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ARTICLE I.

THE GRAND CHAPTER.

Name.

SECTION 1. The name of this Grand Chapter is "THE GRAND CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK."

Power and Authority.

SEC. 2. This Grand Chapter is a body of Royal Arch Masons in which is inalienably vested the government and superintendence of Capitular Masonry within the State of New York, subject only to its obligations to the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America.

Of Whom Composed.

SEC. 3. This Grand Chapter shall be composed of its Officers, both elected and appointed, as enumerated in sections fifth and sixth of this Constitution, together with all

Past Grand High Priests, Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Past Grand Kings and Past Grand Scribes of this Grand Chapter (so long as they shall continue members of subordinate Chapters within its jurisdiction), and the first three officers of each warranted Chapter, working under the authority of this Grand Chapter, or the proxies of such officers duly appointed.

Annual Convocations and Quorum.

SEC. 4. The Annual Convocations of this Grand Chapter shall be held at the City of Albany, on the first Tuesday in February. The representatives of five Chapters, together with at least one of the first four elective Grand Officers, shall constitute a quorum.

Elective Officers.

SEC. 5. The Elective Officers of this Grand Chapter shall be

The Grand High Priest,
The Deputy Grand High Priest,
The Grand King,
The Grand Scribe,
The Grand Treasurer,
The Grand Secretary, and
The Grand Chaplain.

Appointed Officers.

SEC. 6. The Appointed Officers of this Grand Chapter shall be

The Grand Captain of the Host,
The Grand Principal Sojourner,
The Grand Royal Arch Captain,
Three Grand Masters of the Vails,
The Grand Lecturer, and
The Grand Tiler.

Eligibility to Office.

SEC. 7. None but High Priests or Past High Priests shall be eligible to any office in this Grand Chapter, except that of Grand Tiler.

Officers—How Chosen.

SEC. 8. The Elective Officers of this Grand Chapter shall be chosen at each Annual Convocation, by ballot, and by a majority of all the votes cast. The Appointed Officers shall be selected by the Grand High Priest, and hold office during his pleasure. And all officers of this Grand Chapter shall be contributing members of a subordinate Chapter within this jurisdiction.

Installation of Officers.

SEC. 9. The installation of the officers of this Grand Chapter shall take place during the Annual Convocation at which they are elected, unless the Grand Chapter shall otherwise order.

Votes and Voters.

SEC. 10. Each officer and permanent member of this Grand Chapter shall be entitled to one vote, and a Chapter of fifty members or less shall be entitled to three votes, and an additional vote for each additional fifty members. Each representative of a Chapter present shall be entitled to cast one vote, and the other votes, if any, to which such Chapter shall be entitled, shall be cast by the senior officer present.

A Grand Officer may act in the Grand Chapter as a representative of the Chapter to which he belongs.

Pay of Officers and Permanent Members.

SEC. 11. Each officer and permanent member attending the Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter shall be entitled to receive from its funds the regular fare charged

by the most direct public conveyance to and from his residence, and five dollars per day for travel and attendance, allowing not more than one day each way for going and returning.

Pay of Representatives.

SEC. 12. One representative from each Chapter within this jurisdiction shall be entitled to the same pay as specified in the foregoing section, unless he shall be also a Grand Officer or permanent member of this Grand Chapter; but no representative shall be entitled to receive pay until the dues of his Chapter are fully paid.

Grand High Priest.

SEC. 13. The Grand High Priest shall exercise all the executive and judicial functions of this Grand Chapter during its recess; and shall, at each Annual Convocation, communicate in writing a statement of his official acts during such recess, and recommend such measures as he may deem expedient.

He shall also have power to appoint representatives of this Grand Chapter near other recognized Grand Chapters, and to receive and accredit representatives of other recognized Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter.

Deputy Grand High Priest.

SEC. 14. The Deputy Grand High Priest shall have power

To grant dispensations for new Chapters;

To order elections when such have not been held, or were illegal;

To authorize the installation of officers after the constitutional time has expired;

To order elections to fill vacancies; and to exercise such other executive or judicial functions as may be delegated to him by the Grand High Priest.

Succession in Office.

SEC. 15. In case of the death, absence, or inability of the Grand High Priest, or a vacancy in^{his} office, the Deputy Grand High Priest, the Grand King and^{the} Grand Scribe shall in order of rank succeed to his prerogatives and duties for all purposes.

Grand Treasurer.

SEC. 16. It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to take charge of all the funds, property, securities and vouchers of this Grand Chapter, under the direction of the trustees; to pay all orders duly drawn by direction of the Grand Chapter; to report annually to the Grand Chapter his receipts and disbursements by items, and the amount of moneys and securities in his hands.

Grand Secretary.

SEC. 17. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to record the transactions of the Grand Chapter; to keep a registry of members of subordinate Chapters; to receive, duly file and safely keep all papers and documents of the Grand Chapter; to sign and certify all instruments issued by the Grand Chapter; to receive and keep a proper account of all moneys of the Grand Chapter, and pay the same without delay to the Grand Treasurer, and report the same by items to the Grand Chapter annually; to report the Chapters that have neglected to render proper returns of their elections, members and dues; and to conduct the correspondence of the Grand Chapter under the direction of the Grand High Priest.

Foreign Correspondence.

SEC. 18. A Committee on Foreign Correspondence shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest at each Annual Convocation, and shall serve during the recess of the Grand

Chapter. They shall cause their report to be printed prior to the opening of the Grand Chapter.

Other Official Duties.

SEC. 19. It shall be the duty of the several officers of the Grand Chapter, in addition to the duties herein specifically mentioned, to perform such other duties appertaining to their offices as shall from time to time be directed by the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE II.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

Organization.

SEC. 20. A Chapter can only be organized by the dispensation of the Grand High Priest or Deputy Grand High Priest, or the warrant of the Grand Chapter, and in each case only upon the application of not less than nine regular Royal Arch Masons.

Dispensation and Petitioners—How Qualified.

SEC. 21. No dispensation to form a new Chapter shall issue without the recommendation of the Chapter nearest to the place where the new Chapter is to be held, nor unless the petitioners therefor shall show that they are Royal Arch Masons and in good standing as such; and no warrant shall be issued until the Chapter shall have given proof of its skill by labor under dispensation, and furnished a certificate from the nearest Chapter, or from the Grand Lecturer, of its ability to confer the degrees; nor shall a dispensation issue to form a new Chapter within two months next preceding the Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

The petition to form a new Chapter must show the present or last Chapter membership of each petitioner, who must pay all his indebtedness for annual dues to the Chapter to which he belonged to the date of forwarding such petition to the Grand High Priest or Deputy Grand High Priest, and vouchers for such payment must accompany the petition.

The dimits of such petitioners as are unaffiliated, or are members of Chapters without the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, must also accompany the petition for a dispensation to form a new Chapter.

The membership of the petitioners for a dispensation to form a new Chapter shall be suspended in the Chapters to which they have belonged, as soon as such dispensation shall issue. But the membership of such of the petitioners as, at the time of the presentation of the petition, were members of Chapters within this jurisdiction, shall revive in such Chapters in case a warrant for a new Chapter shall not be granted; or, if they so elect, at the expiration of the dispensation, provided they shall give notice of such election to the Chapter under dispensation. Such notice shall be in writing and delivered to the High Priest or Secretary of the Chapter under dispensation, or in open Chapter, on or before the last Convocation held under the dispensation, and a correct return shall be made to the Grand Secretary of the actual membership of the proposed new Chapter. And when the warrant shall issue, the Grand Secretary shall notify all Chapters concerned of the revival of any membership therein.

Chapters under dispensation shall be allowed to affiliate regular Royal Arch Masons under the same conditions as warranted Chapters.

The dues to the Grand Chapter for the members of a Chapter under dispensation to the close of the current Masonic year, must be paid by the Chapter under dispensation.

The power of a Chapter under dispensation to confer degrees shall cease at its regular Convocation next preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day; and all dispensations issued to form new Chapters shall terminate on that day.

No warrant shall be granted to any Chapter by a name already borne by one of the warranted Chapters within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

Fee for Dispensation.

SEC. 22. The fee for a dispensation to form a new Chapter shall be ninety dollars, which shall accompany the petition for the same. It shall also be accounted as payment in full for a warrant if afterwards granted.

Warranted Chapters.

SEC. 23. A warranted Chapter within this jurisdiction shall consist of

1. The High Priest,
2. The King,
3. The Scribe,
4. The Treasurer,
5. The Secretary,
6. The Captain of the Host,
7. The Principal Sojourner,
8. The Royal Arch Captain,
9. The Master of the Third Vail,
10. The Master of the Second Vail,
11. The Master of the First Vail,
12. The Tiler,

and as many members as may be convenient, congregating and working by virtue of a warrant from this Grand Chapter, and at the place designated in the warrant or by the Grand Chapter.

Officers—When and How Chosen.

SEC. 24. The first five officers named in the preceding section shall be elected annually, by ballot and by a majority of all the votes cast, at the regular Convocation of the Chapter next preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day. The remaining officers shall be appointed by the High Priest, immediately after his installation, and shall serve during his pleasure.

Who are Voters.

SEC. 25. Every member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote, and shall be eligible to any office in the Chapter.

Installation.

SEC. 26. The installation of officers of a Chapter shall take place at the time of election, or within thirty-five days thereafter.

Vacancies in Office.

SEC. 27. Vacancies in elective offices can only occur by death, by resignation, by removal after election beyond the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, by promotion at an election to fill vacancies, and by suspension or expulsion, but the first three elective offices cannot be vacated by resignation.

Vacancies—How Filled.

SEC. 28. A Chapter may fill a vacancy in any elective office (except that of High Priest,) by ballot, at any regular Convocation; but in case of a vacancy in the office of High Priest, an election can only be held at a regular Convocation, (the members having been duly summoned for that purpose,) and by virtue of a dispensation from the Grand High Priest, or the Deputy Grand High Priest, which must be applied for by the King and Scribe and a

vote of a majority of all the members present at a regular Convocation, to be so certified by the Secretary under the seal of the Chapter.

Removal of Chapter.

SEC. 29. A Chapter shall not remove its place of meeting from the city, town or village named in its warrant, nor from one place to another in the same city, town or village, except by vote of two-thirds of the members present at a summoned Convocation, the object of the Convocation being stated in the summons, which must be served at least ten days previous to such Convocation; and such removal from the city, town or village must receive the consent of all the Chapters whose jurisdiction would be affected by such removal, and the approval of this Grand Chapter, previous thereto.

By-Laws.

SEC. 30. A Chapter has full power and authority to enact by-laws for its own government, not in conflict with this Constitution; and any by-law inconsistent therewith is absolutely void. And all by-laws governing the dimission of members shall embrace the principle, that a companion clear of the books of his Chapter and against whom no charges are pending, shall, on his personal or written application at a regular Convocation, by order of the High Priest, receive a dimit without further action by the Chapter.

Dues, and How Collected.

SEC. 31. A Chapter may make by-laws regulating the payment of dues and assessments for necessary Masonic purposes from its members, and provide penalties for the enforcement thereof; but no greater penalty shall be inflicted than the suspension of the companion in arrears, which shall cease upon the payment of such dues and assessments to such time as the by-laws shall direct. No

suspension of a companion for the non-payment of dues or assessments shall be ordered except upon notice to him of at least four weeks to pay the same, or to show cause at a regular Convocation of the Chapter why he should not be suspended.

Annual Returns and Dues to Grand Chapter.

SEC. 32. Every Chapter within this jurisdiction shall make annual returns to this Grand Chapter of all its work to St. John the Evangelist's Day in each year, in the form prescribed by the Grand Chapter, and pay into the treasury of this Grand Chapter the sum of three dollars for the advancement of every brother, and the sum of fifty cents as annual dues for every member, reckoning from St. John the Evangelist's Day next succeeding exaltation or affiliation: said sums to be due and payable at the Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter; and such returns shall be transmitted to the Grand Secretary on or before the tenth day of January in each year.

Chapters—How Dissolved.

SEC. 33. A Chapter can only be dissolved by the act of the Grand Chapter, or by a voluntary surrender of its warrant pursuant to a vote of its members, when duly summoned for that purpose; but no warrant shall be surrendered provided nine members of the Chapter vote against such surrender.

Warrant—How Forfeited or Suspended.

SEC. 34. The warrant of a Chapter can be forfeited only upon charges regularly made in Grand Chapter at its Annual Convocation, of which due notice shall be given to the Chapter and an opportunity of being heard in defence; but it may be suspended by the Grand High Priest, for any cause which he shall deem sufficient: but such suspension shall not extend beyond the next Annual Convocation.

Acts by which Warrant may be Forfeited.

SEC. 35. The acts for either of which a warrant may be forfeited are contumacy to the authority of the Grand Chapter or the Grand High Priest; violation of the fundamental principles of Royal Arch Masonry, or of the provisions of this Constitution; neglecting to meet for one year or more; the non-payment of dues to the Grand Chapter for two years successively; and a neglect or refusal to practice the Standard Work of the General Grand Chapter as promulgated by this Grand Chapter.

Chapter Deprived of Warrant or Dispensation.

SEC. 36. The surrender or forfeiture of a warrant or dispensation, when adjudged by the Grand Chapter, shall be conclusive upon the Chapter and its members, and shall carry with it all the property of the Chapter, which shall become the property of the Grand Chapter, and, on demand, shall be surrendered to the Grand Chapter or its authorized agent; excepting therefrom the property and funds of such Chapters as may have availed themselves of the provisions of and powers conferred by Chapter 317 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed April 2, 1866, entitled "An Act to enable Lodges and Chapters of Free and Accepted Masons to take, hold and convey real and personal estate."

Charges and Trials.

SEC. 37. If any member of a Chapter, or unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason within this jurisdiction, shall be guilty of a Masonic misdemeanor which would subject him to discipline, charges, with distinct specifications of the offense, shall be preferred in open Chapter; and it shall be the duty of the acting High Priest to appoint three disinterested companions as commissioners to try the accused upon said charges and specifications, and to report their

proceedings to the Chapter with all convenient speed, with their conclusions thereon, for the action of the Chapter. The decision of the Chapter upon the report of the commission shall be final, unless an appeal be taken therefrom to the Grand Chapter, or to the Grand High Priest, within six months thereafter.

In case charges shall be preferred against a Chapter or a High Priest, or by one Chapter against another, or by a member of one Chapter against a member of another, such charges shall be submitted to the Grand Chapter when in session, and, when not in session, to the Grand High Priest. When submitted to the Grand High Priest, he shall appoint three commissioners (who shall be High Priests or Past High Priests) from Chapters not interested in the case, and they shall hear, try and determine the matter, reporting their proceedings, conclusions and decision thereon to the Grand High Priest; and their decision, if approved by him, shall be final, unless an appeal shall be taken to the Grand Chapter within six months thereafter. The accused shall in all cases have the right to be heard in his own defence, personally or by Masonic counsel, or both, before the Chapter or the commissioners. Every member of a Chapter present when a vote for the suspension or expulsion of a companion shall be taken, shall vote thereon; and a majority of the votes of all the companions present shall be necessary for such suspension or expulsion.

Appeals.

SEC. 38. Appeals may be taken from the decision of a Chapter to the Grand High Priest, who shall have power to hear and determine the same upon the matters presented to him upon the appeal papers, and not upon new or additional statements or evidence: subject to a further appeal to the Grand Chapter.

Suspension by Lodge.

SEC. 39. The membership of any companion in a Chapter within this jurisdiction shall be suspended whenever, for any cause, he shall be suspended in the Lodge to which he belongs.

Restoration by Subordinate Chapter.

SEC. 40. No Chapter within this jurisdiction shall restore a companion, who has been suspended or expelled after trial upon charges, except upon a written application of such companion for restoration. Such application shall not be acted upon until one month shall have elapsed after its presentation.

Restoration by Grand Chapter.

SEC. 41. A restoration to the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry by the Grand Chapter shall not restore to membership in a subordinate Chapter. But a reversal of the decision by which a companion shall have been suspended or expelled, shall restore him to all his former rights and privileges as a Royal Arch Mason in such Chapter.

Witnesses, and Expenses of Trial.

