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EDINBURGH, 6th March 1878.

THE Supreme Chapter, having carefully considered the new small edition of *Laws*, approved thereof; authorized the Grand Scribes to distribute the same to Chapters and Companions of the Order requiring them. Further, keeping in view the importance of every Member of the Order being well acquainted with the *Laws* and *Constitutions* thereof, it was resolved to recommend all Chapters to give a copy of this edition to each Candidate on his exaltation.

M. R. SHAW-STEWART,
Grand Z.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, the 6th day of March 1878 A.D. and 5882 A.L.

L. MACKENZIE, G.S.E.
W. MANN, G.S.N.

LAWS AND CONSTITUTIONS.

C A P. I.

CONSTITUTION OF THE SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

I. THE Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Scotland consists of the three Grand Principals, the Depute Grand Principal, all Past Grand Principals, Provincial Grand Superintendents, the three Principals of Chapters in the District of Edinburgh, and of the three Principals or three Proxy Principals of each Royal Arch Chapter, holding a Charter from it, and conforming to its Regulations, and of such Companions as may be elected by the Supreme Chapter Members for life, in terms of the powers conferred by the 1st Section of the 15th Chapter hereof.

II. The Office-bearers of the Supreme Chapter consist of First Grand Principal, Past First Grand Principal, Depute Grand Principal, Second Grand Principal, Third Grand Principal, Grand Superintendents of Provinces, Grand Scribe E., Grand Scribe N., Grand Treasurer,

Grand Recorder, Grand Chancellor, First Grand Sojourner, Second Grand Sojourner, Third Grand Sojourner, Grand Sword-bearer, Grand Superintendent of Works, First Grand Standard-bearer, Second Grand Standard-bearer, and Janitor.

III. All ordinary Members and Office-bearers of the Supreme Chapter must be Regular Royal Arch Companions, whose names have been recorded in the Books of the Supreme Chapter, and shall each pay, on the 1st January annually, such sum as the Supreme Chapter shall see fit, in order to defray the expenses of postages and circulars for the ensuing year.

C.A.P. II.

DEGREES OF MASONRY.

I. The Supreme Chapter practises and recognises no degrees of Masonry but those of Mark Master, Excellent, Royal Arch, Royal Ark Mariner, the Babylonish Pass (which last is commonly called the Red Cross Degree, and is composed of three Points, viz. Knights of the Sword, Knights of the East, and Knights of the East and West), and the three Installation Degrees.

II. The forms of conferring the above Degrees, as recognised and acknowledged by the Supreme Chapter, may be learned by the proper officials

of Subordinate Chapters, on application to the Grand Scribe E., and requisite instructions given, upon making payment of the necessary fees.¹

CAP. III.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS.

I. The whole Office-bearers of the Supreme Chapter shall be annually elected by its Members.

II. At the Quarterly Communication, held upon the first Wednesday in March, the whole of the Grand Office-bearers for the ensuing year shall be put in nomination.

III. The Office-bearers, with the exception of the three Grand Principals, the Past First Grand Principal, the Depute Grand Principal, and Provincial Grand Superintendents, must be selected from Members of the Supreme Chapter.

IV. It shall not be competent to put any Companion in nomination for any office in the Supreme Chapter, unless he is present at the Meeting, or his consent in writing be obtained.

V. In the event of two or more Companions being nominated for the same office, a show of hands shall be taken, and the result declared from the Chair; but if, notwithstanding such declaration, the proposer and seconder of the

¹ Appendix I.

Candidate or Candidates who shall appear to be in the minority, shall insist upon taking the suffrages of the Supreme Chapter thereupon, a *pro re nata* meeting shall be held on the second Wednesday of March, and the Companion having the majority of legal votes on that day shall be declared duly nominated for the ensuing year; but only those who were qualified to vote at the Quarterly Communication on the said first Wednesday in March shall be entitled to vote at the said *pro re nata* meeting. It being specially enacted and provided that, in every case in which a *pro re nata* meeting shall be held, as above, for the purpose of deciding upon the claims of competing Candidates for any of the offices in the Supreme Chapter, the proposer and seconder of the unsuccessful Candidate or Candidates shall be bound to pay the whole expenses incurred by the Supreme Chapter in deciding the same, unless the number of votes recorded in his or their behalf shall exceed one-fourth of the number recorded in favour of the successful Candidate, but not otherwise; and the proposer and seconder of each Candidate shall sign an obligation to that effect before moving for the summoning of a *pro re nata* meeting as above; and in the event of their declining to do so, the nomination shall be null and void. During the discussion and vote, on either day, the proposed Companions shall withdraw to another room.

VI. The Companions so nominated as Grand