



LAWS AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

MOST WORSHIPFUL

GRAND LODGE OF THE

PRINCIPALITY LIECHTENSTEIN

THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS
COMPRISING
THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE
OF THE
PRINCIPALITY LIECHTENSTEIN

TO WHICH ARE APPENDED

THE OLD CHARGES,
PRAYERS AND FORMS TO BE USED
IN LODGES

AND THE

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DECLARATION

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

its Constitution as "pure Ancient Masonry". It does not recognise or admit the existence of any superior Masonic authority, however styled.

10. On more than one occasion the Grand Lodge of the Principality Liechtenstein has refused, and will continue to refuse, to participate in Conferences with so-called International Associations claiming to represent Freemasonry which admit to membership Bodies failing to conform strictly to the principles upon which the Grand Lodge of the Principality Liechtenstein is founded. The Grand Lodge does not admit any such claim nor can its views be represented by any such Association.
11. There is no secret with regard to any of the basic principles of Freemasonry, some of which have been stated above. The Grand Lodge will always consider the recognition of those Grand Lodges which profess, and practice, and can show that they have consistently professed and practised those established and unaltered principles, but in no circumstances will it enter into discussion with a view to any new or varied interpretation of them. They must be accepted and practised wholeheartedly and in their entirety by those who desire to be recognised as Freemasons by the Grand Lodge of the Principality Liechtenstein.

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GRAND LODGE OF THE PRINCIPALITY LIECHTENSTEIN

1. The Grand Lodge of the Principality Liechtenstein, hereinafter called the Grand Lodge, as representing the whole Fraternity of Freemasons in Liechtenstein, has an inherent right to make new Laws and Regulations, and to alter those already made, preserving at the same time the Ancient Landmarks.
2. The following Law and Regulations, shall take effect from the eleventh day of December, 2016, and all other general Laws and Regulations hitherto in force are hereby repealed, except as regards any proceedings of the Grand Lodge heretofore taken.
3. Pure Ancient Masonry consists of the following Degrees and no others, viz- The Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, the Master Mason and the Installed Master, but the Degrees of Royal Arch and Mark Master Mason shall also be recognised so long as the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Liechtenstein shall work only those two Degrees in the form in which they are working at the passing of this Law.
4. The Government of the Fraternity is placed in the hands of the Grand Lodge, which is composed of the Grand Master, the Grand Officers, the Past Grand Officers, the acting Master and Wardens of the Grand Master's Lodge, the Masters and Wardens of each Lodge on the Register of Liechtenstein, and all Past Masters who have taken out their Past Master's Certificate. All members of the Grand Lodge must be subscribing members of a Lodge on the Register of the Grand Lodge.

5. The members of the Grand Lodge rank in the following order, viz.: -

The Most Worshipful Grand Master
Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters
The Right Worshipful (Past) Deputy Grand Masters
The Right Worshipful (Past) Senior Grand Warden
The Right Worshipful (Past) Junior Grand Warden
The Right Worshipful (Past) Grand Treasurer
The Right Worshipful (Past) Grand Secretary
The Right Worshipful (Past) Grand Chaplain
The Right Worshipful (Past) Grand Lecturer
The Very Worshipful (Past) Senior Grand Deacon
The Very Worshipful (Past) Junior Deacon
The Very Worshipful (Past) Grand Marshal
The Very Worshipful (Past) Grand Sword Bearer
The Very Worshipful (Past) Grand Almoner
The Very Worshipful (Past) Grand Musician
The Very Worshipful (Past) Grand Lodge Standard Bearer
The Very Worshipful (Past) Grand Inner Guard
The Right Worshipful Acting Masters and Wardens of the Grand Master's Lodge
The Masters and Wardens of all Subordinate Lodges and Past Masters

6. Every Brother regularly installed as Master of a Subordinate Lodge, under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, who has held office for the regular time, shall, at the termination thereof, be registered in the Past Master's Register. No Past Master, however, shall be entitled to vote on any question in Grand Lodge, until he has taken out his Past Master's Certificate. The Past Master's Register shall be produced at each Communication of the Grand Lodge.
7. The Grand Lodge shall meet for the despatch of business in the months March and October or on such day and at such other hour as the MWGM may appoint should occasion require, and at other times when duly summoned. The Grand Lodge shall also meet to proclaim and salute the Grand Officers elected for the ensuing 3 years, and to receive the report of the Committee of Inspection as to the newly-elected Officers of the Lodges. Grand Lodge shall always be opened on the Third Degree, except in the case of an occasional Grand Lodge summoned for the purpose of Constitution only, which shall be opened on the First Degree.
8. At each Communication the Grand Lodge shall be opened by the Deputy Grand Master and ruled by the Grand Master, in his absence by the Deputy Grand Master.
9. No Brother, who is not a member of the Grand Lodge, shall be present at its Communications, except by permission of the Presiding Officer. Any Brother so admitted shall not be allowed to address the Chair, unless by permission of the Presiding Officer, nor shall he in any case vote.
10. Each member of the Grand Lodge attending any Communication thereof, shall, before entering, sign his name in a book provided for that purpose.

11. All Brethren attending the Grand Lodge or any Subordinate Lodge shall wear the appropriate Apron, and the Collar and Jewel of his rank, but no member of the Grand Lodge or any Subordinate Lodge or visitor thereto shall be permitted to wear any Jewel, Medal or Device belonging to any Order or Degree beyond that of a Master Mason, in which however the Jewel of a Past Master is included. The Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges may wear the insignia of the Grand Lodges they represent.
12. The Jewels of Office worn by the Masters and Wardens of Subordinate Lodges shall be of Silver; the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and Officers of the Grand Master's Lodge are entitled to wear Jewels of Gold.
13. All Brethren entitled to seats on the dais – that is to say, Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges, Elected Members of the Grand Lodge of Instruction – attending the evening Communications of Grand Lodges are expected to appear in evening dress. (The obligatory dress code established by the first Grand Master is black tuxedo, white shirt, white bowtie, white gloves and black shoes and it applies to all members of the Grand Lodge.)
14. At each Communication of the Grand Lodge the front seats below the dais shall be reserved for the Masters and Wardens of Subordinate Lodges. The Grand Marshal and the Grand Senior Deacon shall strictly enforce the regulations concerning Clothing and Precedence.
15. The Grand Lodge having been opened, the Minutes of the last Stated, and of any intervening, Communication shall be read, and, when confirmed, shall be signed by the Presiding Officer, after which motions of which due notice had been given, shall be taken into consideration. The report of the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes shall then be submitted to the Grand Lodge for its determination. The Grand Lodge reserves to itself the power of hearing and determining all applications, memorials and petitions which it may deem proper, though not previously submitted to the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes.
16. All differences amongst Lodges or Brethren which cannot be adjusted by the Board of Subordinated Lodges, shall be decided by the Grand Lodge. Any Brother aggrieved by such decision may at any time within six months, or if residing outside of the Principality Liechtenstein within twelve months apply to the Grand Lodge for a re-hearing of the case. No appeal or application for re-hearing can be received unless couched in proper and respectful language.
17. All motions submitted to the Grand Lodge shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present, the Presiding Officer included; and if on a division the numbers be equal, the Presiding Officer shall have a casting vote.
18. The Master and Wardens of any Lodge which shall have neglected for three whole years to make its returns and payments to the Grand Lodge, shall be thereby disqualified from voting in the Grand Lodge, or acting upon any Board or Committee, until such returns and payments shall have been made.

