



Grand Chapter of Royal Masters of Alberta

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Constituent Chapters
Grand Chapter Officers
Grand District Superintendents

ZOOM NOTICE OF MEETING Saturday Feb 12, 2022

To All Constituent Chapters and members of the Executive Committee:

Agenda:

ZOOM: Grand Dist Supt and GDS – Elects meet, prior to Executive Mtg with the Grand H (REC Jeff Knight)
ZOOM: Committees & Sub- Committees meet as required prior to the Executive Meeting

10:00 AM Opening Remarks by Chairman – REC Jeff Knight

10:10 AM Executive Meeting Zoom

- Invocation – Grand Chaplain (VEC Doug Wade) or Grand J
- Moments silence for departed Companions
- Notice of Voting Rights (Article 4.21 of the Constitution & Regulations), Gr Scribe “E”
- Reading & confirming of last meeting – 13 Feb 2021, 7 May 2021, Gr Scribe “E”
- Grand Treasurer’s Report, along with the Financial Review, REC Don Murray
- Proposed Budget for 2022
- Interim Report of the Grand Scribe E
- Reports of Committees & Sub-Committees
 - Finance Committee Report
 - Jurisprudence Committee
 - Constitution & Regulations Sub-Committee
 - Committee on the Work
 - Youth Endowment Fund
 - Other Committees
- Interim reports of Grand District Superintendents
- General Business
 - Plans for the 2022 Convocation
 - Plans for the 2023 Convocation
 - Notice of Motions (If any)
 - Such other business as may be presented
- Remarks of Grand J
- Remarks of Grand H

- Remarks of Grand Z
- Adjournment: Benediction – Grand Chaplain (VEC Doug Wade) or Grand J.

It is hoped that the Chairman of all Committees can get their respective Committees together before the virtual Grand Executive Meeting, and present a prepared report for presentation to the Executive Committee starting at 10:00 AM.

The Grand District Supt. Elects are expected to be in attendance and join in the discussion, however are not entitled to vote, unless of course you are on a committee. Bring your ideas and be prepared to discuss freely. Your comments are of value.

All Royal Arch Masons may attend this meeting and participate in the Discussion. However, only those Companions of the Executive Committee as outlined in the Constitution are entitled to a vote at any Grand Chapter Executive Meeting. List of All Committees, Sub-Committees and Grand Executive is attached.

Fraternally yours,

Jerry W. Kopp PGZ
RE Grand Scribe E

IMPORTANT JURISPRUDENCE REPORT

FIRST REPORT

During the 2021 – 2022 year the Jurisprudence Sub-Committee has received no requests for reviews or clarifications from the Chapters.

At the request of the Chairman of the Grand Executive Committee we developed a Terms of Reference detailing the Sub-committees' responsibilities.

Jurisprudence wishes to highlight that with the cancellation of the 2020 Grand Convocation the following Motions are still outstanding and will need to be included on the agenda for the next Grand Convocation should circumstances permit.

1. Notice of Motion to limit the term of the Grand Scribe "E" and Grand Treasurer to 5 years; and
2. Notice of Motion to rescind the Motion approved in May 2019 regarding Part 3 "Chapters" Sections 3.85 and 3.86 regarding the ability to conduct RAM business in the MMM or MEM degree.

The Jurisprudence Sub-committee findings were as follows:

1. Upon review of the proposed Notice of Motion to limit the term of the Grand Scribe "E" and Grand Treasurer it was found to be in order and due form.
2. The Stoney Chapter Notice of Motion to rescind the Motion approved in May 2019 regarding Part 3 "Chapters Sections 3.85 and 3.86 upon completion of the review was found to be in order and the appropriate supporting documentation in place.

Both Notices of motion have previously been forwarded to the Grand Executive Committee through the Grand Scribe E.

In addition to the above Motions the Jurisprudence Sub-Committee wish to introduce two additional Motions as follows:

1. Notice of Motion to adopt the 2022 Constitution and Regulations in place of the present 2015 Constitution and Regulations

2. Upon the 2022 Constitution and Regulations bring accepted a notice of Motion to accept an updated Grand Chapter Standard By-laws to comply with the 2022 Constitution and Regulations.

