

Laws and Constitutions  
of the  
Grand Lodge of Ireland

The Book of Constitutions comprising  
The Laws and Regulations of  
**The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland**

to which are appended  
The Old Charges, Prayers and Forms to be used in Lodges and the  
Book of Clothing and Insignia



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The Declaration that follows was read by the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Donoughmore, K.P., Most Worshipful Grand Master, at the meeting of the Grand Lodge held in Belfast, 6th October, 1938, and was unanimously approved by the Brethren present:

**DECLARATION**

1. From time to time the Grand Lodge of Ireland has deemed it desirable to set forth in precise form the aims of Freemasonry as consistently practised under its Jurisdiction, since it came into being as an organised body in 1725, and also to determine the principles governing its relations with those other Grand Lodges with which it is in fraternal accord.
2. In view of representations which have been received, and of statements recently issued which have distorted or obscured the true objects of Freemasonry, it is once again considered necessary to emphasise certain fundamental principles of the Order.
3. The first condition of admission into, and membership of the Order is a belief in the Supreme Being. This is essential and admits of no compromise.
4. The Bible, referred to by Freemasons as the Volume of the Sacred Law, is always open in the Lodges. Every candidate is required to take his Obligation on that Book or on the Volume which is held by his particular creed to impart sanctity to an oath or promise taken upon it.
5. Everyone who enters Freemasonry, is at the outset, strictly forbidden to countenance any act which may have a tendency to subvert peace and good order of society; he must pay due obedience to the law of any State in which he resides or which may afford him protection, and he must never be remiss in the allegiance due to the Sovereign of his native land.
6. While Irish Freemasonry thus inculcates in each of its members the duties of loyalty and citizenship, it reserves to the individual the right to hold his own opinion with regard to public affairs. But neither in any Lodge, nor at any time in his capacity as a Freemason, is he permitted to discuss or to advance his views on theological or political questions.
7. The Grand Lodge has always consistently refused to express any opinion on questions of foreign or domestic state policy either at home or abroad, and it will not allow its name to be associated with any action, however humanitarian it may appear to be, which infringes its unalterable policy of standing aloof from every question between political parties, or questions as to rival theories of government.
8. The Grand Lodge is aware that there do exist Bodies, styling themselves Freemasons, which do not adhere to these principles, and while that attitude exists the Grand Lodge of Ireland refuses absolutely to have any relations with such Bodies or to regard them as Freemasons.

9. This Grand Lodge is a Sovereign and independent Body practising Freemasonry only within the three Degrees and only with the limits defined in its Constitution as “pure Ancient Masonry”. It does not recognise or admit the existence of any superior Masonic authority, however styled.
10. On more than one occasion the Grand Lodge has refused, and will continue to refuse, to participate in Conferences with so-called International Associations claiming to represent Freemasonry which admit to membership Bodies failing to conform strictly to the principles upon which the Grand Lodge of Ireland is founded. The Grand Lodge does not admit any such claim nor can its views be represented by any such Association.
11. There is no secret with regard to any of the basic principles of Freemasonry, some of which have been stated above. The Grand Lodge will always consider the recognition of those Grand Lodges which profess, and practice, and can show that they have consistently professed and practised those established and unaltered principles, but in no circumstances will it enter into discussion with a view to any new or varied interpretation of them. They must be accepted and practised wholeheartedly and in their entirety by those who desire to be recognised as Freemasons by the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

In accordance with the terms of the above Declaration, Grand Lodge Passed the following resolution on 7th December, 1939:

“The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland will not in future enter into relations with a Grand Lodge which is in amity with any of the Bodies referred to in paragraph 8 of the Declaration as ‘Bodies styling themselves Freemasons’.

Furthermore, as and when a vacancy shall occur in the Representation of a Foreign Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge of Ireland or of the Grand Lodge of Ireland at a Foreign Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Ireland will not make, sanction, or approve a new appointment if the Grand Lodge concerned recognises any of the bodies referred to above.”

The following Extract from the Minutes of Grand Lodge of 6th October, 1949, bears on the same subject: “The Grand Lodge of England has been asked if it still stood by this Declaration, particularly in regard to paragraph 7. The Grand Lodge of England replied that it stood by every word and then asked for the opinion of the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland. A conference has been held between the three Grand Lodges and all unhesitatingly reaffirm the statement that was pronounced in 1938; nothing in present day affairs has been found that could cause them to recede from that attitude.

If Freemasonry once deviated from its course by expressing an opinion on political or theological questions, it would be called upon not only publicly to approve or denounce any movement which might arise in the future but would sow the seeds of discord among its own members.

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The three Grand Lodges are convinced that it is only by this policy that Freemasonry has survived the constantly changing doctrines of the outside world, and are compelled to place on record their complete disapproval of any action which may tend to permit the slightest departure from the basic principles of Freemasonry. They are strongly of the opinion that if any of the three Grand Lodges does so, it cannot maintain a claim to be following the Ancient Landmarks of the Order and must ultimately face disintegration."

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*This reprint of the Laws and Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Ireland contains all alterations made therein, to 5th October, 2019.*

*Philip A.J. Daley*  
*Grand Secretary*

**The Book of Constitutions**

Comprising the Laws and Regulations  
of The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland

1. The Grand Lodge of Ireland, hereinafter called the Grand Lodge, as representing the whole Fraternity of Freemasons under the Irish Constitution has an inherent right to make new Laws and Regulations, and to alter those already made, preserving at the same time the Ancient Landmarks.
2. The following Laws and Regulations shall take effect from the fifth day of October 2019, and all other general Laws and Regulations hitherto in force are hereby repealed, except as regards any proceedings of the Grand Lodge heretofore taken.
3. Pure Ancient Masonry consists of the following Degrees and no others, viz: The Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, the Master Mason and the Installed Master, but the Degrees of Royal Arch and Mark Master Mason shall also be recognized so long as the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland shall work only those two Degrees in the form in which they are worked at the Passing of this Law.

**of the Grand Lodge**

4. The Government of the Fraternity is placed in the hands of the Grand Lodge, which is composed of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Assistant Grand Master, the Grand Officers, the Past Grand Officers, the Provincial Grand Officers, the Past Provincial Grand Officers and all Master Masons of Subordinate Lodges on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. All members of the Grand Lodge must be subscribing members of a Lodge on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.
5. The members of the Grand Lodge rank in the following order, viz.:  
The Most Worshipful Grand Master,  
Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters,  
The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master,  
Right Worshipful Past Deputy Grand Masters,  
The Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master,  
Right Worshipful Past Assistant Grand Masters,  
Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Masters,  
Right Worshipful Past Provincial Grand Masters,  
The Right Worshipful Chairman of the Metropolitan Board,  
Right Worshipful Past Chairmen of the Metropolitan Board,  
Right Worshipful Grand Inspectors,  
Right Worshipful Past Grand Inspectors,  
The Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden,

Right Worshipful Past Senior Grand Wardens,  
The Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden,  
Right Worshipful Past Junior Grand Wardens,  
The Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer,  
Right Worshipful Past Grand Treasurers,  
The Right Worshipful Grand Registrars,  
Right Worshipful Past Grand Registrars,  
The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary,  
Right Worshipful Past Grand Secretaries,  
The Right Worshipful Grand Director of Ceremonies,  
Right Worshipful Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies,  
The Right Worshipful Senior Grand Chaplain,  
Right Worshipful Past Senior Grand Chaplains,  
Right Worshipful Junior Grand Chaplains,  
Right Worshipful Past Junior Grand Chaplains,  
The Very Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon  
The Very Worshipful Junior Grand Deacon,  
Very Worshipful Past Grand Deacons,  
The Very Worshipful Grand Superintendent of Works,  
Very Worshipful Past Grand Superintendents of Works,  
The Very Worshipful Assistant Grand Treasurer,  
Very Worshipful Past Assistant Grand Treasurers,  
The Very Worshipful Assistant Grand Secretary,  
Very Worshipful Past Assistant Grand Secretaries,  
The Very Worshipful Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies,  
Very Worshipful Past Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies,  
Right Worshipful Provincial Deputy Grand Masters,  
Right Worshipful Past Provincial Deputy Grand Masters,  
Right Worshipful Provincial Assistant Grand Masters,  
Right Worshipful Past Provincial Assistant Grand Masters,  
Very Worshipful Assistant Grand Inspectors,  
Very Worshipful Past Assistant Grand Inspectors,  
The Very Worshipful Grand Steward,  
Very Worshipful Past Grand Stewards,  
The Very Worshipful Grand Sword Bearer,  
Very Worshipful Past Grand Sword Bearers,  
Very Worshipful Grand Stewards of Charities,  
Very Worshipful Past Grand Stewards of Charities,  
Very Worshipful Grand Almoners,  
Very Worshipful Past Grand Almoners,  
The Very Worshipful Grand Organist,  
Very Worshipful Past Grand Organists,  
The Very Worshipful Assistant Grand Organist,  
Very Worshipful Past Assistant Grand Organists,

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The Very Worshipful Grand Lodge Standard Bearer,  
Very Worshipful Past Grand Lodge Standard Bearers,  
The Very Worshipful Grand Master's Standard Bearer,  
Very Worshipful Past Grand Master's Standard Bearers,  
The Very Worshipful Grand Inner Guard,  
Very Worshipful Past Grand Inner Guards,  
Very Worshipful Grand Physicians,  
Very Worshipful Past Grand Physicians,  
The Very Worshipful Grand Information Officer,  
Very Worshipful Past Grand Information Officers,  
Right Worshipful Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges,  
Right Worshipful Past Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges,  
The Very Worshipful Grand Secretary for Instruction,  
Very Worshipful Past Grand Secretaries for Instruction,  
Very Worshipful Assistant Grand Secretaries for Instruction,  
Very Worshipful Past Assistant Grand Secretaries for Instruction,  
Very Worshipful Elected Members of the Grand Lodge of Instruction,  
Very Worshipful and Worshipful Provincial Grand Officers, according to rank and seniority,  
Very Worshipful and Worshipful Past Provincial Grand Officers, according to rank and seniority,  
Worshipful Brethren holding Overseas District Grand Rank,  
The Masters and Wardens of all Subordinate Lodges, Past Masters and Master Masons.

Past Grand and Past Provincial Grand Officers shall rank according to seniority, after the Actual Grand or Provincial Grand Officers of the same rank.

6. The Grand Lodge shall meet for the despatch of business on the First Thursday in the months of March, June and October; and on the Festival of St. John, 27th December, or on such other day and at such hour as the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master or the Assistant Grand Master may appoint should occasion require, and at other times when duly summoned. The Grand Officers elected for the ensuing year will be proclaimed and saluted at the St. John's Day Communication of Grand Lodge, when the newly elected Officers of subordinate Lodges will be submitted to Grand Lodge for approval. In case the Festival of St. John falls on a Sunday, the Communication shall be held on the Monday following.

A Notice of a Grand Lodge Communication shall be sent to each of the Provincial Grand Secretaries, the Secretary of the Metropolitan Board of General Purposes and to the Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge, at least one month before. A report of the Proceedings at the preceding Quarterly Communication and at any intervening meeting of the Grand Lodge shall be forwarded to all those entitled to receive Grand Lodge Notices.

Any Member of the Grand Lodge may have such Notices and Proceedings emailed or posted to him on registering his address with the Grand Secretary and paying such fee as defined in the schedule of fees.

The Communications of Grand Lodge shall be held in Dublin. The Grand Master may, at his discretion, order such Communication to be held in any one of the Provincial Centres of Masonry which he may think desirable, provided that one such Communication of Grand Lodge shall be held each year alternately in the Provinces of Antrim and Down.

Grand Lodge shall always be opened on the Third Degree, except in the case of an occasional Grand Lodge summoned for the purpose of Constitution only, which shall be opened on the First Degree.

