

REGULATIONS AS ADOPTED AT THE COMMUNICATION

OF GRAND LODGE HELD ON

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**ANTIENT, FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF
SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND THE NORTHERN TERRITORY INCORPORATED
REGULATIONS**

1. DEFINED TERMS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1. These Regulations are made pursuant to the Constitution.

1.2. Defined Terms

In the interpretation of these Regulations:

"Act" means the *Associations Incorporation Act 1985* (SA);

"Association" means Antient, Free And Accepted Masons Of South Australia And The Northern Territory Incorporated;

"Board" means the Board of Management constituted pursuant to Regulation 18;

"Brother" means a member of a Constituent Lodge and includes a Freemason of another jurisdiction, where appropriate;

"By-laws" means the by-laws of a Constituent Lodge;

"Communication" means a meeting of Grand Lodge;

"Constitution" means the constitution of the Association;

"Craft" and "Fraternity" mean the members of the Association;

"District" means a District established under Regulation 13 clause 13.15;

"Exclusion" or "Excluded" means the loss of all Masonic rights and privileges, and membership of any Lodge until again regularly proposed and approved in the manner provided for a Joining Member;

"Expulsion" or "Expelled" means permanently removed from membership of the Craft;

"Erasure" means the dissolution of the Lodge and extinction of its Warrant;

"Freemason in Good Standing" means a Freemason having duly paid all Lodge dues and not being the subject of expulsion, exclusion, suspension or other Masonic discipline;

"Freemasons Hall" means the building known as the Freemasons Hall located at 254 North Terrace, Adelaide SA 5000;

"Grand Officer" and "Grand Lodge Officer" have the same meaning;

"Installed Master" means a Brother who is a Master or a Past Master;

"Jurisdiction" means the area over which Grand Lodge has authority being the State of South Australia and the Northern Territory of Australia;

"Masonic Hall Trust" means a trust or association (whether incorporated or not) formed by a number of Lodges or Freemasons for the purpose of acquiring and holding real estate which may be used for Lodge meetings;

"Master" means the Master of a Lodge duly elected and installed pursuant to Regulation 41;

"Police Clearance Certificate" means a certificate from an authorised provider including a summary of a person's offender history in Australia; and

"Suspension" or "Suspended" means, during the period of suspension, in the case of a Brother, the loss of all Masonic privileges, and, in the case of a Lodge denial of all rights to operate as a Lodge.

1.3. Interpretation

In the interpretation of these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears:

1.3.1. Words defined in the Constitution have the same meaning in these Regulations;

1.3.2. the singular includes the plural and vice versa;

1.3.3. another grammatical form of a defined word or expression has a corresponding meaning;

1.3.4. a reference to a clause, paragraph, schedule or annexure is to a clause or paragraph of, or schedule or annexure to, these Regulations, and a reference to these Regulations includes

any schedule or annexure;

- 1.3.5. a reference to a statute, ordinance, code or other law includes regulations and other instruments under it and consolidations, amendments, re-enactments or replacements of any of them; and
- 1.3.6. the meaning of general words is not limited by specific examples introduced by including, for example or similar expressions.

2. **GRAND LODGE**

- 2.1. The following are the Officers of the Grand Lodge in order of rank:

M.W. Grand Master
M.W. Pro Grand Master
M.W. Past Grand Masters
M.W. Past Pro Grand Masters
R.W. Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Past Deputy Grand Masters
R.W. Assistant Grand Master
R.W. Past Assistant Grand Masters
R.W. Grand Wardens
R.W. Past Grand Wardens
V.W. Grand Chaplain
V.W. Past Grand Chaplains
V.W. President of the Board of Management
V.W. Past Presidents of the Board of General Purposes
V.W. Past Presidents of the Board of Management
V.W. Chairman of The Freemasons Foundation
V.W. Past Chairmen of The Freemasons Foundation
V.W. Chairman of Masonic Homes
V.W. Past Chairmen of Masonic Homes
V.W. Grand Treasurer
V.W. Past Grand Treasurers
V.W. Grand Registrar
V.W. Past Grand Registrars
V.W. Grand Secretary
V.W. Past Grand Secretaries
V.W. Grand Superintendent
V.W. Past Grand Superintendents
V.W. Chairman of Membership
V.W. Director of Community Relations
V.W. Past Directors of Community Relations
V.W. Past Grand Inspector of Lodges
V.W. Director of Masonic Learning
V.W. Past Grand Lecturers
V.W. Past Directors of Masonic Learning

V.W. Grand Director of Ceremonies
 V.W. Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies
 V.W. Grand Superintendent of Works
 V.W. Past Grand Superintendents of Works
 V.W. Chairman of Care
 V.W. Past Chairmen of Care
 V.W. Past Grand Almoners
 V.W. Deputy Grand Treasurer
 V.W. Past Deputy Grand Treasurers
 V.W. Deputy Grand Registrar
 V.W. Past Deputy Grand Registrars
 V.W. Past Deputy Grand Inspectors of Lodges
 V.W. Deputy Director of Masonic Learning
 V.W. Past Deputy Director of Masonic Learning
 V.W. Past Deputy Grand Lecturers
 V.W. Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
 V.W. Past Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies
 V.W. Deputy Grand Superintendent of Works
 V.W. Past Deputy Grand Superintendents of Works
 V.W. District Grand Superintendents
 V.W. Past District Grand Superintendents
 W. Assistant Grand Registrar
 W. Past Assistant Grand Registrars
 W. Assistant Grand Secretary
 W. Past Assistant Grand Secretaries
 W. Past Assistant Grand Lecturers
 W. Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies
 W. Past Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies
 W. Grand Librarian
 W. Past Grand Librarians
 W. Grand Deacons
 W. Past Grand Deacons
 W. Grand Sword Bearers
 W. Past Grand Sword Bearers
 W. Grand Standard Bearers
 W. Past Grand Standard Bearers
 W. Grand Director of Music
 W. Past Grand Directors of Music
 W. Grand Organist
 W. Past Grand Organists
 W. Grand Pursuivants
 W. Past Grand Pursuivants

- W. Grand Tyler
- W. Past Grand Tyler
- W. Grand Stewards
- W. Past Grand Stewards
- 2.2. The Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Wardens and Master Masons in good standing of every Constituent Lodge are members of Grand Lodge.
- 2.3. In clause 2.1:
 - "M.W." means "Most Worshipful"
 - "R.W." means "Right Worshipful"
 - "V.W." means "Very Worshipful"
 - "W." means "Worshipful"
- 2.4. On formal occasions the Grand Master will be addressed as Most Worshipful Grand Master and the other officers and members as
 - "Most Worshipful Brother"
 - "Right Worshipful Brother"
 - "Very Worshipful Brother"
 - "Worshipful Brother" and
 - "Brother" followed by the appropriate rank.

3. **APPOINTMENTS BY THE GRAND MASTER.**

Pro Grand Master

- 3.1. The Grand Master may appoint a Pro Grand Master, who must be an Installed Master, and he may act for the Grand Master in his absence, and will have all the rights, powers, duties, authorities and privileges appertaining to the office of Grand Master.

Other Officers

- 3.2. The Grand Master may at the April Communication each year, and at such other times as may be necessary appoint:
 - The Deputy Grand Master
 - The Assistant Grand Master
 - The Senior Grand Warden
 - The Junior Grand Warden
 - The Grand Chaplain
 - The President of the Board of Management
 - The Chairman of The Freemasons Foundation
 - The Chairman of Masonic Homes
 - The Grand Treasurer
 - The Grand Registrar
 - The Grand Superintendent
 - The Chairman of Membership
 - The Director of Community Relations
 - The Director of Masonic Learning
 - The Grand Director of Ceremonies
 - The Grand Superintendent of Works
 - The Chairman of Care

The Deputy Grand Treasurer
The Deputy Grand Registrar
The Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
The Deputy Grand Superintendent of Works
District Grand Superintendents
The Assistant Grand Registrar
Not more than two Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies
The Grand Librarian
Not more than two Senior Grand Deacons
Not more than two Junior Grand Deacons
The Grand Director of Music
The Grand Organist

Eligibility

- 3.3. Except for the Chairman of The Freemasons Foundation, Chairman of Masonic Homes, Grand Treasurer; Grand Secretary, Director of Community Relations, Grand Superintendent of Works, Grand Librarian, Grand Director of Music, Grand Organist, Deputy Grand Treasurer, and Deputy Grand Superintendent of Works, only Installed Masters are eligible for appointment as Grand Lodge Officers.

Term of Appointment

- 3.4. Unless otherwise provided in these Regulations, the term of every such appointment continues until the following April Communication subject to earlier termination by the Grand Master.

Limit on Offices

- 3.5. No Brother will hold more than one Office in Grand Lodge at the same time.

Grand Secretaries

- 3.6. The Grand Master will appoint a Grand Secretary, and may also appoint an Assistant Grand Secretary. Such appointees will continue in office without reappointment at the discretion of the Grand Master.

Representatives

- 3.7. The Grand Master may, by warrant, appoint any Brother to represent him in a sister Grand Lodge, and may constitute him, and also any Brother regularly deputed from a sister Grand Lodge, a member of the Grand Lodge, with such rank as the Grand Master may deem appropriate.

4. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF GRAND MASTER

- 4.1. Nominations for the office of Grand Master must be in writing on the prescribed form signed by seven members of Grand Lodge and by the nominee signifying his consent to the nomination together with a statement containing a maximum of 150 words setting out the nominee's rank, name and number of the Lodge or Lodges of which he is a member, profession or occupation (if retired, his former profession or occupation), age and his Masonic experience ("Candidate Profile").
- 4.2. The Nomination must be lodged with the Grand Secretary not later than noon on the first Friday in August.
- 4.3. Notice of any nomination received in due time must be exhibited forthwith in the Grand Lodge Office and the nominee is to be advised in writing that the nomination has been received.
- 4.4. If after the date for nominations has closed, only one nomination has been received, the member so nominated will be declared elected by the Grand Secretary and installed at the April Communication. The Grand Secretary must within 72 hours send a signed copy of the declaration of the election to the Grand Master, the Grand Master Elect, the Board and all constituent Lodges.
- 4.5. If more than one nomination is received, the Grand Master is to be elected by a general ballot of members of Grand Lodge as set out in clauses 4.8 to 4.20 below, prior to the half-yearly Communication in October and installed at the April Communication.
- 4.6. The Board at its July meeting in each year will appoint a suitable person to act as Returning Officer for the conduct of any election.

- 4.7. The Returning Officer may appoint such other persons as he considers necessary to assist with the voting process.

Ballot

- 4.8. The Returning Officer must forward by post to every Brother who is a member of Grand Lodge as at the 1st day of August, not less than twenty eight (28) days before the day on which the ballot closes:
- 4.8.1. the Candidate Profile for each candidate;
 - 4.8.2. a ballot paper showing the full name of each of the candidates listed in the order decided by lot which is to be drawn by the Returning Officer in the Grand Lodge office on the day and at the time he has previously advised in writing to each candidate;
 - 4.8.3. an envelope marked "Ballot Paper" ("Ballot Envelope") enclosing a removable sheet that has the following declaration printed on it:

"Grand Lodge - Election of Grand Master.
I declare that:
*I am an honorary or financial member of
(print name and number of your Lodge);*
*I am a member of the Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of South
Australia and the Northern Territory Incorporated; and*
I have not previously voted at this election.
Signature:.....
Full Name (Block Letters):....."
 - 4.8.4. a second postage paid envelope addressed to the Returning Officer.
- 4.9. The ballot opens immediately on the posting of the ballot papers and closes at noon on the last Friday in September.
- 4.10. The Returning Officer must pledge to make a correct report setting out the number of formal votes cast for each candidate plus the number of invalid and informal votes.
- 4.11. The ballot paper will be in the form as determined by the Returning Officer, and must:
- 4.11.1. identify the Grand Lodge and the election to which it relates;
 - 4.11.2. include directions to voters as to how to record a valid vote; and
 - 4.11.3. identify that the method of the counting of the votes will be by optional preferential system as set out in clause 4.17.
- 4.12. Each member of Grand Lodge desiring to vote, must do so on and only by the ballot paper forwarded to him by the Returning Officer, by clearly marking in the space provided consecutive numbers commencing from number 1 against the name of as many of the candidates as he wishes, to allocate his preferences.
- 4.13. Having marked his ballot paper in accordance with clause 4.12, the member must place it without any other matter in the Ballot Envelope, seal the Ballot Envelope, place it and the completed declaration in the postage paid envelope, seal the postage paid envelope and forward it to the Returning Officer to be received by him no later than noon on the last Friday in September.
- 4.14. As each postage paid envelope is received up to the closing time specified for the ballot, the Returning Officer must:
- 4.14.1. remove the Ballot Envelope from the postage paid envelope;
 - 4.14.2. attach the completed declaration to the Ballot Envelope;
 - 4.14.3. check the name of the member who has made the declaration with the master register of members of Grand Lodge and mark the register to signify the member has voted;
 - 4.14.4. place the Ballot Envelope, unopened and with the declaration attached, into the ballot box; and
 - 4.14.5. if there is any doubt as to the authenticity of any signature or the eligibility of any member to vote, the Returning Officer must investigate the matter and if in doubt consult with the Grand Registrar to determine whether or not the signature is authentic or the matter is otherwise in order and the Returning Officer's decision thereon is final.

- 4.15. If a member marks his ballot paper otherwise than as provided in clause 4.12, his vote will not be counted in the election unless the Returning Officer is of the opinion that the ballot paper clearly indicates the intention of the voter, and his decision thereon is final.
- 4.16. On the closure of the ballot, the ballot box is opened by the Returning Officer in the presence of the scrutineers (if any) and the counting of the votes cast then proceeds in the following order:
 - 4.16.1. each declaration is removed and set aside from the Ballot Envelope;
 - 4.16.2. once all declarations have been removed from the Ballot Envelopes, each Ballot Envelope is then opened and the counting of the votes begins.
- 4.17. The candidate to be elected is the candidate who receives more than 50 percent of the formal votes. If none of the candidates receives more than 50 percent of the formal votes after counting the first preferences, then the candidate with the lowest number of votes is excluded from the election and his second preference votes are distributed to the remaining candidates. Any ballot papers for the excluded candidate that do not have a second preference are 'exhausted' and will be removed from the count, and the number of votes required to be elected will be recalculated accordingly. The process of excluding candidates with the lowest number of votes and distributing their next available preference (if any) to the remaining candidates will continue until one of the candidates gains more than 50 percent of the remaining formal votes. When a candidate receives more than 50 percent of the remaining formal votes he will be declared elected. In the event of an equality of formal votes, the Returning Officer shall determine the successful candidate in the following manner:
 - 4.17.1. the names of the candidates with the equal number of votes will be placed in a suitable container, and
 - 4.17.2. one candidate's name will be drawn out and that candidate is deemed to have lost the vote and is therefore excluded.
- 4.18. The member so elected will be declared elected by the Returning Officer, who must within 72 hours send a signed copy of the declaration of the election to the Grand Master, the Grand Master Elect, the Board, the unsuccessful candidate or candidates and all constituent Lodges.
- 4.19. The failure of the Returning Officer to dispatch a ballot paper or any of the items listed in clause 4.8, to any member of Grand Lodge or the non-receipt of the same by any member of Grand Lodge or the loss in the course of the post or the non-delivery or non-receipt of any ballot paper by the Returning Officer, will not invalidate the ballot.
- 4.20. Each candidate for an election may, if he so desires, appoint one member of Grand Lodge as a scrutineer to be present during the counting of votes. The appointment if made must be in writing on the prescribed form and include the full name of the member to be appointed, his rank and the name(s) and number(s) of the Lodge(s) of which he is a member. The form duly signed by the candidate and the scrutineer must be submitted to the Returning Officer prior to the scrutineer being in attendance for the scrutiny of the count.

5. SELECTION OF JUNIOR GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

- 5.1. Each Lodge may propose one or more present or past Grand Stewards, who are honorary or subscribing members of the Lodge, as candidates for selection as a Junior Grand Lodge Officer.
- 5.2. All candidates so proposed will be considered by a selection panel in each District.
- 5.3. A District Selection Panel will consist of:
 - 5.3.1. The District Grand Superintendent;
 - 5.3.2. a brother nominated by the Grand Master; and
 - 5.3.3. such other members as the District may decide including not less than two present or past Grand Officers.
- 5.4. Each District will decide the process by which its nominee is to be selected. Such selection process must be approved by the Board.
- 5.5. Each District will select from among the candidates proposed by the Lodges in its District a nominee for appointment to Junior Grand Lodge Office and submit the same to the Grand Secretary on or before the 5th day of November.
- 5.6. Where any District fails to submit a nominee for appointment the Grand Master, with the advice of the Appointments Committee, may select a nominee from that or any other District.

