

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of England
and Wales and its Districts and Conclaves Overseas



Annual Assembly of Grand Council to be held on Tuesday, 18 April 2023
at 12.30 p.m. in the Grand Temple, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ

ADDENDUM TO THE SUMMONS

APPENDIX C

Proposed Amendments to the Constitutions and Regulations

SECTION A—GRAND COUNCIL

Delete text and insert new item 9. Renumber subsequent items as follows:

4. (i) Members of Grand Council, and their precedence, shall be as follows:
8. Past Grand Principal Conductors of the Work P.G.P.C.W.
9. Order of Service to Cryptic Masonry O.S.C.M.
10. Custodian of the Ninth Arch (~~Not more than 15 at any one time~~) IX

SECTION C—GRAND OFFICERS

Delete the following text:

30. (i) Upon the annual installation of the Grand Master he may appoint any or all of the following Grand Officers, who shall thereupon be invested:
Custodian of the Ninth Arch (~~no more than 15 at any one time~~)

Delete current Regulations 30 (vii) and 30 (viii) and insert new Regulation 30 (vii) as follows:

- 30. (vii) The Grand Master is empowered to confer on Companions who have rendered special service to the Order the honour and prestige of one of two distinctions: "Order of Service to Cryptic Masonry" or "Custodian of the Ninth Arch".**

The honorific will be appended to a Companion's existing Grand Rank and hold position in the Order of Precedence as shown in Rule 4.

SECTION E—PRIVATE COUNCILS

Insert the following text:

DUTY OF TREASURERS OF COUNCILS AND COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

96. (vi) The Council may by resolution authorise the Treasurer, but on no pretence any other Brother, to make payments from the Council's account by electronic means; in the absence of any such resolution all payments from Council funds shall be made by cash or by cheque.

96. (vii) The Council shall each year at the Installation Meeting elect two subscribing members of the Council (other than the Treasurer, Master, Wardens, and the Recorder) to act as auditors.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

106. A Companion may give notice of resignation of his membership either in open Council or by letter **or email** to the Recorder, and such notice, unless withdrawn, shall take effect as from the date on which it is given, unless the notice itself states some other date in the current Council year. A notice by letter **or email** may be withdrawn prior to its communication to the Council, and if when notice of resignation is communicated to the Council, whether by the member or the Recorder, the Council pass a resolution asking for its withdrawal, it may be withdrawn at or before the next regular meeting of the Council. ...

SECTION L—REGALIA, CLOTHING, INSIGNIA AND JEWELS

JEWELS

Insert new item (e) and renumber subsequent items as follows:

146. (i) (e) **Order of Service to Cryptic Masonry
Ark of the Covenant within a triangle.
(Plate No. 32)**
- (f) Custodian of the Ninth Arch
A representation of the Arches.
(Plate No. 33).

COLLARETTES

Delete current Regulation 149 (i) and replace as follows. Renumber subsequent items:

149. (i) Order of Service to Cryptic Masonry

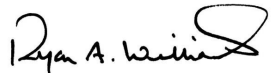
Shall wear a collarette of crimson ribbon, two inches wide, broad edged with gold lace from which is suspended a jewel formed as in Plate 32.

149. (ii) Custodian of the Ninth Arch

Shall wear a collarette of white ribbon, two inches wide, broad edged with gold lace from which is suspended a jewel not exceeding two inches in height formed as in Plate 33, with the exception that the collarette ribbon shall be scarlet for the Grand Master, purple for the Deputy Grand Master, and sky blue for the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, with jewels coloured gold, silver, bronze, respectively.

By Command of the Most Illustrious Grand Master

Yours faithfully and fraternally



R.III.Comp. R. A. Williams, P.G.Chan., Grand Recorder

14 April 2023