7. At each Communication the Grand Lodge shall be opened and ruled by the Grand Master, in his absence by the Deputy Grand Master, in his absence by the Assistant Grand Master, and in his absence by the member of the Grand Lodge then present, who shall be next in order of precedence, according to Grand Lodge Law No. 5, excepting therefrom the Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges, and the Wardens of all Subordinate Lodges.
  8. A Brother, who is not a member of the Grand Lodge, shall not be present at its Communications, except by permission of the Presiding Officer. Any Brother so admitted shall not be allowed to address the Chair, unless by permission of the Presiding Officer, nor shall he in any case vote.
  9. Each member of the Grand Lodge attending any Communication thereof, shall, before entering, sign his name on the appropriate attendance sheet provided for that purpose.
  10. All Brethren attending the Grand Lodge or any Subordinate Lodge shall wear the appropriate Apron, and the Collar and Jewel of his rank, but no member of the Grand Lodge or any Subordinate Lodge or visitor thereto shall be permitted to wear any Jewel, Medal or Device belonging to any Order or Degree other than those approved by Grand Lodge, however the Jewel of a Past Master is included. There is no provision for jewels for Past Officers of Lodges. The Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges may wear the insignia of the Grand Lodges they represent. This Law also applies to meetings for refreshment as well as for labour.
  11. The Jewels of Office worn by the Officers of Subordinate Lodges shall be of Silver, including Past Masters' Jewels; the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, Provincial and Past Provincial Grand Officers are entitled to wear Jewels of Gold.
  12. The Grand Lodge having been opened, the Minutes of the last Stated, and of any intervening, Communication, having been circulated previously, when confirmed, shall be signed by the Presiding Officer, after which motions of which due notice had been given, shall be taken into consideration. The report of the Grand Master's Council shall
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then be submitted to the Grand Lodge for its determination. The Grand Lodge reserves to itself the power of hearing and determining all applications, memorials and petitions which it may deem proper, though not previously submitted to the Grand Master's Council.

13. All differences amongst Lodges or Brethren (other than disputes dealt with pursuant to Grand Lodge Law No. 30) which cannot be adjusted by a Provincial Board of General Purposes or the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Metropolitan Board of General Purposes, or otherwise, shall be decided by the Grand Lodge Conduct Committee. The Grand Lodge Conduct Committee reserves the right to hear any case which it feels appropriate even if not heard by the above bodies. Any Brother aggrieved by such decision may at any time within one month appeal to the Grand Lodge Conduct Committee. No appeal can be received unless couched in proper and respectful language.
14. All motions submitted to the Grand Lodge shall be determined by a majority of votes cast by the members present, the Presiding Officer included; and if on a division the numbers be equal, the Presiding Officer shall have a casting vote.
15. The Members of any Lodge which shall have neglected for one whole year to make its returns and payments to the Grand Lodge, shall be thereby disqualified from voting in the Grand Lodge, or acting upon any Board or Committee, until such returns and payments shall have been made.
16. Each Brother while addressing the Chair shall remain standing, and shall not be interrupted unless by a special motion to order, or by being called to order by the Presiding Officer.
17. A Brother shall not be at liberty to speak more than once on the same motion, unless in explanation or reply, or when called upon by the Presiding Officer or where he has asked for leave from the Presiding Officer to do so and the Presiding Officer has, in his sole and exclusive discretion, given him such leave. If any Brother behave in Grand Lodge in such a manner as to disturb the harmony of Grand Lodge, he shall be formally admonished by the Presiding Officer, and if he persists in his irregular conduct he shall be excluded for the remainder of the meeting on the vote of the majority of the members present. The same power may be exercised in Provincial Grand Lodges and Subordinate Lodges, but in such cases an immediate report shall be made to Grand Lodge or Provincial Grand Lodge as the case may be.
18. A notice for the enactment of a new Law or for the alteration or repeal of an existing Law, or for the grant of money (except in such cases as are provided for in Grand Lodge Law No. 108), shall be entertained at any Communication of Grand Lodge; provided also that notice thereof in writing, shall have been given at a previous Communication of Grand Lodge; such notice shall be printed in the summons for those Communications, and a copy of such summons shall be sent to each of the Provincial Grand Secretaries,

the Secretary of the Metropolitan Board of General Purposes and to the Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge, at least one month before. However, the Grand Officer who is to preside, having received prior notice of a matter and deeming it to be of pressing urgency, may agree, prior to any Communication of Grand Lodge, to admit such matter for discussion and resolution.

19. A discretionary power is vested in the Presiding Officer of rejecting, at the time of its being handed in, any notice of motion, if such shall be deemed by him improper, unlawful, or inconsistent with the Ancient Landmarks.
20. Any motion, the substance of which the Grand Lodge has already considered and decided upon, shall not be again brought forward or otherwise discussed until after the lapse of six months from the date of such decision, except in cases of appeal as in Grand Lodge Law No. 13.
21. If the proposer of a motion shall not attend to move it or authorise some other Brother so to do, then, unless the Grand Lodge shall consent to a postponement, it shall be competent to any other member of the Grand Lodge to move it, as if he had originally given notice thereof.
22. The Transactions or Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, or any Provincial Grand Lodge, or of any Subordinate Lodge, or of any Masonic Committee, or any comment thereon, portion thereof, or reference thereto, shall not be published without the permission of the Grand Lodge; or of the Grand Master, or the Deputy Grand Master, or the Assistant Grand Master, or if in a Masonic Province, of the Provincial Grand Master or his Deputy.
23. The Grand Lodge shall subscribe annually, having regard to the state of Grand Lodge funds at the time, to such Masonic Charity (one or more of them) as Grand Lodge shall from time to time decide, such sums as shall be the subject of motion annually in Grand Lodge.
24. A paid Officer of the Grand Lodge shall not act as Secretary or Treasurer to any Lodge or other Subordinate Masonic Body.
25. The Grand Lodge strictly prohibits as unlawful all assemblies of Freemasons in Ireland, under any title whatever, purporting to be Masonic, not held by virtue of a Warrant or Constitution from the Grand Lodge or from one of the other Masonic Grand Bodies recognised by it and acting in Masonic union with it.

Any Brother being a member of any Lodge on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Ireland or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, who shall take any part in such unlawful assembly, or shall join or become a member of any Body or Society in Ireland purporting to be Masonic, and not in connection with or sanctioned by the Grand Lodge or other Masonic Grand Body recognised by it, shall be liable to the Grand Lodge

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disciplinary process. A Member of any Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland shall not be a member of or attend any meeting of any Body or Society which requires Freemasonry as a basis of or qualification for membership, except of such Bodies as sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

If any Lodge or member of a Lodge shall give any information as to the standing of a member in reply to an enquiry from any such non recognised Body, it shall be deemed to be unmasonic conduct and may be dealt with accordingly. Members of Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Ireland are forbidden to join or to belong to Clubs or other Bodies purporting to be or calling themselves Masonic, including "Benevolent Associations", established within Subordinate Lodges for the purpose of raising funds for the Benevolent Institutions, unless such Clubs or Bodies have been sanctioned by the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master, or the Assistant Grand Master, or if in a Masonic Province by the Provincial Grand Master or his Deputy, or if abroad in a country under the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge recognised by the Grand Lodge of Ireland by such Grand Lodge. Such sanction may at any time be withdrawn without notice.

26. The discussion of religious or political matters shall not, under any pretence whatever, be permitted in any Masonic assembly.
27. Masonic Clothing or Insignia shall not be worn at any Masonic procession, ball, concert or other assembly, unless by permission of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, or the Deputy Grand Master, or the Assistant Grand Master; or the Provincial Grand Master or his Deputy, if in a Masonic Province; and at all Masonic processions of any kind whatsoever, even though authorised as above, it is strictly prohibited to introduce any party colours or party tunes.
28. If Ladies and non-Masons attend Festive Boards and other Masonic occasions, collars and jewels may be worn within Masonic premises, if appropriate and as customary, and that Masonic Toasts may be proposed and responded to, so long as no salutes shall be given.
29. Members of the Craft are strictly forbidden to use the fact of their membership as a means of promoting business or of securing private advantage. They are forbidden to use any of the emblems of Freemasonry on a sign or in any other way on business premises, business correspondence paper or in connection with any business advertisement. A Masonic Certificate must not be displayed or allowed to be displayed on business premises. Any breach of this ruling will be considered as unmasonic conduct. This rule is not intended to apply to the sale of Masonic articles in Masonic circles or advertising them in Masonic Papers.
30. Any Brother, any Lodge, the Board of General Purposes of any Provincial Grand Lodge, the Metropolitan Board of General Purposes, the Grand Lodge Conduct Committee or the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland may bring a charge against any

Brother in respect of any act or omission pursuant to Grand Lodge Law No. 33 which charge shall be in writing.

If the Brother charged belongs or has belonged to a Lodge within the Metropolitan District it shall be referred directly to the Metropolitan Board of General Purposes.

If the Brother charged belongs or has belonged to a Lodge in a Masonic Province it shall be referred directly to Board of General Purposes of such Province.

If the Brother charged belongs or has belonged to a Lodge not in the Metropolitan District or a Masonic Province it shall be referred directly to the Conduct Committee.

Such charge shall be sent to the Grand Secretary or the Provincial Grand Secretary, as the case may be.

If there shall be any conflict of interest in the aforesaid bodies, the Conduct Committee shall have the power to request that another body hear the case (this body can be another Province or the Metropolitan Board of General Purposes or any committee appointed by the Conduct Committee). At all times people or bodies should not act as "Prosecutor and Judge".

If, on consideration of the matters alleged in such charge, the Metropolitan Board of General Purposes, or of the Provincial Grand Lodge, or the Conduct Committee (the "Appropriate Body") shall find that a *prima facie* case has been made, then it shall cause to be served on the Brother so charged a summons to attend before the committee empanelled for the purposes of investigating, hearing and adjudicating the said charge (the "Adjudicating Committee"). Such summons shall be served, and the Adjudicating Committee established in accordance with Grand Lodge Procedures.

The Adjudicating Committee and the Conduct Committee is to be composed of Brethren who have attained the status of Master Mason and who have been deemed to be suitable to serve.

The Conduct Committee shall enjoy the power to set out such written rules and procedures as it sees fit for the handling of misconduct charges, such rules and procedures to strictly comply with all Laws and Regulations (the "Conduct Committee Rules"). The Conduct Committee Rules shall have the same effect as if they were Grand Lodge Laws and in any conflict between the Conduct Committee Rules and the Laws and Regulations herein, the Laws and Regulations herein shall apply.

On satisfactory proof of the service of the summons, the Adjudicating Committee shall at the time and place specified in the aforesaid summons, proceed to hear, investigate and adjudicate the charge, whether the Brother charged attends or not, and may from time to time adjourn the hearing and investigation as it shall think fit, and on the conclusion thereof shall report to the Appropriate Body on the following points, namely

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whether:

1. the charge has been proven, and if so, to what extent;
2. if so, what penalty (if any) should be imposed; and
3. there are any facts and circumstances in connection with the case, which it is necessary or desirable to bring to the attention of the Appropriate Body.

If the Appropriate Body sees fit to impose any sanction other than suspension or expulsion, it shall do so itself and on its own authority. The Conduct Committee may, on its own authority, impose any sanction it sees fit, including suspension and expulsion.

If the Appropriate Body (other than the Conduct Committee itself) sees fit to impose the sanctions of either suspension or expulsion, it must make a recommendation in writing to the Conduct Committee, setting out the evidence and reasons for their recommendation. The Conduct Committee shall then:

1. impose the said penalty; or
2. decline to impose the said penalty and impose another penalty on its own authority.

The decision of the Conduct Committee shall be advised to the Grand Lodge at the next stated Communication.

Any Brother aggrieved by any finding made and/or penalty imposed pursuant to this Grand Lodge Law No. 30 may, at any time within one month of same, apply to the Conduct Committee for a review of his case. If the Conduct Committee sees fit, it may, on foot of such an application, arrange for an appeal and/or re-hearing of all or any such aspects of the case as it deems fit in accordance with the Conduct Committee Rules.

The Grand Master, or the Deputy Grand Master, or the Assistant Grand Master may if he thinks fit, in the case of any Brother subject to a misconduct charge, prohibit temporarily such a Brother from attendance at his own or any other Lodge under the Irish Constitution, or at Refreshment in connection therewith, pending investigation of the charge. In Overseas Provinces a like power may be exercised by the Provincial Grand Master or his Deputy, but in such case, an immediate report must be made to the Grand Secretary. This prohibition must be reviewed after a period of 6 months should the case not be concluded.

31. If an Appropriate Body be appointed by the Conduct Committee to investigate and report upon any complaint, the Brother or Brethren who apply for such Committee, shall at the discretion of the Conduct Committee deposit a sum, as defined in the schedule of fees to the said Committee. The Appropriate Body shall have authority to apply the sum or so much thereof as shall be necessary in the discharge of the travelling expenses of the Committee; and the surplus, if any, shall be returned to the Brother or Brethren so depositing the same.