19. Each Brother while addressing the Chair shall remain standing, and shall not be interrupted unless by a special motion to order, or by being called to order by the Presiding Officer.
20. A Brother shall not be at liberty to speak more than once on the same motion, unless in explanation or reply, or when called upon by the Presiding Officer. If any Brother behaves in Grand Lodge in such a manner as to disturb the harmony of Grand Lodge, he shall be formally admonished by the Presiding Officer, and if he persists in his irregular conduct he shall be excluded for the remainder of the meeting on the vote of the majority of the members present. The same power may be exercised in Subordinate Lodges, but in such cases an immediate report shall be made to Grand Lodge as the case may be.
21. A notice for the enactment of a new Law or for the alteration or repeal of an existing Law, or for the grant of money, shall be entertained at any Communication of Grand Lodge; provided also that notice thereof in writing, shall have been given at a previous Communication of Grand Lodge. However, the Grand Officer who is to preside, having received prior notice of a matter and deeming it to be of pressing urgency, may agree, prior to any Communication of Grand Lodge, to admit such matter for discussion and resolution.
22. Notices relating to alterations in Grand Lodge Laws, the appointment of Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges, and appeals from either Lodges or Brethren, shall be communicated to all Subordinate Lodges, immediately after the Communication of the Grand Lodge at which such notices are given.
23. A discretionary power is vested in the Presiding Officer of rejecting, at the time of its being handed in, any notice of motion, if such shall be deemed by him improper, unlawful, or inconsistent with the Ancient Landmarks.
24. Any motion, the substance of which the Grand Lodge has already considered and decided upon, shall not be again brought forward or otherwise discussed until after the lapse of six months from the date of such decision, except in cases of appeal as in G.L. Law No. 16.
25. If the proposer of a motion shall not attend to move it or authorise some other Brother so to do, then, unless the Grand Lodge shall consent to a postponement, it shall be competent to any other member of the Grand Lodge to move it, as if he had originally given notice thereof.
26. Any communication from a Lodge to be submitted to the Grand Lodge must be signed by the Master and Secretary, and have the Lodge Seal affixed.
27. The Transactions of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, or of any Subordinate Lodge, or of any Masonic Committee, or any comment thereon, or reference thereto, shall not be printed or published without the permission of the Grand Lodge, or of the Grand Master, or the Deputy Grand Master.
28. The Grand Lodge shall subscribe annually, having regard to the state of Grand Lodge funds at the time, to such Masonic Charity (one or more of them) as

Grand Lodge shall from time to time decide, such sums as shall be the subject of motion annually in Grand Lodge.

29. The accounts of the Grand Lodge, and also of the Charity Fund, up to and including 31st December in each year, shall immediately thereafter be audited as hereinafter provided, and on or before the 1st March, next succeeding, be printed and sent to the several Lodges in correspondence with the Grand Lodge, together with all new Laws, Regulations, and Standing Orders of the Grand Lodge; the number of all Warrants cancelled, suspended, sent in, or restored, and the names of all Brethren who may have been individually expelled, suspended, struck off, or restored, during the previous year.
30. No paid Officer of the Grand Lodge shall act as Secretary or Treasurer to any Lodge or other Subordinate Masonic Body.
31. The Grand Lodge strictly prohibits as unlawful all assemblies of Freemasons in Principality Liechtenstein, under any title whatever, purporting to be Masonic, not held by virtue of a Warrant or Constitution from the Grand Lodge or from one of the other Masonic Grand Bodies recognised by it and acting in Masonic union with it. Any Brother being a member of any Lodge on the Register of the Grand Lodge of the Principality Liechtenstein or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, who shall take any part in such unlawful assembly, or shall join or become a member of any Body or Society in the Principality Liechtenstein purporting to be Masonic, and not in connection with or sanctioned by the Grand Lodge or other Masonic Grand Body recognised by it, shall be liable to suspension, or such other penalty as the Grand Lodge may think fit. No Member of any Lodge of the Principality Liechtenstein shall be a member of or attend any meeting of any Body or Society which requires Freemasonry as a basis of or qualification for membership, except of such Bodies as are included in the Calendar published annually by the authority of Grand Lodge. If any Lodge or member of a Lodge shall give any information as to the standing of a member in reply to an enquiry from any such non-recognised Body, it shall be deemed to be unmasonic conduct and may be dealt with accordingly. Members of Lodges under the Grand Lodge of the Principality Liechtenstein are forbidden to join or to belong to Clubs or other Bodies purporting to be or calling themselves Masonic, including "Benevolent Associations", established within Subordinate Lodges for the purpose of raising funds for the Benevolent Institutions, unless such Clubs or Bodies have been sanctioned by the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master, or if in a Masonic Province by the Provincial Grand Master or his Deputy, or if abroad in a country under the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge recognised by the Grand Lodge of the Principality Liechtenstein by such Grand Lodge. Such sanction may at any time be withdrawn without notice.
32. No discussion on religious, racial or political matter shall, under any pretence whatever, be permitted in any Masonic assembly.
33. Masonic Clothing or Insignia shall not be worn at any Masonic procession, ball, concert or other assembly, unless by permission of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, or the Deputy Grand Master; and at all Masonic processions of

any kind whatsoever, even though authorised as above, it is strictly prohibited to introduce any party colours or party tunes.