- 5.7. The Grand Master, with the advice of the Appointments Committee, at the ensuing April Communication, will appoint one nominee of each District to the office either of Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Pursuivant or Grand Tyler.
- 5.8. There must not be more than three Grand Sword Bearers, three Grand Standard Bearers, three Grand Pursuivants and one Grand Tyler.
- 5.9. No Brother shall solicit support for a candidate for an Office in Grand Lodge either personally or by letter or circular.
- 5.10. Following consultation with the Appointments Committee, the Grand Master may revoke the appointment of a Grand Lodge Officer with immediate effect and may appoint another in his place.
- 5.11. As a temporary measure only, where a new District is created under Regulation 13 clause 13.15 after the April Communication in any year such that the new District is unable to decide on the process to select a Junior Grand Lodge Officer, the Grand Master, with the advice of the Appointments Committee may select a Junior Grand Lodge Officer for that District.

6. INVESTITURE, PATENTS AND CONFERMENTS

Investiture

- 6.1. Grand Lodge Officers and Grand Stewards are to be invested at the April Communication.
- 6.2. Any Grand Lodge Officer or Grand Steward who is absent from the April Communication will be deemed to have been invested at that Communication.

Patent Fees

- 6.3. Every Brother, on his first election or appointment to an Office in Grand Lodge, must pay the fee specified for that Office in Regulation 23 clause 23.2, and is entitled to a Certificate or Patent of Office signed by the Grand Master. If he fails to pay his fee within two months of receipt of an invoice, he will not retain his Office or Rank in Grand Lodge.

Conferred Rank

- 6.4. Grand Lodge, by a resolution duly confirmed, or the Grand Master, may confer the rank of any Past Grand Office on any Installed Master.

Grand Master's Order of Service to Masonry

- 6.5. The Grand Master may confer on any Brother who has rendered special service to the Craft, the Grand Master's Order of Service to Masonry.
- 6.6. A Brother on whom the Order is conferred will, for Masonic purposes, be entitled to place the letters O.S. after his name.
- 6.7. The Grand Master's Order of Service to Masonry does not confer Grand Rank or precedence on the holder, or any of the privileges afforded to Grand Officers and no fee is payable by a recipient.
- 6.8. Holders of the Grand Master's Order of Service to Masonry may wear the Jewel described in Regulation 29 clause 29.2 on all Masonic occasions.

Meritorious Service Award

- 6.9. The Grand Master may confer on any Brother, who has rendered long and outstanding service in a Constituent Lodge, a distinction to be known as the Meritorious Service Award.
- 6.10. A Brother on whom the Award is conferred will, for Masonic purposes, be entitled to place the letters M.S.A. after his name.
- 6.11. Holders of the Meritorious Service Award may wear the Jewel described in Regulation 29 clause 29.3 on all Masonic occasions.

Fifty-Years Service

- 6.12. A Jewel described in Regulation 29 clause 29.4 for fifty years' service to Freemasonry may be awarded to any Brother who:
 - 6.12.1. has been a Freemason in good standing in this jurisdiction for a period or periods totalling fifty years; or
 - 6.12.2. has been a Freemason in good standing for a period or periods totalling fifty years part of which has been as a member of a Lodge in another jurisdiction recognised by Grand Lodge.

- 6.13. A bar inscribed with "5 years" may be awarded on the completion of each subsequent period of five years' service as a Freemason in good standing, to be attached to the ribbon of the Jewel.
- 6.14. For the purpose of clauses 6.12 and 6.13, where a Brother has obtained a Clearance Certificate from a Lodge and joins or affiliates with another Lodge within a period of six months from the date thereof, the intervening period is deemed to be a period of service as a Freemason in good standing.

Freemasons Foundation Members Jewel

- 6.15. A Jewel described in Regulation 29 clause 29.7 may be awarded to any Brother who:
 - 6.15.1. Is a Freemason in good standing in this Jurisdiction; and
 - 6.15.2. has made such financial or other contribution to The Freemasons Foundation as The Freemasons Foundation determines.

Grand Choristers & Grand Heralds

- 6.16. The Grand Master may from time to time appoint Brethren to be Grand Choristers and Grand Heralds who:
 - 6.16.1. are not Grand Lodge Officers;
 - 6.16.2. may accompany the Grand Master and enter with Grand Lodge teams at the discretion of the Grand Director of Ceremonies; and
 - 6.16.3. will provide suitable harmony and sound appropriate fanfares.

Masonic Homes Jewel

- 6.17. A Jewel described in Regulation 29 clause 29.9 may be awarded to any Brother who:
 - 6.17.1. is a Freemason in good standing in this jurisdiction; and
 - 6.17.2. has made such financial or other contribution to Masonic Homes as Masonic Homes determines.

7. TENURE OF OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER

Term

- 7.1. Except in special circumstances to be dictated by the occasion, no Brother is to be eligible for election to the office of Grand Master for more than 4 consecutive terms of office.

Casual Vacancy

- 7.2. Should the Grand Master, during his term of office, die, resign or become incapacitated and, in the opinion of the Board, is incapable of properly discharging the duties of his office, the Deputy Grand Master will act as Grand Master until the next April Communication, unless he be absent or unable or unwilling to act, in which case the Assistant Grand Master, or, in his absence, the Grand Wardens will summon Grand Lodge to record the event and fix a day for Grand Lodge to meet to elect a Grand Master for the remainder of the term.

8. COMMUNICATION TO THE GRAND MASTER OR GRAND LODGE

- 8.1. All communications to the Grand Master or to Grand Lodge must be directed through the Grand Secretary.

9. POWERS OF GRAND MASTER

- 9.1. Without limiting the ample power of the Grand Master preserved by the Constitution he may:
 - 9.1.1. of his own volition, or on the recommendation of the Board, grant a dispensation in advance, or retrospectively, validating any ceremony, act or omission of any Officer of Grand Lodge, or Lodge or any Officer thereof, on such terms and conditions as he sees fit; and
 - 9.1.2. appoint a Brother to occupy temporarily the position of any Grand Officer who is, through absence, or indisposition, unable to perform the duties of his office, or any Grand Lodge Office which is vacant.

Abuse of Power

- 9.2. If the Grand Master should abuse his power, and render himself unworthy of the obedience of the Lodges, he will be subjected to some new Regulations of Grand Lodge, to be dictated by the occasion; because hitherto the Brethren have had no reason to provide for an event which they have presumed would never happen.

10. POWERS OF DEPUTY AND ASSISTANT GRAND MASTER

Deputy Grand Master

- 10.1. The Deputy Grand Master, in the absence of the Grand Master, has all the rights, powers, duties, authorities and privileges appertaining to the office of Grand Master.

Assistant Grand Master

- 10.2. The Assistant Grand Master, in the absence of the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, has all the rights, powers, duties, authorities and privileges appertaining to the office of Grand Master.
- 10.3. On all other occasions, the Deputy Grand Master and the Assistant Grand Master may perform such of the duties of the Grand Master as he may from time to time direct.

11. GRAND MASTER'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- 11.1. The Grand Master's Advisory Committee as referred to in the Constitution, consists of:

The Grand Master (who will preside)
The Deputy Grand Master
The President of the Board
The Grand Treasurer
The Grand Registrar

and such other members of the Craft as may be appointed by the Grand Master from time to time.

- 11.2. In addition to the functions entrusted to it by the Constitution of the Association, the Grand Master's Advisory Committee is to provide advice to the Grand Master on matters of policy and on whatever may be deemed advantageous for the welfare of the Craft.
- 11.3. The Committee may require any Brother to attend before it or to make submissions in writing to assist the Committee in its deliberations.

12. APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- 12.1. The Appointments Committee consists of:-

The Deputy Grand Master (who will preside)
The Assistant Grand Master
The Senior Grand Warden
The Junior Grand Warden
The two Immediate Past Grand Wardens
The President of the Board
The Grand Treasurer
The Grand Registrar
The Grand Superintendent
The Grand Director of Ceremonies

Two other Past Grand Officers appointed by the Grand Master at the April Communication.

- 12.2. The Grand Secretary will provide to the Appointments Committee, any lists of brethren provided to him as nominees for appointment as Grand Officers and Grand Stewards.

- 12.3. The Appointments Committee may provide advice to the Grand Master on the appointment of Grand Lodge Officers.
- 12.4. The Appointments Committee may require any Brother to attend before it or to make submissions in writing to assist the Committee in its deliberations.

13. **THE GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, THEIR POWERS AND DUTIES**

Grand Chaplain

- 13.1. The Grand Chaplain will attend the Communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer, suitable to the occasion, as established by the usage of the Craft and perform such other functions as the Grand Master may require.

Grand Treasurer

- 13.2. The Grand Treasurer or in his absence the Deputy Grand Treasurer is to advise the Grand Lodge and the Board and Committees thereof, on the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Registrar

Control and Use of Seals

- 13.3. The Grand Registrar has the control of:

- 13.3.1. The Seal of the Association which is to be affixed where required, to such documents as are approved by Grand Lodge or the Board, either generally, or specially;
- 13.3.2. The Seal of Grand Lodge which is to be affixed to all Patents, Warrants, Certificates and other documents issued by the authority of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, in conformity with the established Laws and Regulations of the Craft; and
- 13.3.3. All documents to which the Seal of the Association or the Seal of Grand Lodge has been affixed, each of which must be signed by the Grand Master, or his Deputy, and countersigned by the Grand Secretary or Assistant Grand Secretary, or such other Grand Officers as are appointed for the purpose.

Records and By-laws

- 13.4. The Grand Registrar will examine and certify that the By-laws of Lodges are in accordance with the Regulations and Antient Landmarks.

Deputy and Assistant Grand Registrar

- 13.5. In the absence of the Grand Registrar, the Deputy Grand Registrar, or, in the absence of both of them, the Assistant Grand Registrar will have the powers and functions of the Grand Registrar. At other times they will perform such of the duties of the Grand Registrar as he may direct.

Grand Secretary

- 13.6. The Grand Secretary's duties are:

- 13.6.1. to issue Summonses for all meetings of Grand Lodge, the Board, and Committees of Grand Lodge;
- 13.6.2. to receive the returns from the Lodges and enter them in the books of Grand Lodge;
- 13.6.3. to receive the fees and contributions payable by Lodges or Brethren, and pay or cause the same to be paid to the credit of Grand Lodge in such bank in the City of Adelaide as the Board may determine;
- 13.6.4. to transmit to all Lodges, all papers and documents which may be ordered either by the Grand Master, Grand Lodge, or the Board;
- 13.6.5. to receive all petitions, correspondence etc. and (when appropriate) to bring them to the attention of the Grand Master or other proper authority;
- 13.6.6. to attend on the Grand Master and to take to him any books and papers he may direct;
- 13.6.7. generally to do all such things as previously have been done or should have been done by a Grand Secretary; and
- 13.6.8. with the authority of the Grand Registrar, to affix the Seals of the Grand Lodge to such Patents, Warrants, Certificates and other documents that are issued by the authority of the Grand Lodge, and to such other documents as the Grand Master in conformity with the established By-laws and Regulations of the Craft may direct.

Assistant Grand Secretary

- 13.7. The Assistant Grand Secretary will perform such of the duties of the Grand Secretary as are delegated to him.

Grand Superintendent

- 13.8. The Grand Superintendent, who will have direct access to the Grand Master, is responsible for ensuring the maintenance of communication between the Districts, via their respective District Grand Superintendents, and the Board and its Committees.

Chairman of Membership

- 13.9. The Chairman of Membership is responsible for ensuring membership satisfaction and retention by promoting and providing materials to support Lodges in the areas of information nights, membership induction, mentoring, development and care, as well as advice and support with amalgamations and surrender of warrants.

Director Marketing, Promotions and Community Relations

- 13.10. The Director Marketing, Promotions and Community Relations is responsible for marketing of the Craft, raising the profile of Freemasonry in the community, and providing advice to Lodges in relation to strategies to increase membership and enhancing the overall ability to attract new members.

Director of Masonic Learning

- 13.11. The Director of Masonic Learning with the assistance of a Committee established by the Director of Masonic Learning, will promote and encourage the education of the Craft, develop systems and methods of education for members of the Craft and supervise lecturers who have been accredited by the Director of Masonic Learning (pursuant to a process of accreditation that has been devised by the Director of Masonic Learning and approved by the Board) to present lectures in Lodges other than their own.

Grand Director of Ceremonies

- 13.12. The Grand Director of Ceremonies or, in his absence, the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, is responsible for the following matters:

- 13.7.1. the arrangement and direction of all processions and ceremonies of the Grand Lodge, in accordance with the Constitution and Regulations, the ritual and established usages of the Craft, subject to the directions of the Grand Master or his representative and to the decisions of the Board;
- 13.7.2. providing Constituent Lodges with advice and assistance to enable them to maintain a high standard of ceremonial work in accordance with the approved ritual and the established usages of the Craft; and
- 13.7.3. the care of the Regalia, Insignia and Jewels belonging to the Association and annually in the month of May must report the condition thereof to the Board.

Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies

- 13.13. The Assistant Grand Directors will perform such duties as the Grand Director or his Deputy from time to time directs.

Grand Superintendent of Works

- 13.14. The Grand Superintendent of Works (or in his absence the Deputy Grand Superintendent of Works) is to:

- 13.7.4. advise on all buildings, plans or works projected or undertaken by Lodges in this jurisdiction and furnish estimates thereon;
- 13.7.5. superintend their construction in accordance with approved plans;
- 13.7.6. report to the March meeting of the Board in every year on the state of repair of the buildings of Lodges in this jurisdiction, and make such further reports thereon from time to time as he may deem expedient: and
- 13.7.7. perform such other duties as may be directed by the Board.

District Grand Superintendents

- 13.15. The Jurisdiction of the Association may be divided into Districts with such names and numbers, and including such Lodges, as the Board may decide.

Selection of District Grand Superintendents

- 13.16. Each District must nominate up to three nominees for the office of District Grand Superintendent from among the subscribing or honorary members of the Lodges in the District who are present or past Grand Officers or present or past Grand Stewards.
- 13.17. Each District must decide the process by which its three nominees are selected. Such selection process must be approved by the Board.
- 13.18. The name of each nominee so selected must be submitted to the Grand Secretary on or before the fifth day of November.
- 13.19. At the April Communication each year the Grand Master will appoint one nominee to the office of District Grand Superintendent.

Duties of District Grand Superintendents

- 13.20. A District Grand Superintendent has such powers as the Grand Master may delegate to him in writing.
- 13.21. A District Grand Superintendent will:
- 13.7.8. convene meetings within his District at which representatives of Lodges and brethren may discuss matters of concern or which may be advantageous to the welfare and good government of the Craft;
 - 13.7.9. communicate with the Grand Superintendent on matters of interest or concern to Lodges or brethren in his District;
 - 13.7.10. advise and assist the Master and other officers of Lodges in his District;
 - 13.7.11. report in writing to the Grand Master every six months on the exercise of any powers delegated to him by the Grand Master and on the activities and welfare of Lodges in his District;
 - 13.7.12. attend on the Grand Master or his Deputy when summoned; and
 - 13.7.13. perform such other functions and duties as the Grand Master may require.
- 13.22. As a temporary measure only, where a new District is created under clause 13.15 after the April Communication in any year such that the new District is unable to decide on the process to select a District Grand Superintendent, the Grand Master, with the advice of the Appointments Committee may select a District Grand Superintendent for that District.

Grand Librarian

- 13.23. The Grand Librarian will oversee the J.R. Robertson Memorial Library, catalogue and care for the books and archives, open the Library for use, record or recover books on loan and report when required to the Board.

Chairman of Care

- 13.24. The Chairman of Care will be responsible for the following matters:
- 13.7.14. liaising between constituent Lodges and between District Grand Superintendents in relation to any Brethren and widows of Brethren who are sick or in distress;
 - 13.7.15. taking such action as is reasonable to assist with the care of Brethren from other Jurisdictions and Brethren holding present or past Grand Rank who are sick or in distress; and
 - 13.7.16. where appropriate reporting such actions to the Board.

Grand Director of Music

- 13.25. The Grand Director of Music will be in charge of the music of Grand Lodge, and the selection of Grand Lodge Choristers.

Grand Pursuivant

- 13.26. A Grand Pursuivant selected by the Grand Director of Ceremonies will attend meetings of Grand Lodge, and see that none be admitted except those who are qualified.

Grand Tyler

- 13.27. The Grand Tyler will attend all meetings of Grand Lodge, and see that none be admitted except those who have on their proper clothing and Regalia, and are in all respects entitled to admission.

Grand Stewards

Selection

- 13.28. Each Lodge may propose one or more Installed Masters, who are honorary or subscribing members of the Lodge, as nominees for appointment as Grand Stewards and will arrange for submission of their names to the Grand Secretary on or before the 5th day of November in each year.
- 13.29. The Grand Master may, after consultation with the Appointments Committee and/or the District Grand Superintendent, appoint such number of Grand Stewards as he may, in his discretion, regard as appropriate.
- 13.30. Whenever appointed, a Grand Steward will only hold office until the next April Communication.