32. Any Lodge wilfully, recklessly or negligently transgressing or failing to observe any of the Laws or Regulations herein or hereafter to be prescribed, or being guilty of unmasonic conduct in any other respect, shall in addition to any fine or other penalty imposed for such a breach of any law or regulation, or such unmasonic conduct, be liable to be tried for such misconduct in such a manner as the Appropriate Body or Conduct Committee shall direct, and if found guilty, may have its Warrant suspended or cancelled as the Conduct Committee may direct. Each subscribing or actual member of such Lodge, at the time of its having incurred either of these penalties, shall be under suspension, unless specifically exempted (See Grand Lodge Law No. 119), and shall not have the privilege of joining or visiting any other Lodge until his suspension is removed by the Conduct Committee on petition of the member so suspended. If the offence be deemed not to deserve the suspension or cancellation of the Warrant, the Conduct Committee may reprimand, fine or otherwise punish the Lodge.

In regard to the conduct of proceedings pursuant to this Grand Lodge Law No. 32, the Conduct Committee shall enjoy the power to set out such written rules and procedures as it sees fit for the handling of misconduct charges, such rules and procedures to strictly comply with all Laws and Regulations. These rules shall have the same effect as if they were Grand Lodge Laws and in any conflict between them and the Laws and Regulations herein, the Laws and Regulations herein shall apply.

For the purposes of all Laws, unmasonic conduct or misconduct means any actions or words which, by virtue of their incivility, discourtesy, dishonesty, violence or tendency to cause damage or offence to others, are inconsistent with masonic values, objectives and principles and would tend to bring Masonry in general or the Grand Lodge, the Metropolitan Board of General Purposes, any Provincial Grand Lodge, Subordinate Lodge or any Masonic entity, in particular, into disrepute.

33. If any Brother shall be found guilty of wilfully, recklessly or negligently transgressing or failing to observe any of the Laws and Regulations herein or hereafter to be prescribed, to be kept observed by individual Brethren, or of unmasonic conduct, the Brother so offending may be reprimanded, suspended (for a maximum of 3 years), expelled, subject to a pecuniary penalty or required to take such action as may be deemed necessary to remediate the consequences of his conduct as the Appropriate Body (as defined in Grand Lodge Law No. 30) shall direct. The Appropriate Body may also direct that a Brother sanctioned hereunder engage in or refrain from such future activities as are conducive to maintaining peace, love and harmony.

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**of the Grand Officers**

34. The Grand Master and all the Grand Officers, except the Deputy Grand Master, the Assistant Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Master's Standard Bearer, that is to say, the Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Registrars, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Chaplains, Grand Deacons, Grand Superintendent of Works, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Steward, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Lodge Stewards of Charities, Grand Almoners, Grand Organist, Assistant Grand Organist, Grand Lodge Standard Bearer, Grand Inner Guard, Grand Physicians and Grand Information Officer shall be annually elected by the Grand Lodge.
35. A Grand Lodge Office or Appointment shall not be held, or be extended, beyond a period of ten years from date of Installation or Appointment, the foregoing rule being subject only to dispensation by the Grand Master, or the Deputy Grand Master, or the Assistant Grand Master. This rule does not apply to paid Officers of Grand Lodge whose terms and conditions of employment shall remain as heretofore; nor shall it apply to Actual or Honorary Past Grand Officers or Elected Members of the Grand Lodge of Instruction.
36. The Grand Master shall, with the concurrence of Grand Lodge, have the power of conferring Honorary Past Grand Rank on such Grand Officers of other Jurisdictions in Masonic union with the Grand Lodge of Ireland as he shall consider worthy of this distinction, provided that such Honorary Rank shall not be higher than that which they enjoy or have enjoyed in their own Grand Lodge. The Grand Master with the concurrence of Grand Lodge shall also have the power of conferring Honorary Past Grand Rank upon such Past Masters of the Irish Constitution as may be considered worthy of the distinction; also of conferring the Honorary Rank of Past Master under the Irish Constitution on any Brother who has already Passed the Chair of Master in a Lodge under the Constitution of either England or Scotland or of any Sovereign Grand Lodge with which Grand Lodge is in amity.

In Overseas Districts where there is not a Provincial Grand Lodge, the Grand Master shall have the power of conferring Overseas District Grand Rank upon such Past Masters of the Irish Constitution as may be considered worthy of the distinction.

Brethren on whom this honour has been conferred shall rank after Worshipful Past Provincial Grand Officers and they may wear Aprons and Collars similar to Past Provincial Grand Officers with a Jewel bearing the design; a trowel superimposed on a terrestrial globe.

37. A Brother shall not be eligible for election to any office in the Grand Lodge, unless he be a subscribing Past Master of a Subordinate Lodge, and a Master Mason of at least five years' standing.
38. A Grand Officer under the rank of Junior Grand Chaplain (excepting the Grand
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Superintendent of Works, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Grand Organist, the Assistant Grand Organist, Grand Physicians and the Grand Information Officer, the Grand Secretary for Instruction and the Assistant Grand Secretaries for Instruction) having held office for a period of one year shall not be eligible for election to the same or any inferior office until after the interval of at least three years, but the Offices of Grand Lodge Stewards of Charities and Grand Almoners may be held for a period of two years.

39. The Grand Master's Council shall have the privilege of nominating Brethren to hold office in Grand Lodge, and the Auditor of Grand Lodge Accounts; such nomination to be submitted to the Stated Communication of the Grand Lodge in June, together with a return showing the attendance of the Grand Deacons and Junior Grand Officers during the previous year; and at said Communication it shall be competent for any member of the Grand Lodge to propose any other qualified Brother or Brethren for any such office. If more than one Brother be proposed for any such office, the election shall be by ballot at the October Communication, otherwise those nominated by the Grand Master's Council shall be declared elected. This Law excludes any paid office of Grand Lodge.
40. The property and funds of the Grand Lodge of Ireland shall be vested either in not more than six Trustees who shall be members of Grand Lodge or solely in any trust corporation incorporated within Ireland of which all the directors and members are members of Grand Lodge. The Grand Master's Council shall appoint the Trustees subject to the approval of Grand Lodge. The said property and funds or any part thereof may from time to time be disposed of or dealt with by way of sale, mortgage, lease, investment or otherwise as the Grand Master's Council from time to time may direct and so that any person or persons or corporation holding any of the said property or funds on a Trust, whether express or implied, on behalf of the Grand Lodge shall carry out any such sale, mortgage, lease, investment, disposition or dealing in accordance with the directions given by the Grand Master's Council in connection with any such sale, mortgage, lease, investment, disposition or dealing.

Any Brother who has ceased to be a member of the Order, whether by retirement, resignation, expulsion or by any other cause whatsoever, shall thereupon cease to hold any office of Trustee or any other office within or in connection with the Order.

41. Personal canvassing for any of the Grand Offices is strictly forbidden, and any Brother proved to have been personally engaged therein shall thereupon be deemed ineligible for election to such Grand Office.
  42. If a vacancy in any office in the Grand Lodge, save that of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Assistant Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Registrar, Grand Secretary or Grand Superintendent of Works shall occur during the year, such office shall remain vacant until the ensuing annual election.
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43. If the Grand Master shall decline to preside over the Fraternity, the Grand Master's Council shall recommend a suitably qualified Brother for the Office of Grand Master; such recommendation to be submitted to the Grand Lodge at its next Communication, at which Communication it shall be competent for any member of the Grand Lodge to propose any other qualified Brother, and in such case the election to such office shall be held at the ensuing Communication of the Grand Lodge.
44. The Grand Master shall, as his inherent right, nominate and appoint the Deputy Grand Master, who thereupon shall be proclaimed, saluted and installed in proper form. The Grand Master, in like manner, may appoint an Assistant Grand Master who thereupon shall be proclaimed, saluted and installed in proper form.
45. In the case of the demise of the Grand Master, or if from any cause the Grand Master be rendered permanently incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the Deputy Grand Master, or the Assistant Grand Master, or in their absence the Senior Grand Warden, or other Grand Officer, according to seniority, shall forthwith summon a meeting of the Grand Master's Council to be followed by an Emergency Communication of the Grand Lodge, if deemed expedient, in order to elect a Grand Master; but until a Grand Master shall have been elected and installed, the Deputy Grand Master shall act as Grand Master, and shall have the powers and privileges of Grand Master.
46. The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Assistant Grand Master shall have authority to require the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary to attend them with their books whenever they shall respectively deem it necessary.
47. The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Assistant Grand Master have each full authority and right to preside in any Provincial Grand Lodge or Subordinate Lodge, and to order the Grand Wardens to attend who, if present, are to fill the Wardens' Chairs in such Lodge.
48. No communication should be made direct to the Grand Master, but to the Deputy Grand Master, through the Grand Secretary. In the case of the absence of the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary may forward such communications direct to the Grand Master.
49. A Committee, chaired by the Deputy Grand Master shall following a selection process nominate for approval to the Grand Master's Council a suitable Brother for the post of Grand Secretary. The Grand Master's Council shall advise the Grand Lodge of the appointment.

#### **of Provincial Grand Lodges - General Regulations**

50. Each Provincial Grand Lodge shall consist of a Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Deputy
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Grand Master, Provincial Assistant Grand Master (where such an Officer has been appointed in accordance with Grand Lodge Law No. 54), Provincial Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Provincial Grand Treasurer, Provincial Grand Secretary, Provincial Grand Deacons, and Provincial Grand Inner Guard, together with all Master Masons of each Subordinate Lodge in the Province. A Provincial Grand Chaplain and other Provincial Grand Officers may be appointed, taking precedence as in Grand Lodge, and also Provincial Grand Inspectors, in accordance with Grand Lodge Law No. 67. The Present and Past Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Deputy Grand Master and Provincial Assistant Grand Masters are styled "Right Worshipful"; Present or Past Provincial Grand Wardens, Treasurers, Secretaries, Directors of Ceremonies or Chaplains, "Very Worshipful", and all other Provincial Grand Officers, "Worshipful".

51. Provincial Grand Lodge Offices or Appointments shall not be held, or be extended, beyond a period of ten years from date of Installation or Appointment, the foregoing rule being subject only to dispensation by the Provincial Grand Master, or the Provincial Deputy Grand Master. This rule does not apply to paid Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge whose terms and conditions of employment shall remain as heretofore; nor shall it apply to Actual or Honorary Past Provincial Grand Officers.
52. The appointment of a Provincial Grand Master is the prerogative of the Grand Master; by whom a patent may be granted, during the pleasure of the Grand Master for the time being, to such Brother of eminence and ability, being a Past Master as may be thought worthy of the appointment. On the demise or resignation of the Grand Master, each Provincial Grand Master shall continue to discharge his functions until the pleasure of the succeeding Grand Master shall be declared.
53. The Provincial Grand Master when duly installed, is empowered to appoint as his Deputy a Past Master, being a subscribing member of some Lodge in the Masonic Province; and the Provincial Grand Master shall, within one month after such appointment shall have been made, cause the name of such Deputy to be transmitted to all the Lodges within his Masonic Province, and also to the Grand Secretary's office, in order that the appointment may be duly registered.
54. The Grand Master may authorise a Provincial Grand Master to appoint annually a Past Master, who shall be a Subscribing Member of a Lodge in the Province, to act as Provincial Assistant Grand Master. If considered desirable the Provincial Grand Master may be authorised to appoint more than one such Assistant. The name of such Assistant or Assistants to be transmitted to all Lodges within the Province within one month of such appointment. Provincial Assistant Grand Masters in their own Province shall take precedence immediately after the Provincial Deputy Grand Master. In a Province where there is more than one Provincial Assistant Grand Master they shall take precedence among themselves in accordance with seniority of appointment. In the absence of the Provincial Grand Master or the Provincial Deputy Grand Master, a Provincial Assistant Grand Master may visit and preside in every Lodge within his Province.

55. All elective Provincial Grand Officers (who must be Past Masters, and also subscribing members of some Lodge in the Masonic Province), shall be annually elected by the Provincial Grand Lodge, and their names must be notified to the Grand Secretary's Office on or before the 30th November in each year, for registration in the books of the Grand Lodge; provided always that this rule shall not apply to Provincial Grand Masters, Provincial Deputy Grand Masters or Provincial Assistant Grand Masters.
56. The Provincial Grand Master, or in his absence the Provincial Deputy Grand Master or in their absence the senior Provincial Assistant Grand Master, shall hold a Provincial Grand Lodge within his Masonic Province four times in each year; one in each quarter, for the despatch of business, and may convene Provincial Grand Lodges of Emergency whenever such may be deemed necessary. At each Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge the Chair shall be filled by the Provincial Grand Master, or in his absence by the Provincial Deputy Grand Master or in their absence the senior Provincial Assistant Grand Master, and in their absence by an Actual or Past Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge present who shall be next in order of precedence.