SEC. 42. The High Priest of any Chapter shall summon witnesses in any case provided for in Section 37; and the expenses which may be incurred by commissioners appointed under the provisions of such section shall be borne by one or both of the parties, as the commission may determine; and the amount of such expenses, and their decision as to who shall be chargeable with the same, shall be set forth in their report, and payment may be enforced in the same manner as Chapter or Grand Chapter dues.

Charges Against High Priest.

SEC. 43. Charges against a High Priest of a Chapter, for official misconduct while holding the office of High Priest, must be presented to the Grand Chapter, or to the Grand High Priest, during his term of office or within one year thereafter.

Other Rules for Trial.

SEC. 44. The Grand Chapter may establish such further regulations as to the mode and form of trials and appeals as it may deem expedient.

ARTICLE III.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Who Present at Election in Grand Chapter.

SEC. 45. None but members of the Grand Chapter (past or present officers and representatives of other Grand Chapters excepted) shall be present during the election of officers.

Who may Visit Grand Chapter.

SEC. 46. No companion shall be permitted to sit as a visitor in the Grand Chapter without unanimous consent of the members present.

The Order of High Priesthood.

SEC. 47. The control of the Order of High Priesthood is vested in the Grand Chapter, and it is the imperative duty of every High Priest elect to receive the Order, which shall be conferred, under the direction of the Grand Chapter, on

the evening of the first day of the Annual Convocation and without fee, none being present but regularly anointed High Priests; and no High Priest shall be permitted to exercise any of the duties of his office after the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter next succeeding his election, until he shall have received the Order of High Priesthood.

The Grand High Priest, or Deputy Grand High Priest, shall have power to grant a dispensation for the assembling of a Convention of not less than three duly anointed High Priests, to confer said Order on the newly elected High Priest of a Chapter, under such restrictions and upon such conditions as said officers may deem proper to impose, but in all cases without fee.

Standard Work.

SEC. 48. Every Chapter shall adopt and practice the Standard Work and Lectures of the General Grand Chapter of the United States as promulgated by this Grand Chapter.

Grand Lecturer.

SEC. 49. It shall be the duty of the Grand Lecturer, when required by a Chapter, to visit and instruct its members in the work and lectures of the several degrees, and such Chapter shall pay a reasonable compensation therefor. It shall also be his duty to attend the Annual Convocations of this Grand Chapter, and to exemplify before it, or a committee thereof, some portion or all of the standard work and lectures of the General Grand Chapter — of which he shall be the custodian, subject to the direction of the Grand Council. Compensation (not exceeding five hundred dollars annually) may, in the discretion of the Grand Chapter, be paid the Grand Lecturer. He may also authorize, by a commission in writing, any discreet and well-informed companion to instruct any Chapter or Chapters, applying for such services, in the standard work and lectures of the General Grand Chapter, the expense thereof to be borne by such Chapters.

New Chapters — How Constituted.

SEC. 50. Whenever a dispensation or warrant shall issue to authorize the holding of a new Chapter, the same shall be duly constituted and its officers installed by the Grand High Priest, the Deputy Grand High Priest, or the duly authorized proxy of one of them, previous to which ceremony no Convocation of the Chapter can be legally held.

Who Presides in Chapter.

SEC. 51. The High Priest shall preside at the several Convocations of the Chapter, but in case of his absence the King or Scribe only shall, in order of rank, succeed him, provided such King or Scribe shall have lawful custody of the warrant; and no appeal to the Chapter can be taken from the decision of the High Priest, King, or Scribe, while presiding.

Chapter Seal and Books.

SEC. 52. Every Chapter shall have a seal, and shall also keep the following books:

1. A Book of By-laws with the signatures of the members.
2. A Record Book of the proceedings of the Chapter.
3. A Register of the names of members, with the date of receiving the different degrees, etc.
4. A Book of Marks.
5. An Alphabetical List of expulsions, suspensions and rejections, and such other books as the Chapter shall direct.

Petitions and Fees for Degrees.

SEC. 53. The degrees of the Chapter shall not be conferred for a less sum than twenty dollars, (all of which must be paid before receiving the Mark Degree,) and then only upon Master Masons in good standing, whose petitions shall

have been duly presented in writing at a regular Convocation, reported upon by a committee of investigation, and unanimously accepted by the Chapter. And a petition for the degrees or for membership shall not be balloted on before the next regular Convocation succeeding its reception. The ballot must be inviolably secret, and it shall be the duty of every member of the Chapter present, to vote; and a petition for the degrees having been referred to a committee cannot be withdrawn, but must be acted on by ballot.

Rejected Candidates.

SEC. 54. A petition for the degrees having been rejected, cannot again be received within the period of three months, nor by any other than the rejecting Chapter, without first obtaining its consent.

Waiver of Jurisdiction.

SEC. 55. A majority vote in a Chapter shall be sufficient to give jurisdiction to another Chapter to act upon the petition of a candidate who is under the jurisdiction of the Chapter so voting. And jurisdiction thus acquired shall be vested in such other Chapter, and shall be as complete as original jurisdiction.

Effect of Objection to Further Advancement.

SEC. 56. If, after a candidate has been elected to receive the degrees in a Chapter, and before he shall have received the degree of Mark Master, a demand shall be made by a member in good standing for a new ballot, the ballot must be had, and if it result in a rejection it shall have the same effect as if he had been rejected on the first ballot.

If, after a candidate shall have received the degree of Mark Master, a demand shall be made for a ballot on his advancement, such demand must be seconded by a majority of the members present at the Convocation of the Chapter

at which such demand is made, in order to secure a ballot. But the High Priest has the right in his discretion to delay the advancement of a candidate without a ballot.

Jurisdiction over Candidates.

SEC. 57. A Chapter shall not confer the degrees upon a candidate who resides nearer some other Chapter, without the consent of such Chapter; nor upon a candidate who resides in another State, without the consent of the Chapter within whose jurisdiction he resides; but two or more Chapters located in the same city or village shall be accounted as equally near, and shall have concurrent jurisdiction within such city or village; and the Chapters in the cities of New York and Brooklyn shall have one and the same jurisdiction.

Proxies.

SEC. 58. Each warranted Chapter within this jurisdiction shall be entitled to be represented in this Grand Chapter by its first three officers, in person or by proxy. In case of the inability of either of said officers to attend a Convocation of the Grand Chapter, the Chapter (or, in case of its failure to do so, its High Priest or acting High Priest,) may appoint any member of the Chapter to act as his proxy.

Such proxy shall be furnished with a certificate of appointment over the signature of the High Priest, or acting High Priest, attested by the Secretary, and under the seal of the Chapter.

Amendments.

SEC. 59. No amendment to this Constitution shall be made, unless it shall have been approved by the vote of a majority of the members present and voting at one Annual Convocation, and adopted by a vote of two-thirds of all the members present and voting at the next Annual Convocation.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Grand Chapter shall convene at eleven o'clock, A. M., on the first day of its Annual Convocation until otherwise ordered.

2. At the sound of the gavel from the East, the Grand Officers shall take their respective stations and the members be seated.

3. The Grand Chapter shall be opened in due and ancient form.

4. The Standing Committee on Credentials, which shall consist of the Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Captain of the Host, shall report.

5. The Grand Secretary shall read the minutes of all previous Convocations not before read and approved.

6. The Grand High Priest shall deliver his annual address.

7. The Deputy Grand High Priest and other Grand Officers shall make their annual reports.

8. The Grand High Priest shall appoint the following Standing Committees, each consisting of five companions :

I. A Committee on Finance and Accounts, to whom shall be referred all subjects involving an appropriation of funds except pay of members.

II. A Committee on Warrants.

III. A Committee on Jurisprudence.

IV. A Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

V. A Committee on Pay of Officers and Members.

VI. A Committee on Charity.

And also a Committee on Foreign Correspondence,
consisting of three members.

All of which Committees, except the last, shall be discharged by the closing of the Grand Chapter.

9. No companion shall speak more than once to the same question, unless by permission of the Grand Chapter.

10. Votes may be taken by show of hands, unless a vote by Chapters is called for, which must be seconded by the representatives of at least five Chapters.

11. These Rules of Order shall not be suspended except by unanimous consent, but may be amended at any time by a vote of two-thirds of all the members present.

12. All former rules of order inconsistent herewith are hereby abrogated.

AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE THE GRAND CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

Passed March 31, 1818.

Whereas it is represented to the Legislature, by the Grand Chapter of Freemasons of the State of New York, that they experience great difficulties in vesting and securing their funds, which are chiefly intended for charitable purposes; and that they wish to purchase and hold a lot of ground for the purpose of erecting thereon a Masonic Hall: Therefore,

I. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly,* That Ezra Ames, Richard Hatfield, Joseph Enos, jr., John Brush, Ebenezer Wadsworth and Isaac Hempsted, and their associates, be, and they are hereby declared a body politic and corporate, in fact and in name, by the name of the "Grand Chapter of the State of New York;" and by that name they and their successors shall and may have succession, and be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, defending and being defended, in all courts and places whatsoever, in all manner of actions, suits, complaints, matters and causes whatsoever, and that they may have a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure.

II. *And be it further enacted,* That their election of officers shall be made annually, at such time and place, and

subject to such rules and regulations, as the said Grand Chapter shall from time to time direct; and that the first four officers, together with the secretary and treasurer for the time being, shall always be the trustees, and have the management of the concerns of the said Grand Chapter: *Provided always*, That all appropriations of the funds of the said Chapter shall be made by the trustees aforesaid, by and with the consent of a majority of the members thereof, present at their annual meetings.

III. *And be it further enacted*, That the trustees aforesaid, and their successors, by the name aforesaid, shall be in law capable of purchasing, holding, selling and conveying any estate, real and personal, for the use and benefit of the said Chapter, not exceeding fifty thousand dollars in value: *Provided*, That no real estate or lot of ground shall be purchased or held by the said trustees, except for the purpose of building and erecting a Masonic Hall thereon; and that the powers of the said trustees in relation to their personal estate, shall be confined to the vesting and securing of their funds, and the transfer and distribution thereof, for the ordinary and usual purposes of the said Chapter: *And provided also*, That this act shall in no wise affect any other or subordinate Chapter in this State.

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall be taken and deemed to be a public act, and that it shall and may be lawful for the Legislature, at any time hereafter, to alter or repeal the same.

AN ACT

FOR INCORPORATING THE TRUSTEES OF A
SUBORDINATE CHAPTER.

CHAPTER 317.

AN ACT to enable Lodges and Chapters of Free and Accepted Masons to Take, Hold, and Convey Real and Personal Estate. Passed April 2, 1866.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Whenever any Lodge or Chapter of Free and Accepted Masons which is or hereafter may be duly chartered by and installed according to the General Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, shall be desirous of having the benefit of this act, it shall and may be lawful for such Lodge or Chapter, at any regular communication or convocation thereof, held in accordance with the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Lodge or Chapter aforesaid, and in conformity to its own by-laws, to elect three trustees for such Lodge or Chapter for the purpose aforesaid, a certificate of which election and purpose shall be made and subscribed by the first three elective officers of such Lodge or Chapter, under their hands, and stating therein the time and place of such election, the regularity thereof, the names of said trustees, and the terms severally for which they are allotted to serve, and the name of the Lodge or Chapter for which they are

elected. The execution of such certificate shall be acknowledged or proved before some officer authorized to take the acknowledgment of deeds, who shall indorse thereon a certificate of such acknowledgment, under his hand, and the same shall then be filed in the office of the Secretary of State. Such trustees and their successors shall thereupon be and become entitled to all the benefits, rights and privileges granted by this act; to and for the use and behoof of said Lodge or Chapter, and a copy of said certificate, certified by the Secretary of State, or his deputy, shall be evidence of the right of said trustees to exercise all the rights and privileges conferred by this act; and said trustees shall thereupon be authorized to take and hold and convey real and personal estate, for the charitable purposes of said Lodge or Chapter, not exceeding the clear and annual value of ten thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. The persons so first elected trustees shall be divided by lot by said officers making said certificate, so that the term of one shall expire on the day of the festival of St. John the Evangelist next thereafter, and another in one year, and the third in two years thereafter. One trustee shall annually thereafter prior to the expiration of the terms of office of said trustees and their successors, be elected by said Lodge or Chapter by ballot, in the same manner and at the same time as the first three officers thereof severally are or shall be elected according to the Constitution, By-laws, and General Regulations aforesaid, and a certificate of said election, under the hands of said officers, and the seal of said Lodge or Chapter, if they have one, shall be made and shall be evidence of said election, and entitle said person so elected to act as trustee. Said Lodge or Chapter may, at any regular communication or convocation, fill any vacancy that may have occurred in said board of trustees, to be certified in like manner and with like effect as at an annual election. The person so elected shall hold his office for and during the term of the trustee whose place he was elected to fill.

SEC. 3. If any person so elected trustee shall die, resign, dimit, or be suspended or expelled from said Lodge or Chapter, remove from the State, or become insane, or otherwise incapacitated for performing the duties of said trust, his office as trustee shall therefor be deemed vacant, and said Lodge or Chapter may thereafter, at any regular meeting, fill such vacancy, in the manner and with the effect stated in the last section.

SEC. 4. The trustees of any Lodge or Chapter, and their successors, shall be and are hereby authorized to take, hold, and convey, by and under the direction of said Lodge or Chapter, and for the use and benefit thereof, all the temporalities and property belonging thereto, whether consisting of real or personal estate and whether the same shall have been given, granted or devised directly to such Lodge or Chapter or to any person or persons for their use, or in trust for them or their benefit, and also in their individual names, with the addition of their title of trustees aforesaid, to sue and be sued in all courts and places having jurisdiction, and to recover, hold, and enjoy, in trust and subject as aforesaid, all the debts, demands, rights, and privileges, and all Masonic Halls, with the appurtenances, and all other estate and property belonging to such Lodges and Chapters, in whatsoever manner the same may have been acquired, or in whose name soever the same may be held, as fully and amply as if the right or title thereto had originally been vested in said trustees, and also to purchase and hold for the purposes and subject as aforesaid, other real and personal estate, and to demise, lease, and improve the same; and such Lodge or Chapter shall have power to make rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the laws of this State, nor contrary to the constitution or general regulations of the Grand Body to which it shall be subordinate, for managing the temporal affairs of such Lodge or Chapter, and to dispose of its property and all other temporal concerns and revenue thereof, and the secretary and treasurer of such Lodge or Chapter, duly elected and installed according to the constitution and general regulations

aforesaid, shall, for the time being, be *ex officio* the secretary and treasurer of said trustees.

SEC. 5. Nothing in this act contained shall be construed or taken to give to such trustees of any Lodge or Chapter, the power to purchase, sell, convey, or dispose of any property, real or personal, of such Lodge or Chapter, nor shall they have such power except by and under the direction of such Lodge or Chapter, duly had at a regular or stated communication or convocation thereof, according to the constitution and general regulations aforesaid, and said trustees shall at all times obey and abide by the directions, orders, and resolutions of said Lodge or Chapter, duly passed at any regular or stated communication or convocation thereof, according to and not contravening the constitution and laws of this State, or of the Grand Body to which it shall be subordinate, or of the Lodge or Chapter aforesaid. *Provided*, that in case said Lodge or Chapter shall surrender its warrant to the Grand Body to which the same shall be subordinate, as aforesaid, or shall be expelled or become extinct, according to the constitution and general regulations aforesaid, it shall be the duty of said trustees then in office, out of the property aforesaid, to satisfy all just debts due from such Lodge or Chapter, and the residue of said property shall be transferred to the "Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund," a corporation created by an act entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund," passed April twenty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty-four; and unless reclaimed by said Lodge or Chapter within three years after said transfer, in accordance with the constitution and general regulations aforesaid, the same, with the avails or increase thereof, shall be applied by said trustees last mentioned, to the benevolent purposes for which said trustees were created in and by said act.

SEC. 6. It shall and may be lawful for any Lodge or Chapter, or the trustees or officers thereof, under the direction of such Lodge or Chapter, heretofore incorporated by the laws of this State, or thereby enabled to take and hold

real and personal estate or both, to surrender such act of incorporation, charter, or privilege, and to be enabled to take and hold property, with all the rights and subject to all the provisions of this act, on making and filing the certificate in the manner specified in the first section of this act, and therein stating, in addition to what is therein required, the surrender of said act, charter or privilege, referring to and specifying the same, and on such certificate being so made and filed, the Lodge or Chapter making and filing the same shall thereupon be deemed as having fully surrendered such incorporation, charter, or right, and its property shall be fully vested in the trustees specified in said certificate, and their successors, with all the rights, powers, and privileges, and subject to all the provisions of this act.