Duties

- 13.31. As directed by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Grand Stewards will assist in the arrangements for Communications and other meetings of Grand Lodge, the festivals and banquets in connection with the Grand Lodge, and at Constituent Lodge Installations.

14. GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATIONS

Distribution of Summons

- 14.1. A copy of the Summons for each ensuing Communication must be sent by post or electronically, by the Grand Secretary to:
 - 14.1.1. each Grand Lodge Officer;
 - 14.1.2. each Grand Steward;
 - 14.1.3. each member of the Board;
 - 14.1.4. each Brother who has provided his email address in writing to the Grand Secretary; and,
 - 14.1.5. the Secretary of each Constituent Lodge for distribution to the Master, Wardens and Brethren.

Submission of Business

- 14.2. All business to be brought to the consideration of Grand Lodge will:
 - 14.2.1. be communicated in writing by any Brother through the Grand Secretary to the Board not later than the first Wednesday in February and August respectively prior to the relevant Communication at which it is proposed to consider such matter, and
 - 14.2.2. no motion or other matter not so communicated will be discussed in the Grand Lodge except by direction of the Grand Master.

Notices of Motion

- 14.3. The Board may reject any Notice of Motion which it considers to be:
 - 14.3.1. irregular;
 - 14.3.2. not within the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge; or
 - 14.3.3. not in the best interests of Freemasonry.
- 14.4. If the Board rejects any such Notice of Motion:
 - 14.4.1. the Grand Secretary must notify the Brother proposing the motion of the decision of the Board in writing; and
 - 14.4.2. the Brother may apply in writing to the Grand Secretary requesting that the Grand Master review the decision of the Board.
- 14.5. The Grand Master may, in his discretion, order that the Notice of Motion be added to the relevant Summons.
- 14.6. The Grand Secretary will notify the Brother of the decision of the Grand Master in writing prior to the meeting of Grand Lodge.

Order of Business

- 14.7. Notices of Motion will be listed for consideration in the order in which they are received except that any Notice of Motion on behalf of the Board will have priority.

Amendments to Motions

- 14.8. Except by leave of the Grand Master, no amendment to a Motion of which notice has been given, will be considered unless a written copy has been delivered to the Grand Secretary not less than 10 business days prior to the opening of Grand Lodge.
- 14.9. No motion for the erasure of a Lodge, the removal of a Grand Officer or the expulsion of a Brother may be made unless a complaint in writing, specifying the offence, has been served upon the Master and Wardens of the Lodge, or the Officer or Brother the subject of the complaint, at least 14 days prior to the meeting of Grand Lodge or the Board at which such motion is to be considered, and they or he has been given an opportunity to answer the complaint in person in the Grand Lodge or the Board, or to respond in writing, as they or he may desire.

Adoption of Reports

- 14.10. Any member of Grand Lodge may move, without previous notice, the reception, adoption or otherwise of any report (or any motion arising therefrom) or recommendation contained in such report of any Board or Committee appointed either by the Grand Lodge or by the Grand Lodge and Grand Master conjointly.

Objectionable Submissions

- 14.11. No documents are to be presented to Grand Lodge which contain improper matter, offensive or inappropriate language.

Presentation of Accounts

- 14.12. The audited accounts of the Association, will be presented to the October Communication.

Visitors to Grand Lodge

- 14.13. A visitor can only attend the Grand Lodge by permission of the Grand Master, or other Officer presiding, and has no voice except by permission of the same, and may not vote.

15. PROCEDURE AT COMMUNICATIONS

Attendance

- 15.1. The Grand Wardens and other Grand Officers will attend each Communication, and other meetings whenever duly summoned, and act in their respective capacities, if required.

Opening of Grand Lodge

- 15.2. The Grand Lodge is declared to be opened in "ample form" when the Grand Master or Pro Grand Master presides; in "due form" when the Deputy Grand Master, Assistant Grand Master or Past Grand Master presides. At all other times, Grand Lodge is declared to be opened only in "form" but has the same authority.

Minutes

- 15.3. The Grand Lodge being opened, the Grand Master will announce whether the Minutes of the previous Communication, have been duly confirmed.

Communications and Reports

- 15.4. All communications from the Grand Master, and reports from the Board and other Boards or Committees will be read and taken into consideration and then Grand Lodge will proceed to deal with other business.

Irregular Propositions

- 15.5. If it appears to the Grand Master that any proposed resolution contains anything contrary to the Antient Landmarks of the Order, he may refuse to permit the same to be discussed, after stating the Landmark jeopardised.

Restrictions on Speaking

- 15.6. The mover of a motion has the right of reply, but no other Brother may speak twice to the same question, unless in explanation. This rule does not apply to the Grand Registrar as the adviser of Grand Lodge.

Standing While Speaking, etc.

- 15.7. Every speaker will stand and address the Grand Master and not be interrupted unless any Brother addresses the Grand Master on a point of order, or the Grand Master himself thinks fit to call the speaker to order, but thereafter he may proceed if he observes due order and decorum.

Breaches of Order

- 15.8. If any member is called to order three times at the same Communication, the Grand Master may require him to leave the Communication.

Voting

- 15.9. All matters will be decided by a majority of votes, each member having one vote unless the Grand Lodge resolves to leave any particular subject to the determination of the Grand Master.
- 15.10. Except in elections by ballot papers, the votes of the members are to be signified by each holding out one hand or by a division if called for and allowed by the Grand Master.

Reports of Proceedings

- 15.11. Minutes of the proceedings at Communications of Grand Lodge will be recorded by the Grand Secretary.

Confirmation of Minutes

Commission

- 15.12. There will be a Commission consisting of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the President of the Board and the Grand Registrar.

Power to confirm

- 15.13. The Commission has the power to confirm the Minutes of any Grand Lodge Communication and will meet for that purpose not less than four weeks after each Communication.

Quorum

- 15.14. Three members of the Commission constitute a quorum.

Open for Inspection

- 15.15. Between the date of the Communication and the meeting of the Commission, the Minutes of the Communication, when prepared, will be available for inspection in the Grand Secretary's Office by any Brother concerned with the accuracy of the record of the Communication.

Submissions

- 15.16. A Brother who has so inspected the Minutes and considers any Minute does not accurately record the proceedings, may make written representations thereon which will be considered by the Commission.

Signing

- 15.17. After confirmation of the Minutes by the Commission, the Minutes will be signed by the Grand Master (or the presiding officer of the Communication if it was not the Grand Master), countersigned by the Grand Secretary and distributed to Lodges.

16. PROOF OF GRAND LODGE RESOLUTION

- 16.1. An extract or copy of any resolution bearing the signature of the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary is conclusive evidence:
- 16.1.1. of the contents of any such resolution; and
 - 16.1.2. that the persons so signing have been duly appointed to such position.

17. ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- 17.1. There will be an annual conference of the Association held in October of each year ("Annual Conference") at such time and such place as may be determined by the Grand Master or his delegate.
- 17.2. The purpose of the Annual Conference is to promote and facilitate the discussion of all matters relating to policy of the Association.
- 17.3. The Annual Conference is organised by the Grand Superintendent and is chaired by a Brother appointed by the Board.

17.4. The following timetable applies to the Annual Conference:

- 17.4.1. On or before the last business day of May in each year, the Grand Secretary will send to each Lodge, a circular inviting the submission of motions for discussion at the Annual Conference, to be provided to him with a short explanatory memorandum. Such motions must be received by the Grand Secretary no later than the last business day of July.
 - 17.4.2. On or before the second Friday of August in each year, the Grand Secretary will send to each Lodge, a circular advising of all submissions received and listing those matters scheduled for discussion at the Annual Conference and inviting attendance at the Annual Conference and the appointment of a particular member authorised to exercise the voting rights of that Lodge.
- 17.5. All members of the Association are eligible to attend and, subject to recognition by the Chairman, speak at the Annual Conference.
- 17.6. Each Lodge will have one vote at the Annual Conference and such vote will be cast by the duly authorised member of the Association whether that member is a member of the Lodge concerned or not.
- 17.7. Each Lodge may appoint one of its members or a member of another Lodge, to act as its delegate at the Annual Conference and a letter signed by the Master or Secretary of a Lodge is sufficient proof of such appointment.
- 17.8. Every member who claims to be eligible to vote at the Annual Conference must have presented the letter referred to in clause 17.7 to the member appointed to receive such authorities by not later than 15 minutes before the scheduled starting time of the Annual Conference. The Chairman of the Annual Conference may, at his absolute discretion, extend this time in the interest of allowing properly authorised persons to vote at the Annual Conference.
- 17.9. Each duly authorised delegate is entitled to cast one vote for each and every Lodge for which his authority to vote on their behalf has been duly recognised.
- 17.10. Voting at the Annual Conference is by show of hands and decided by a simple majority.
- 17.11. In the event that the Chairman, of his own volition or by vote at the Annual Conference, requires it, a vote may be decided either by a division or by secret ballot.
- 17.12. Resolutions passed at the Annual Conference are not binding on the Association or the Board.
- 17.13. The Chairman of the Annual Conference will prepare a report for the Board summarising all matters considered and voted on at the Annual Conference.
- 17.14. Such report will be considered by the Board at its next appropriate meeting and the Board may take such action in relation to each issue as it sees fit. If the Board decides not to proceed with a matter passed at the Annual Conference, it must advise Lodges of its reasons for that decision.

18. **BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

Composition

18.1. The Board comprises:

The Deputy Grand Master

The President of the Board

The Grand Treasurer

The Grand Registrar

The Grand Superintendent

The Grand Superintendent of Works

The Chairman of Membership

2 members of Grand Lodge appointed by the Grand Master

2 elected members of Grand Lodge (each of whom must be an Installed Master). One of the elected members must be a member of a Lodge which meets not less than 50 kilometres from the General Post Office, Adelaide.

Nomination and Election

18.2. The two elected members will be elected at the April Communication each year.

- 18.3. Nomination must be in writing on the prescribed form, signed by members of Grand Lodge as proposer and seconder accompanied by the nominee's consent in writing, and must be lodged with the Grand Secretary not later than noon on the first Friday in February.
- 18.4. Notice of any nomination received in due time will be exhibited forthwith in the Grand Lodge Office and the nominee will receive written confirmation that the nomination has been received.
- 18.5. If no more candidates than are required nominate for election to the Board they will, at the April Communication, be declared elected.
- 18.6. If more candidates than are required nominate for election to the Board, a list of the candidates will be included in the Summons for the Communication at which the election will take place.
- 18.7. Every member of Grand Lodge present at the Communication will be entitled to vote.

Vacancies

- 18.8. If any elected member of the Board is absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board without first obtaining leave from the President, he will cease to be a member of the Board.
- 18.9. If there is a vacancy in the position of an elected member of the Board the Grand Master may appoint a Brother to fill the vacancy until the next April Communication.

Meetings

- 18.10. The Board will meet at least six (6) times per year (at times and venues to be confirmed by the President) and otherwise on such other occasions as the President may direct.
- 18.11. The President, or in his absence, the Deputy Grand Master, or in the absence of both the President and the Deputy Grand Master, then the member present who is highest in rank and seniority, will preside and have a casting vote.
- 18.12. In the absence of a Brother who is a member of the Board by virtue of his office, the Deputy or Assistant of the officer (as the case may be) will be entitled to attend and vote in his place.
- 18.13. The Board may require and receive reports for its consideration, from Grand Officers, Committees and from consultants the Board may engage from time to time.

Quorum and Voting

- 18.14. Five members constitute a Quorum except in the decision of Masonic complaints for which purpose, at least seven members must be present.
- 18.15. All questions must be decided by a majority of votes.

Power to Inspect

- 18.16. The Board has full power:

- 18.16.1. to inspect all books and papers relating to the accounts of the Association, Grand Lodge and Constituent Lodges, and give orders for the correct arrangement of them; and
- 18.16.2. to summon any Brother having possession of any books, papers, documents or accounts belonging to the Grand Lodge and give such directions as may be necessary.

Power to Improve

- 18.17. The Board may recommend or report to the Grand Lodge whatever it regards as necessary or advantageous to the welfare and good government of the Craft, and may originate plans for the better regulation of Grand Lodge and the arrangement of its operations. Every recommendation or report of the Board must, when adopted by Grand Lodge, be treated as an edict of Grand Lodge.

Power to Manage

- 18.18. Subject to the Grand Lodge, the Board has the care, management and regulation of all the real and personal property and concerns of the Craft, and will conduct the correspondence between Grand Lodge and its constituent Lodges and Brethren and communications with sister Grand Lodges and Brethren of eminence and distinction throughout the world.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

- 18.19. The Board may appoint a CEO on such terms and conditions and subject to such delegations as it may decide.
- 18.20. The position of CEO is not a Grand Lodge Office and the appointee need not be a Freemason.

- 18.21. Where appointed, the CEO's duties are to manage the human, material, commercial and financial business of Grand Lodge in accordance with the directions of the Board from time to time.
- 18.22. Where appointed, the CEO will provide a written report on the CEO's conduct of the commercial and financial business of Grand Lodge to the Board at each of the Board's meetings.
- 18.23. Where appointed, the CEO will be the Public Officer of the Association as required under the Act. In the absence of an appointed CEO, the Grand Secretary will be the Public Officer.

Control of Finances

- 18.24. The Board is responsible for the finances of Grand Lodge.

Audit and Report

- 18.25. The Board must:

- 18.25.1. before the end of August each year, cause the accounts of the Association to be prepared and submitted for audit by an auditor appointed by the Board. The Board will apportion the auditor's fees between the various funds of Grand Lodge;
- 18.25.2. present the audited accounts to the October Communication with a full report of all of the Association's property and funds;
- 18.25.3. circulate copies of the audited accounts with the summons for the October Communication; and
- 18.25.4. report the attendances of the elected members in the summons for the April Communication.

Power to Adjudicate

- 18.26. The Board has authority to hear and determine all appeals it receives pursuant to Regulation 20 clause 20.12.

Power to Summon

- 18.27. The Board may summon the officers of any Lodge to attend before it and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of the Lodge, or may summon any Brother to attend before it and produce such documents as may be directed. If the summons is not complied with, and no sufficient reason is given for non-compliance, the Lodge or Brother may be suspended.

Procedure on Decision

- 18.28. On investigating any matter brought before it, if the Board decides that the case requires admonition, fine or suspension, it will record in its minutes the offence; that it is declared proved; the law, if any, relating to it; and the decision recorded and acted on.

Finality of Decision

- 18.29. Subject to the rules of natural justice having been observed, the decision in such case will be final, but if its decision is for the erasure of a Lodge, the Board must make a special report thereon to Grand Lodge.

Board Member conflicts of interest

- 18.30. In case of any conflict or potential conflict of interest affecting a member of the Board, or a Lodge to which he belongs and arising out of any matter before the Board, such member must withdraw while the Board considers the matter.

Communications to the Board

- 18.31. All communications of any kind to the Board, must be in writing, signed and addressed to the Grand Secretary.

Communications from the Board

- 18.32. All communications from the Board to the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge, other Boards or Committees, or any Constituent Lodge or Brother must be made in writing.

Precedence of Business

- 18.33. Any matter referred to the Board by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge will have precedence over other business.

Minutes

- 18.34. All transactions and resolutions of the Board must be entered in the Minute Book by the Grand Secretary.

Standing Orders

18.35. The Board may make rules and standing orders to regulate its proceedings.

Committees of the Board

Appointment

18.36. The business of the Board may be considered by committees appointed from its members, and other brethren. Such committees will:

- 18.36.1. perform such functions and purposes as the Board determines;
- 18.36.2. provide a written report to the Board if required by the Board; and
- 18.36.3. act on behalf of the Board when so directed.

Chairmen

18.37. The Grand Master or the Board, as the case may be, will appoint the Chairman of any Committee. In the absence or incapacity of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman, who will be elected by the Committee, will act in his stead.

Membership

18.38. Each Committee will comprise such number of members, as determined by the Board from time to time, and they are to be appointed at its first meeting after the April Communication each year (or as required) by the President, after consultation with the Grand Master, and the respective Chairmen.

The Judicial Committee

18.39. There will be a Judicial Committee comprising the Grand Registrar, who will be chairman, and three other brethren (who are not members of the Board) elected by the Board at its first meeting after the April Communication each year.

18.40. The Grand Registrar and two other members constitute a quorum.

18.41. A Judicial Committee before which any matter is commenced, will continue to deal with such matter until it is completed notwithstanding the expiry of the term of office of any of its members.

18.42. The Judicial Committee is empowered to hear and determine any complaint of a Masonic offence and adjudicate any differences or disputes between brethren which may be referred to it in accordance with these Regulations.

18.43. The Judicial Committee may summon the officers of any Lodge to attend before it and to produce the Warrant, books, papers and accounts of the Lodge and may summon any Brother to attend before it.