34. If a charge involving suspension or expulsion is brought against any Brother, either by a Lodge, or by a Brother, or by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Principality Liechtenstein, such charge shall be written, and shall, if the Brother charged belongs or has belonged to a Lodge meeting within the Principality Liechtenstein, be preferred directly to the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes. Such charge shall be sent to the Grand Secretary. If, on consideration of the matters alleged in such charge, the Board of General Purposes shall find that a prima facie case has been made, then they shall cause to be served on the Brother so charged a summons to attend before the Board of General Purposes, as the case may be, or any Committee thereof, or in the case of the Brother so charged belonging or who has a Masonic Province to attend before the local Committee appointed by the Board of General Purposes, and answer the charge. Such summons shall specify where and when the charge shall be served upon the Brother charged, either personally or by the posting of a registered letter direct to the Brother charged, at his last known address. At least seven days shall intervene between the date of the service of the summons and the date fixed for the hearing of the charge. On satisfactory proof of the service in the manner aforesaid, the Board of General Purposes, or any Committee appointed as aforesaid, as the case may be, shall at the time and place specified in the summons, proceed to hear and investigate the charge, whether the Brother charged attend or not, and may from time to time adjourn the hearing and investigation as they shall think fit, and on the conclusion thereof shall report to the Board of General Purposes on the following points:

1. Whether the charge has, in their opinion, been proved, and if so, to what extent.
2. Whether in their opinion, and if so, what penalty shall be inflicted by the Grand Lodge
3. Whether there are any, and if so, what facts and circumstances in connection with the case, which, in their opinion, it is necessary or desirable to bring before the Grand Lodge.

The report (having first been laid before the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes for consideration) shall be submitted to the Grand Lodge at the next Stated Communication at which same can be properly brought forward pursuant to G.L. Law No. 15, as to notice hereinbefore contained and the Grand Lodge on consideration of the report shall punish, reprimand or acquit the Brother charged as they shall think fit.

The Grand Master or his Deputy may if he thinks fit, in the case of any Brother charged with an offence involving expulsion or suspension, prohibit temporarily such a Brother from attendance at his own or any other Lodge under Principality Liechtenstein Constitution, or at Refreshment in connection therewith, pending investigation of the charge. Any Brother aggrieved by such decision of the Grand Lodge, may at any time within six months apply to the Grand Lodge for a re-hearing of the case, as provided by the G.L. Law No. 16.

35. If a Committee of enquiry be appointed by the Grand Lodge to investigate and report upon any complaint, the Brother or Brethren who apply for such Committee, shall thereupon deposit in the hand of the Master of the Lodge to which the authority to hold such investigation shall be given a sum of one

thousand Euro; which sum, or such much thereof as shall be necessary, the Committee of enquiry shall have authority to apply in discharge of the travelling expenses of the Committee; and the surplus, if any, shall be returned to the Brother or Brethren so depositing the same; and the expenses of such investigation shall be finally chargeable on and paid by the Brother or Brethren who shall be adjudged in fault.

36. Any Lodge wilfully transgressing or neglecting to obey any Law or Regulation herein or hereafter to be prescribed, or being guilty of un-Masonic conduct in any other respect, shall in addition to any fine or other penalty imposed for such breach of any Law, or such un-Masonic conduct, be liable to be tried for such misconduct in such manner as the Grand Lodge shall direct, and if found guilty, shall have its Warrant suspended or cancelled as member of such Lodge, at the time of its having incurred either of these penalties, shall be under suspension, unless specially exempted (see G.L. Law No. 109), and shall not have the privilege of joining or visiting any other Lodge until his suspension is removed by the Grand Lodge on the petition of the member so suspended. If the offence be deemed not to deserve suspension or cancellation of the Warrant, the Grand Lodge may reprimand, fine, or otherwise punish the said Lodge.
37. If any Brother shall wilfully transgress or fail to observe any of the Laws or Regulations hereinbefore prescribed or which shall hereafter be prescribed, to be kept or observed by the individual Brethren, or shall be found guilty of any un-Masonic conduct, the Brother so offending may, in addition to the pecuniary penalty (if any) which is, or hereafter shall be, imposed for the breach or non-observance of any such Law or Regulation, be reprimanded, suspended, or expelled as the Grand Lodge shall direct.

THE GRAND OFFICERS

38. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master and all the Grand Officers shall be elected for a period of three years by the Grand Lodge.
39. The Grand Master shall, with the concurrence of Grand Lodge, have the power of conferring Honorary Past Grand Rank on such Grand Officers of other Jurisdictions in Masonic union with the Grand Lodge of the Principality Liechtenstein as he shall consider worthy of this distinction, provided that such Honorary Rank shall not be higher than that which they enjoy or have enjoyed in their own Grand Lodge. The Grand Master with the concurrence of Grand Lodge shall also have the power of conferring Honorary Past Grand Rank upon such Past Masters as may be considered worthy of the distinction; also of conferring the Honorary Rank of Past Masters under the Liechtenstein Constitution on any Brother who has already passed the Chair of Master in a Lodge under the Constitution of any Sovereign Grand Lodge with which Grand Lodge is in amity in any country.
40. No Brother shall be eligible for election to any office in the Grand Lodge, unless he be a subscribing Past Master of a Subordinate Lodge, and a Master Mason of at least five years' standing.