SEC. 7. No board of trustees for any Lodge or Chapter, filing the certificate aforesaid, shall be deemed to be dissolved for any neglect or omission to elect a trustee annually or fill any vacancy or vacancies that may occur or exist at any time in said board; but it shall and may be lawful for said Lodge or Chapter to fill such vacancy or vacancies at any regular communication thereafter to be held, and till a vacancy arising from the expiration of the term of office of a trustee is filled, as aforesaid, he shall continue to hold the said office and perform the duties thereof.

SEC. 8. This act shall be deemed a public act, and be benignly construed in all courts and places, to effectuate the objects thereof.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
Office of the Secretary of State. }

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

FRANCIS C. BARLOW,
Secretary of State.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE,

TO BE USED BY CHAPTERS DESIRING TO INCORPORATE THEIR TRUSTEES UNDER
THE PROVISIONS OF THE ABOVE
ACT.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
County of }
..... }

We, the undersigned, the first three elective officers ofChapter, No.....of Free and Accepted Masons, duly chartered by and installed according to the General Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, do hereby certify that, at a regular convocation of said Chapter held at their Hall in....., on theday of....., in the year 18...., in accordance with the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Chapter aforesaid, and in conformity to their By-laws, the said Chapter being desirous of having the benefits and privileges conferred by an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled, "An Act to enable Lodges and Chapters of Free and Accepted Masons to Take, Hold, and Convey Real and Personal Estate," passed April 2, 1866, did, then and there, proceed to elect three Trustees for such Chapter, for the purpose aforesaid, and whose terms of office were allotted, by the undersigned, as prescribed in said act.

And the undersigned do further certify, that said election was regularly conducted, according to the Constitution and

General Rules and Regulations of the said Grand Chapter, and the By-laws of the Chapter aforesaid; that the names of said Trustees, and the terms, severally, for which they were allotted to serve, are as follows: ———, whose term will expire on the day of the festival of St. John the Evangelist next after said election; ———, whose term will expire in one year thereafter; and ———, whose term will expire in two years thereafter.

In testimony whereof, we the undersigned, the first three elective officers of said Chapter have hereto set our hands this day of, in the year 18

——— *High Priest.*

——— *King.*

——— *Scribe.*

Signed in presence of

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
County of }
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I, the undersigned, an officer duly authorized by law to take the acknowledgment of deeds, do hereby certify, that on the day of, in the year 18, in the of, in the said county, before me personally appeared, with whom I am personally acquainted, and know to be the first three elective officers, viz., High Priest, King and Scribe of the Chapter specified in the foregoing instrument, and the persons and officers described therein, and who have subscribed the same, and who, each, then and there, severally acknowledged the execution by them of the foregoing certificate.

(The Judge, Commissioner, Justice, or Notary Public before whom the certificate is acknowledged will sign this certificate officially. In case he does not personally know the subscribers, they can be identified by some witness who does know them, and the certificate can be altered accordingly. The certificate must then be sent to the Secretary of State and a copy sent to the Grand Secretary.)

MASONIC CODE OF PROCEDURE

PREPARED BY

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AND

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I. TRIALS.

§ 1. A Masonic trial is the judicial examination of the issues arising on complaints for offenses before the Grand Chapter or Commissioners, whether they be issues of law or fact.

§ 2. Masonic offenses which subject the individual offender to trial and punishment, are of four kinds:

1. Offenses against statutory laws, being such as are called crimes, divided into felonies and misdemeanors.

2. Offenses at common law, not made crimes by statute; such as assault and battery.

3. Offenses against the moral law, not punishable as crimes; such as adultery and fraud; and

4. Offenses against the Constitutions and laws of Masonry, written or unwritten.

§ 3. The penalties which may be inflicted upon an individual Mason for an offense, are

1. Reprimand or censure.

2. Suspension for a definite time; and

3. Expulsion.

§ 4. Masonic offenses may also be committed by a Chapter, in the particulars defined by the Constitutions, and not otherwise, and which are:

1. Contumacy to the authority of the Grand Chapter, or the Grand High Priest.

2. Violation of the fundamental principles of Royal Arch Masonry, or of the Grand Constitutions;

3. Neglecting to meet as a Chapter for one year or more; and

4. Non-payment of dues to the Grand Chapter for two years successively.

§ 5. Every Royal Arch Mason, and every Chapter accused of a Masonic offense, must be proceeded against by written charges, called a complaint, and notified thereof, and each is entitled to a speedy and impartial trial.

§ 6. Any Royal Arch Mason in good standing may prefer a complaint to the proper authority against any other Royal Arch Mason, or against a Chapter, and may be a witness on the trial.

§ 7. A complaint must be in writing, and contain an orderly statement of the facts constituting a Masonic offense, and should be brief but comprehensive, avoiding repetition, and clearly defining the nature of the offense charged, with an accurate specification of the time, place and circumstances of its alleged commission.

§ 8. A complaint preferred in a Chapter should be substantially in the form designated as "FORM No. 1," or as designated as "FORM No. 2," or as "FORM No. 3," as examples; and which may readily be adapted to any other case of Masonic offense.

(FORM No. 1.)

THE COMPLAINT.

"To the High Priest, King and Scribe, and Companions of Alpha Chapter, No. 400:

Charge.—Comp. A. B. is hereby charged with *immoral and unmasonic conduct*.

First Specification.—That the said A. B., on the first day of April, 1859, in the public street at Freetown, in the County of ———, and then being a member of said Chapter, was in a state of intoxication from the immoderate and improper use of intoxicating liquors; in violation of his duty as a Royal Arch Mason, and to the scandal and disgrace of his companions.

Second Specification.—That the said A. B., on the first day of April, 1859, at Freetown aforesaid, and at various other times and places in the year 1859, was intoxicated with strong and

spirituous liquors, although admonished therefor by his companions, in violation of his duty as a Royal Arch Mason, and to the great scandal and disgrace of his companions.

And it is hereby demanded that the said A. B. be dealt with therefor according to Masonic law and usage.

Dated, April 9, 1859.

S. L.”

(FORM No. 2.)

THE COMPLAINT.—(ANOTHER FORM.)

“To the High Priest, King and Scribe, and Companions of Alpha Chapter, No. 400:

Charge.—Comp. C. D. is hereby charged with *immoral and unmasonic conduct*.

First Specification.—That the said C. D., on the first day of April, 1859, at Freetown, in the County of——, and then being a member of said Chapter, in the presence and hearing of Comp. E. F. and others, spoke and uttered of Comp. G. H., of Beta Chapter, No. 401, these words in substance: that the said G. H. was a dishonest man; that he was a knave and a cheat; and that he was a liar; to the great injury of the said G. H., and to the common scandal and disgrace of his companions.

Second Specification.—That the said C. D., on the first day of April, 1859, at Freetown aforesaid, in the presence and hearing of Mr. T. Y. Z. and others, publicly spoke and declared of the said G. H., who was not present, that he, the said G. H., was a dishonest man, a knave, a cheat, and a liar, in violation of the duties of the said C. D. as a Royal Arch Mason, to the great injury of the said G. H., and to the common scandal and disgrace of said Beta Chapter, No. 401, and of all Royal Arch Masons.

And it is therefore hereby demanded that the said C. D. be put upon trial therefor.

Dated, April 9th, 1859.

S. L.”

(FORM No. 3.)

THE COMPLAINT.—(ANOTHER FORM.)

“To the High Priest, King and Scribe, and Companions of Alpha Chapter, No. 400:

Charge.—Comp. E. F., is hereby charged with *unmasonic conduct*.

Specification.—That heretofore said Alpha Chapter adopted a code of By-laws, and among other things, provided by section 21 of said By-laws, which has ever since been and is in full force, in substance and effect, that said Chapter might tax its members for Masonic purposes; that at a stated convocation of said Chapter, held on the 24th day of December, 1858, said Chapter adopted a resolution to impose a tax upon each of its members of three dollars, to purchase necessary furniture for said Chapter; that on said last mentioned day said E. F. was a member of said Chapter, and had subscribed said By-laws, and is still a member of said Chapter; but that the said E. F., although of sufficient pecuniary means and ability, refused to pay said tax of three dollars, and still refuses to pay the same, contrary to the provisions of said section 21 of said By-laws, to the injury of said Chapter, and in violation of his duties and obligations as a Royal Arch Mason. And it is therefore hereby demanded that the said E. F. be put upon trial therefor.

Dated, April 9, 1859.

S. L.”

§ 9. The proceedings on a complaint to a Chapter under “Form No. 1,” (selected as an example,) are contained in the preceding section 8, and in the sections following to and including section 19.

§ 10. The complaint must be presented in open Chapter at a stated convocation, and a motion should be made and adopted, that the complaint be received and commissioners appointed, before further proceedings can be had thereon.

§ 11. The complaint need not be copied in the minutes, but its nature should be entered, with the facts of its reception and reference, and the names of the commissioners appointed by the High Priest.

§ 12. When such a motion of reception and reference has been adopted, the High Priest should forthwith appoint three capable and disinterested members of the Chapter as Commissioners. If a companion appointed as commissioner should know of any cause which would disqualify him for acting, it is his duty to state it, either in open Chapter or privately to the High Priest, in order that another may be forthwith substituted.

§ 13. It is the duty of the Secretary of the Chapter immediately to serve upon the accused a copy of the complaint with a notice annexed, except in the cases mentioned in section 16.

§ 14. The notice annexed to the complaint may be in the following form :

(FORM No. 4.)

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT.

“Comp. A. B.—Take notice, that the within (or foregoing) is a copy of the complaint preferred against you at a stated convocation of Alpha Chapter, No. 400, held on the 9th of April, instant, and that Comps. R. S., T. U., and V. W., were appointed commissioners to hear and try the same.

Dated, April 10, 1859.

P. Q., *Secretary.*”

§ 15. Commissioners should determine, if possible, at the time the complaint is preferred, when and where they will meet for trial, and inform the Secretary thereof, in which case he will add to the above notice the following: “and that they will meet for that purpose on the 20th day of April, 1859, at seven o’clock P. M., at Alpha Chapter room in Freetown, at or before which time you are required to answer said complaint.”

§ 16. If from any cause the complaint cannot be personally served, then a notice of its presentation and the nature of the charges it contains should be sent to the accused, by mail or other safe conveyance, if his residence be known; if his residence be not known, then, after a reasonable time and after diligent inquiry, the Secretary should leave such notice at the last place of residence or place of business of the accused, with information that a copy of the complaint will be furnished when demanded by the accused.

§ 17. The notice in the case mentioned in section 16, may be in the following form :

(FORM No. 5.)

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT.

“Comp. A. B.—Take notice, that at a stated convocation of Alpha Chapter, No. 400, held in Freetown on the 9th day of April, 1859, charges of unmasonic conduct were preferred against

you; that Comps. R. S., T. U., and V. W., were appointed commissioners to hear and try the same; that a copy of the complaint will be furnished you on demand; and you are required to answer said complaint within —— days thereafter, and serve your answer upon me.

Dated, April 16th, 1859.

P. Q., *Secretary.*”

§ 18. After service of the complaint, if the accused has an objection to the commissioners, or any of them, he should as soon as possible make his challenges, that the High Priest, if satisfied that the challenge is made upon good grounds, may make another appointment; and it should state specifically the grounds on which it is made. Challenges may, however, be made to commissioners at any time before the trial commences.

§ 19. If there be doubts whether the grounds of the challenge are sufficient, the High Priest shall be the trier, when all or two of the commissioners are challenged; or, when but one is challenged, the other commissioners may act as triers; but it is recommended, that if there be reasonable objection, or if probable cause for challenge be manifest, that the challenged commissioner remove all objection by resignation, in which case the High Priest will appoint another; and, if made at any other time than at a convocation of the Chapter, that he supply the vacancy by appointment in writing, to be filed with the Secretary, who shall present the same to the Chapter when next convened.

§ 20. The appointment of commissioners being completed, it is next the duty of the accused to answer the complaint. As this would be in most cases, if not all, equivalent to the well known plea of “not guilty,” the form is immaterial, but to complete the record it may be in the following form:

(FORM No. 6.)

THE ANSWER.

“C. D. in person denies the complaint made against him, and every matter and thing contained in the charges and several specifications of the same, as therein stated and set forth, and demands trial thereon.

C. D.”

§ 21. The answer may, however, vary according to the facts of each case; as for example, one specification may be admitted and another denied; or the charges and specifications may be admitted, and matters set forth in excuse or extenuation of any or all of the specifications; or the charges and specifications may be admitted, with a denial that they constitute a Masonic offense; the last being what is called a demurrer, but which, to avoid technicality, will be termed a *special answer*.

§ 22. The special answer to the complaint may be made in the following form :

(FORM No. 7.)

THE SPECIAL ANSWER.

“C. D., in person, answers the complaint made against him, and without denying the charges or specifications therein, says that the statements in said complaint do not present sufficient facts to constitute a Masonic offense; because, he says, that it is contrary to the principles of Masonic law for a Chapter to try its members, (or whatever else may be the grounds of the special answer.) C. D.”

§ 23. The answer, whether general or special, being made, the issue is formed, and the parties proceed to trial at the time and place appointed by the commissioners, of which the accused should always have reasonable notice in writing.

§ 24. If a special answer be made, and the decision be against the accused, he will still be permitted to put in an answer, denying or excusing the charges, in the manner above stated; and hence it is best not to interpose a special answer, as the accused may always have the benefit of any question of Masonic law under a general answer.

§ 25. The attendance of witnesses on either side, when they are Masons, may be enforced by summons, which may be issued by any High Priest of a Chapter, and may be in the following form:

(FORM No. 8.)

THE SUMMONS FOR WITNESS.

“To Comp. I. J. :—You are hereby summoned and required to attend as a witness before the commissioners appointed for the

trial of Comp. A. B. on certain charges preferred against him, on the 20th day of April, 1859, at seven o'clock, P. M., at the Chapter room of Alpha Chapter, No. 400, in Freetown, and there to testify the truth according to your knowledge, on behalf of —— (naming the party summoning him.)

K. L., *High Priest*, .

Dated, April 15, 1859.

Gamma Chapter, No. 500."

§ 26. The summons may be made to answer for several witnesses, by inserting their several names, and adding the words, "and each of you," after the word "you;" taking care to leave a blank after the first name for the insertion of other names. The attendance of witnesses other than Masons must necessarily be voluntary only.

§ 27. The companion disobeying such summons is liable to discipline in the same manner as for disobedience to any other summons; and for this reason the one serving it should note upon it when and how it was served, whether personally or otherwise.

§ 28. The complaint for disobeying a summons may be in the following form :

(FORM No. 9.)

COMPLAINT FOR DISOBEYING SUMMONS.

"To the High Priest, King and Scribe, and Companions of Alpha Chapter, No. 400:

Charge.—Comp. I. J. is hereby charged with *unmasonic conduct*.

Specification.—That the said I. J. having taken the solemn obligations of a Royal Arch Mason, and being a member of Delta Chapter, No. 450, in good standing, was on the 16th day of April, 1859, personally served with a summons to attend as witness before the commissioners appointed for the trial of Comp. A. B., on certain charges preferred against the said A. B., on the 20th day of April, 1859, at seven o'clock, P. M., at the Chapter room of said Alpha Chapter, No. 400, in Freetown, there to testify the truth according to his knowledge, on behalf of said Alpha Chapter; which summons was issued by K. L., High Priest of Gamma Chapter, No. 500. And that the said I. J., wholly disregarding said summons, and his solemn obligations as a Royal Arch Mason to obey the same, did not attend at the time and place specified in said summons, but wholly neglected and refused

so to do, to the great injury of said Alpha Chapter, and to the evil example of all other companion Royal Arch Masons. Wherefore it is demanded, that the said I. J. be brought to trial and punished therefor.

Dated, April 21, 1859.

S. L."

This form, with the necessary alterations, may be adapted to any case of willful disregard of any lawful summons of a companion Royal Arch Mason whatever.

