

# THE HOLY ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD OF MANITOBA

## BY-LAWS



The Holy Order of the High Priesthood of Manitoba was" formally recognized in April 1983" by and comes under the Constitution and General Regulations for the Government of the Order of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba.

1. The organization of the Holy Order of High Priesthood is known as the Grand Council and the name of this Grand Council is The Grand Council of the Holy Order of High Priesthood of Manitoba.
2. Jurisdiction and Powers:

The sole power of Government, control and superintendence of all matters relative to the Order of High Priesthood, including all Grand Convocations of Anointed High Priests, Conventions of Anointed High Priests and Companions of the Order in the Province of Manitoba is vested in this Grand Council.
3. Membership:

No one is entitled to receive this Order of High Priesthood except a Present or Past First Principal  
Any member in good standing in another Grand Council may become an honorary member of the Grand Council by a motion of those present at the annual communication.
4. Officers:

In this Grand Council, the Officers are those of a Convention of Anointed High Priests, being:

  1. Most Excellent President
  2. Excellent Vice President
  3. Excellent Chaplain
  4. Excellent Treasurer
  5. Excellent Recorder

6. Excellent Master of Ceremonies
7. Excellent Conductor
8. Excellent Herald
9. Excellent Steward
10. Excellent Sentinel

The President shall be addressed as Most Excellent President; The other Officers and Members as Excellent Companions.

5. Election of Officers:

The Most Excellent President shall be elected annually at the Annual Convention of the Order, the remaining Officers to be appointed by him.

Executive Council:

6. There shall be an Executive Council which shall consist of: the Most Excellent President, the Excellent Vice President, the Excellent Chaplain, the Excellent Treasurer, the Excellent Recorder and all Past Most Excellent Presidents.

7. Duties of Officers:

In addition to the duties required by the ritual, Officers will carry out any additional duties allocated to them by the Executive Council.

6. Meetings:

The Grand Convocation of Anointed High Priests meets annually at such time and place as may be prescribed by law, normally at the time and venue of the Annual Convocation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons 'of Manitoba.

Special meetings may be held at such time and place as may be designated by the Most Excellent President.

7. Fees:

Fees will be established as per the approved annual budget and will include the High Priesthood Bible, Companion's Jewel and a payment receipt.

10. Ritual:

The ritual of the order of High Priesthood shall be that prepared for the use of the Grand Convocation of Anointed High Priests of Manitoba, at the time of institution, and in use thereafter.

Candidates receiving the Order are said to be Anointed, Consecrated and Set Apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

11. Visitors:

Any member in good standing in another Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood may visit any convention of this Grand Council.

12. The Amendment (addition) to the Constitution and General Regulations for the Government of the Order of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba is included in and notwithstanding there may be repetition with these Regulations, and without limiting its generality, forms part of this Constitution.

13. Liaison:

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of Manitoba will keep a direct liaison with The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch. Masons of Manitoba said liaison to be maintained through the President of the Order, or such Office or Officer, as the Executive of the Grand Chapter may from time to time designate.

14. Amendment(s):

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting at an annual convention of the Order, provided that the amendment has been proposed at the previous annual convention.

15. Composition

Subject to the provisions of its constitution, the membership of the Order is composed of those Companions, who have been duly installed as First Principal of a Regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

16. Inherent Power and Authority

The Order has an adopted constitution and operates under the autonomy of this and its own Ritual and brief regulations, but maintains a direct liaison with the Grand Chapter of Manitoba.

The liaison between the Grand Chapter and the Order is maintained through the President of the Order, or such Office or Officer, as the Executive of the Grand Chapter may from time to time designate.

The Grand Chapter, through the Office of the Grand Scribe E, receives the funds derived from fees, and other sources, and/or an accounting therefore, obtains supplies, as requisitioned by the Order, promulgates notice of its annual meetings, which in turn may be inserted in Constituent Chapter summons, and publishes record of the meetings of the Order in the Grand Chapter Proceedings, and, in general, the Grand Chapter recognizes the

importance of maintaining and conferring the Degree of this Ancient and Honourable Order within this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Order normally meets annually, at the time of the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter but has provision in its own constitution for the holding of Special Meeting.

These By-Laws formally adopted on April 25<sup>th</sup> 2014.