41. The Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes shall have the privilege of nominating Brethren to hold office in Grand Lodge, and the Auditor of Grand Lodge Accounts; such nomination to be submitted to the Stated Communication of the Grand Lodge, together with a return showing the attendance of the Grand Deacons and Junior Grand Officers during the previous year; and at said Communication it shall be competent for any member of the Grand Lodge to propose any other qualified Brother or Brethren for any such office, the election shall be by ballot at the next Communication, otherwise those nominated by the Grand Lodge Board shall be declared elected.
42. The property and funds of the Grand Lodge of the Principality Liechtenstein shall be vested either in not more than six Trustees who shall be members of Grand Lodge or solely in any trust corporation incorporated within Principality Liechtenstein of which all directors and members are members of Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes shall appoint the Trustees subject to the approval of Grand Lodge. The said property and funds or any part thereof may from time to time be disposed of or dealt with by way of sales, mortgage, lease, investment or otherwise as the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes from time to time may direct and so that any person or persons or corporation holding any of the said property or funds on a Trust, whether express or implied, on behalf of the Grand Lodge shall carry out any such sale, mortgage, lease, investment, dispositions given by the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes in connection with any such sale, mortgage, lease, investment, disposition or dealing.
43. Personal canvassing for any of the Grand Offices is strictly forbidden, and any Brother proved to have been personally engaged therein shall thereupon be deemed ineligible for election to such Grand Office.
44. If a vacancy in any office in the Grand Lodge, save that of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary or Grand Lecturer shall occur during the year, such office shall remain vacant until ensuing next election.
45. If the Grand Master shall decline to preside over the Fraternity, he may recommend his successor; who, if approved by the Grand Lodge, shall be proclaimed and saluted as Grand Master elect, and subsequently installed according to Ancient Usage; but if the recommendation be not approved, the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes shall recommend some other Brother for the Office of Grand Master; such recommendation to be submitted to the Grand Lodge at its next Communication, at which Communication it shall be competent for any member of the Grand Lodge to propose any other qualified Brother, and in such case the election to such office shall be held at the ensuing Communication of the Grand Lodge.
46. The Grand Master shall, as his inherent right, nominate and appoint the Deputy Grand Master, who thereupon shall be proclaimed, saluted and installed in proper form. The Grand Master, in like manner, may appoint an Assistant Grand Master who thereupon shall be proclaimed saluted and installed in proper form.

47. In the case of the demise of the Grand Master, or if from any cause the Grand Master be rendered permanently incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the Deputy Grand Master, or the Senior Grand Warden or other Grand Officer, according to seniority, shall forthwith summon a Communication of the Grand Lodge in order to elect a Grand Master; but until a Grand Master shall have been elected and installed, the Deputy Grand Master shall act as Grand Master, and shall have the powers and privileges of Grand Master.
48. The Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master shall have authority to require the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary to attend them with their books whenever they shall respectively deem it necessary.
49. The Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master have each full authority and right to preside in any Subordinate Lodge, and to order the Grand Wardens to attend who, if present, are to fill the Wardens' Chairs in such Lodge.
50. No Communication should be made direct to the Grand Master, but to the Deputy Grand Master, through the Grand Secretary. In case of the absence of the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary may forward such Communications direct to the Grand Master.
51. The Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes shall nominate a Brother for the Office of Grand Secretary, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge, such nomination to be made as soon as practicable after a vacancy has occurred, and to be submitted at the following Communication of Grand Lodge.

OF THE BOARDS OF GENERAL PURPOSES

52. The Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes shall consist of the following: Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Lecturer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain and Grand Almoner.
53. If any elected member of the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes shall be absent for three successive meetings (unless in case of illness) his place shall be vacated.
54. When any vacancy occurs on the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes, such vacancy and such Body may, if it should think fit, proceed to elect another Qualified Brother to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the then current period.
55. The Stated Meetings of the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes shall be held on the Thursday next but two preceding each Stated Communication of Grand Lodge; but special meetings may be held at such other times as the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master may deem necessary. Five shall constitute a quorum of the Board.
56. The Deputy Grand Master shall be the Chairman, and the Grand Secretary shall act as Secretary of the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes.

57. The Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes may appoint sub-committees from amongst its members, for specific purposes, who shall report to the Board on the subjects referred to them.
58. The Accounts of Grand Lodge shall be audited each year by a Professional Accountant, and the Grand Treasurer.
59. The audited Accounts of Grand Lodge, signed by the Auditor, shall be presented by Grand Treasurer to a special meeting of the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes in the month of February of each year and after their investigation and approval shall be submitted to Grand Lodge at its meeting in March by Grand Treasurer. There shall be included in the Annual Report when printed a statement of the Income and Expenditure of the year and a statement showing all sums remaining due to Grand Lodge.
60. The duties of the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes shall be as follows: To investigate all subjects of Masonic complaint or irregularity which may be sent forward by Masonic Bodies, or individuals; to examine into the correspondence between the Grand Lodge and other Masonic Bodies, and into all applications, memorials and petitions to the Grand Lodge and to decide thereon. In cases involving the suspension or expulsion of a Brother, or the granting, cancellation or suspension of a Warrant, the Board shall make a report thereon to the Grand Lodge for its decision; but in all other cases the Board's decision shall be final, unless an appeal be made to the Grand Lodge, pursuant to Grand Lodge Law No. 16. To submit to the Grand Lodge at its Stated Communication in the month of March in each year, a correct list of all Lodges whose Warrants have been cancelled, suspended, surrendered, or restored within the last preceding twelve months, and the names of all Brethren suspended, struck off, expelled, or restored within the same period. To nominate Grand Officers in conformity with Grand Lodge Law No. 43, Trustees in conformity with Grand Lodge Law No. 44, and also the paid Officers of Grand Lodge including the Auditor of Grand Lodge Accounts, such nominations to be subject in every case to the approval of the Grand Lodge. To define the duties of the paid Officers of the Grand Lodge. To supervise and control the management of the property and finances of Grand Lodge subject to any directions and decisions of Grand Lodge. To recommend the name of a suitable Past Master to fill any vacancy this may occur in the representation of a Foreign Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge of the Principality Liechtenstein. Such recommendation shall be reported to the Grand Lodge.
61. In order to perform the duties aforesaid, the Board shall have access to, and be furnished with all books, communications and documents connected with the business of the Grand Lodge; and in cases of dispute or difference between individuals or Subordinate Lodges, the Board shall have the power to examine witnesses, either orally or in writing, as the case may require, and to call for and compel the production of the minute books of each Subordinate Lodge, and of all Masonic documents in the possession of any Subordinate Lodge or individual Brother.
62. All matters on which the Board shall have come to any decision shall be entered in their report book and submitted to the next Communication of the Grand Lodge.