18.44. Any Lodge or Brother who does not comply with such summons and who does not give sufficient reason for non-compliance, may be Suspended.

19. MASONIC OFFENCES

By a Brother

19.1. A Brother is guilty of a Masonic Offence if he:

General

- 19.1.1. has been convicted of an offence punishable by imprisonment, or of any offence involving dishonesty; or
- 19.1.2. is guilty of conduct or behaviour which is in violation of his Masonic obligations, or in breach of the Regulations, or
- 19.1.3. conducts himself or behaves in a manner contrary to the standard of conduct and behaviour reasonably expected of a Freemason or contrary to policies published by the Board from time to time; or
- 19.1.4. is knowingly concerned in making a Freemason clandestinely, or at a Lodge which is not a regularly warranted Lodge, or for any unworthy motive; or

Membership of Irregular Organisations

- 19.1.5. is knowingly concerned in forming a new Lodge without a warrant from the Grand Master; or
- 19.1.6. has in any way been connected or associated with, or visits any organisation which is

quasi-Masonic, imitative of Freemasonry, or regarded by the Board as irregular, or incompatible with the Craft; or

- 19.1.7. fails to renounce such organisation referred to in the preceding clause and finally sever his connection with such organisation when required by the Board or the Grand Master to do so; or
- 19.1.8. is a member or an official of, or otherwise connected with, any association in the name or description of which is used the word "Masonic" or "Freemasons", or any word or words which, in the opinion of the Board, indicates affiliation or connection with Freemasonry, unless such association is subject to the control of the Grand Master or unless the Grand Master has previously approved of such association; or
- 19.1.9. is a member or official of, or otherwise connected with any association in the name or description of which any such word or words referred to in the preceding clause, is or are used without the approval of the Grand Master and he fails to renounce such association and finally sever his connection with such association, when required by the Board or the Grand Master to do so; or

Improper Printing or Publishing

- 19.1.10. prints or publishes or causes to be printed or published, either in hard copy or via social or electronic media:
 - 19.1.10.1. material which, in the view of the Board and/or the Grand Master, is contrary to the laws and regulations of Freemasonry and/or the customs and tenets of Freemasonry; or
 - 19.1.10.2. material which is, of its nature, such that publication, in the view of the Board and/or the Grand Master, would not be in the interests of Freemasonry, or
- 19.1.11. publishes or circulates any document relating to any case of Masonic complaint before the regularly constituted authorities, until after final adjudication thereon, and then only if the same be proper to be published according to the laws and regulations of Freemasonry; or

Warrants

- 19.1.12. is concerned or involved in the sale of the Warrant of a Lodge or is involved in procuring a Warrant of a Lodge other than in accordance with these Regulations.

By a Lodge

- 19.2. A Lodge is guilty of a Masonic Offence if it:
 - 19.2.1. initiates into Freemasonry or accepts as a joining or affiliating member, any person who has in any way been connected with any organisation which is quasi-Masonic, imitative of Freemasonry, or is regarded by the Board as irregular, or incompatible with the Craft, unless by dispensation of the Grand Master; or
 - 19.2.2. initiates into Freemasonry or accepts as a joining or affiliating member, any person who has been convicted of an offence punishable by a term of imprisonment, unless by dispensation of the Grand Master; or
 - 19.2.3. sells or attempts to sell its Warrant or procure a Warrant by any means other than in accordance with these Regulations.

Public Appearance in Regalia

- 19.3. Except on the occasion of the opening of a Masonic Ball which is held after a Lodge Installation, and to which members of the public may be invited (for which occasion dispensation will be regarded as having been granted), no Brother will appear clothed in any of the jewels, collars or badges of the Craft in any procession, or at any funeral, ball, theatre, public assembly, or meeting, or at any place of public resort, unless the Grand Master has previously given a dispensation for Brethren to be there present in Masonic regalia.

20. COMPLAINTS OF MASONIC OFFENCE

- 20.1. Where the Master or Secretary of a Lodge believes that one of its members has committed, or possibly committed a Masonic Offence, either or both of them may report the matter to the Grand Secretary in writing. If a Brother believes that another Brother has committed, or possibly committed a Masonic Offence, he may report the matter to the Grand Secretary in writing.

Dealing with Complaint

- 20.2. When the Grand Secretary receives a report, or information in other manner of the conviction of a Brother for a criminal offence or conduct which could constitute a Masonic Offence, he must report it to the Grand Registrar who will consider the report and make such further enquiries thereon as he thinks necessary.

Referral of Complaint

- 20.3. If the Grand Registrar is of the opinion that the matter referred to in the report should be dealt with as a complaint for a Masonic Offence, he will direct the Grand Secretary to refer the matter to the Judicial Committee as a complaint.

Rejection of Complaint

- 20.4. If the Grand Registrar is of the opinion that no such complaint should be made, he will report to the Judicial Committee that he has considered the report and recommends that no action be taken.
- 20.5. On receipt of the report from the Grand Registrar, the Judicial Committee will consider his recommendation and may accept or reject it.
- 20.6. If the Judicial Committee accepts his recommendation, no further action will be taken.
- 20.7. If the Judicial Committee rejects his recommendation, it may either, refer the matter back to the Grand Registrar for further investigation and report or may direct the Grand Secretary to refer the matter to the Judicial Committee as a complaint.

Hearing of Complaints

20.8. Notice of Complaint

- 20.8.1. If a matter is referred to the Judicial Committee as a complaint, the Grand Secretary will give the Brother notice in writing of the complaint and of the time and place at which it will be considered and when he may attend and be heard.
- 20.8.2. The notice may be given personally to the Brother, or delivered to a responsible person at his usual place of abode or posted by registered post addressed to his usual place of abode, or his address last known as such to the Secretary of his Lodge.
- 20.8.3. The Brother will be given reasonable opportunity of answering the complaint, either in person, or in writing as he may desire.
- 20.8.4. The Judicial Committee after hearing the complaint and any answer provided by the Brother, will decide whether or not the complaint has been proved to constitute a Masonic Offence.

Action or Decision

- 20.9. If the Judicial Committee determines that a Masonic Offence has been committed, it will impose such penalty as it considers appropriate and report accordingly to the Board.
- 20.10. Written notification of the determination of the Judicial Committee must be provided to the Brother against whom the complaint has been made.
- 20.11. The Judicial Committee may direct the Grand Secretary to give written notification of its determination to any other person.
- 20.12. Any Brother found by the Judicial Committee to have committed a Masonic Offence may appeal in writing to the Board against such finding or against the penalty imposed.
- 20.13. On receiving such appeal, the Board may:
- 20.13.1. refer the appeal to the Judicial Committee for further consideration,
 - 20.13.2. require the Judicial Committee to provide a report in response to the matters raised in the appeal,
 - 20.13.3. direct a rehearing of the complaint by the Judicial Committee,
 - 20.13.4. allow the Brother to appear in person before the Board to make submissions,
 - 20.13.5. direct that the complaint be reheard and determined by the Board,
 - 20.13.6. rescind the finding by the Judicial Committee that a Masonic offence has been committed,
 - 20.13.7. dismiss the appeal and confirm the findings of the Judicial Committee, or
 - 20.13.8. vary the penalty imposed by the Judicial Committee.
- 20.14. On the Board determining an appeal:

- 20.14.1. the Brother against whom the complaint has been made will be given written notification of the determination of the Board; and
- 20.14.2. the Board may direct that the complainant and any other person be given written notification of its determination by the Grand Secretary.

Differences Between Members

- 20.15. All differences or disputes between brethren which cannot be adjusted privately, or in a Constituent Lodge, are to be submitted to the Grand Secretary in writing.

Reference to Committee

- 20.16. The Grand Secretary is to deal with such differences and disputes in a similar manner as he would deal with a matter referred to the Judicial Committee as a complaint under these Regulations.

Penalties

General Penalties

- 20.17. The penalty for an offence against any law or Regulation of the Craft, for which no specific penalty is provided, may be:

- 20.17.1. in the case of a Lodge, admonition, fine, suspension or erasure; and
- 20.17.2. in the case of a Brother, admonition, suspension, exclusion or expulsion.

- 20.18. A fine must not be less than the minimum nor more than the maximum set out in the schedule.

Third Offence

- 20.19. A Lodge or Brother found guilty of a third offence within three years of a second offence is liable to be erased or expelled, as the case may be.

Suspension for more than two years

- 20.20. A Brother suspended for more than two years is excluded, and can only become a member again, after the expiration of the period of suspension, by regular proposition and ballot in the manner provided for a Joining Member.

Suspension for two years or less than two years

- 20.21. The suspension of a Brother for a period of two years or less is sufficient cause for exclusion by his Lodge, provided the proceedings for exclusion are commenced during the period of suspension.

21. **REINSTATEMENT BY GRAND MASTER**

Authority of Grand Master

- 21.1. If the Grand Master is satisfied that a Brother has been illegally, or without sufficient cause, excluded or suspended from any of his Masonic functions or privileges, or expelled, he may order him to be reinstated.

Lodges to be Informed

- 21.2. The Grand Secretary will inform all Lodges of the name of any reinstated Brother.

Suspension of Defaulting Lodge

- 21.3. The Grand Master may suspend until the next half-yearly Communication any Lodge failing to comply with his order.

22. **FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION**

Bank Accounts

- 22.1. The Association may open such accounts with such Bank or Banks or other financial institutions, as the Board from time to time approves to be operated on by such signatories as the Board from time to time resolves.

Investments

- 22.2. The Board may from time to time direct that any money under its control be invested in investments authorised from time to time by the Trustee Act 1936 or in such other form of investment as the Board in its absolute discretion determines, on condition that, in the latter case, the amount so invested does not exceed one half of the total money under its control.

Real Estate

- 22.3. The Board may, in the name of the Association; invest moneys in the purchase of land in the State of South Australia or in the Northern Territory and erect, alter or improve buildings on any land owned by the Association.
- 22.4. The Board may, in the name of the Association, borrow money from banks or other financial institutions on such terms and conditions as the Board sees fit and may secure the repayment of that money by charging the property of the Association.

23. FUND OF GENERAL PURPOSES

Fees

- 23.1. Fees are to be paid to the Fund of General Purposes as follows:

- 23.1.1. Each Lodge for each of its members, whether subscribing or honorary, must pay to the Fund of General Purposes such fee per quarter as is proposed by the Board and approved by a Communication.
- 23.1.2. Where a Brother is a member of more than one Lodge, only the Lodge of which the Brother has been a member longest is liable for the payment of the quarterly fee and any other Lodge or Lodges of which he is a member may apply for, and will be granted, exemption.
- 23.1.3. Any Lodge which has, pursuant to the Regulations, remitted not less than half the subscription of any member serving in the Armed Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia will be relieved, during the period of such remission, from the payment of quarterly fees in respect of such member.
- 23.1.4. The Board may, on the written request of a Lodge signed by the Master, the Treasurer and the Secretary, accompanied by a detailed statement of the financial position of the Lodge, exempt the Lodge from the payment of portion of the quarterly fees.

Schedule of Fees and Fines

- 23.2. The fees and fines will be as set out in the Schedule to these Regulations, as recommended by the Board and approved by Grand Lodge at a Communication from time to time.

24. FUND OF BENEVOLENCE

Sources of Fund

- 24.1. The Fund of Benevolence consists of:

Appropriations from the Fund of General Purposes;
Contributions;
Donations;
Devises;
Legacies;
Fines;
Rents of Properties;
Interest on Investments;
The former Widows and Orphans Fund; and
War Relief Fund.

Object and Application of the Fund

- 24.2. The Fund of Benevolence will be applied in or towards such general or particular forms of Masonic Charity as the Board, by resolution from time to time, determines.

25. **MASONIC CHARITABLE HOMES FUND**

Sources of Fund

- 25.1. The name of this Fund is the Masonic Charitable Homes Fund which consists of funds previously held in the name Masonic Memorial Village Fund, and contributions and donations to the Fund from any source.

Objects

- 25.2. The objects of the Masonic Charitable Homes Fund are to provide and maintain homes and social security for Freemasons, their wives or widows, and dependants in necessitous circumstances, and other persons in such circumstances as the Board may from time to time decide.

26. **MASONIC BUILDINGS FUND**

Formation

- 26.1. To commemorate the Centenary of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, there will be a fund entitled "Masonic Buildings Fund".

Objects

- 26.2. The objects of the Masonic Buildings Fund are the repair, improvement, alteration, removal, replacement and provision of Grand Lodge premises and Constituent Lodge buildings.

Sources of Fund

- 26.3. The Fund will consist of moneys provided by Grand Lodge and donations and contributions to the Fund from any source.

Freemasons Hall Fund

- 26.4. Upon the recommendation of the Board, and by resolution of Grand Lodge at a Communication, a levy to raise funds for the preservation and restoration of Freemasons Hall may be imposed upon Lodges, subject to the conditions specified in the resolution.

Administration

- 26.5. The Funds will be administered by the Board.

27. **COSTS OF ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS**

- 27.1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any Regulation, where the Grand Secretary administers (wholly or partly) a Trust or Fund created or established under or pursuant to these Regulations, the Board may, from time to time, to meet the costs of administering the Trust or Fund, direct that an amount not exceeding ten per centum of the subscriptions donations or other income of the Trust or Fund, received during the period of administration, be paid to the credit of the General Fund and the amount so directed will be paid accordingly.

28. **DRESS, REGALIA AND INSIGNIA**

Approved dress, regalia, etc.

- 28.1. As Freemasons, members of the Craft must wear:

28.1.1. such dress as the Board approves, and

28.1.2. the dress, regalia and insignia approved by the Board for any Lodge and incorporated in its By-laws.

Prohibition of Unauthorised Regalia

- 28.2. No Brother will be admitted into Grand Lodge, or any Constituent Lodge, or appear clothed as a Freemason, without the regalia recognised and acknowledged by Grand Lodge.

Limit on Jewels

- 28.3. In no circumstances may any Brother wear more than three breast jewels at any one time.

29. **JEWELS OF GRAND OFFICERS AND GRAND STEWARDS AND SPECIAL AWARDS**

29.1. The jewels of Grand Officers and Grand Stewards in Grand Lodge will be in gold or metal of similar appearance as follows:

The Grand Master - the compasses extended to 45 degrees, with the segment of a circle at the points, and a plate included, on which is to be represented an eye within a triangle, both irradiated.

The Pro Grand Master - the same.

Past Grand Masters and Past Pro Grand Masters - the same.

Deputy Grand Master and Past Deputy Grand Masters - the compasses and square united, with a five-pointed star in the centre.

Assistant Grand Master and Past Assistant Grand Masters - the compasses and square united.

Senior Grand Warden - the level.

Junior Grand Warden - the plumb rule.

Grand Chaplain - a Volume of the Sacred Law within a triangle, surmounting a glory.

President of the Board of Management - Arms, Crest and Motto of the Grand Lodge.

President of Benevolence - Arms crest and motto of the Grand Lodge surmounted by a ribbon on which is engraved "Benevolentia".

Chairman of The Freemasons Foundation - Arms, Crest and Motto of the Grand Lodge surmounted by a ribbon on which is engraved "Freemasons Foundation".

Chairman of Masonic Homes - Arms, Crest and Motto of the Grand Lodge surmounted by a ribbon on which is engraved "Masonic Homes".

Grand Treasurer and Deputy Grand Treasurer - a chased key.

Grand Registrar, Deputy Grand Registrar and Assistant Grand Registrar - a scroll, with seal appended.

Grand Secretary and Assistant Grand Secretary - two pens in saltire tied by a ribbon.

Grand Superintendent - the Square, Level and Plumb Rule.

Chairman of Membership – Arms, Crest and Motto of the Grand Lodge surmounted by a ribbon and on which is engraved "Membership".

Director of Community Relations - Clasped Hands.

Past Grand Inspector of Lodges, Past Deputy and Past Assistant Grand Inspector of Lodges - the square and the diagram of the 47th problem of the first book of Euclid.

Director of Masonic Learning Past Grand Lecturers, and Past Deputy and Assistant Grand Lecturers - a closed book.

Grand Director of Ceremonies and Deputy and Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies - two rods in saltire, tied by a ribbon.

Grand Superintendent of Works and Deputy Grand Superintendent of Works - a semi-circular protractor.

District Grand Superintendent - the square, level and plumb rule.

Grand Librarian - an open book.

Chairman of Care- a scrip-purse, upon which is a heart.

Grand Deacon – a dove bearing an olive branch.

Grand Sword Bearer - two swords in saltire.

Grand Standard Bearer - two staves in saltire tied by a ribbon; flowing from the dexter and the sinister a standard of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Director of Music - a lyre and baton.

Grand Organist - a lyre.

Grand Pursuivants - Arms of the Grand Lodge surmounting a sword and rod in saltire.

(N.B. The jewels of all of the above officers with the exception of Grand and Past Grand Master, Pro and Past Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Assistant Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer and Deputy Grand Treasurer, are to be within a wreath

composed of ears of corn).

