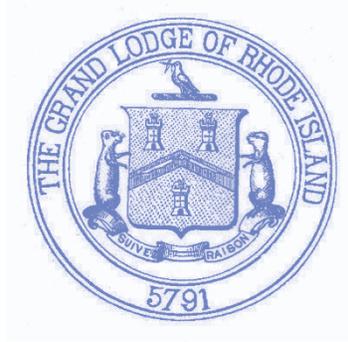


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Dear Brethren,

Freemasonry's history of commitment to making good men and supporting good causes around the world depends on our work, every day. Our reputation is built on every decision we make and how we conduct ourselves in our Lodges, communities and beyond.

This Protocol Booklet summarizes the practices and etiquette for how a Freemason in our Great Jurisdiction is to conduct himself and is intended to help each of us understand our responsibilities and obligations as Masons. It requires each of us to conduct Masonic business consistent with our values and in accordance with our Constitution. These guidelines apply to all Freemasons in Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

The Protocol is divided into easy to read sections and should be read in its entirety. No Protocol can ever address every situation or have all the answers. If you have questions or concerns about what is proper or permitted, your District Deputy Grand Master or Assistant Grand Lecturer is usually the best source of information and guidance.

I am personally committed to remaining true to our values and tenets of our fraternity. I am confident you will join me honoring this commitment and lead with integrity. Together we will fulfill the three principle moral values of Freemasonry, Faith, Hope and Charity.

Fraternally,



Grand Master

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GRAND LODGE PROTOCOL

INVITATIONS TO THE GRAND MASTER

All invitations to the Grand Master will include the Grand Marshal. When the Grand Master is unable to accept an invitation, he will assign a personal representative on the following basis:

Invitations to Blue Lodges, DeMolay Chapters and Rainbow Assemblies within a specific district will be assigned to the District Deputy Grand Master of that district. In all cases, the Grand Master of Ceremonies will be included and accompany the District Deputy.

Invitations to Concordant Bodies, such as Scottish Rite and York Rite (or other non-Masonic organizations such as the Lions, Knights of Columbus) will be assigned to a member of the Grand Council. In all cases, the Grand Master of Ceremonies for the member of the Grand Council will be included and accompany him.

Invitations from other jurisdictions will be assigned by the Grand Master, in his discretion, to Grand Council members, if allowed.

If there is more than one invitation to the Grand Master, then the Grand Marshal will be given the first opportunity to attend, if allowed by the respective jurisdiction. In all cases, when invitations are received, timely response will be provided and a personal representative will be promptly assigned by the Grand Master.

GRAND MASTER'S VISITATION

All lodges in the district are to encourage their members to attend the Grand Master's Visitation. It is the obligation of all officers to attend Grand Master's visitations. This is an opportunity for the lodge officers and members to meet and get to know the Grand Master and Grand Lodge members.

Secretaries are required to insert a notice in their monthly communication announcing the Grand Master's Visitation to their respective district in order that all Brethren may participate. The District Deputy Grand Masters from all other Districts should encourage Brethren from their respective districts to attend, as well.

The Grand Master's Suite shall be comprised of the members of Grand Lodge present who choose to accompany the Grand Master into the Host Lodge and any other Brother or dignitary as the Grand Master may desire.

The District Deputy Grand Master's Suite shall be comprised of all officers and Past Masters of the lodges of the District being visited and any other members or officers as the District Deputy Grand Masters may desire. This protocol for the District Deputy Grand Master's Suite will apply to Visitations of the District Deputy Grand Master in his District. All officers will accompany the Master to all visitations.

SET-UP OF THE LODGE FOR GRAND MASTER'S VISITATION

The Host Lodge will provide additional chairs, space permitting, at proper locations to accommodate the following:

- **Two** (2) extra chairs at the Marshal's station for the Grand Marshal and Grand Master of Ceremonies. The Grand Marshal will sit closest to the East, on his left, the Grand Master of Ceremonies for the District and on his left the Marshal of the Lodge. They will NOT rotate in conjunction with the East
- **Four** (4) extra chairs in the East for the Grand Chaplain, District Associate Grand Chaplain and District Deputy Grand Master
- **One** (1) extra chair at the Senior Deacon's place for the Grand Sword Bearer
- **Two** (2) extra chairs at the Sentinel's place for the Grand Pursuivant and Grand Standard Bearer
- **One** (1) extra chair for the Grand Secretary at the Secretary's station

PROCEDURE GOVERNING THE GRAND MASTER'S VISITATION

The Host Lodge will open lodge no later than 7:00 p.m. All work must be completed by 7:15 p.m. The District Deputy Grand Master's Suite will be received at 7:15 p.m. All Lodge Officers of the visitation district are expected to accompany the District Deputy Grand Master. It is the responsibility of every Worshipful Master to notify his lodge officers well enough in advance to avoid scheduling conflicts.

The Worshipful Master of the Host Lodge will call up the entire lodge (including himself) upon the arrival of any suite.

The District Deputy Grand Master and his Suite, escorted by his Grand Master of Ceremonies, will enter the lodge and proceed west of the Alter. The District Deputy Grand Master and his Suite will give the appropriate Due Guard and Sign. The Past Masters of the Host Lodge will act as the receiving committee. The Worshipful Master of the Host Lodge will designate one of the Past Masters to act as chairman of the receiving committee.

The Worshipful Master of the Host Lodge will extend his welcome followed by a response from the District Deputy Grand Master. The District Deputy Grand Master, in his response, indicates he will approach the East under his present escort.

The Worshipful Master will, upon the District Deputy Grand Master's arrival in the East, present the gavel to the District Deputy Grand Master who will seat the lodge and take his place in the Worshipful Master's chair, unless the Worshipful Master has some work to complete.

The Worshipful Master will always remain covered. Three (3) hats will be allowed in the East when the District Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master are present in Host Lodge; however, this is at the discretion of the Grand Master.