OF SUBORDINATE LODGES

63. The Members of the Grand Master's Lodge shall be entered in the Grand Lodge Register before those of any other Lodge; the precedence of all other Lodges shall be according to the number of their Warrants.
64. The Grand Master's Lodge is to be governed as heretofore by the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master, and in their absence by the Acting Master, who shall be elected annually by the Lodge.
65. All Candidates for admission into the Grand Master's Lodge are to be proposed, seconded, and balloted for in the usual way, and are also to be subjected to the approval of the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master.
66. The Members of the Grand Master's Lodge are permitted to wear aprons fringed and bound with gold, similar to those worn by the Grand Officers, but distinguished by the letters G.M.L., embroidered in gold thereon.
67. A Lodge shall not be assembled without a Warrant or authority from the Grand Lodge, nor shall any individual be acknowledged or received as a Freemason who has not been initiated in a regular Lodge. Such Warrant must be evident at every Communication of the Lodge, whether Stated or Emergency.
68. Every applicant for a new Warrant shall, where practical, have the recommendation of three regular Lodges meeting in the neighbourhood where it is proposed that the new Lodge shall be held, from which the memorial have been sent; the Grand Lodge having the power, if it should think fit, to dispense with any of the foregoing recommendations.
69. The costs of each Warrant for a Lodge shall be one thousand Euros which sum must be deposited with the Grand Secretary before the application for such Warrant can be taken into consideration. This sum shall defray all charges for the registry of the Warrant and of the three Principal Officers of the new Lodge, and for a copy of the Book of Constitutions.
70. The Grand Secretary shall not issue any Warrant without having received the fees payable for same, under a penalty of one hundred twenty five Euros.
71. If the Warrant of any Lodge be purchased or procured by any other means than the regular permission of the Grand Lodge, such Warrant shall be cancelled; and all acts done under such Warrant, after the same was irregularly obtained, shall be void.
72. If any Lodge be suspended, or have its Warrant cancelled by order of the Grand Lodge, each subscribing member of such Lodge, at the time of its having incurred such penalty, except such member or members as shall be specially excepted by name in such order, shall be considered as under suspension, and shall not be allowed to visit or join any other Lodge, at labour or refreshment, until

his suspension shall have been removed by order of the Grand Lodge, obtained on the memorial of the member so suspended.

73. On satisfactory evidence that a Warrant has been lost or destroyed, the Grand Lodge may grant a duplicate on payment of one hundred Euros; but a Warrant called in by order of the Grand Lodge shall forthwith be forwarded to the Grand Secretary's Office, and marked null and void.
74. A Lodge shall not assemble in any tavern, house of public entertainment, or other place, unless such place of meeting be first approved of by the Grand Lodge. The Master of any tavern or house of public entertainment at which a Lodge meets shall not hold any office in such Lodge without permission from the Grand Master, or the respective Deputy.
75. A Lodge shall not be removed from its usual place of meeting until a month's notice of the proposition for such removal shall have been given in open Lodge, which proposition must be approved of by a majority of the members present at a Communication which shall be summoned by the Secretary for that special purpose, at least one week before such Communication shall be held; such removal must also have the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes and must be finally sanctioned by the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes.
76. None of the Subordinate Lodges shall meet for, or continue at labour, on any day appointed for a Communication of Grand Lodge, during the time the Grand Lodge shall be sitting; nor shall any such Lodge meet for refreshment on any day on which an evening Communication of the Grand Lodge is appointed to be held.
77. No Lodge, wherever held, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, shall meet for labour or refreshment on Sunday.
78. A Lodge of Emergency may, at any time, be called by the authority of the Master, but not otherwise. The business to be transacted at such Lodge of Emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered on at that Communication.
79. The ordinary Officers of a Lodge are: The Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Marshal, Almoner, Chaplain, Senior and Junior Deacons and Inner Guard who must be subscribing members of the Lodge. A Brother shall not hold the position of Secretary whilst serving as Master or Warden, but the Offices of Treasurer and Secretary may be filled by the same Brother.
80. No Brother shall be eligible to hold any Office in his Lodge, or to vote therein on any question, until he shall have obtained the Third Degree.
81. No Brother shall be elected to hold the Office of Master of a Lodge unless he shall have served the Office of Warden in some Lodge under the Liechtenstein Constitution, nor shall he hold Office of Master of a Lodge more than twice consecutively, nor shall any Brother be competent to hold any of the Office of Secretary in more than one Lodge at the same time; provided, however, that the Grand Lodge shall have the power to dispense with any part of this Law.

82. All Lodges elect their Officers prior to the 31st of October every third year, and shall without delay make a return of same to the Grand Secretary. The names of the said Officers shall be submitted for the approval of Grand Lodge at its Stated Communication on St. John's Day. No Subordinate Lodge in Liechtenstein shall under any circumstances, install its Officers prior to St. John's Day, 21st December, nor prior to making the return required by Grand Lodge Law No. 148, nor prior to paying all Fees and Fines due to the Grand Lodge at the date of such return, nor prior to receiving the approval of Grand Lodge from Grand Secretary.
83. Lodges meeting outside Liechtenstein may elect their Officers on or before St. John's Day, 21st June, every third year, provided such be sanctioned by their By-Laws and immediately after such election a return of the same must be sent to the Grand Secretary; but no Subordinate Lodges meeting outside Liechtenstein shall, under any circumstances, install their Officers until they shall have received intimation from the Grand Secretary that such Officers have been approved. The Grand Lodge recommends that no Brother should be elected to the Office of Master who is not capable of properly conferring the Degrees of Craft Masonry.
84. No Master or Warden shall be permitted to attend the Grand Lodge as such unless and until his name shall appear in such register.
85. The Master of every Lodge shall cause all communications to and from the Grand Lodge to be read in open Lodge, and entered on the minutes.
86. No Communication of a Lodge shall be regular unless an Actual or Past Master be present at the opening and during the Communication of the Lodge, in absence of the Worshipful Master, a Past Master of the Lodge, or Actual or Past Master of any other Lodge must occupy the Chair.
87. In case the Worshipful Master of any Lodge shall during his term of office die or be removed, or become incapable of discharging the duties of his office, then the immediate Past Master shall rule the Lodge until the next election of Officers, and the installation of the newly-elected Master.
88. No person shall be admitted a member of, or be initiated in any Lodge, until he shall have been balloted for nor shall a Brother be affiliated until he has produced his Grand Lodge Certificate, and also, when possible, a Clearance Certificate or Demit from the last Lodge of which he has been a member from which Lodge a recommendation of him as a joining Brother must be requested and obtained; and read in open Lodge prior to ballot. If a Brother seeking to be affiliated be still a subscribing member of any Lodge, he shall not be balloted for until due enquiry shall have been made and a satisfactory reply received from such Lodge, which shall be read in open Lodge before ballot. Any Lodge knowingly affiliating a Brother who is in arrears of dues in another Lodge shall be held liable for such arrears.
89. Balloting must in all cases be with beans, one black bean to exclude, except in the case of Brethren already members of the Craft seeking Affiliation, when admission shall be according to the By-Laws of the Lodge; if a Lodge has no By-Law on the subject, the election must be unanimous. In every case the proposer or seconder must be present at the ballot; and every subscribing member who has obtained the Third Degree shall, if present, be required to vote.