This is the 2021/2022 report of the Jurisprudence Sub-Committee.

A copy of this report has been placed with the Grand Scribe "E".

Respectfully

MEC Wally Watts - Chairman
Jurisprudence Sub-Committee

Sub-Committee Members: VEC Ken South, REC Wes Johnson, and Comp Kyle Scott

SECOND REPORT

NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

BE IT KNOWN: Stoney Chapter No. 41 shall move or cause to be moved the Notice of Motion "To rescind the Motion passed at the May 2019 Grand Convocation regarding Part 3 (Chapters) of the Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Sections 3.85 and 3.86" which permitted RAM business to be conducted in a MMM or MEM Lodge.

WHEREAS: Currently there is confusion as to what RAM activities can be carried out with MMM and MEM Brothers present and as a result there is a high possibility of not protecting the confidentiality of the rites, privileges and secrets restricted to Royal Arch Masons

WHEREAS: This does not help to alleviate the key concern of not being able to progress the candidates through their degrees in a timely manner so that they can participate as a Royal Arch Mason. This issue is better dealt with by the use of external Degree Teams, assistance from the York Rite College in their Region, or joint degrees with other Chapters.

WHEREAS: Some Chapters are taking steps to ensure a MMM or an MEM are present so that they do not need to setup and open in the RAM Degree.

WHEREAS: By going back to the previous standards all of the above will be eliminated all of the aforementioned Issues and ensure the sanctity of our Chapters and Degrees.

THEREFORE: Stoney Chapter #41 introduce the change to Chapter Meetings Article 3.85 and submitting the under-noted Notice of Motion

Rescinding of May 2019 Motion to Permit RAM Business in a MMM or MEM Lodge

NOTICE OF MOTION:

Article 3.85 - Chapter Meetings presently reads:

All regular business, including the election of officers may be conducted in either a Lodge of MMM, a Lodge of MEM or in a Chapter of the HRA.

Article 3.85 - Chapter Meetings would be amended to read:

All business except Mark Master Mason (MMM) and Most Excellent Masters (MEM)

degree shall be conducted in the Holy Royal Arch (HRA) Degree.

Article 3.86 - Chapter Meetings presently reads:

When the degree of MMM or MEM is to be conferred at a regular convocation, the Chapter may be opened in the Lodge appropriate to that Degree at the Chapters discretion. Furthermore, each Chapter is strongly encouraged to open in each Degree at least once during the Chapter year to maintain the integrity and knowledge of the Degrees.

Article 3.86 - Chapter Meetings would be amended to read:

When the degree of MMM or MEM is to be conferred at a regular convocation, the Chapter shall be opened in the HRA Degree and then closed and a Lodge of the appropriate Degree be opened for the work and closed in due form.

Respectfully submitted by the Jurisprudence and Constitution Committee

Consisting of:

MEC Wally Watts - Chairman
VEC Ken South
REC Wes Johnson
Comp. Kyle Scott

THIRD REPORT

NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND THE CONSITUTION

- BE IT KNOWN:** Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta Executive Committee has put forth a recommendation to change the terms of service by the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder.
- WHEREAS:** Currently the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder can continue to submit nominations for their respective elected position, without any restriction as to how long they serve, historically with no challenge for the position.
- WHEREAS:** Grand Treasurers and Grand Recorders may place themselves into situations where they may become complacent, and control key business activities in the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry without being aware that it is happening.
- WHEREAS:** By limiting the terms for the position of Grand Treasurer or Grand Recorder opportunities avail themselves for more potential candidates to come forward for either position, knowing that it will not be a "life sentence".
- WHEREAS:** Benefits to replacing the Grand Treasurer & Grand Recorder every five years will help to bring Royal Arch Masonry into the 21st Century.
- THEREFORE:** The Executive Committee will introduce the change to Article 4.5 of the Constitution by adding the under-noted Notice of Motion

Term of Grand Treasurer & Grand Recorder

NOTICE OF MOTION:

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta Grand Executive Committee move or cause to be moved that: No Companion shall be nominated or elected to serve the Office of Grand Treasurer or Grand Recorder for more that five (5) consecutive years.