The reception of the District Suite must be completed prior to the reception of the Grand Master and his Suite at 7:30 p.m.

THE RECEPTION OF THE GRAND MASTER

Prior to the entrance of the Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master will assume the head of the lodge.

The District Deputy Grand Master will assemble all Past Masters of the Host District to serve as a reception committee to greet the Grand Master's Suite after being notified by the Grand Marshal that the Grand Master is ready to be received. The Worshipful Master of the Host Lodge will designate a Past Master of his choosing (from the Host Lodge) to act as chairman and to introduce the Grand Master to the Brethren. At the conclusion of the Grand Master's introduction, the reception committee of Past Masters will return to their seats.

Upon the entrance of the Grand Master's Suite, the District Deputy Grand Master will immediately call up the lodge (including himself) via three (3) raps of his gavel and wait for the Grand Master and his Suite to give the Due Guard and Sign. The Grand Council will form behind the Grand Master and his escort.

The District Deputy Grand Master will make welcoming remarks to the Grand Master. The Grand Master, in his response, will indicate that he will approach the East under his present escort. The District Deputy Grand Master will provide Grand Honors or Public Honors (depending on the state of the lodge) and present the gavel to the Grand Master. The Grand Master will seat the Brethren, direct the Grand Lodge Officers to take their respective stations and return the gavel to the District Deputy Grand Master to proceed with the work of the evening.

When the Grand Master visits his Mother Lodge, the Master of the lodge will welcome the Grand Master, present Grand or Public Honors, and present the gavel of the lodge following the same protocol as that of the aforementioned District Deputy Grand Master. If the Grand Master retires from any lodge room before closing of the lodge, the lodge will be called up and Grand Honors given again.

The Grand Master is the only one in this Jurisdiction entitled to receive Grand Public Honors.

The Worshipful Master of the Host Lodge, in cooperation with the District Deputy Grand Master, will arrange a program for the Grand Master's Visitation. This program must be submitted in writing to the Grand Master at least two (2) months in advance for his approval. This is an official visit to the District; and no lodge will be permitted to do degree work.

At the conclusion of the evening's program, the Grand Master will close the Host Lodge, unless the Host Lodge must conduct further business, in which case both Suites may retire.

GREETINGS FROM THE GRAND LODGE

When the Grand Master is not present, the District Deputy Grand Master is the official representative of the Grand Master. Therefore, the District Deputy Grand Master is the Grand Lodge Officer who is authorized to bring the greetings from the Grand Master in his district. District Deputies, who are from other districts, are also authorized to bring the Grand Master's Greetings when the District Deputy Grand Master of that district is not present.

The members of the Grand Council are authorized to bring the greetings of the Grand Master if no District Deputy Grand Master is present in the Lodge. No other Grand Lodge officers or Past

Grand Masters are authorized to bring the Grand Master's Greetings without express permission from the Grand Master.

Notices and Requests for Dispensations

All communications and notices to or requests for dispensation from the Grand Master required or permitted under this Protocol shall be in writing and sent to the Grand Master through the Grand Secretary. Notices or requests may be sent via regular mail, email or facsimile (with confirmed receipt) or personally delivered to the Grand Lodge Office.

DISTRICT PROTOCOL

PROCEDURE GOVERNING THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER VISITATION

All lodge officers are expected to accompany the Worshipful Master of their lodge on the Suite of the District Deputy Grand Master. This is not only a mark of respect toward the District Deputy as the representative of Grand Lodge, but it is also part of their duty as an officer.

The Host Lodge will open lodge no later than 7:00 p.m. All work must be completed by 7:30 p.m. The District Deputy Grand Master's Suite will be received at 7:30 p.m. All Lodge Officers of the visitation district are expected to accompany the District Deputy Grand Master. The Past Masters of the Host Lodge will act as the receiving committee.

The District Deputy Grand Master and his Suite, escorted by his Grand Master of Ceremonies, will enter the lodge and proceed west of the Alter. The District Deputy Grand Master and Suite will give the appropriate Due Guard and Sign. The Worshipful Master will designate one of the Past Masters to act as chairman of the receiving committee.

The Worshipful Master of the Host Lodge will extend his welcome followed by a response from the District Deputy Grand Master. The District Deputy Grand Master, in his response, indicates he will approach the East under his present escort.

The Worshipful Master, upon the District Deputy Grand Master's arrival in the East, will present the gavel to the District Deputy Grand Master who will seat the lodge and present the gavel back to the Worshipful Master to proceed with the work of the evening.

At the end of the evening, the District Deputy Grand Master will close the lodge in Form.

CLOSING FORM FOR DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS (GRAND COUNCIL AND PAST GRAND MASTERS INCLUDED)

The following Closing Form is required:

Secretary shall read the minutes in full, when and where appropriate.
The Worshipful Master will approve the minutes of his meeting, if satisfied
Notify the Tyler of closing
Return the Substitute, for the Word
Prayer
"How Shall Mason's Meet"
Lights

Inform the Tyler — “This lodge is closed in FORM”

Only the Grand Master can close in “**AMPLE FORM**”

DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

There should be two (2) district organizational meetings scheduled in June and November of each year. When a district meeting is held, District Deputy Grand Masters are to invite all Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Secretaries of that district, District Associate Grand Chaplain, Assistant Grand Lecturers and his own Grand Master of Ceremonies.

June Organizational Meeting. The purpose of the June organizational meeting is to introduce the District Deputy Grand Master to the district, review the Grand Master’s Protocol, set the year’s goals for the district and lodges, and present to the officers the expectations of the Grand Master for the ensuing year. In addition, the June organizational meeting should include setting up a district charity event. All Information Packages, Blue Books, and Grand Master Protocol are to be distributed to each lodge representative at the June organizational meeting.