Grand Steward - a cornucopia between the legs of a pair of compasses extended on an irradiated plate within a circle, 70mm. diameter on which is engraved "Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia and Northern Territory."

Grand Tyler - a sword, within a circle, 70mm. diameter on which is engraved "Grand Lodge of South Australia and Northern Territory - Grand Tyler".

- 29.2. Order of Service to Masonry - a silver gilt jewel, appended to a collarette of garter blue ribbon, and comprising a circle on which is engraved "Grand Master's Order of Service" and inside which are the square and compasses combined, with the letters "O.S." superimposed.
- 29.3. Meritorious Service Award - a sky blue circular enamelled jewel, appended to a collarette of sky blue ribbon, on which is engraved, "Meritorious Service" and "Grand Lodge of South Australia and Northern Territory" to the outer edge and inside which are the square and compasses combined.
- 29.4. 50 Year Service Jewel - a gilt and garter blue enamelled circular jewel combining filigree to its edge, on which is engraved, "Grand Lodge of South Australia and Northern Territory" and inside which are the square and compasses combined with the number "50", appended to a sky blue ribbon and suspended from a garter blue bar on which is engraved "50 years".
- 29.5. Hallstone Jewel - an enamelled gilt jewel as approved by Grand Lodge, to recognise the Lodge's support in the building of Freemasons Hall, to be appended to a collarette of sky blue ribbon to be worn by the Master on all official occasions. A Restoration Bar of gilt on which is engraved "Centenary Restoration 1984" may be attached to the collarette ribbon in recognition of a Lodge which supported the restoration of Freemasons Hall.
- 29.6. Restoration Jewel and Bar - an enamelled gilt jewel as approved by Grand Lodge to be appended to a collarette of sky blue ribbon to which the aforementioned bar is attached to the ribbon, in recognition of a Lodge which supported the restoration of Freemasons Hall to be worn by the Master on all official occasions.
- 29.7. Foundation Members Jewel - a gilt jewel with a white enamelled square and compass superimposed upon a garter blue centre appended to a sky blue 26mm wide ribbon upon which is fitted a two toned blue enamelled Foundation membership Badge. The top and bottom bars of the Jewel are engraved - Foundation and Member respectively.
- 29.8. Jewel of Grand Choristers and Grand Heralds:
 - 29.8.1. Choristers: a lyre superimposed with notes within a 50mm diameter wreath composed of ears of corn and a sprig of Acacia appended to a collarette of red corded 52mm wide ribbon.
 - 29.8.2. Heralds: two trumpets in saltire tied by a ribbon within a 50mm diameter wreath composed of ears of corn and a sprig of Acacia appended to a collarette of red corded 52mm wide ribbon.
- 29.9. Masonic Homes Members Jewel - a kite shaped Sky Blue enamelled Jewel 55 x 35 mm with a 1 mm gold border, a square and compass together with the Masonic Homes logo above the words Masonic Homes Inc. in gold over an oval gold plate for inscription of membership. Appended to a Sky Blue 26 mm Ribbon with gold bars top and bottom.

30. **JEWELS OF PAST GRAND OFFICERS AND STEWARDS**

- 30.1. Past Grand Officers may wear the jewel of their office on a garter blue enamelled medal.
- 30.2. Past Grand Stewards may wear a jewel of their office on a crimson enamelled medal.

31. **JEWELS OF OFFICERS AND STEWARDS OF CONSTITUENT LODGES**

- 31.1. The jewels of officers of Constituent Lodges, unless otherwise approved by the Board, will be in silver or metal of similar appearance as follows:
 - Master of Lodge - the square.
 - Past Master - the square, and the diagram of the 47th problem of the first book of Euclid, engraved on a silver plate pendent within it.
 - Senior Warden - the level.
 - Junior Warden - the plumb rule.
 - Chaplain - a Volume of the Sacred Law within a triangle, surmounting a glory.

Treasurer - a key.

Secretary - two pens in saltire, tied by a ribbon.

Director of Ceremonies - two rods in saltire, tied by a ribbon.

Lodge Care Officer - a scrip-purse, upon which is a heart.

Deacon - a Dove bearing an olive branch.

Organist - a lyre.

Inner Guard - two swords in saltire.

Steward - a cornucopia between the legs of a pair of compasses extended.

Tyler - a sword.

32. **CHAINS AND COLLARS**

Grand Officers

32.1. At Grand Lodge Communications, Great Ceremonials, Festivals, Installations, and on all other occasions where the Grand Officers appear in their official capacity, the current Grand Officers may wear chains of gold or metal gilt, or collars of garter blue ribbon, 100mm. broad, embroidered with ears of corn and edged with gold braid and gold domed button on a vertical cord.

32.2. When not appearing in their official capacity, current Grand Officers will wear collars of plain garter blue ribbon, 100mm. broad, and edged with gold braid and gold domed button on a vertical cord.

Past Grand Officers

32.3. Past Grand Masters, Past Pro-Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, and Past Assistant Grand Masters may wear chains of gold or gilt, instead of collars.

32.4. Past Grand Officers may wear:

32.4.1. collars of garter blue ribbon 100mm. broad, embroidered with ears of corn and edged with gold braid and gold domed button on a vertical cord at Grand Lodge Communications or at Great Ceremonials or Festivals; and

32.4.2. collars of plain garter blue ribbon 100mm. broad and edged with gold braid and gold domed button on vertical cord in Constituent Lodges.

Grand Stewards

32.5. Current Grand Stewards will wear collars of crimson ribbon, 100mm. broad and silver domed button on a vertical cord.

32.6. Past Grand Stewards may wear collars of crimson ribbon, 100mm. broad and silver domed button on a vertical cord with silver cord on each edge.

Officers of Constituent Lodges

32.7. The Officers of Constituent Lodges will wear either collars of sky blue ribbon, 100mm broad or such other badge of office as approved in accord with Regulation 28.

32.8. Masters may have superimposed on any collar worn by them, a silver chain of a design approved by the Grand Master.

32.9. Officers of Constituent Lodges will wear their collars or such other approved badge of office in their own Lodge when representing their Lodges as Masters or Wardens in the Grand Lodge; and may wear them when visiting other Lodges.

32.10. Past Masters are entitled to wear, on all occasions when Craft clothing may be worn, collars of sky blue ribbon, 100mm. broad with silver cord in the centre and with a silver domed button on a vertical cord.

33. **APRONS**

33.1. Except for Members of Lodges who have been specifically granted approval otherwise, Brethren will wear the following aprons (outside dinner and casual suit coats):

33.1.1. Entered Apprentice - a plain white lamb skin, from 350 to 400mm. wide, 300 to 350mm. deep, square at bottom with a fall or flap and without ornament; white strings.

- 33.1.2. Fellow Craft - a plain white lamb skin, similar to that of the Entered Apprentice, with the addition only of two sky-blue rosettes at the bottom.
- 33.1.3. Master Mason - the same, with sky-blue lining, and edging not more than 50mm. broad, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels on sky blue ribbon. No other colour or ornament is allowed except to officers and past officers of Lodges, who may have the emblems of their offices in silver in the centre of the apron.
- 33.1.4. Installed Masters of Lodges - in place of the three rosettes on the Master Mason's apron, three taus the horizontal 63mm. and the perpendicular 25mm. of silver, or of ribbon of the same colour as the lining and edging of the apron, 13mm. broad.
- 33.1.5. Grand Stewards, Present and Past - may wear aprons of the same dimensions, lined with crimson and edging of the same colour 100mm. broad, and silver tassels on crimson ribbon, with three silver taus.

34. **DRESS APRONS**

- 34.1. On the occasions described in Regulation 32 clause 32.1, Grand Officers Present and Past - may wear aprons of the same dimensions with garter blue lining, edged with garter-blue ribbon 100mm. broad, plain, (and in the case of Grand Wardens and above, embroidered in gold with leaves and flowers of eucalypti) edged with 12mm. gold braid, and fringed with gold bullion. Ornamented in the centre of the apron with a design of ears of corn in gold, Sturt Pea blossom having the emblems of their office in gold embroidery or gilt metal in the centre, and the words Deputy, Assistant or Vice President as appropriate added above in gold. The taus may be embroidered or gilt metal, gilt tassels on garter blue ribbon.
- 34.2. Grand Master and Pro Grand Master, Present and Past - apron of the same pattern and dimensions, ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in gold in the centre; all in gold embroider; the fringe of gold bullion.

35. **UNDRESS APRONS**

- 35.1. On occasions other than those described in Regulation 32 clause 32.1 Grand Officers present and past may wear an apron of the same dimension edged with plain garter blue ribbon 100 mm broad edged with gold braid, no fringe, ornamented in the centre of the apron with ears of corn in gold or garter blue and Sturt Pea blossom and may have the emblem of their office in gold or garter blue within. The taus may be of gold or garter blue. Gilt tassels are to be on garter blue ribbon.

36. **GAUNTLETS**

- 36.1. Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers will wear garter- blue silk gauntlets, with the emblems of their respective offices or past offices embroidered in gold or gilt metal in the centre of a design of ears of corn and Sturt Pea blossom. Gauntlets are not worn with an undress apron.
- 36.2. In Constituent Lodges, gauntlets of sky blue silk may be worn by the Officers with or without emblems of their office and the name of their Lodge.
- 36.3. White gloves will be worn on all occasions when gauntlets are worn.

37. **CONSTITUENT LODGES**

Lodge Cannot Act Without Warrant

- 37.1. No Lodge can meet without a Warrant from the Grand Master, which will be specially entrusted to the Master of the Lodge for the time being at his Installation and he will be responsible for its safe custody and must produce it at every meeting of the Lodge.

Precedence and Title

- 37.2. Lodges will rank in the order of their numbers as registered in the books of the Association and must be distinguished by a name or title, which will not be changed without the approval of the Grand Master.

Warrant Lost or Withheld

- 37.3. If a Warrant is lost, or withheld by competent Masonic authority, the Lodge will suspend its meetings until a Warrant of Confirmation has been applied for and granted by the Grand Master, or until the Warrant so withheld is restored.

Petition for a New Lodge

- 37.4. Every application for a Warrant to form a new Lodge will be by petition to the Grand Master in the following form, signed by at least 14 Master Masons currently members of, or holding clearances from, a specified Lodge under the Constitution of any recognised Grand Lodge:

"To the M.W. Grand Master of the Fraternity of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia and Northern Territory:

We, the undersigned, being regularly registered Master Masons of the Lodges mentioned against our respective names, having the prosperity of the Craft at heart, are anxious to exert our best endeavours to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of the art, and, for the conveniency of our respective dwellings and other good reasons, we are desirous of forming a new Lodge, to be named

In consequence of this desire, we pray for a Warrant of Constitution, empowering us to meet as a regular Lodge, at on the and there to discharge the duties of Freemasonry, in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the Order and the laws of the Grand Lodge.

We have nominated and do recommend Brother [A.B.] to be the first Master, Brother [C.D.] to be the first Senior Warden, and Brother [E.F.] to be the first Junior Warden of the said Lodge.

The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the commands of the Grand Master, the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge and the laws of Freemasonry."

Submission of Petition

- 37.5. Every petition will be:

- 37.5.1. recommended by the Master and Wardens of a regular Lodge;
- 37.5.2. accompanied by the prescribed fee, and clearance certificates of any petitioners not presently subscribing members; and
- 37.5.3. transmitted to the Grand Secretary, and submitted to the Board, which will forward it with a report thereon, to the Grand Master for his decision.

38. CONSTITUTION OF A NEW LODGE

Formal Constitution

- 38.1. In order to avoid irregularities, every new Lodge will be solemnly constituted, according to antient usage, by the Grand Master with his Wardens, or the Grand Master may appoint some other Grand Officer, or Installed Master of a Lodge, to act as his deputy for the purpose.

Irregular Constitution

- 38.2. No Lodge will be acknowledged, nor its officers admitted into the Grand Lodge, nor will any of its members be entitled to any Masonic privileges, unless it has been regularly constituted and registered.

First Master and Wardens

- 38.3. Except by dispensation of the Grand Master, the Brethren named in the Warrant will be installed as Master and invested as Wardens of a new Lodge.

39. TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

Place to be Approved

- 39.1. A Lodge must not be held in any room or building which has not been approved by the Board as suitable for the purpose.

By-laws to Specify Date, etc.

- 39.2. The regular days of meeting of the Lodge, and its place of meeting will be specified in the By-laws and no meeting of the Lodge will be held at other times or elsewhere, except as herein provided. The By-laws must also specify the regular meeting for the election of Master, Treasurer, and Tyler and the election and appointment of other officers, and may provide for a recess not exceeding three months during the year.

Change by Dispensation

- 39.3. The Grand Master may grant a dispensation for a Lodge:

- 39.3.1. to hold its regular meeting at any time within 14 days before or after the regular date; or
- 39.3.2. to hold its regular meeting, or a Lodge of emergency at the Masonic Memorial Village and this will not constitute a removal of the Lodge for the purpose of any other Regulation; or
- 39.3.3. to meet on some day or days (which will for all purposes be deemed the regular days) other than the days named in the Lodge's By-laws, for the election and installation, respectively, of its Master, if it becomes impossible for the Lodge to meet on those days for those purposes, or the Master-elect be unable, through illness, or some urgent reason, to attend.

Public Holidays

- 39.4. Should the regular meeting of a Lodge fall on a Christmas Day, Good Friday, a Masonic Festival or other important Masonic event, or a Public Holiday, or there be other good and sufficient cause the meeting may be held on a day not more than seven days before or seven days after, at the discretion of the Master, which day will, for all purposes, be deemed the regular day of meeting.

Lodge of Emergency

- 39.5. A Lodge of Emergency may at any time be called only by the authority of the Master, or, in his absence, of the Senior Warden, or, in his absence, of the Junior Warden. The business to be transacted at such Lodge of Emergency will be expressed in the summons, and no other business will be considered.

Change of Place of Meeting

- 39.6. Unless prohibited by its Warrant, a Lodge may change its place of meeting, provided that:
 - 39.6.1. notice of motion for removal, signed by at least seven subscribing members, be given at a regular meeting;
 - 39.6.2. at the next regular meeting, the Lodge will consider the proposal; and
 - 39.6.3. the proposal is carried by at least two thirds of the members voting thereon.

Change of Place of Meeting to be Recorded

- 39.7. When a Lodge resolves to alter its place or day of meeting, a copy of the relevant Minutes of the Lodge must be forthwith sent to the Grand Secretary so that he can ensure that the Board has approved the new place of meeting, that the By-laws have been amended in accordance with these Regulations and that any such change has been duly recorded in the records of Grand Lodge. Until the Lodge has complied with this clause, the officers of the Lodge will not be permitted to attend a Communication.

Temporary Change of Place of Meeting

- 39.8. If circumstances render the meeting of a Lodge at its regular place impracticable or improper, the Master will forthwith apply to the Grand Master for a dispensation to hold a temporary meeting or meetings at a specified place, and there, if so authorised by the terms of the dispensation, to carry on the general business of the Lodge, or to determine, in the manner of voting above described, whether the Lodge will be permanently removed.

40. THE OFFICERS OF A LODGE

Regular, Appointed or Elected Officers

- 40.1. The regular officers of a Lodge consist of the Master and his two Wardens, a Treasurer, a Secretary, two Deacons, an Inner Guard, and a Tyler. The Master may also appoint, or the Lodge may elect, as the By-laws specify, a Chaplain (who is a minister of religion), a Director of Ceremonies, a Lodge Care Officer, an Organist, and Stewards.

Qualification for Office

- 40.2. No Brother, without a dispensation from the Grand Master, will be eligible for election as Master unless, at the proposed time of Installation, he has been a Master Mason for a period of five years or longer.
- 40.3. No Brother below the rank of a Master Mason may hold any regular office in a Lodge, nor may any Brother hold more than one regular office in the Lodge at one and the same time.

Order of Precedence

- 40.4. The officers of a Lodge will take precedence for investiture and otherwise in the following order: Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Ceremonies, Lodge Care Officer, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Organist, Inner Guard, Stewards and Tyler.

41. **THE MASTER**

Election

- 41.1. Every Lodge will annually, on the day named by its By-laws for that purpose, proceed to elect its Master by ballot from among those of its members who have served for one year the office of Master or Warden in a regular Lodge warranted under these Regulations, or in any Lodge warranted under the By-laws of a recognized Grand Lodge, such member having on or before the night of election signified in writing his consent to act. The ballot will be declared in favour of the member thus qualified who obtains at least 75 per cent of the number of votes of the members present and voting.

Installation

- 41.2. At the next regular meeting after the election of the Master, the first business after the opening of the Lodge will be the reading of the Minutes of the preceding meeting, and if they be confirmed so far, at least, as relates to the election of Master, he will be deemed to be elected, and will be duly installed in the chair according to antient usage.