In Overseas Provinces a By-law may be introduced to permit a Provincial Grand Lodge to hold less than four, but not less than two, Stated Communications per annum.

57. Members attending, or Brethren visiting, a Provincial Grand Lodge shall appear in full Masonic clothing as required when attending the Grand Lodge.
58. The Provincial Grand Secretary shall summon the Provincial Grand Officers, and the Master and Wardens of each Lodge within the Province to attend each Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Provincial Grand Secretary shall also send a notice to each Subordinate Lodge within the Province to be read in open Lodge.
59. The Provincial Grand Master or the Provincial Deputy Grand Master or the Provincial Assistant Grand Master, assisted by his Provincial Grand Lodge, shall have power to hear and determine all subjects of Masonic complaint or irregularity respecting Lodges or individual Brethren within the Province; and may proceed according to the Laws of the Craft, to reprimand, or fine; which decision in all such cases, shall be final, unless there be an appeal made therefrom to the Grand Lodge Conduct Committee within one month after such decision; provided always that when the case is of such a nature as to require the suspension or cancellation of a Warrant, or the suspension or expulsion of a Brother, the Provincial Grand Lodge shall proceed in accordance with Grand Lodge Law No. 30.
60. If the Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Deputy Grand Master or the Provincial Assistant Grand Master shall neglect or decline to bring before the Provincial Grand Lodge any application or complaint on which its decision may be required, such application or complaint may be transmitted directly to the Grand Lodge.
61. The Provincial Grand Master, or in his absence, the Provincial Deputy Grand Master or
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a Provincial Assistant Grand Master, may visit and preside in every Lodge within his Province.

62. The Provincial Grand Lodge may summon any of, or all of, the Officers of any Lodge within its Province, or any individual member or members thereof, to attend and produce the Warrant, books, papers and accounts, or other documents of such Lodge. If the summons be not complied with, or sufficient reason not given for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of non-compliance the Lodge or Brother shall be liable to a charge of unmasonic conduct, and the proceeding shall be notified to the Grand Lodge.
63. The Provincial Grand Master is responsible that the Provincial Grand Lodge does not at any time exceed its lawful powers; he shall therefore cause correct minutes to be kept of all its proceedings, and produce them to the Grand Lodge whenever required.

The Provincial Grand Master shall cause a certified copy of the Accounts of the Province, when audited, to be forwarded to the Grand Secretary no later than the 30th June each year.

64. The Provincial Grand Master shall, when required, transmit to the Grand Lodge an account, in writing, of the state of Masonry within his Masonic Province.
  65. If the Provincial Grand Master should die, resign, or be removed, the authority of the Provincial Deputy Grand Master shall continue for a period of six months after such event, or until a successor to the Provincial Grand Master shall be appointed and installed. In case no appointment of a Provincial Grand Master shall have been made before the expiration of said period of six months, the Grand Master shall have power of appointing some Brother, being a Past Master, to act as Provincial Deputy Grand Master pending the filling of the vacancy in the office of Provincial Grand Master.
  66. Each Provincial Grand Lodge shall have the power of framing By-laws for its own government, including its Board of General Purposes, provided that such By-laws as well as any alteration that may be made therein, shall be first submitted to and approved by the Grand Lodge By-laws Committee, and shall become valid and take effect only from the date of such approval. Two copies thereof, as approved, shall be lodged in the Grand Secretary's Office.
  67. The Provincial Grand Master, with the concurrence of his Provincial Grand Lodge, shall have power to appoint Provincial Grand Inspectors. They shall rank immediately before the Provincial Grand Stewards, and their duties shall be to visit such Lodges in the Province as may be placed under their supervision, and to carry out such instructions as may be given by the Provincial Grand Master his Deputy or Assistants. They shall have power to call for and examine the minute book and other official books and documents belonging to the Lodge visited, and any refusal or neglect on the part of the Officers or
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Brethren having custody of same, to produce them after due notice, shall be reported to the Provincial Grand Lodge, which may thereupon proceed by admonition, reprimand, or fine against the Brother or Brethren so reported.

68. In each Provincial Grand Lodge with Ireland, the Provincial Grand Master is empowered, annually, at his discretion and option, to confer upon Brethren of worth and experience, who are members of a Lodge within his Province and have rendered distinguished service to the Craft and who fulfil the provisions of Grand Lodge Law No. 37, the Honorary Rank of Past Provincial Grand Officer. A Brother upon whom Honorary Past Provincial Grand Rank has been conferred under this Law, shall be entitled to wear the regalia of a Past Provincial Grand Lodge Officer of equivalent Rank. Brethren, on whom this honour has been conferred, shall rank after the holder and past holders of the Provincial Grand Rank to which they have been appointed.
1. In any Province of 75 or more Lodges, four Honorary Past Provincial Grand Officers of whom one may be a Junior Warden, the other three of lesser Rank.
  2. In any Province of 30 or more Lodges but less than 75, two Honorary Past Provincial Grand Officers, of whom one may be a Junior Warden in each other year, the others to be of lesser Rank.
  3. In any Province of less than 30 Lodges, one Honorary Past Provincial Grand Officer of lesser rank than Junior Warden, but once in every five years the Rank may be Junior Warden.

#### *Provincial Grand Lodges Overseas*

69. In each Provincial Grand Lodge Overseas, the Provincial Grand Master is empowered, annually, at his discretion and option, to confer upon Brethren of worth and experience, who are members of a Lodge within his Province and have rendered distinguished service to the Craft and who fulfil the provisions of Grand Lodge Law No. 37, the Honorary Rank of Past Provincial Grand Officer. A Brother upon whom Honorary Past Provincial Grand Rank has been conferred under this Law, shall be entitled to wear the regalia of a Past Provincial Grand Lodge Officer of equivalent Rank. Brethren, on whom this honour has been conferred, shall rank after the holder and past holders of the Provincial Grand Rank to which they have been appointed.
1. In any Province with 30 or more Lodges, four Honorary Past Provincial Grand Officers, of whom one may be a Junior Warden, the other three of lesser Rank.
  2. In any Province with less than 30 Lodges, two Honorary Past Provincial Grand Officers below the Rank of Junior Warden, but once in every five years a Brother may be given the Honorary Rank Junior Warden.
70. A Provincial Grand Master of any Provincial Grand Lodge outside Ireland on the advice
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and with the consent of his Provincial Grand Lodge, may confer Honorary Membership of such Provincial Grand Lodge on such District or Provincial Grand Masters of recognised Sister Constitutions having Lodge meetings in his Province as he shall consider worthy of this distinction. He shall inform the Grand Master immediately such distinction has been conferred.

71. Provincial Grand Masters of Provincial Grand Lodges outside Ireland on the advice and with the consent of their Provincial Grand Lodges, may appoint District Grand Inspectors to represent them in country districts where such districts are very distant from the place where the Provincial Grand Lodge holds its Communications. Such District Grand Inspectors must be Past Masters and subscribing members to a Lodge in the District. They must be resident in the District for which they may be appointed.
72. The duty of such District Grand Inspector shall be to investigate all cases of Masonic irregularity which may arise in his district, and forward the evidence taken thereon, with his remarks, and a judicial statement of the matter in dispute to the Provincial Grand Master, whose instruction thereon he shall fully carry out. He is to transmit all applications for Warrants, Dispensations, and Certificates to the Provincial Grand Secretary, and shall, when required, report on the condition of Masonry within his District. He shall rank as the highest Masonic Officer within his District excepting the Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Deputy Grand Master. His powers and authority shall be confined to the District for which he has been appointed.

In overseas Districts where there is no Provincial Grand Lodge, the Grand Master may, with the consent of Grand Lodge, appoint Grand Inspectors whose duties shall be similar in all respects to those of the Provincial District Grand Inspectors mentioned above, but who shall rank as the highest Masonic Officers in their own Districts, and as Grand Officers immediately after Past Provincial Grand Masters, such Grand Inspectors overseas may, with the approval of the Grand Master, appoint Assistant Grand Inspectors, who must be Past Masters and subscribing members to a Lodge in the locality for which they may be appointed.

#### **of Grand Master's Council**

73. The Grand Master's Council shall consist of the following:
  - The Grand Master
  - The Deputy Grand Master
  - The Assistant Grand Master
  - The Grand Treasurer
  - The Grand Registrars
  - The Grand Secretary
  - The Provincial Grand Masters



74. The Grand Master's Council shall meet on the first Tuesday in the months of February, May and September and the last Tuesday in the month of November or such other dates as determined by the Grand Master.
75. The Grand Master's Council may appoint committees for specific purposes, who shall report to the Council on the subjects referred to them.
76. The Grand Master's Council shall at its first meeting in each year elect a committee of eight, one of whom shall be the Grand Treasurer *ex officio*, who shall be Chairman, to be termed the Finance Committee. Two shall form a quorum. They shall meet monthly, or as required, and their duty shall be to examine at each meeting the Accounts of Grand Lodge as shown by the Abstracts of Income and Expenditure and the Bank Statement. They shall also examine all accounts and if found correct shall authorise payment of same and shall from time to time report to and advise Grand Lodge upon questions of finance. All cheques drawn on the Grand Lodge account shall be signed by two of the signatories authorized by the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee delegates the authority to make electronic fund transfers to a designated administrator.
77. The Accounts of Grand Lodge shall be audited each year by a Professional Accountant who shall be entitled to such fee as agreed with the Finance Committee. The appointment shall be made in conformity with Grand Lodge Laws No. 39 and 79.2. If the Auditor of Grand Lodge Accounts shall die or resign or become incapable of carrying out the duties of the office before they shall have completed the audit of the Grand Lodge Accounts, the Grand Master's Council shall at its next meeting appoint a duly qualified replacement to audit or complete the audit of the Accounts as may be necessary.
78. The audited Accounts of Grand Lodge, signed by the Auditor, shall be presented by the Finance Committee to a meeting of the Grand Master's Council and after their investigation and approval shall be submitted to Grand Lodge at its meeting in March or June by a member of the Finance Committee. There shall be included in the Annual Report, when printed, a statement of the Income and Expenditure of the year and a statement showing all sums remaining due to Grand Lodge.
79. The duties of the Grand Master's Council shall be as follows:
- 79.1 To submit to the Grand Lodge at its Stated Communications, a correct list of all Lodges whose Warrants have been cancelled, suspended, surrendered, or restored since the last stated Communication.
- 79.2 To nominate Grand Officers in conformity with Grand Lodge Law No. 39, Trustees in conformity with Grand Lodge Law No. 37 and 39, and also the paid Officers of Grand Lodge including the Auditor of Grand Lodge Accounts, such nominations to be subject in every case to the approval of the Grand Lodge.
- 79.3 To agree the duties of the paid Officers of the Grand Lodge.
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- 79.4 To supervise and control the management of the property and finances of Grand Lodge subject to any directions and decisions of Grand Lodge.
- 79.5 To recommend the name of a suitable Past Master to fill any vacancy which may occur in the representation of a Foreign Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The nomination of other qualified Brethren shall be received at the Grand Secretary's Office at any time up to six weeks previous to the next Stated Communication of the Grand Lodge, at which Communication the election shall take place, and the name be sent forward for approval to the Foreign Grand Lodge. Provided always that three names be sent forward by the Grand Master's Council when any Foreign Grand Lodge shall require more than one name to be submitted, preserving, however, the existing right as to nomination for ballot.
80. All matters on which the Grand Master's Council shall have come to any decision shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting and submitted to the next Communication of the Grand Lodge.

#### **of the Boards of General Purposes**

81. The Lodges of the Metropolitan Area shall elect each year fifteen Past Masters (being then subscribing members of Lodges in the Area) or Actual Masters or Masters Elect to form the Metropolitan Board of General Purposes and shall, on or before the 1st day of November, return to the Grand Secretary the names of the Brethren so elected, which names shall be submitted to the Grand Lodge for approval.

Each Provincial Grand Lodge shall set up and establish a Board of General Purposes, consisting of Actual or Past Masters, for the respective Province; the constitution of each such Board shall give such Representation thereon to the Lodges in the Province as shall be appointed by the respective Provincial Grand Lodges (subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge).