November Organizational Meeting. At the November organizational meeting, all dates for Grand Master’s Visitations, District Deputy Grand Master’s Visitations, Annuals and all regular communications for the upcoming year must be finalized and submitted to the Grand Secretary by December 31. When holding your November organizational meeting with the lodges in your district, invite the incoming District Deputy Grand Master for that district so he can make sure that there are no conflicts with his visitation dates in the upcoming year. If the incoming District Deputy Grand Master is unable to attend, ensure that he gets a copy of the dates turned in to Grand Lodge.

LODGE EVENTS, ANNUALS AND INSTALLATIONS

Lodges will invite the District Deputy Grand Master to all lodge events. All invitations to the District Deputy Grand Master will include his Grand Master of Ceremonies.

The business of the Annual Communication will not be transacted without the District Deputy Grand Master or appointed representative of the Grand Master being present. The District Deputy Grand Master is the presiding officer from Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication and at the Official Visitations in his district except when the Grand Master is present.

The District Deputy Grand Master will always be seated on the right of the Worshipful Master at an Annual Communication or Official Visitation except when the Grand Master or his representative is present. At such times, the District Deputy Grand Master will be seated on the immediate left of the Worshipful Master. This part of the Protocol will be followed whenever possible except in lodges where the East cannot accommodate all the required officers. This exception will be left to the discretion of the District Deputy Grand Master or the Grand Master.

On all Official Visitations and Annual Communications, the Associate Grand Chaplain and Assistant Grand Lecturer of the district are to be seated in the East. In the event a District Deputy Grand Master from another District is participating in an annual installation or visitation, only the presiding District Deputy Grand Master will be covered. At no time will there be more than one (1) District Deputy Grand Master covered in the East.

CLOSED INSTALLATION OF LODGE OFFICERS

The District Deputy Grand Master will perform the installation of officers in each lodge of his district at the lodge Annual Communication or such other date as approved by the Grand Master. At a Closed Installation, the District Deputy Grand Master shall obligate all officers and install those Brethren who have not been re-elected or re-appointed. Any Brother absent, elected or appointed, at the Annual Communication will be installed at the next Regular Communication of the lodge by the District Deputy Grand Master. All Brethren wishing to take part in the installation must ask the District Deputy Grand Master well enough in advance so the District Deputy Grand Master can obtain permission from the Grand Master, where appropriate.

SEMI-PUBLIC INSTALLATION OF LODGE OFFICERS

Granting a Semi-Public Installation will be considered after a proper, advanced written request from the lodge secretary is presented to Grand Lodge. Only those lodges with a full line of officers will be granted a Semi-Public Installation. All Semi-Public Installations granted must follow the following protocol for Semi-Public Installations under the direction of the District Deputy Grand Master. Assistant Grand Lecturers, appropriate lodge officer or Master's designee will commit the Annual Prologue to memory and be prepared to participate.

Any Worshipful Master of a lodge having a Semi-Public Installation will schedule a rehearsal with all officers of the lodge and the District Deputy Grand Master prior to the installation date.

All officers present will be installed, and any excused officers will be installed at the next opportunity. A place holder, if necessary, is NOT to be obligated or installed.

A Semi-Public closing can be used at the discretion of the District Deputy Grand Master and performed only by the District Deputy Grand Master or Grand Master, if present. The Semi-Public closing will allow all Brethren, family and friends to be in the lodge room at closing. The closing will consist of a closing comment, a closing Prayer and disarranging the Lights, followed by the normal questions asked of the Senior Warden and Junior Warden followed by informing the Tyler of the closing.

Irrespective of a Closed or Semi-Public Installation, the outgoing Worshipful Master must memorize the following ritual expected of him in closing his term of office. The District Deputy Grand Master will supply a copy of the outgoing ritual to the outgoing Worshipful Master in advance of the Annual Communication.

“Right Worshipful, I have now closed my term of office and return to you the gavel, the emblem of my authority; also the jewel with which I was invested. The Charter of this lodge I am prepared to hand to my successor.”

EXAMINATION OF THE MASTER-ELECT

Examination of the Master-Elect at Annual Communications is serious work. This is intended to be dignified and solemn. Foot shuffling, partially rising from seats or other un-Masonic behavior is not to be tolerated. The District Deputy Grand Master is held responsible and is to call the lodge “to order” if necessary.

MASTER'S CERTIFICATE

It is the custom of the Grand Lodge to issue a Master's Certificate at the conclusion of a Worshipful Master's term in office based on his adherence to Grand Lodge programs, the recommendation of the District Deputy Grand Master and the approval of the Grand Master. A Master's Certificate may be presented by the District Deputy Grand Master performing the installation. If the previous District Deputy Grand Master is in attendance, he may be asked to make the presentation. If the Grand Master is present, the Grand Master will make the presentation.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S REPORTS

Each District Deputy Grand Master is to submit to the Grand Master and Junior Grand Warden a report on the lodges in his district having any issues requiring either the District Deputy Grand Master's or the Grand Master's attention.

DISTRICT YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

We place importance on our youth groups and enthusiastically promote their activities. Lodges are urged to support our young men and women and participate when, and as often, as they can.

The District Deputy Grand Master of each district shall attend the annual meetings of the DeMolay Chapters and Rainbow Assemblies within the district to which he has been appointed. The District Deputy Grand Master should make every effort to attend these meetings as a district suite. If there are no such meetings in the District Deputy's district, attend a meeting in another district.

DRESS PROTOCOL

Grand Council and Grand Marshal

For all morning and early afternoon meetings, concluding prior to 6:00 P.M., Grand Council and the Grand Marshal are to wear morning clothes—long gray, cutaway-style coat, striped trousers, white shirt, Grand Lodge purple necktie, gray vest, gray gloves, black shoes, Apron and Jewels.

