it being the intention that in no case shall the adoption of a report have the effect of enacting or changing a provision of the Constitution or Code.

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PART III

GRAND LODGE

CHARITY

ARTICLE I

Object

SECTION 1:

In order to establish a more equitable and systematic form of Masonic Relief, for the distressed Widows and Orphans of worthy deceased Master Masons, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of California Incorporated, hereby establishes the department to be known as the "Department of Masonic Relief."

SECTION 2:

The relief of distressed widows and orphans being a distinct feature of Masonic obligation, this Department is incorporated as a code element of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, States of California, Incorporated.

SECTION 3:

The object of this department is, that no Master Mason in good standing shall be buried in a potter's field, by public charity, military, county or state. A Mason buried as above mentioned shall receive no Charity.

SECTION 4:

The Evergreen Plan, and the Big Five Program are charitable fund raising programs for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of California, Inc. Funds donated into the Evergreen Plan cannot be used for any purpose except to earn interest. The interest earned can only be transferred into Big Five account and be used to dispense charity.

Amended at the 145th Annual Grand Session 2000 in Los Angeles, CA, to add Section 4. Effective August 1, 2000.

A. Members raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master after August 1, 2013 shall be assessed a \$100.00 donation to the Evergreen Plan. The assessment shall be paid within one year after being raised and if not paid, it shall be attached to the members monthly dues. Lodges shall be responsible for collecting the fee and forwarding it to the office of the Grand Secretary by name of the member paying the assessment.

ARTICLE II

Fees

SECTION 1:

The annual fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per member on the rolls shall be due and payable to the grand lodge in quarterly installments as follows: Three dollars and seventy five cents (\$3.75) due on or before the 15th day of the following months; August, November, February and May.

Amended at the 148th Communication at Pasadena, California Effective August 1, 2003.

SECTION 2:

The Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters who were elected and served as Most Worshipful Grand Master of this Grand Lodge shall be exempt from payment into the Grand Lodge Relief Department.

ARTICLE III

Management of Charitable Funds

SECTION 1:

The Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Secretary shall manage and control this department under the express will of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 2:

These funds shall be deposited in the name of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE IV

Benefits

SECTION 1:

This is purely a charitable department, and in order to properly carry out the object as set forth, no beneficiaries are recognized. The Grand Lodge may pay the relief to anyone producing evidence that they have paid for such burial expenses.

SECTION 2:

Upon the death of a Master Mason, the lodge of which he was a member shall immediately file with the Grand Secretary, a certified copy of the death certificate, and a complete application for relief specifying the name of the person or administrator of the estate responsible for the payment of the burial expenses.

SECTION 3:

Any application for relief not received in the Grand Secretary's office within 365 days after the date of demise of a Master Mason shall not be honored. All uncollected benefits shall remain an asset of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund and will be regulated according to the Masonic Constitution - Part III Grand Lodge Charity.

Amended at the 147th Annual Grand Session 2002 in Sacramento, CA. Effective August 1, 2002.

ARTICLE V

Full Benefits for All

SECTION 1:

All newly raised, demitted, and reinstated members, shall be on the rolls of the lodge one full year, and shall be required to pay one year's relief dues into the Grand Charity Fund, thus giving them full relief benefits.

SECTION 2:

If age 60 or over, the applicant must waive the four hundred dollars (\$400.00) relief, which comes from the Relief Department. The Relief Department shall disburse one hundred dollars (\$100.00) towards burial expenses, after the applicant has been a regular and continuous member for five (5) years. In the event the applicant dies within the first five (5) years, all disbursements shall be waived.

ARTICLE VI

Disbursements

SECTION 1:

Upon receipt of due notice of death of a Master Mason, the Grand Secretary shall notify the Grand Master, who through proper channels shall order the amount, as set forth by the Grand Lodge, to be immediately paid, providing the following: that any person or persons, lodge, organization, group or individual has incurred expenses or contracted with a given Funeral Home for the burial of a Master Mason, upon due proof of the same, a claim shall be considered valid. A check in the appropriate amount will be made out and mailed by the Grand Secretary to the person named by the lodge as having paid the burial expenses and mailed to the applying lodge.

ARTICLE VII

Quarterly Reports

SECTION 1:

Blanks for the purpose of making Quarterly Reports; shall be furnished to the several lodges by the Grand Secretary, free of cost, and these reports, together with monies due, must be in the office of the Grand Secretary on or before August 15th, November 15th, February 15th, and May 15th of each year. Any lodge failing to comply with this law shall be non-beneficial in the Masonic Relief.

SECTION 2:

Nothing herein contained shall prevent any lodge from making itself beneficial in the Masonic Relief Department by paying the full amount of their indebtedness, and a fine of Fifty dollars (\$50.00) for failure to have their Report and Money in on time.

SECTION 3:

Any lodge failing to have its Report and Money in the office of the Grand Secretary on or before August 15th, November 15th, February 15th, and May 15th, of each year, shall be considered delinquent, and in case of Death in said lodge, it shall not be entitled to benefits from the Masonic Relief, during that period.

ARTICLE VIII

Laws and Amendments

SECTION 1:

All laws and regulations in conflict with the provisions of the Masonic Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2:

These articles of agreement may be amended or repealed by a majority vote of the members present at any regular session of this Grand Lodge, in the same manner as provided for amending the Masonic Code of this Grand Lodge.

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MASONIC CODE

PART IV

CHAPTER I

General Laws

SECTION 1:

The jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall extend to all the lodges of its obedience.

SECTION 2:

The power and authority of this Grand Lodge are expressed in Article III, Section 1 thru Section 7 of the Constitution.

Laws

SECTION 3:

The laws of this jurisdiction are; First, its Written Laws; Second, its Unwritten Laws; Third, its Regulations.

Written Laws

SECTION 4:

The laws of this jurisdiction consist of the Constitution and enactments of the Grand Lodge as expressed in this code and its subsequent enactments as published by its authority.

Unwritten Laws

SECTION 5:

The unwritten laws of the jurisdiction consist of the time honored customs and usages of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of general recognition, as they are found in the tradition and time in which we live, together with such rules for application as will perpetuate their integrity and usefulness, and are not repugnant to the written laws.

Regulations

SECTION 6:

Regulations are such provisions of the Grand Lodge as are designated for special application and are not repugnant to the written laws, as rules of management and control of its property and the guidance of its officers, or others in particular cases, and when enacted are to be expressed as regulations.

Written Laws in Code

SECTION 7:

The written laws of this jurisdiction are to be found in the Code, the purpose being to render the written laws more accessible to the Craft for practical use. The design of the Code is to destroy the enactments of previous grand lodges as written laws, and repeal them for all purposes wherein they are repugnant to its provisions.

Code and When it Takes Effect

SECTION 8:

These laws when compiled and published, shall be designated the Masonic Code of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of California, Incorporated, and shall be divided into chapters and sections, each to be numbered consecutively from one (1) to the highest number given; and for purposes of reference and citation, it may be known as the "Code," adding as may be necessary, to the section.

Actions of Appeals

SECTION 9:

Cases reported by the Committee on Grievances, Appeals and coming to the Grand Lodge on appeal under the form of law, are proper judicial proceedings, and the actions of the Grand Lodge upon this report touching the legal questions involved are judicial in their nature and may be

considered as correct interpretations of existing laws, whether written or unwritten, but such actions by the Grand Lodge in no case shall be considered as legislative or the making of laws.

Most Worshipful Grand Master's Jewel

SECTION 10:

Each succeeding Grand Master, after installation, shall be presented with the Jewel which he shall retain in his possession during his term in office.

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master's Jewel

SECTION 11:

Each retiring Grand Master shall be presented with a Most Worshipful Past Grand Master's Jewel which is to become his personal property as a gift from this Grand Lodge.

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master's Regalia

SECTION 12:

All regalia of the Office of the Grand Master that is procured by funds of this Grand Lodge shall remain the property of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge. Each retiring Grand Master shall present said regalia of his office to his successor. The retiring Grand Master shall then be presented with a Most Worshipful Past Grand Master's Apron, which is to become his personal property as a gift from this Grand Lodge.

Amended at the 146th Annual Grand Session 2001 in Ontario, CA. Effective August 1, 2001.

Fiscal Year of Grand Lodge

SECTION 13:

The fiscal year of the Grand Lodge shall begin May 1, of each year and end April 30th of each year. All subordinate lodges shall make their fiscal year correspond to the fiscal

year of Grand Lodge. This DOES NOT affect Section 178 of the Masonic Code, which refers to the election and installation of Officers.

Debts

SECTION 14:

The Grand Lodge is in no sense responsible for the payment of debts or obligations of subordinate lodges.

Discipline of Grand Lodge

SECTION 15:

In matters of discipline of Members of the Grand Lodge for Un-Masonic conduct during a Communication of the Grand Lodge, whether during hours of labor or refreshment, it may proceed to try and punish the same in a summary manner, and at its discretion.

Grand Lodge Jurisdiction in Lodge Controversy

SECTION 16:

Any lodge desiring to invoke the action of the Grand Lodge with regard to itself and another lodge of this jurisdiction may do so by petition setting forth in plain and concise language the grievance or cause of its complaint, and the relief it seeks, which petition shall be filed with the Grand Master, and the lodge complaining shall also serve on the Secretary of the lodge complained against, with a copy of the petition, and also a notice to the effect that the petition has been or will be filed with the Grand Master.

A copy of this notice with a certificate or service endorsed thereon shall also be filed with the Grand Master. Thereafter, the Grand Lodge has jurisdiction in the premises (see Article III, Section 5 and 6 of the Constitution), and the Grand Master may then refer the matter in controversy, to an appropriate standing committee, or to a special committee by him appointed, in vacation, to report at the next Annual Communication of

the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master after reference to a Committee of any matter pending, shall notify the Master of each lodge thereof, that proper hearing by them may be had. The Grand Lodge may act in the premises, both as to substance and form, having at all times in view the attainment of justice between the parties.

In all matters of discipline of members of the Grand Lodge to resolve controversies, any complaint must be brought by the grieving brother to his lodge, and if the case can not be satisfactorily decided, referred to the Grand Lodge for adjudication.

No member of this jurisdiction may approach Civil Law or Judicial Procedure about that which concerns Masonry before exhausting all pertinent Laws, Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge. Penalty for such violation shall be suspension.

CHAPTER II

Subordinate Lodges - Governing

Uniform Code of Bylaws

SECTION 17:

All chartered lodges of this jurisdiction shall be governed in their local affairs by a Uniform Code of Bylaws, as shall be adopted by this Grand Lodge and not inconsistent with the Laws, Usage and Customs of the Order.

SECTION 17 A:

The official ritual for this jurisdiction is the *1999 Revised Ritual*. All members of this jurisdiction shall adhere to the work and instructions outlined therein, until such time as the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of California adopts a newly revised ritual. No other rituals of this jurisdiction are authorized for use.

Amended at the 148th Communication at Pasadena, California Effective August 1, 2003.

Amendments

SECTION 18:

Each chartered lodge of this jurisdiction shall have the power to propose amendments to the Uniform Code of Bylaws, which amendments shall be read at a Stated meeting, an announcement made that it will be for action at the next Stated meeting; a majority of the members present and voting shall be sufficient to adopt. A copy of such amendment or amendments shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary as soon as adopted, and by him submitted to the Grand Master for approval, after which, the same shall be acted under by the lodge until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. Such amendment shall not be binding upon other lodges of the jurisdiction until approved by the Grand Lodge, thereby becoming a

part of the Uniform Code of Bylaws under which all lodges of the jurisdiction are governed.

Sojourners - Their Duties

SECTION 19:

It shall be the duty of each Master Mason to be a member of some lodge, and everyone who has resided six months within the jurisdiction of a lodge without applying for membership nor contributing an amount equivalent to regular dues shall be deemed unworthy of Masonic consideration, and shall not be entitled to any of the Rights and Privileges.

SECTION 19 A:

A sojourner visiting a subordinate lodge of this jurisdiction for the first time is allowed to work in and out of the lodge according to the practice in his jurisdiction. After his initial visit, he will work in and out according to the practice of this jurisdiction. A sojourner must be validated before entrance into a subordinate lodge of this jurisdiction.

Amended at the 148th Communication at Pasadena, California Effective August 1, 2003.

Fifty Year Certificate

SECTION 20:

All members holding continuous membership in any Prince Hall jurisdiction for a period of 50 years of which 25 years shall have been in the California jurisdiction, shall be given a 50-year certificate and be declared paid up in all Grand Lodge departments.

Membership - How Acquired

SECTION 21:

Membership in a lodge may be acquired First, by regularly receiving the degrees of a Master Mason therein; Second, by being duly elected for affiliation with a constituted or a new lodge as one of the petitioners thereof; Third by being

a member of a lodge which is consolidated with one or more other lodges. In each instance the member shall sign the bylaws of said lodge.

Duties of Members

SECTION 22:

The duties of the members of a lodge are to obey the laws and edicts of the Grand Lodge and bylaws of their subordinate lodge, and also those inculcated in the several lectures and charges of the three symbolic degrees of Freemasonry.

SECTION 23:

No Mason shall be a Member of more than one lodge at a time.

Proficiency in the Third Degree

SECTION 24:

Every Master Mason hereafter affiliated or one raised to the degree of Master Mason in this jurisdiction, shall become proficient therein as required in the first and second degrees, giving proof thereof by examination in open lodge, which fact shall be entered on record, and until such proficiency is attained, such Mason shall not be allowed to hold any office in lodge.

In addition to the one year membership requirement, a Master Mason raised or affiliates after July 2004, can be tested for additional proficiency. The test will be established by Grand Lodge and administered by the lodge, and validated by the DDGM. It will be taken from the Master Mason's Handbook, the Masonic Constitution, Code and Bylaws.

Of a Master Mason

SECTION 25:

Any Mason residing within the territorial jurisdiction of regular lodge of a foreign jurisdiction, and who fails to attend such lodge or make known to it his Masonic standing, or show any inclination to conform his life and habits in accordance with Masonic principles, shall be subject to investigation by a committee appointed for this purpose, whose duty it shall be to ascertain the facts concerning the conduct of such a Mason, and make a report to the lodge.

The lodge having jurisdiction over such Mason may take such action as the circumstances of the case may warrant, a record of which shall be kept by the secretary. Lodges not only possess the power, but it shall be their express duty to take cognizance of brothers within their jurisdiction, whether subordinate to the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge or otherwise; therefore any sojourner or nonaffiliated Mason residing in the jurisdiction of a lodge, whose behavior and conduct is such as to bring discredit upon the Masonic fraternity; and any such sojourner or nonaffiliated Mason who shall fail to attend any of the regular meetings of the lodge in whose jurisdiction he may be residing, or who shall fail to live up to the precepts of Masonry, such brother shall be called to account for Un-Masonic conduct by the lodge in whose jurisdiction he may be residing. The Master of said lodge shall appoint a committee of three members whose duty it shall be to investigate the conduct of such brother, together with the Masonic standing and such other facts as may be material to the case. The finding or report of the committee shall be entered of record and the lodge shall take such actions as may be pertinent to the case.

Membership - How Terminated

SECTION 26:

Any member of a subordinate Masonic lodge may request to voluntarily and temporarily withdraw his membership from his lodge. Said member may request to withdraw for any number of reasons, including reasons which are job related; educational advancement; civil or municipal court related; domestic problems, government service, personal problems, etc. If his request to withdraw for a definite length of time is granted by his lodge, he shall have the right upon submitting a petition to the same lodge from which he withdrew to be restored without penalty.

Perpetual Jurisdiction

SECTION 27:

This Grand Lodge does not recognize the doctrine that a subordinate lodge within or without this Grand jurisdiction, has perpetual jurisdiction in a case where a profane has petitioned for the degrees therein. The only limitation on his right to petition is that after he has been rejected, he shall not again petition a lodge therefore within six months from the date of rejection. Subject to such limitations he may petition without the authority or consent from any lodge; provided always, that it is after such timely residence as provided in Section 93, Chapter VIII, of this Code.

Power of Lodges

SECTION 28:

Every lodge in this jurisdiction shall have full power and authority to inquire into and punish for Un-Masonic conduct of any of its members except the Worshipful Masters of lodges; provided they do not interfere in disputes between members of a pecuniary nature, except by request or consent of all parties concerned.

To Expel or Suspend

SECTION 29:

Each regular lodge possesses an inherent power of suspending or expelling members for noncompliance with its rules and bylaws.

Prohibited against the Worshipful Master

SECTION 30:

No subordinate lodge can entertain charges against the Worshipful Master of any lodge, during his term of office, or while he continues to be Worshipful Master of a lodge, nor can any Worshipful Master be put on trial before any subordinate lodge for any offense committed before his installation as Worshipful Master.

Charges Disqualify Officers

SECTION 31:

In a subordinate lodge no officer against whom any specific charge or charges of Un-Masonic conduct are preferred, is competent to discharge the duties of his office until a final decision shall be made on said charges.

Results of Suspension

SECTION 32:

In all cases of suspension, the person so suspended is thereby absolutely precluded from all and every benefit and privilege of Masonry throughout the Masonic world during the term of said suspension.

Status of Suspended or Expelled Mason on Appeal

SECTION 33:

Any member having been convicted, the sentence being suspension or expulsion, during the appeal shall be deprived of all the rights and privileges of Masonry, pending action thereon, except that of appeal. An expelled Mason who has been given the highest penalty of Masonic Law shall have one right to appeal the sentence.

Action of Grand Lodge Invoked

SECTION 34:

In cases where subordinate lodges have jurisdiction to enforce discipline and fail to do so for a period of ninety days, through neglect or otherwise, the action of the Grand Lodge may be invoked on the complaint of any Mason, by information filed with the Grand Master as provided in Section 16 of this Code, except that the information must in such cases, state that charges have been filed in the subordinate lodge having jurisdiction of the offense, and that said lodge has neglected to act on said charges.

Report - When Sent

SECTION 35:

Each chartered lodge in the jurisdiction shall, following the Stated monthly meeting, file with the Grand Secretary, on such blanks as may be provided by him, the report for the preceding month, of initiations, passings, raisings, admissions, and restorations. Also all demissions, deaths, expulsions, and suspensions for Un-Masonic conduct and suspensions for the nonpayment of dues, with the respective dates. A validated list of officers and members in

good standing shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary at his request.

Grand Lodge Returns

SECTION 36:

It is hereby made the special duty of the Worshipful Master of each lodge to forward the returns of the lodge to the Grand Secretary, or cause the same to be done, in time to be received by the Grand Secretary, in ordinary course of mail, by August 1, November 1, February 1, and May 1, of each year. In the case such returns are not mailed to, and received by the Grand Secretary, as herein provided, by August 15, November 15, February 15, and May 15, respectively; such fact shall be prima facie evidence of neglect of duty by such Worshipful Master. For such neglect, said lodge shall pay into the Grand Lodge Treasury, in addition to their regular fee, the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00), and such lodge, nor any of its members, shall be entitled to vote, or sit in the Grand Lodge until such returns and additional fees are paid.

Instructions of Representative

SECTION 37:

Every lodge has the right to instruct its representatives to Grand Lodge, and such representatives so instructed and who will not be governed thereby, and failing to carry out such instructions, shall be amenable to the Grand Lodge.

Master's Help

SECTION 38:

Macoy's Worshipful Masters Assistant shall be the official standard for use in the several subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction, except where it conflicts with this Book of Constitution, Rules and Regulations in all ceremonial observances.