Minutes of Election not Confirmed

- 41.3. No Master-elect will assume the Master's chair until he has been regularly installed, and should the Minutes of the election of Master not be confirmed, then a summons must be issued for the following regular meeting of the Lodge, setting forth that the Brethren will again proceed to elect a Master, and on the confirmation of the minutes of that election, at the next regular meeting, the installation of the Master will follow.

The Master's Obligation

- 41.4. Every Master-elect, before being placed in the chair, must solemnly pledge himself to preserve the Antient Landmarks of the Order, to observe its established usages and customs and strictly to enforce them within his own Lodge.

Observance of the Laws of the Craft

- 41.5. The Master is responsible for the due observance of the laws of the Craft by the Lodge over which he presides.

Cannot be Master of Two Lodges

- 41.6. No Brother is to be Master of more than one Lodge at the same time, without a dispensation from the Grand Master.

Period of Office

- 41.7. No Brother will continue as Master for more than two years in succession, unless by a dispensation, which may be granted by the Grand Master in cases of urgent necessity.

Past Master's Certificate

- 41.8. A Master, after completing his term of office, is entitled to receive from Grand Lodge, a Past Master's Certificate on application being made to the Grand Secretary and the payment of the prescribed fee.

Absence of Master

- 41.9. In the Master's absence, the Immediate Past Master, or if he be absent, the Senior Past Master of the Lodge present, or, if no Past Master of the Lodge be present, then the Senior Past Master who is a subscribing member of the Lodge will preside. If no such Past Master be present, then the Senior Warden, or in his absence, the Junior Warden will rule the Lodge. When a Warden rules the Lodge, he will not occupy the Master's chair. No initiations can take place or degrees be conferred unless the chair is occupied by a Brother who is an Installed Master in the Craft.

Death or Incapacity of the Master

- 41.10. If the Master dies, is removed, or is rendered incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden, or in the absence of both Wardens, the Immediate Past Master, or in his absence, any Past Master of the Lodge will act as Master in summoning the Lodge until the next Installation of Master.

42. **REGULATIONS RELATING TO OFFICERS**

Treasurer and Tyler

- 42.1. The Treasurer and Tyler of a Lodge will be elected officers, and the Tyler may also be removed at any time by a majority of the Brethren present at a regular meeting.

Other Officers

- 42.2. A Lodge may determine by its By-laws whether the Wardens and other officers are elected, or appointed by the Master.

Officers' Investiture Obligation

- 42.3. After the installation of the Master, the Wardens and other officers will be invested, after being duly obligated.

Removal of Officers

- 42.4. Should the Master be dissatisfied with the conduct of any of the officers, he may lay the cause of complaint before the Lodge at a regular or special meeting, after having given seven days' notice thereof in writing, posted to his last known address, to the Brother against whom the complaint has been made. If the majority of the Brethren present agree that the complaint is well founded, such officer will be removed and another elected or appointed, as the By-laws may direct.
- 42.5. Vacancies in office will be filled by election or appointment as the By-laws may direct, if by election, after due notice by summons.

Vacation of Chairs

- 42.6. Except as may be otherwise provided in these Regulations, the Master and officers will not vacate their chairs in favour of any Brother except:
- 42.6.1. during the ceremony of Installation; or
 - 42.6.2. when the Grand Master, or his representative, visit the Lodge, with accompanying Officers, whether Grand or specially appointed; or
 - 42.6.3. by dispensation of the Grand Master; or
 - 42.6.4. on one meeting night in each year, for the purpose of allowing Past Masters to occupy the chairs, and conduct the meeting.

Grand Master to Preside

- 42.7. The Grand Master has full authority to preside in any Lodge and to order any of his Grand Officers to attend him. The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Assistant Grand Master are to be placed on his right, and the Master of the Lodge on his left. His Wardens, if present, are also to act as Wardens of the Lodge during the time he presides but if the Grand Wardens be absent then the Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any Master Masons to act as his Wardens for the occasion.

Deputy or Assistant Grand Master Presiding

- 42.8. When the Deputy, or Assistant, Grand Master presides in the Lodge, the Master will be placed on his left and the Grand Wardens, if present, will act as Wardens of the Lodge while he presides.

Master and Wardens to Attend When Summoned

- 42.9. The Master, Wardens and members of every Lodge, when summoned so to do, must attend the Grand Master, the Board or any board or Committee authorised by Grand Lodge, and, if required, produce the Warrant, books and papers of the Lodge, and provide such undertakings as the Grand Master may require for the good of Freemasonry, under pain of suspension.

43. VISITING

Grand Officers

- 43.1. The Grand Master may at any time, send his Grand Officers, present or past, to visit any Lodge.

Lodge Visiting

- 43.2. The Master and Wardens of a Lodge are encouraged to visit other Lodges as often as they conveniently can, in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the Craft, and a good understanding cultivated among Freemasons.

Admission of Visitors

- 43.3. A visitor will be admitted into a Lodge only in accordance with the following conditions:
- 43.3.1. If he is personally known as a Freemason in good standing to one of the Brethren present, he may be admitted on that Brother so vouching for him. If he is no longer a member of a constituent Lodge of the Association, he must produce his Clearance Certificate or a document

to the like effect, for endorsement as provided hereafter.

43.3.2. If he is not so personally known to one of the Brethren present he must:

43.3.2.1. produce vouchers of his having been initiated in a regular Lodge, or the Certificate of the Grand Lodge to which he claims to belong, and give satisfactory proof that he is the Brother named in the said vouchers or certificate; and

43.3.2.2. if he claims to be a member of a regular Lodge produce a certificate or other evidence of good standing; or

43.3.2.3. if he is not such a member produce his Clearance Certificate or a document to the like effect for endorsement as provided hereafter; and

43.3.2.4. be well vouched for after due examination by one of the Brethren present.

43.3.3. Where a visiting Brother claims to be a member in good standing of a regular Lodge, the Master may nevertheless refuse him admission if he is not satisfied that the claim is genuine.

Endorsement of Clearance Certificate

43.4. Whenever a Clearance Certificate or other document to the like effect is produced by a visitor it will be endorsed either by the Master, or the Secretary, or the examining Brother of the Lodge visited, with the name and number of such Lodge and the date of such visit.

Refusal of Admission

43.5. The Master of every Constituent Lodge may refuse admission to any visiting Brother whose presence he has reason to believe will disturb the harmony of the Lodge.

Disqualification from Visiting

43.6. A Brother who has ceased to be either an honorary or a subscribing member of a Constituent Lodge, and is in possession of a Clearance Certificate, may only visit each Constituent Lodge twice before he again becomes a subscribing member of a Constituent Lodge.

44. BY-LAWS OF A LODGE

Adoption

44.1. Every Lodge must adopt By-laws for its governance. These By-laws must be in the form approved by the Board from time to time. This clause does not apply to By-laws previously approved. All By-laws must be consistent with the Constitution and Regulations of the Association. A reference in Lodge By-laws to the "Constitutions" will refer to the Constitution and Regulations of the Association.

Certification

44.2. All By-laws and alterations thereto must be submitted in duplicate to the Grand Secretary for certification by the Grand Registrar.

Correction

44.3. Prior to certifying any By-laws, or alteration thereto, the Grand Registrar is empowered to correct any error therein, or omission therefrom, whether grammatical or otherwise to ensure that the By-laws are consistent with the Constitution and Regulations of the Association.

Approval

44.4. By-laws and alterations certified by the Grand Registrar will be submitted for approval by the Grand Master or the Deputy or Assistant Grand Master.

Validity

44.5. No By-law will be valid, except as certified, and until so approved.

Publication

44.6. On approval, By-laws will be produced in print and a copy must be sent to the Grand Secretary.

Master to Enforce

44.7. A copy of the By-laws of a Lodge must, on his Installation, be delivered to the Master of the Lodge, who in accepting it, will be deemed to pledge himself solemnly to observe and enforce them.

45. **LODGE EQUIPMENT, ETC.**

Lodge Seal

- 45.1. Every Lodge will have a Lodge Seal, to be affixed to all official documents issued by the Lodge and an impression of the Seal, certified by the Master, will be sent to the Grand Secretary for registration.

Lodge Furniture

- 45.2. Unless a Lodge is incorporated, the jewels and furniture of every Lodge belong to, and are the property of, the Master and Wardens for the time being, in trust for the members of the Lodge and the proprietor or manager of the building in which the Lodge meets will have no lien thereon, nor will he be allowed to acquire the jewels or furniture of such Lodge, under the penalty of the forfeiture by the Lodge of its Warrant of Constitution.

Lodge Books

- 45.3. Every Lodge must keep:

- 45.3.1. A Minute Book in which the Secretary regularly records the Minutes of all transactions of the Lodge. The Minutes will be submitted for confirmation as a correct record at the next regular meeting of the Lodge.
- 45.3.2. A Register of Members will be available at every meeting of the Lodge. It will set out the names of all persons initiated, passed, or raised in the Lodge or who become members thereof with the dates of their proposal, initiation, passing and raising, or admission, respectively, together with their ages, addresses, titles, professions or occupations, according to seniority of admission, and also the dates on which Grand Lodge Certificates are received and presented.
- 45.3.3. An Attendance Book in which every Brother attending the Lodge must sign his name. Any visiting Brother must also add the name and/or number of his Lodge.

Treasurer's Accounts

- 45.4. The Treasurer of a Lodge must:

- 45.4.1. collect and receive all moneys due to the Lodge and make all payments authorised by the Lodge; and
- 45.4.2. keep correct accounts and records showing the financial affairs of the Lodge with full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the Lodge.

- 45.5. The accounts and financial records remain at all times the property of the Lodge.

- 45.6. The accounts and financial records of the Lodge must be audited, at least once in every year, by the auditor or auditors appointed by the Lodge.

46. **CONTROL OF LODGE'S PROCEEDINGS**

Right to Regulate Proceedings

- 46.1. The majority of the members present at any Lodge duly summoned will regulate their own proceedings, provided they are consistent with the Constitution and Regulations of the Association and the By-laws of the Lodge.
- 46.2. No member is permitted to enter or request to be entered in the Minute Book of his Lodge, an objection against any resolution or proceedings which may have taken place, except on the ground that the resolution or proceedings are contrary to the By-laws or the customs and usages of the Craft, and that the objection is for the purpose of complaining or appealing to a higher Masonic authority.

Master's Casting Vote

- 46.3. Whenever votes are equal on any question to be decided by a majority, either by ballot or otherwise, the Master or acting Master in the chair is entitled to a second or casting vote.

47. **EXEMPTION FROM DUES**

By-laws may provide relief

- 47.1. A Lodge may, in its By-laws, make provision to relieve, or partially relieve, a member for specified reasons, from payment of his subscription to the Lodge for such period and on, or subject to, such conditions as it

sees fit.

Application

- 47.2. Application for such relief must be made in writing and be considered by the Executive Committee of the Lodge, which will make a recommendation to be considered by the Lodge at a regular meeting.

48. DISCIPLINE IN LODGE

- 48.1. Each Lodge has Jurisdiction over Members as provided for in these Regulations.

Power of the Master

- 48.2. The Master of every Constituent Lodge may refuse admission to any Brother whose presence he has reason to believe will disturb the harmony of the Lodge
- 48.3. If any Brother behaves in Lodge (whether or not the Lodge has been opened) or in the precincts of the Lodge, in a manner to disturb the harmony of the Lodge, the Master may direct him to immediately retire from the Lodge meeting and leave the Lodge premises. Any Brother so directed must immediately and without protest, comply with the direction of the Master.

Further Action

- 48.4. The Master may report the circumstances to the Grand Secretary pursuant to Regulation 20 clause 20.1.
- 48.5. Where a Lodge member is alleged:
- 48.5.1. to have repeatedly behaved in Lodge in a manner to disturb the harmony of the Lodge; or
 - 48.5.2. to have committed any other offence (not being a Masonic offence pursuant to Regulation 19) which the Lodge deems sufficient;
- the Lodge must proceed in the manner set out below and may, if it so desires, consult the Grand Registrar.
- 48.6. Written notice of the offence complained of ("Complaint") must be given to the member:
- 48.6.1. specifying details of the alleged offence; and
 - 48.6.2. nominating a time and place when the Complaint will be considered and when such member may attend and be heard.
- 48.7. The member must be given reasonable opportunity of answering the allegation either in person or in writing as he may desire.
- 48.8. Having been heard, the member must retire from the Lodge room while the Lodge considers its decision.
- 48.9. If the Lodge is satisfied that due notice has been given, it may consider the allegation, whether or not the member attends.

Majority Required

- 48.10. A penalty may be imposed by a majority of members present but a decision to exclude a member is not effective unless carried by a majority of not less than two thirds of such members.
- 48.11. In the event that the Lodge determines that a member is guilty of the offence specified in the complaint, it may:
- 48.11.1. censure, fine or suspend from the Lodge such member; or
 - 48.11.2. exclude such member from the Lodge permanently or for such lesser period as the Lodge determines.

- 48.12. A fine imposed by a Lodge on a member must not be less than the minimum nor more than the maximum set out in the schedule.

Notice to the member

- 48.13. Notification of the Lodge's decision will be given either personally or by registered post to his address last known as such to the Lodge Secretary.

Appeal

- 48.14. Any Brother found guilty of an offence by the Lodge, may appeal in writing to the Judicial Committee (care of the Grand Secretary) against such finding or against the penalty imposed.

Non Payment of subscriptions

- 48.15. Where a Lodge member fails to pay his subscription, written notice of the overdue subscription must be given to the member, either personally or by registered post to his address last known to the Lodge Secretary.
- 48.16. If the member fails to pay the arrears within 60 days of the date of handing the notice to the member or the date of posting the notice to the member (as the case may be), then he may be suspended.
- 48.17. On a member's subscription to his Lodge becoming in arrears for a period of one year or more, he may be excluded.
- 48.18. On a member's subscription to his Lodge becoming in arrears for a period of two years, he will be automatically excluded.

Notice to Grand Secretary

- 48.19. When a Brother is excluded under clause 48.17 or 48.18, the Lodge Secretary must, as soon as is reasonably possible, notify the Grand Secretary of the name, residential address, and occupation of the Brother, and the Grand Secretary must then notify all Lodges.
- 48.20. A member excluded by a Lodge for arrears of subscriptions is excluded from any other Lodge of which he is a member, until he satisfies the claims of the excluding Lodge.

Excluded Brethren Rejoining

48.21. Payment of Arrears

- 48.21.1. On payment of the arrears for which he was excluded, a Brother, against whom no complaint is pending, will be entitled to a Clearance Certificate, or to be regularly proposed and balloted for in the same manner as a Joining Member.
- 48.21.2. A member who has been excluded may only become a member again by regular proposition and ballot in the manner provided for a Joining Member.
- 48.21.3. A Lodge may, by resolution, accept payment of arrears in lieu of a joining fee, but in all cases the usual joining fee must be paid to Grand Lodge.

49. ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

Notice and Enquiry

- 49.1. Members of Lodges will ensure that no member is admitted or candidate received without due notice being given and enquiry made into their characters and qualifications and that no Freemason is Passed or Raised without due instruction in the respective Degrees.

Declaration by Candidate

- 49.2. Before being proposed for initiation, every candidate must sign his name to a declaration which is in the form approved by the Board from time to time and provide a Police Clearance Certificate issued not more than 12 months prior to the date of his declaration.

Qualifications of Proposer, etc.

- 49.3. Except by dispensation from the Grand Master, no Brother will propose or second a Candidate for Initiation in any Lodge unless he:
- 49.3.1. is a Freemason of twelve months standing;
 - 49.3.2. is a Master Mason;
 - 49.3.3. is a member of a Lodge on the Register of the Grand Lodge of South Australia and Northern Territory;
 - 49.3.4. has had personal knowledge of the candidate for a period of not less than twelve months;
 - 49.3.5. is prepared in open Lodge to vouch for his character and fitness to become a Freemason; and
 - 49.3.6. signs a declaration in a form approved by the Board from time to time.

Notice of Proposition

- 49.4. The name of every candidate for membership, with his age, profession or occupation, residential address, and names of his intended proposer and seconder, must be inserted on a notice issued to members of the Lodge at least one month previous to, and on the summons for, the meeting at which the ballot is to

take place.

Lodges to be Given Notice

49.5. Each Lodge will:

- 49.5.1. forward to all the other Lodges in the same District, copies of every summons issued by it which contains notice of any intended propositions or of any ballot to be taken by it for the initiation, joining or affiliation of any candidate.
- 49.5.2. forward copies of every such summons to the Lodge nearest to each place where any such candidate is known to have resided within two years prior to the date of the receipt of notice of intention to propose him, and request such last-mentioned Lodge or Lodges to submit a report as to the character and good-standing of the candidate.