For afternoon and evening meetings commencing on or after 6:00 P.M., Grand Council and the Grand Marshal are to wear formal tails—long black tail coat, tuxedo pants, white, pointed pique-style tuxedo shirt, white pique-style bow tie, white pique-style vest, white gloves, black shoes, Apron and Jewels.

When visiting other jurisdictions in an official capacity representing our Grand Lodge, proper attire is the same as what would be worn at similar communications held in our Jurisdiction, e.g., morning clothes for a meeting held before 6 p.m. For evening meetings or a Grand Master's Banquet, reference the invitation for proper attire. If attire is not specified, wear a black tuxedo, traditional white pleated spread-type collar shirt, black bow tie, white gloves, black shoes, Apron and Jewels.

When visiting other jurisdictions in an unofficial capacity, proper attire is a black tuxedo, traditional white pleated spread-type collar shirt, black bow tie, white gloves, black shoes, Apron and Jewels.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, when visiting lodges in the jurisdiction in an unofficial capacity, have the option of wearing formal tails or the Grand Lodge Blazer, white shirt, black pants and Masonic tie, both with Apron and Jewels.

GRAND MASTERS OF CEREMONIES TO GRAND COUNCIL

Grand Masters of Ceremonies to the Grand Council are to wear the same attire as the Grand Council for all meetings and events except, if the Master of Ceremonies is not in the company of his Grand Council counterpart, his attire will be a black tuxedo white pleated spread-type collar shirt, black pants, black bow tie, white gloves or the Grand Lodge Blazer, white shirt, black pants and Masonic tie, both with Apron and Jewels.

District Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Masters of Ceremonies

District Deputy Grand Masters and their Grand Masters of Ceremonies visiting lodges in this Jurisdiction are always to wear formal tails, white pointed pique-style tuxedo shirts, white pique-style bow ties, white pique-style vests, white gloves, black shoes, Apron and Jewels. The District Deputy Grand Master is to wear the traditional black silk top hat when he is in his district.

The Grand Lodge Blazer, white shirt, black pants and Masonic tie will be worn for Grand Master's Organizational Meeting, District Deputy Organizational Meetings, Religious Services (except Masonic Funerals) and other non-tiled meetings or events.

Grand Masters of Ceremonies, when visiting lodges solo and not in the company of his District Deputy Grand Master or in an official capacity, are to wear black tuxedo, traditional white-pleated spread-type collar shirt, black bow tie and white gloves or the Grand Lodge Blazer, white shirt, black pants and Masonic tie and Masonic tie.

District Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Masters of Ceremonies attending their own respective lodge(s) in which they hold membership, in an unofficial capacity, may wear a business suit or the Grand Lodge Blazer, white shirt, black pants and Masonic tie with Apron and Jewels.

OTHER GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Appointed Grand Lodge Officers (listed below) are to wear black tuxedos, traditional white pleated spread collar shirt, black bow ties, white gloves, Apron and Jewels at all Grand Master and District Deputy Grand Master Visitations and lodge functions to which they are assigned. At the Grand Lodge Annual and Semi-Annual Communication and Religious Services appointed Grand Lodge Officers are to wear a business suit or Grand Lodge Blazer, white shirt, black pants and Masonic tie with Apron and Jewels. Business suit or Grand Lodge Blazer, white shirt, black pants and Masonic tie may be worn at the Fall Festival or other social events. White gloves are not worn when attired in a business suit or Grand Lodge Blazer.

The Grand Lodge Offices include: Grand Lecturer, Grand Chaplain, Director of Masonic Education, Asst. Grand Lecturers, Associate Grand Chaplains, Librarian/Curator, Grand

Historian, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Sentinel, Sword Bearer, Pursuivant, Standard Bearer, Tyler and Musical Director.

BLUE LODGE OFFICERS

Blue Lodge officers are to wear black tuxedos, white-pleated spread-type collar, black bow tie, black shoes, apron and jewels at all communications, visitations and memorial services unless it is the custom of the lodge to dress in some other fashion, i.e., military dress uniforms (Overseas Lodge) or business suits (Daylight Lodge). The Worshipful Master will wear a top hat or a hat suitable to the uniform. A dispensation from the Grand Master is required for any exceptions to this dress protocol.

Presiding Masters and Blue Lodge Officers traveling or visiting other lodges within our Jurisdiction are to wear black tuxedos, black tuxedos, white-pleated spread-type collar, black bow tie and black shoes, Aprons and Jewels.

Blue Lodge Officers attending Grand Lodge Annual, Semi-Annual or Special Communications and Religious Services are to wear a dark business suit, Apron and Jewels. Officers attending the Fall Festival, Grand Lodge Annual Banquet or any other social activity may wear a dark business suit unless specified for the particular event.

If a lodge would like to wear alternate attire for morning meetings, steak fry meetings or summer meetings, a request for a dispensation must be made to the Grand Master at least 30 days in advance of the proposed meeting.

DeMolay Chapters and Rainbow Assembly Events

District Deputy Grand Masters and their Grand Masters of Ceremonies visiting DeMolay Chapters or Rainbow Assemblies in an official capacity are to be attired in formal tails, white pointed pique-style tuxedo shirts, white pique-style bow ties, white pique-style vests, white gloves, black shoes, apron and jewels. When visiting in an unofficial capacity they are to be attired in a tuxedo or the Grand Lodge Blazer, white shirt, black pants and Masonic tie with Apron and Jewels.

APRON AND JEWELS

Apron and Jewels are to be worn at (i) all tiled lodges, both inside and outside this Jurisdiction, including the Grand Lodge Annual and Semi-Annual Communications; (ii) Table Lodges; (iii) Masonic Funerals and Memorials; (iv) DeMolay Chapter and Rainbow Assembly meetings; and (v) religious services.