Rules of Order for Subordinate Lodges

SECTION 39:

The following rules are for the governing of the subordinate lodges of the jurisdiction at their various meetings:

1. The lodge shall meet at the time specified in its bylaws, and after it has been opened, at a Stated meeting the record of its proceedings at the last Stated and all intervening meetings shall be read.

2. While the Worshipful Master is addressing the lodge or putting a question, or a brother is speaking, no brother shall entertain any private discourse, nor pass between the speaker and the chair.

3. After a motion is stated by the Worshipful Master, or read aloud by the Secretary, it shall be considered in possession of the lodge and cannot be withdrawn without the permission of the lodge.

4. Motions and reports may be referred to committees at the discretion of the Worshipful Master.

5. When a motion is under debate, no motion shall be received except to amend it, to commit, or to postpone final decision until a future meeting or lay it on the table.

6. Any member may call for a division on the question when the sense will admit it.

7. There will be no debate after the question is put by the Worshipful Master.

8. The debate ceases at the will and pleasure of the Worshipful Master.

9. Every brother present, when a question is put, shall be

required to comply with the forms of voting, unless excused by the Worshipful Master.

10. No brother shall be permitted to speak more than twice on any question without leave, not more than once until every brother wishing to speak has spoken, and when two or more rise at the same time, the Worshipful Master shall name the brother who is entitled to the floor.

11. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Worshipful Master, or if in writing shall be read aloud by the Secretary before being debated.

12. When a brother rises to speak, he shall respectfully address himself to the Worshipful Master and if he transgresses the rules of the lodge in speaking or otherwise, the Worshipful Master may call him to order, when he shall immediately sit down unless permitted to explain.

13. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if any member desires it.

14. No member, except one of the majority which decided a question, shall be permitted to move for a reconsideration of such question.

CHAPTER III

Subordinate Lodges, Their Warrant and Officers

Warrant

SECTION 40:

The warrant of a lodge is its charter or dispensation empowering it to work, and which designates its location in the city or town.

SECTION 41:

The meetings of a lodge are "Stated", "Intermediate", "Called", and "Festival". (See the Constitution, Article XIX, Section 2).

Times of Masonic Labor

SECTION 42:

No lodge shall meet for Masonic labors on Sunday.

Charter Present

SECTION 43:

At all meetings of the lodge when opened on any degree, the charter or dispensation shall be present.

Officers - Time of Elections

SECTION 44:

The Master, Wardens, Treasurers, Secretary, and Trustees, if there be any, of each lodge shall be elected annually at the last Stated meeting preceding the anniversary of St. John, the Evangelist, and shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and installed. No lodge shall hold its election or installation of any officer of the lodge after the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, except by written authority of the Grand Master.

Officers - Method of Appointment

SECTION 45:

At the time of the election, the following officers shall be appointed by the Worshipful Master: The Senior Deacon, Chaplain, Marshal and Tyler. The Senior Warden shall appoint the Junior Deacon; the Junior Warden shall appoint the Senior and Junior Stewards; and the Secretary shall appoint the Assistant Secretary; with the consent of the Worshipful Master.

Eligibility of Electors

SECTION 46:

Every Master Mason who is borne upon the rolls of the lodge is eligible to vote. No member present and entitled to vote shall be excused from that duty except by the permission of the Worshipful Master.

Eligibility of Officers

Worshipful Master

SECTION 47:

No brother shall be installed to the office of Worshipful Master unless he has served as Worshipful Master or Warden of some legal lodge and is qualified to confer the three symbolic degrees and give the lectures pertaining thereto. No Warden shall be eligible for advancement to the station of Worshipful Master until he has made proficiency in one of the burial ceremonies and in the opening and closing of the lodge. The proficiencies shall be made in open lodge and voted on by the members present.

Qualifications Worshipful Master

SECTION 48:

In cases where the qualification of the Worshipful Master or someone duly authorized by the Grand Master shall be the judge of such qualification, the lodge bearing such expenses as may be incurred thereby.

Qualifications - Other Officers

SECTION 49:

The qualifications necessary for the other officers is that they be Master Masons in good standing in the lodge, possess real worth, personal merit and be legally qualified. (Reference: Code, Chapter II, Section 24)

Officers and Their Responsibility

SECTION 50:

Each officer of the lodge shall be held personally responsible to the Worshipful Master, and through him to the lodge and Grand Lodge, that his office be filled with dignity, honor and correctness, and that the various duties be performed without haughtiness or tyranny, but according to love and diligent desire to exemplify the virtues and sublime morality of Masonry.

Representative of Master and Wardens

SECTION 50 A:

Each chartered and duly constituted lodge shall be represented at the Grand Master's and Grand Lecturer's Workshop and Official visit by one or more of its proper officers, i.e. Worshipful Master, Senior or Junior Warden; and the Worshipful Master shall make or cause to be made a written report to the lodge, on the information provided at the Workshop and Official Visit.

Power of Worshipful Master

SECTION 51:

The Worshipful Master shall have the power to perform all such acts which are by ancient usage proper to his office, and shall not be in contravention to any of the provisions of the Constitution and Regulations of this Grand Lodge.

SECTION 51 A:

A Worshipful Master of a subordinate lodge may afford a Most Worshipful Past Grand Master the opportunity to close in short form.

Duties of Worshipful Master

SECTION 52:

It shall be his duty: First, to preside at all meetings of his lodge; Second, to confer all degrees in accordance with the Ritual; Third, to give the lectures belonging to each degree; Fourth, to carefully guard the provisions of the bylaws of his own lodge and that of the Constitution and Code of this Grand Lodge; Fifth, to supervise at each Stated and intermediate meeting of the lodge a monetary collection for the widows and orphans; Sixth, to insure that an affirmation form is completed immediately following the election of officers in December. A copy of the same shall be presented to the installing officer prior to the Worshipful Master being installed and the original mailed to the Grand Secretary's office with a copy to the Grand Master. The lodge shall also maintain a copy in its records. In the event that the Affirmation form is not provided to the installing officer, signed by the Worshipful Master, Worshipful Master Elect, Secretary of the lodge and under the seal of the lodge, the Worshipful Master Elect shall not be installed and the same shall immediately be reported to the Most Worshipful Grand Master by the Worshipful Master of the lodge.

Affirmation Form

SECTION 52 A:

The officers and members of _____ Lodge No. _____, do herein affirm and certify upon penalty of the provisions of Article XIX, Section 15, of the Most

Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Masonic Constitution that Brother _____ has satisfied all of the requirements of the above Chapter III, Section 47, of the Masonic Code. Further that brother _____ has been duly elected to the station of Worshipful Master of _____ Lodge No. _____ and is qualified and suitable to stand for installation for the same.

Submitted under the hand and signature of the outgoing Worshipful Master, and the seal of the lodge.

Worshipful Master _____ Attest:

Worshipful Master Elect: _____ Lodge Secretary

SEAL OF THE LODGE _____ Date:

Amended at the 146th Annual Grand Session 2001 in Ontario, CA. Effective August 1, 2001.

Duties - Continued

SECTION 53:

In all votes, except by Ballot, he may, in addition to his proper vote, have the casting vote to break a tie. For the neglect or violation of any duty imposed by the Constitution and Code upon the Worshipful Master of a lodge, he shall be subject to deprivation of office, and after trial, to suspension or expulsion.

Duties of Retiring Master

SECTION 54:

It shall be the duty of the retiring Worshipful Master and Secretary to forward to the offices of the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, on or before December 30th of each year, a complete list of all officers elected and installed for the Masonic year, together with their addresses.

Duty of Wardens

SECTION 55:

It shall be the duty of the Wardens to assist the Worshipful Master in all things appertaining to his office, according to the Laws, Regulations and Ritual approved by this jurisdiction.

Absence of Master

SECTION 56:

In the absence of the Worshipful Master, the Senior Warden shall proceed to the East, and in his absence, the Junior Warden, who while acting as the Worshipful Master, shall be charged with all the duties and powers of the regularly elected Worshipful Master.

Duties of Treasurer

SECTION 57:

See Uniform Code of Bylaws, Article IX, Section 4

Duties of Secretary

SECTION 58:

See Uniform Code of Bylaws, Article IX, Section 6

Duties of Appointed Officers

SECTION 59:

The appointed officers shall perform such duties as are consonant with the Usages of the Craft, and appertaining to their respective offices and as may be required by the bylaws or directed by the Worshipful Master.

CHAPTER IV

Subordinate Lodges - Dues, Nonpayment of Dues,
Suspensions, Etc.

Payment of Dues

SECTION 60:

Subordinate lodges dues shall be due and payable monthly in advance.

Uniform Dues Card

SECTION 61:

A uniform dues card shall be printed by the Grand Lodge and distributed to the subordinate lodges at cost.

Notification In Regard to Unpaid Dues

SECTION 62:

It shall be the duty of the Worshipful Master to appoint a committee of two (2) qualified brothers to visit the brother(s) at his residence when three months dues are due and unpaid, and notify the brother of such fact and request payment, and further notify him that if his dues are not paid on or before the next Stated meeting of the lodge, said dues shall be delinquent and he be subject to suspension. Actual visitation will be done only if brothers reside within a reasonable distance. For those brothers who reside out of the state and not within a reasonable distance, a telephone call will apply. Should the brother refuse to comply with this section, he is then subject to the provisions of the Code in Section 64 (Suspension).

Assessments

SECTION 63:

Whenever there is an assessment levied upon the members of the lodge it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify all members of such assessment and request payment. If any member fails to comply with the provisions of such Notification In Regard to Unpaid Dues on or before the Stated meeting next succeeding, such assessment becomes a part of such member's dues, thereby subjecting him to the provisions of the Code in Section 64.

Suspension

SECTION 64:

Any brother who shall fail to pay his dues after being duly notified, and who fails to comply within the prescribed time, shall be deemed guilty of a Masonic offense. Proof of the same being furnished by the Secretary in the form of duplicate notification, said brother failing to comply and thus becoming indebted to the lodge for four months dues, shall be suspended, unless by his request, further time is granted. A majority vote of the lodge being necessary to suspend.

Conduct While Under Suspension

SECTION 65:

If any member suspended in this jurisdiction, who while under suspension, shall so conduct himself as to bring reproach and disgrace upon the fraternity, it shall be competent for any lodge of the jurisdiction nearest his place of residence to file charges against him and proceed to try him without restoration and inflict further punishment upon him as the cause in question demands.

Suspension and Grand Lodge

SECTION 66:

All suspensions for the nonpayment of dues must be affected prior to the due date of the quarterly returns. The lodge shall pay taxes on all members borne on the rolls at the month ending prior to the due date of the quarterly returns (1 August, 1 November, 1 February, and 1 May).

CHAPTER V

Formation of New Lodges

Lodge - Under Dispensation

SECTION 67:

Upon the petition of seven or more Master Masons, in good standing (Vouched for by the nearest lodge), being presented to the Grand Master, he may grant them a dispensation to open and hold a lodge in the place therein named with the power to make Masons, and he shall therein appoint the officers of the new lodge. Such dispensation shall continue in force and effect until the next Communication of the Grand Lodge. No charter shall be granted to any lodge until it shall have worked at least three months under dispensation and have given satisfactory evidence of its Masonic capability.

Fees for Establishing Lodges - U.D.

SECTION 68:

The fee for establishing a lodge U.D. shall not be less than the sum of one hundred thirty dollars (\$130.00) for each profane and not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each demitted Master Mason. The Grand Lodge revenue in this case shall be sixty five dollars (\$65.00) for Grand Master's dispensation, fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a charter, sixty five dollars (\$65.00) for each profane and twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) for each demitted Mason. These fees must be paid in advance. The remaining monies shall be left in the treasury of the lodge so established and all monies received by the Grand Master for degrees and affiliation shall be remitted forth by him to the Grand Secretary with an itemized account of the same, and all expenses in connection with the establishment of the new lodge shall be paid from the treasury of the Grand Lodge.

How Named and Numbered

SECTION 69:

No new lodge shall receive the name and number of any lodge of the jurisdiction, whether extinct or otherwise, nor shall a new lodge be named for the town or city where located, nor in honor of any living Mason. No lodge shall be named in honor of a human being unless such individual was a Masonic brother who was instrumental in advancing the cause of Freemasonry.

Requirements Before Annual Communications

SECTION 70:

At least fifteen days prior to the convening of the Grand Lodge in Annual Communications, all of the records and full returns of the lodge under dispensation, up to date, shall be returned to the Grand Secretary, giving an abstract of all work done as follows: First, a transcript of the minutes of each meeting whether stated or called; Second, name and location of lodge; Third, names of officers, members and visitors; Fourth, all proceedings relative to degrees or affiliation and by whom the initiates were recommended; Fifth, said statement shall be signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary.

Charter Granted

SECTION 71:

Upon the return of a dispensation with a petition for a charter, the Grand Lodge may, if the work upon examination proves satisfactory, grant the same and assign it such name and number on the register as it shall deem proper, such lodge shall be constituted within sixty days thereafter except such delay is caused by the Grand Master or his duly appointed representative.

The Charter

SECTION 72:

The charter shall be issued under the direction of the Grand Secretary with the seal of the Grand Lodge, signed by the Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden and Grand Secretary. (For fee, see the Code, Section 68).

Charter Refused

SECTION 73:

If for any reason, a dispensation shall be withdrawn by the Grand Master, or disapproved by the Grand Lodge, and/or a charter refused, all members thereof in good standing shall have the status of regularly demitted Mason and upon the return of the books and records to the Grand Secretary, each shall be entitled to a certificate as provided in the Code, Section 78, which certificate shall have the force and effect therein provided.

CHAPTER VI

Charters

Constituted

SECTION 74:

After the issuance of a charter, the lodge must be constituted under the form and usages of the institution by the Grand Master or some Past Master duly authorized by him.

Charter

SECTION 75:

The control of the charter is with the Worshipful Master of the lodge.

Charter Surrendered

SECTION 76:

When any lodge shall contemplate the surrender voluntarily, of its charter, the proposition therefore shall be submitted at a Stated meeting, or if, for any reason, its Stated meetings are omitted, the proposition may be presented to the Worshipful Master or Secretary. If presented at a Stated meeting, action thereon shall be had at the next Stated meeting. If presented to the Worshipful Master or Secretary for the reason that there are no meetings of the lodge, then actions shall not be had thereon until the time of the second Stated meeting after it is so presented, nor shall any action be had, except the lodge is legally constituted (five members of the lodge), one of whom shall be a principle officer. Such action shall not be had until each member of the lodge has been duly notified over the seal of the lodge, addressed to him at his last known place of residence, at least thirty days before such action.

Action by Lodge

SECTION 77:

At the time specified, proof of service having been filed, the lodge may act on the proposition if legally constituted. The Worshipful Master shall submit the question "Shall the charter be surrendered?" The vote shall be by written ballot, "Yes" or "No". A majority vote will decide the proposition. If however, there are less than seven negative votes that charter shall be surrendered, and not otherwise.

If the vote is in favor of surrender, the Grand Master may, upon the application of seven members, order another ballot, provided that such application is made within sixty (60) days thereafter, the Grand Master fixing the time and place.

Standing of Members

SECTION 78:

Whenever the charter of a lodge is surrendered as herein provided, the standing of each member at the date of the surrender, shall be that of a non-affiliated Mason in good standing with a demit, and upon surrender of the books and records to the Grand Secretary, each of the members, as shown to be in good standing receive a certificate upon payment of the fee (Constitution Article VIII, Section 1). Said certificate shall be under the seal of the Grand Lodge and have the force and effect of a Demit. No such certificate shall be issued until the brother shall pay to the Grand Secretary, all monies due by him to the lodge at the time of such surrender of charter.

Charter Lost

SECTION 79:

Whenever the charter of a lodge in good standing shall be lost or destroyed, a substitute thereof shall be issued by the Grand Secretary by an order of the Grand Master, who shall report such fact to the next Grand Lodge.

Arrest of Charter

SECTION 80:

For any of the reasons stated in the Constitution, Article XIX the Grand Master may, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, arrest the charter of a subordinate lodge. Such action shall be reported to the Grand Lodge at its next Communication with reasons therefore, for its approval or disapproval, at which time the lodge may be heard on its own behalf; the Grand Lodge shall act in the premises in all respect as the good of Masonry may require.

Arrest and Effect

SECTION 81:

The arrest of a charter is a mere temporary suspension of the functions of a lodge until final action thereon shall be had by the Grand Lodge (Power of Restoration, see Section 136).

Grand Lodge Action of Arrest

SECTION 82:

The Grand Lodge, upon final hearing, may approve or disapprove of the action of the Grand Master, and should it approve the action of the Grand Master in making the arrest, it may restore the charter without revocation if satisfied that the discipline of the lodge is already sufficient and the good of Masonry thereby served.

Charters Restored

SECTION 83:

When the Grand Lodge revokes a charter, it may afterwards restore it, provided, that application therefore be made at the next Annual Communication, but in such case the restoration must be made to the identical lodge, name and number, and with the right to every member thereof at the date of revocation yet unaffiliated who continue in good standing to membership therein.

Petition of Restoration

SECTION 84:

The application for restoration of a revoked charter may be made by any seven who were members of the lodge at the date of revocation, who are as yet unaffiliated and in good standing, who shall petition the Grand Lodge at its next Communication, and if the charter is restored, all of its property and effects shall be returned. If the charter is restored without revocation by the Grand Lodge, all of its property received by the Grand Secretary shall be returned by the Grand Secretary, less the expenses incurred by the Grand Secretary in transportation, etc., except when the arrest shall be adjudicated by the Grand Lodge as wrong, then the restoration shall be made without expense to the subordinate lodge.

New Lodge

SECTION 85:

Nothing in the charter shall be construed to prohibit the members in good standing in an extinct lodge from organizing a new lodge.

CHAPTER VII

Consolidation of Lodges

Procedure for Consolidation

SECTION 86:

When two or more lodges desire to consolidate as one, they shall proceed as follow Upon the question being presented to each lodge at a Stated meeting, a vote shall be taken and if a majority approves, the Secretary shall notify each member of the lodge, of such intention, specifying the time when action will be taken thereon, such Notification In Regard to Unpaid Dues to be served in the usual manner as provided in Section 77.

Vote on Consolidation

SECTION 87:

At the Stated meeting to which the brothers have been notified to appear, the matter of consolidation will be taken up, and if two-thirds (2/3) of the members present vote in the affirmative, the vote shall be declared in favor of consolidation, of which the Secretary shall make due record. The vote shall be by ballot "Yes" or "No."

SECTION 88:

If the vote in each lodge is in favor of consolidation, then such lodges are consolidated and shall constitute one lodge. In such case the property and effects of the several lodges become the property of the lodge as consolidated. There shall be no consolidation unless all the lodges concerned vote in favor of consolidation.

Officers

SECTION 89:

Upon consolidation, all the officers in the various lodges shall be declared vacant. All officers shall be elected by the members of the consolidated lodge.

Name, Number and Location

SECTION 90:

The name and number of either of the lodges, as agreed upon by the members, shall be that of the lodge Consolidated. The location of the consolidated lodge shall be determined by its members, and shall be stated on each proposition.

Meetings

SECTION 91:

The meetings of the consolidated lodge shall be decided by the members thereof.

Election and Installation

SECTION 92:

When lodges are consolidated as provided in this chapter, all officers, including the Worshipful Master, shall be elected and installed at the first Stated meeting. The term of such officers shall be until the next annual election as provided by law.