The duties of such Boards of General Purposes of the Metropolitan Area and of Provincial Grand Lodges shall be to receive in the first instance and investigate all subjects of Masonic complaint or irregularity which may occur within their respective Area; and generally, to manage all Masonic affairs in their own Area. All cases involving the recommendation of expulsion or suspension of a Brother cancellation or suspension of a Warrant, shall be reported to the Conduct Committee.

The granting of a Warrant, the issue of Duplicate Certificates or Warrants, or appeals for funds outside their Area, and all such cases as are specifically provided for in Grand Lodge Laws shall, after investigation, be reported to the Grand Master's Council and finally to Grand Lodge.

The Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of General Purposes shall be appointed by the Grand Master. The Metropolitan Board of General Purposes shall adopt its own By-laws (subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge).

The Provincial Grand Master shall be the Chairman of his Provincial Board of General Purposes, which shall adopt its own By-laws (subject to the approval of its Provincial Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge).

The Grand Secretary shall act as the Secretary of the Metropolitan Board of General Purposes.

The Provincial Grand Secretary shall act as the Secretary of the Provincial Board of General Purposes.

82. Any Lodge in the Metropolitan Area which shall have neglected for one whole year to make its returns and payments to the Grand Lodge, shall not be entitled to elect or nominate a Representative for the Metropolitan Board of General Purposes.

#### **of Committees of Inspection**

83. At all Committees of Inspection, it is a breach of Masonic Duty on the part of any Brother present at any meeting of the Committee of Inspection, to disclose outside such Committee the name of any member in connection with any observations made at such meeting.

#### *The Metropolitan Committee of Inspection*

84. The Metropolitan Committee of Inspection shall consist of the Worshipful Master of each Lodge in the Metropolitan Area. From January in each year the incoming Worshipful Master shall be permitted to act on the Committee. If the Worshipful Master of a Lodge be unable to attend, he may appoint a Past Master of the same Lodge as his proxy, such appointment to be valid for one meeting only.

Any other Actual or Past Master in good standing may be present at the meetings of the Committee by permission of the Chairman, but shall not vote.

85. A Master, whose Lodge has neglected to make its returns, or to pay its dues and fees to the Grand Lodge for the last preceding twelve months shall not act as a member of the Committee.
86. The Committee shall meet on the fourth Wednesday in each month; and the Grand Secretary shall be empowered to convene a special meeting of the Committee on the requisition of the Secretary of any Lodge within the Metropolitan Area on the payment
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of the cost of postage.

87. Five members shall constitute a quorum of the Committee.
  88. The Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of General Purposes shall act as Chairman or in his absence the Committee shall have power to elect their own Chairman for that meeting. All questions shall be decided by open voting; the Chairman shall have a casting vote if the numbers be equal.
  89. The Grand Secretary, or his Assistant, shall act as the Secretary of the Committee, and shall enter all the proceedings in the minute book.
  90. At each Stated Meeting of the Committee, the minutes of the preceding meeting or meetings shall be read, and, when confirmed, shall be signed by the Chairman, and countersigned by the Secretary.
  91. It shall be the duty of the Committee to decide on the eligibility of all Candidates for initiation, re-joining or affiliation from another Constitution who have been previously balloted for and duly elected in any Lodge in the Metropolitan Area, in accordance with such Regulations as shall be approved by Grand Lodge.
  92. A fee as defined in the schedule of fees will be charged for any Candidate being submitted to the Committee which shall be paid to the funds of Grand Lodge; the fee to be charged to the Lodge account.
  93. A Statement of the name, residence, profession or occupation (if any) including the employers address for each Candidate, signed by the Secretary of the Lodge in which he has been elected, must be deposited in the Grand Secretary's Office, at least twenty-eight clear days prior to the meeting of the Committee at which the eligibility of the Candidate is to be considered; and notices containing the foregoing particulars shall be sent to each member of the Committee, and also to the Secretary of each Metropolitan Lodge at least twenty-eight days prior to each meeting of the Committee.
  94. If any Lodge in the Metropolitan Area shall Initiate a Candidate without the previous approval of the Committee having jurisdiction in the case, such Lodge shall be liable to have its Warrant cancelled or suspended or be fined as defined in the schedule of fees, as Grand Lodge shall determine.
  95. A Lodge in the Metropolitan Area shall not Initiate any Candidate until the Lodge has been officially notified in writing that the Candidate has been approved by the Committee having jurisdiction in the case.
  96. In the event of the name of any Candidate being withdrawn, or rejected by the Committee, it shall not be again submitted for approval for at least six months.
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97. Each Lodge in the Metropolitan Area shall pay a subscription, to be fixed annually by the Committee, to defray the expense of the outgoing Master and incoming Master or his proxy at the annual Committee dinner.
98. Any Installed Master eligible to attend the Committee but not being the Actual Master of a Lodge in the Metropolitan Area or his proxy, who shall dine with the Committee shall defray the cost of his dinner.

#### *Provincial and District Committees of Inspection*

99. The Provincial and District Committees of Inspection shall function as per their By-laws and in accordance with such Regulations as shall be approved by Grand Lodge.

#### **of the Grand Lodge Committee of Charity and the Charity Fund**

100. The Charity Fund of Grand Lodge shall be applied to the relief of distressed Brethren or the widows or children of deceased Brethren, or deserted wives of Brethren, and shall be administered by a Committee of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Assistant Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Registrars and the Grand Secretary.
  101. Every Lodge shall pay to the Charity Fund an annual sum as defined in the schedule of fees. All collections in Grand Lodge shall be carried to the credit of the same Fund, unless otherwise agreed by Grand Lodge. The accounts of the Charity Fund shall be kept separately from all other accounts, and shall be presented annually to the Grand Lodge.
  102. No portion of the Charity Fund shall be disbursed without an order from the Grand Lodge or from the Committee of Charity, signed by a member of the Committee for the time being, except in cases of urgent distress, to meet which, funds to the extent as defined in the schedule of fees shall be left in the Grand Secretary's hands, to be used by him at his discretion, and to be accounted for by him at each meeting of the Committee.
  103. All applications for relief must be by written or printed petition stating the name, occupation, residence and present circumstances of the petitioner; and in the case of a Brother, the number of the Lodge in which he was Initiated, and of any other Lodge to which he may have been affiliated. The applicant must sign the petition unless unable to do so through incapacity, whether physical or mental.
  104. To every petition shall be appended a recommendation from the Lodge to which the applicant does or did belong (or in the case of a deceased Brother's widow or child or of a deserted wife, the Lodge to which the husband or father belonged or belongs), or from a Lodge meeting in the immediate neighbourhood of the applicant's residence.
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Such recommendations shall be signed by the Master, Secretary and Almoner on behalf of the Lodge. A visit shall have been paid to the applicant at his or her residence by the Almoner or some Brother deputed by him, and the result of his enquiries shall have been reported to the Master, Secretary and Almoner. A written report must be forwarded with the petition to the Committee.

105. Except in accordance with a special resolution of the Grand Lodge, no Brother under the Irish Constitution nor his deserted wife, shall be entitled to relief unless he shall have been a subscribing Master Mason for three years; nor shall the widow or children of a deceased Brother be relieved unless the deceased shall himself have been entitled to relief, or have been a subscribing member up to the time of his death.
106. A Brother, his deserted wife or the widow or child of a deceased Brother, who has been relieved by the Committee, shall not be again relieved until after the expiration of one year from the date of the last grant unless some new and unexpected circumstance, to be stated in the petition, shall have arisen to warrant a new grant within that time; nor shall the deserted wife of a Brother or the widow or child of a deceased Brother be relieved more than three times, except in accordance with a special resolution of the Grand Lodge.
107. All petitions for relief must be lodged in the Grand Secretary's Office. The Grand Secretary, or his assistant, shall examine the same and report thereon, and shall act generally as Secretary of the Grand Lodge Committee of Charity.
108. In such cases as shall have complied with the foregoing rules, the Committee of Charity shall have power to grant a sum as defined in the schedule of fees, and if any such case shall appear exceptionally deserving the Committee shall have power to grant a further sum, subject to confirmation by the Grand Lodge at its next ensuing Communication.
109. Brethren under the Constitution of the Grand Lodges of England or Scotland, as well as Brethren of all other recognised Grand Lodges, may be relieved on the production of their Grand Lodge Certificates or other satisfactory credentials together with proof of their identity.

#### **of Subordinate Lodges**

110. The Grand Master's Lodge is to be governed as heretofore by the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master or the Assistant Grand Master, and in their absence by the Senior Officer present. Membership of the Grand Master's Lodge shall be by invitation of the Grand Master.
  111. A Lodge shall not be assembled without a Warrant or authority from the Grand Lodge, nor shall any individual be acknowledged or received as a Freemason who has not been Initiated in a regular Lodge. Such Warrant must be evident at every Communication of the Lodge, whether Stated or Emergency.
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112. Warrants are issued to a particular location and cannot be removed therefrom except where a Lodge wishes to hold a meeting in the Headquarters of Irish Freemasonry at Freemasons' Hall, Dublin. For the avoidance of doubt, this prohibition on the removal of a Warrant includes, in particular, the 'travelling' of a Warrant to any location outside the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

The temporary removal of a Warrant is permitted where a dispensation has been granted by the Provincial Grand Master or the Chairman of the Metropolitan Board. A temporary Warrant will be issued by the Provincial Grand Lodge or the Metropolitan Board of General Purposes.

113. Every application for a new Warrant shall, where practical, have the recommendation of three regular Lodges meeting in the neighbourhood where it is proposed that the new Lodge shall be held, and also of the Provincial Grand Lodge, or of the Provincial Grand Master, or his Deputy, if there be such Officers within the District from which the memorial shall have been sent; the Grand Lodge having the power, if it should think fit, to dispense with any of the foregoing recommendations.

A Lodge must not be named after living individuals.