Committee of Enquiry

- 49.6. In every Lodge there must be a Committee of Enquiry consisting of the Master for the time being and three Past Masters who will be elected at the annual election of officers or appointed by the Master, as the case may be.
- 49.7. The Committee of Enquiry is responsible for enquiries into the character and qualifications of candidates for Initiation, Joining or Affiliation, and will communicate the result of such enquiries to the Master.
- 49.8. The Committee of Enquiry may co-opt the services of any Brother of the Lodge and may require the intended proposer and seconder to attend before it.

Qualifications of Candidates

- 49.9. Every candidate for initiation must be a free man, and of reputable character at the time of initiation. No person who has been convicted of an offence punishable by imprisonment or of any offence involving dishonesty may be initiated without the dispensation of the Grand Master.
- 49.10. No person who is under the age of 18 years may be initiated.
- 49.11. A candidate who has been injured or is incapacitated may be granted a dispensation by the Grand Master if his disabilities will not prevent substantial compliance with the requirements of initiation, passing and raising.

Proposition and Ballot

- 49.12. Subject to due compliance with the Regulations relating to proposition, enquiry and giving of notice:
 - 49.12.1. the proposition will be made orally, or in writing, at a regular meeting of the Lodge held after the giving of the notice; and
 - 49.12.2. (except in case of emergency) the proposition will be included in the summons for the next regular meeting of the Lodge and be submitted to a ballot at that meeting, and if the ballot is successful the Initiation may proceed.

Withdrawal or Lapse

- 49.13. The withdrawal of a proposition must be made with the consent of the Brethren in open Lodge.
- 49.14. If the ballot is not conducted at the next regular meeting referred to, the proposition will lapse, unless the Grand Master grants a dispensation.
- 49.15. If a candidate is not initiated within one year after his election, his election will lapse.
- 49.16. Within seven days of any withdrawal or rejection, notice thereof will be forwarded to the Grand Secretary for registration.

In Case of Emergency

- 49.17. In cases of emergency, any two Master Masons may transmit in writing to the Master of a Lodge the name, age, profession or occupation, and residential address of any candidate whom they wish to propose, and the circumstances which cause the emergency.
- 49.18. The Master will, on obtaining a dispensation for the purpose set out in clause 49.17, then notify the intended proposition to every member of his Lodge, either in the summons for the next regular meeting, or in a summons for a Lodge of Emergency to meet at a period of not less than seven days from the issuing of the summons.
- 49.19. The Master will, prior to the making of the proposition and the ballot being taken, read the notice of intention to propose, and state to the Lodge the cause of the emergency, which will be recorded in the minutes, and if the candidate be elected, he may then be initiated.

Charge for Initiation

49.20. No person will be made a Freemason for less than such sum as provided for in Regulation 23 clause 23.2 as the fee for 'Registration of a Freemason on his Initiation'. Such sum will be paid before initiation and no Lodge may remit or defer the payment of any part thereof.

Initiate a Member

49.21. Every candidate will become a subscribing member of the Lodge upon initiation therein.

Submission to Constitution and By-laws

49.22. Every initiate will be supplied with a copy of the By-laws of the Lodge when he becomes a member and his acceptance thereof will be deemed a declaration of his submission to them.

49.23. Every initiate by taking the obligation at the ceremony of his initiation will be deemed to be bound by the Constitution and Regulations of the Association.

50. CAVEATS

Caveat by Grand Secretary

50.1. The Grand Secretary may, at any time before a candidate has been initiated, passed, raised or admitted as a joining or affiliating member, after consultation with and at the direction of the Grand Master, the President of the Board or the Grand Registrar, for such reasons as are deemed sufficient, lodge a caveat against the initiation, passing, raising or admission as a joining or affiliating member of any candidate in a Constituent Lodge.

Service of Caveat

50.2. A caveat will be lodged by being served personally on the Master of the Lodge in which the initiation is to take place, or on the Senior or Junior Warden of that Lodge.

Effect of Caveat

50.3. After a caveat has been duly served, the Master and the Wardens of the Lodge concerned must not proceed further towards or with the Initiation until the caveat has been removed.

Caveat to be Reported

50.4. The lodging of a caveat will be reported by the Grand Secretary forthwith to the Grand Master and to the Board at its next meeting.

Form of Caveat

50.5. A caveat will be in the form set out below, adjusted as the case may be.

CAVEAT AGAINST INITIATION

TAKE NOTICE that Lodge of which you are is, pursuant to the Regulations, forbidden to proceed further towards or with the initiation of Mr.(name) of(address and description)

This caveat against initiation becomes operative immediately on your being served with it and remains in force until removed in accordance with the Regulations.

Dated this day of , 20

*.....
Grand Secretary*

Removal of Caveat

50.6. The Grand Secretary, after consultation with the Grand Master, the President of the Board or the Grand Registrar may, and, on being directed by the Grand Master or by the Board to do so, must remove a caveat by arranging for service personally on the Master of the Lodge concerned or on the Senior Warden or the Junior Warden of that Lodge, a notice in writing to the effect that the caveat specified in the notice is thereby removed.

Reimposition

50.7. A caveat may be lodged under clause 50.1, notwithstanding that a caveat has been previously lodged and removed in respect of the same candidate.

51. **CONFERRING OF DEGREES**

Right to Confer

- 51.1. Every candidate for Initiation into Freemasonry will be initiated in the Lodge in which he has been proposed, balloted for and accepted, and no Lodge will, without a dispensation from the Grand Master, Pass or Raise a Brother who is not a member of the Lodge.

Limit on Candidates

- 51.2. No Lodge may initiate, pass or raise more than one candidate on the same day unless by a dispensation from the Grand Master. The application for such dispensation will specify the names of candidates, the Degree, and the special circumstances under which the application is made. The dispensation, if granted, will also state the names of the candidates and the Degree to be conferred.

Intervals Between Degrees

- 51.3. No Lodge is to confer a higher Degree on any Brother at an interval less than four weeks from his receiving a previous Degree, except by dispensation from the Grand Master. If pursuant to the Regulations the Master changes the date of one or two consecutive regular meetings, the minimum interval between the Degrees conferred on any candidate at those two regular meetings may be three weeks.

52. **JOINING AND AFFILIATING MEMBERS**

Joining

- 52.1. A member of a Lodge in this jurisdiction who wishes to join as a member of another Lodge must be proposed as a 'Joining Member' of such Lodge.
- 52.2. A former member of a Lodge in this jurisdiction who wishes to re-join as a member of their former Lodge or become a member of another Lodge, must be proposed as a Joining Member of such Lodge and provide a Police Clearance Certificate issued not more than 12 months prior to the date of his proposal.

Affiliating

- 52.3. A member or former member of a Lodge in another Constitution recognised by Grand Lodge, may be proposed as an 'Affiliating Member' of a Lodge in this jurisdiction and must provide a Police Clearance Certificate issued not more than 12 months prior to the date of his proposal.

Requirements

- 52.4. The candidate will:

- 52.4.1. produce his Grand Lodge Certificate and also certificates from his present or former Lodge that all claims or dues to such Lodge have been satisfied, and state the circumstances under which he left the Lodge, if such be the case, or if such certificates cannot be produced, procure a dispensation from producing them from the Grand Master,
- 52.4.2. satisfy the Executive Committee of the Lodge of his good standing, and
- 52.4.3. in the case of a proposition for affiliation, receive the approval of the Grand Secretary to his proposition proceeding to the ballot.

- 52.5. No Brother who has been convicted of an offence punishable by imprisonment or of any offence involving dishonesty may be admitted as a Joining or Affiliating Member, without the dispensation of the Grand Master.

Notice of Proposition

- 52.6. On compliance with the foregoing, the Secretary of the Lodge will cause the name, age, profession or occupation, and residential address of the candidate, the name and number of the Lodge of which he is or was last a member, and the names of his proposer and seconder to be inserted in the summons for the meeting at which the proposition is to be considered.

Ballot

- 52.7. The proposition must be submitted to vote or ballot (at the discretion of the Executive Committee of the Lodge) at the meeting for which it has been included in the summons, unless the Grand Master grants a dispensation.

Endorsement of Clearance

- 52.8. Every clearance certificate presented by a Brother on joining a Lodge, before being returned to him, will have the Lodge Seal fixed thereto and be endorsed as follows:

"On the day of 20..., the within-named Brother was duly elected an Affiliating/Joining Member of Lodge No..... on the Register of the Grand Lodge of South Australia and Northern Territory".

53. **THE BALLOTS**

Simultaneous Ballot

- 53.1. A simultaneous ballot may be taken for candidates for Initiation, or for candidates for Joining or Affiliation, but if there be one or more black balls, each candidate will be balloted for individually.

Unsuccessful Ballot

- 53.2. No candidate may be initiated or admitted a member of a Lodge if three or more black balls be cast in the ballot, or a lesser number of black balls if the By-laws of a Lodge so provide.

54. **HONORARY MEMBERS**

Recognition of Service

- 54.1. A Lodge may after notice of motion given at a regular meeting and inserted in the summons for a subsequent regular meeting, elect by unanimous vote by ballot any member of the Craft an honorary member of the Lodge as a mark of honour in recognition of his special or great service to the Craft in general or to that Lodge in particular.

Termination

- 54.2. Honorary membership may be terminated at any time by unanimous vote by ballot after the same procedure.

Voting or Office

- 54.3. An honorary member will not have the right to vote or hold office in the Lodge unless such right is conferred on him by unanimous vote by ballot.

Report to Grand Secretary

- 54.4. When any member of the Craft is elected an honorary member, the Lodge will report the fact in writing to the Grand Secretary and state shortly the special or great service in recognition of which he was so elected.

Capitation fee

- 54.5. Fees payable to the Association will be the same for an honorary member as for ordinary members, and an honorary member will be deemed to be a subscribing member of the Lodge which elected him.

55. **RESIGNATION**

In Writing or Personally

- 55.1. A Brother against whom no complaint or charge is pending will cease to be a member of any Lodge as soon as his resignation in writing or made personally has been received in open Lodge.

Clearance

- 55.2. When all claims due to his Lodge at the date of a Brother's resignation, or other termination of membership, have been satisfied, the Lodge may issue him a Clearance Certificate in the following form:

CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE

..... Lodge No.

(Holden under Warrant from the Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia and Northern Territory.)

This is to Certify that Brother

..... a who has signed his name in the margin hereof, ceased to be a member of this Lodge on 20 by and prior to the issue of this Certificate has satisfied all just claims due by him to such Lodge.

Dated at this day of 20....

..... Master
..... Secretary
Seal.
Initiated in)
Joined) this Lodge on
Affiliated with)

56. **CERTIFICATE FOR BEGGING**

- 56.1. No Lodge or officer or member of a Lodge will, under any circumstances, give a certificate or recommendation to enable a Freemason to proceed from Lodge to Lodge as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner to apply to Lodges for relief.

57. **CONTINUING MEMBER STATUS**

- 57.1. The financial members of a Constituent Lodge which has surrendered its Warrant have continuing member status for a maximum period of 6 months within which time they must join another Lodge or a Clearance Certificate will be issued.
- 57.2. Where a financial member of a Constituent Lodge has been nominated by his Lodge as being unable to continue active membership by reason of age, infirmity or other reason approved by the Board and has been exempted by the Lodge from the payment of subscriptions, he may be granted continuing member status and the Lodge will be exempted from the payment of Grand Lodge fees in respect of the member.
- 57.3. Holding continuing member status does not affect the good standing of a Brother nor his rights and obligations as a member of Grand Lodge.

58. **LODGES OF INSTRUCTION**

Approval by Warranted Lodge

- 58.1. No Lodge of Instruction can be held without the approval of a regular warranted Lodge, or by the special licence or Warrant and authority of the Grand Master. The Lodge giving its approval, or the Brethren to whom such licence is granted, are responsible for the proceedings, and must ensure that the mode of working adopted has received the approval of Grand Lodge.

Notice

- 58.2. Notices of the times and places of meetings of Lodges of Instruction must receive prior approval of the Grand Secretary.

Minutes

- 58.3. Lodges of Instruction are to keep Minutes recording the names of all Brethren present at each meeting, and of Brethren appointed to hold office, and these Minutes will be produced when called for by the Grand Master, the Board, or by the Lodge granting the approval.

Withdrawal of Approval

- 58.4. A Lodge which has given its approval for a Lodge of Instruction to be held under its Warrant, may at any regular meeting, withdraw that approval by a resolution of the Lodge, provided notice of the intention to withdraw the approval was inserted in the summons for that meeting. The withdrawal of that approval must be communicated to the Lodge of Instruction as soon as reasonably possible.

59. **CONSTITUENT LODGES' RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE ASSOCIATION**

Membership Records

- 59.1. The Secretary of a Lodge must inform the Grand Secretary in writing as soon as there is any change occurring in the membership, status or subscription liabilities of the members of the Lodge.
- 59.2. A Lodge which does not supply the particulars required pursuant to the preceding Regulation, or immediately notify the Grand Secretary of any error in its records, is liable to such penalty as the Board decides.

Payment of Fees

- 59.3. Every Lodge must forward to the Grand Secretary, not later than 28th February, 31st May, 31st August and 30th November respectively each year, the quarterly contributions of its members, with the registration fees, joining fees, fees for certificates, and any other contributions or payments due to the Association and regularly imposed by Grand Lodge.

Late Payments

- 59.4. Payments not paid by the due dates will be subject to a charge of interest (with a minimum of \$2) at the rate determined by the Board from time to time, provided however that the Board may, on the written request of a Lodge, and on being satisfied that the request is reasonable, waive the payment of the whole or any part of such charge for such period as the Board decides.

Remission of Fees

Servicemen

- 59.5. Every Lodge has the power, if it so desires, to reduce all or any portion of the fees and subscriptions ordinarily payable to the Association by any member who is on active service overseas in the Australian Defence Forces or any Australian Peacekeeping Operation, for the period of such service.

Brethren Exempted by Lodge

- 59.6. Grand Lodge may agree to exempt any member of a Lodge from payment of Grand Lodge Dues on the following conditions:
- 59.6.1. The Lodge applies to Grand Lodge on such form as Grand Lodge may from time to time prescribe;
 - 59.6.2. the Lodge provides to Grand Lodge such particulars as Grand Lodge may from time to time prescribe;
 - 59.6.3. such exemption may be for up to two years; and
 - 59.6.4. if the subscription is subsequently paid, the exemption has no effect.

Effect of Lodge Defaulting

Brother Entitled to Privileges

- 59.7. Any Brother who produces proof that he has paid all due fees to his Lodge, including the registration fee, is entitled to all the privileges of the Craft, notwithstanding the failure of the Lodge to register his name and pay the fees to Grand Lodge.

Action against Lodge

- 59.8. Grand Lodge must institute appropriate proceedings to recover moneys retained by a Lodge that has failed to register a Brother and forward his fees to the Association.

Annual Return of Master and Wardens

Submission

- 59.9. Every Lodge, within seven days after the annual Installation of its Master, will make a return to the Grand Secretary of the full names, and addresses of the Master and the Wardens, and other officers of the Lodge including the Secretary.

Returns and Reports to Grand Lodge

- 59.10. The Secretary of every Lodge or Masonic Hall Trust will:

- 59.10.1. annually transmit to the Grand Secretary, a true copy of a duly audited financial statements of the Lodge and Masonic Hall Trust, in a form to be approved by the Grand Secretary, which comprises:
 - 59.10.1.1. an income and expenditure account;
 - 59.10.1.2. a balance sheet; and
 - 59.10.1.3. a subscriptions account; and
- 59.10.2. regularly transmit to the Grand Secretary on the day on which the same is issued a true copy of every summons, notice and other document issued to members of the Lodge and Masonic Hall Trust.

- 59.11. When so directed by the Board, the CEO (or, if no CEO is appointed, the Grand Secretary) will produce the said audited financial statements to the Board.

Penalty for Late Returns, etc.

- 59.12. If any Lodge, for twelve months, fails to make its returns or payments to the Grand Lodge, according to these Regulations, it will be liable to fine, suspension or erasure, and the Master, Past Masters and Wardens will not be permitted to attend the Grand Lodge, or sit on any Board or Committee by virtue of any qualification derived from such Lodge until the returns and payments have been made.

60. GRAND LODGE CERTIFICATES

Entitlement

- 60.1. Every Brother is entitled to a Grand Lodge Certificate on being registered in the books of the Association, and his Lodge will apply to the Grand Secretary for his Master Mason's certificate on his being raised to the third degree. Certificates for Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Freemasons are available from Grand Lodge on request.

Certificate to be Signed

- 60.2. Every Brother to whom a Grand Lodge Certificate is granted, must sign his name in the margin of the certificate on receipt.

Lost Certificate

- 60.3. On satisfactory proof that a Grand Lodge Certificate is lost or destroyed, the Grand Secretary may issue a duplicate to any Brother applying for one on payment of the prescribed fee.

Exchange of Grand Lodge Certificates

- 60.4. A Brother who has obtained a Grand Lodge Certificate of the First or Second Degree will be entitled to exchange such Grand Lodge Certificate for one of the superior Degrees, after he has been advanced to a superior Degree.