CHAPTER VIII

Members - Degrees and Advancement

Qualifications

SECTION 93:

Each petitioner for the degrees of Masonry must believe in GOD as the Grand Architect of the Universe, believe in the resurrection to a future life, and shall have attained the age of eighteen years. Be under the tongue of good report and have the PHYSICAL ABILITY to earn a livelihood, and to conform substantially to the form and ceremonies of Masonry, and be instructed in its mysteries. He must have resided within the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he makes application, at least six months, and the State one year.

Age Restriction

SECTION 94:

If a petitioner is over sixty (60) years of age, he must be in good health, as certified by a registered physician of the State of California. This physical examination must not be in excess of thirty (30) days prior to presenting his petition. In addition, the petitioner must show proof that he has provided for his burial expenses, by insurance or other method that will be accepted by the Grand Lodge.

Note

This interpretation of the ancient charges and regulations is not inconsistent with the true spirit of the Masonic Institution, but in keeping with its sublime principles and teaching from time immemorial.

Degrees – Receiving Applications

SECTION 95:

No lodge shall receive the application for degrees of Masonry from any person engaged in the illegal sale of liquor, nor from any person who has been rejected within a less time than six months next preceding; and no lodge shall ballot upon an application until reference has been made and reported upon by a committee, unless a Dispensation has been granted by the Grand Master.

Application Fees

SECTION 96:

No lodge shall confer the degrees for a sum less than one hundred thirty dollars (\$130.00), nor upon credit, or receive a promissory note therefore in lieu of money.

Requisites of Petition

SECTION 97:

A lodge having a petition for the degrees shall require the petitioner to state therein if he has before petitioned a lodge for the degrees. If so, he shall give the name, number, and location of such lodge, and what action was taken to said petition to the best of his knowledge. A misstatement to the facts shall constitute a Masonic offense, and if made a Mason, and afterward convicted thereof, he shall be Expelled.

Investigation Committee

SECTION 98:

Upon the receipt of a petition by the lodge, the Worshipful Master shall appoint a committee of three (3) to investigate into the fitness and character of the applicant to be made a Mason. The report of the committee shall be made to the Worshipful Master. The Worshipful Master may order the three (3) members to act as a committee of one to carry out

this charge or assignment. The Worshipful Master shall present the petition to the lodge for ballot upon the receipt of one or more reports from his investigation committee.

Duty of Committee

SECTION 99:

It shall be the duty of the Investigating Committee to make a diligent inquiry into all the facts touching upon the petitioner's acceptability, viz: Is he a man of lawful age and timely residence in the jurisdiction and in possession of such other qualifications and fitness as touching his habits and social relations such as to render him a fit subject for the mysteries of Masonry? The investigating committee will conduct this diligent inquiry in accordance with the orders and direction of the Worshipful Master under Section 98 of this chapter. It is the duty of the Investigating Committee to insure that all scheduled committee members interview the petitioner at his place of residence at the same time. The committee shall report their findings to the Worshipful Master prior to the next Stated meeting following its (committee) appointment, unless granted further time by the Worshipful Master of the lodge. This report shall not be signed by the committee, or read by the secretary.

Amended at the 147th Annual Grand Session 2002 in Sacramento, CA. Effective August 1, 2002.

Ballot - Degrees

SECTION 100:

No lodge shall have more than one ballot for the three (3) degrees.

Ballot - Secret

SECTION 101:

Balloting on Petitions must be unanimous and inviolably secret by use of ballots white or black in color. If upon balloting only one black ball appears, the Worshipful

Master may, without declaring the result, order a second ballot for the purpose of correcting a possible mistake. Should a black ball appear again, the application is declared rejected.

Ballot - Postponed

SECTION 102:

After the report of the committee on application for degrees, the Master for good cause, may postpone the balloting thereon until the next Stated meeting, but no longer, except by the unanimous consent of the lodge.

Rejection of a Candidate

SECTION 103:

In any case where a candidate is rejected, it shall be unlawful for any brother to purposely make known the character of his ballot, or seek to know that of another, and if known to him to reveal it to another, nor shall he be questioned therefore, for by such behavior the secrecy of the ballot is destroyed.

Notice of Result

SECTION 104:

The Secretary shall notify the applicant of the action of the lodge upon his petition.

Withdrawal of a Petition

SECTION 105:

A petitioner for the degrees may withdraw before reference to a committee, but not afterwards, and should the applicant be elected and fail to come forward for the initiation within six months thereafter, his election shall be considered canceled and the fee advanced forfeited, unless otherwise provided by the lodge.

Re-petition – Following Rejection

SECTION 106:

A candidate who has been rejected may again petition the lodge after the expiration of six months from the date of rejection.

Interrogation by Senior Deacon

SECTION 107:

Before the candidate shall enter the lodge room for initiation, he shall unequivocally give his consent to the questions propounded by the Senior Deacon.

Degrees - How Observed

SECTION 108:

No lodge shall confer more than one (1) degree at any one meeting without a dispensation from the Grand Master.

Amended at the 145th Annual Session 2000 in Los Angeles, CA. to delete the language: "No Lodge shall confer Degrees upon more than five (5) candidates at any one meeting..." Effective, August 1, 2000.

Advancement – Charges Not Pending

SECTION 109:

An Entered Apprentice or a Fellowcraft, unless resting under charges of Un-Masonic conduct, is entitled to advancement on making suitable proficiency (Reference. Section 112) therefore which must be obtained by examination in open lodge in the highest degree to which he has attained. The vote to determine proficiency may be made by a show of hands and shall be taken immediately after the examination, a majority being sufficient to determine the question in a lodge of Master Masons being opened for this purpose (Reference. Constitution Article XIX, Section 6).

Advancement - Time to Accomplish

SECTION 110:

Within one year after being balloted upon, an applicant for degrees must make his proficiency in the Fellowcraft Degree and be raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Except that if the applicant be not raised within one year after having been balloted upon, owing to having not received the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and/or Master Mason's Degree, through no fault of the lodge to which he submitted petition, he shall forfeit all rights to the degrees, and lose all of the Initiation Fee. Any petition which he may subsequently submit shall be received and acted upon in accordance with provisions of this chapter.

A. Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft failing to advance or be raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason within one year of being balloted upon, shall be considered as suspended for failure to advance, but may apply for re-instatement and be subjected to reinstatement fees. If re-instated, they must demonstrate proficiency before advancement.

Amended at the 158th Annual Session 2013 in Fresno, CA. Effective August 1, 2013

Proficiency - What it is

SECTION 111:

Suitable proficiency means that the brother must be able to satisfactorily answer the questions in the first section of the lecture of the degree, and repeat the obligation; less than this is not suitable for advancement.

Advancement Stayed

SECTION 112:

If charges are preferred against an Entered Apprentice or a Fellowcraft, his advancement is thereby stayed pending proceedings thereon.

Trial

SECTION 113:

If on trial of charges, he be found not guilty, he shall be advanced as though no charges had been preferred, but if found guilty and suspended or expelled, he can be advanced only after reinstatement. The law governing the reinstatement of Master Masons, shall be applicable to

Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts under like punishment. The penalty of reprimand shall not operate to stay advancement.

Expelled or Suspended

SECTION 114:

An Entered Apprentice or a Fellowcraft who has been expelled or suspended cannot be advanced in any lodge of the jurisdiction until after reinstatement by the lodge that expelled or suspended him, or by the Grand Lodge.

Lodge Extinct

SECTION 115:

An Entered Apprentice or a Fellowcraft in good standing, whose lodge is extinct, may petition the lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides for the remaining degree or degrees, giving the name, number and location of his lodge when in existence. Such petition shall take the same course in the lodge as that of a Mason of like advancement who was admitted therein.

Foreign Jurisdiction

SECTION 116:

An Entered Apprentice or a Fellowcraft hailing from a lodge of a foreign jurisdiction, shall not be advanced for membership in this jurisdiction unless permission is granted for such advancement under the laws of said foreign jurisdiction.

Degrees - Continued

SECTION 117:

If a Mason shall have been elected to receive the three (3) degrees and shall have received the First Degree, or the First and Second Degree in one lodge, and shall at the request of such lodge, and on its behalf receive the remaining degree or degrees in another lodge, no petition,

reference or Ballot shall be necessary in the last named lodge, as the work will be done for the First, of which he will be deemed a member.

A. An Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft Mason, hailing from a lodge of a foreign jurisdiction, shall not be advanced for membership in the degrees in this jurisdiction unless it is at the request of, and on behalf of, said foreign jurisdiction. After receiving the Master Mason's degree, said brother may apply for membership in the lodge of his choice, in accordance with the provisions of the Masonic Code, Chapter IX, Section 118.

CHAPTER IX

Membership - Affiliation

SECTION 118:

No lodge shall receive an application for affiliation except as follows:

1. An applicant who is a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction shall have his affiliation application handled as prescribed in Chapter XI, Section 130.
2. An applicant from a foreign jurisdiction, upon presenting a valid dues card reflecting advance payment of three months dues, shall be voted upon for membership. If elected to membership by the lodge that the applicant petitioned, he shall receive Associate Membership status and the Secretary of the petitioned lodge shall immediately notify the foreign jurisdiction lodge and request a demit. Once a demit is received, the applicant is automatically upgraded from Associate Membership to Full Membership. A twenty-five dollar (\$25) fee shall accompany the applicant's request for affiliation.

Amended at the 147th Annual Grand Session 2002 in Sacramento, CA. Effective August, 1 2002.

Restricstion – Applicant over age 60

SECTION 119:

An applicant from a foreign jurisdiction, over sixty years of age, must meet the requirements of Section 94.

Application to Demit

SECTION 120:

An application for membership by a Demitted Master Mason shall be a written petition signed by the applicant's own hand substantially as shown in Section 121.

Petition for Membership by Transfer/Demit

SECTION 121:

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and members of
Masons: _____
Lodge, No. _____ Free and Accepted

The undersigned respectful represents, that he is a Master
Mason in good standing; that he was last a member of
_____ in the
_____ Lodge, No. _____
_____ of _____
_____ State of _____
_____ from which he has honorably
withdrawn, as by the accompanying certificate will appear,
and he now desires, if found worthy, to become a member of
your lodge, pledging himself to a cheerful obedience to all
the requirements of your lodge, and to the Ancient Usages
of Masonry as admitted among you.

His age is: _____ Occupation: _____
Social Security Number: _____
Residence: _____
Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____

Petitioner

The undersigned is personally acquainted with
Brother _____, and from a confidence in
his integrity and Masonic worth do cheerfully recommend
his admission to membership among you.

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Expelled or Suspended in Foreign Jurisdiction

SECTION 122:

Any Master Mason who has been expelled or suspended in
a foreign jurisdiction must be reinstated under the Laws of
said jurisdiction before he can be accepted to membership
in this jurisdiction.

Ballot - Affiliate

SECTION 123:

The ballot in the case of an affiliate shall be the same as that provided for in the case of an application for degrees.

Rejection - Affiliate

SECTION 124:

The Applicant may apply to any lodge in the jurisdiction, and if rejected, may apply as often as he may please to do, to the same or any other lodge.

CHAPTER X

Making Masons at Sight and Recognition

SECTION 125:

The making of Masons At Sight in an Occasional Lodge, can only be done by the Grand Master in person (Landmark Eight). This prerogative of the Grand Master is not subject to Dispensation, or redelegation.

Compact Mason

SECTION: 126:

The Clandestine or compact made Mason has no status in any lodge in this jurisdiction, provided however, that in specific cases wherein the Grand Lodge authorizes the Grand Master to use extreme measures to meet extraordinary conditions he may order that such persons Masonic life shall begin with his obligation.

Ceremony for Receiving Compact or Irregular Masons

SECTION 127:

1. Opening.
2. Oath of Fealty (Healing).
3. Obligations, E.A., F.C., and M.M.
4. Special Raising.
5. Historical Account.
6. Master Carpet, etc.
7. Presentation of the Lambskin.
8. Charge to the Lodge.
9. Charge.
10. Sign Register.
11. Regular Closing.

Additional Information:

- A. Shall be properly investigated and balloted on.
- B. Healing in groups of one (1) or more.

- C. Shall make Proficiency in the M.M. Degree prior to holding an elected or appointed office in a lodge.
- D. Past Master status shall only be acquired as per this Constitution.
- E. Shall not be taken in as a lodge nor shall they carry over their old name.

Grand Lodge Certificates

SECTION 128:

Grand Lodge certificates cannot be used to gain admission into a lodge, unless accompanied by the financial card of the holder, the purpose of the certificate is to show that the brother is of a lodge of a regular jurisdiction.

CHAPTER XI

Demissions - Entitlement

SECTION 129:

Every Master Mason in good standing, who is a member of a lodge, is entitled to a certificate of Demission therefrom upon payment of all dues against him in said subordinate lodge; provided that no charges are pending against him and that no brother claims the privilege of preferring them.

Transfer with Continuous Membership

SECTION 130:

A member in good standing in this jurisdiction and against whom no charges are pending, who desires to affiliate with another lodge of this jurisdiction, may file his application for membership accompanied by a receipt from the lodge of which he is a member, showing his dues to be paid up for at least three months in advance, together with a written request to his lodge for a transfer. If elected, by ballot, to membership in the lodge to which his application is made, the Secretary thereof shall immediately forward such application to the lodge from which the brother desires to withdraw, and at the Stated meeting at which the transfer is presented, the Secretary shall enter the applicant's name as a member of the lodge. Dues shall accrue pursuant to such affiliation from the first day of the month succeeding the presentation of the transfer. If the applicant is rejected, the receipt of dues and the request for transfer shall be returned to the applicant. (Ref: Code, Section 124)

Demit or Transfer Held if Charges

SECTION 131:

If any brother claims the privilege of preferring charges, the matter shall lie over for one month; if then no charges are preferred and no further time is given by the lodge for such purpose, the demit or transfer shall be granted by the lodge, a majority vote being sufficient. If the charges are preferred, and after trial the accused is acquitted, the demit or transfer shall be granted as above stipulated.

CHAPTER XII

Arrest of Officer's Jewels

Arrest of Jewel by Grand Master

SECTION 132:

The Grand Master may, during the Communication or during the recess thereof, arrest the Jewel of any officer of the Grand Lodge, for such misconduct as would bring reproach upon the office or Craft. He may also arrest the Jewel of the Worshipful Master of any subordinate lodge for like reasons, or for the violation of the vows of his office, when in his judgment, the good of Freemasonry shall require it.

Arrest of Jewel by Worshipful Master

SECTION 133:

The Worshipful Master of a subordinate lodge may arrest the Jewel of any officer of his lodge for such misconduct as in his judgment would bring reproach upon the lodge or Craft, such action being by him immediately reported to the Grand Master with the reasons therefore.

Review of Subordinate Lodge Officer

SECTION 134:

In every case where the Jewel of an officer is arrested in a subordinate lodge, the officer thus deposed shall have the right to have his case heard by the Grand Master or a Commissioner appointed by him for that purpose, before whom the deposed officers shall set forth the particulars of his grievance. When the decision of the Commissioner has been reported to and approved by the Grand Master, it shall be final, except in case of an appeal to the Grand Lodge.

Review of Grand Lodge Officers

SECTION 135:

In the event of the arrest of the Jewel of a Grand Lodge officer, he shall have the right to have his case heard on its merits in the Grand Lodge. To that end he may petition the Grand Lodge therefore, setting forth his grievances, and thereupon the Grand Lodge shall have jurisdiction and may proceed to investigate, at its discretion, to the end that justice may be done.

Restoration of Jewel or Charter

SECTION 136:

It shall be competent for an officer on whose authority a jewel or charter is arrested to restore the same whenever, in his judgment, justice and the good of the Craft require it.

Effect of Arrest

SECTION 137:

The effect of the arrest of the Jewel shall be to suspend the officer from all functions of his office, and its restoration shall fully restore him thereto; such action however shall not otherwise affect his Masonic standing. The Jewel being his badge of office, he cannot legally act as such unless he has it in his possession and fully displays the Jewel which is entrusted to him at installation.

CHAPTER XIII

Charges and Trials

Charges - By Whom Preferred

SECTION 138:

Charges may be preferred by any Master Mason but not a Profane. Nothing in this section shall preclude a profane from testifying. (See the Code, Section 152).

Charges - Against Whom Preferred

SECTION 139:

Charges may be preferred against any Mason of whatever rank or standing, but no charges shall be preferred against the Grand Master while in office, but may, after the expiration of his term, for Un-Masonic conduct or acts committed while in his office.

Charges Filed

SECTION 140:

All charges for Un-Masonic conduct must be in writing and filed with the Secretary of the lodge. They must specify all the facts constituting the offense and for convenience of reference such writings shall be known as "information".

Information

SECTION 141:

Two or more offenses may be stated in the same information. Each stated offense shall be known as a Specification, and each Specification shall be numbered.

Charges of Un-Masonic Conduct

SECTION 142:

Every brother who may be charged with Un-Masonic conduct, shall, in due time, be furnished with a copy of the charges to be exhibited against him, if they be of a nature that admit of writing, and if they be not, and said charges shall be made known to him by a committee to be appointed for that purpose.

Charges - Not Withdrawn

SECTION 143:

When any Masonic accusation shall be brought against a brother in any Lodge, the same shall not be withdrawn for private adjustment, except by unanimous consent of the lodge.

Trials

SECTION 144:

Charges and Specifications may be substantially as follows: Charges and Specifications against Brother _____ of Lodge No. _____ Charge: Conduct unbecoming a Mason, Specification: _____ (Stating the offense.)

Specification

SECTION 145:

The Specification must be sufficiently defined to acquaint the brother of what offense he is charged. The same offense may be charged in one or more Specifications, but there must be a separate Specification for each offense, the Specifications to be construed liberally with a view of substantial justice. If against a nonaffiliated Mason, the Specification must state where the offense was committed and his residence, and signed by the accuser. When charges are preferred against a Mason and presented to the lodge which has jurisdiction, it shall at once fix a time for

trial, unless the charges upon their face are frivolous or made maliciously, without reasonable grounds, in which case the lodge may refuse trial.

Service of Charges and Specifications

SECTION 146:

A copy of the Charges and Specification and notice of time fixed for trial must be served upon the accused as follows: If a resident of the jurisdiction of the lodge (same town or city) to be served at least ten days before the time fixed; if a nonresident thereof, twenty days; if without this jurisdiction, thirty days; service to be personal or by mailing the same directed to him at his post office address, if known, or if unknown, service to be unnecessary.

Trial

SECTION 147:

The Master decides all questions of practice and admissibility of evidence. No one is permitted to be present but members, except counsel and witnesses.

Counsels for Trial

SECTION 148:

The lodge and accused are entitled to be represented by counsel, said counsel to be a Master Mason and resident of this jurisdiction. The counsel of the lodge is selected by the Worshipful Master. The accused must file with the Secretary, the appointment of his counsel, his name and post office address, and when either appear by counsel, all papers are to be served upon such counsel.

May Amend Charges

SECTION 149:

The lodge at any stage of the proceedings, before or after findings or judgment, in furtherance of justice, may amend

or correct any mistake in the charges or specifications, and before findings may add new specifications material on the case. If the new specifications are added, the accused shall have reasonable time to prepare his defense thereto.

Plea

SECTION 150:

If the accused refuses to plead, the Master shall order a plea of not guilty to be entered. If the accused pleads guilty, no evidence is required. However evidence may be allowed by the Worshipful Master to advise the lodge as to the penalty to be imposed.

Obligation of Witnesses

SECTION 151:

A witness shall obligate himself to testify to nothing but the truth. If he is a Mason he shall witness upon his honor; if he is a Profane he shall be sworn by an officer of the Law authorized to administer oaths.