114. A Brother who signs the Memorial for a New Warrant and does not withdraw his name before the Constitution of the Lodge, or offer a sufficient reason for his failure so to withdraw his name, is deemed to be a Founder-member of the Lodge and therefore liable for dues from the date of Constitution.
115. When a memorial for a Warrant, to be held in any of the Masonic Provinces, shall have been forwarded to the Grand Secretary's Office without the recommendation of the Provincial Grand Lodge, notice of the receipt of such memorial shall, prior to its being submitted to the Grand Master's Council, be sent to the Provincial Grand Secretary of such Province.
116. The cost of each Warrant for a Lodge shall be as defined in the schedule of fees which must be deposited with the Grand Secretary before the application for such Warrant can be taken into consideration. This sum shall defray all charges for the registry of the Warrant of the new Lodge, and for a copy of the Book of Laws and Constitutions.
117. The Grand Secretary shall not issue any Warrant without having received the fee, as per the schedule of fees.
118. If the Warrant of any Lodge be purchased or procured by any other means than the regular permission of the Grand Lodge, such Warrant shall be cancelled; and all acts done under such Warrant, after the same was irregularly obtained, shall be void and the fine applied as per the schedule of fees.
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119. If any Lodge be suspended, or have its Warrant cancelled by order of the Grand Lodge, each subscribing member of such Lodge, at the time of its having incurred such penalty, except such member or members as shall be specially excepted by name in such order, shall be considered as under suspension, and shall not be allowed to visit or join any other Lodge, at labour or refreshment, until his suspension shall have been removed by order of the Grand Lodge, obtained on the memorial of the member so suspended.
120. On satisfactory evidence that a Warrant has been lost or destroyed, the Grand Lodge may grant a duplicate on payment of a fee as defined in the schedule of fees; but a Warrant called in by order of the Grand Lodge shall forthwith be forwarded to the Grand Secretary's Office, and marked null and void.
121. A Lodge shall not assemble in any licensed premises or other place, unless such place of meeting be first approved of by the Grand Lodge or if situated within a Masonic Province by the Provincial Grand Lodge,
122. A Lodge shall not be permanently removed from its usual place of meeting until a month's notice of the proposition for such removal shall have been given in open Lodge, which proposition must be approved of by a majority of the members present at a Communication which shall be summoned by the Secretary for that special purpose, at least one week before such Communication shall be held; such removal must also have the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes of the Metropolitan Area, or Chairman of the Board, or of the Provincial Grand Lodge, or the Provincial Grand Master, or his Deputy (if the Lodge wishing to remove meets or desires to meet within the Metropolitan Area or a Masonic Province respectively) and must be recorded by the Grand Secretary's Office.
123. The Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master, or the Assistant Grand Master shall have the power to vary the place and time of meetings of all Lodges should circumstances render it desirable.
- The Chairman of the Metropolitan Board, or the Provincial Grand Master, or his Deputy shall have the power to vary the place and time of meetings of all Lodges in their respective areas, should circumstances render it desirable.
124. It is the Masonic duty of those Lodges who are the owners of Halls, and of the Trustees in which the Halls are vested, to afford all accommodation reasonably required by other Lodges or Masonic Bodies recognised by Grand Lodge, and that they should obey the directions in these respects of Grand Lodge in the Metropolitan Area, and of the Provincial Grand Lodge in each Masonic Province with a right in the latter case to appeal to Grand Lodge against any direction of the Provincial Grand Lodge.
125. A Lodge, wherever held, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, shall not meet for labour on Sunday.
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126. A Lodge of Emergency may, at any time, be called by the authority of the Master, but not otherwise. The business to be transacted at such Lodge of Emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered on at that Communication.
127. The ordinary Officers of a Lodge are: The Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Ceremonies, Steward of Charities, Almoner, Chaplain, Senior and Junior Deacons and Inner Guard who must be subscribing members of the Lodge. A Lodge may also have an Assistant Treasurer, an Assistant Secretary, an Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Stewards and an Organist or Organists, but these Brethren shall not be deemed Officers of the Lodge. The Director of Ceremonies must be a Past Master save in the exception contained in Grand Lodge Law No. 132 in regard to the Secretary of a subordinate Lodge, which shall also apply to a Director of Ceremonies. A Brother shall not hold the position of Secretary whilst serving as Master or Warden, but the Offices of Treasurer and Secretary may be filled by the same Brother. There may also be a Tyler who shall not, however, be deemed an Officer of the Lodge. A Brother shall not be paid as Tyler to his own Lodge.
128. A Brother shall not be eligible to hold any Office in his Lodge, or to vote therein on any question, until he shall have obtained the Third Degree.
129. A Brother shall not be elected to hold the Office of Master of a Lodge unless he shall have served the Office of Warden in some Lodge under the Irish Constitution, nor shall he hold the Office of Master of a Lodge oftener than twice consecutively, nor shall any Brother be competent to hold any of the three Principal Offices, or the Office of Secretary in more than one Lodge at the same time; provided, however, that the Grand Master's Council shall have power to dispense with any part of this Law.
130. All Lodges shall elect their Officers prior to the 31st of October in each year, and shall without delay make a return of same to the Grand Secretary. The names of the said Officers shall be submitted for the approval of Grand Lodge at its Stated Communication on St. John's Day. No subordinate Lodge in Ireland shall, under any circumstances, install its Officers prior to St. John's Day, 27th December, nor prior to making the return required by Grand Lodge Law No. 161, nor prior to paying all Fees and Fines due to the Grand Lodge at the date of such return, nor prior to receiving the approval of Grand Lodge from the Grand Secretary.
131. Lodges meeting outside Ireland may elect their Officers on or before St. John's Day, 24th June, in each year, provided such be sanctioned by their By-laws (previously approved by Grand Lodge, or if in a Masonic Province, by the Provincial Grand Lodge and finally by Grand Lodge) and immediately after such election a return of the same must be sent to the Grand Secretary, or the Provincial Grand Secretary; but no subordinate Lodges meeting outside Ireland shall, under any circumstances, install their Officers until they shall have received intimation from the Grand Secretary, or the Provincial Grand
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Secretary, that such Officers have been approved.

In the case of Lodges meeting outside Ireland within the jurisdiction of a Provincial Grand Lodge, the names of Officers duly elected shall be submitted to the Provincial Grand Secretary and he will, in turn, submit them to the Board of General Purposes of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Board of General Purposes may, at its discretion, approve or decline to approve any one or more of the elected Officers and shall notify the Lodge concerned without delay. Lodges shall not proceed with the installation of any Officers until they have received intimation of approval by the Board of General Purposes from the Provincial Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge recommends that a Brother should not be elected to the Office of Master who is not capable of properly conferring the Degrees of Craft Masonry.

132. In every Lodge a Past Master shall be appointed Secretary, who shall keep a book in which he shall enter all the transactions of the Lodge, according to the form appended to these Laws, or as near thereto as circumstances will permit. The Grand Secretary's Office may, upon fit cause being shown, give permission to any Lodge to elect to the office of Secretary a Brother below the rank of Past Master, provided that in the case of a Lodge meeting within a Masonic Province such permission shall only be granted upon the recommendation of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Provincial Grand Master, or the Provincial Deputy Grand Master. It is not permissible for a Lodge Secretary to be paid.
133. The Master of every Lodge shall cause all communications to and from the Grand Lodge, or the Provincial Grand Lodge, if in a Masonic Province, to be read in open Lodge, and entered on the minutes.
134. A Communication of a Lodge shall not be regular unless an Actual or Past Master be present at the opening and during the Communication of the Lodge. In the absence of the Worshipful Master, a Past Master of the Lodge, or Actual or Past Master of any other Lodge must occupy the Chair.
135. Three Master Masons (one of whom must be an Acting or Past Installed Master) may hold a Warrant. This does not refer to a case where the majority of the members of a Lodge desire to return the Warrant to Grand Lodge. Five may hold a meeting and transact ordinary business including the reading of the minutes. At least seven must be present at the conferring of a Degree. Of this minimum number of seven, in the First Degree, all need not be Master Masons, in the Second Degree all must be at least Fellow Crafts and in the Third Degree all must be Master Masons.
136. In case the Worshipful Master of any Lodge shall during his term of office die or be removed, or become incapable of discharging the duties of his office, then the immediate Past Master, or in case of his absence or incapacity, the Senior Past Master (such immediate or senior Past Master being a subscribing member of the Lodge) shall rule the Lodge until the next election of Officers, and the installation of the newly-

elected Master.

When attending a funeral of a Brother, it is permissible for one Brother, representing all those present, to cast a sprig of acacia into the grave, providing that permission had first been sought and given by the widow or close family of the deceased Brother.

In case the Worshipful Master is absent due to change of residence or of employment or some such cause, the Worshipful Master should appoint a substitute, but may do so for one meeting only, and that a renewal of the appointment or a fresh appointment must be made for each separate meeting of the Lodge at which the Worshipful Master is unable to be present, to hold good for that meeting only.

A Worshipful Master cannot resign his Office and remain a member of the Lodge.

137. A person shall not be admitted a member of, or be Initiated in any Lodge, until he shall have been balloted for, nor shall a Brother be affiliated or permitted to re-join until he has produced his Grand Lodge Certificate, and also, when possible, a Clearance Certificate or Demit from the last Lodge of which he has been a member, from which Lodge a recommendation of him as a joining Brother must be requested and obtained; and read in open Lodge prior to ballot.

If a Brother seeking to be affiliated be still a subscribing member of another Lodge, he shall not be balloted for until due enquiry shall have been made and a satisfactory reply received from such Lodges, which shall be read in open Lodge before ballot. Any Lodge knowingly affiliating a Brother who is in arrears of dues in another Lodge shall be held liable for such arrears.

An Honorary Member of a Lodge desiring to become a Member of the Lodge must be proposed, seconded and balloted for in accordance with the first paragraph of Grand Lodge Law No. 137.

It is not necessary to submit the name of a Brother affiliating from a Lodge under the Irish Constitution to an Inspection Committee.

138. Candidates from Grand Lodges not recognised by the Grand Lodge of Ireland are not eligible for affiliation, and must be Initiated, Passed, and Raised under the Irish Constitution.

If a Brother seeks affiliation from a Constitution that has been suppressed or which has ceased to work, but which was in Amity and exchanged Representatives with the Grand Lodge of Ireland up to the time of its suppression or cessation, he must produce his Certificate or a document corresponding thereto, showing that he was a Mason in good standing before the suppression or cessation of the Constitution under which he was Initiated, and the Lodge to which he wishes to affiliate must make all possible enquiries about him. The result of these enquiries must be sent to the Grand Secretary, and the

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Brother concerned shall not be balloted for until the permission of the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master or the Assistant Grand Master shall have been given.

139. A Brother lapsing from membership, whether by resignation, or by being struck off the roll for non-payment of dues, cannot resume membership until he has been duly proposed, balloted for, elected and confirmed by the Committee of Inspection.
140. A person shall not be balloted for in any Lodge unless he shall have been duly proposed and seconded in open Lodge, and seven days at least shall elapse between the day of proposal and the meeting for ballot; the day either of proposal or of ballot must be a Stated Communication of the Lodge. The summons for ballot shall notify the name, profession or occupation, and residence of the candidate; also the names of the proposer and seconder, and shall be sent to every member of the Lodge at least three days previous to the ballot. In the case of an adverse ballot, the Master, if he has any reason to believe that a mistake has been made, may order a fresh ballot.

Every subscribing Master Mason has an inherent right to propose in open Lodge a Candidate for admission to his Lodge, after which the Lodge may refer the name to a Committee of Scrutineers for enquiry and report, but this must be after and not before the actual proposal.

A Lodge may elect as Honorary Members Brethren of eminence or distinction in the Craft, or who may have rendered special service to the Lodge. Such Brethren may be of the Irish Constitution, or any other Constitution recognised by the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Such Honorary Members shall not be eligible to hold office in the Lodge, or to vote on any question before the Lodge; nor shall any Lodge confer Honorary Membership on one of its own members.

No annual fee shall be payable to Grand Lodge in respect of such Honorary Members, their election shall be on the same terms as affiliates, and the Provisions of Grand Lodge Law No. 172 regarding exclusion shall also apply to them.

141. Where a Brother may have rendered signal service to his Lodge, or there are special personal circumstances to justify it, a Lodge may elect a Brother, being a subscribing member of the Lodge, to the dignity of Emeritus Member. Such Emeritus Member shall not be eligible to pay annual dues to his Lodge; but the Lodge will be responsible for paying his Grand Lodge dues and Provincial Grand Lodge dues, if any, annually on his behalf. An Emeritus Member, unlike an Honorary Member who is not a subscribing member of another Lodge, is not debarred from membership of other Branches of the Order; and he shall retain full rights as theretofore, to hold Office, to propose motions and vote on any question before the Lodge.
142. Balloting must in all cases be with beans, one black bean to exclude, except in the case of Brethren already members of the Craft seeking Affiliation, when admission shall be according to the By-laws of the Lodge; if a Lodge has no By-law on the subject, the
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election must be unanimous. In every case the proposer or seconder must be present at the ballot; At a ballot for Candidates all subscribing members of a Lodge present at the ballot must vote, even if in arrear of dues provided they have attained the rank of Master Mason. On all other subjects members may refrain from voting if they so desire.

If, upon taking a ballot for the Initiation of a Candidate, the number of beans in the box does not coincide with that of the members present who are entitled to vote, the ballot is void, and it may be held again immediately, or at a subsequent meeting. In the event of an adverse ballot, it must be borne clearly in mind that the Master of a Lodge should have some substantial reason for supposing a mistake to have been made in the first ballot before ordering a second to be taken, and it is very difficult to imagine a case which would justify a third.

143. It is one of the fundamental rights of every member to be able to express, by the ballot, his unbiased opinion on the desirability, or otherwise of admitting a new member, and after the ballot has been declared no discussion shall be allowed respecting the reason which may have actuated any member in casting his vote, and no attempt should be made directly or indirectly to ascertain how any individual voted.
144. If there be more than one Candidate for initiation, affiliation or rejoining, then separate ballots must be held, unless the ballot box makes provision for multiple ballots in separate compartments.
145. A Candidate for initiation rejected by a Lodge shall not be again proposed in same Lodge until after the lapse of at least six months.
146. If in any Lodge under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland a Candidate is proposed who does not reside, or has not resided for a period of twelve months, in the town, village, or neighbourhood, and within the boundaries of the Masonic Province or District in which the Lodge into which he seeks to be admitted holds its Communications, he shall not be balloted for until due enquiry shall have been made respecting his character from the local Committee of Inspection having jurisdiction where he resides, either in the Province or in the Metropolitan Area as the case may be. If there be no Committee of Inspection in the Province within which he resides then the enquiry shall be made of such Lodge or Lodges as may exist in the neighbourhood of his residence. Such enquiry when received must be made in open Lodge, and such reply made as may be directed by the Lodge. In all cases a satisfactory reply must be received and read in open Lodge before the ballot is taken, under penalty of the Lodge having its Warrant suspended or cancelled, or of payment of a fine as defined in the schedule of fees, as Grand Lodge may determine.

