

RULES OF ORDER OF GRAND CHAPTER

Rule 1. When Grand Chapter shall have assembled, the Committee on Credentials shall make its Preliminary Report and, if sufficient number of Chapters are represented, Grand Chapter shall be opened.

Rule 2. After the reception of the Preliminary Report on Credentials, the Proceedings of the preceding Convocation shall be read by the Grand Secretary, unless such reading be dispensed with; the Report of the Grand High Priest and reports of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Lecturer and Department Grand Officers shall then be presented in the order here named and referred to the proper Committees.

Rule 3. After the business of the Convocation is thus begun, the regular order for each session, during its continuance, shall be as follows:

Rule 4. All reports submitted, all petitions, memorial and appeals presented and all motions or resolutions shall be in writing and shall be read before any action is taken thereon.

Rule 5. A motion to reconsider shall not be entertained, unless made during the session when the question proposed to be reconsidered was decided nor unless such motion is made by one who voted with the majority upon that question.

Rule 6. When a day and hour shall have been set for the election of Grand Officers, such election shall at that time take precedence of all other business, unless Grand Chapter by a two-thirds (2/3) vote shall otherwise direct.

Rule 7. Any proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be referred to the committee on Capitular Jurisprudence which shall report thereon before a vote is taken. When the report of the committee or Committees to whom the amendment may have been referred is presented, the vote shall be taken on the amendment and not on the report or reports of the committees.

Rule 8. Business of every kind shall be referred to and reported upon by a committee before it may be finally acted upon, unless by unanimous consent, and, whenever referred to more than one committee, all such committees shall report thereon before any vote shall be taken. When the report of the Committee or Committees is presented, the vote shall be taken. When the report of the Committee or Committees is presented, the vote shall be on the business as originally presented and not on the report or reports of the Committees.

Rule 9. There is no appeal from any decision of the Chair.

Rule 10. These Rules shall be suspended only by unanimous consent but may, at any time, be amended by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and entitled to vote.