Evidence Taken

SECTION 152:

The evidence of a Mason residing outside of the jurisdiction of the lodge, or more than thirty miles therefrom, or a person not a Mason, may be taken by a commission to be issued by the Worshipful Master to some Master Masons upon interrogatories. The party desiring the evidence without any unnecessary delay shall furnish the Worshipful Master with direct interrogatories; if on the part of the lodge, a copy thereof shall be furnished to the accused, if he has been personally served and is a resident of the jurisdiction of the lodge, or to his counsel. A reasonable time shall be fixed by the Worshipful Master to present cross interrogatories. The Worshipful Master may strike from the interrogatories such questions as he may regard impertinent, improper, incompetent, or immaterial, and may change any interrogatory so as to make it proper

or in due form. By consent the deposition of a witness may be taken by a Master Mason. The evidence of an Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft may be taken in a lodge of corresponding rank. The testimony of a Profane may be taken in the lodge room, the lodge being called off.

Court Record as Evidence

SECTION 153:

A duly certified copy of the conviction of the accused of a criminal offense in a court of record may be received in evidence and with Prima Facie evidence of the fact that the accused was guilty of the offense of which he was convicted.

Copy of Lodge Records as Evidence

SECTION 154:

A certified copy of the records, papers, and files of a lodge are to be received in evidence the same as if the originals are produced.

Accused as Witness

SECTION 155:

The accused can testify in his own behalf, but cannot be compelled to be a witness. If he voluntarily offers himself as a witness he must answer all questions pertinent to the issue, his wife may be a competent witness for or against him. The accuser and the accused are not to be present when the vote is taken, whether upon a Specification or the Penalty.

Punishment

SECTION 156:

If found guilty upon all or either of the Specifications, a vote shall be taken upon the grade of punishment and in the following order:

- 1st: For expulsion, if not, then
- 2nd: For indefinite suspension, if lost, then
- 3rd: For suspension for definite period, if lost, then
- 4th: The Worshipful Master to reprimand the accused in open lodge.

Finding and Judgment

SECTION 157:

The vote shall be taken upon the Specification and not upon the charge. A separate vote shall be taken upon each Specification; the question to be submitted "IS THE ACCUSED GUILTY OR NOT GUILTY?" Each member shall then rise and vote, giving his answer in a distinct and audible manner. The members shall be called first and then the officers, commencing with the lowest rank. A majority vote convicts, also determines the grade of punishment. In case of a tie vote, conviction fails and the vote cannot be retaken.

Punishment Fixed

SECTION 158:

In case of conviction where the punishment is prescribed by law, the Worshipful Master shall declare what the punishment is, without a vote of the lodge, and cause it to be entered into record and it shall then become effective until altered or changed by due process of law.

Records

SECTION 159:

The lodge shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings and also take and preserve all evidence and proofs, and record of the vote to be the general result and not how each member voted.

Offense in Open Lodge

SECTION 160:

In any case where a Masonic offense is committed in open lodge, no formal charges or service of notice shall be necessary to give the lodge jurisdiction, but jurisdiction attaches at once and the facts constituting the offense shall be briefly stated by the Secretary in the proceedings by order of the Worshipful Master as that "Brother _____ appeared in open lodge in a state of intoxication, or in open lodge used profane language; or in any other way openly violated the established Laws of Masonry". The Worshipful Master shall thereupon direct the brother to show cause as to why he should not be punished for such conduct. If no showing is made, the lodge shall proceed to punish. If the showing is made (for which purpose the accused may make his oral explanation, together with any other showing he may have, either to excuse or mitigate it), the Worshipful Master shall then inquire "Brethren, is the brother excused?" The answer shall be by written ballot with the "Yes" or "No," and a majority vote rules. If excused, no further proceedings shall be had, but if not excused, punishment shall be imposed. Before taking such vote the brother shall be required to retire to the anteroom.

Method of Punishment

SECTION 161:

If a punishment is to be imposed under the foregoing section, the same method and rules shall apply in fixing the punishment and its application as applies to punishment of charges, but the summary method prescribed in the foregoing section shall not be resorted to unless it be at the same meeting where the offense was committed, but THE NEGLECT TO THUS PROCEED will NOT bar charges in the ordinary manner.

Appeal

SECTION 162:

An appeal to the Grand Lodge may be taken by the accused from conviction and sentence, or from sentence only, by serving a written notice upon the Worshipful Master or Secretary of the lodge. Said notice must be served in one month, if accused is present, otherwise three months may be allowed.

Grand Secretary to be Notified

SECTION 163:

If sentence is expulsion or an appeal is taken in any case, the Secretary forthwith shall transmit to the Grand Secretary the original or certified copies of all papers, proceedings and evidence.

Sentence, When in Effect

SECTION 164:

If an appeal is taken, a sentence or expulsion shall not take effect until confirmed by the Grand Lodge. A sentence or suspension shall remain in full force while an appeal is pending.

Vote Restoration

SECTION 165:

Application for restoration is to be in writing and signed by the applicant. To restore a suspended Mason, a majority vote is required.

CHAPTER XIV

Reinstatement of a Suspended or Expelled Mason

SECTION 166:

A Mason suspended under this jurisdiction for Un-Masonic conduct, may be reinstated as provided in this chapter. If the applicant for reinstatement resides in another jurisdiction, the local Secretary shall contact the Worshipful Master of the lodge nearest to where the applicant lives and request their assistance with a reinstatement investigation. The forms for investigation used by this jurisdiction shall be submitted with said request. The local Secretary shall submit the forms directly to the Worshipful Master when returned from the foreign jurisdiction without reading them in open lodge.

Amended at the 147th Annual Grand Session 2002 in Sacramento, CA. Effective August 1, 2002.

Petition - Suspended Mason For Non-Payment Of

Dues

SECTION 167:

If the petitioner for reinstatement is a suspended Mason, he must at a Stated meeting, petition the lodge from which he was suspended. The vote for the reinstatement of a brother suspended (as prescribed in the Code, Section 64) may be taken by a show of hands. A three fourths vote of the members of the lodge present and voting shall be necessary for reinstatement. (Exception, see Code, Section 168).

Petition - Age Exception

SECTION 168:

If the petitioner for reinstatement is over sixty years of age, the conditions of the Code, Section 94 must be complied with. A brother who has been suspended for an excess of one (1) year, will be subject to investigation, and be voted on according to the Code, Section 167.

Failure to Reinstate

SECTION 169:

Should a lodge by its vote fail to reinstate a member who has been suspended for the nonpayment of dues, it is then incumbent upon the lodge or the member making such objection, to file charges of Un-Masonic conduct against such member, and the lodge must proceed to try him in the regular manner. When the case is closed the findings of the lodge shall be taken as provided in the Code, Section 157. If he be found not guilty, the monies paid by him shall be entered to his credit upon the proper record and said member shall be reinstated to all the rights and privileges enjoyed by him prior to his suspension.

Money Refunded if Rejected

SECTION 170:

If such dues are paid with a view of reinstatement, and reinstatement is refused by the vote of the lodge, the money so paid shall be refunded.

Petition - Expelled Mason

SECTION 171:

If the petitioner for reinstatement is an expelled Mason, he must, at a Stated meeting, petition the lodge from which he was expelled, which petition must take the course of that of a profane for degrees as to time and referred to a committee.

Grand Lodge Approval

SECTION 172:

If the lodge shall decide to reinstate an expelled brother, it shall petition the Grand Lodge for approval of its action. If the Grand Lodge shall approve of such action, then the petitioner is reinstated to membership in the lodge, but not otherwise.

Lodge Extinct

SECTION 173:

If the petitioner is a suspended or expelled Mason, whether the suspension be for nonpayment of dues or otherwise, and the lodge which suspended or expelled him is extinct, he may then petition the Grand Lodge for reinstatement, stating in his petition the name, number, and location of such subordinate lodge when in existence. Such petition may be presented to the Grand Lodge at its Communication or the Grand Master during recess. In either case the Grand Master shall appoint a committee to investigate and thereafter the Grand Lodge may act thereon at its discretion. A two-thirds vote of the Grand Lodge shall be necessary for reinstatement.

CHAPTER XV

Miscellaneous Items

Masonic Clothing

SECTION 174:

Proper Masonic Dress:

A. The proper Masonic dress that is suitable for any Masonic occasion is a white lambskin apron, white

gloves, dark blue or black suit, black shoes, black or dark blue tie, white shirt with collar, and the regalia of the highest office attained by a Blue Lodge brother.

B. Brothers must wear proper Masonic dress when: 1) at Grand Lodge, 2) taking lodge pictures, 3) attending or performing at public ceremonies, and 4) performing degree work as lodge officers.

Optional Masonic Dress:

A. The optional Masonic dress for lodge meeting is:

any color 1) suit or sport coat and pants, 2) shirt and tie or banded shirt, and 3) shoes; white gloves, white apron or the apron and collar of the highest office held by a Blue Lodge brother.

B. No tee-shirt, shorts, jeans, shoes without socks, tennis shoes, walking shoes, sandals, casual dress such as jump suits, or other unauthorized attire are considered "optional" Masonic dress".

Amended at the 147th Annual Grand Session 2002 in Sacramento, CA. Effective August 1, 2002.

Vouchment

SECTION 175:

No brother shall be allowed to vouch for another as a Mason except he has gained such knowledge by having sat in a lodge with him, or from having examined him by order of the Worshipful Master. Notwithstanding, in all cases of visitation, the visiting brother must present his credentials.

Masonic Emblems

SECTION 176:

A member of a subordinate lodge of this jurisdiction shall be entitled to wear a Masonic emblem that is connected with the emblems of Symbolic Masonry, an appendant, or adopted Masonic body, (what is known as a combination emblem) providing that they are in good standing in the Masonic entity reflected by the emblem.

Amended at the 148th Communication at Pasadena, California Effective August 1, 2003.

SECTION 176 A:

The official Masonic emblem of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Inc. is the Entre Nous emblem. The Entre Nous emblem is the cable tow, lapel pin, bumper stickers, rings or other cable tow emblems.

Amended at the 148th Communication at Pasadena, California Effective August 1, 2003.

Intoxicants - Balls

SECTION 177:

The introduction of intoxicating liquors in the gathering of Masons is strictly prohibited and is subversive to one of our Cardinal principles, nor shall any lodge use the name of this Grand Lodge in connection with any program or advertisement of any promenade, concert or Grand Ball, etc.

CHAPTER XVI

Masonic Observances

Masonic Festivals

SECTION 178:

December 27th (Saint John, the Evangelist's Day), is the Masonic Festival Occasion, on or before which time the various subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction shall elect and install their officers.

Masonic Anniversary

SECTION 178 A:

On the Sunday nearest the 24th of June of each year, which is known among Masons as Saint John the Baptist's Day, the various lodges of this obedience shall assemble at their hall or some church, for appropriate religious services.

No lodge, adoptive, allied, appendant or concordant body may hold a fundraising event on the Sunday proclaimed, as the Sunday nearest the 24th of June, or start an event that continues on the Sunday nearest the 24th of June. However, fundraising events may be held after the St. John's Day Celebration.

Amended at the 147th Annual Grand Session 2002 in Sacramento, CA. Effective August 1, 2002.

Prince Hall Day

SECTION 178 B:

On the Sunday nearest the 12th day of September of each year, which is known among Prince Hall Masons as Prince Hall Day, the various lodges of this obedience shall assemble at their hall, a church, auditorium, or an appropriate outside area for services centering around the life and work of Prince Hall. After service is complete, a

picnic or some social gathering is permitted if desired. Intoxicating liquors of any type is strictly prohibited. Masonic dress is not required if the service is to be held outside, however, it is imperative that proper attire and dress be adhered to by all.

No lodge, adoptive, allied, appendant or concordant body may hold a fundraising event on the Sunday proclaimed, as the Sunday nearest the 12th of September, or start an event that continues on the Sunday nearest the 12th of September. However, fundraising events may be held after the Prince Hall Day Celebration.

Amended at the 147th Annual Grand Session 2002 in Sacramento, CA. Effective August, 1 2002.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

SECTION 178 C:

The third Monday in January of each year shall be designated and proclaimed a day of dedication to the Memory of Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Junior.

Wives and Widows Day

SECTION 178 D:

The subordinate lodge or lodges in this jurisdiction shall set aside one day to be designated as Wives and Widows Day. Each lodge or lodges shall honor its own wives and widows in any manner they choose.

CHAPTER XVII

Definitions

General

SECTION 179:

The words and terms used in this Constitution and Code shall bear the construction which is given them in the following definition:

Grand Master

SECTION 180:

The title "Grand Master" applies to him who has been elected and installed as Grand Master, but other grand officers who, under the provisions of this Constitution shall have succeeded to the powers and duties of the Grand Master shall be styled Acting Grand Master.

Worshipful Master

SECTION 181:

The title "Worshipful Master" applies not only to him who has been elected and installed as Worshipful Master, but to either of the Wardens, who, under the provisions of this Constitution and Code, shall have succeeded to the powers and duties of Worshipful Master.

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master

SECTION 182:

The title "Most Worshipful Past Grand Master" shall apply to him who has been regularly elected and installed as Grand Master and has served one full year in that station.

Virtual Past Master

SECTION 183:

A Virtual Past Master is a Degree of Past Master in a chapter of Royal Arch Masons. This does not entitle him to preside in the oriental chair, or to be present at the conferring of this degree upon a Worshipful Master Elect, nor to have the privilege usually accorded an actual Past Master.

An Actual Past Master

SECTION 184:

An actual Past Master is one who is named in the charter of a lodge as its Worshipful Master and serves to the end of his term and until his successor is elected and qualified; or one who has been elected Worshipful Master of his lodge and serves to the end of his term and until his successor is elected and qualified. In all cases the Worshipful Master must have met the performance standards adopted by Grand Lodge. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent a Worshipful Master who has been called from his post by the Government from receiving the honors of a Past Master.

Clandestine Mason

SECTION 185:

A Clandestine Mason is one not made in a Regular lodge working under authority of some Prince Hall Grand Lodge. (Except as provided in the Code, Section 206)

Clandestine Lodge

SECTION 186:

A Clandestine Lodge is one not working under a warrant or charter of some Prince Hall Grand Lodge. (Except as provided in the Code, Section 208)

Representative

SECTION 187:

The Representative of a lodge within this jurisdiction is one who, being a member thereof, in the event that neither the Worshipful Master nor either of the Wardens can be present at the Grand Lodge, has been elected by the lodge at a Stated meeting, or at a special meeting, called for that purpose by ballot, and by a majority of the votes present to represent in at the next Communication; provided, however that he is a Past Master.

Vacancy

SECTION 188:

Vacancy in any office may occur either in a lodge or in the Grand Lodge, by death, deprivation, removal from the jurisdiction of the lodge, suspension or expulsion.

Jurisdiction

SECTION 189:

The jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge extends over all lodges and Masons within the territorial limits of the state, and all the lodges and their members without the state, acting under its authority. The jurisdiction of a lodge extends over all of its own members, and over all Masons residing nearest its place of meeting than to that of any other lodge, within this state, except in towns or cities where more than one lodge exist, in which case each such lodge has separate jurisdiction over its own members of one such lodge, who resides in such town or city or nearest thereto than to any other place where a lodge exist.

Territorial Jurisdiction

SECTION 190:

Territorial jurisdiction of a subordinate lodge extends to a point half way between it and the nearest lodge in the State,

the distance to be governed by the air line and not by the roads of travel, and to be measured from the corporation line or limit of the places. No lodge of this obedience shall receive into its membership any profane who resides within the territorial jurisdiction of another lodge except by permission of the aforesaid lodge.

Penalty

SECTION 191:

If any lodge shall violate the provisions of the above section, for such violation the Worshipful Master shall suffer the loss of his jewel and the lodge the loss of the fee advanced. His jewel may be restored at the pleasure of the Grand Master, said fee to be paid to the lodge of the applicant's choice within his lodge's jurisdiction.

Regulations

SECTION 192:

By a regulation of the Grand Lodge is meant any resolution, edict, law or ordinance of any kind whatever, other than the Constitution, which it may adopt.

Suspension of a Worshipful Master

SECTION 193:

The suspension of the Worshipful Master of a lodge is the temporary deprivation of his office, and prohibits all recognition of him in that capacity until he is restored by competent authority.

Suspension of a Mason

SECTION 194:

The suspension of a Mason is the temporary deprivation of all his rights and privileges as such, and prohibits all Masons and lodges from holding any Masonic intercourse whatever with him, until he shall be legally restored by the lodge that suspended him or by the Grand Lodge.

Expulsion

SECTION 195:

The expulsion of a Mason is the highest penalty known to Masonic Law. It is an absolute deprivation of all the rights and privileges of the fraternity, and prohibits all Masons and lodges from holding any Masonic intercourse with him forever, unless he is restored by the Grand Lodge.

Due Notice

SECTION 196:

A notification of due notice is a call issued by the Secretary, by order of the lodge or Worshipful Master, or by other competent authority as herein before provided, to attend for some specific duty therein set forth, and it is the duty of every Mason to comply with its direction, if he can, without great inconvenience, do so. It shall be either written or printed, and shall, when practicable, be personally served upon the brother to be notified, by a Tyler or some other Mason properly deputized for the purpose; if this cannot be conveniently done, it shall be left at the residence or usual place of business of such brother, or if such residence or place of business is distant or unknown, it may be placed in the Post Office, addressed to him at his last known place of residence, and this shall be deemed due and sufficient service.

Summons

SECTION 197:

A summons is an imperative order, issued by the lodge or other competent authority, to appear at such time and place as may therein be designated. The obligation to obey it is absolute, and the penalty of disobedience shall be expulsion, unless it shall be shown that such disobedience was unavoidable, or was occasioned by some pressing necessity.

Stated Meetings

SECTION 198:

The Stated meeting of a lodge is the only meeting in each calendar month at which business may be done, with the exceptions as specified in the Constitution, Article XIX, Section 5; it shall be designated as such in the bylaws of each lodge, and no adjourned or called meeting shall ever be considered as part of such Stated meetings.

CHAPTER XVIII

Amendments - Intent

SECTION 199:

All Amendments, when offered in Grand Lodge shall specify the Section of the Code, according to the intent; they shall so state, giving the proper number of the same, the intention being, not only the enactment, as well, as written law which shall be embraced herein; and the provisions of this Code shall take effect and be in force from and after its adoption.

SECTION 200:

All proposed amendments to this Code must be presented to the Grand Lodge, and by it referred to the committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, who shall report thereon before the committee on the third day of the Communication, and no final action shall be taken on any proposed amendment until after the report of said committee.

SECTION 201:

Amendments to the Code may be made by a majority vote of the lodges proposition to amend any section of the Code shall not be "Strike There from" or to "add thereto" but the proposition shall contain the section rewritten to express the law as amended and be as a substitute or the section amended, or as a new section, if required.

CHAPTER XIX

Emeritus Members And Past Grand Lodge Officers

Eligibility

SECTION 202:

Must be an elected or appointed Grand Lodge officer of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, serving in that position for ten (10) continuous years of which the last six (6) years must be in the same position.

A. Past Grand Lodge Officers must have been elected to a specific grand lodge office.

Qualifications

SECTION 203:

Must have performed well above his normal duties and must have made some contribution for the betterment of the Grand Lodge as determined by the Grand Master.

A. To be recognized as a Past Grand Lodge Officer one must have served in the elected capacity for a full term of one year.