§ 29. Testimony may be taken by commission (as limited in section 40, following,) when the witness to be examined resides at such a distance as may be inconvenient for him to attend, of which the commissioners appointed for the trial shall be the judges; and the attendance of such witness to testify may (if he is a Mason) be compelled by summons, as prescribed in sections 25 and 26 preceding.

§ 30. Reasonable notice of intention to apply for a commission must be given by the applicants therefor, and may be in this form:

(FORM No. 10.)

NOTICE OF COMMISSION.

"To Comp. S. L.—Take notice, that I shall apply to the commissioners appointed for the trial of the charges against me, at Alpha Chapter room, in Freetown, on the 20th day of April, 1859, at seven o'clock, P. M., for a commission to M. . E. . Comp. H. J., High Priest of Eta Chapter, No. 777, to examine X. Y. as a witness on my behalf on interrogatories.

Dated, April 16, 1859.

A. B."

§ 31. If the commissioners, at the time of hearing on this notice, decide to issue the commission, it should be issued to the High Priest of the nearest or most convenient Chapter to the witness, (unless there be reasonable objection to such officer to act as examiner,) and it may be in the following form:

(FORM No. 11.)

COMMISSION FOR WITNESS.

"To M. . E. . Comp. H. J., High Priest of Eta Chapter, No. 777:

You are hereby appointed Examiner, to take the testimony of Comp. X. Y., of Noblesburg, in your county, as a witness in the matter of the charges preferred in Alpha Chapter, No. 400, against Comp. A. B., of said Chapter, at such early time and convenient place as you may appoint, upon the interrogatories and cross-interrogatories hereto annexed, and reduce his answers thereto to writing, to be subscribed by him, and, by you certified to us, and return forthwith by mail to the Secretary of said Alpha Chapter, acting in the premises with all convenient speed.

(Seal of
Alpha Chapter.)

Attest, P. Q., *Secretary*,

R. S.,
T. U.,
V. W.,
Commissioners."

§ 32. At the time of hearing on the application for commission, or at such other time as shall be agreed upon or appointed, the parties shall prepare, and the commissioners, or one of their number designated by them, shall settle their respective interrogatories or cross-interrogatories.

§ 33. The interrogatories (or questions) may be in the following form :

(FORM No. 12.)

INTERROGATORIES.

“ Interrogatories to be proposed to X. Y., a witness to be examined on commission annexed :

First Interrogatory.—What is your age, occupation and residence?

Second Interrogatory.—Are you acquainted with A. B., named in the annexed commission? and if so, for how long a time?

Third Interrogatory.—Were you at Freetown on the first day of April, 1859? and if so, did you see said A. B. there.

Fourth Interrogatory.—What was the state of his health at that time? and, if not good, state what his disease, and how it affected his actions.

[And so on, numbering each separate interrogatory or question by itself.]

Lastly.—Do you know any other fact or thing beneficial to said A. B. in this matter? if so, state it fully.

A. B.”

§ 34. The interrogatory commencing “Lastly,” must always be inserted, and always answered. If a witness has anything additional to state, it should be added; if he has not, it should be so stated.

§ 35. The cross-interrogatories may be in the following form:

(FORM No. 13.)

CROSS-INTERROGATORIES.

Cross-interrogatories to be proposed to X. Y., a witness to be examined on commission annexed :

“*First Cross-Interrogatory.*—Do you know what caused the ill health of A. B. ? if so, state fully the fact and the cause.

[Then proceed with others, numbering them in like manner, and concluding with “Lastly,” and observing the same rules as in case of interrogatories.]

S. L.”

§ 36. The commission, copy of complaint, interrogatories and cross-interrogatories should then be fastened together and sent to the examiner.

§ 37. The examiner, having procured the attendance of the witness at the time and place appointed, will take his testimony in the same manner as on trial, and put it in writing, and may commence in this form :

(FORM No. 14.)

DEPOSITION.

“Examination of X. Y., a witness produced before me, in the matter of the annexed charges against A. B., taken at Noblesburg on the 27th day of April, 1859, and who testified as a Royal Arch Mason, (or, who stated, see section 48, sub. 3,) as follows:

To the first interrogatory the said X. Y. says: My age is thirty-five; I am a farmer, and reside at Noblesburg.

To the second interrogatory he says: I know A. B., and have been acquainted with him for over ten years.

(And so on, giving the answer in full to each interrogatory.)

Lastly, the said X. Y. says in answer thereto: I do not.

To the first cross-interrogatory the said X. Y. says:

(And proceed as in the interrogatories, adding a reply to
“Lastly.”)
X. Y.”

§ 38. The answers to the several interrogatories and cross-interrogatories being written, the witness will subscribe the same, and the examiner will then certify as follows:

(FORM No. 15.)

CERTIFICATE TO INTERROGATORIES.

“I certify that the foregoing is a copy of all the testimony of X. Y., a witness examined before me, by virtue of the annexed commission directed to me, at the time and place therein specified.

Dated, Noblesburg, April 27, 1859.

H. J., *Examiner.*”

§ 39. It will be most convenient, and it is recommended to be observed in practice, that the parties should agree to the issuing of the commission, and to whom; and also agree upon the interrogatories and cross-interrogatories, and enter into a stipulation, which may be in this form:

(FORM No. 16.)

STIPULATION FOR COMMISSION.

“We do hereby stipulate and agree to the issuing of the annexed commission, and to the examination of X. Y., the witness therein named, by virtue thereof, in answer to the interrogatories and cross-interrogatories annexed agreed to by us.

Dated, April 16, 1859.

S. L.,
A. B.”

§ 40. No commission shall issue to take testimony in behalf of the complainant to be used on a trial of charges, without the consent in writing of the accused; and in such case, if they agree upon the issuing of a commission, the signing of the stipulation like that mentioned in section 39, shall be regarded as such consent in writing.

§ 41. When testimony is taken on behalf of the complainant by commission, with the written consent of the accused, it will be conducted by the same rules as on behalf of the accused hereinbefore stated.

§ 42. When the commissioners meet to proceed with the trial, they should organize by appointing one of their number to preside as Chairman. Should they fail to do so, the commissioner first named will preside. They should also choose one of their number to act as Clerk, and keep the minutes of their proceedings and of the testimony. They should be furnished by the Secretary of the Chapter with a certificate of their appointment, and the resolution under which it was made.

§ 43. The commissioners being duly organized, and the accused having answered the complaint, are prepared to hear and receive the evidence in the case.

§ 44. Evidence is the means by which any alleged matter of fact, the truth of which is submitted to investigation, is established or disproved; and the rules of evidence, including those which relate to the admissibility of testimony and the competency of witnesses, to be observed by commissioners, are such as have been established and recognized in courts of law in the ordinary administration of justice, and cannot be set forth in detail here.

§ 45. There are certain leading principles of evidence, however, which may be briefly stated; and which, if properly regarded, will be sufficient guides in Masonic trials, and which are:

1. That each party to a trial is bound to produce the best and highest evidence in his power, to establish or disprove any alleged matter of fact.

2. That to establish or disprove any alleged matter of fact, the matter to which a witness testifies, must be within his actual personal knowledge; and that the substance of the issue must be proved by the facts so testified, or such a series of facts (commonly called circumstantial evidence,) as combined will lead to an irresistible conclusion, establishing or disproving an alleged matter of fact.

3. That the burden of proof always rests with the party holding the affirmative; and hence, in a Masonic trial, lies upon the

complainant first; and, in like manner, when a defence is based upon substantive matter of fact, the burden of proof lies upon the accused; and therefore, when the testimony in a case is balanced, the party holding the affirmative must fail.

4. That every material allegation in a complaint must be proved, and substantially as laid; but need not precisely conform to the charge in matters of time and place, unless time and place are themselves necessary to constitute an offense, or to confer jurisdiction.

5. That hearsay evidence is inadmissible, except to prove general reputation; which can only be known by the common speech of others. And that, in eliciting facts from a witness, leading questions are not permitted.

6. That confessions and admissions are to be received with great caution; and that no conviction can follow such proof, without further proof that the offense charged has been committed. But this does not apply where a plea of guilty is made to the complaint; for that admits the commission of the offense itself, and its commission by the accused.

7. That there are certain things of which commissioners may judicially take notice without proof; such as facts in history, or geography, or any science, and the operation of the laws of nature.

8. That but one witness is necessary to establish a fact, or series of facts within his knowledge, except when the rules of criminal law require an additional witness.

9. That no witness is to be excluded on the ground of religious belief, or of interest; and that the accused is a competent witness in his own behalf.

§ 46. When a person accused of an offense masonically, has been convicted of it upon trial in a court of law, or where it has been judicially established in a civil action, it is unnecessary to repeat the evidence in a Masonic trial; but the record of such court, with proof of identity of the accused, shall be sufficient to authorize a conviction by commissioners, unless an appeal shall have been taken from the judgment of said court.

§ 47. The minutes of proceedings of commissioners may be in this form:

(FORM No. 17.)

MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS.

“The Commissioners appointed for the trial of A. B. on the complaint and answer hereto annexed, (marked A,) pursuant to the following resolution, [copy resolution,] assembled at the room of Alpha Chapter, No. 400, in Freetown, on Wednesday evening, the 20th day of April, 1859.

Present: R. S., T. U., and V. W., Commissioners. R. S. was chosen Chairman, and T. U. Clerk.

A. B., the accused, appeared before us and objected to T. U., one of the commissioners, on the ground that he was present at the meeting of the Chapter when the charges were preferred, and voted for their reference.

Com. T. U. stated that he had formed no opinion on the subject, and the other commissioners decided that he was competent to act as commissioner, to which Comp. B. took an exception.

The complaint was then read by Comp. S. L., together with the answer of Comp. A. B. Comp. B. then requested that P. S., an attorney at law, who is not a Mason, should examine the witnesses on his behalf, and assist him in his defence. The commissioners decided against the request, to which Comp. B. took an exception. The commissioners further stated that Comp. B. might engage the services of any companion to assist in his defence, and he therefore employed Comp. O. to assist him as counsel.

Comp. O. objected to the complaint as being vague and uncertain, but the commissioners decided it to be sufficient; to which Comp. O. took an exception.

Comp. E. F. was then introduced as a witness by Comp. S. L., and testified as a Royal Arch Mason as follows:

I am acquainted with Comp. A. B.; I saw him on Main street in Freetown, on the first day of April last; I was on the opposite side of the street; he appeared to be intoxicated. [An objection was here made to the testimony as to the appearance of the accused, but it was overruled and an exception taken.] He was there for about half an hour; he reeled as he walked, &c.

On cross-examination Comp. E. F. further testified: I know that Comp. A. B. has been sick, &c.

The commissioners then adjourned, to meet at the same place on Thursday evening, the 21st April, 1859, at seven o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 21, 1859.

The commissioners met pursuant to adjournment. Present, all the commissioners; and also Comp. S. L., and Comp. A. B., and his counsel, Comp. O.; Comp. U. officiated as Chairman.

Mr. H. C. was then introduced as a witness by Comp. S. L., and stated as follows:

I was in Freetown on the first day of April, instant; A. B. was there, &c.

The proof on the part of the complainant here rested.

Comp. O., on behalf of Comp. A. B., then produced the sworn affidavit of Mr. J. R., and offered it in evidence; to which Comp. S. L. objected, on the ground that Mr. R. should be produced for cross-examination.

The commissioners sustained the objection on that ground, and Comp. O. excepted.

Mr. B. was then introduced, and Comp. S. L. then consented that his affidavit might be read; and which was then read accordingly, and is hereto annexed (marked B.)

Comp. S. L. then cross-examined Mr. B., who stated as follows, &c.

The testimony of X. Y., a witness examined by commission on the part of the accused, was then read in evidence, and is hereto annexed (marked C.)

The proofs being closed, after hearing both parties, the commissioners decided to meet again on the 23d day of April, inst., to determine on their report.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1859.

The commissioners again met by themselves, and, after consultation, decided upon their report, a copy of which is hereto annexed (marked D), and notified the parties thereof.

(Signed by the Commissioners.)"

§ 48. In Masonic trials, and proceedings thereupon, the following rules, indicated in the form of minutes given in section 47, should be observed:

1. The statement of objections, with the grounds of them, and the decision of the commissioners thereon should be stated.

2. The respective parties may have counsel, but no attorney or counsel, not being a Mason, should be permitted to act in a Masonic trial.

3. Witnesses who are Masons testify by virtue of their obligations as such; other witnesses must sign their names to their testimony, and verify it before some officer duly authorized to administer an oath; the credibility of witnesses depending upon their general character, which may be impeached.

4. No testimony should be taken or received upon any trial, when the accused appears in person or by counsel at the trial, except in the presence of the accused or his counsel, and an opportunity given them for cross-examination; and, when taken down, must be as nearly as possible in the words of the witness, and as if speaking in the first person.

5. Every proceeding upon trial, including the time and place of adjournment, should be carefully noted in the minutes.

6. No person should be permitted to be present at a Masonic trial but Masons, except a witness, and he only while testifying.

7. A Masonic trial should be conducted in all respects, as near as may be, like the trial of an action at law in a court of record, and be governed by the same general rules.

8. When a trial is concluded the commissioners should deliberate by themselves without other persons being present, till their decision be made, which should be as speedily as possible, and of which notice in writing should be given to the respective parties.

§ 49. The notice of decision may be in the following form:

(FORM No. 18.)

NOTICE OF DECISION.

“To Comp. S. L. and Comp. A. B.:

You will each take notice, that we have agreed upon and signed our report in the matter of charges against Comp. A. B., referred to us, by which we have found the charges sustained and Comp. A. B. guilty thereof, and that the expenses of the proceedings be paid by him; and that we shall present the report to Alpha Chapter at its stated convocation on the 30th April instant.

Dated, April 23d, 1859.

(Signed by the Commissioners.)”

§ 50. The decision having been agreed upon, the commissioners will draw up their report thereof for the action of the Chapter. It need not in the first place state anything but the

facts found, and the conclusions thereon of the commissioners. These conclusions, like those of other committees, should be in the form of resolutions for the definite action of the Chapter.

§ 51. On the presentation of the report, if the Chapter desire to have the minutes of the proceedings read, including the testimony, the commissioners must comply by reading the same.

§ 52. The report should be full, and may be in the following form:

(FORM No. 19.)

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS.

“To the High Priest, King and Scribe, and Companions of Alpha Chapter, No. 400:

The commissioners appointed for the trial of Comp. A. B., on charges of intoxication, heretofore preferred in this Chapter, respectfully report:

That they met at the room of this Chapter on Wednesday evening, the 20th day of April, 1859, and Comp. A. B. having answered the complaint against him by a general denial, and the commissioners having duly organized, they proceeded to hear and try the matters referred to them.

That objection was made to Comp. U., one of their number, which they overruled; and also refused to permit Comp. B. to appear by counsel who was not a Mason, and thereupon Comp. N. O. appeared for him. That objection was made to the sufficiency of the complaint, and overruled.

That they proceeded to take testimony (in the course of which they decided not to admit a sworn affidavit, unless the deponent were present to be cross-examined,) and Comp. E. F. and Mr. H. C. and Mr. J. R. were examined as witnesses, and the testimony of Comp. X. Y., taken by commission, was produced and read.

That they held three meetings, the last of which was for the purpose of agreeing upon and preparing their report.

That from the testimony before them they find the following facts:

1. That Comp. A. B. was intoxicated with strong and spirituous liquors, in a public place at Freetown, on the first day of April, 1859.

2. That Comp. A. B. has been at least twice intoxicated in a public place in Freetown aforesaid, within two weeks previous to the said first day of April, 1859.

They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the charges of intoxication against Comp. A. B., made and presented to this Chapter on the 9th day of April, 1859, on complaint of Comp. S. L., are sustained, and that he is guilty of the said charges.

Resolved, That Comp. A. B. be and he is hereby suspended from this Chapter, and from the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, for the space of three months from this day.

Resolved, That the charges and expenses of the commissioners, amounting to the sum of three dollars, are adjudged to be paid by said Comp. A. B.

And that they have notified Comp. S. L. and Comp. A. B. of their decision, as expressed in the foregoing resolutions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. S.,
T. U.,
V. W.,

Commissioners."