61. AMALGAMATION OF LODGES

Procedure

- 61.1. Notwithstanding other provisions of the Regulations, two or more Lodges may be amalgamated under a Warrant of Amalgamation subject to approval by the Board, and to the following:
- 61.1.1. The Secretary of a Lodge will notify the Grand Secretary within seven days of any decision by the Executive Committee of the Lodge to seek amalgamation.
 - 61.1.2. The Grand Secretary will arrange for representatives of the Membership and Development Committee to meet with the Executive Committee of the Lodge to investigate the circumstances and to report thereon to the Board.
 - 61.1.3. After that report has been received by the Board each Lodge seeking to proceed with amalgamation will:
 - 61.1.3.1. give notice of motion for amalgamation at a regular meeting which motion will include the name of any other Lodge or Lodges concerned in the amalgamation, the proposed name and number of the amalgamated Lodge and the names and the current offices held by the proposed officers of the amalgamated Lodge;
 - 61.1.3.2. consider the notice of motion at a subsequent regular meeting after due notice in the summons for that meeting;
 - 61.1.3.3. carry the motion by at least seventy-five per cent of the members present and voting;
 - 61.1.3.4. report the carrying of the motion to the Grand Secretary within seven days of the confirmation of the Minutes and request the approval of the Board; and
 - 61.1.3.5. forward the audited final financial statements of the Lodge to the Grand Secretary within one month of the Consecration of the amalgamated Lodge taking place.

Effect of Amalgamation

- 61.2. The name of the amalgamated Lodge must first be approved by the Grand Master and the Board.
- 61.3. The number of the amalgamated Lodge may be that of one of the amalgamating Lodges or another number approved by the Board.
- 61.4. Except by dispensation of the Grand Master, the amalgamated Lodge will be considered to be a new

Lodge and the provisions of Regulation 38 will apply to it.

Register of Members

- 61.5. The names of all members of the amalgamating Lodges with the amounts of any outstanding subscriptions will be entered into the books of the amalgamated Lodge. The Brethren thereupon will, for all purposes, be deemed to be members of the amalgamated Lodge and will be recorded in the register of Members in order of seniority, which will be determined by the date on which they severally became a member of their respective amalgamating Lodges.

By-laws

- 61.6. The By-laws of the amalgamated Lodge will be such By-laws as are approved in the usual manner.

Property

- 61.7. The proceeds of sale of all Masonic real property and other property pursuant to Regulation 63 must vest in and become the property of the Association and subject thereto, the real and other property of each Lodge joining in the amalgamated Lodge will become the property of the amalgamated Lodge as from the date of amalgamation and, until transferred to the Trustees of the amalgamated Lodge (or to the Lodge if incorporated) will be held on trust for the amalgamated Lodge.

Clearances

- 61.8. A Brother excluded or who has resigned from any of the amalgamating Lodges prior to their amalgamation and who requires a Clearance Certificate must make application to the amalgamated Lodge for that Certificate and the amalgamated Lodge may issue a Certificate under Regulation 55 clause 55.2.

Officers

- 61.9. After the Lodges have carried the motions to amalgamate, the officers of each Lodge are to remain in office until the date of amalgamation.

Final Minutes

- 61.10. The Minutes of the final meeting of each amalgamating Lodge will be forwarded to the brethren who were present at such meeting and will be confirmed after any necessary amendments, at the first regular meeting of the amalgamated Lodge.

Date of Amalgamation

- 61.11. The date of amalgamation of the Lodges will be the date of consecration of the amalgamated Lodge, installation of its Master and investiture of its officers.

Warrant or Charter of Amalgamated Lodge

- 61.12. On the amalgamation being approved by the Board, the Warrants of all Lodges which are parties to the amalgamation must be forwarded to the Grand Secretary for endorsement with an application for a new Warrant of Amalgamation.

Warrants Displayed

- 61.13. After proper endorsement by the Grand Secretary, the original Warrants or Charters may, with the approval of the Board, be displayed other than in the Lodge Room, or, if not so displayed, will be returned to the Grand Secretary for retention among the records of the Grand Lodge.

Endorsement of Warrant

- 61.14. The following endorsement will be appended to the Warrants of Lodges participating in an amalgamation:-

"Pursuant to approval granted by the Board of Management on 20...., this Lodge was amalgamated with Lodge No. under the name and number of Lodge No., in compliance with the Regulations in that case made and provided."

Amalgamation without forming a new Lodge

- 61.15. Where two or more Lodges wish to amalgamate, without forming a new Lodge, but otherwise in accordance with this Regulation 61, under the name and number of one of the amalgamating Lodges (Ongoing Lodge), on the recommendation of the Board, the Grand Master may approve such amalgamation on the following terms:

61.15.1. the amalgamation will take effect on and from a date to be determined by the Grand Master; and

61.15.2. the Ongoing Lodge will meet under the existing Warrant of the Ongoing Lodge after it has been appropriately endorsed, and discharge the duties of Freemasonry in accordance with the

customs and usages of the Craft, without being solemnly constituted as required by Regulation 38; and

61.15.3. the names of the members of the other Lodge or Lodges are to be added to the Register of Members of the Ongoing Lodge as at the date of the amalgamation of the Lodges; and

61.15.4. the Warrant or Warrants of the other Lodge or Lodges, endorsed appropriately, may be displayed in a room adjacent to where the Ongoing Lodge is meeting; and

61.15.5. the Ongoing Lodge will continue to use its existing By-laws for its government.

Report to Grand Lodge

61.16. The Board will report to the next Communication of Grand Lodge details of any amalgamation of Lodges.

61.17. The provisions of this Regulation 61 do not affect the validity of any consolidation of Lodges pursuant to the Regulations previously in force and any Warrant of Consolidation duly issued under those Regulations is deemed to be a Warrant of Amalgamation hereunder.

62. DISSOLUTION AND ERASURE OF LODGES

Minimum Membership

62.1. If the majority of the members of any Lodge determines to retire from that Lodge, the remaining members retain the power of assembly but if the number of subscribing members at any time is less than seven, the Warrant becomes extinct.

Failure to Meet

62.2. If a Lodge fails to meet for one year it will be liable to be erased by a resolution of Grand Lodge.

Surrender of Warrant

62.3. A Lodge may surrender its Warrant provided that:

62.3.1. the Lodge, within the preceding year, has considered seeking amalgamation with another Lodge pursuant to Regulation 61;

62.3.2. Notice of Motion for the surrender of the Warrant, signed by at least seven subscribing members, is given at a regular meeting;

62.3.3. the Secretary of the Lodge, within seven days of the receipt of Notice of Motion for the surrender of the Warrant, provides a copy of such Notice to the Grand Secretary who will promptly arrange for representatives of the Board to meet with the Executive Committee of the Lodge. The Board's representatives may attend a meeting of the Lodge and address its members;

62.3.4. the Motion for the surrender of the Warrant is considered at a regular meeting of the Lodge after due notice in the summons for that meeting; and

62.3.5. the Motion for the surrender of the Warrant is agreed to by not less than three quarters of the brethren present and voting.

Final Meeting

62.4. Where a Lodge has resolved to surrender its Warrant, the Grand Secretary must be notified of the place, date and time of the final meeting.

62.5. The Grand Master may appoint a Brother to represent him at the final meeting of the Lodge and to accept the surrender of its Warrant.

62.6. Where a Lodge surrenders its Warrant, becomes extinct or is erased and has not previously disposed of all of its assets, (including all books, papers and other records) in compliance with the Regulations of the Association (including Regulation 63), all remaining assets real and personal (including the Warrant) vest in and become the property of the Association.

63. DISPOSAL OF MASONIC PROPERTY

63.1. The Association will establish a Fund to receive moneys generated from the sale of Masonic real property and other property.

63.2. The Secretary of a Lodge or Masonic Hall Trust must, within seven days of receipt of a Notice of Motion of the intention of that Lodge or Masonic Hall Trust to dispose of any of its real property, advise the Grand

Secretary in writing with a copy of that Notice of Motion. The Grand Secretary must promptly inform the Board accordingly.

- 63.3. In the interests of the Craft, the Board will arrange for a Brother to meet with the Lodge or Masonic Hall Trust to discuss the proposed sale. At that meeting the Lodge or Masonic Hall Trust must provide up to three marketing proposals by members of the Real Estate Institute of South Australia (or, in the case of real estate in the Northern Territory, by members of the Real Estate Institute of the Northern Territory) in respect of all real estate which is intended to be sold and each of which such marketing proposals is to include an appraisal of that real estate, together with full particulars of that property and any trusts relating to it.
- 63.4. If, following the meeting referred to in clause 63.3, the sale proceeds, the Lodge or Masonic Hall Trust will, unless otherwise constrained by the terms of a trust or by law, deposit all net proceeds of the sale of real and other property into the Fund described in clause 63.1.
- 63.5. A Lodge or Masonic Hall Trust that deposits moneys into the Fund will, at the time of making the deposit, be entitled to request that some or all of the capital so deposited be applied for a particular Masonic purpose or purposes and the Association will, so far as practicable and in accord with the needs or aims of the Association, comply with any such request.
- 63.6. If the Lodge or Masonic Hall Trust making the deposit continues in existence thereafter, the Association will pay to such Lodge or Masonic Hall Trust, interest on the balance of such deposit held in the Fund from time to time at such rate as the Board determines at its April meeting in each year. Any income generated by the Fund in addition to the interest so paid will be available for the benefit of the Association.
- 63.7. If the Lodge or Masonic Hall Trust making the deposit surrenders its Warrant, is wound up or otherwise ceases to exist, all interest otherwise payable on the balance of such deposit will be available for the benefit of the Association.
- 63.8. If:
- 63.8.1. no request has been made in accordance with clause 63.5, or
 - 63.8.2. it is or becomes impractical for the Association to comply fully with any such request within five years of the date of deposit,
- the moneys deposited, or the remaining balance thereof, will be available for the benefit of the Association.

64. **MATTERS RESERVED TO GRAND LODGE**

- 64.1. This Regulation 64 applies despite any other provisions in these Regulations.
- 64.2. In this Regulation:
- 64.2.1. "Masonic Charities Trust" means the Masonic Charities Trust constituted by a Trust Deed dated 1 May 2015;
 - 64.2.2. "Masonic Charities Trustee" means Masonic Charities Pty Ltd (ACN 605 522 692) or any replacement or substitute trustee of the Masonic Charities Trust;
 - 64.2.3. "Masonic Hall Trust" means the Freemasons Hall Trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 19 May 2010; and
 - 64.2.4. "Masonic Hall Trustee" means A.F. & A.M. Nominees Pty Ltd (ACN 142 770 849) or any replacement or substitute trustee of the Masonic Hall Trust.
- 64.3. The following matters ("Reserved Matters") require (a) a resolution of the Board in favour of the same, and (b) the approval of Grand Lodge in Communication:

Masonic Charities Trustee consent

- 64.4. 'Reserved Matters' in respect of the Masonic Charities Trust means the granting of consent by the Association where required to:
- 64.4.1. wind up the Masonic Charities Trustee or the Masonic Charities Trust;
 - 64.4.2. make a distribution from the Masonic Charities Trust which would have the result of divesting the Masonic Charities Trust of all or a material portion of the assets of the Masonic Charities Trust. For the purposes of this clause, "a material portion" means a distribution from the Masonic Charities Trust which, alone or together with other distributions in the prior 12 months, exceeds 10% of the market value of the assets held by the Masonic Charities Trust on the date 12 months prior to the date of the applicable distribution; or

- 64.4.3. amend the constitution of the Masonic Charities Trustee to remove the requirement for the Association's consent to the matters in paragraph 64.4.1 or 64.4.2.

Masonic Hall Trustee consent

- 64.5. 'Reserved Matters' in respect of the Masonic Hall Trust means the granting of consent by the Association where required to:

- 64.5.1. sell or otherwise dispose of Freemason's Hall;
- 64.5.2. wind up the Masonic Hall Trustee or the Masonic Hall Trust;
- 64.5.3. make any distribution from the Masonic Hall Trust which would divest the Masonic Hall Trust of all or substantially all of the assets of the Masonic Hall Trust; or
- 64.5.4. amend the constitution of the Masonic Hall Trustee to remove the requirement for the Association's consent to the matters in paragraph 64.5.1, 64.5.2 or 64.5.3.

Trustees of Masonic Hall Trust and Masonic Charities Trust

- 64.6. Where the Association replaces the trustee of the Masonic Hall Trust or the Masonic Charities Trust it must ensure that the incoming trustee is a corporate trustee and that the constitution of the same includes provisions requiring the consent of Grand Lodge in Communication in respect of the applicable Reserved Matters as summarised in this Regulation.

65. **AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS**

These Regulations may only be altered, amended, repealed or added to by a motion submitted to and carried by resolution at a Communication of Grand Lodge after due notice.

Schedule of Fees and Fines

In accordance with Regulation 23 ("Fund of General Purposes"), the Fees for the period commencing **30/06/2017** are as set out herein and will remain current until amended by the Board.

1. The fees specified in the Schedule are payable to the Fund of General Purposes.

1.1	A Warrant for a new Lodge	\$200.00
1.2	Warrant of Confirmation.....	\$200.00
1.3	Dispensation	NO CHARGE
1.4	Registration of a Freemason on his Initiation	\$50.00
1.5	Duplicate Grand Lodge Certificate	\$30.00
1.6	Registration of a Brother joining a Lodge (at its foundation or thereafter) having been initiated in another Lodge on the Register of the Grand Lodge of South Australia and Northern Territory	NO CHARGE
1.7	Registration of a Brother, being a financial member of a Lodge at the time of surrendering its Warrant, and joining a Lodge within six months of the surrender	No Fee
1.8	Registration of a Brother affiliating with a Lodge (at its foundation or thereafter), from a Lodge not on the Register of the Grand Lodge of South Australia and Northern Territory	\$30.00
1.9	Certification and Approval of By-laws (in accord with Model By-laws)	\$30.00
1.10	Certification and Approval of By-laws (not in accord with the Model By-laws)	\$85.00
1.11	Certification and Approval of amendments to By-laws (except when necessitated by changes to the Regulations)	
	- if approved by the Grand Registrar prior to adoption	\$30.00
	- if not so approved.....	\$35.00
1.12	Every Past Master for his Past Master's Certificate	NO CHARGE

2. Every Brother upon his first appointment or election to any of the following offices must pay the fee specified to the Fund of General Purposes.

2.1	Pro Grand Master	\$200.00
2.2	Deputy Grand Master	\$200.00
2.3	Assistant Grand Master	\$200.00
2.4	Grand Warden	\$150.00
2.5	Grand Chaplain	\$120.00
2.6	President of the Board of Management	\$120.00
2.7	President of Benevolence	\$120.00
2.8	Chairman of The Freemasons Foundation	\$120.00
2.9	Chairman of the Masonic Homes.....	\$120.00
2.10	Grand Treasurer	\$120.00
2.11	Grand Registrar	\$120.00
2.12	Grand Superintendent	\$120.00
2.13	Chairman of Membership.....	\$120.00
2.14	Director of Community Relations	\$120.00
2.15	Director of Masonic Learning	\$120.00
2.16	Grand Director of Ceremonies	\$120.00

2.17	Grand Superintendent of Works	\$120.00
2.18	Chairman of Care	\$120.00
2.19	Deputy Grand Treasurer	\$110.00
2.20	Deputy Grand Registrar	\$110.00
2.21	Deputy Director of Masonic Learning.....	\$110.00
2.22	Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.....	\$110.00
2.23	Deputy Grand Superintendent of Works	\$110.00
2.24	District Grand Superintendent.....	\$110.00
2.25	Assistant Grand Registrar.....	\$90.00
2.26	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.....	\$90.00
2.27	Grand Deacon	\$90.00
2.28	Grand Sword Bearer.....	\$70.00
2.29	Grand Standard Bearer	\$70.00
2.30	Grand Director of Music.....	\$70.00
2.31	Grand Organist	\$70.00
2.32	Grand Pursuivant.....	\$70.00
2.33	Grand Tyler.....	\$70.00
2.34	Grand Steward	\$40.00
2.35	Every Grand Officer retaining one of the above offices, or a Grand Steward retaining office for more than one year - in each year after the first	\$40.00
2.36	A present or past Grand Officer having paid the above fee for his office, on acceptance of any higher office, will pay the difference between the fee for such office and that for the highest office previously held by him, but on acceptance of a lower office	\$40.00
2.37	Conferred Rank and Meritorious Service Award to be paid by the Lodge nominating the Brother	\$30.00
3.	The following limits apply in respect of fines:	
3.1	Fines under Regulation 20 clause 20.18:	
3.1.1	Minimum fine.....	\$100.00
3.1.2	Maximum fine.....	\$1000.00
3.2	Fines under Regulation 48 clause 48.12:	
3.2.1	Minimum fine.....	\$50.00
3.2.2	Maximum fine.....	\$500.00