90. No Candidate for initiation rejected by a Lodge shall be again proposed in the same Lodge until after the lapse of at least six months.
91. A Lodge shall not initiate any person until he shall have attained the age of twenty-one years, unless by Dispensation from the Grand Master.
92. The Minimum Fee for initiation shall be _____ (see annual attachment) Euros for a candidate initiated in any Lodge. In every case, the fees must be paid in full before the initiation of the Candidate.
93. No Lodge shall initiate, Pass or Raise any one admitted into, or belonging to another Lodge unless on the written requisition of such Lodge, signed by the Master and Secretary thereof, and having the Lodge Seal affixed.
94. Any Brother who shall knowingly or wilfully be present or assist at any irregular meeting of a Lodge, shall be punished as the Grand Lodge may deem expedient.
95. If any Brother shall disturb the harmony of a Lodge, he shall be admonished by the Master, and if he persist in his irregular conduct shall be punished according to the By-Laws of the Lodge, or the case may be reported to the Grand Lodge for adjudication.
96. Every Lodge within Liechtenstein shall pay to the Grand Lodge _____ (see annual attachment) Euros per annum for each subscribing member of the Lodges.
97. If any Lodge shall not have been opened for labour during one year, or if its subscribing members shall be less than three, shall be called upon to deliver up same.
98. Any member of a Lodge is entitled to retire there from upon paying all dues and discharging all liabilities thereto. Any member clear of dues and in good Masonic standing, retiring from a Lodge, shall be furnished with a Clearance Certificate or Demit, signed by the Master and Secretary and having the Lodge Seal affixed thereto which will testify as to his financial standing only.
99. A Brother removed by his Lodge from membership for non-payment of dues shall not be affiliated by, nor shall he continue a member of, any other Lodge, nor shall he be permitted to become a member of the Grand Lodge, or to visit any Lodge at Labour or refreshment, until it shall have been ascertained from the Lodge from which the Brother was removed, that such arrear of dues has been discharged.
100. A Lodge shall have the power to exclude from membership any Brother whose continuance as a member may be considered objectionable, or injurious to the Lodge, provided that four-fifths of the subscribing members present shall so decide at a Communication specially called to consider the matter. The decision of the Lodge shall be by ballot. Every subscribing member who has obtained the Third Degree, it present when the ballot has been declared open, shall vote, and the decision shall be subject to an appeal to the Grand Lodge by the Brother so excluded. The W.M. shall have the power to order a second ballot if he has

reason to believe that a mistake has been made in the first, but shall report to Grand Lodge the circumstances which justified such procedure.

101. Subordinate Lodges shall for their better government frame their own By-Laws, provided that the same be in accordance with the Ancient Landmarks, and with the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Lodge. Two copies of such proposed By-Laws, and of any subsequent alterations therein, shall be submitted for approval of the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes, and shall become valid and take effect only from the date of such approval.

102. Each Lodge shall have a Seal wherewith to verify the Lodge transactions. The device shall consist of a hand and Trowel, together with the number and name of the Lodge, and the name of the place where held.

103. All Lodges are enjoined to observe the same usages and customs in working; any wilful deviation therefrom shall be visited with the censure of the Grand Lodge, and if persevered in, shall be punished as the Grand Lodge shall think fit.

AMEN

The Grand Master

The Grand Secretary

Date of issue

25 LANDMARKS OF FREEMASONRY

1. The Modes of recognition.
2. The division of Symbolic Masonry into three degrees.
3. The legend of the third degree.
4. The government of the fraternity by a presiding officer called a Grand Master, who is elected from the body of the craft.
5. The prerogative of the Grand Master to preside over every assembly of the craft, wheresoever and whensoever held.
6. The prerogative of the Grand Master to grant dispensations for conferring degrees at irregular times.
7. The prerogative of the Grand Master to grant dispensation for opening and holding lodges.
8. The prerogative of the Grand Master to make Masons on sight.
9. The necessity of Masons to congregate in lodges.
10. The government of every lodge by a Master and two Wardens.
11. The necessity that every lodge, when duly congregated, should be tyled.
12. The right of every Mason to be represented in all general meetings of the craft and to instruct his representatives.
13. The right of every Mason to appeal from the decision of his brethren in lodge convened, to the Grand Lodge or General Assembly of Masons.
14. The right of every Mason to visit and sit in every regular lodge.
15. That no visitor, not known to some brother present as a Mason, can enter a lodge without undergoing an examination.
16. That no lodge can interfere in the business or labour of another lodge.
17. That every Freemason is amendable to the laws and regulations of the Masonic Jurisdiction in which he resides.
18. That every candidate for initiation must be a man, free born and of lawful age.

19. That every Mason must believe in the existence of God as the Grand Architect of the Universe.
20. That every Mason must believe in a resurrection to a future life.
21. That a book of the law of God must constitute an indispensable part of the furniture of every lodge.
22. That all men, in the sight of God, are equal and meet in the lodge on one common level.
23. That Freemasonry is a secret society in possession of secrets that cannot be divulged.
24. That Freemasonry consists of a speculative science founded on an operative art.
25. That the landmarks of Masonry can never be changed. These constitute the landmarks, or as they have sometimes been called, "the body of Masonry," in which it is not in the power of man or a body of men to make the least innovation.