Dated, April 23, 1859.

§ 53. If the report of the commissioners be not unanimous, the commissioner may express his dissent therefrom at the end of the report of the majority, (and which is recommended, instead of making a separate minority report,) in the following form:

(FORM No. 20.)

DISSENT FROM COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

"I dissent from the report of the other commissioners in this case of Comp. A. B., both in their findings of fact and their conclusions therefrom, as expressed in the resolutions contained in their report.

V. W.,

Dated, April 23, 1859.

Commissioner."

But if the commissioner dissents from the report in part only, it may be expressed in this form:

"I dissent from so much of this report, as finds that Comp. A. B. has been at least twice intoxicated in a public place in Freetown aforesaid, within two weeks previous to the first day of April, 1859; and from so much of the second resolution annexed thereto, as fixes the term of his suspension at three months.

V. W.,

Dated, April 23, 1859.

Commissioner."

§ 54. The report of the commissioners having been made to the Chapter, some companion should move for the adoption of the resolutions; and no motion for its acceptance is necessary, as a report is always accepted unless objections be expressly made; but if a supplementary report is required, that should be first moved.

§ 55. If the resolutions annexed to the report of the commissioners are adopted by the Chapter, then it stands as the judgment in the case until properly reversed.

§ 56. The Chapter may by resolution reverse the decision of the commissioners in every particular, or it may modify or change it, by increasing or diminishing the penalty.

§ 57. A majority vote of the Chapter is sufficient to adopt or reject the decision of the commissioners, as to the guilt of the accused, or to approve or modify the penalty.

§ 58. If the accused be absent from the Chapter, it shall be the duty of the Secretary forthwith to transmit a copy of the resolutions adopted by the Chapter, in his case, with a notice, which may be in the following form:

(FORM No. 21.)

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT.

“To Comp. A. B.: Take notice, that the foregoing is a copy of resolutions adopted by Alpha Chapter, No. 400, at a convocation held at its room in Freetown, on the 30th day of April, instant.

Dated, April 30, 1859.

P. Q., *Secretary.*”

§ 59. Complaints against an unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason, or against a Chapter, or against a High Priest, or by one Chapter against another Chapter, or by a member of a Chapter against a member of another Chapter, must be conducted in like manner—conforming to tribunals, circumstances and persons charged, to be preferred to body or officer, and to be acted upon by commissioners in like manner. Such complaints should be distinctly addressed to the body or officer who is to act thereon, should be definite and specific in their nature, conforming to

constitutional or legal provisions, and are to be acted upon by commissioners appointed by such body or officer.

§ 60. Commissioners appointed in the cases referred to in section 59, will prescribe the penalty, as in case of commissioners appointed by the High Priest of a Chapter; and the decision of such commissioners is final, unless an appeal be taken therefrom.

§ 61. The report of the commissioners mentioned in section 59, must be made to the body or officer appointing them; and notice thereof will be given to the parties by the commissioners, adapting such notice to Form No. 21. The report of such commissioners need not conclude with resolutions; but should contain a finding of the facts, and the conclusions therefrom in an award of judgment, in the nature of both a verdict and sentence. The report of such commissioners, and their notice of judgment, may be in the following:

(FORM No. 22.)

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS NOT APPOINTED BY HIGH PRIEST.

“To M. . E. . R. G. W., Grand High Priest:

The undersigned, commissioners appointed by you in the case of Comp. A. B., of Alpha Chapter, No. 400, in the matter of charges of intoxication preferred against him by Comp. A. A., of Theta Chapter, No. 500, on the 9th day of April, 1859, having heard the same upon the said charges, and the answer thereto, and the proofs and allegations of the parties, do respectfully report:

That they have adjudged and determined as follows:

1. That said charges are sustained, and that Comp. A. B. is guilty of said charges.
2. That the said Comp. A. B., be and he is hereby suspended from said Alpha Chapter, and from the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry for three months.
3. That the said Comp. A. B., do pay the costs and expenses of the proceedings on this trial, amounting to the sum of thirty dollars.

And they further report, that a duplicate hereof has been duly filed with the R. . E. . Grand Secretary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Dated, April 22d, 1859.

(Signed by the Commissioners.)”

§ 62. The notice of judgment, given by said commissioners, may be in the following form:

(FORM No. 23.)

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT BY COMMISSIONERS.

“Comp. C. D. and Comp. A. B.:

Take notice, that we have this day made and signed our report to the M. E. Grand High Priest, by which we have adjudged and determined that Comp. A. B. is guilty of the charges preferred against him by Comp. A. A., and that he be suspended from Alpha Chapter, No. 400, and from the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry for the space of three months; and that he do pay the costs and expenses of the proceedings on his trial before us, amounting to the sum of thirty dollars.

Dated, April 23, 1859.

(Signed by the Commissioners.)”

§ 63. Notice of judgment in the case mentioned in section 58 and the section preceding this, must be served in the same manner as the complaint; as the time for appeal commences to run from the time of such service.

§ 64. When the accused fails to appear or answer, testimony must be taken in the same manner as if he appeared and defended, and with even more technical accuracy, fullness and certainty. And it is recommended and enjoined that, in such cases, some competent companion be designated and required to appear for the accused, and to take care that he has a fair and impartial trial.

§ 65. The report upon a hearing and conclusion, when the party fails to appear, may be in the following form:

(FORM No. 24.)

FORM OF REPORT WHEN ACCUSED FAILS TO APPEAR.

“To the High Priest, King and Scribe, and Companions of Alpha Chapter, No. 400:

The commissioners appointed for the trial of Comp. A. B., on charges of intoxication heretofore preferred in this Chapter, and which are hereto annexed, respectfully report:

That they met at the room of this Chapter on Wednesday evening, the 20th April, 1859, and all of their number were present; that Comp. A. B. did not appear; that Comp. P. Q., the Secretary of this Chapter, was then examined orally by them, and testified, as a Royal Arch Mason, that he served a copy of the complaint on said charges on Comp. A. B. personally, in Freetown, on the 6th day of April, 1859; that A. B. not appearing, after the lapse of more than one hour, and fearing there might be a misapprehension, they adjourned for one week, to meet at said Chapter room on the 27th day of April, 1859, at seven o'clock, P. M., and requested the Secretary of the Chapter to notify Comp. A. B. of the adjournment.

That they met at said Chapter room on the day and hour of adjournment; that Comp. A. B. did not appear; that they then examined Comp. P. Q., who testified, as a Royal Arch Mason, that he informed Comp. A. B., on the morning of the 21st April, instant, of the adjournment, and particularly notified him of the place, day and hour; that, after waiting more than one hour, they proceeded to hear proofs; and the High Priest having appointed Comp. D. C. to appear for Comp. A. B., he appeared accordingly, and heard the proofs and cross-examined the witnesses; that Comps. E. F., L. M., and O. N., were examined as witnesses, and testified as Royal Arch Masons, and their testimony was taken in full, and appears in these minutes; and that having closed the testimony, they heard the argument of Comp. D. C. in behalf of the accused, and of Comp. S. L., on the part of the Chapter; that without adjournment they proceeded to consider the matter, and after consultation made a conclusion thereon.

That, from the testimony before them, they find the following facts:

[Finding the same as in Form No. 19, in § 52, and first two resolutions the same.]

That there were no costs or expenses attending the trial, and they make none for their attendance. And that they have notified Comp. S. L. and Comp. A. B. of the conclusions embraced in this report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. S.,
T. U.,
V. W.,

Commissioners."

Dated, April 27, 1859.

(Notice of judgment to be given, same as in § 49.)

§ 66. When the charges in a complaint are admitted or confessed, proof of such admission or confession will be sufficient to authorize commissioners to make up their minutes, and report accordingly, except when a crime is charged, in which case proof that a crime has been committed is also indispensably necessary.

§ 67. It shall be deemed in all cases a disqualification for a commissioner to act, that he is a witness to prove any fact which proves or disproves, or tends to prove or disprove, the guilt or innocence of the accused.

II. APPEALS.

§ 68. A Masonic Appeal is a proceeding before the Grand Chapter, or Grand Officer, by which the acts and decisions of a Chapter or commissioners upon a trial, or upon a first appeal, are reviewed, in order to correct errors of law or fact alleged to have been made by a Chapter, Grand Officer, or commissioners, from whose decision and judgment the appeal is taken, so that justice may be done to all parties concerned; and such appeal may be brought by any party considering himself aggrieved thereby.

§ 69. The Constitution of the Grand Chapter provides, that appeals from the decision of a Chapter or commissioners may be made within six months; but it is advisable, that when a party is intending to appeal he should give notice of it forthwith.

§ 70. The first step taken may be either the appeal in form, or simply notice thereof; but such notice must always be given before or after appeal, and may be in the following form:

(FORM No. 25.)

NOTICE OF APPEAL.

“To P. Q., Secretary of Alpha Chapter, No. 400:

Take notice, that I shall take an appeal to the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, (or the M. · E. · Grand High Priest, as the case may be, and as he may choose,) from the action of said Alpha Chapter, on the 30th day of April, 1859, in adopting the resolutions reported by the commissioners in the matter of the complaint against me by Comp. S. L. of said Chapter, and heard and tried by said commissioners; and that I shall appeal on the grounds stated in my said appeal.

Dated, May 4, 1859.

A. B.”

(If notice is given after appeal taken, it will be varied by stating “I have taken an appeal, &c.,” and “I have appealed on the grounds, &c.”)

§ 71. On receiving notice of appeal, the Secretary of the Chapter, or Grand Officer, (as the case may be,) will transmit to the body or officer to which or to whom the appeal is taken, a copy of all papers in the case, from the complaint to the notice of appeal, both inclusive, duly certified and attested.

§ 72. When the appeal is brought, it should contain minutely and in detail the grounds of appeal, and, unless such grounds be specified, it should not be regarded as an appeal.

§ 73. The appeal may be in the following form:

(FORM No. 26.)

THE APPEAL.

“To the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, (or M. . E. . Grand High Priest:)

The undersigned hereby appeals to you from the decision of Alpha Chapter, No. 400, made April 30th, 1859, in adopting the resolutions reported by commissioners declaring him guilty on complaint of intoxication, suspending him for three months, and adjudging him to pay the expenses of the trial; and he specifies the following as the grounds of his appeal:

1. That T. U., one of the commissioners on his trial, was incompetent to act as such, having been present at the meeting of said Chapter when the complaint against him was referred, and voted for its reference to commissioners.

2. That the commissioners erred in deciding that P. S. should not be allowed to assist him in his defence.

3. That the second specification of the complaint is vague and uncertain.

4. That the commissioners erred in receiving testimony as to appearances of intoxication.

5. That they erred in rejecting the sworn affidavit of J. R.

6. That the proofs in the case were not sufficient to warrant their findings of fact.

7. That the Chapter erred in passing the aforesaid resolutions by a majority vote.

All of which appears by the papers, proceedings and evidence in the case.

Dated, May 11, 1859.

A. B.”

§ 74. A copy of this appeal should be served on the Secretary of the Chapter, or on the officer, (as the case may be,) and a copy also sent or delivered to the Grand Secretary, who shall forthwith notify the Chapter or other complainant thereof.

§ 75. An answer to the appeal should be made within a reasonable time, (and ten days is suggested as such time,) by the Chapter or officer by whom the decision or judgment was pronounced, and unless answered within thirty days after notice thereof, the appeal may be regarded as admitted to be well taken.

§ 76. The answer to the appeal may be in the following form:

(FORM No. 27.)

ANSWER TO APPEAL.

“Alpha Chapter, No. 400, answers the appeal of A. B. and says:

That the said Chapter denies that there is any error in the proceedings of said Chapter, or of the commissioners appointed for the trial of the said A. B.; and further says, that the decision of said Chapter in said case is sustained, both by Masonic law and the evidence therein applicable thereto.

Dated, May 21, 1859.

S. L.”

§ 77. If a specific denial is deemed necessary, taking issue upon each of the grounds of appeal, and assigning reasons therefor, it may be in the following form:

(FORM No. 28.)

SPECIFIC ANSWER TO APPEAL.

“Alpha Chapter, No. 400, answers the appeal of A. B., and says:

That the said Chapter denies that there is any error in the proceedings of said Chapter, or of the commissioners appointed for the trial of the said A. B., because the said Chapter says:

As to the first ground of appeal, that if well taken it would be an objection to every act of the Chapter and its members in the premises.

And because the said Chapter says, as to the second ground of appeal, that, &c.

[And so answering in detail each ground of appeal, and concluding thus:]

And the said Chapter further says, that the decision of said Chapter, in said case, is fully sustained, both by Masonic law and the evidence applicable thereto.

Dated, May 21, 1859.

S. L."

§ 78. The Grand Chapter, (by its appropriate committee,) or the officer to whom the appeal is made, may hear the same upon oral or written argument, as the parties may agree, or it may be heard upon appeal and answer only, if they sufficiently present the case.

§ 79. Notice of the time and place of hearing shall be given, and may be given by either party; and may be in the following form:

(FORM No. 29.)

NOTICE OF ARGUMENT.

"To Comp. S. L.: Take notice, that the appeal in the matter of charges in Alpha Chapter, No. 400, against A. B., from the decision of said Chapter to the Grand Chapter, will be moved on for argument before the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Chapter, (or Grand High Priest, as the case may be,) at Albany, on the 5th day of February, 1860, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Dated, Freetown, October 6, 1859.

A. B."

§ 80. When a perfect transcript of all the papers and proceedings in the case has not been made by the Chapter or officer appealed from, an order may be made by the Grand High Priest compelling the same, and may be in the following form:

(FORM No. 30.)

ORDER FOR PAPERS ON APPEAL.

"OFFICE OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST,
NEW YORK, OCT. 28, 1859.

To the Officers and Companions of Alpha Chapter, No. 400:

Comp. A. B. having duly appealed from the decision of your Chapter, made on the 30th of April, 1859, suspending him for three months, you are hereby required to transmit by the hand

of your Secretary and seal of your Chapter, a transcript of all the proceedings of your Chapter in the case of said A. B., from the time of the presentation of the complaint until the final action of your Chapter thereon, with the several dates thereof, together with all the papers and documents relating thereto not heretofore returned, within ——— days from the receipt hereof by you.

Given under my hand and private seal, at the date first above written.

J. M. A. [SEAL.]
Grand High Priest."

§ 81. The Grand Chapter, or officer to whom the appeal is made, will, with all convenient dispatch, make a decision thereon; and, if made by a Grand Officer, such decision should be immediately filed by him with the Grand Secretary, together with all papers relating to the appeal.

§ 82. The decision of a Grand Officer on appeal may be in the following form:

(FORM No. 31.)

"OFFICE OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST,
ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 3, 1860.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPEAL OF Comp. A. B. OF ALPHA CHAPTER, No. 400.	}
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Comp. A. B. having appealed from the decision of Alpha Chapter, No. 400, made on the 30th April, 1859, by which he was found guilty and suspended from the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry for three months, on charges of intoxication; and having heard the argument of the case, I have carefully considered the facts appearing on said appeal, and the grounds of error alleged by the appellant, and there does not appear to be any error or irregularity in the proceedings, or in the several decisions of the commissioners on the trial; and the facts of the case warrant the conclusion of the commissioners, and the decision of the Chapter.

[If the officer desires to review the facts in giving his decision, or comment upon any of the points raised, he may here insert his remarks and reasons.]

My decision and judgment, therefore, is that the proceedings of Alpha Chapter, No. 400, and the acts and the decisions of said

commissioners in the case of Comp. A. B., be, and the same are hereby in all things affirmed.

Given under my hand and private seal at the date first above written.

G. H. T. [SEAL.]
Grand High Priest."

§ 83. If the decision be reversed, the appellant body or officer will vary the above form accordingly, and may then give the reasons therefor; and he also may make any special order which the case may warrant, to be added at the end of his decision.

§ 84. When an appeal is taken from the decision of the Grand High Priest, the case will be heard on the papers which were before him, and an appeal will bring up the matter for hearing.

§ 85. The appeal must be served on the Chapter (by its service on its High Priest or Secretary,) or officer who made the decision from which the appeal is taken, at a reasonable time (not less than twenty days) before the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, and a copy transmitted to the Grand Secretary forthwith.

