

- c. Disposition of all charges of Un-Masonic Conduct accepted by a Lodge against any Mason within this Jurisdiction; and **Rev. 2009**
 - d. Disposition of all charges preferred against the Master of a Lodge during his incumbency or against a Past Master for official misconduct during his term of office.
- B. Appellate power embraces the review and disposition of all matters of controversy proper for Masonic investigation that have arisen in any of the Lodges or the result of the action of a Grand Master's Trial Committee. **Rev. 2009**

Sec. 1.05 Const.

Divisions of Masonic Law. The action of Freemasons in the Grand Lodge and in their Lodges and in their individual capacity is regulated and controlled by the Masonic Law consisting of:

- 1. The moral law - our obligations, charges and rituals.
- 2. The common law of Masonry, which is the Immemorial Law and includes the Ancient Landmarks.
- 3. The written law of Masonry, which includes:
 - A. Constitutions; and
 - B. General and specific laws, rules, edicts, resolutions and By-Laws enacted by competent authority.
- 4. Usages and customs of Masonry:
 - A. Usages which are those practices and modes of behavior of Brethren, individually and collectively, in Grand Lodge and in Lodges and toward each other, long observed in this Jurisdiction by voluntary assent; and
 - B. Customs that are usages of such universality and antiquity as to have acquired the force and effect of law.

Sec. 1.06 Const.

Constitutions. Constitutions are those written compacts or laws enacted by Freemasons for the government of Grand Lodge and Lodges and their members - including fundamental provisions, constitutionally adopted, that are intended to be permanent in their character.

Sec. 1.07 Const.

Grand Lodge By-Laws. By-Laws are those enactments adopted by the Grand Lodge for the regulation of its internal affairs and its dealings with other Jurisdictions, and for the government of its members.

Sec. 1.08 B.L.

Washington Masonic Code. The codification of the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Washington shall be known as the Washington Masonic Code.

Sec. 1.09 B.L.

Recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges. The basis of recognition for a foreign Grand Lodge shall be that such Grand Body:

1. Shall have been legally formed by at least three regularly Constituted Lodges, or chartered by some legally authorized body of Masons to act as a Grand Lodge,
2. Is self-governing, responsible and independent, with undisputed authority over its Symbolic Lodges conferring the first three Degrees of Freemasonry; and not subject to or holding divided Jurisdiction with a Supreme Council or any other claiming to have ritualistic control over the Symbolic Degrees,
3. Requires that the membership of the Symbolic Lodges under its Jurisdiction shall be composed of men only,
4. Requires that each candidate for the Degrees of Masonry, shall express a belief in a Supreme Being,
5. Requires of its Constituent Lodges a strict adherence to the Ancient Landmarks, Customs and Usages of the Craft, as set forth in the Constitution adopted by the Grand Lodge of England in 1723, except insofar as they have been modified since that date by the United Grand Lodge of England or by this Grand Body,
6. Shall have no Masonic relations of any kind with mixed Lodges or Bodies which admit women to membership,
7. Obligates its initiates on a book of Sacred Law,
8. Prohibits the discussion within the Lodge Room of any and all religious or sectarian doctrines, or any political subjects; and
9. Requires that when at work, in either Grand or Constituent Lodges, there shall be displayed the Three Great Lights of Masonry.

Sec. 1.10 B.L.

Seal. The seal of the Grand Lodge shall be as follows:



(W.M.C. 1913. Sec. 41.)

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Sec. 3.01 Const.

Grand Master's Powers. The Grand Master has power to:

1. Convene any Lodge within the Jurisdiction, preside therein, inspect its proceedings, and require its conformity to Masonic rules,
2. Depose any officer of a Lodge from the functions of his office for just cause and to arrest the charter of any Lodge for dereliction of duty or other Un-Masonic conduct, until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, when he shall present in writing the reasons for such deposition or arrest,
3. Suspend, for a definite or indefinite time, any Brother from the rights and privileges of Masonry for Un-Masonic Conduct. **Rev. 2009**
4. Grant dispensations:
 - A. To a Lodge for an election to fill the three vacancies when the offices of the Master and Wardens become vacant all at the same time,
 - B. For a Lodge to elect its officers when the Lodge shall have failed to hold its election at the proper time,
 - C. For a new Lodge, under the restrictions of the Constitution; and
 - D. For other purposes as may be requested in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge.
5. Appoint such officers and committees as may be authorized under the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge. He may act as ex-officio chairman of any committee so appointed,
6. Require the attendance of and information from any Grand Officer respecting his office,
7. Authorize Grand Lodge Committees to meet while Grand Lodge is actually in session,
8. Appoint Representatives of this Grand Lodge near other Grand Lodges and to receive and accredit Representatives of other recognized Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge,
9. Sell, convey, or relinquish interest in and to real property and manage the Grand Lodge assets in cooperation with the Grand Secretary and with approval of the Committee on Finance,
10. Draw from the Charity Fund, in cooperation with the Committee on Charity, for the relief of worthy applicants and for the emergency relief of distressed Masons following an extraordinary calamity,
11. Do such other things as are inherent in and pertain to his office, in accordance with Ancient Usage and not in conflict with this Constitution; and
12. To call a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of allowing a Constituent Lodge or Lodges to complete unfinished Degree work or to confer Degrees as provided in Sec.20.01 (5). **Rev.2000**

Sec. 3.02 Const.

Grand Master's Duties. It is the duty of the Grand Master to:

1. Preside in the Grand Lodge,
2. Present at each Annual Communication a written message, setting forth his official acts during the year, exhibiting the general condition of Masonry within the Jurisdiction, and recommending such legislation as he may deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the fraternity,

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