Entitlements

SECTION 204:

For his services, his entitlements will be three (3) days per diem and registration during grand session. Any meeting other than grand session must be by invitation from the Grand Master, lodging and travel authorized.

A. Past Grand Lodge Officers will be recognized and addressed as Past Right Worshipful [office title].

Regalia

SECTION 205:

The officer shall be presented a Grand Lodge Apron of his Emeritus Office by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

A. Past Grand Lodge Officers may acquire, at their expense, and wear the regalia of the highest elected office.

CHAPTER XX

Recognition Of Jurisdictions and Duties of

Members

SECTION 206:

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of California, Incorporated, extends Masonic Recognition to:

1. All Prince Hall Grand Lodges
2. The United Grand Lodge of England
3. The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of California
4. The Grand Lodge of Ireland
5. The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Tasmania
6. The Grand Lodge of Italy
7. The Grand Lodge of Utah
8. The Grand Lodge of Uruguay
9. The Grand Lodge of Maine
10. The Grand Lodge of Washington, D.C.

Amended at the 149th Annual Communication held in Santa Clara, CA. Effective, August 1, 2004

Amended at the 151st Annual Communication held in Sacramento, CA. Effective, August 1, 2006.

Notwithstanding any provisions or sections of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge's Masonic Constitution or Code to the contrary.

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of California, Inc., its subordinate lodges and their members will never compromise its legitimacy, its sovereignty, its legacy, its heritage or its doctrine, by joining or becoming a part of or be longing to any Non-Prince Hall Grand Masonic body, or subordinate body.

Amended at the 151st Annual Communication held in Sacramento, CA. Effective, August 1, 2006.

This recognition includes the right of visitation in a tiled subordinate lodge and Grand Lodge with full Masonic Communication.

Approved at the 149th Annual Communication Santa Clara, CA Effective August 1, 2004.

Recognition- Reciprocity

SECTION 207:

Members of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, State of California shall not be subject to the penal jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of California, Inc. nor vice versa.

Approved at the 149th Annual Communication Santa Clara, CA Effective August 1, 2004.

Recognition-Public Functions

SECTION 208:

When attending functions of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge and its subordinate lodges, members of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, State of California and any Grand Lodge recognized by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of California, Inc. shall be permitted to be regaled at such functions when the wearing of regalia is proper and fitting as authorized by the host body. The same privilege is permitted for Prince Hall Masons when invited.

Approved at the 149th Annual Communication Santa Clara, CA Effective August 1, 2004.

CHAPTER XXI

Associate Membership

SECTION 209:

No lodge shall receive an application for affiliation nor an associate except as the following:

First - To become an Associate Member the applicant must be a Prince Hall Mason in good financial standing in his home lodge, and that status be maintained at all times while an Associate Member of this jurisdiction. Verification of financial status must accompany the application for Associate Membership and annually thereafter at the first meeting in April.

Second - A fee of 50% of the regular dues of the subordinate lodge, to which the application is submitted, shall accompany all applications received for Associate Membership. A majority vote of acceptance by the membership is required to become an Associate Member in a lodge.

Third - Associate Members shall not be assessed, but shall be subject to taxes to be paid into the General Department of Grand Lodge, by means of dues paid to the subordinate lodge. A lodge may charge up to 50% of its annual dues for Associate Membership dues. However, the lodge in every case must submit a fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) to the Grand Lodge General Fund Department for each Associate Member accepted and Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) annually thereafter due on the first day of May.

Fourth - Associate Members are eligible to hold appointed positions in the lodge with the exception of Senior Deacon. Associate Members may be members on committees, but may not serve as chairman of a committee. Associate Members cannot vote on matters that come before the lodge.

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**MOST WORSHIPFUL
PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, INC.
SUBORDINATE BLUE LODGE
UNIFORM CODE
OF
BY-LAWS**

PART V

ARTICLE I

Name

SECTION 1:

This lodge shall be known by the name: _____

Free and Accepted Masons, a Subordinate Lodge of
THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND
LODGE, F & A.M., STATE OF CALIFORNIA, INC.

Amendments

SECTION 2:

These bylaws may be amended at any Stated meeting, by
the vote of a majority of the members present, provided
that a written notice of such intentions have been given
previously. The same must be approved by the Grand
Master of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE II

Powers and Duties of the Lodge

SECTION 1:

The powers of the lodge are:

FIRST, Executive, as prescribed in its charter; by the Constitution, and Regulations for the performance of its own work, under the control of the Worshipful Master, who is the executive authority;

SECOND, Legislative, which includes all matters appertaining to its internal affairs, which are not in violation of the General Regulations of Masonry, the Constitution and Regulation of the Grand Lodge or its By-Laws; and

THIRD, Judicial, which embraces the exercise of discipline over its own members (Worshipful Master excepted). Masonic Constitution, Article XIX, Section 1.

Penalty for Violation of Law

SECTION 2:

For the neglect or violation of any duty imposed upon this lodge or upon any of its officer by the Grand Lodge Constitution or by the provision of the Code, the lodge shall be held responsible and its charter may be arrested or forfeited. (Ref: Masonic Constitution, Article XIX, Section 15).

Dissolution of Lodge

SECTION 3:

This lodge may be dissolved by a voluntary surrender of its charter or by the revocation of same by the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE III

The Charter

SECTION 1:

The charter shall be issued under the direction of the Grand Secretary with the seal of the Grand Lodge, signed by the Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden and Grand Secretary. (Masonic Code, Chapter V, Section 72.)

Charter Forfeited

SECTION 2:

The charter of a lodge may be Forfeited:
First, by disobedience to any provision of the Constitution, Laws, and Regulations;
Second, disregarding the lawful authority of the Grand Master; **Third**, by violating any of the Ancient and Recognized Usages of the Craft;
Fourth, by failure to meet during a period of six successive months. (Masonic Constitution, Article XX, Section 2.)

Arrest and Effect

SECTION 3:

The arrest of a charter is a mere temporary suspension of the functions of a lodge until final action thereon shall be had by the Grand Lodge. (Masonic Code, Chapter VI, Section 81.)

Charter Restored

SECTION 4:

In the event the lodge has had its charter restored, or in an instance wherein its charter is restored without revocation by the Grand Lodge, the lodge may request the return of all its property, received by the Grand Secretary, less certain expenses. (Masonic Code, Chapter VI, Section 83.)

Rationale: Moved from Article IV, Section 2.

ARTICLE IV

Property

SECTION 1:

Should the charter of the lodge be forfeited; all of the property, of every kind, of said lodge, shall be disposed of as provided in the (Masonic Constitution, Article IX, Section 1). In case of the Dissolution of the lodge, the Grand Secretary or some other brother authorized by him is empowered to dispose of the lodge's property, of every kind, in such manner as shall seem to him judicious, and he is required to place the proceeds thereof, after the payment of the necessary expenses to the General Fund of the Grand Lodge (Masonic Constitution, Article IX, Section 1.)

Liability Insurance

SECTION 2:

All lodges must obtain liability insurance. In all cases proof of liability insurance must be provided before a lodge can be seated at the Annual Communication; and if liability insurance is purchased through the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge all delinquent indebtedness must be paid before a subordinate lodge is permitted to be seated at its Annual Communication.

Rationale: Moved from Article XXI, Section 1 & 2, here because this seems to be the proper place for insurance.

Rationale: Moved to Article III, Section 4.

Consolidation

SECTION 3:

In the event the lodge votes in favor of Consolidation with others, the property of the lodge shall become the property of the lodge as consolidated (Masonic Code, Chapter VII, Section 86.)

Debts

SECTION 4:

The Grand Lodge is in no sense responsible for the payment of Debts or Obligations of the lodge (Masonic Code, Chapter 1, Section 14.)

ARTICLE V

Officers of the Lodge

SECTION 1:

The officers of this lodge shall consist of a Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Marshal, and Tyler and such other officers as the lodge may deem proper and necessary.

ARTICLE VI

Elections and Appointments

SECTION 1:

The Annual Elections of this lodge shall be held on its Stated meeting in December of each and every year.

Elected Officers

SECTION 2:

The following officers shall be elected for a term of one year Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, and such Trustees as the lodge may require. (To include Patron and Associate Patron of the adopted chapter.)

Appointed Officers

SECTION 3:

The following officers shall be appointed for a term of one year: Chaplain, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Marshal, Tyler, and Assistant Secretary.

SECTION 4:

The appointed officers shall be as outlined in our laws, or as provided in the General Code.

Eligibility

SECTION 5:

Any member having been a member in good standing for more than one year shall be eligible to be elected to any position in the lodge except Worshipful Master unless he has served as a Senior or Junior Warden. An Associate member can hold elected positions in the

lodge after they demit from their home lodge. All constitutional requirements must be met, except that two (2) years of Associate Membership time on the rolls qualifies as (1) year of regular membership.

ARTICLE VII

Meeting of the Lodge

SECTION 1:

The meeting of _____ Lodge No. _____ shall be held at (Address) _____ City of _____, State of _____, Zip Code _____

Stated Meeting

SECTION 2:

The Stated meeting shall be held on the _____ of _____ each month, at _____ o'clock.

Intermediate Meeting

SECTION 3:

The Intermediate meeting shall be held on the _____ of _____ each month, at _____ o'clock.

Special Meeting

SECTION 4:

The Worshipful Master may call a special meeting of the lodge in case of an emergency or when in his judgment, the good of Masonry shall require it; but no business shall be transacted there other than that business for which the meeting was called.

Dark Month Meeting

SECTION 5:

A lodge shall be entitled to dispense with holding meetings during the month of July without requesting a dispensation. This month shall be known as a "Dark Month".

ARTICLE VIII

Initiation and Membership

SECTION 1:

All applicants for Initiation or Affiliation in this lodge must sign a petition in his own hand writing, and be recommended by two (2) members of this lodge. Upon the reception of such a petition it shall be the duty of the Worshipful Master to refer it to a committee of three (3) as provided for in the Masonic Code, Chapter VIII, Sections 93-99.

Forfeit / Withdrawal

SECTION 2:

Should an applicant be elected to receive degrees in this lodge, and fail to come forward to receive the degrees or the initiation within six (6) months thereafter, the fee shall be disposed of as provided for in of the Masonic Code, Chapter VIII, Section 105. But if the applicant be rejected by the lodge the fee must be returned to the applicant at once.

Membership - How Acquired

SECTION 3:

Every person raised to the degree of a Master Mason in this lodge (except when the degree has been conferred at the request of another lodge) or any person elected to be a member thereof, shall sign the bylaws.

ARTICLE IX

Duties of Officers

Worshipful Master

SECTION 1:

It shall be the duty of the Worshipful Master to:

- A. Preside at all meeting of the lodge.
- B. Confer degrees in accordance with the ritual. However, the Worshipful Master may at his discretion delegate this duty to another officer or proficient member of the lodge.
- C. Give lectures associated with each degree, unless this duty is delegated to another brother.
- D. Carefully guard the provisions of these bylaws and of the Constitution and the Masonic Code of the Grand Lodge.
- E. In all votes, except by ballot, he may, in addition to his proper vote, have the casting vote to break a tie.
- F. He shall be bonded by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, at the expense of the lodge.

Senior Warden

SECTION 2:

It shall be the duty of the Senior Warden to assist the Worshipful Master in the performance of his duties, according to the laws, regulations and ritual approved by this jurisdiction, and to preside in his absence.

Junior Warden

SECTION 3:

It shall be the duty of the Junior Warden to assist the Worshipful Master in the performance of his duties, according to the laws, regulations and ritual approved by this jurisdiction, and to preside in the absence of the Worshipful Master and the Senior Warden.

Treasurer

SECTION 4:

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies from the Secretary, to give him a receipt for the same, and to keep an accurate account thereof. He shall pay the same out only on order duly signed by the Worshipful Master and countersigned by the Secretary.

He shall keep in his possession stocks, bonds and all like property the lodge may own. He shall at the Stated meetings of the lodge in August, November, February and May, submit a report of all the financial transactions of the lodge; He shall also at anytime when the lodge directs present a detailed account of the receipts and disbursements, and of the amount of the funds on hand; He shall preserve all of the books and vouchers used by himself in keeping his account while in his possession, and transmit the same to his successor in Office. The Treasurer may be permitted to use a Personal Computer to:

- A. Utilize computerized programs in lieu of "hand written ledgers to maintain the lodges financial records such as receipt books, booking ledgers, bank book ledgers and certificates of deposit.
- B. All computerized transactions shall be supported by bank statements and printed hard copy records on a quarterly basis to the lodge.

Compensation

SECTION 5:

The Treasurer shall receive such compensation for his services as the lodge may direct. He shall be bonded by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, at the expense of the lodge.

Secretary

SECTION 6:

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record the proceedings of the lodge and to transmit a copy to the Grand Lodge, if required. He shall receive all monies due the lodge and pay the same to the Treasurer. He shall make a written Financial Report to the lodge at the quarterly Stated meetings in August, November, February and May. He shall keep a separate account for each member. He shall make an Annual Report to the Grand Lodge at the close of the Masonic Year as provided in the Masonic Constitution, Article XIX, Section 14. He shall keep the seal of the lodge and affix it to all official documents emanating from the lodge, or his office. He shall notify the brothers of delinquencies in their dues, as required in the Masonic Code, Chapter IV, Section 62. He shall send all due notices and summons when ordered by the Worshipful Master or other competent authority, and shall carefully preserve all books, records and other lodge property that comes into his possession, and turn them over to his successor in office.

The Secretary is permitted to document lodge proceedings by handwriting in ink or a computerized method. If the computerized method is utilized, the following is required:

- A. Use of 8 1/2 x 11 white bond or white computer paper only.
- B. Top right corner has page number in parenthesis () that corresponds with a numbered page in a bound book.
- C. Affix computerized numbered page into bound book with glue; the page number in the bound book shall be displayed and correspond to the computerized number.
- D. All other requirements and procedures remain in effect concerning documenting lodge proceedings.

Compensation

SECTION 7:

The Secretary shall receive such compensation for his services as the lodge may direct. He shall be bonded by the

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, at the expense of the lodge.

Trustee

SECTION 8:

It shall be the duty of the Trustees to manage the real property owned by the lodge. The Trustees shall submit a written report to the lodge at the Stated meeting in August, November, February and May.

Chaplain

SECTION 9:

It shall be the duty of the Chaplain to conduct the devotional exercises at the opening and the closing of the lodge, and to perform other services the lodge may require and as the Worshipful Master direct.

Deacons

SECTION 10:

The Senior and Junior Deacons shall perform the duties of their respective offices as laid down in the Ritual, and other services as directed by the Worshipful Master. The Senior Deacon shall also propound, to the candidates awaiting initiation, the Constitutional questions provided in the Masonic Code, Chapter VIII, Section 107. The Junior Deacon shall take charge of the preparation of the candidates for degrees in Masonry, being assisted by the two Stewards.

Stewards

SECTION 11:

It shall be the duty of the Senior and Junior Stewards to assist the Junior Warden on all festive occasions of the lodge. They shall assist the Junior Deacon in the preparation of candidates for conferring of degrees. They shall assist in conducting candidates during the degrees and

perform such duties as the Worshipful Master may direct. The Stewards shall assist the Tyler in setting up the lodge, and putting away lodge property after the closing of the lodge.

Marshal

SECTION 12:

It shall be the duty of the Marshal to make proclamations of the election and installation of officers of the lodge, to conduct all processions of the lodge, and to perform other duties as the Worshipful Master may direct.

Tyler

SECTION 13:

It shall be the duty of the Tyler, in addition to the necessary duties of his office, to serve all notices and summons, to make preparations for lodge meetings, to take charge of and keep in good condition the furniture, jewelry and paraphernalia of the lodge and to perform other duties as the Worshipful Master may direct. He shall be assisted by the two Stewards in setting up the lodge and securing lodge property after closing of the lodge.

Assistant Secretary

SECTION 14:

It shall be the duty of the Assistant Secretary to record the proceedings of the lodge and transfer the same to the lodge's record books. He shall assist the Secretary with his duties and perform other duties as the Worshipful Master may direct.

Compensation

SECTION 15:

The Assistant Secretary shall receive such compensation for his services as the lodge may direct.

ARTICLE X

Fees

SECTION 1:

The fee for the three symbolic degrees shall be \$130.00 of which not less than \$30.00 shall accompany the application and the full balance of \$ 100.00 must be paid before the applicant can receive his first degree in the lodge.

ARTICLE XI

Dues and Suspensions

Dues

SECTION 1:

The dues of each member shall be \$ _____ per month, paid in advance. The dues of charter members of this lodge, shall be borne by the lodge.

Notification of Suspension

SECTION 2:

In all cases where three (3) months dues are unpaid, the Secretary will notify the brother of such fact. If the brother shall fail to comply with the notice, such fact shall be made known to the lodge by the Secretary at the next Stated meeting. The brother then being in arrears of his dues for three months. He shall by the orders of the lodge be duly notified to appear at the next Stated meeting of the lodge to show cause why he should not be Suspended for non-payment of dues, or if he is absent from the place in which his lodge meets, to write and show cause why he should not be suspended as stated above.

Suspension

SECTION 3:

Any brother who shall fail to pay his dues as provided in these bylaws, Article XI, Section 2, shall be suspended from this lodge; unless he shall ask for further time and it is shown that actual necessity has prevented his compliance with the law. If a brother is suspended, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify him of such fact.

ARTICLE XII

Reinstatement-Application

SECTION I:

Any member of this lodge suspended for the non-payment of dues may be reinstated by making written application to the lodge and by complying with the Masonic Code, Chapter XIV, Section 167.

Reinstatement Fees

SECTION 2:

The Fees for such reinstatement shall be as follows: \$25.00 plus six (6) months dues in advance. Exception: Brothers reinstating who have reached 60 years of age or more shall; in addition to the fees quoted herein, be required to execute a waiver as prescribed by the Masonic Code, Chapter VIII, Section 94.

ARTICLE XIII

Committees

Charity Committee

SECTION 1:

The Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden shall be the Charity Committee of this lodge, and shall have the power to draw upon the treasury any sum, not exceeding \$_____ at any one time for the relief of a distressed worthy brother, his wife, widow, or orphan. The committee will make due inquiry into each case and in each decision where financial assistance is extended, the Worshipful Master must report their actions to the lodge at it's next Stated meeting. The lodge will consider whether further assistance will be extended.

Banking Committee

SECTION 2:

The Worshipful Master, Treasurer, and Secretary of this lodge shall constitute a Banking Committee, whose duties it shall be to see that all monies collected by the lodge shall be deposited in a bank, to be designated by the lodge. The deposit is to be made within three (3) banking days after each meeting. This committee shall have charge of the bank book and shall have the same posted and opened for inspection by the Auditing Committee, or other proper committees or officers upon demand.

Auditing Committee

SECTION 3:

The Worshipful Master at the Stated meeting following his installation, shall appoint an Auditing Committee, whose duty it shall be to examine all of the accounts of the lodge and report its findings to the lodge at the Stated meeting in February, May, August, and November. This Committee shall assist the Trustee Board in planning an annual budget for the lodge.

ARTICLE XIV

Reports

SECTION: 1

As a minimum requirement all Reports made to the lodge shall be in writing with one copy to the Worshipful Master and one copy to the Secretary.

ARTICLE XV

Offenses and Penalties

SECTION 1:

When an applicant for membership is rejected or a brother reprimanded, suspended or expelled, no member or visitor shall reveal directly or indirectly, to such persons, his representative, or any person whomsoever, the nature or character of any transaction which may have taken place relative to the subject. Any person who may be found guilty of willfully violating this section of the bylaws of this lodge, is guilty of a Masonic offense and subject to penalty.