TRAVELING JEWELS

The small Square, Level and Plumb (traveling jewels) fashioned to be worn suspended from the blazer pocket, may be worn when visiting another lodge or at a social function, if it is deemed appropriate. Traveling Jewels should not be worn when a Worshipful Master or Warden is wearing his official collar and jewel.

FRATERNAL JEWELRY

Wearing Masonic pins on clothing is an appropriate expression of pride in the Fraternity, however, let prudence dictate the number of pins worn on business suits or formal attire. A maximum of two pins is strongly recommended.

MEETING AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS PROTOCOL

INTRODUCTIONS AND SPEECHES

The order of recognition and introduction of attendees for meetings, visitations and social affairs is detailed below. Normally, only the District Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master, if present, are called upon to speak. The only exception should be news items or events in other lodges or groups. On the occasion of an official visitation, there should be no reintroductions. With respect to Lodge Meetings, Grand Master Visitations and Social Affairs, the Grand Master will always be the last to speak.

- A. Lodge Meetings and District Deputy Grand Master Official Visitations
 - 1. Visitors from other lodges and districts
 - 2. Visiting officers from Concordant Bodies
 - 3. Visiting officers from Symbolic Lodges in order of lodge seniority
 - 4. Grand Lodge officers beginning with the lowest to the highest
- B. Grand Master's Official Visitation to the Districts and his Mother Lodge
 - 1. Visitors from other lodges and districts
 - 2. Visiting officers from Concordant bodies
 - 3. Visiting officers from Symbolic Lodges in order of lodge seniority
 - 4. The Grand Master will request Grand Lodge Officers, except Grand Council, to arise and be recognized in manner as he may deem appropriate
 - 5. The Grand Master will introduce Past Grand Masters and Grand Council individually
 - 6. The Grand Master will request anyone he desires to comment to the lodge on subjects specifically needing to be addressed when they are recognized
- C. Social Affairs
 - 1. Order of recognition is the same as in the lodge meeting
 - 2. The principal speaker of the evening is introduced last
 - 3. Seating arrangement at a head table is as shown below:

AUDIENCE			
<u>Front of Head Table</u>			
Host District Deputy Grand Master	Principal Speaker	Master	Grand Master
&	&	&	&
Lady	Lady	Lady	Lady
<u>Center of Table</u>			

Notes:

- i. Other officers are seated at the discretion of the Master

- ii. Ladies are seated to the right of their escort and are introduced with them except for the lady of the principal speaker
- iii. If the Master is the Toastmaster, the Master's lady is introduced just before the principal speaker

LODGE PROTOCOL

RITUAL

A Worshipful Master of a lodge must use the full form of opening and closing in the ritual. No Ciphers, Trestle Boards or notes regarding the ritual are to be in use during lodge openings, closings or degree work, except by a designated prompter. Whenever an officer is unable to deliver a specific lecture properly during degree work, he will be replaced on that occasion by a qualified substitute who must be approved by the Worshipful Master.

The position of Master of Ceremonies or Ritual Advisor will be included with the list of officers given to the installing officer at the lodge annual and will appear on the list of officers printed in the monthly trestle board. Those lodges that do not have a Master of Ceremonies or Ritual Advisor will be required to secure an officer(s) to cover this position.

ASSISTANCE WITH RITUAL

The Assistant Grand Lecturers are ready and willing to lend assistance to the lodge, whenever it is possible. Each Assistant Grand Lecturer will commit the Annual Prologue to memory and be ready to give it, if necessary. The Assistant Grand Lecturers are required to attend all lodge rehearsals, lodge communications, degree work and visitations to their appointed lodges. As such, the Assistant Grand Lecturer of each lodge is to be notified in writing of the date, time and place of all officer's rehearsals and lodge communications. The Assistant Grand Lecturer is to be put on the mailing list of each lodge for which he is responsible and is to receive all lodge notices.

The Assistant Grand Lecturer will strongly recommend to the Worshipful Master that sub-standard ritual work be stopped and rescheduled, whether during a rehearsal or actual degree. In that case, the Grand Lecturer and the District Deputy Grand Master of that district shall be notified. If Ritual Work is not being conducted correctly, monthly reports of that work will be submitted to the Grand Lecturer, without exception. Any further appeal can be made to the Junior Grand Warden.

READING OF LODGE MINUTES

At no time should the Secretary's minutes be omitted or completely abbreviated. One exception, however, will be when there is a Semi-Public Installation and the officers and/or members of that lodge have retired prior to the closing by the District Deputy Grand Master. Other times are at the discretion of the District Deputy Grand Master or Grand Master.

The phrase "shall I read them Worshipful Master" is not to be included in the reading of the minutes by the Secretary. This phrase usually pertains to lists of officer's present, correspondence, bills, counts and Grand Lodge Officer names. The spirit of the minutes is to give a recap of the evenings events not to specifically re-read each bill, correspondence and

other list. As an example, in the case of the bills of the lodge, a total of the bills would be sufficient. Other examples would be: "officers in attendance is listed" or "Grand Lodge Officers where read". The Secretary may read the minutes in full form or omit such things as listed above without asking the Worshipful Master for permission. The Worshipful Master has the option at the end of the reading to ask for clarification, if needed.

SIGN OF FIDELITY

In lodge, the Sign of Fidelity is given during prayer, flag ceremonies (veterans may give hand salute), eulogies (memorials) and work at the Altar. It is also to be given during grace/prayer at meals and refreshment. The cupped right-hand with fingers closed over the heart is correct. Hats, gavels, batons, etc. should be held in the left hand during Fidelity.

FLAG PROTOCOL

The national flag is to be carried and held vertical at all times, room height permitting. In addition, the flag bearer and honor guard, if used, shall remain silent and not give the sign of Fidelity during the Pledge of Allegiance or the singing of the national anthem. The national flag never dips, but all moving flags will dip during presentation.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Every lodge should have a committee composed of several of its members to greet all guests before each lodge function so that each guest feels welcome. We are a fraternity of brotherly love and it should be shown at all times.

