

The Masonic Order of Athelstan  
In England, Wales and its Provinces Overseas



# Statutes

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# THE STATUTES OF THE MASONIC ORDER OF ATHELSTAN

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### **TITLE, ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVES AND ABBREVIATIONS**

1. The title of the Order is "The Masonic Order of Athelstan in England, Wales and its Provinces Overseas" ("The Order") with the following abbreviations acceptable in common use: "The Order of Athelstan" or "Order of Athelstan".

### **ORDERS MOTO**

2. The motto of the Order is "Honor Virtutis Praemium", translated as "Honour is the reward for virtue".

### **INSIGNIA**

3. The insignia of the Order has as its main feature the enthroned figure of King Athelstan. He is cloaked in a scarlet mantle and shown holding a jewelled sword. The undergarment is in green to illustrate the two colours (red and green) adopted by the Order. Athelstan holds the royal sceptre in his left hand. Athelstan on his throne is placed between two Ionic columns representing 'Wisdom'; surmounted by the Holy Royal Arch decorated with a denticulated border and rests on the Mosaic pavement.

### **UGLE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS**

4. The Order takes as its basis the Book of Constitutions of the United Grand Lodge of England.

### **INVITATIONAL NATURE OF THE ORDER**

5. Membership of the Order is strictly invitational and all candidates for Instruction must have been previously invited to join after a suitable process adopted by each Province has taken place.

### **GRAND COURT**

6. The supreme governing body of the Order shall be called the "The Grand Court of the Masonic Order of Athelstan in England, Wales and its Provinces Overseas" and shall consist of the Present and Past Grand Officers, Present and Past Masters, Wardens and Eminent Priors of Courts who shall be subscribing members of their respective Courts. This supreme body shall be known as and for the purposes of these Statutes, shall be referred to as the Grand Court.
7. The Grand Court claims the authority to confer the degree of Court Master Mason, together with the installation ceremony of an Eminent Prior and Worshipful Master. Also, to confer any other degree or ritual as may be within its possession.
8. An Assembly of Grand Court shall be held in October or at such other times as may be deemed expedient by the Grand Master, for which meetings not less than fourteen (14) days notice shall be given. Any subscribing Brother of the Order may attend but shall not be entitled thereby to speak or to vote unless otherwise qualified. Grand Court being the ultimate Court of Appeal, its decision on all matters relating to this Order shall be final.

## **GRAND OFFICERS**

9. The Grand Officers of the Order shall consist of the following, who shall be designated and take precedence as follows:-

The Grand Master  
Past Grand Masters  
Deputy Grand Master  
Past Deputy Grand Masters  
Assistant Grand Masters  
Past Assistant Grand Masters  
Assistant Grand Master(s) for Provinces Overseas  
Past Assistant Grand Master(s) for Provinces Overseas  
Provincial Grand Masters  
Past Provincial Grand Masters  
Eminent Grand Prior  
Past Eminent Grand Priors  
Senior Grand Warden  
Past Senior Grand Wardens  
Junior Grand Warden  
Past Junior Grand Wardens  
President of the Grand Witan  
Past President of the Grand Witan  
Grand Consul  
Past Grand Consul  
President of the Disciplinary, Appeals and Clemency Committee  
Past President of the Disciplinary, Appeal and Clemency Committee  
Grand Secretary  
Past Grand Secretaries  
Grand Treasurer  
Past Grand Treasurers  
Grand Registrar  
Past Grand Registrars  
Grand Marshal  
Past Grand Marshals  
Grand Sword Bearer  
Past Grand Sword Bearers  
Grand High Almoner  
Past Grand High Almoners  
Grand Lecturer  
Past Grand Lecturers  
Grand Historian

Past Grand Historian  
Grand Conservator  
Past Grand Conservator  
Grand Warden of Regalia  
Past Grand Warden of Regalia  
Deputy Eminent Grand Prior  
Past Deputy Eminent Grand Priors  
Deputy President of the Disciplinary, Appeals, Clemency Committee  
Past Deputy President of the Disciplinary, Appeals, Clemency Committee  
Deputy Grand Secretary (maximum of 3)  
Past Deputy Grand Secretaries  
Deputy Grand Treasurer  
Past Deputy Grand Treasurers  
Deputy Grand Marshals (maximum of 3)  
Past Deputy Grand Marshals  
Deputy Grand Sword Bearer  
Past Deputy Grand Sword Bearers  
Senior Grand Deacons  
Past Senior Grand Deacons  
Junior Grand Deacons  
Past Junior Grand Deacons  
Grand Organist  
Past Grand Organists  
Deputy Grand Organists  
Past Deputy Grand Organists  
Grand Banner Bearers  
Past Grand Banner Bearers  
Deputy Grand Banner Bearers  
Past Deputy Grand Banner Bearers  
Grand Captain of the Guards  
Past Grand Captains of the Guards  
Deputy Grand Captain of the Guards  
Past Deputy Grand Captains of the Guards  
Grand Burghs (maximum of 3)  
Past Grand Burghs  
Grand Guard  
Past Grand Guards  
Deputy Grand Guard  
Past Deputy Grand Guards

10. Two (2) or more members of the Grand Court holding or having held identical rank therein shall as between themselves rank according to the order in which they were appointed to that rank.