§ 86. The final appeal to the Grand Chapter may be in the following form:

(FORM No. 32.)

FINAL APPEAL TO GRAND CHAPTER.

"To the M.: E.: Grand High Priest, and to the Officers and Companions of Alpha Chapter, No. 400:

The undersigned, A. B., hereby appeals to the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, from the decision of the M.: E.: Grand High Priest, made in and by his order of February 3d, 1860, in the case of this appellant, affirming the decision of said Chapter on the 30th of April, 1859; and this appeal is brought on the grounds particularly stated and set forth in his appeal to the M.: E.: Grand High Priest, dated May 11th, 1859; and respectfully prays your consideration thereof, and judgment thereon.

A. B."

Dated, June 6, 1860.

§ 87. No answer to an appeal from the decision of a Grand Officer, made on appeal to him, is required.

§ 88. Upon a trial or appeal, should either party desire to use any paper, document, or record which is in possession or under control of the other, and the use of the same be refused upon request made, an order may be made by the Grand High Priest, his Deputy, the Grand King, or the Grand Scribe, requiring its production, or the delivery of an authenticated copy thereof, as such officer may determine.

§ 89. The order for the production of such paper may be in the following form:

(FORM No. 33.)

ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF PAPER.

. "OFFICE OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST,

PENN YAN, N. Y., May 15, 1859.

Charges having been preferred against Comp. A. B. in Alpha Chapter, No. 400, and it appearing to my satisfaction that upon the trial of said A. B. on said charges, it is necessary that he should produce and prove a certain letter written by Comp. R. U. of said Chapter, to the Secretary of said Chapter, bearing date about the 3d day of April, 1859, and that the same is not a private letter; it is hereby ordered that said Secretary produce said letter to be used on said trial, and for no other purpose whatever.

Given under my hand and private seal, on the day and year first aforesaid.

D. A. O., [SEAL.]
Grand High Priest."

III. RESTORATIONS.

§ 90. A companion having been tried and convicted, and the penalty inflicted, will, if he is attached to Free Masonry and its principles, desire to be restored to his former position; and the demands of justice having been satisfied, mercy should be remembered.

§ 91. Restoration is the act by which an erring but repentant companion regains a title to, and possession of, all his former rights and privileges.

§ 92. Restoration, being a voluntary act on the part of a Chapter or a Grand Chapter, cannot be claimed as a matter of right, and can therefore never be compelled or enforced.

§ 93. As the penalties of reprimand and suspension are only temporary in their effect, and a companion becomes fully restored to all former rights and privileges when he has suffered the penalty for such offenses, restoration applies only to those who have been expelled.

§ 94. A reversal of the judgment of a Chapter on appeal restores a companion to the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, and also to membership in the Chapter.

§ 95. Restoration by the action of the Grand Chapter does not restore a companion to membership in the Chapter—which can only be done by action of the Chapter of which he was a member, by the usual method of affiliation.

§ 96. A companion may be restored to the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, upon application, by a majority vote of the Chapter: except in a case where the Grand Chapter has on appeal affirmed a judgment of expulsion; and he may thus be restored at any time after expulsion, on written application made one month previously.

§ 97. The Grand Chapter may restore an expelled companion at any time after expulsion; but in such case he remains unaffiliated until restored to membership by a Chapter.

§ 98. Application to the Grand Chapter for restoration may be in the following form:

(FORM No. 34.)

APPLICATION TO GRAND CHAPTER FOR
RESTORATION.

“To the Grand Chapter of the State of New York:

A. B., late a member of Alpha Chapter, No. 400, at Freetown, respectfully represents:

That he was tried by commissioners duly appointed in said Chapter, upon charges of habitual intoxication, and having been found guilty was expelled from said Chapter and from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, on the 30th of April, 1859, and that said judgment of expulsion still remains in full force. That, having forsaken his intemperate habits, and become reformed therefrom, and having a strong attachment to Royal Arch Masonry, he earnestly desires to be restored to the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason.

He therefore respectfully prays, that he may be restored to the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry.

Dated, Freetown, May 7, 1860.

A. B.”

§ 99. This application having been presented in Grand Chapter, will be referred to a committee, (on grievances, probably;) and it is proper and necessary, that notice should be given by the committee to the High Priest of the Chapter which expelled such applicant, in order that such High Priest may be heard before the committee.

§ 100. If the committee report favorably, the adoption of its report by the Grand Chapter, by a majority vote, restores the applicant to the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry without further notice.

§ 101. When an appeal has been taken from a judgment of expulsion to the Grand Chapter, and the decision of the Chapter is affirmed on appeal, the foregoing form of application for restoration may be varied, by inserting next after “1859,” the words “and that upon appeal to the Grand Chapter the said judgment was affirmed.”

§ 102. Application to the Chapter for restoration may be in the following form:

(FORM No. 35.)

APPLICATION TO THE CHAPTER FOR RESTORATION.

“To the Officers and Members of Alpha Chapter, No. 400:

A. B., late a member of your Chapter, respectfully represents: That he was tried upon charges of habitual intoxication, and expelled by your Chapter on the 30th day of April, 1859, from which no appeal has been taken. That having resolved to reform, and having forsaken his intemperate habits for more than six months last past, and having a strong attachment to Royal Arch Masonry, he earnestly desires to be forgiven by his companions and to be restored to the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason.

He therefore earnestly and respectfully prays that he may be accordingly restored to the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry.

Dated, Freetown, March 7, 1860.

A. B.”

§ 103. This application, having been presented, should lie over one month; but, as there should be a definite proposition before the Chapter on the subject, some companion should offer a resolution which must lie over with the application.

§ 104. This resolution may be in the following form:

(FORM No. 36.)

RESOLUTION FOR RESTORATION.

“*Resolved*, That Comp. A. B., who was expelled by this Chapter on the 30th day of April, 1859, after having been found guilty on charges of habitual intoxication, and who has presented his application for restoration, stating that he had abandoned his intemperate habits, and asking to be restored to membership, be and he is hereby restored to the rights and privileges of an unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason.”

§ 105. The adoption of this resolution at the proper time will complete the restoration.

§ 106. It is proper that the application should be referred to a committee; in which case, if they report favorably, they may

report the like resolution at the proper time (instead of its being proposed by a member,) which may then be forthwith acted upon — as it is the application, and not the resolution founded upon it, which is required to be laid over.

§ 107. The Secretary of a Chapter should be careful that his minutes of the action of the Chapter upon an application for restoration, should be as full and complete as in cases of charges or trial; and will, of course, return the fact of restoration to the Grand Chapter.

§ 108. An expelled companion may regain membership in a Chapter, by a unanimous ballot, after he shall have been restored to the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry.

FORMS OF PETITIONS, ETC.

PETITION FOR DISPENSATION FOR A NEW CHAPTER.

To the Most Excellent.....Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York:

We, the undersigned, Royal Arch Masons in good standing, having the prosperity of the Royal Craft at heart, and anxious to exert our best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Royal Arch Masonry, are desirous of forming a new Chapter at.....in the County of.....to be named.....Chapter.

We, therefore, pray for a Dispensation empowering us to open and hold a regular Chapter at.....aforesaid, and therein to discharge the duties and enjoy the privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, according to the landmarks and usages of the Order, and the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter.

And we do hereby nominate and recommend Companion.....to be our first High Priest; Companion.....to be our first King; and Companion.....to be our first Scribe.

And should the prayer of this petition be granted, we do hereby promise a strict conformity to the Constitution, laws and edicts of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, and to the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, so far as they may come to our knowledge.

Dated at.....this.....[Signatures of not less than nine
day of.....A. D. 18....Royal Arch Masons.]

[The above petition may be presented to the Grand High Priest, or to the Deputy Grand High Priest, as provided for in Sections 20, 21 and 22 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, and should have the following endorsement upon it.]

To the Most Excellent.....Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York:

At a Regular Convocation of.....Chapter, No.....holden at.....on the.....day of.....A. L. 58..

A. I. 2....the petition of several companions, praying for a Dispensation to open a new Chapter at.....in the County of..... was duly laid before the Chapter, when it was

Resolved, That this Chapter, being duly satisfied, that the petitioners are Royal Arch Masons in good standing, and vouching for their moral character and Masonic abilities, does therefore recommend that the Dispensation prayed for be granted them.

A true copy of the Records,

[SEAL.]

.....SECRETARY.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY

OF CHAPTERS U. D.

The Constitution provides, that "No Warrant shall be issued until the Chapter shall have given proof of its skill by labor under Dispensation, and furnished a certificate from the nearest Chapter, or the Grand Lecturer, of its ability to confer the Degrees." The following is the form of certificate to be furnished by a Chapter:

At a Regular Convocation of.....Chapter, No..... held at.....on the.....day of.....18.... the following was adopted:

Whereas, The Companions of.....Chapter, U. D., having given this Chapter satisfactory proof of their ability to confer the degrees of Capital Masonry according to the system of work approved by the Grand Chapter, therefore

Resolved, That this Chapter does recommend that a Warrant of Constitution be granted to the said Companions.

A true copy of the Records.

[L. S.]

Given under my hand and the seal of the Chapter,
the day and year first above written.

.....SECRETARY.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE FOR PROXIES.

Each Warranted Chapter is entitled to representation in the Grand Chapter by its first three officers; but in case either of them cannot attend, the Chapter may appoint one of its members a proxy for such officer, and furnish him a certificate of such appointment. (See Form 1.) The High Priest, or acting High Priest, may appoint a proxy in like manner, should the Chapter neglect to do so on or before its stated convocation next preceding the meeting of the Grand Chapter, and furnish the certificate of such appointment. (See Form 2.)

FORM 1.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that at a Stated Convocation of.....
Chapter, No.....held on the.....day of.....18....
Comp.....was duly appointed Proxy for the
(H. P., K., or S., as the case may be) to represent the said Chapter in the Grand
Chapter of the State of New York, at the next Annual Convocation thereof.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Chapter, at
.....this.....
[L. S.] day of.....18....

Attest,HIGH PRIEST.
.....SECRETARY.

FORM 2.

I,.....High Priest of.....
Chapter, No.....do, by these presents, constitute and appoint Companion
.....Proxy for the (H. P., K., or S., as the
case may be) to represent the said Chapter in the Grand Chapter of the State of
New York, at the next Annual Convocation thereof.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Chapter, at
.....this.....
[L. S.] day of.....18....

Attest,HIGH PRIEST.
.....SECRETARY.

PETITION FOR DEGREES.

To the M. E. High Priest, E. King and Scribe, and Companions of
.....Chapter, No.....R. A. M.

The undersigned respectfully represents that he is a Master Mason in good
standing, and a member of.....Lodge, No.....F. A. M.,
and is desirous, if found worthy, of receiving the Masonic Degrees conferred
in your Chapter, and if accepted, promises to conform to the usages of the
Fraternity.

.....PETITIONER.

Recommended by Comp......

The petitioner must answer the following questions in writing, and sign his
name thereto:

What is your age? years, and occupation?
 Where were you born? (town)..... State.....
 Where do you reside?.....
 Have you ever to your knowledge, been proposed and rejected as a candidate for the
 degrees conferred in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons?
 If so, when, and in what Chapter?.....

..... PETITIONER.

PETITION FOR AFFILIATION.

To the M.: E.: High Priest, E.: King and Scribe, and Companions of

..... Chapter, No..... R.: A.: M.:

The undersigned respectfully represents, that he is a Royal Arch Mason in
 good standing, and late a member of..... Chapter, No.....
 under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of.....
 and, having been regularly discharged from membership in said Chapter, is
 desirous of affiliating with your Chapter, if found worthy, promising a cheerful
 compliance with the By-laws of the Chapter and the usages of the Fraternity.

..... PETITIONER

Recommended by Comp.....

Age.....; Occupation
 Nativity, (town,).....; State.....; Residence.....
 Name and No. of Lodge.....
 Chapter in which exalted.....

FORM OF DIMIT.

To all Royal Arch Masons to whom these Presents may Come—Greeting:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that Comp.....
 who has signed his name in the margin, is a Royal Arch Mason in good
 standing, and is at his request honorably discharged from membership in
 Chapter, No..... under the jurisdiction of
 the Grand Chapter of the State of New York.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Chapter, at
 this
 day of..... A.: L.: 2.....
 A.: D.: 18....

[L. S.]

..... HIGH PRIEST

Attest,

..... SECRETARY.

OUTSIDE.

Change in Membership.

Grand Chapter No.	NAMES.	Admitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Restored.	Died.
2787	George Johnson,		May 21			
2838	Henry Spencer,			June 13		
3130	John Munson,	July 14				July 23
786	James Henry,		Aug. 15			
4020	Thomas Jackson,		*Sept. 4			
1586	Henry Rose,					

*Unmasonic conduct.

I Hereby Certify the within to be a correct Return of the Election of Officers for the ensuing year, the Work, Change in Membership, and Dues of *Albany* Chapter, No. 250, for the year ending with St. John the Evangelist's day, 18__.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the said Chapter to be affixed this 4th day of *January*, 18__.

[L. s.]

Attest, *HENRY R. JOHNSON*, Secretary.
JOHN B. JONES, High Priest.

RETURN OF *Albany* Chapter, No. 250, R.: A.: M.: held at *Albany*, County of *Albany*, for the year 188 To the Grand Chapter of the State of New York.

OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Elected on the 20th day of *December*, 1880, and duly installed.
M.: E.: *John B. Jones*, High Priest,
E.: *James R. Smith*, King,
E.: *Judson P. Avery*, Scribe.

RECAPITULATION OF RETURN.

No. of Members per last annual report,	33
" Exalted R.: A.: M.: during the year,	6
" Affiliated " " " " "	1
" Restored " " " " "	1
Total,	41
No. Dimitted,	1
" Suspended for non-payment of dues,	2
" " unimasonic conduct,	1
" Expelled,	1
" Died,	1
Total No. of Members,	35

Amount of Funds, \$ ____ No. Petitions Rejected during the year, ____

GRAND CHAPTER DUES.

33 Members per last return, less *three* petitioners for new Chapters, *
at 50 cents each, \$15.00
8 Advanced M.: M.: during the year, at three dollars each, 24.00

*Enclose a list containing names of Petitioners.

Total, \$39.00

High Priests' P. O. Address,
1208 Hudson Street.

INSIDE.

Write plainly, and give names in full.

Albany Chapter, No. 250.

Exhibit of Work and Affiliation.

Chapter Reg. No.	NAMES.	Age.	NATIVITY. Town. State.	OCCUPATION.	RESIDENCE.	Name and No. of Lodge.	Advanced.	Passed the Chair.	Received and sworn to the degree.	Exalted.	Affiliated.	Chapter in which Exalted.
34	James Smith,	27	London, ... Eng.	Lawyer,	Albany, ...	St. John's, No. 1	Feb. 10	Feb. 25	Mar. 11	May 12		
35	John James,	32	Albany, ... N. Y.	Grocer,	"	"	"	Apr. 15	May 12	"		
36	William Hay,	20	Athens, ... Pa.	Blacksmith,	"	Liberty, " 30	"	"	"	"	May 12	Adoniram, 187.
37	Jeremiah Linn,	41	Boston, ... Mass.	Shoemaker,	"	St. John's, " 1	May 12	May 12	May 12	May 12		
38	Calvin Thurston, ...	60	Albany, ... N. Y.	Mason,	"	"	June 10	June 25	July 27	Sept. 10		
39	Charles Hudson, ...	35	Utica, ... N. Y.	Jeweler,	"	Liberty, " 30	July 12	July 27	"	"		
40	Henry Schwarz,	40	Berlin, Prussia,	Auctioneer,	"	St. John's, " 1	Aug. 9	Aug. 25	Aug. 25	"		
41	Amos Snow,	30	Albany, ... N. Y.	Confectioner	"	"	Oct. 6	Nov. 6	Dec. 8	"		
42	John Judson,	36	Bath, ... Maine,	Merchant, ..	"	"	" 22	"	"	"		

OFFICERS

OF THE

Grand Chapter of the State of New York,

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION, MARCH 14, 1798, TO 1880.

1798.