THE OLD CHARGES

TO BE READ

At The Making of NEW BRETHREN, or when the
MASTER **shall order it.**

I. CONCERNING GOD AND RELIGION

A Mason is obliged, by his Tenure, to obey the moral Law, and not to be a stupid Atheist, nor an irreligious Libertine; that is, Masons are to be good Men and true, or Men of Honour and Honesty, by whatever Denomination or persuasion they may be distinguished; whereby Masonry becomes the Centre of Union and the means of conciliating True Friendship among Persons that must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

II. OF THE CIVIL MAGISTRATE, SUPREME AND SUBORDINATE

A Mason is to be a Peaceable Subject to the Civil Powers wherever he resides or works, and is never to be concerned in Plots or Conspiracies against the Peace and Welfare of the Nation, nor to behave himself undutiful to inferior Magistrates. Ancient Kings and Princes have been much disposed to encourage the Craftsmen because of their Peaceableness and Loyalty, whereby they practically answered the Cavils of their adversaries and promoted the Honour of the Fraternity, who ever flourished in the Times of Peace. So that if a Brother be a Rebel against the State he is not to be countenanced in his Rebellion, however, he may be pitied as an unhappy man; and, if convicted of no other Crime, though the Loyal Brotherhood must and ought to disown his Rebellion, and give no Umbrage or Ground of Political Jealousy to the Government for the time being, they cannot expel him from the Lodge, and his relation to it remains indefeasible.

III. OF LODGES

A Lodge is a place where Masons assemble and work; hence that Assembly or duly organised Society of Masons is called a Lodge, and every Brother ought to belong to one, and to be subject to its Bylaws and the General Regulations. It is either particular or general, and will be best understood by attending it, and by the Regulations of the General or Grand Lodge hereunto

annexed. In ancient times no Master or Fellow could be absent from it, especially when warned to appear at it, without incurring a severe censure, until it appeared to the Master and Wardens that pure necessity hindered him.

The persons admitted Members of a Lodge must be good and true Men, free-born and of mature and discreet age, no Bondmen, no Women, no immoral or scandalous Men, but of good report.

IV. OF MASTERS, WARDENS, FELLOWS, AND APPRENTICES

All Preferment among Masons is grounded upon real Worth, and personal Merit only, that the Lords may be well served, the Brethren not put to shame, nor the Royal Craft despised. Therefore no Master or Warden is chosen by Seniority, but for his Merit. and no Master should take an Apprentice unless he has sufficient employment for him, and unless he be a Perfect Youth, having no maim or defect in his body, that may render him incapable of learning the Art, of serving his Lord, of being made a Brother and Fellow-Craft, and in due time a Master, and, when qualified, he may arrive to the honour of being Warden, then Master of a Lodge, then Grand Warden, and at length Grand Master of all the Lodges, according to Merit.

No Brother can be a Master, Warden, or Deacon of a Lodge, until he has passed the part of a Fellow-Craft; and the Grand Master has power to choose his own deputy, who must likewise have passed the part of a Fellow-Craft.

These Officers are to be obeyed in their respective Stations, by all the Brethren, with all Humility, Reverence, Love, and Alacrity.

V. OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CRAFT IN WORKING

All Masons shall work honestly on working days, that they may live creditably on holy days; and the times appointed by the Law of the Land, or confirmed by Custom, shall be observed.

The most expert of the Fellow-Craftsmen shall be chosen or appointed the Master, or Overseer of the Lord's work, who is to be called Master by those that work under him. The Craftsmen are to avoid all ill Language, and to call each other by no disobliging Name, but Brother or Fellow, and to behave themselves, courteously within and without the Lodge.

The Master, knowing himself to be able of Cunning, shall undertake the Lord's Work as reasonably as possible, and truly dispend his Goods as if they were his own; nor give more Wages to any Brother Apprentice than he really may deserve.

Both the Master and the Masons receiving their Wages justly, shall be faithful to their Lord and honestly finish their Work, whether Task or Journey; nor put the Work to Task that hath been accustomed to Journey.

None shall envy the Prosperity of a Brother, not supplant him, or put him out of work, if he be capable to finish the same.

All Masons employed shall meekly receive their Wages without Murmuring or Mutiny, and not desert the Master until the Work is finished.

A younger Brother shall be instructed in working, to prevent spoiling the Materials for want of Judgment, and for increasing and continuing of Brotherly Love.

All Tools used in working shall be approved of by Grand Lodge. No Labourer shall be employed in the proper Work of Masonry; nor shall they teach Labourers and unaccepted Masons, as they should teach a Brother.

VI. OF BEHAVIOUR

1.—IN THE LODGE WHILE CONSTITUTED

You are not to hold private Committees, or separate Conversation, without Leave from the Master, nor to talk of any Thing impertinent or unseemly, nor interrupt the Master or Wardens, or any Brother speaking to the Master. Nor behave yourself ludicrously or jestingly while the Lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn; nor use any unbecoming Language upon any Pretence whatsoever; but to pay due Reverence to your Master, Wardens and Fellows.

If any Complaint be brought the Brother found guilty shall stand to the Award and Determination of the Lodge but you must never go to Law about what concerneth Masonry, without an absolute Necessity apparent to the Lodge.

2.—BEHAVIOUR AFTER THE LODGE IS OVER AND THE BRETHERN NOT GONE

You may enjoy yourself with innocent Mirth, treating one another according to Ability; but avoiding all excess or forcing any Brother to eat or drink beyond his Inclination, or hindering him from going when his Occasions call him, or doing or saying anything offensive, or that may hinder an easy and free Conversation; for that would blast our Harmony and defeat our laudable

Purposes. Therefore no private Piques or Quarrels must be brought within the Door of the Lodge, far less any Quarrels about Religion, or Nations, or State Policy, we being only, as Masons, of the Catholic Religion abovementioned; we are also of all Nations, Tongues, Kindred and Languages, and are resolved against all Politicks as what never yet conduced to the Welfare of any Lodge, nor ever will.

3.—BEHAVIOUR WHEN THE BRETHREN MEET WITHOUT STRANGERS, BUT NOT IN A FORMED LODGE

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

4.—BEHAVIOUR IN PRESENCE OF STRANGERS NOT MASONS

You shall be cautious in your Words and Carriage, that the most penetrating Stranger shall not be able to discover or find out what is not proper to be intimated; and sometimes you shall divert a Discourse and manage prudently, for the Honour of the worshipful Fraternity.

5.—BEHAVIOUR AT HOME AND IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

You are to act as becomes a moral and wise Man; particularly not to let your Family, Friends or Neighbours know the Concerns of the Lodge, &c., but wisely to consult your own Honour, and that of the Ancient Brotherhood, for Reasons not here to be mentioned. You must also consult your Health, by not continuing together too late, or too long from home after Lodge Hours are past; and by avoiding Gluttony or Drunkenness that your Families be not neglected, or injured, nor you disabled from Work, or other Business. You are likewise honestly to pay the Debts you contract, and not to contract Debts, but such as in your conscience you know yourself able and willing to pay, and that in a reasonable Time that the Craft be not Despised, nor the Brotherhood evil spoken of on your Account.