## TITLES AND PREFIXES

11. The prefixes to be accorded to and used by Brethren are as follows:
12. **Most Worshipful Brother (MW Bro)** for the Grand Master and Past Grand Masters;
13. **Right Worshipful Brother (RW Bro)** for present and Past Deputy Grand Masters and Assistant Grand Masters. Provincial Grand Masters, Grand Wardens, Presidents of the Grand Witan, Presidents of the Disciplinary, Appeals and Clemency Committee (DAC) Committee and Grand Consuls.
14. **Right Worshipful & Eminent Brother (RW & Em Bro)** for Present and Past Eminent Grand Priors.
15. **Very Worshipful Brother (VW Bro)** for present and Past Grand Secretaries, Grand Registrars; Grand Treasurers, Grand Marshals and Grand Sword Bearers.
16. **Worshipful and Eminent (W&Em Bro)** for present and past Deputy Eminent Grand Priors (subject to that being their most senior rank), present and past Provincial Eminent Grand Priors (subject to that being their most senior rank), and present (but not past) Court Priors.
17. **Worshipful (W Bro)** for all other brethren holding the rank of Past Master and Masters of Courts.

## GRAND MASTER ELECTION

18. The Grand Master shall first be elected and proclaimed at an Annual Assembly of Grand Court. The term of office of a Grand Master shall be for three (3) years from the date of his first election after which he may stand to be re-elected at an Annual Assembly of Grand Court.
19. A Grand Master approaching the end of his three (3) year term of office and wishing to be considered for re-election must inform the Grand Witan via the Grand Secretary of his intentions by 1<sup>st</sup> April in the election year.
20. If an incumbent Grand Master does not wish to seek nomination for a further term but wishes to retire from the office he must inform the Grand Witan via the Grand Secretary of his intentions by 1<sup>st</sup> April in the election year.
21. The Grand Witan will commence the agreed nomination protocol and will recommend to the Annual Assembly of Grand Court their preferred nomination for Grand Master to be included within the agenda for the October meeting.

## DEPUTY AND ASSISTANT GRAND MASTER POWERS

22. Subject to any direction of the Grand Master the Deputy Grand Master shall



possess all the powers and privileges of the Grand Master in his absence, but in the absence of the Deputy Grand Master or if he not be available, the said powers and privileges shall be exercised by an Assistant Grand Master, or if he not be available an Acting member of Grand Court on an office seniority basis.

### **GRAND TREASURER ELECTION**

23. The Grand Treasurer will be elected every year at the Annual Assembly of Grand Court.

### **AUDITORS**

24. An independent firm of qualified Chartered Accountants shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of Grand Court or, alternatively, two (2) Registered Auditors shall be elected annually at the annual meeting of Grand Court.

### **ANNUAL APPOINTMENT OF GRAND OFFICERS**

25. The Grand Master shall appoint annually the following Grand Officers:

Deputy Grand Master  
Assistant Grand Master  
Assistant Grand Master(s) for Provinces Overseas  
Eminent Grand Prior  
Senior Grand Warden  
Junior Grand Warden  
President of the Grand Witan  
Grand Consul  
President of the Disciplinary, Appeals, Clemency Committee  
Grand Secretary  
Grand Treasurer (*elected*)  
Grand Registrar  
Grand Marshal  
Grand Sword Bearer  
Grand High Almoner  
Grand Lecturer  
Grand Historian  
Grand Conservator  
Grand Warden of Regalia  
Deputy Eminent Grand Prior  
Deputy President of the Disciplinary, Appeals, Clemency Committee  
Deputy Grand Secretary (maximum of three (3))  
Deputy Grand Treasurer (maximum of two (2))  
Deputy Grand Marshals (maximum of three (3))  
Deputy Grand Sword Bearer

Senior Grand Deacon  
Junior Grand Deacon  
Grand Organist  
Deputy Grand Organist  
Grand Banner Bearer  
Deputy Grand Banner Bearer  
Grand Captain of the Guards  
Deputy Grand Captain of the Guards  
Grand Burghs (maximum of three (3))  
Grand Guard  
Deputy Grand Guard

26. An intended or newly appointed Eminent Grand Prior shall be consecrated as the Grand Master may direct.
27. A Brother shall not hold more than one (1) office in Grand Court at one and the same time.
28. The Grand Master shall have the power, at his will and pleasure, to appoint from time to time a brother of distinction to such past rank as he may deem fit.