Residents outside the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland who may return to their native town or district on a temporary visit are not eligible for initiation there until enquiries shall have been made by the Grand Secretary from the Grand Lodge having

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jurisdiction over the neighbourhood of the Candidate's permanent residence.

Where there are more Lodges than one meeting in the neighbourhood of the Candidate's residence the enquiry need only be made of one such Lodge, provided that the reply from it be specified and adequate.

When a Lodge receives similar inquiries respecting the character of a local resident proposed elsewhere, the reply which must be the result of discussion in open Lodge, should deal solely with his suitability as a member of the Fraternity at large, and not with his eligibility for admission to that particular Lodge.

Lodges under the Constitution of this Grand Lodge shall not Initiate any Candidate whose usual place of residence or domicile is in England or Scotland, or in any place where the United Grand Lodge of England or the Grand Lodge of Scotland has exclusive Masonic Jurisdiction, without first making all enquiries and obtaining the special permission of the Grand Lodge concerned. This Law shall not apply to members of any University where there is a Lodge confined to members of that University.

The home address of any member of the Security Forces shall not appear on any circular, but his address, the branch of the Security Forces to which he belongs and his place of employment must be submitted on the form sent to the Committee of Inspection. A candidate may not be balloted for, who has not at least twelve months residence within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

147. In the case of a Candidate resident in the same Province, but not in the same town, village, or neighbourhood in which the Lodge into which he seeks admission holds its Communications, the enquiry shall be sent to the Committee of Inspection of the Province, if there be such Committee, which shall refer the enquiry to one or more of the Lodges within its jurisdiction, to report directly to the Lodge making the enquiry.
  148. A Military Lodge, under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, shall not Initiate any civilian anywhere if a lawfully constituted Lodge exists within ten miles of the place where such civilian resides, or where such Military Lodge then meets. A Lodge of civilians shall not Initiate any military man below the rank of a commissioned officer, where there is a Warranted Lodge in the Regiment or Garrison to which such military man belongs; nor shall a Regimental Lodge Initiate any military man not belonging to the Regiment if there is a Garrison Lodge in the locality where the Candidate is stationed, or where such Regimental Lodge then meets. Any Lodge violating this Law shall have its Warrant cancelled or suspended, or shall be fined a fee as defined in the schedule of fees, as the Grand Lodge may see fit.
  149. A Lodge shall not Initiate any person until he shall have attained the age of twenty-one years, unless by Dispensation from the Grand Master, or the Deputy Grand Master, or the Assistant Grand Master or, where a Lodge meets outside Ireland, from the Provincial Grand Master or his Deputy or from the Grand Inspector where one exists.
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150. If a candidate proposed for admission be in any physical manner maimed, lame or defective he shall not require dispensation; for, in symbolic Masonry, it is his moral worth, not physical integrity, that justifies his admission.
151. Any Subordinate Lodge on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Ireland may confer any Degree upon a Candidate who has been elected a member of another Lodge of the Irish Constitution upon receipt of a written request to do so, signed by the Master, Wardens and Secretary of the Lodge of the Candidate on whose behalf the favour is sought and having the Lodge Seal affixed, accompanied by a Certificate that all the provisions of the Constitution applicable to the case have been complied with.

Any Subordinate Lodge on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Ireland may, as a favour and without affiliation or entrance fee, Pass or Raise any Candidate from England, Scotland, or any other Masonic Jurisdiction having a Grand Lodge recognised by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, upon receipt of a written request from the Lodge of which the Candidate is a member, countersigned by the Grand Secretary or other appropriate Officer of the Grand Lodge to whose Jurisdiction it owes allegiance, and forwarded by him in the first instance to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland for transmission to the Lodge by which the Degree, or Degrees, are to be conferred. The fact that any Degree has been so conferred shall be reported to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland who shall report in due course to the Lodge of which the Candidate is a member and to the Grand Lodge of the Masonic Jurisdiction to which the Lodge belongs, from which Grand Lodge alone the Certificate of the Degree, or Degrees, shall be issued.

A Candidate for initiation to a Lodge belonging to any Masonic Jurisdiction other than that of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, may not be Initiated in any Lodge working under a Warrant from the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

152. The Minimum Fees for initiation shall be as defined in the schedule of fees.

In every case, no dues or charges whatever may be included in the fee chargeable under the By-laws of a Lodge for Initiation. The fees must be paid in full before the initiation of the Candidate; and a Lodge shall not on any pretence remit, repay, refund, receive by instalment or in any way defer payments of the whole or any part of the foregoing fees.

Unless special provision is made to the contrary in the By-laws, a newly-elected Brother is not liable for Lodge dues until the period when dues next become payable by members as fixed by the By-laws; for example, a Candidate joining a Lodge whose By-laws provide for the quarterly payment of dues in advance, will not be liable to pay dues until the first day of a quarter following his admission.

For any breach of this Law, a Lodge shall be subject to a fine as defined in the schedule of fees, and to such further penalty as Grand Lodge may determine.

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153. Every Brother shall, on his admission as a member, sign a declaration, pledging himself to observe the By-laws for the time being in force in the Lodge, and shall be furnished with a printed copy of such By-laws.

Every Brother seeking Affiliation from a Lodge not on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Ireland shall, on his admission as a member, sign in open Lodge a declaration pledging himself to observe the Laws, Regulations and Usages of Grand Lodge and shall also be furnished with a printed copy of the By-laws of the Lodge.

154. Candidates and Degrees

154.1 A Lodge shall not Initiate a Candidate on the day on which he shall be balloted for, except by Dispensation from the Grand Master, or the Deputy Grand Master, or the Assistant Grand Master, or the Provincial Grand Master or the Provincial Deputy Grand Master, or from the Grand Inspector where one exists, nor shall a Lodge on any pretence confer more than one Degree on the same person on the same day.

154.2 The First Degree should normally be conferred on only one Candidate at a time, but if it should be imperative that the Degree be conferred on more than one Candidate at the same Communication, each Candidate must be received and obligated and instructed in the Secrets of the Degree after which he must be invested and saluted in accordance with ancient custom. It is permissible to omit any explanations until the second (or third) Candidate has been obligated when the explanation of the various points may be given to both, or all, together.

When the First Degree is to be conferred, the Degree shall take precedence over all other business.

The Second Degree may be conferred on not more than three Candidates at the same time.

The Third Degree can only be conferred on one Candidate at a time and must be conferred in its entirety.

Not more than three Candidates may receive Degrees at any one Communication.

154.3 Twenty-four weeks at least shall intervene between the conferring of the First Degree and the Third Degree. In exceptional circumstances, dispensation from the Grand Master, or the Deputy Grand Master, or the Assistant Grand Master, or the Provincial Grand Master or the Provincial Deputy Grand Master, or the Grand Inspector where one exists, shall have been previously obtained by the Lodge, authorising the conferring of the said Degrees, within a shorter time than the said period of twenty-four weeks.



All applications for such Dispensations must give good and sufficient reasons for granting same, and must be signed by the Master and Secretary of the Lodge.

154.4 In case of Naval or Military Brethren, who, owing to the exigencies of the Service, may be required on short notice to remove from the locality of their respective Lodges, an interval of one week between each Degree shall be deemed sufficient, but the circumstances justifying such exception must be forthwith notified to the Grand Secretary.

154.5 In Lodges abroad, not under the superintendence of a Provincial Grand Lodge or a Grand Inspector, an interval of one week between each Degree may be held sufficient in the case of Candidates who produce evidence of exigencies of time or distance analogous to those of Naval or Military Service, but the circumstances justifying such exception must be deemed satisfactory by resolution of the Lodge and must be forthwith notified to the Grand Secretary's Office.

154.6 It occasionally happens that a Candidate duly elected by a Lodge fails to present himself for Initiation within a reasonable time, (twelve months or more). His election should be regarded as void and a fresh ballot must be taken.

Any Lodge violating this Law, or any clause thereof, shall be liable to a fine as defined in the schedule of fees, or to have its Warrant suspended.

155. A Lodge shall not Initiate, Pass or Raise any one admitted into, or belonging to another Lodge, unless on the written requisition of such Lodge, signed by the Master, Wardens and Secretary thereof, and having the Lodge Seal affixed.

156. A visiting Brother shall not be permitted to be present at the opening of any Lodge unless vouched; nor shall he be entitled to admission thereto during the time of labour or refreshment unless vouched or otherwise qualified to the satisfaction of the Master, nor until he has, if required, produced his Grand Lodge Certificate. The Master shall have power to refuse admission to any visiting Brother whose admission would, in his opinion, disturb the harmony of the Lodge. A visitor shall not be entitled to vote or take part in any discussion, nor to be present at refreshment of a Lodge unless invited.

If the Master knows, or has reason to anticipate, that a Brother whose admission he would feel bound to refuse, will or may seek admission, the Master (in order to obviate the unpleasantness of a refusal in Open Lodge) has power to give the necessary instructions to the Tyler in advance.

VISITING. No Brother unless he has received the Degree of Master Mason shall visit a Lodge if unvouched nor shall he claim to be examined. Brethren of the rank of Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft, if vouched, may by permission of the Worshipful Master as in all other cases be present whilst the Lodge is at Labour on the Degrees which they have

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EXAMINATION. No unvouched visitor claiming to be a Freemason shall be examined before being admitted to a Lodge, until he has satisfied the examiners that the Lodge of which he claims to be a member is warranted by a Grand Lodge which is in amity with and recognised by the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

UNVOUCHED VISITORS. - The Worshipful Master of a Lodge may at his discretion refuse to examine an unvouched Worshipful Master or Past Master, at the Ceremony of Installation of Officers, and may request him to retire.

157. Any Lodge knowingly permitting a person to be present at any of its Communications who has not been Initiated in a regular Lodge, or who is disqualified by being suspended, expelled and not a subscribing member of a Lodge subverts the Landmarks of Freemasonry, and the Warrant of any Lodge so offending shall be suspended or cancelled, and the offending members thereof punished at the discretion of the Conduct Committee.
158. Any Brother who shall knowingly or wilfully be present or assist at any irregular meeting of a Lodge, shall be punished as the Appropriate Body or Conduct Committee may deem expedient.
159. If any Brother shall disturb the harmony of a Lodge, he shall be admonished by the Master, and if he persists in his irregular conduct shall be punished according to the By-laws of the Lodge, or the case may be reported to the Appropriate Body or Conduct Committee for adjudication.
160. Every Lodge meeting within Ireland shall pay to the Grand Lodge for each subscribing member a fee as defined in the schedule of fees, of which an amount as defined in the schedule of fees shall be applied to the Grand Lodge Loan and Grant Fund. In the case of affiliate members the sum shall be as defined in the schedule of fees so long as such affiliate members continue to be paid for at the full rate in another Lodge. In Lodges meeting outside Ireland, the subscriptions shall be as defined in the schedule of fees. Such payments shall be made at the time when the Return directed by Grand Lodge Law No. 161 is forwarded to the Grand Secretary's Office.
161. Every Lodge shall keep the records of its members up to date on the Client Relationship Management System. Access to the Client Relationship Management System will be provided by the Grand Secretary's Office to the Lodge Secretary or Designated person. Records to be kept up-to-date will be directed by the Grand Secretary's Office.

The Lodge Secretary or Designated person shall ensure that all records are up-to-date on or before the 30th November in each year; and at the same time all moneys then due to the Grand Lodge shall be forwarded.

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Any Lodge failing to make said returns in strict conformity with this Law shall be liable to a fine as defined in the schedule of fees.

162. If any Lodge shall not have been opened for labour during one year, or if its subscribing members shall be less than five, its Warrant shall be suspended, and the Secretary, Master, or other Brother in whose possession or custody said Warrant may be, shall be called upon to deliver up same. Any Brother retaining a Warrant after it has been called in by the Grand Lodge shall be liable to suspension.
163. No memorial, recommendation, or other application shall be received from any Lodge which has not made the regular returns of its officers and members according to the foregoing Laws.
164. Every Brother affiliated to any Lodge must be registered as such in the books of the Grand Lodge. Every Brother affiliating from a Lodge not on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Ireland shall, on submission of his signed declaration, as per Grand Lodge Law No. 153, be supplied with an Affiliation Grand Lodge Certificate and, at the same time, be furnished with a copy of the Laws and Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

An Affiliating Past Master takes precedence in the Lodge immediately after the Worshipful Master of the year in which he affiliated.

