

Grand Superintendents instruction

Grand Chapter has never done its duty by the Grand Superintendents. They have been elected by their respective districts, approved by the Grand First Principal and then sent out with no instruction whatever. The result is obvious. Many are poorly equipped for their work, have never seen it performed except in their own Chapters, and then it was not given accurately. The result is lack of uniformity, to which I have already referred. The Grand Lecturer, under the instruction of the Grand Z., should instruct all those elected to that office at the Annual Convocation in our work and ceremonies and in Masonic jurisprudence and the Constitution before they are approved by the Grand Z. Those who are not present, and except in case good reason is given, no one who, is absent, should be approved by the Grand Z. Further, the Grand First Principal should not approve those who are absent, with a good excuse, until they have been examined by a properly qualified Companion as to their duties. This would help to a certain extent. It is commendable for a Companion to desire the rank of Grand Superintendent; but unless he is properly qualified he should not be entitled to such, or seek the office. It makes the office a farce when an unqualified Companion takes upon himself duties which he is unable or unwilling to perform. It is not calculated to enhance the Royal Craft in the eyes of the young Companion, especially.

Sources:

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