6.—BEHAVIOUR TO A STRANGE BROTHER

You are cautiously to examine him, in such a Method as Prudence shall direct you, that you may not be imposed upon by an ignorant, false Pretender, whom you are to reject with Contempt and Derision, and beware of giving him any Hints of Knowledge. But, if you discover him to be a true and genuine Brother, you are to respect him accordingly; and if he is in want, you must relieve him if you can, or else direct him how he may be relieved. You must employ him some days, or else recommend him to be employed; but you are not to do beyond your Ability nor prejudice yourself, only to prefer a poor Brother, that is a good Man and true, before any other Person in the same Circumstances.

Finally: All these Charges you are to observe, and also those that shall be communicated to you in another way; cultivating Brotherly Love, the Foundation and Copestone, the Cement and Glory of this ancient Fraternity; avoiding all Wrangling and Quarrelling, all Slander and Backbiting, nor permitting others to slander any honest Brother; but defending his Character and doing him all good offices, as far as is consistent with your Honour and Safety, and no farther. And if any of them do you Injury, you must apply to your own Lodge, and from thence you may appeal to the Grand Lodge, at the Quarterly Communication, and from thence to the annual Grand Lodge, as has been the ancient laudable Conduct of our Forefathers in every Nation, never taking a legal Course but when the Case cannot be otherwise decided, and patiently listening to the honest and friendly Advice of Master and Fellows when they would prevent your going to Law with Strangers, or would excite you to put a speedy Period to all Law Suits, that so you may mind the affairs of Masonry with the more Alacrity and Success. But with respect to Brothers or Fellows at Law, the Master and Brethren should kindly offer their Mediation which ought to be thankfully submitted to by the contending Brethren; and if that Submission is impracticable, they must, however, carry on their Process, or Law Suit, without Wrath and Rancour (not in the common way), saying or doing nothing which may hinder Brotherly Love and good Offices to be renewed and continued, that all may see the benign influence of Masonry, as all true Masons have done from the Beginning of the World, and will do to the end of Time.

Amen.

**PRAYERS
TO BE
USED IN LODGES**

TO BE USED AT THE OPENING OF LODGES

May the favour of Heaven be upon this meeting; and as it is happily begun, may it be conducted with order, and closed with harmony. *Amen. So mote it be.*

TO BE USED AT THE CLOSING OF LODGES

May the blessing of Heaven rest upon us, and all regular Masons; may brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement and unite us. *Amen. So mote it be.*

TO BE USED AT THE INITIATION OF A CANDIDATE

Vouchsafe Thy needful aid, Almighty Architect of the Universe, to this our present convention; and grant that this Candidate for Masonry may dedicate his life to Thy service, and become a true and faithful Brother among us; endow him with a competence of Thy Divine Wisdom, that he may be better enabled to display the beauties of Godliness to the honour of Thy Holy Name. *Amen. So mote it be.*

TO BE USED AT PASSING A CANDIDATE TO THE SECOND DEGREE

We supplicate Thine aid, O Merciful Lord, on behalf of ourselves and of him who now kneels before Thee: may the Work begun in Thy Name be continued to Thy glory, and evermore established in us, by obedience to Thy holy precepts. *Amen. So mote it be.*

TO BE USED AT RAISING A CANDIDATE TO THE THIRD DEGREE

Almighty and Eternal Being, Thou great and glorious Architect of the Universe, by Whose creative word all things were made, we, the frail creatures of Thy Providence, implore Thee to pour on this our convention, assembled in Thy Holy Name, the continual dew of Thy blessing; more especially we beseech Thee to impart Thy grace to this Thy servant, who now offers himself a Candidate to partake with us the mysterious secrets of the Master Mason, endow him with such fortitude, that in the hour of trial he fail not; but that passing safely under Thy protection through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, he may finally arise from the tomb of transgression to attain everlasting life, and to shine with the stars forever and ever. *Amen. So mote it be.*

CHARGE OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER AT HIS INSTALLATION

1. You agree to be a good Man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law.
2. You are to be a peaceable Subject, and cheerfully to conform to the laws of the country in which you reside.
3. You promise not to be concerned in plots or Conspiracies against Government, but patiently to submit to the decisions of the Supreme Legislature.
4. You agree to pay a proper respect to the Civil Magistrate, to work diligently, live creditably, and act honourably to all Men.
5. You agree to hold in veneration the original Rules and Patrons of the Order of Free-Masonry, and their regular Successors, Supreme and Subordinate, according to their Stations; and to submit to the Awards and Resolutions of your Brethren in general Lodge convened, in every case consistent with the Constitution of the Order.
6. You agree to avoid private piques and quarrels and to guard against intemperance and excess.
7. You agree to be cautious in your carriage and behaviour, courteous to your Brethren, and faithful to your Lodge.
8. You promise to respect genuine and true Brethren, and to discountenance Impostors and all Dissenters from the original Plan of Free-Masonry.
9. You agree to promote the general good of Society, to cultivate the Social Virtues, and to propagate the knowledge of the Mystic Art as far as your influence and ability can extend.
10. You promise to pay homage to the Grand Master for the time being, and to his Officers when duly installed, and strictly to conform to every Edict of the Grand Lodge.
11. You admit that it is not in the power of any Man or Body of Men to make any Alteration or Innovation in the Body of Masonry without the consent first obtained of the Grand Lodge.
12. You promise a regular attendance on the Communications and Committees of the Grand Lodge, upon receiving proper notice thereof, and to pay attention to all the duties of Free-Masonry upon proper and convenient occasions.
13. You admit that no new Lodge can be formed without permission of the Grand Master or his Deputy, and that no countenance ought to be given to any irregular Lodge, or to any person initiated therein; and that no public processions of Masons clothed with the Badges of the Order can take place without the special License of the Grand Master or his Deputy.
14. You admit that no person can regularly be made a Free-Mason or admitted a Member of any Lodge without previous notice and due inquiry into his character; and that no Brother can be advanced to a higher Degree except in strict conformity with the Laws of the Grand Lodge.
15. You promise that no Visitor shall be received into your Lodge without due examination, and producing proper Vouchers of his having been initiated in a regular Lodge.