A member of one Lodge serving as Worshipful Master of another to which he affiliated takes precedence in his Mother Lodge immediately after the Worshipful Master of the year.

An Installed Master of the Irish Constitution who is one of the founders of a new Lodge should be regarded as *ipso facto* a Past Master of the new Lodge, taking precedence in accordance with the order of his signature on the Memorial.

A Past Master of any other recognised Constitution has no precedence in an Irish Lodge unless he has served Office under the Irish Constitution, except by special dispensation by Grand Lodge.

165. A Duplicate Certificate shall not be granted unless satisfactory proof be produced of the loss or destruction of the original, and in every case the application must be recommended by the applicant's Lodge and will be issued on the payment of the appropriate fee as defined in the schedule of fees.
  166. Every Brother shall be entitled to a Grand Lodge Certificate immediately upon his being registered as a Master Mason in the books of the Grand Lodge, and his Lodge shall forthwith procure such Certificate and issue it to him. At the same time as his Grand Lodge Certificate is issued, every newly Raised Brother will be supplied with a printed copy of the Laws and Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.
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167. Every Brother to whom a Grand Lodge Certificate is granted must sign his name in the margin thereof immediately on receipt of same. Without such signature the Certificate shall not be valid, and when practicable, the signature shall be appended in open Lodge. Under no circumstances may an addition of any kind be made to a Master Masons Certificate after it has been issued, other than the signature of the Brother in whose name it is made out.
168. Any member of a Lodge is entitled to retire therefrom upon paying all dues and discharging all liabilities thereto. Any member clear of dues and in good Masonic standing, retiring from a Lodge, shall be furnished with a Clearance Certificate or Demit, signed by the Master, Wardens, and Secretary, and having the Lodge Seal affixed thereto. (See sample form.) A Brother wishing to resign from a Lodge must submit his decision, in writing, to the Lodge Secretary for reporting to the Lodge; or verbally, in person, at a Stated Communication of a Lodge, when it must thereupon be taken as an item of business. Any Brother who is under investigation for an Offence, or any misconduct which might constitute a Charge of Unmasonic Conduct and who wishes to resign may do so but should not be issued with a Clearance Certificate or Demit.

A Minimum Subscription as defined in the schedule of fees shall be payable by all Subscribing Members of Lodges in the Constitution.

A Lodge may grant a reduced subscription to Members reaching retirement age or being permanently retired at an earlier age due to illness or disability or redundancy.

A Lodge may grant 'Country Membership' on a Minimum Subscription as defined in the schedule of fees to any Brother who does not reside, or attend a regular place of business, within eighty kilometres or fifty miles from the place of Meeting of the Lodge.

A Brother paying and continuing to pay a Country Membership Subscription in one Irish Constitution Lodge only shall not be eligible for Office in that Lodge whilst he is paying such Subscription.

A full Subscribing Member of one Lodge and who is a Country Member of one or more other Lodges in the Irish Constitution, shall be eligible for election to Office in the Lodge or Lodges of which he is a Country Member.

The Lodge dues must not include a contribution to Charity.

169. A Brother shall not be suspended for non-payment of dues to his Lodge, but the Lodge shall have the power of striking off its roll any member more than twelve months in arrear of dues, provided that one month previously, application in writing for such arrears shall have been sent by registered letter or recorded delivery to the member, directed to his last-known address, together with an intimation that in the event of non-payment, his name will be removed from the roll of members of the Lodge, and the

removal reported to the Grand Secretary's Office.

170. A Brother removed by his Lodge from membership for non-payment of dues shall not be affiliated by, nor shall he continue a member of, any other Lodge, nor shall he be permitted to visit any Lodge at Labour or refreshment, until it shall have been ascertained from the Lodge from which the Brother was removed, that such arrear of dues has been discharged. In the event of a Brother discharging his liabilities to his Lodge, he will be considered a re-joining member under Grand Lodge Law No. 137.

Any subordinate Lodge knowingly violating this Law shall be held liable for such arrears, and shall pay same to the Lodge of which the Brother was formerly a member, and shall further pay a fine as defined in the schedule of fees to the Grand Lodge.

171. A register shall be kept in the Grand Secretary's Office of the names and addresses of Brethren reported in accordance with Grand Lodge Law No. 169, and in each case the amount of arrears due shall be specified.
172. A Lodge shall have power to exclude from membership of the Lodge any Brother whose continuance as a member may be considered objectionable, or injurious to the Lodge, provided that four-fifths of the subscribing members present shall so decide at a Communication specially called to consider the matter. The decision of the Lodge shall be by ballot (with beans). Every subscribing member who has obtained the Third Degree, if present when the ballot has been declared open, shall vote, and the decision shall be subject to an appeal to the Grand Lodge by the Brother so excluded. The W.M. shall have power to order a second ballot if he has reason to believe that a mistake has been made in the first, but shall report to Grand Lodge the circumstances which justified such procedure. A Brother who wishes to remain a member of the Order must continue to pay his Dues to the Lodge or affiliate to another Lodge.
173. Subordinate Lodges shall for their better government frame their own By-laws, provided that the same be in accordance with the Ancient Landmarks, and with the Laws and Constitutions of the Grand Lodge and must prescribe the hour of the meeting for its Stated Communications. No meeting of a Lodge other than a Stated Communication can be called without the authority of the Worshipful Master. All meetings should start promptly.

The By-laws of a Lodge cannot take effect until confirmed by the Grand Secretary's Office and when so confirmed cannot be altered, suspended or abrogated, except with the sanction of the Grand Master's Council.

Two copies of such proposed By-laws, and of any subsequent alterations therein, shall be submitted for approval to the Provincial Grand Lodge and then to the Grand Lodge By-laws Committee and shall become valid and take effect only from the date of such approval. One copy of such Bylaws, when approved, shall be deposited in the Grand

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Secretary's Office, and one with the Provincial Grand Secretary of the Province in which the Lodge meets.

It is not permissible for a Lodge to limit members to one particular class (profession or otherwise). It is permissible to have a Preface that might be used stating that the Lodge was primarily for persons of a certain class.

174. Lodges are permitted to issue an Annual Card or Circular giving the dates of Communications. When a Ballot or a Notice of Motion or an Emergency Communication or when the Worshipful Master would consider it desirable, that Notices would be issued on each of these occasions.
175. Where there is a Royal Arch Chapter of the same number as a Lodge, and/or where there is a clear association and affinity between a Lodge and a Royal Arch Chapter, then the Lodge Summonses may include reference to the date, place and time of meeting of same Royal Arch Chapter, in accordance with the provisions of Grand Lodge Law No. 3. Overseas Lodges are permitted to give information on their Summonses as to the Registrar and location of Royal Arch Chapters in their area.
176. Each Lodge shall have a Seal wherewith to verify the Lodge transactions. The device shall consist of a Hand and Trowel, together with the number and name of the Lodge, and the name of the place where held.
177. Audio and or visual recording or transmission of any part of a Lodge meeting is prohibited, without the specific sanction of the Grand Secretary's Office. Electronic devices and other similar recording and transmitting equipment may not be used during Lodge meetings, except the Lodge Secretary who may use an electronic device for taking notes of the meeting. Mobile phones should be turned off, however at the very least they should be turned to silent so as not to disrupt the proceedings of the meeting.

Any breach of this ruling will be subject to investigation by an Appropriate Body or Conduct Committee.

178. All Lodges are enjoined to observe the same usages and customs in working; any wilful deviation therefrom shall be visited with the censure of the Grand Lodge, and if persevered in, shall be punished as the Grand Lodge shall think fit.
179. All Ritual worked in a Lodge under the Irish Constitution must be in accordance with that laid down by Grand Lodge. It is strongly recommended that visitors from other, regular and recognised Constitutions do not participate in ceremonies during Labour, particularly the conferring of degrees. In rare and exceptional circumstances, where their participation is required, and permission having been granted, the visitor must first Pass an examination in Irish Ritual by acknowledged experts.

**of Subordinate Lodges - Finance**

180. A certified copy of the Balance Sheet of Subordinate Lodges in the Provinces, when audited, shall be forwarded to the Provincial Grand Secretaries prior to the 31st March each year, and in the case of Dublin Lodges to the Grand Secretary, year-end in each case to be 31st December. Each Lodge will have a bank account in the name of the Lodge. In the event that a bank will not open an account in the name of the Lodge, an account may be opened in the name of three Brethren appointed by the Lodge. All cheques drawn on the Lodge account shall be signed by two of the signatories authorized by the Lodge. All moneys received shall be lodged in the said account, and that all payments shall be made by cheque or electronic fund transfer from the same Account. The Lodge may delegate the authority to make electronic fund transfers to a designated administrator.

The funds of a Lodge collected solely from Masonic sources for Masonic purposes, should not be used for any other purpose whatever unless by special permission of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master or the Assistant Grand Master.

The monetary amount as proposed by a Notice of Motion may be decreased on amendment but cannot be increased without a fresh Notice of Motion.

181. It is not in accordance with the spirit of Freemasonry that any portion of the funds of a Subordinate Lodge should be used for the purpose of making presentations to individual members of such Lodge, unless such presentations take the form of Masonic Jewels or Insignia, or presentations of Life Governorships in one of the Masonic Charities; and any violation of this resolution may be dealt with under Grand Lodge Law 32.
182. All appeals emanating from Subordinate Lodges for contributions to presentations to members, or appeals for charity, must receive the sanction of the local Provincial Grand Lodge before being circulated in the Province, and the sanction of Grand Lodge before circulation in the rest of the Constitution.
183. If upon the adoption of a resolution to return the Warrant of a Lodge to Grand Lodge or the suspension of any Lodge or the cancellation of the Warrant of any Lodge there remains after satisfaction of all the debts and liabilities of the Lodge any property whatsoever, the same shall not be distributed among or paid to the members of the Lodge but shall be transferred or given to another Lodge or paid to a Masonic Charity or Charities or otherwise as may be approved by Grand Lodge.
184. Appeals should not be made for subscriptions to any Masonic object (such as building a New Hall), to Brethren or Lodges outside the Irish Constitution, except by special permission of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master or the Assistant Grand Master, Provincial Grand Master or the Provincial Deputy Grand Master.
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Schedule of Fees and Fines  
Payable under the Grand Lodge Laws  
as at 5th October 2019

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## Charges by Order of The Grand Lodge

116	For a Lodge Warrant .....	€100.00
120	For a Duplicate Warrant .....	€100.00
31	For the Conduct Committee to investigate Complaints .....	€100.00
	Registration of Honorary Past Grand Rank .....	€100.00
165	Duplicate Grand Lodge or Past Masters Certificates Each .....	€25.00
6	For receipt of Grand Lodge Notices and Proceedings.....	€10.00
107	For issuing a Warrant irregularly .....	€100.00
152	For initiating at less than minimum Fee.....	€100.00
154.6	For initiating a Candidate disqualified under Grand Lodge Laws.....	€100.00
148	For initiating a Military man in Civilian Lodge or a Civilian in a Military Lodge.....	€100.00
146	For initiating a non-resident without due enquiry.....	€100.00
170	For affiliating a Brother struck off the Roll for non-payment of dues, the amount of his arrears and.....	€100.00
161	For neglecting to make an annual return of Officers and Members.....	€100.00

## For Subordinate Lodges

160	Each Subscribing Member of a Lodge meeting in Ireland (annually) .....	€32.00
160	Each Subscribing Member of a Lodge meeting Overseas (annually) .....	€13.50
160	Affiliated Members can reclaim 50% of Subscribing Members Fee	
160	Loan and Grant Fund Allocation (included in above subscriptions) .....	€3.50
101	For the Grand Lodge Charity Fund (annually) per member .....	€0.10
152	For Initiation (minimum payable to Lodge).....	€100.00

## Metropolitan Lodges

	Grand Lodge Hall Fee per member.....	€37.00
	Metropolitan Board Capitation Fee per member .....	€7.00
92	For passing a Candidate at the Metropolitan Committee of Inspection.....	€10.00
94	For initiating a Candidate in a Metropolitan Lodge without approval of the Committee .....	€100 00

## Committee of Charity

102	Sum to be granted by the Grand Secretary (not exceeding).....	€1,000.00
108	Sum to be granted by the Committee of Charity (not exceeding) .....	€1,000.00
108	Additional sum as confirmed by Grand Lodge (not exceeding) .....	€1,000.00