VISITATION PROGRAM

There are many members whose only contact with their lodge is their monthly notice and for one reason or another do not come to meetings. To encourage participation and lodge attendance, a visitation program will be instituted by each lodge. The Worshipful Master of each lodge shall appoint a visitation committee of members and/or officers to personally contact each inactive member (where distance permits) and invite them to come to a lodge meeting.

In addition, the Worshipful Master will ensure members of the visitation committee visit Brothers who are sick, in nursing home facilities or shut-in on a regular basis. A Sick and Shut-In Report shall be emailed to Grand Lodge monthly and should be completed by a member of the committee (not the lodge secretary).

NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

No member is to be dropped for nonpayment of dues (NPD) without a full investigation by the lodge. The Worshipful Master will appoint a committee to ascertain the reason that a Brother is not paying his member dues. Personal contact by the investigators with each member living in the state is mandatory. An investigation form, found on the Grand Lodge web site, must be completed and returned to Grand Lodge promptly after the completion of the investigation. All reports are held in strict confidence. All NPD must receive prior approval from the Grand Master.

PROXIES AT GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATIONS

Lodges in this Jurisdiction that do not have at least a Master and a Warden or a proxy for one of them (but not both) in attendance at a Grand Lodge Communication may forfeit the privilege of receiving dispensations from the Grand Master until the next Annual or Semi-Annual Communication. All outstanding dispensations issued prior to the imposition of this penalty may be revoked at the discretion of the Grand Master.

Protocol for Virtual Meetings

CALL FOR A VIRTUAL MEETING

An emergent situation must exist which prevents the Lodge from meeting in-person. In such event, the Lodge must request prior, proper dispensation from Grand Lodge. A notice, in accordance with the bylaws of the lodge and Constitution of the Grand Lodge, of a virtual meeting must be given to all Lodge members about the date, time, and nature of the meeting. The notice must contain the link and/or password necessary to attend the virtual meeting or provide a way of obtaining this information.

VIRTUAL MEETING PLATFORM (SOFTWARE) REQUIREMENTS

The chosen virtual meeting platform (Zoom, MS Teams, GoToMeeting, etc.) must provide both video and audio feeds from each participant and provide a waiting room where attendees are held for approval prior to entering the meeting environment. It must be reasonable to assume it is a secure platform to hold a meeting (i.e. it must be a reputable and accepted software platform).

MEMBER REQUIREMENTS TO ATTEND AND REMAIN IN A VIRTUAL MEETING

“Best Practice” and/or “Preferred Protocol” shall be that members sign into the meeting 10 to 15 minutes prior to the meetings published start time so they can socialize, help each other with any technical issues, and allow adequate time for the host to verify them prior to the start of the meeting. If it helps, think of it as the “virtual dinner” before the meeting. This advance time shall be used by the host to correct and/or remove any members not properly vetted, dressed, etc. prior to the official start of the meeting.

Proper lodge etiquette for attire must be followed. This includes wearing an apron, tie and jacket. It excludes wearing of officer jewels. Officer jewels shall be optional as some lodges may not feel comfortable with members taking lodge jewels home or may not be able to distribute them to all appropriate officers.

All members must have a functioning video feed at all times during the time the meeting shall be open.

The video feed will be used to verifying the member’s identity and confirm they are in a reasonably secure location (e.g. attending a meeting from the local coffee shop, or while out shopping is not acceptable)

Virtual backgrounds shall not be permitted in any manner.

Members shall not turn off or darken their video feed unless the meeting is in recess.

Members must use their proper names as their screen name so they can be easily recognized. Nicknames, internet handles, and the like are not be acceptable and must be corrected or rejected by the meeting host.

“Best Practice” shall be to use any proper titles and/or lodge name and number to make it easier for the host to count and record those present at the meeting and verify identities through GrandView, if required.

VIRTUAL MEETING CONDUCT

Virtual meetings should be treated with the solemnity they deserve and shall operate in the same manner as a in-person Masonic Lodge meeting, unless specifically noted otherwise in the appropriate approved ritual. All Brethren in the meeting shall attest, on their honor, that they are properly tiling their location. This should be monitored by all in the meeting with any concerns sent as a private message to the host and/or the Worshipful Master.

The lodge must use the Virtual Masonic Lodge ritual as approved by the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

The meeting should follow the standard agenda set forth for lodge meetings. The Brethren shall perform the pledge of allegiance per the Grand Lodge Constitution; during the pledge of allegiance an image of the American flag shall be screen shared to the meeting.

No eating or drinking shall be allowed during the meeting. No talking out of turn while in a meeting. If attention is required by a particular member, a chat message may be sent to the Host or the Worshipful Master during the meeting.

If needed, an image of the Great Lights can be screen shared to the meeting to signify to the Brethren that the lodge has been officially opened. Alternately, and if possible, a photograph of the open lights on the altar of any specific lodge may be shared while the Lodge is open to further personalize the experience for a particular Lodge.

If desired, the Junior Warden, Senior Warden, and Worshipful Master may light real candles in their particular locations to further enhance the Lodge experience. This should be determined in advance of the meeting and practiced prior to the start of the meeting.

All microphones should be muted by the host when the meeting starts. Individual members should still have the ability to turn their microphones on and off, as needed, when recognized to speak by the Worshipful Master.

The Grand Master must always be immediately let into any meeting. He shall be announced by the host with his full title (The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Brother [insert name]) and the Worshipful Master shall proceed in leading public grand honors. Then following the regular lodge meeting protocol, the Worshipful Master shall virtually present the gavel of the lodge to the GM by affording him a moment to speak as he sees fit.

District Deputy Grand Masters should be announced in a similar fashion to the above when entering any meeting in the district they govern. Then following the regular lodge protocol, the WM shall virtually present the gavel of the lodge to the District Deputy Grand Master by affording him a moment to speak as he sees fit.