#### **DISPENSATIONS**

29. The Grand Master may grant dispensations to cover any matter that may be for the benefit of the Order.

#### **THE GRAND WITAN**

30. There shall be a Grand Witan comprising of the following Brethren: President of the Grand Witan, Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Assistant Grand Master, Assistant Grand Masters in charge (Overseas), Provincial Grand Masters, President of the Disciplinary Appeals and Clemency Committee, Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar, Grand Treasurer, Grand Marshal, One Brother (who shall be a Master or Past Master of a Court) nominated by the Grand Master at Grand Court, and One Brother (who shall be a Master or Past Master of a Court) elected by ballot by the members of Grand Court present at the same meeting. Each Brother so nominated or elected shall hold office for a period of up to three years and may be re-appointed for a further period of up to two years.
31. The Sovereign Grand Master of the Ancient Masonic Order of Alfred the Great shall be an ex officio member of the Grand Witan with no voting rights.
32. The Grand Witan shall meet in October of each year, at a time and place decided by the Grand Master and, at such other times and places, as the Grand Master may, from time to time, determine. Each October, it shall elect one (1) of its members (other than the Grand Master, Deputy Grand

Master, or Assistant Grand Master(s) to be Vice President of the Grand Witan. A member elected to the office of Vice President of the Grand Witan, will hold office for a period of one (1) year.

33. Should the President or Vice President of the Grand Witan be absent the Grand Witan shall elect one of its members to preside at that meeting.
34. Vacancies on the Grand Witan shall be filled as nominated by the Grand Master. Three (3) members shall constitute a quorum of the Grand Witan except when considering Masonic complaints, disputes or matters of discipline when a quorum shall be five (5) members.
35. The President of the Grand Witan is a direct appointment by and at the pleasure of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, he is not subject to election as he is an Officer preferred by Grand Rank.
36. The President's remit is to Chair meetings of the Grand Witan, either in person or virtually. Annually to report on matters arising from the Grand Witan to the Annual Assembly of Grand Court. This is achieved by way of a written "Report of the Grand Witan" drafted in collaboration with the Grand Secretary and circulated by the Grand Secretary with the notice for the Annual Assembly.
37. The Grand Secretary is responsible for the administration of the Grand Witan, drafting the agenda, scheduling meetings, booking venues and taking minutes. Any Grand Witan meeting agenda items are submitted to the Grand Secretary who will collate them, along with any associated reports and circulate them to all members before the meeting.
38. The office of President of the Grand Witan does not convey any Specific powers. Nor rights to control agenda items, to call a meeting of the Grand Witan or to stray from his role as chair within the meeting. In the eventuality that there shall be an even number of attendees at any Grand Witan meeting, the President of the Grand Witan shall have the power to submit a Casting Vote should there be a hung decision.
39. Subject as hereafter mentioned the Grand Witan shall:
  - Make recommendations or reports to the Grand Court that it may deem conducive to the welfare and good government of the Order.
  - Provide oversight on all financial affairs of the Order. The day-to-day control is the responsibility of the Grand Treasurer.
  - Ensure suitable provision for Insurance.
  - Formulate and implement plans to ensure the long-term prosperity and future of the Order.

Advise the Grand Master about potential amendments to the ritual of the Order.

Consider potential additions to, or amendments of, the Statutes of the Order.

Subject to any direction of Grand Court, to control and regulate the business of Grand Court.

To receive regular reports from the Grand Secretary on communications with other Sovereign Masonic bodies conducted by him under the direction of the Grand Master.

40. All communications to the Grand Witan are addressed to the President of the Grand Witan but sent by email or post to the Grand Secretary for onward transmission and circulation to the members of the Grand Witan.

### **PROVINCIAL GRAND COURTS**

41. The Grand Master has power to constitute a Province in any specified area and to combine, divide or re-arrange Provinces or direct that a Province shall cease to exist. The Grand Master may direct that an existing Court, or Courts, shall form part of a Province or, as the case may be, cease to form part of a Province.
42. A Province may contain no more than ten (10) Courts save that the Grand Master may increase the number of Courts within a Province to facilitate the well-being and good of the Order, provided that such increase shall be kept under review by the Grand Witan. Provinces overseas may exceed this number after correct and formal representations have been delivered to the Grand Master for consideration and approval.