ARTICLE XVI

Burials and Expense

Facility of Payments

SECTION 1:

Upon receipt of Due Notice of the death of a Master Mason, the Grand Secretary shall notify the Grand Master, who through proper channels shall order the amount, as set forth by the Grand Lodge, to be immediately paid, providing the following:

That any person or persons, lodge, organization, group or individual has incurred expenses or contracted with a given funeral home, for the burial of a Master Mason. Upon due proof of the same, a claim shall be considered valid. (Grand Lodge Charity, Article 4, Section 1).

ARTICLE XVII

Order of Business

SECTION 1:

The order of business of the lodge at its Stated meeting shall be:

1. Opening of the Lodge.
2. Roll call of officers.
3. Report on Sickness and Distress
4. Reading of Minutes of Previous Meetings.
5. Report on petitions previously referred.
6. Balloting on petitions.
7. Presenting and referring petitions.
8. Report on Committees, Regular and Special.
9. Unfinished business.
10. New Business
11. Annual Election of Officers
12. Work (conferring degrees, etc.)
13. Closing of the Lodge.

ARTICLE XVIII

Dress

Repealed at the 147th Annual Grand Session 2002 in Sacramento, CA. Effective August 1, 2002.

ARTICLE XIX

Social Clubs

SECTION I:

The lodge may establish a social club for the recreation and entertainment of the members, and to assist the lodge. The Social Club may elect and appoint such officers as it deems necessary, except the Treasurer of the lodge shall be the Treasurer of the Social Club. The Social Club shall report its assets to the Audit Committee for the quarterly audit and shall turn over to the lodge annually such finances as are deemed appropriate. Social Clubs are under the control and auspices of the lodge at all times.

SECTION 2:

Officers of the club shall consist of a President or Chairman; Vice President or Vice Chairman and a Secretary.

SECTION 3:

The lodge Treasurer shall serve as a financial depository for the club.

SECTION 4:

It is the further duty of the Social Club to contribute to the financial structure of the lodge. Each year at the December Stated meeting of the lodge, the officers of the Club shall be required to report on its activities (including finances) over the past year, and at which time all monies belonging to the Club shall be surrendered for the lodge's use, except \$100.00 which will be retained as "working capital" for the ensuing year.

SECTION 5:

The Club will submit its books for Audit to the lodge's Audit Committee at the identical periods of lodge audits.

SECTION 6:

In instances where activities (financial) of the club are planned, and the "working capital" on hand will not suffice, the lodge may be requested to advance (loan) the required amounts.

SECTION 7:

The Secretary of the Club shall be required to keep a strict financial record of its transactions together with an accounting of the monies held in the lodge depository belonging to the Club.

SECTION 8:

Nothing in these bylaws shall prevent the Club from making financial donations to the lodge periodically.

SECTION 9:

No event or activity shall be undertaken by the Club that would bring dishonor on itself or the lodge to which it is beholden.

ARTICLE XX

Past Master Council

SECTION 1:

The lodge may establish a Past Master's Council for the purpose of assisting in the advancement of its programs. Said Council is to be under the control and auspices of the lodge at all times.

Officers

SECTION 2:

Officers of the Council shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and other officers not otherwise provided for or as deemed necessary.

Financial

SECTION 3:

The lodge shall serve as a financial depository for the Council.

Secretary

SECTION 4:

The Secretary of the Council shall be required to keep a strict financial record of its transactions together with an accounting of the monies held in the lodge depository belonging to the Council.

Audit

SECTION 5:

The Council shall submit its books for audits to the lodge's Audit Committee at the identical periods of lodge audits.

Activities

SECTION 6:

No event or activity shall be undertaken by the Council that would bring dishonor on itself or the lodge to which it is beholden.

PART V-A

**GOLDEN STATE PRINCE HALL
RESEARCH LODGE
BY-LAWS**

A SUBORDINATE LODGE

**OF
THE**

**MOST WORSHIPFUL
PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE,
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, INC.**

ARTICLE I

Name

SECTION 1:

This Lodge shall be known by the name:

Golden State Prince Hall Research Lodge

Free and Accepted Masons, a Subordinate Lodge of
THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND
LODGE, F & A.M., STATE OF CALIFORNIA, INC.

Amendments

SECTION 2:

These Bylaws may be amended at any Stated Meeting,
by the vote of a majority of the members present,
provided that a written notice of such intentions have
been given previously. The same must be approved by
the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE II

Powers and Duties of the Lodge

SECTION 1:

The powers of this Lodge are:

FIRST, Executive, as prescribed in its Charter, by the Constitution, and Regulations for the performance of its own work, under the control of the Worshipful Master, who is the executive authority;

SECOND, Legislative, which includes all matters appertaining to its internal affairs, which are not in violation of the General Regulations of Masonry, the Constitution and Regulation of the Grand Lodge or its By-Laws; and

THIRD, Judicial, which embraces the exercise of discipline over its own members (Worshipful Master excepted). With the Masonic Constitution, Article XIX, Section 1. With the exception of suspension for non-payment of dues, all matters dealing with judicial for this Research Lodge must be referred to the home Lodge of the member concerned.

Penalty for Violation of Law

SECTION 2:

For the neglect or violation of any duty imposed upon this Lodge or upon any of its Officer by the Grand Lodge Constitution or by the provision of the Code, the Lodge shall be held responsible and its Charter may be arrested or forfeited. (Ref: Masonic Constitution, Article XIX, Section 15).

Dissolution of Lodge

SECTION 3:

This Lodge may be dissolved by a voluntary surrender of its Charter or by the revocation of same by the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE III

The Charter

SECTION 1:

The Charter shall be issued under the direction of the Grand Secretary with the Seal of the Grand Lodge, signed by the Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden and Grand Secretary. (Masonic Code, Chapter V, Section 72.)

Charter Forfeited

SECTION 2:

The Charter of a Lodge may be Forfeited:
First, by disobedience to any provision of the Constitution, Laws, and Regulations;
Second, disregarding the lawful authority of the Grand Master;
Third, by violating any of the Ancient and Recognized Usages of the Craft;
Fourth, by failure to meet during a period of six successive months. (Masonic Constitution, Article XX, Section 2.)

Arrest and Effect

SECTION 3:

The arrest of a Charter is a mere temporary suspension of the functions of a Lodge until final action thereon shall be had by the Grand Lodge. (Masonic Code, Chapter VI, Section 81.)

Charter Restored

SECTION 4:

In the event the Lodge has had its Charter restored, or in an instance wherein its Charter is restored without revocation by the Grand Lodge, the Lodge may request the return of

M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge, State of California, Inc.
all if its property, received by the Grand Secretary, less
certain expenses. (Masonic Code, Chapter VI, Section 83.)

ARTICLE IV

Property

SECTION 1:

Should the Charter of the Lodge be forfeited; all of the property, of every kind, of said lodge, shall be disposed of as provided in the (Masonic Constitution, Article IX, Section 1). In case of the Dissolution of the Lodge, the Grand Secretary or some other brother authorized by him is empowered to dispose of the lodge's property, of every kind, in such manner as shall seem to him judicious, and he is required to place the proceeds thereof, after the payment of the necessary expenses to the General Fund of the Grand Lodge (Masonic Constitution, Article IX, Section 1.)

Consolidation

SECTION 2:

In the event the Lodge votes in favor of Consolidation with another Research Lodge, the property of the Lodge shall become the property of the Lodge as consolidated (Masonic Code, Chapter VII, Section 86.)

Debts

SECTION 3:

The Grand Lodge is in no sense responsible for the payment of Debts or Obligations of the Lodge (Masonic Code, Chapter I, Section 14.)

ARTICLE V

Officers of the Lodge

SECTION 1:

The officers of this Lodge shall consist of a Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Marshal, and Tyler and such other officers as the Lodge may deem proper and necessary.

ARTICLE VI

Elections and Appointments

SECTION 1:

The Annual Election of this Lodge shall be held on its Stated Meeting in December of each and every year.

Elected Officers

SECTION 2:

The following officers shall be elected for a term of one year: Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, and such Trustees as the Lodge may require.

Appointed Officers

SECTION 3:

The following officers shall be appointed for a term of one year: Chaplain, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Marshal, Tyler, and Assistant Secretary.

SECTION 4:

The Appointed Officers shall be as outlined in our Laws, or as provided in the General Code.

Eligibility

SECTION 5:

Any full member having been a full member in good standing for more than one year shall be eligible to be elected to any position in the Lodge.

ARTICLE VII

Meeting of the Lodge

SECTION 1:

The meeting of Golden State Prince Hall Research Lodge shall be held at 610 – 55th Street, City of Oakland, State of California, Zip Code 94609. By a vote of the members, the Lodge may change the place, date and time of a particular meeting.

Stated Meeting

SECTION 2:

The Stated Meeting shall be held quarterly on the second Wednesday of March, June, September and December, at 7:30 p.m.

Special Meeting

SECTION 3:

The Worshipful Master may call a Special Meeting of the Lodge in case of an emergency or when in his judgment, the good of Masonry shall require it; but no business shall be transacted there other than that business for which the meeting was called.

ARTICLE VIII

Membership

Member

SECTION 1:

Any Master Mason who is a member in good standing of a Prince Hall Lodge shall be eligible to become a member of Golden State Prince Hall Research Lodge. Members may propose new members, hold appointed offices and may serve on committees. Membership shall continue only as long as the member is in good standing in this Lodge and in his Lodge.

Full Member

SECTION 2:

Any Master Mason who is a member in good standing of a subordinate Lodge of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of California shall be eligible to become a full member of Golden State Prince Hall Research Lodge upon submission of evidence of Masonic Research satisfactory to this Lodge or qualifications in any field within the scope of the purpose for which this Lodge is created. Full members may propose new members, hold elective offices and chair committees in this Lodge. Membership shall continue only as long as the full member is in good standing in this Lodge and in his Lodge.

Associate Member

SECTION 3:

Those wishing only to receive publications or to exchange materials can apply for associate member status. Associate member status is available to any Prince Hall Mason, or to any jurisdiction, or to any Master Mason which is recognized by a Prince Hall jurisdiction. Associates shall not be members of Golden State Prince Hall Research Lodge and shall have no rights therein, except to receive or exchange publications.

Membership - How Acquired

Member

SECTION 4:

Any eligible Master Mason shall file an application which will be submitted to a membership committee to determine satisfactory eligibility. If determined eligible, the applicant shall be elected to membership by a majority vote of the members present at a stated meeting of the Lodge. Applicant shall sign the Bylaws of the Lodge after being elected.

Full Member

SECTION 5:

An eligible full member shall file an application signed by two (2) full members of the Lodge. Application shall be submitted to a membership committee to determine satisfactory eligibility. If determined eligible, shall be elected a full member by a majority vote of the full members present at a stated meeting of the Lodge. Applicant shall sign the Bylaws of the Lodge after being elected. Any member of Golden State Prince Hall Research Lodge upon submission of evidence satisfying eligibility requirements for full membership can be elected a full member of the Lodge by a majority vote of the full members present at a stated meeting of the Lodge.

Associate Member

SECTION 6:

Any Master Mason, who is a member in good standing of a regular Lodge in this jurisdiction, in any Prince Hall Grand Lodge jurisdiction, or in any Grand Lodge shall be eligible to be recognized by a Prince Hall Grand Lodge upon filing an application with the Lodge. Masonic Lodges, other bodies of Masons, and Masonic Libraries (Prince Hall or recognized by a Prince Hall Grand Lodge) shall be eligible to become associates of this Lodge, upon filing application with the Lodge. Others, upon approval of the three (3) principal officers of the Lodge, shall be eligible to become associates, upon filing application with the Lodge. Associates shall not be members of Golden State Prince Hall Research Lodge and shall have no rights therein, except to receive or exchange publications.

ARTICLE IX

Duties of Officers

Worshipful Master

SECTION 1:

It shall be the duty of the Worshipful Master to:

- A. Preside at all meeting of the lodge.
- B. Give lectures associated with scholarly research and to disseminate information in areas of benefit to the craft, unless this duty is delegated to another Brother.
- C. Carefully guard the provisions of these By-laws and of the Constitution and the Masonic Code of the Grand Lodge.
- D. Appoint such committees as are required or deemed necessary for conduct of the affairs of the Lodge and he shall be ex-officio chairman of all such committees.
- E. In all votes, except by ballot, he may, in addition to his proper vote, have the casting vote to break a tie.
- F. He shall be bonded by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, at the expense of the lodge.

Senior Warden

SECTION 2:

It shall be the duty of the Senior Warden to assist the Worshipful Master in the performance of his duties, according to the laws, regulations and ritual approved by this jurisdiction, and to preside in his absence.

Junior Warden

SECTION 3:

It shall be the duty of the Junior Warden to assist the Worshipful Master in the performance of his duties, according to the laws, regulations and ritual approved by this jurisdiction, and to preside in the absence of the Worshipful Master and the Senior Warden.

Treasurer

SECTION 4:

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies from the Secretary, to give him a receipt for the same, and to keep an accurate account thereof. He shall pay the same out only on order duly signed by the Worshipful Master and countersigned by the Secretary.

He shall keep in his possession stocks, bonds and all like property the Lodge may own. He shall at the stated meetings of the Lodge in March for the six month period ending on the preceding December 31st and in September for the six month period ending on the preceding June 30th, submit a report of all the financial transactions of the Lodge. He shall also at anytime when the Lodge directs present a detailed account of the receipts and disbursements, and of the amount of the funds on hand; He shall preserve all of the books and vouchers used by himself in keeping his account while in his possession, and transmit the same to his successor in Office.

The Treasurer may be permitted to use a Personal Computer to: A. Utilize computerized programs in lieu of "hand written ledgers to maintain the Lodges financial records such as receipt books, booking ledgers, bank book ledgers and certificates of deposit.

B. All computerized transactions shall be supported by bank statements and printed hard copy records on a quarterly basis to the Lodge.

Compensation

SECTION 5:

The Treasurer shall receive such compensation for his services as the lodge may direct. He shall be bonded by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, at the expense of the Lodge.

Secretary

SECTION 6:

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record the proceedings of the Lodge and to transmit a copy to the Grand Lodge, if required. He shall receive all monies due the Lodge and pay the same to the Treasurer. He shall make a written Financial Report to the Lodge at the quarterly stated meeting in March for the six month period ending on the preceding December 31st and in September for the six month period ending on the preceding June 30th, submit a report of all the financial transactions of the Lodge. He shall keep a separate account for each member. He shall keep the Seal of the Lodge and affix it to all official documents emanating from the lodge, or his office. He shall notify the Brothers of delinquencies in their dues, as required in the Masonic Code, Chapter IV, Section 62. He shall send all due notices and summons when ordered by the Worshipful Master or other competent authority, and shall carefully preserve all books, records and other lodge property that comes into his possession, and turn them over to his successor in office.

The Secretary is permitted to document Lodge proceedings by handwriting in ink or a computerized method. If the computerized method is utilized, the following is required:

- A. Use of 8 1/2 x 11 white bond or white computer paper only.
- B. Top right corner has page number in parenthesis () that corresponds with a numbered page in a bound book.
- C. Affix computerized numbered page into bound book with glue; the page number in the bound book shall be

displayed and correspond to the computerized number.
D. All other requirements and procedures remain in effect concerning documenting Lodge proceedings.

Compensation

SECTION 7:

The Secretary shall receive such compensation for his services as the Lodge may direct. He shall be bonded by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, at the expense of the Lodge.

Trustee

SECTION 8:

It shall be the duty of the Trustees to manage the real property owned by the Lodge. The Trustees shall submit a written report to the Lodge at the stated meetings.

Chaplain

SECTION 9:

It shall be the duty of the Chaplain to conduct the devotional exercises at the opening and the closing of the Lodge, and to perform other services the Lodge may require and as the Worshipful Master directs.

Deacons

SECTION 10:

The Senior and Junior Deacons shall perform the duties of their respective offices as laid down in the Ritual, and other services as directed by the Worshipful Master.

Stewards

SECTION 11:

It shall be the duty of the Senior and Junior Stewards to assist the Junior Warden on all festive occasions of the Lodge. The Stewards shall assist the Tyler in setting up the Lodge, and putting away Lodge property after the

closing of the Lodge. They shall perform such duties as the Worshipful Master may direct.

Marshal

SECTION 12:

It shall be the duty of the Marshal to make Proclamations of the Election and Installation of the Officers of the Lodge, to conduct all processions of the Lodge, and to perform other duties as the Worshipful Master may direct.

Tyler

SECTION 13:

It shall be the duty of the Tyler, in addition to the necessary duties of his office, to serve all notices and summons, to make preparations for Lodge meetings, to take charge of and keep in good condition the furniture, jewelry and paraphernalia of the Lodge and to perform other duties as the Worshipful Master may direct. He shall be assisted by the two Stewards in setting up the Lodge and securing Lodge property after closing of the Lodge.

Assistant Secretary

SECTION 14:

It shall be the duty of the Assistant Secretary to record the proceedings of the Lodge and transfer the same to the Lodge's record books. He shall assist the Secretary with his duties and perform other duties as the Worshipful Master may direct.

Compensation

SECTION 15:

The Assistant Secretary shall receive such compensation for his services as the Lodge may direct.

ARTICLE X

Fees

SECTION 1:

No fee for membership will be charged by the Golden State
Prince Hall Research Lodge.

ARTICLE XI

Dues and Suspensions

Dues

SECTION 1:

The dues of each member and full member shall be \$30.00 annually, payable in advance of the first of January or first of July. Annual dues for associates shall be \$20.00. Annual dues to cover the first year must be submitted with the application.

Notification of Suspension

SECTION 2:

In all cases where dues are unpaid, the Secretary will notify the Brother of such fact. If the Brother shall fail to comply with the notice, such fact shall be made known to the Lodge by the Secretary at the next stated meeting for their action.

Suspension

SECTION 3:

Any Brother who shall fail to pay his dues as provided in these Bylaws, Article XI, Section 2, shall be suspended from this Research Lodge; unless he shall ask for further time and it is shown that actual necessity has prevented his compliance with the law. If a Brother is suspended, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify him of such fact. Suspension from this Lodges shall have no effect on the member's membership status in his home Lodge.

Withdrawal

SECTION 4:

Any member or full member in good standing may withdraw from membership by notifying the Lodge in writing to that effect at a stated meeting.

ARTICLE XII

Reinstatement

SECTION 1:

Any member of this Lodge suspended for the non-payment of dues may be reinstated by making written application to the Lodge and by complying with the Masonic Code, Chapter XIV, Section 167.

ARTICLE XIII

Committees

Banking Committee

SECTION 1:

The Worshipful Master, Treasurer, and Secretary of this Lodge shall constitute a Banking Committee, whose duties it shall be to see that all monies collected by the Lodge shall be deposited in a bank, to be designated by the Lodge. The deposit is to be made within three (3) banking days after each meeting. This committee shall have charge of the bank book and shall have the same posted and opened for inspection by the Auditing Committee, or other proper committees or officers upon demand.

Auditing Committee

SECTION 2:

The Worshipful Master at the stated meeting following his installation, shall appoint an Auditing Committee, whose duty it shall be to examine all of the accounts of the Lodge and report its findings to the Lodge at the stated meeting in March and September. This Committee shall assist the Trustee Board in planning an annual budget for the Lodge.

