



THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA  
in the Province of Ontario

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Companions, the following policies are a reminder of the temporary procedures to be followed until we are able to meet again in person. Once we are able to meet in person, we must revert back to the policies and procedures for conducting our business as laid out in the Constitution.

In following these temporary policies the paramount concern is that **EVERY MEMBER** of the Chapter still has the opportunity to cast a vote on any business items that arise.

### **Demits:**

The policy already in place for the processing of demits will remain in effect. That policy is stated as follows:

All demits must be processed in accordance with Section 86 of the Constitution.

If the member requesting a demit is not up to date in his dues, the Scribe Ezra will place his name in the next summons and include a ballot for the Companions to return by mail expressing their approval or non-approval of the request. Their vote must be returned to the Scribe Ezra prior to the following meeting so their choice may be recorded or they may vote at the virtual meeting of the Chapter. Those members receiving their summons by email will either submit their vote to the Scribe Ezra before the next meeting by email or attend the virtual meeting. The Scribe Ezra will then read out the names(s) of those members whose demit has been approved at the next meeting of the Chapter. For Example; a request is received by the Scribe Ezra and is placed in the summons for the October meeting. The Companions would have to submit their vote to the Scribe Ezra by the November meeting. The Scribe Ezra would then announce the results of the vote at the December meeting.

### **Suspensions:**

The policy outlined in Sections 88 and 89 of the Constitution are still in effect.

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### **Restoration of a Member:**

The policy outlined in the Constitution in Sections 87 and 88 are still in effect but the ballot must be processed as stated in the section above regarding demits.

It is important to apply the steps outlined for voting on demits will also apply to the following actions of the Chapter; Amalgamations, Voluntary Surrender of a Warrant and By-Law Amendments.

Fraternally,

M.Ex.Comp. Richard Jackson  
Grand Scribe Ezra  
On behalf of  
M.Ex.Comp. Alan Donovan  
Grand First Principal