M. ·. E. ·. De Witt Clinton,	Grand High Priest.
Thomas Frothingham,	Grand King.
Jedediah Sanger,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. John Hanmer,	Grand Secretary.
Thomas Smith Webb,	Grand Treasurer.
Ammi Rogers,	Grand Chaplain.
John C. Ten Broeck,	Grand Marshal.
Benjamin Whipple,	Grand Sentinel.
Isaac Sturges,	Grand Tiler.

1799.

M. ·. E. ·. De Witt Clinton,	Grand High Priest.
Thomas Smith Webb,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
Thomas Frothingham,	Grand King.
Jedediah Sanger,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. John Hanmer,	Grand Secretary.
Ezra Ames,	Grand Treasurer.
John F. Ernst,	Grand Chaplain.
John C. Ten Broeck,	Grand Marshal.
Benjamin Whipple,	Grand Sentinel.
Isaac Sturges,	Grand Tiler.

1800.

M. . E. .	De Witt Clinton,	Grand High Priest.
	Ezra Ames,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
	Thomas Frothingham,	Grand King.
	—— Wetmore,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	Gerrit Bogart,	Grand Secretary.
	Richard Allanson,	Grand Treasurer.
	John F. Ernst,	Grand Chaplain.
	Elijah Porter,	Grand Marshal.
	Benjamin Whipple,	Grand Sentinel.
	Isaac Sturges,	Grand Tiler.

1801.

M. . M. .	De Witt Clinton,	Grand High Priest.
	Ezra Ames,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
	Warren Smith,	Grand King.
	Zebulon R. Shepherd,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	John Scoville,	Grand Secretary.
	Richard Allanson,	Grand Treasurer.
	John F. Ernst,	Grand Chaplain.
	Simeon Lester,	Grand Marshal.
	Benjamin Whipple,	Grand Sentinel.
	Isaac Sturges,	Grand Tiler.

1802.

M. . E. .	Ezra Ames,	Grand High Priest.
	Zebulon R. Shepherd,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
	Samuel Edmonds,	Grand King.
	John Butler,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	John Scoville,	Grand Secretary.
	Joseph Fry,	Grand Treasurer.
	John F. Ernst,	Grand Chaplain.
	Abraham D. Lansing,	Grand Marshal.
	Isaac Sturges,	Grand Tiler.

1803.

M. . E. .	Ezra Ames,	Grand High Priest.
	Samuel Edmonds,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
	Elijah Porter,	Grand King.
	James Adams,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	John Scoville,	Grand Secretary.
	Joseph Fry,	Grand Treasurer.
	Silas Churchill,	Grand Chaplain.
	Elisha Gilbert, Jr.,	Grand Marshal.
	Isaac Sturges,	Grand Tiler.

1804.

M. . E. .	Ezra Ames,	Grand High Priest.
	Zebulon R. Shepherd,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
	Daniel Hale, Jr.	Grand King.
	Ephraim Allen,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	John Scoville,	Grand Secretary.
	Joseph Fry,	Grand Treasurer.
	Silas Churchill,	Grand Chaplain.
	Ozias Fuller,	Grand Marshal.
	Isaac Sturges,	Grand Tiler.

1805.

M. . E. .	Ezra Ames,	Grand High Priest.
	Zebulon R. Shepherd,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
	Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	Grand King.
	William Patrick, Jr.	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	John Scoville,	Grand Secretary.
	Christopher C. Yates,	Grand Treasurer.
	Silas Churchill,	Grand Chaplain.
	Adonijah Skinner,	Grand Marshal.
	Isaac Sturges,	Grand Tiler.

1806.

M. . E. .	Ezra Ames,	Grand High Priest.
	Samuel Edmonds,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
	Asa Fitch,	Grand King.
	Ebenezer Wadsworth,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	John Scoville,	Grand Secretary.
	Christopher C. Yates,	Grand Treasurer.
	Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	William A. Needham,	Grand Marshal.
	Isaac Sturges,	Grand Tiler.

1807.

M. . E. .	Ezra Ames,	Grand High Priest.
	James Woods,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
	John E. West,	Grand King.
	Abner Peck,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	John Scoville,	Grand Secretary.
	Christopher C. Yates,	Grand Treasurer.
	Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	John F. Doty,	Grand Marshal.
	Abraham Martin,	Grand Tiler.

1808.

M. . E. .	Ezra Ames,	Grand High Priest.
	James Woods,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
	Benjamin Prince,	Grand King.
	Adonijah Skinner,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	John Scoville,	Grand Secretary.
	Christopher C. Yates,	Grand Treasurer.
	Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	John F. Doty,	Grand Marshal.
	Abraham Martin,	Grand Tiler.

1809.

M. . E. .	Ezra Ames,	Grand High Priest.
	James Woods,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
	Jedediah Sanger,	Grand King.
	Samuel Edmonds,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	John Scoville,	Grand Secretary.
	Christopher C. Yates,	Grand Treasurer.
	Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	John F. Doty,	Grand Marshal.
	Abraham Martin,	Grand Tiler.

1810.

M. . E. .	Ezra Ames,	Grand High Priest.
	James Woods,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
	Jedediah Sanger,	Grand King.
	Samuel Edmonds,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	John Scoville,	Grand Secretary.
	Christopher C. Yates,	Grand Treasurer.
	Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	John F. Doty,	Grand Marshal.
	Benoni B. Forman,	Grand Tiler.

1811.

M. . E. .	Ezra Ames,	Grand High Priest.
	John C. Ludlow,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
	Samuel Edmonds,	Grand King.
	Joseph Enos, Jr.	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	John Scoville,	Grand Secretary.
	Christopher C. Yates,	Grand Treasurer.
	Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	John F. Doty,	Grand Marshal.
	Benoni B. Forman,	Grand Tiler.

1812.

M. . E. .	Ezra Ames,	Grand High Priest.
	Thomas Lownds,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
	Samuel Edmonds,	Grand King.
	Joseph Enos, Jr.	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	Isaac Hempsted,	Grand Secretary.
	Christopher C. Yates,	Grand Treasurer.
	Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	John F. Doty,	Grand Marshal.
	Benoni B. Forman,	Grand Tiler.

1813.

M. . E. .	Ezra Ames,	Grand High Priest.
	Thomas Lownds,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
	Samuel Edmonds,	Grand King.
	Joseph Enos, Jr.	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	Isaac Hempsted,	Grand Secretary.
	Christopher C. Yates,	Grand Treasurer.
	Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	John F. Doty,	Grand Marshal.
	Benoni B. Forman,	Grand Tiler.

1814.

M. . E. .	Ezra Ames,	Grand High Priest.
	Thomas Lownds,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
	Joseph Enos, Jr.	Grand King.
	Augustus F. Hayden,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	Isaac Hempsted,	Grand Secretary.
	Christopher C. Yates,	Grand Treasurer.
	Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	John F. Doty,	Grand Marshal.
	Abraham Martin,	Grand Tiler.

1815.

M. . E. .	Ezra Ames,	Grand High Priest.
	Joel Hart,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
	Joseph Enos, Jr.	Grand King.
	John Brush,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	Isaac Hempsted,	Grand Secretary.
	Christopher C. Yates,	Grand Treasurer.
	Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	John F. Doty,	Grand Marshal.
	Abraham Martin,	Grand Tiler.

1816.

M. . E. .	Ezra Ames,	Grand High Priest.
	Joel Hart,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
	Joseph Enos, Jr.	Grand King.
	John Brush,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	Isaac Hempsted,	Grand Secretary.
	Christopher C. Yates,	Grand Treasurer.
	Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	John F. Doty,	Grand Marshal.
	Abraham Martin,	Grand Tiler.

1817.

M. . E. .	Ezra Ames,	Grand High Priest.
	Richard Hatfield,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
	Joseph Enos, Jr.	Grand King.
	John Brush,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	Isaac Hempsted,	Grand Secretary.
	Christopher C. Yates,	Grand Treasurer.
	Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	John F. Doty,	Grand Marshal.
	Jesse P. Mitchell,	Grand Tiler.

1818.

M. . E. .	Ezra Ames,	Grand High Priest.
	Richard Hatfield,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
	Joseph Enos, Jr.	Grand King.
	John Brush,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	Ebenezer Wadsworth,	Grand Secretary.
	Isaac Hempsted,	Grand Treasurer.
	Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	John Bull, Jr.	Grand Marshal.
	Jesse P. Mitchell,	Grand Tiler.

1819.

M. . E. .	Ezra Ames,	Grand High Priest.
	Richard Hatfield,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
	Joseph Enos, Jr.	Grand King.
	John Brush,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	Ebenezer Wadsworth,	Grand Secretary.
	Isaac Hempsted,	Grand Treasurer.
	William B. Lacy,	Grand Chaplain.
	John Bull, Jr.	Grand Marshal.
	Jesse P. Mitchell,	Grand Tiler.

1820.

M. . E. .	Ezra Ames,	Grand High Priest.
	Richard Hatfield,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
	Joseph Enos, Jr.	Grand King.
	John Brush,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	Ebenezer Wadsworth,	Grand Secretary.
	William Barclay,	Grand Treasurer.
	William B. Lacy,	Grand Chaplain.
	John Bull, Jr.	Grand Marshal.
	Jesse P. Mitchell,	Grand Tiler.

1821.

M. . E. .	Ezra Ames,	Grand High Priest.
	Richard Hatfield,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
	Joseph Enos, Jr.	Grand King.
	John Brush,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	Ebenezer Wadsworth,	Grand Secretary.
	Gerrit L. Dox,	Grand Treasurer.
	William B. Lacy,	Grand Chaplain.
	John Bull, Jr.	Grand Marshal.
	Jesse P. Mitchell,	Grand Tiler.

1822.

M. . E. .	Ezra Ames,	Grand High Priest.
	Richard Hatfield,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
	Joseph Enos, Jr.	Grand King.
	John Brush,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	Ebenezer Wadsworth,	Grand Secretary.
	Gerrit L. Dox,	Grand Treasurer.
	Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	John Bull, Jr.	Grand Marshal.
	Jesse P. Mitchell,	Grand Tiler.

1823.

M. . E. .	Ezra Ames,	Grand High Priest.
	Joseph Enos,	Grand King.
	John Brush,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	Ebenezer Wadsworth,	Grand Secretary.
	Gerrit L. Dox,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Wm. A. Clark,	Grand Chaplain.
	John Bull, Jr.	Grand Marshal.
	Charles Hewett,	Grand Sentinel.

1824.

M. . E. .	Ezra Ames,	Grand High Priest.
	Richard Pennell,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
	Joseph Enos,	Grand King.
	John Brush,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	Ebénézer Wadsworth,	Grand Secretary.
	Gerrit L. Dox,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. William A. Clark,	Grand Chaplain.
	John Bull, Jr.	Grand Marshal.
	Charles Hewett,	Grand Sentinel.

1825.

M. . E. .	Ezra Ames,	Grand High Priest.
	Richard Pennell,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Joseph Enos,	Grand King.
	Ezra S. Cozier,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	Gerrit L. Dox,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Joseph Prentiss,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp.	John Bull, Jr.	Grand Marshal.
	Charles Hewett,	Grand Sentinel.

1826.

M. . E. .	Asa Fitch,	Grand High Priest.
	Ezra S. Cozier,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Orville Hungerford,	Grand King.
	Jonathan Eights,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	Gerrit L. Dox,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Joseph Prentiss,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp.	John Bull, Jr.	Grand Marshal.
	Charles Hewett,	Grand Sentinel.

1827.

M. . E. .	Asa Fitch,	Grand High Priest.
	Richard Pennell,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Orville Hungerford,	Grand King.
	Jacob Gould,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	Gerrit L. Dox,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Joseph Prentiss,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp.	John Bull, Jr.	Grand Marshal.
	Charles Hewett,	Grand Sentinel.

1828.

M. . E. .	Asa Fitch,	Grand High Priest.
	Richard Pennell,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Orville Hungerford,	Grand King.
	Benjamin Enos,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	Gerrit L. Dox,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Joseph Prentiss,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp.	John Bull, Jr.	Grand Marshal.
	Jesse P. Mitchell,	Grand Sentinel.

1829.

M. . E. .	Richard Pennell,	Grand High Priest.
	Ezra S. Cozier,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Benjamin Enos,	Grand King.
	Jacob T. B. Van Vechten,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	Gerrit L. Dox,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Joseph Prentiss,	Grand Chaplain.
	John Bull, Jr.	Grand Marshal.
	Jesse P. Mitchell,	Grand Sentinel.

1830.

M. . E. .	Richard Pennell,	Grand High Priest.
	James M. Allen,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Benjamin Enos,	Grand King.
	Jacob T. B. Van Vechten,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	Gerrit W. Ryckman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Edward Andrews,	Grand Chaplain.
	John Bull, Jr.	Grand Marshal.
	Cornelius Higgins,	Grand Sentinel.

1831.

M. . E. .	Ezra S. Cozier,	Grand High Priest.
	Mordecai Myers,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Jacob T. B. Van Vechten,	Grand King.
	John F. Hubbard,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	Gerrit W. Ryckman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Edward Andrews,	Grand Chaplain.
	John Bull, Jr.	Grand Marshal.
	Cornelius Higgins,	Grand Sentinel.

1832.

M. . E. .	James M. Allen,	Grand High Priest.
	Mordecai Myers,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Jacob T. B. Van Vechten,	Grand King.
	John F. Hubbard,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	Gerrit W. Ryckman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	John Bull, Jr.,	Grand Marshal.
	Cornelius Higgins, ..	Grand Sentinel.

1833.

M. . E. .	James M. Allen,	Grand High Priest.
	Mordecai Myers,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Jacob T. B. Van Vechten,	Grand King.
	John F. Hubbard,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	Gerrit W. Ryckman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	John Bull, Jr.,	Grand Marshal.
	Cornelius Higgins,	Grand Sentinel.

1834.

M. . E. .	Mordecai Myers,	Grand High Priest.
	Jacob T. B. Van Vechten,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Joseph Cuyler,	Grand King.
	Nathan Gillett,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	Gerrit W. Ryckman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	John Bull, Jr.,	Grand Marshal.
	Cornelius Higgins,	Grand Sentinel.

1835.

M. . E. .	Jacob T. B. Van Vechten,	Grand High Priest.
	Richard Pennell,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Joseph Cuyler,	Grand King.
	Nathan Gillett,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	Gerrit W. Ryckman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	John Bull, Jr.,	Grand Marshal.
	Cornelius Higgins,	Grand Sentinel.

1836.

M. . E. .	Jacob T. B. Van Vechten,	Grand High Priest.
	Richard Ellis,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
	Joseph Cuyler,	Grand King.
	Nathan Gillett,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	Gerrit W. Ryckman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	John Bull, Jr.	Grand Marshal.
	Cornelius Higgins,	Grand Sentinel.

1837.

M. . E. .	Jacob T. B. Van Vechten,	Grand High Priest.
	Richard Ellis,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
	Joseph Cuyler,	Grand King.
	Nathan Gillett,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	Gerrit W. Ryckman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	John Bull, Jr.	Grand Marshal.
	Cornelius Higgins,	Grand Sentinel.

1838.

M. . E. .	Jacob T. B. Van Vechten,	Grand High Priest.
	Richard Ellis,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Joseph Cuyler,	Grand King.
	Ebenezer Wadsworth,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	Gerrit W. Ryckman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	John Bull, Jr.	Grand Marshal.
	Abraham Sickels,	Grand Sentinel.

1839.

M. . E. .	Jacob T. B. Van Vechten,	Grand High Priest.
	Richard Ellis,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Joseph Cuyler,	Grand King.
	Jonathan Eight,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	Gerrit W. Ryckman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	John Bull, Jr.	Grand Marshal.
	Abraham Sickels,	Grand Sentinel.

1840.

M. . E. .	Richard Ellis,	Grand High Priest.
	Benjamin Enos,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Joseph Cuyler,	Grand King.
	Ezra S. Barnum,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	Gerrit W. Ryckman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	John Bull, Jr.	Grand Marshal.
	Abraham Sickels,	Grand Sentinel.

1841.

M. . E. .	Richard Ellis,	Grand High Priest.
	Benjamin Enos,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Joseph Cuyler,	Grand King.
	Ezra S. Barnum,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	Gerrit W. Ryckman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	John Bull, Jr.	Grand Marshal.
	Abraham Sickels,	Grand Sentinel.

1842.

