

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

DEFINITIONS

Except where the context otherwise indicates, the following definitions and meanings shall apply to words and phrases in this Constitution: Provided that wherever the plural is used throughout this Constitution. The meaning shall apply as in the singular. The following definitions shall apply to the Constitution, Regulations and Standard By-laws:

“Ballot”

- means a method of voting secretly (written, casting of balls or cubes) so as ones' preference is not made known.

“Brother”

- means either a Mark Master Mason (MMM) or a Most Excellent Master (MEM) who has had the respective degrees conferred by a Chapter.

“By-Law”

- means a By-Law of a constituent Chapter of the Grand Chapter.

“Chapter”

- means any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons (RAM) meeting within the Jurisdiction and holding a warrant or dispensation issued by the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

“Chapter U.D.”

- means a Chapter working under a dispensation (U.D.) from the Grand Zerubbabel (Z.) and possessing only such powers and privileges as are conferred by said dispensation.

“Charter”

- means the document issued by Grand Chapter, which authorizes or gives certain persons therein named the right to organize and constitute a Chapter; sometimes called a "Warrant".

“Companion”

- means a RAM who has completed the Royal Arch Degree and is a member in good standing with a Chapter in the Jurisdiction.

“Constitution”

- means the fundamental laws and principals that govern the operation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta and its Chapters both warranted and Under Dispensation (U.D.).

“Convocation”

- means a meeting of a Chapter or Chapter U.D.

“Directives”

- means all Grand Chapter approved policies, procedures and guidelines.

“District(s)”

- means grouping of Chapters, within the Jurisdiction, as determined by Grand Chapter.

“Financial Report”

- means the document detailing the results or findings of the formal review of the Organizations financial records by a Financial Reviewer.

“Financial Reviewer”

- means an individual(s) elected by the Organization to perform a financial review of the Organizations financial records and provides a formal signed financial report to the Chapter.

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“Financial Statement”

- means the Grand Chapter form submitted annually (before the last day of February) to Grand Chapter summarizing the financial status of a Chapter.

“Grand Chapter”

- means Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta as incorporated by the Royal Arch Masons Act (“the Act”).

“Grand Chapter Honourary Life Members”

- means those visiting dignitaries from outside this jurisdiction who are presented with Honourary Life Membership by the Grand Z.

“Grand Convocation”

- means any assembly of Grand Chapter

“Grand Council”

- Consists of Grand First Principal, Grand Second Principal, Grand Third Principal, Scribe E and Treasurer.

“Grand Executive Committee”

- means the body, elected, appointed and/or ex-officio, which administer the affairs of Grand Chapter.

“Jurisdiction”

- means this Grand Chapter is a duly constituted body of Royal Arch Masons in which are vested solely the government and the care of Capitular Masonry within the Province of Alberta, that portion of the Northwest Territories, and of Nunavut lying West of 110 Degrees West Longitude.

“Lodge”

- means either a Lodge of Mark Master Masons (MMM) or a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters (MEM) operating under a Chapter or a Chapter U.D.

“Majority”

- means two thirds of those members in attendance and entitled to vote.

“Mason”

- means any Royal Arch Masons or Most Excellent Masters or Mark Master Masons

“Organization”

- means the Grand Chapter of Alberta, or a District or a Chapter under it's authority.

“Properly Clothed”

- means wearing of full regalia as per rank

“Quorum”

- means there is the minimum number of members present, necessary to pass a motion.

“Regulations”

- means any resolution of Grand Chapter, or rule of conduct passed pursuant to the Constitution.

“Royal Arch Masons of Alberta Act”: (“the Act”)

- means Royal Arch Masons Act of Alberta as assented to May 10, 1973, by the Alberta Government to incorporate the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

“Simple Majority”

- means fifty per cent (50%) plus 1 of the members casting a Votes.

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“Summons”

- means a written communication issued for the purpose of notifying a member of a meeting; sometimes called a "Notice".

“Vote”

- means a show of hands

“Work”

- means that body of ritual as prescribed, published and from time to time revised by Grand Chapter