Budget Committee

SECTION 3:

At the September meeting each year, the Worshipful Master shall name a Budget Committee consisting of three (3) members of the Lodge whose duty shall be to prepare a budget for the ensuing Lodge year, and present to this Lodge at its December meeting for discussion, amendment and approval of the members. The Worshipful Master, Wardens and Treasurer shall be advisory members of the Budget Committee.

Research and Programs Committee

SECTION 4:

The three principal officers of the Lodge shall constitute a Committee on Research and Programs and shall have authority to assign topics to members for research and report to the Lodge at a specific date.

Editorial Committee

SECTION 5:

There shall be a standing committee called the Editorial Committee, which committee shall consist of three (3) members, each of whom shall serve for a term of three years, and one of whom shall be appointed each year by the incoming Worshipful Master.

This committee shall have general oversight of the editorial content of each and every publication of the Lodge. The committee shall examine every paper read before the Lodge to assure conformity with such editorial criteria as may from time to time be approved by the Lodge. In the event of variance from such criteria, the committee shall call the same to the attention of the author of the paper and require correction or emendation mutually satisfactory to the committee and the author, such correction or emendation being a condition precedent to publication.

Publishing Committee

SECTION 6:

There shall be a standing committee called the Publishing Committee, which shall consist of three (3) members, each of whom shall serve a term of three (3) years, and one of whom shall be appointed each year by the incoming Worshipful Master.

The Publishing Committee shall receive from the Editorial Committee the papers and other materials selected by that committee for publication; shall determine the style and

format of the volume or other material to be printed. If external printing is required, shall solicit competitive bids for the publication of such volumes or other materials from reputable printing houses; shall tabulate such bids and present the same to the Lodge with their recommendation for the award of a printing contract; shall oversee to completion the work covered by the contract; and shall do all other things deemed necessary to assure the high quality and prompt completion of the printing of the volume or other material.

Sales Committee

SECTION 7:

There shall be a Sales Committee which shall consist of five (5) members of the Lodge appointed by the Worshipful Master upon his installation as such; whose duty shall be to evaluate, purchase and distribute books, printed materials, jewelry, paraphernalia and such other items as are appropriate for sale by the Lodge for benefit of the Craft in general.

The purchase of any such items herein provided shall require prior report to and approval of the Lodge at a stated meeting of the Lodge prior to payment therefore from its treasury, and except as might be provided for by this Lodge from time to time, no member of the sales committee or of this Lodge shall be entitled to reimbursement of any expenses incurred in the performance of his duty on behalf of the Sales Committee of this Lodge; except such expense is submitted to this Lodge with proper receipt for the same for its approval prior to payment of such claims.

The Sales Committee shall maintain an inventory of supplies not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) cost to the Lodge, and any inventory of items for sale in excess of \$10,000.00 shall have approval of this Lodge prior to the purchase of any such excess and all such inventory shall be stored and accounted for in such locations as this Lodge may direct the Sales Committee from time to time at its stated meetings.

Satellite Committee

SECTION 8:

The Worshipful Master may appoint one or more full members of the Lodge for their city or region under the sponsorship of the Golden State Prince Hall Research Lodge. These satellite committees shall act as entities to distribute materials and information of the Lodge, and conduct studies and training in support of Lodge programs.

The Worshipful Master of the Lodge shall coordinate the activities of the local satellite committee and shall have the authority to order their discontinuance.

Satellite Committees shall elect a chairman, secretary and a study director. The secretary shall prepare and send a report of each meeting of the committee to the secretary of the Lodge along with a roster of attendance.

Satellite Committees may not charge dues but may accept donations with which to finance refreshments and/or necessary expenses. Satellite Committees shall conduct their meetings in harmony with the bylaws of the Lodge, the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge and such rules and regulations as the Worshipful Master of this Research Lodge, with the assistance of the Lodge, may see fit to establish.

ARTICLE XIV

Reports

SECTION: 1

All Reports made to the Lodge shall be in writing with one copy to the Worshipful Master and one copy to the Secretary.

ARTICLE XV

Offenses and Penalties

SECTION 1:

With the exception of suspension for non-payment of dues in this Research Lodge, all other offenses and penalties levied must be the resolution of action taken by the member's home Lodge.

ARTICLE XVI

Order of Business

SECTION 1:

The order of business of the lodge at its stated meeting shall be:

1. Opening of the Lodge.
2. Roll call of officers.
3. Report on Sickness and Distress
4. Reading of Minutes of Previous Meetings.
5. Report on applications previously referred.
6. Voting on Applications.
7. Presenting and referring Applications.
8. Report on Committees, Regular and Special.
9. Unfinished business.
10. New Business
11. Annual Election of Officers
12. Closing of the Lodge.

ARTICLE XVII

Dress

SECTION 1:

The members of this Lodge should be dressed in dark clothing at all meetings; which will consist of dark blue or black suits, black shoes, black or dark blue tie and white shirt with collar.

ARTICLE XVIII

Social Clubs

SECTION 1:

The Lodge may establish a social club for the recreation and entertainment of the members, and to assist the Lodge. The Social Club may elect and appoint such officers as it deems necessary, except the Treasurer of the Lodge shall be the Treasurer of the Social Club. The Social Club shall report its assets to the Audit Committee for the quarterly audit and shall turn over to the Lodge annually such finances as are deemed appropriate. Social Clubs are under the control and auspices of the Lodge at all times.

SECTION 2:

Officers of the club shall consist of a President or Chairman; Vice President or Vice Chairman and a Secretary.

SECTION 3:

The Lodge Treasurer shall serve as a financial depository for the club.

SECTION 4:

It is the further duty of the Social Club to contribute to the financial structure of the Lodge. Each year at the December stated meeting of the Lodge, the officers of the Club shall be required to report on its activities (including finances) over the past year, and at which time all monies belonging to the Club shall be surrendered for the Lodge's use; except \$100.00 which will be retained as "working capital" for the ensuing year.

SECTION 5:

The Club will submit its books for Audit to the Lodge's Audit Committee at the identical periods of Lodge audits.

SECTION 6:

In instances where activities (financial) of the club are planned, and the "working capital" on hand will not suffice, the Lodge may be requested to advance (loan) the required amounts.

SECTION 7:

The Secretary of the Club shall be required to keep a strict financial record of its transactions together with an accounting of the monies held in the Lodge depository belonging to the Club.

SECTION 8:

Nothing in these By-laws shall prevent the Club from making financial donations to the Lodge periodically.

SECTION 9:

No event or activity shall be undertaken by the Club that would bring dishonor on itself or the Lodge to which it is beholden.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

STATE OF CALIFORNIA INCORPORATED

Know All Men By These Presents: That we, Herbert A. Greenwood, Grand Master, and Lillard G. Dandridge, Grand Secretary, of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California, an unincorporated association, do hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the said Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons California and Jurisdiction, an unincorporated association, duly called, held and conducted at San Diego, California, on the 21st day of July, 1959, in accordance with the Constitution, Rules, and Regulations of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California, an incorporated association, the following named person, to wit, Herbert A. Greenwood, Walter C. Taylor, Lillard G. Dandridge, Roy E. Treece, W. Robert Brown, Thomas R. Hardeman, Paul L. Howard, Stanley Y. Beverley and John H. Wiley were chosen to be the directors of the corporation, hereinafter designated pursuant to the statute in each case made and provided, and to that end we hereby associate ourselves for the purpose of forming a corporation agreeable to and under the laws of the State of California.

And We Certify:

FIRST:

The name of this corporation is Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State Of California.

SECOND:

The purposes which this corporation is formed are:

-A-

To initially engage in the primary business of uniting fraternally and for mutual benefit, protection, improvement and associating men of sound body and health not less than twenty one years, nor more than sixty years of age, of good moral character and of reasonable desire and ambition to improve themselves and willingness to help others in the true Masonic spirit of charity, friendship, brotherly love and benevolence.

-B-

To accumulate a fund and/or funds for the relief of the bereaved, of sick and destitute persons and to foster charitable businesses connected with the aim and object of the Order.

-C-

To encourage the promotion and establishment of subordinate lodges in order that the general welfare and prosperity of humanity might be advanced, and the status and condition of the members improved.

-D-

To publish the circulate publication of any kind and description.

-E-

To lease, purchase, hold, have, use and take possession of and enjoy such real and personal property in which said corporation may have an interest and to sell, lease, deed in trust, alienate or dispose of the same at the pleasure of the corporation, for the uses and purposes for which said corporation is formed.

-F-

To invest and reinvest surplus funds in such securities or properties as the corporation may from time to time determine.

THIRD:

This corporation is organized pursuant to the General Non-Profit Corporation law or pursuant to Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 1 of the Corporation Code.

FOURTH:

The County in the State of California where the principal office for the transaction of the business of this corporation is located in Los Angeles, County.

FIFTH:

The number of Directors who are to act in the capacity of Directors, until the selection of their successors, is nine (9) and their names and addresses are as follows:

Name	Address
Herbert A. Greenwood	3011-12th Ave., Los Angeles, 18, Ca.
Walter C. Taylor	2131 Ashby Ave., Berkeley 4, Ca.
Lillard G. Dandridge	1972 Santa Ana Blvd., Los Angeles, Ca.
Roy E. Treece	14435 Clymar Ave., Compton, Ca.
W. Robert Brown	2408 S. Cimarron, Los Angeles, Ca.
Thomas R. Hardeman	3236 Adeline St., Berkeley 3, Ca.
Paul L. Howard	1406 E. 92nd. St., Los Angeles 2, Ca.
Stanley Y. Beverley	2743 10th. Ave., Riverside, Ca.
John H. Wiley	58 Margaret Ave., San Francisco, Ca.

The number of Director may be changed by the By-Laws increasing the number of Directors as may be desired provided, however, that such number shall not be less than three (3) Directors.

SIXTH:

The qualifications of the membership of said corporation, the different classes of membership therein, the voting rights and privileges of each class of membership, the method of sustaining funds to sustain said corporation shall be fully regulated and controlled by the By-Laws of said corporation.

SEVENTH:

The name of the unincorporated association which is being incorporated is Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free And Accepted Masons Of The State Of California.

In witness whereof, the undersigned have hereunto set their hands this 14 day of July, 1960.

Herbert A. Greenwood
Grand Master
Lillard G. Dandridge
Grand Secretary

State Of California
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) SS.
)

County of Los Angeles

Herbert A. Greenwood and Lillard G. Dandridge being first duly sworn, depose and say:

That they are the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, respectively, of the

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free And Accepted Masons Of The State of California, an incorporated association:

That said Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free And Accepted
Masons Of The State Of California has duly; authorized its incorporation;

That the Grand Master is the Presiding Officer of the said Most
Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free And Accepted Masons Of
The State Of California, as unincorporated association.

That said Herbert A. Greenwood, Grand Master, and said Lillard G.
Dandridge, Grand Secretary of said Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand
Lodge Free And Accepted Masons Of The State of California were duly
authorized by said unincorporated association to accept: The Articles
of Incorporation of said Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free
And Accepted Masons Of The State of California.

Herbert A. Greenwood
Grand Master

Lillard G. Dandridge
Grand Secretary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of July, 1960.
Notary Public in and for said County and State.

State Of California
)
) SS.
)
County of Los Angeles

On this 1st day of July, in the year 1960, before Erskine S. Ragland,
a Notary Public, personally appeared Herbert A. Greenwood, and
Lillard G. Dandridge, known to me to be the persons whose names
are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that they
executed same.

Witness my hand and official seal.

ERSKINE S. RAGLAND
Notary Public in and for said
County and State.

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EXTRACTED FROM THE ANCIENT RECORDS OF
 LODGES BEYOND SEA AND OF THOSE IN ENGLAND,
 SCOTLAND, AND IRELAND, FOR THE USE OF THE
 LODGES IN LONDON. TO BE READ AT THE MAKING
 OF NEW BRETHREN, OR WHEN THE MASTER SHALL
 ORDER IT.

THE CHARGES OF A FREEMASON PART VI - B

THE GENERAL HEADS, VIZ.:

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| I. | Of God and Religion. |
| II. | Of the Civil Magistrate supreme and subordinate. |
| III. | Of Lodges. |
| IV. | Of Masters, Wardens, Fellows, and Apprentices. |
| V. | Of the Management of the in working. |
| VI. | Of Behavior, viz.: |
| 1. | In the Lodge while constituted. |
| 2. | After the Lodge is over and the Brethren not gone. |
| 3. | When Brothers meet without Strangers, but not in a Lodge. |
| 4. | In presence of Strangers not Masons. |
| 5. | At Home and in the Neighborhood. |
| 6. | Towards a strange Brother. |

I. CONCERNING GOD AND RELIGION

A Mason is obliged by his tenure, to obey the moral Law; and if he rightly understands the art, he will never be a stupid Atheist, nor an irreligious Libertine. But, though in ancient times Masons were charged in every country to be of the religion of that country or nation, whatever it was - yet 'tis now thought more expedient only to oblige them to that religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves; that is, to be good men, and true, or men of honor and honesty, by whatever denominations or persuasions they may be distinguished; whereby Masonry becomes the center of union, and the means of conciliating true friendship among persons that must have remained at a perpetual distance.

II. OF THE CIVIL MAGISTRATE, SUPREME AND SUBORDINATE

A Mason is a peaceable subject to the Civil Powers, wherever he resides or works, and is never to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the Nation, nor to behave himself unduly to inferior Magistrates; for as Masonry hath been always injured by war, bloodshed, and confusion, so ancient Kings and Princes have been much disposed to encourage the Craftsmen, because of their peacefulness and loyalty, whereby they practically answered the Cavils of their

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

IV. OF MASTERS, WARDENS, FELLOWS, AND APPRENTICES

A Lodge is a place where Masons assemble and work, hence that assembly, or duly organized society of Masons, is called a Lodge, and every Brother ought to belong to one, and to be subject to its bylaws and the general regulations. It is either particular or general, and will be best understood by attending it, and by the regulations of the General or Grand Lodge herunto annexed. In ancient times no Master or Fellow could be absent from it, especially when warned to appear at it, without incurring a severe censure, until it appeared to the Master and Wardens that pure necessity hindered him.

III. OF LODGES

So that if a Brother should be a Rebel against the State, he is not to be countenanced in his rebellion, however, he may be pitied as an unhappy man; and, if convicted of no other crime, though the loyal Brotherhood must and ought to disown his rebellion, and give no umbrage or ground of political jealousy to the Government for the time being, they cannot expel him from the Lodge, and his relation to it remains indefeasible.

Adversaries, and promoted the honor of the Fraternity, whoever flourished in times of peace.

No Brother can be a Warden until he has passed the part of a Fellowcraft; nor a Master until he has acted as a Warden; nor a Grand warden until he has been Master of a Lodge; nor a Grand Master unless he has been a Fellowcraft before his election, who is also to be nobly born, or gentleman of the best fashion, or some eminent scholar, or some curious architect, or other artist, descended of honest parents and who is of singular great merit in the opinion of the Lodges. And for the better and easier, and more honorable discharge of his office, the Grand Master has a power to choose his own Deputy Grand Master, who must be then, or must have been formerly the Master of a particular Lodge, and has the privilege of acting whatever the Grand Master, his principal should act, unless the said principal be present, or interpose his authority by a letter. The rulers and governors, supreme and subordinate, of the Ancient Lodge, are to be obeyed in their respective stations, by all the Brethren, according to the old charges and regulations, with all Humility, Reverence, Love, and Alacrity.

V. OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CRAFT IN WORKING

All Masons shall work honestly on working days, that they may live creditably on Holy Days; and the time appointed by the law of the land, or confirmed by custom, shall be observed.

The most expert of the Fellowcraftsmen shall be chosen or appointed the Master, or overseer, or the Lord's work; who is to be called Master by those who work under him. The Craftsmen are to avoid all ill language, and to call each other by no disobliging name, but Brother and Fellow and to behave themselves courteously within and without the Lodge.

The Master, knowing himself to be able of cunning, shall undertake the Lord's work as reasonably as possible and truly dispense his goods as if they were his own; nor to give more to any Brother or apprentice than he really may deserve.

Both the Master and the Masons receiving their wages justly, shall be faithful to the Lord, and honestly finish their work, whether task or journey; nor put the work to task that hath been accustomed to journey.

None shall discover envy at the prosperity of a Brother, nor

supplant him, or put him out of his work, if he be capable to finish the same, for no man can finish another's work so much to the Lord's profit, unless he be thoroughly acquainted with the designs and draughts of him that began it.

When a Fellowcraftsman is chosen Warden of the work under the Master, he shall be true both to the Master and Fellows; shall carefully oversee the work in the Master's absence to the Lord's profit; and his Brethren shall obey him. All Masons employed shall meekly receive their wages without murmur or mutiny, and not desert the Master 'til the work is finished.

A younger Brother shall be instructed in working, to prevent spoiling the materials for want of judgment, and for increasing and continuing in Brotherly Love. All the tools used in working shall be approved by the Grand Lodge.

No Labourer shall be employed in the proper work of Masonry; nor shall Freemasons work with those that are not free, without an urgent necessity, nor shall they teach laborers and unaccepted Masons, as they should teach a Brother or Fellow.

VI. OF BEHAVIOR

1. In the Lodge While Constituted

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

If any complaint be brought, the Brother found guilty shall stand to the award and determination of the Lodge, who are the proper and competent judges of all such controversies (unless you carry it by appeal to the Grand Lodge), and to whom they ought to be referred, unless a Lord's work be hindered the meanwhile, in which case a particular reference may be made; but you must never go to law about what concerneth Masonry, without an absolute necessity apparent to the Lodge.

2. Behavior after the Lodge is over, and Brethren not gone

You may enjoy yourself with innocent mirth, treating one another according to ability, but avoiding all excess, or forcing any Brother to eat or drink beyond his inclination, or hindering him from going when his occasions call him, or doing or saying anything offensive, or that may forbid an easy and free conversation; for that would blast our harmony and defeat our laudable purposes.

Therefore no private piques or quarrels must be brought within the door of the lodge, far less any quarrels about religion, or nations, or state policy, we being only, as Masons, of the Catholic Religion above mentioned; we are also of all nations, tongues, kinds and languages, and are resolved against all politicks, as what never yet conducted to the welfare of the Lodge, nor ever will. This charge has been always strictly enjoined and observed, but especially ever since the reformation in Britain, or the dissent and secession of these nations from the communion of Rome.

3. Behavior when Brethren meet without Strangers, but not in a Lodge Formed

You are to salute one another in a courteous manner, as you will be instructed, calling each other Brother, freely giving mutual instruction as shall be thought expedient, without being overseen or overheard, and without encroaching upon each other, or derogating from that respect which is due any Brother, were he not a Mason. For though all Masons are as Brethren upon the same level, yet Masonry takes on honor from a man that he had before; nay, rather it adds to his honor, especially if he has deserved well of the Brotherhood, who must give honor to whom it is due, and avoid ill manners.

4. Behavior in Presence of Strangers not Masons

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

5. Behavior at Home and in Your Neighborhood

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

6. Behavior Towards a Strange Brother

You are cautiously to examine him, in such a method as prudence shall direct you, that you may not be imposed upon by an ignorant false pretender, whom you are to reject with contempt and derision, and beware of giving him any hints of knowledge. But if you discover him to be a true and genuine Brother, you are to respect him accordingly, and if he is in want, you must relieve him if you can, or else direct him how he may be relieved. You employ him some days, or else recommend him to be employed. But you are not charged to do beyond your ability, only to prefer a poor Brother, that is a good man and true, before any other poor people in the same circumstances.