Article 4.5 presently reads:

The Officers of Grand Chapter shall be elected or appointed annually and shall hold office until their successors have been duly elected or appointed and installed or invested.

Article 4.5 would be amended to read:

The Officers of Grand Chapter shall be elected or appointed annually and shall hold office until their successors have been duly elected or appointed and installed or invested. No Companion shall be nominated or elected to serve the Office of Grand Treasurer or Grand Recorder for more that five (5) consecutive years.

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FOURTH REPORT

During the 2021 - 2022 year the Constitution & Regulations Sub-Committee has accomplished the following:

1. Final minor wording adjustments to the proposed revised C&R;
2. Developed a comparison list of the variances between the 1969, 2015 and the proposed 2021 C&R versions;
3. Prepared a list of potential Policies and Procedures which will require development;
4. Developed a format for Policies and Procedures;
5. Completed the drafting of nineteen (19) Policies and Procedures which have been reviewed and approved by the Grand Executive Committee;
6. Developed a guideline for the Roles and Responsibilities of Chapter Officers primarily for new Chapters but all are welcome to use part or all of the guideline to educate their Chapter Officers as they progress through the Chairs;
7. Developed a Guideline for the Roles and Responsibilities of Grand Chapter Officers;
8. Revised the Grand Chapter Standard By-Laws subject to the approval of the proposed revised C&R; and
9. Started recording/ photographing Chapter Furniture & Regalia
10. Placed the revised 2022 Constitution and Regulations on the Royal Arch Web Site and invited all Chapters and Royal Arch Masons to review them on line and provide the Sub-committee with feedback. Only one inquiry was received and a minor adjustment was made.
11. Attended all for District Meetings in the Jurisdiction and made a presentation to those present listing:

- Our presentation will cover the following highlights:

Committee Structure

Ancient History

Process

Progress to Date

Key Alterations: a. Constitution

b. Regulations

Next Steps

Website Demonstration

Q&A

From these meetings we received eight (8) inquiries from which we made 6 minor adjustments,

In all cases feedback of the changes made was given to the inquirers and they were satisfied with the adjusted wording.

12. In addition to the above we have updated with the assistance of Terry Gould the Grand District Superintendents Manual

Next Steps

1. Prepare and submit to the Grand Executive Committee meeting in 2022 a Notice of Motion for the Revised Constitution and Regulations, and for the revised Grand Chapter Standard By-Laws to be brought forward to the 2022 Grand Convocation for vote. Should the Revised C&R be rejected then the Motion for the By-Laws would be withdrawn;
2. If accepted have the 2022 C&R, Approved Policies and Procedures, and Guidelines and Grand Chapter Standard By-Laws placed on the Royal Arch Web Site with the assistance of the web master;
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NOTICE OF MOTION

REQUEST: The Jurisprudence and Constitution Committee has been requested to review the 2015 Constitution and Regulations and develop recommendations for amendments to the present 2015 Constitution and Regulations.

WHEREAS: It was determined that the 2015 Constitution and Regulations removed a number of important Articles which were felt to be important to the management of Capitular Masonry and as a result key items were reinstated. There were many other items that were removed in the writing of the 2015 Constitution and

Regulations, which the Committee agreed did not need to be included, but have been recommended to be developed into a new section separate from the Constitution and Regulations called Policies, Procedures and Guidelines. This new section would be under the authority of the Grand Executive Committee to review, maintain and approve.

WHEREAS: It is felt that the adjustments to the Constitutions and Regulations will enable new Companions and Chapters to clearly understand and be able to comply with the Constitution, and Regulations.

WHEREAS: The Committee have provided the Constitution and Regulation to all the Chapters and Members twice during this process and made presentations at all the district meetings held in our jurisdiction this year with only minimal inquiries being received and answered to the satisfaction of the members or Chapter generating the inquiry.

THEREFORE: The Jurisprudence and Constitution Committee will bring forward or cause to be brought forward a Motion to accept the 2022 Constitution and Regulations as has been circulated to the members with only very minor housekeeping adjustments.

2022 Constitution and Regulations

NOTICE OF MOTION

The Jurisprudence and Constitution Committee shall move or cause to be moved that: The 2022 Constitution and Regulations be accepted and enacted to replace the 2015 Constitution and Regulations.

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