### **PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER APPOINTMENT**

43. The Grand Master may appoint a Provincial Grand Master by Patent to hold office for a period not exceeding three (3) years, which may be extended by the Grand Master.
44. A Provincial Grand Master will be required to submit a report on the state of his Province, with such other general information as may be of interest to the Grand Master, by the 31st of August in each year.
45. Provincial Grand Masters shall take precedence immediately after the Past Assistant Grand Masters for Provinces Overseas.
46. A Provincial Grand Master shall by his Patent be granted powers and jurisdiction within his Province similar to those possessed by the Grand Master except as in these Statutes provided but shall not assume such powers and jurisdiction until he has been invested and installed.

### **DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER**

47. To ensure the regular performance of the duties of his office a Provincial Grand Master following the consecration of five (5) Courts within his Province, may, at his discretion and by Patent, appoint a Deputy to execute all the functions of the office in his name and shall for this purpose, invest him with the requisite powers at pleasure. A Deputy Provincial Grand Master shall, in his Province only, take precedence immediately after the Provincial Grand Master and his appointment, although Provincial, shall not count towards the total number of allowed Provincial Officers.

### **ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER**

48. If in any Province it shall appear to the Grand Master that the area of the Province, the means of communication, or other sufficient reason, renders such a provision desirable, he may authorise the Provincial Grand Master to appoint Assistant Provincial Grand Master(s). An Assistant Provincial Grand Master shall, in his Province only, take precedence immediately after the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and his appointment, although Provincial, shall not count towards the total number of allowed Provincial Officers.

### **ANNUAL PROVINCIAL GRAND COURT**

49. A Provincial Grand Master shall hold an annual Provincial Grand Court at which the appointment of Provincial Grand Court Officers shall be made, and at which a Provincial Treasurer shall be elected. He may hold such other Provincial Grand Courts as he may consider necessary. All such meetings shall be held within the Provincial boundary and must fall within the Masonic Year of the Province i.e. within a twelve (12) month period commencing from the calendar date the Province was consecrated, unless dispensations from the Grand Master shall have been granted.

### **PROVINCIAL BY-LAWS**

50. A Provincial Grand Master shall cause Provincial by-laws to be adopted for his approval and the Provincial Grand Secretary shall submit them to the office of the Grand Secretariat for approval on behalf of the Grand Master.
51. Provincial by-laws shall specify the fees payable to the general fund of the Province by Courts under its jurisdiction. These must not exceed the amounts of those ratified for Grand Court.
52. An account shall be kept of all monies received and expended by the Province and an audited statement shall be forwarded annually to the Grand Treasurer by the 30th of September.
53. If the Provincial Annual Assembly falls after the 30th of September and an audited statement is not available, then a draft copy marked as 'Unapproved in Provincial Assembly' must be forwarded annually by the 30th of September.

## **PROVINCIAL OFFICERS**

54. When a Province reaches 10 Courts a Provincial Grand Master is empowered to appoint annually the following Provincial Officers for which Fees of Honour may be charged as provided in the fees section at the end of these statutes.

Eminent Prior  
Senior Warden  
Junior Warden  
Secretary  
Registrar  
Treasurer (elected)  
Marshal  
Sword Bearer  
Almoner  
Deputy Marshal  
Senior Deacon  
Junior Deacon  
Organist  
Banner Bearer  
Captain of the Guards  
Burgh (Maximum of two (2))  
Guard

## **PROGRESS TOWARD TEN COURTS WITHIN A PROVINCE**

55. During the progress of a Province toward the establishment of Ten (10) Courts the following formulae for the numbers of Acting Provincial Officers as detailed in the previous Statute is adopted:-
56. At Consecration of a Province a total of seven (7) Officers; the Provincial Grand Master, Eminent Prior, an elected Treasurer, Secretary, Marshal, Almoner and one (1) further Officer.
57. Following the consecration of four (4) Courts an additional two (2) Officers to total nine (9).
58. Following the consecration of six (6) Courts an additional two (2) Officers to total eleven (11).
59. Following the consecration of eight (8) Courts an additional two (2) Officers to total thirteen (13).
60. Following the consecration of ten (10) Courts a full complement of Provincial Officers may be appointed.
61. A Brother who is not a Past Master of a Court shall not, without dispensation from the Grand Master, be appointed to any Provincial office except to the offices of Organist, Burgh or Guard. Dispensations will not be granted for the offices of Provincial Grand Prior, Provincial Grand Secretary or for a

Provincial Grand Marshal (who perform duties which must be undertaken by a Past Master of a Court).