Finally, all these charges you are to observe, and also those that shall be communicated to you in another way; cultivating Brotherly Love, the foundation and cap-stone, the cement and glory of his ancient fraternity, avoiding all wrangling and quarrelling, all slander and backbiting, nor permitting others to slander any honest Brother, but defending his character, and doing him all good offices, as far as is consistent with your honor and safety and no further. And if any of them do you injury; you must apply to your own or his Lodge; and from thence you may appeal to the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication, and from thence to the annual Grand Lodge, as has been the Ancient laudable conduct of our forefathers in every nation; never taking a legal course, but when the case cannot be otherwise decided, and patiently listening to the honest and friendly advice of Master and Fellows, when they would prevent you going to law with strangers, or would excite you to put a speedy period to all law suits, that so, you may mind the affair of Masonry with the more alacrity and success; but with respect to Brothers or Fellows at law, the Master and Brethren should

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kindly offer their mediation, which ought to be thankfully submitted to by the contending Brethren; and if that submission is impracticable, they must, however, carry on their process, or lawsuit, without wrath and rancor (not in the common way), saying or doing nothing which may hinder Brotherly Love, and good offices to be renewed and continued; that all may see the benign influence of Masonry, as all true Masons have done from the beginning of the world, and will do to the end of time.

LANDMARKS

PART VI - C

It is fortunate for the stability of Masonry, that Landmarks so unchangeable should exist; they stand in the way of

Masonry itself shall cease to exist. ago, they still remain and must so continue in force until Persian, can suffer no change. What they were centuries Landmarks at the Order, like the laws of the Medes and the would it have the prerogative of establishing one. The would not have the power to enact a Landmark, so neither unrepeatable. As the congress to which I have just alluded Another peculiarity of these landmarks is that they are

true, but it would be wanting of that antiquity. Landmark. It would have the character of universality, it is be obligatory on the whole craft, yet it would not be a regulations would, so long as they remained unpealed, unanimity to adopt any new regulations, although such to unite in a universal congress, and with the most perfect possible for all the Masonic authorities at the present day the contrary." Its antiquity is its essential element. Were it from "the time whereof the memory of man runneth not to to constitute LANDMARKS is that it must have existed The first requisite, therefore, of a custom or rule of action

can reach." are therefore "of higher antiquity than memory or history enactment have passed from the record, and the Landmarks the records of history. Both the enactors and the time of the period so remote that no account of their origin is found in once enacted by any competent authority, were enacted at a gradually grew into operation, as rules of action, or if at therefore universal customs of the Order, which either safest methods is to restrict them to those ancient, and some diversity of opinion among writers, but perhaps the Of the nature of the landmarks of Masonry, there has been

THE UNWRITTEN LAW OR LANDMARKS OF THE ORDER

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The Landmarks of Masonry, so far as I have been able to compute them after a most careful examination, amount to only twenty-five in number, and are as follows:

innovations, controlling and checking them; and if sometimes inadvertently violated are ever bringing the reflective and conscientious Mason back again under their influence, and preserving that general uniformity of character and design which constitutes the true universality of the institution; but it is equally fortunate for the prosperity of the Order, and for its capacity of keeping up with the progress of the age, that these Landmarks are a few in number. They are sufficiently numerous to act as bulwarks against innovation, but not sufficient to stand in the way of needed reform.

FIRST LANDMARK

The modes of RECOGNITION are, of all the Landmarks, the most legitimate and unquestioned. They admit of no variation; and if ever they have suffered alteration or addition, the evil of such violation of the Ancient Laws has always made itself subsequently manifest. An admission of this is to be found in the proceeding of the late Masonic Congress at Paris, where a Proposition was presented to render these modes of recognition once more universal - a proposition which would have been unnecessary, if the integrity of this important Landmark had been rigorously preserved.

SECOND LANDMARK

THE DIVISION OF SYMBOLIC MASONRY INTO THREE SYMBOLIC DEGREES is a Landmark that has been better preserved than almost any other, although even here the mischievous spirit of innovation has left its traces, and by the disruption of its concluding portion from the Third Degree, a want to uniformity has been created in respect to the final teachings of the Masters Order, and the Royal Arch of England, Scotland, Ireland, and America, and "the high degrees" of France and Germany, are all made to differ in the mode in which they lead the neophyte to the great consummation of all symbolic Masonry.

In 1813, the Grand Lodge of England vindicated the ancient Landmark, by solemnly enacting the ancient craft Masonry consisted of the three degrees; Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason, including the Holy Royal Arch; but the disruption has never been healed, and the Landmark, although acknowledged in its integrity by all, still continues to be violated.

THIRD LANDMARK

The Legend of the THIRD DEGREE is an important Landmark, the integrity of which has been well preserved.

there is no rite of Masonry, practiced in any country or language in which the essential elements of this legend are not taught. The lectures may vary and indeed are constantly changing, but the legend has ever remained substantially the same; and it is necessary that it should be so, for the legend of the Temple Builder constitutes the very essence and identity of Masonry; and rite which should exclude it, or materially alter it, would at once, by that exclusion or alteration, cease to be a Masonic rite.

FOURTH LANDMARK

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRATERNITY BY A PRESIDING OFFICER called a Grand Master, who is elected from the body of the craft, is a Fourth Landmark of the Order. Many persons ignorantly suppose that the election of the Grand Master is held in consequence of a law or regulation of the Grand Lodge. Such, however, is not the case. The office is indebted for its existence to a Landmark of the Order. Grand Masters are to be found in the records of the institution long before Grand Lodges were established; and if the present system of legislative government by Grand Lodges were to be abolished, a Grand Master would be necessary. In fact, although there has been a period within the records of history, and indeed of very recent date, when a Grand Lodge was unknown, there has never been a time when the craft did not have their Grand Master.

FIFTH LANDMARK

The prerogative of the Grand Master to preside over every assembly of the craft, where so ever and whensoever held, is a fifth Landmark. It is in consequence of this law, derived from ancient usage, and not from any special enactment, that the Grand Master assumes the chair, or as it is called in England, "the throne," at every communication of the Grand Lodge; and that he is so entitled to preside at the communication of every Subordinate Lodge, where he may happen to be present.

SIXTH LANDMARK

The prerogative of the Grand Master to grant Dispensations for conferring degrees at irregular times, is another and a very important Landmark. The statutory laws of Masonry requires a month, or other determinate period, to elapse between the presentation of a petition and the election of a candidate; but the Grand Master has the power to set aside or dispense with this probation, and to allow a candidate to be initiated at once. This prerogative he possessed in common with all Masons, before the enactment of the law requiring a probation, and as no statute can impair his prerogatives, he still retains the power, although Masters of Lodges no longer possess it.

SEVENTH LANDMARK

The prerogatives of the Grand Master to give dispensations for opening and holding Lodges is another, Landmark. He may grant, in virtue of this, to a sufficient number of Masons, the privilege of meeting together and conferring degrees. The Lodges thus established are called "Lodges Under Dispensation." They are strictly creatures of the Grand Master, created by this authority, existing only during his will and pleasure, and liable at any moment to be dissolved at his command. They may be continued for a month, or six months; but whatever be the period of their existence, they are indebted for that existence solely to the grace of the Grand Master.

EIGHTH LANDMARK

The prerogative of the Grand Master to make Masons at sight, is a Landmark which is closely connected with the preceding one. There has been much misapprehension in relation to this Landmark, which misapprehension has sometimes led to a denial of its existence in jurisdictions where the Grand Master was perhaps at the very time substantially exercising the prerogative, without the slightest remark or opposition. It is not to be supposed that

the Grand Master can retire with a profane into a private room, and there, without assistance, confer the degrees of Freemasonry upon him. No such prerogative exists, and yet many believe that this is the so much talked of right of "making Masons at sight." The real mode and only mode of exercising this prerogative is this: The Grand Master summons to his assistance not less than six other Masons, convenes a Lodge, and without any previous probation, but on sight of the candidate, confers the degree upon him, after which he dissolves the Lodge, and dismisses the brethren. Lodges thus convened for special purposes are called "occasional lodges." This is the only way in which any Grand Master within the records of the institution has ever been known to "make a Mason at sight." The prerogative is dependent upon that of granting Dispositions to open and hold Lodges.

If the Grand Master has the power of granting to any other Mason the privilege of presiding over Lodges working by his Dispensation, he may assume the privilege of presiding to himself; and as no one can deny his right to revoke his Dispensation granted to a number of brethren at a distance, and to dissolve the Lodge at his pleasure, it will scarcely be contended that he may not revoke his Dispensation for a Lodge over which he himself has been presiding, within a day, and dissolve the Lodge as soon as the business for which he had assembled it is accomplished. The making of Masons at sight is only the conferring of the degrees by the Grand Master, at once, in an occasional Lodge, constituted by his dispensing power for the purpose, and over which he presides in person.

NINTH LANDMARK

The necessity for Masons to congregate in LODGES is another Landmark. It is not to be understood by this that any ancient Landmark has directed that permanent organization of subordinate Lodges which constitute one of the features of the Masonic system as it now prevails, but the Landmarks of the Order always prescribe that Masons

The necessity that every Lodge, when congregated, should be duly Tiled, is an important Landmark of the Constitution, which is never neglected. The necessity of this law arises from the esoteric character of Masonry. As a secret institution, its portals must, of course, be guarded from the intrusion of the profane, and such law must, therefore, always have been in force from the very beginning of the Order. It is therefore properly classed among the most ancient Landmarks. The office of Tyler is

ELEVENTH LANDMARK

The Government of the Craft, when so congregated in a Lodge by a Master and two Wardens, is also a Landmark. To show the influence of this ancient law, it may be observed, by the way, that a congregation of Masons, meeting together under any other government, as that for instance of a president and vice-president, or a chairman and vice-chairman, would not be recognized as a Lodge. The presence of a Master and two Wardens is as essential to the valid organization of a Lodge as a warrant of constitution is at the present day. The names, of course, vary in different languages, the Master, for instance, being called "Venerable" in French Masonry, and the Wardens "Surveillant," but the officers, their number, prerogatives and duties, are everywhere identical.

TENTH LANDMARK

should from time to time congregate together, for the purpose of either operative or speculative labor, and that these congregations should be called Lodges. Formerly these were extemporary meetings, called together for special purposes, and then dissolved, the brethren departing to meet again at other times and other places, according to the necessity of circumstances. But warrants of constitution, by-laws, permanent officers and the annual arrears, are modern innovations wholly outside of the Landmarks, independent entirely on the special enactments of a comparatively recent period.

The right of every Mason to appeal from the decision of his brethren in Lodge convened, to the Grand Lodge or General Assembly of Masons, is a Landmark highly essential to the preservation of justice, and the prevention of oppression. A few modern Grand Lodge, in adopting a regulation that the decision of Subordinate Lodges, in cases of expulsion, cannot be wholly set aside upon an appeal, have violated this unquestioned Landmark, as well as the principles of just government.

THIRTEENTH LANDMARK

The right of every Mason to be represented in all general meetings of the Craft, and to instruct his representatives, is a twelfth Landmark. Formerly these general meetings, which were usually held once a year, were called "General Assemblies," and all the Fraternity, even to the youngest Entered Apprentice, were permitted to be present. Now they are called Grand Lodges, and only the Masters and Wardens of the Subordinate Lodges are summoned. But this is simply as the representatives of their members. Originally, each Mason represented himself; now he is represented by his officers. This was a concession granted by the Fraternity about 1717, and of course does not affect the integrity of the Landmark, for the principle of representation is still preserved. The concession was only made for purposes of convenience.

TWELFTH LANDMARK

wholly independent of any special enactment of Grand or Subordinate Lodges, although these may, and do, prescribe for him additional duties, which vary in different jurisdictions. But the duty of guarding the door, and keeping off crows and eavesdroppers, is an ancient one, which constitutes a Landmark for his government.

FOURTEENTH LANDMARK

The right of every Mason to visit and sit in every regular Lodge is an unquestionable Landmark of the Order. This is called "the right of visitation." This right of visitation has always been recognized as an inherent right, which inures to every Mason as he travels through the world. And this is because Lodges are justly considered as only divisions for convenience of the universal Masonic family. This right may, of course, be impaired or forfeited on special occasions by various circumstances; but when admission is refused to a Freemason in good standing, who knocks at the door of a Lodge as a visitor, it is to be expected that some good and sufficient reason shall be furnished for this violation, of what is in general, a Masonic right, founded on the Landmarks of the Order.

FIFTEENTH LANDMARK

It is a Landmark of the Order, that no visitor, unknown to the Brethren present, or to some one of them as a Mason, can enter the Lodge without first passing an examination according to the ancient usage. Of course, if the visitor is known to any Brother present it be a Mason in good standing, and if that Brother will vouch for his qualifications, the examination may be dispensed with, as the Landmark refers only to the case of strangers, who are not to be recognized unless after strict trial, due examination or lawful information.

SIXTEENTH LANDMARK

No Lodge can interfere in the business of another Lodge, nor give degrees to Brethren who are members of other Lodges. This is undoubtedly an ancient Landmark, founded on the great principle of our institution. It has been repeatedly recognized by subsequent statutory enactments of all Grand Lodges.

SEVENTEENTH LANDMARK

It is a Landmark that every Freemason is Amenable to the Laws and Regulations of the Masonic Jurisdiction in which he resides, and this, although he may not be a member of any Lodge. Non-affiliation, which is, in fact, in itself a Masonic offense, does not exempt a Mason from Masonic Jurisdiction.

EIGHTEENTH LANDMARK

Certain qualifications of Candidates for Initiation are derived from a Landmark of the Order. These qualifications are that he shall be a man, shall be un-mutilated, free born, and of mature age. That is to say, a woman, cripple, or a slave, or one born in slavery, is disqualified for initiation into the rites of Masonry. Statutes, it is true, have from time to time been enacted, enforcing or explaining these principles; but the qualifications really ARISE from the very nature of the Masonic institution, and from its symbolic teachings, and have always existed as Landmarks.

NINETEENTH LANDMARK

A belief in the existence of God as the Grand Architect of the universe, is one of the most important Landmarks of the Order. It has been always deemed essential that a denial of the existence of a Supreme and Superintending Power, is an absolute disqualification for initiation. The annals of the Order never yet have furnished or could furnish an instance in which an avowed atheist was ever made a Mason. The very initiatory ceremonies of the first degrees forbid and prevent the possibility of so monstrous an occurrence.

TWENTIEETH LANDMARK

Subsidiary to this belief in God, as a Landmark of the Order, is the belief in a Resurrection to a Future Life. This Landmark is not so positively impressed on the candidate by exact words as the preceding, but the doctrine is taught

The Book of the Law is to the speculative Mason his spiritual Trestle-board; without this he cannot labor; whatever he believes to be the revealed will of the Grand Architect constitutes for him this spiritual Trestle-board; and must ever be before him in his hours of speculative labor to be the rule and guide of his conduct. The Landmark, therefore, requires that a Book of the Law, a religious code of some kind, purporting to be an exemplar of the revealed will of God, shall form an essential part of the furniture of every Lodge.

It is a Landmark that a "Book of the Law" shall constitute an indispensable part of the furniture of every Lodge. I say advisedly, a Book of the Law, because it is not absolutely require that everywhere the Old and New Testament shall be used. The "Book of Law" is that volume which, by the religion of the country, is believed to contain the revealed will of the Grand Architect of the Universe. Hence, in all Lodges in Christian countries, the Book of the Law is composed of the Old and New Testaments; in a country where Judaism was the prevailing faith, the Old Testament alone would be sufficient; and in Mohammedan countries and among Mohammedan Masons the Koran might be substituted. Masonry does not attempt to interfere with the peculiar religious faith of its disciples, except so far as it relates to the belief in the existence of God, and what necessarily results from that belief.

TWENTY-FIRST LANDMARK

by very plain implication, and runs through the whole system of the Order. To believe in Masonry, and not to believe in a resurrection, would be an absurd anomaly, which could only be excused by the reflection, that he who thus confounded his belief and his skepticism, was so ignorant of the meaning of both theories as to have no rational foundation for his knowledge of either.

TWENTY-SECOND LANDMARK

The Equality of all Masons is another Landmark of the

Order. This equality has no reference to any subversion of those graduations of rank which have been instituted by the usages of society. The monarch, the nobleman, or the gentleman, is entitled to all the influence, and receives all the respect which rightfully belongs to his exalted position. But the doctrine of Masonic equality implies that, as children of one great Father, we meet in the Lodge upon the level, that on that level we are all traveling to one predestined goal, that in the Lodge genuine merit shall receive more respect than boundless wealth, and that virtue and knowledge alone should be the basis of all Masonic honors, and be rewarded with preferment, when the labors of the Lodge are over, and the brethren have retired from their peaceful retreat, to mingle once more with the world, each will then again resume that social position, and exercise the privileges of that rank, to which the customs of society entitled him.

TWENTY-THIRD LANDMARK

The Secrecy of the Institution is another and a most important Landmark. There is some difficulty in precisely defining what is meant by a "secret society." If the term refers, as perhaps, in strictly logical language it should, to those association whose designs are concealed from the public eye, and whose members are unknown, which produce their results in darkness, and whose operations are carefully hidden from the public gaze—a definition which will be appropriate to many political clubs and revolutionary combinations in despotic countries, where reform, if it is at all to be effected, must be effected by stealth—then clearly Freemasonry is not a secret society. Its design is not only publicly proclaimed but is vaunted by its disciples as something to be venerated; its disciples are known, for its membership is considered an honor to be coveted, it works for a result of which it boasts, the

civilization, and refinement of man, the amelioration of his condition, and the reformation of his manners. But if by a secret society is meant, and this is the most popular understanding of the term, a society in which there is a certain amount of knowledge, whether it be of methods of recognition, or of legendary and traditional learning which is imparted to those only who have passed through an established form of initiation, the form itself being also concealed or esoteric, then in this sense is Freemasonry undoubtedly a secret society. Now this form of secrecy is a form inherent in it, existing with it from its very foundation, and secured to it by its ancient Landmarks. If divested of its secret character, it would lose its identity, and would cease to be Freemasonry. Whatever objections may therefore be made to the institution, on account of its secrecy and however much some unskilled brethren have been willing at times of trial, for the sake of expediency, to divest it of its secret character, it will be ever impossible to do so, even were the Landmarks not standing before us as an unsurmountable obstacle; because such change of its character would be social suicide, and the death of the Order would follow its legalized exposure. Freemasonry, as a secret association, has lived unchanged for centuries—as an open society it would not last for as many years.

TWENTY-FOURTH LANDMARK

The foundation of a Speculative Science upon and Operative Art, and the symbolic use and explanation of the terms of that art, for the purpose of religious or moral teachings, constitute another Landmark of the Order. The Temple of Solomon was the cradle of the institution and, therefore, the reference to the Operative Masonry, which constructed that magnificent edifice, to the materials and implements which were engaged in the building, are all component and essential parts of the body of Freemasonry, which could not be subtracted from it without an entire destruction of the whole identity of the Order. Hence all the comparatively modern rites of Masonry, however they may differ in other respect, religiously preserve this

Temple history and these operative elements, as the substratum of all their modifications of the Masonic system.

TWENTY-FIFTH LANDMARK

The last and crowning Landmark of all is, that these Landmarks can never be changed. Nothing can be subtracted from them, nothing can be added to them, not the slightest modification can be made in them. As they were received from our predecessors, we are bound by the most solemn obligations of duty to transmit them to our successors. Not one jot or tittle of these unwritten laws can be repealed; for in respect to them, we are not only willing but compelled to adopt the language of the sturdy old barons of England, *Nolumus legen mutari*, let the laws abide.

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