M. . E. .	Richard Ellis,	Grand High Priest.
	Benjamin Enos,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Joseph Cuyler,	Grand King.
	Ezra S. Barnum,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	Gerrit W. Ryckman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	John Bull, Jr.	Grand Marshal.
	Abraham Sickels,	Grand Sentinel.

1843.

M. . E. .	Richard Ellis,	Grand High Priest.
	Benjamin Enos,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Ezra S. Barnum,	Grand King.
	Achille J. Rousseau,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole, ...	Grand Secretary.
	Gerrit W. Ryckman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	John Bull, Jr.	Grand Marshal.
	Abraham Sickels,	Grand Sentinel.

1844.

M. . E. .	Benjamin Enos,	Grand High Priest.
	Robert R. Boyd,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Ezra S. Barnum,	Grand King.
	Achille J. Rousseau,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	Gerrit W. Ryckman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	John Bull, Jr.	Grand Marshal.
	Abraham Sickels,	Grand Sentinel.

1845.

M. . E. .	Elisha Gilbert,	Grand High Priest.
	Robert R. Boyd,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Ezra S. Barnum,	Grand King.
	Achille J. Rousseau,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	Gerrit W. Ryckman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	John Bull, Jr.	Grand Marshal.
	Abraham Sickels,	Grand Sentinel.

1846.

M. . E. .	Ezra S. Barnum,	Grand High Priest.
	Robert R. Boyd,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Achille J. Rousseau,	Grand King.
	Lewis G. Hoffman,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	Gerrit W. Ryckman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	John Bull, Jr.	Grand Marshal.
	John Pierce,	Grand Sentinel.

1847.

M. . E. .	Ezra S. Barnum,	Grand High Priest.
	Robert R. Boyd,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Achille J. Rousseau,	Grand King.
	Lewis G. Hoffman,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	Gerrit W. Ryckman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	John Bull, Jr.	Grand Marshal.
	John Pierce,	Grand Sentinel.

1848.

M. . E. .	Achille J. Rousseau,	Grand High Priest.
	Robert R. Boyd,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Lewis G. Hoffman,	Grand King.
	William Brewster,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	Gerrit W. Ryckman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	Jesse P. Mitchell,	Grand Marshal.
	John Pierce,	Grand Sentinel.

1849.

M. . E. .	Robert R. Boyd,	Grand High Priest.
	William Brewster,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Orsamus Dibble,	Grand King.
	James S. French,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	Gerrit W. Ryckman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	Jesse P. Mitchell,	Grand Marshal.
	John Pierce,	Grand Sentinel.

1850.

M. . E. .	Robert R. Boyd,	Grand High Priest.
	Orville Hungerford,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	John L. Lewis, Jr.	Grand King.
	James S. French,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	William Seymour,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	Jesse P. Mitchell,	Grand Marshal.
	John Pierce,	Grand Sentinel.

1851.

M. . E. .	Orville Hungerford,	Grand High Priest.
	Oscar Coles,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	John L. Lewis, Jr.	Grand King.
	John S. Perry,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	William Seymour,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	Jesse P. Mitchell,	Grand Marshal.
	John Pierce,	Grand Sentinel.

1852.

M. . E. .	John L. Lewis, Jr.	Grand High Priest.
	James W. Powell,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	John S. Perry,	Grand King.
	Sylvester Gilbert,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	William Seymour,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	Jesse P. Mitchell,	Grand Marshal.
	John Pierce,	Grand Sentinel.

1853.

M. . E. .	John L. Lewis, Jr.	Grand High Priest.
	James W. Powell,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	John S. Perry,	Grand King.
	Sylvester Gilbert,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	William Seymour,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	Jesse P. Mitchell,	Grand Marshal.
	John Pierce,	Grand Sentinel.

1854.

M. . E. .	John L. Lewis, Jr.	Grand High Priest.
	Charles L. Church,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	John S. Perry,	Grand King.
	Peter P. Murphy,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	William Seymour,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	Jesse P. Mitchell,	Grand Marshal.
	John Pierce,	Grand Sentinel.

1855.

M. . E. .	John S. Perry,	Grand High Priest.
	Charles L. Church,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Peter P. Murphy,	Grand King.
	Sylvester Gilbert,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	William Seymour,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	Jesse P. Mitchell,	Grand Marshal.
	John Pierce,	Grand Sentinel.

1856.

M. . E. .	Charles L. Church,	Grand High Priest.
	Peter P. Murphy,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Sylvester Gilbert,	Grand King.
	George H. Thacher,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	William Seymour,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	George N. Williams,	Grand Captain of the Host.
	Jesse P. Mitchell,	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
	John Pierce,	Grand Sentinel.

1857.

M. . E. .	Peter P. Murphy,	Grand High Priest.
	James M. Austin,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Sylvester Gilbert,	Grand King.
	Augustus Willard,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	William Seymour,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	George N. Williams,	Grand Captain of the Host.
	Jesse P. Mitchell,	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
	John Pierce,	Grand Sentinel.

1858.

M. . E. .	Peter P. Murphy,	Grand High Priest.
	James M. Austin,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Sylvester Gilbert,	Grand King.
	Augustus Willard,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	William Seymour,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	George N. Williams,	Grand Captain of the Host.
	William Connelly,	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
	John Pierce,	Grand Sentinel.

1859.

M. . E. .	James M. Austin,	Grand High Priest.
	Sylvester Gilbert,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Augustus Willard,	Grand King.
	George N. Williams,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	William Seymour,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	Edgar C. Dibble,	Grand Captain of the Host.
	William Connelly,	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
	John Pierce,	Grand Sentinel.

1860.

. . E. .	James M. Austin,	Grand High Priest.
	Sylvester Gilbert,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Augustus Willard,	Grand King.
	George N. Williams,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	William Seymour,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	Edgar C. Dibble,	Grand Captain of the Host.
	William Connelly,	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
	Alonzo Crosby,	Grand Sentinel.

1861.

M. . E. .	George H. Thacher,	Grand High Priest.
	Arthur Boyce,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. .	Darius A. Ogden,	Grand King.
	Dan. S. Wright,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	William Seymour,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	William F. Holmes,	Grand Captain of the Host.
	William Connelly,	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
	Alonzo Crosby,	Grand Sentinel.

1862.

M. . E. .	George H. Thacher,	Grand High Priest.
	Arthur Boyce,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
R. . E. .	Darius A. Ogden,	Grand King.
	Dan. S. Wright,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	William Seymour,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	Seymour H. Stone,	Grand Captain of the Host.
	William Connelly,	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
	Alonzo Crosby,	Grand Sentinel.

1863.

M. . E. .	Darius A. Ogden,	Grand High Priest.
	Horace S. Taylor,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
R. . R. .	Seymour H. Stone,	Grand King.
	Rees G. Williams,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	William Seymour,	Grand Treasurer.
	Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	Joseph B. Chaffee,	Grand Captain of the Host.
	William Connelly,	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
	Alonzo Crosby,	Grand Sentinel.

1864.

M. . E. .	Darius A. Ogden,	Grand High Priest.
	Horace S. Taylor,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
R. . E. .	Seymour H. Stone,	Grand King.
	Rees G. Williams,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	William Seymour,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Salem Town,	Grand Chaplain.
	Joseph B. Chaffee,	Grand Captain of the Host.
	William Connelly,	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
	Alonzo Crosby,	Grand Sentinel.

1865.

M. . E. .	Horace S. Taylor,	Grand High Priest.
	Seymour H. Stone,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
R. . E. .	Rees G. Williams,	Grand King.
	Joseph B. Chaffee,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	William Seymour,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Charles H. Platt,	Grand Chaplain.
	David F. Day,	Grand Captain of the Host.
	William Connelly,	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
	Amza Fuller,	Grand Sentinel.

1866.

M. . E. .	Horace S. Taylor,	Grand High Priest.
	Seymour H. Stone,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
R. . E. .	Rees G. Williams,	Grand King.
	Joseph B. Chaffee,	Grand Scribe.
	John O. Cole,	Grand Secretary.
	William Seymour,	Grand Treasurer.
	Rev. Charles H. Platt,	Grand Chaplain.
	David F. Day,	Grand Captain of the Host.
	John S. Dickerman,	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
	Amza Fuller,	Grand Sentinel.

1867.

M. . E. .	Seymour H. Stone,	Grand High Priest.
	John W. Simons,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
R. . E. .	Rees G. Williams,	Grand King.
	Joseph B. Chaffee,	Grand Scribe.
	William Seymour,	Grand Treasurer.
	Christopher G. Fox,	Grand Secretary.
	Rev. Charles H. Platt,	Grand Chaplain.
	David F. Day,	Grand Captain of the Host.
	John D. Williams,	Grand Principal Sojourner.
	John S. Dickerman,	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
	Daniel Wolff,	Grand Master 3d Vail.
	Thomas C. Cassidy,	Grand Master 2d Vail.
	James D. Pollard,	Grand Master 1st Vail.
	Amza Fuller,	Grand Tiler.

1868.

M. . E. .	Seymour H. Stone,	Grand High Priest.
	John W. Simons,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
R. . E. .	Rees G. Williams,	Grand King.
	Joseph B. Chaffee,	Grand Scribe.
	John S. Dickerman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Christopher G. Fox,	Grand Secretary.
	Rev. Charles H. Platt,	Grand Chaplain.
	David F. Day,	Grand Captain of the Host.
	John D. Williams,	Grand Principal Sojourner.
	Daniel Wolff,	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
	Thomas C. Cassidy,	Grand Master 3d Vail.
	James D. Pollard,	Grand Master 2d Vail.
	G. Fred. Wiltsie,	Grand Master 1st Vail.
	Amza Fuller,	Grand Tiler.

1869.

M. . E. .	John W. Simons,	Grand High Priest.
	Rees G. Williams,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
R. . E. .	Joseph B. Chaffee,	Grand King.
	David F. Day,	Grand Scribe.
	John S. Dickerman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Christopher G. Fox,	Grand Secretary.
	Rev. Charles H. Platt,	Grand Chaplain.
	William T. Woodruff,	Grand Captain of the Host.
	Hamden W. McIntire,	Grand Principal Sojourner.
	Roswell P. Flower,	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
	John D. Serviss,	Grand Master 3d Vail.
	Henry W. Karn,	Grand Master 2d Vail.
	George W. Norton,	Grand Master 1st Vail.
	Amza Fuller,	Grand Tiler.

1870.

M. . E. .	John W. Simons,	Grand High Priest.
	Rees G. Williams,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
R. . M. .	Joseph B. Chaffee,	Grand King.
	David F. Day,	Grand Scribe.
	John S. Dickerman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Christopher G. Fox,	Grand Secretary.
	Rev. James B. Murray,	Grand Chaplain.
	William T. Woodruff,	Grand Captain of the Host.
	Hamden W. McIntire,	Grand Principal Sojourner.
	Roswell P. Flower,	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
	John D. Serviss,	Grand Master 3d Vail.
	Henry W. Karn,	Grand Master 2d Vail.
	George W. Norton,	Grand Master 1st Vail.
	Amza Fuller,	Grand Tiler.

1871.

M. . E. .	Rees G. Williams,	Grand High Priest.
	Thomas C. Cassidy,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
R. . E. .	Joseph B. Chaffee,	Grand King.
	David F. Day,	Grand Scribe.
	John S. Dickerman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Christopher G. Fox,	Grand Secretary.
	Rev. James B. Murray,	Grand Chaplain.
	Roswell P. Flower,	Grand Captain of the Host.
	James D. Pollard,	Grand Principal Sojourner.
	Stephen Clough,	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
	George Van Vliet,	Grand Master 3d Vail.
	J. William Wait,	Grand Master 2d Vail.
	William A. Baldwin,	Grand Master 1st Nail.
	Amza Fuller,	Grand Tiler.

1872.

M. . E. .	Rees G. Williams,	Grand High Priest.
	Thomas C. Cassidy,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
R. . E. .	Joseph B. Chaffee,	Grand King.
	David F. Day,	Grand Scribe.
	John S. Dickerman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Christopher G. Fox,	Grand Secretary.
	Rev. James B. Murray,	Grand Chaplain.
	Edwin M. Holbrook,	Grand Captain of the Host.
	James D. Pollard,	Grand Principal Sojourner.
	Stephen Clough,	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
	George Van Vliet,	Grand Master 3d Vail.
	J. William Wait,	Grand Master 2d Vail.
	William A. Baldwin,	Grand Master 1st Vail.
	Amza Fuller,	Grand Tiler.

1873.

M. . E. .	Thomas C. Cassidy,	Grand High Priest.
	Joseph B. Chaffee,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
R. . E. .	David F. Day,	Grand King.
	James D. Pollard,	Grand Scribe.
	John S. Dickerman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Christopher G. Fox,	Grand Secretary.
	Rev. James B. Murray,	Grand Chaplain.
	George Van Vliet,	Grand Captain of the Host.
	Richard H. Huntington,	Grand Principal Sojourner.
	Richard H. Parker,	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
	John H. Clickner,	Grand Master 3d Vail.
	Charles B. Wade,	Grand Master 2d Vail.
	James F. Ferguson,	Grand Master 1st Vail.
	Amza Fuller,	Grand Tiler.

1874.

M. . E. .	Thomas C. Cassidy,	Grand High Priest.
	Joseph B. Chaffee,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
R. . E. .	David F. Day,	Grand King.
	James D. Pollard,	Grand Scribe.
	John S. Dickerman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Christopher G. Fox,	Grand Secretary.
	Rev. James B. Murray,	Grand Chaplain.
	George Van Vliet,	Grand Captain of the Host.
	Richard H. Huntington,	Grand Principal Sojourner.
	Richard H. Parker,	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
	John H. Clickner,	Grand Master 3d Vail.
	James F. Ferguson,	Grand Master 2d Vail.
	Mark C. Finley,	Grand Master 1st Vail.
	William Fisher,	Grand Tiler.

1875.

M. . E. .	Joseph B. Chaffee,	Grand High Priest.
	George Van Vliet,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
R. . E. .	David F. Day,	Grand King.
	James D. Pollard,	Grand Scribe.
	John S. Dickerman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Christopher G. Fox,	Grand Secretary.
	Rev. James B. Murray,	Grand Chaplain.
	Clinton F. Paige,	Grand Captain of the Host.
	Richard H. Parker,	Grand Principal Sojourner.
	Edwin M. Holbrook,	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
	Wesley B. Church,	Grand Master 3d Vail.
	James T. Southard,	Grand Master 2d Vail.
	John B. Shaw,	Grand Master 1st Vail.
	William Fisher,	Grand Tiler.

1876.

M. . E. .	Joseph B. Chaffee,	Grand High Priest.
	George Van Vliet,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
R. . E. .	David F. Day,	Grand King.
	James D. Pollard,	Grand Scribe.
	John S. Dickerman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Christopher G. Fox,	Grand Secretary.
	Rev. James B. Murray,	Grand Chaplain.
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1877.

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1878.

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	Richard H. Huntington,	Grand Scribe.
	John S. Dickerman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Christopher G. Fox,	Grand Secretary.
	Rev. James B. Murray,	Grand Chaplain.
	James E. Morrison,	Grand Captain of the Host.
	Richard H. Parker,	Grand Principal Sojourner.
	Elonzo N. Stone,	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
	Burr J. Davis,	Grand Master 3d Vail.
	Jonathan S. Smith,	Grand Master 2d Vail.
	John Webb, Jr.,	Grand Master 1st Vail.
	William H. Gladding,	Grand Tiler.

1879.

M. . E. .	David F. Day,	Grand High Priest.
	William T. Woodruff,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
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	Richard H. Huntington,	Grand Scribe.
	John S. Dickerman,	Grand Treasurer.
	Christopher G. Fox,	Grand Secretary.
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	Elonzo N. Stone,	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
	Burr J. Davis,	Grand Master 3d Vail.
	Jonathan S. Smith,	Grand Master 2d Vail.
	John Webb, Jr.,	Grand Master 1st Vail.
	William H. Gladding,	Grand Tiler.

1880.

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R. . E. .	Richard H. Huntington,	Grand King.
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	Christopher G. Fox,	Grand Secretary.
	Rev. James B. Murray,	Grand Chaplain.
	James E. Morrison,	Grand Captain of the Host.
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