Grand Lodge officers present should be recorded as usual in the minutes of the meeting but only the GM, Grand Council and District Deputy Grand Masters should be recognized at the proper time during the meeting and given a moment to address the brethren, as is proper for their respective station. Meeting minutes shall be read prior to the closing of the lodge

meeting. Completed meeting minutes must be sent to the District Deputy Grand Master as per usual protocol.

MOTIONS AND VOTING

Any business requiring a vote of the lodge that is not imperative to lodge operation, or in some other manner time sensitive, should be tabled until such time as the lodge can meet in the usual, non-virtual manner.

For matters imperative to lodge operation, the following protocol should be followed. If a motion is raised and seconded before the lodge, voting shall be conducted by negative ballot. This means that all opposing votes shall be called for and cast first. If no opposing votes are cast, or a notably smaller than majority quantity of negative votes are cast, the motion shall pass.

If "nay" votes are cast, an official count of how many negative votes are cast will be taken. If necessary, a full vote tally shall be taken by the Secretary and the motion shall pass or fail per the requirements of the Bylaws of the Lodge and the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

If a secret ballot of the lodge is required, due notice shall be sent to the membership via the normal communication channels, as required in the lodge by-laws, and at least three (3) weeks prior to the stated virtual meeting in which such vote shall be recorded. The notice must state, in full, the motion. The notice must also state that if any member disagrees or wishes to cast a negative vote (black ball), he shall inform the respective District Deputy Grand Master either by phone or email of their objection. The notification must include the District Deputy Grand Master's name, phone number, and email address for ease of communication.

The District Deputy Grand Master shall tally all votes received prior to midnight on the day before the stated virtual meeting (e.g., all votes cast prior to 12:00 a.m. on Sunday before a meeting to be held Monday night), and on the day before the meeting, shall inform the Worshipful Master and Secretary of the lodge of the total number of negative votes received.

In cases where a unanimous vote is required, such as candidate voting, the District Deputy Grand Master need only inform the Worshipful Master and Secretary whether the ballot was clear.

At the virtual meeting, the results of the balloting will be announced, recorded, and the motion will then proceed in the usual manner in accordance with the bylaws and constitutions of the craft.

MASONIC EDUCATION, FORUMS AND WORKSHOPS

MASONIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND GUEST SPEAKERS

The Director of Masonic Education is responsible for Masonic Education throughout our Jurisdiction. It is important to ensure every program conducted in our Jurisdiction and each guest speaker are consistent with the Education Committee's goals and objectives for any given year. It is protocol that all Masonic education programs and guest speakers are approved by the Director of Masonic Education in advance. The lights should not be disarranged if the Lodge is called to refreshment.

FORUMS FOR CANDIDATES

Attendance at Forums is required by General Regulations, Article V, Section 2.5.3, which states:

It shall be the duty of the Worshipful Master of each Constituent Lodge to see that the candidate(s) of his lodge are present to receive such instruction in the three degrees, unless excused by him for good reasons, in which case it shall be his duty to see that such candidate(s) receive the required instruction.

Candidate Forum Cards must be signed and presented to the Secretary before a candidate is allowed to proceed. The Worshipful Master of the lodge will see that an officer or lodge member attends the Forum with the candidate(s). The Worshipful Master is ultimately responsible for the candidate's attendance and will be answerable to the Grand Master for failure to do so. If you experience difficulty, the Director of Forums or the Director of Masonic Education should be contacted, and provisions will be made to hold a special forum. All candidates are required to RSVP to attend.

OFFICER FORUMS

The Grand Lodge Director of Masonic Education will schedule three (3) Officer Forums by the Annual Communication. All line officers are expected to attend each forum. District Deputy Grand Masters are required to submit a date to the Director of Masonic Education for the Officer Forums in his district which will take place during one District Deputy Grand Masters' Visitation.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOPS

The Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and Senior Deacon (top four-line officers) of each lodge in this Jurisdiction must attend Leadership Training Workshops once during each year while in each chair. Officers will not be allowed to progress to the next chair without having attended leadership training, with a minimum of three (3) years of leadership training starting in 2020. Special circumstances, upon written request, will be reviewed by the Grand Master.

EVENTS AND CEREMONIES

TABLE LODGES

Requests for Table Lodges. All Table Lodges require the prior approval of the Grand Master, at his sole discretion. Lodge Secretaries must submit a written request for a Table Lodge to the Junior Grand Warden and the District Deputy Grand Master at least 45 days in advance of the proposed date to obtain initial approval. Upon obtaining the initial approval of the proposed date by the Junior Grand Warden and District Deputy Grand Master, the request for a Table Lodge dispensation is to be made by the Secretary of the lodge to the Grand Secretary, at least 30 days prior to the proposed event. The Grand Secretary will transmit the request to the Grand Master for his approval. Late requests are justification for denial by the Grand Master. Themed or special table lodges require prior approval and special dispensation from the Grand Master.

Protocol for Table Lodges. A Table Lodge is a tiled lodge. The Charter of the lodge must be present at any Table Lodge. The Junior Grand Warden (or the Grand Master's appointee) must

supervise a Table Lodge and the Worshipful Master of the lodge will be held responsible for proper conduct throughout. Proper dress, behavior and decorum must be maintained during a Table Lodge. Only Masons will be allowed admission to the Table Lodge and to serve as waiters.

Table Lodges require rehearsals. The Worshipful Master of the host lodge is responsible for holding the required rehearsals and ensuring that the Wardens are trained and knowledgeable of Table Lodge ritual and procedures.

The Worshipful Master of the host lodge will propose all toasts, except the toast to the Worshipful Master which will be proposed by the Wardens. Just prior to each toast, the waiters will charge the toast glasses only to the level specified by the Junior Grand Warden. The waiters are to make certain that the bottles of wine are not placed on the dining tables at any time and are returned to the side table(s) under their supervision. An eighth toast may be proposed by the Worshipful Master, however, only the Master or his designee may give the eighth toast. The Junior Grand Warden or his appointee must approve the eighth toast.

FIFTY-YEAR SERVICE MEDALS

It is imperative that Fifty-Year Service Medals be distributed as soon as the recipient becomes eligible. Eligibility occur on January 1 of the year during which the Brother will attain Fifty-Year veteran's status. The Brother's dues must have been paid for the eligibility year with no break in service of five years or more, as required by the Constitution.

District Deputy Grand Masters will notify the Worshipful Master of each lodge when medals are in their possession. The responsibility of ensuring a timely distribution rests cooperatively between (but primarily with) the District Deputy Grand Master and the Worshipful Master. Delivery of the medal to the Brother by one or both should occur promptly and then reported to the Grand Secretary. If necessary, another Grand Lodge officer may present the medal. While the Brother may be encouraged to receive his award in a lodge, his personal situation may dictate otherwise. In any event, get the medal to the recipient as soon as it is possible. If the Grand Master is present, he will make the presentation. If a medal is not presented to the Brother by April 1, it must be promptly returned to the Grand Secretary.

LEWIS JEWEL

The Grand Master has approved the Lewis Jewel to be worn in this Jurisdiction. A Lewis Jewel is a pocket jewel, only to be worn by the son of a Master Mason, to honor his father who was a Mason before him. It is a special honor signifying the Masonic progression within a family. The Lewis Jewel is only available upon proper application to Grand Lodge. Awarding of the Lewis Jewel will be presented at official Grand Master's Visitations to the districts.

GRAND MASTER'S AWARD PROGRAM

The Grand Master's Award Program is offered to those lodges that wish to receive a special award for the activities and programs accomplished during the Masonic year. The award is granted for accomplishment of programs spelled out in the Grand Master's Award Program, copies of which each District Deputy Grand Master will have available. It is the newly installed Worshipful Master's choice to participate in the program. The incoming Worshipful Master will have up to 30 days after his installation to inform the District Deputy Grand Master of his desire.

No award may be given unless eligibility qualification includes issuance of a Master's Certificate. Should the award period encompass the terms of two Masters, the outgoing Master must be certificate eligible.

MASONIC MEMORIAL SERVICE

The request for a Masonic Memorial Service is ever present and every lodge must be ready to fulfill this obligation for a departed Brother. While it is not expected that a Memorial Service be put to memory, it is expected to be studied and rehearsed by the Worshipful Master and his officers prior to any ceremony. To assure a dignified ceremony at the funeral home, the Worshipful Master and his line officers will hold sufficient rehearsals to perform a dignified and impressive service. If there is ever a time when we should make a fine impression, it is when a Memorial Service is being performed for a departed Brother.

Each Assistant Grand Lecturer is required to hold a Memorial Service rehearsal in each lodge. The rehearsal will be documented on the Assistant Grand Lecturer's Monthly Report to the Grand Lecturer. The Grand Lecturer will also inform the District Deputy Grand Master the date on which the rehearsal took place.

Aprons and Jewels are the appropriate attire at all Masonic Memorial Services by all attending Brethren. The Worshipful Master and Lodge officers performing the Memorial Service are to wear black tuxedos, Aprons and Jewels. All other Brethren attending the Memorial Service are to wear a dark business suit (or Grand Lodge Blazer, white shirt, black pants and Masonic tie). If the Grand Master is present and appropriately dressed, he will join the presiding officers in the Memorial Service.

Appendix

STANDING ORDER No. 50: *Order of Procession*

The order of procession for ceremonial occasions other than those specifically laid down in the Trestle-Board is as follows:

Grand Marshal in Charge
Grand Standard Bearer
Grand Tyler
Grand Stewards with rods
Master Masons
Past Masters
Present Masters
Grand Masters of Ceremonies

Grand Musical Director
Grand Curator/Librarian
Director of Forums

Grand Pursuivant
Grand Historian
Director of Masonic Education

Assistant Grand Lecturers
Grand Lecturer
Associate Grand Chaplains
Grand Chaplain

Southern District Deputy
Northern District Deputy

Central District Deputy
East Bay District Deputy

Metro District Deputy
Past Grand Marshalls
Past Grand Masters

Grand Secretary

Grand Treasurer

Past Grand Masters

Junior Grand Warden

Senior Grand Warden

Deputy Grand Master

Master of Oldest Lodge Bearing the Book of Constitutions
The Grand Master supported by the Grand Deacons with rods
On the left, Junior Grand Deacon; On the right, Senior Grand Deacon
In Rear, Grand Sword Bearer with drawn sword
A receiving committee will take position immediately in rear of Stewards

Grand Council Chain of Command

If the Grand Master is out of town and unavailable, direct all questions and problems to the Deputy Grand Master. If the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master are both unavailable, direct all questions and problems to the Senior Grand Warden, then to the Junior Grand Warden, then to the Grand Treasurer and then to the Grand Secretary.

District Deputy Grand Masters will direct all questions and problems to the Junior Grand Warden, who will contact the Grand Master if he deems it necessary.

The Grand Lecturer will handle all questions and problems having to do with ritual in our Grand Jurisdiction. Any questions or concerns regarding ritual from subordinate lodges should be directed to the Assistant Grand Lecturers assigned to their lodges. The Assistant Grand Lecturer will contact the Grand Lecturer with any of their concerns. If the Grand Lecturer deems it necessary, he will contact the Grand Master.

Encourage your lodge members to use the chain of command. This will facilitate solving problems that may arise during the year. If lodge members contact the Grand Master directly, the Grand Master will listen to their concerns but will forward them back to the appropriate officer before any actions will be taken.

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Grand Council-Chain of Command