62. When a Province has been constituted for not less than three (3) years a Provincial Grand Master is also empowered to confer Past Provincial Rank on any brother who is a subscribing member of a Court within his Province and who is qualified without dispensation for the rank as appears in the preceding Statute. Provided always that a Provincial Grand Master shall not in any one year confer more than one such Past Provincial rank either as a first (1<sup>st</sup>) appointment or a promotion for every complete two (2) Courts within his Province.

### **PROVINCIAL ANNUAL RETURNS**

63. The annual return of the Provincial appointments must be forwarded to the Grand Secretariat within fourteen (14) days of the date of the meeting of the Provincial Grand Court.

### **PROVINCIAL SWORDS & BANNERS**

64. A Province may use at the discretion of the Provincial Grand Master a Provincial Sword and Banner.
65. Fundraising campaigns for said items are not permitted. The costs for Provincial Swords and Banners should not be met by the individual Courts of the Province.
66. Provincial Banners must not exceed the maximum dimensions of 720 mm x 540 mm. The emblem or insignia of the Province must not breach copyright or College of Arms rules. Grand Court Insignia is not to be used within Provincial Banners, however, the words 'Masonic Order of Athelstan' or 'Order of Athelstan' must be represented as should the name of the Province.
67. Provincial Swords must be in keeping with the image of the Order and those of other Masonic Orders and should be sheathed when in use. All designs for Provincial Swords and Banners must be submitted for official approval by the Grand Master via the Grand Secretariat before any manufacturing process.
68. The dedication of a Provincial Banner is to be undertaken by the MW Grand Master or his designated Deputy at a meeting of the Provincial Grand Court.
69. The dedication of a Provincial Sword is to be undertaken by the RW Provincial Grand Master or his designated Deputy at a meeting of the Provincial Grand Court.

### **COURTS**

70. Every regular Court shall be warranted by Patent duly signed by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary. The administration procedure to Petition

for a Warrant is obtainable from the Grand Secretariat.

71. A Court may not be considered worthy for the grant of a Warrant unless it has a minimum of fifteen (15) suitably qualified brethren who are not present or past members of the Order as Petitioners. A new Court should have a suitable number of present or past members of the Order as a complement to the requisite minimum of fifteen (15) wherever possible.
72. The Grand Master may review the previous Statute on an individual Court basis following formal representations by the Provincial Grand Master of the Province of the proposed Court.

### **COURT OFFICERS**

73. The Officers of a Court shall be;

Worshipful Master  
Eminent Prior  
Senior Warden  
Junior Warden  
Secretary  
Treasurer (*elected*)  
Marshal  
Almoner  
Deputy Marshal  
Senior Deacon  
Junior Deacon  
Organist  
Captain of the Guards  
Burghs  
Guard

74. The appointment of all Officers except for those filled by election is at the sole discretion of the Master. The previous Statute defines the complete list of Officers that may be appointed by the Master of a Court. The appointment or election of these Officers is mandatory, with the proviso that the appointment of a Deputy Marshal, Organist and Burghs is at the discretion of the Master. A brother may not hold more than one office in a Court at the same time without a dispensation, from the Provincial Grand Master.

### **ELECTION OF MASTER AND TREASURER**

75. Every Court shall annually on the day mentioned in its by-laws elect a Master and Treasurer. The nominations for Master and Treasurer shall be shown on the Summons of the Election meeting and if there is only one (1) nomination at the date of the meeting the Master may declare a brother elected to their respective office. Where there is more than one (1) nomination on the Summons for an Office or where another nomination is received within seven (7) days of the delivery of the summons then the election shall be by secret ballot.



76. No brother shall continue as Master of the same Court for more than two (2) years in succession unless by dispensation from the Provincial Grand Master, but a brother may then be elected after he has been out of office for one (1) year.

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR MASTER**

77. A brother shall not be eligible for election to the Office of Master unless he has been regularly installed as Worshipful Master in a Lodge of Craft Freemasons recognised by the United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland. A candidate for election must also be a Past Master (including those holding that rank following Special Progression) or have served as a Warden in a Court of the Order for a period of twelve (12) months, that is from one (1) installation meeting to the next, provided also that the requirements of Statute 76 are met.
78. The Installation of the Master and consecration and installation of the Eminent Prior, if present, shall take place in accordance with the by-laws of the Court.
79. No brother shall be Master of two (2) or more Courts at the same time, except by dispensation from the Grand Master or, if the Courts are in the same Province, from the Provincial Grand Master.
80. In the case of any difficulty arising over the election or installation of a Master or the consecration and installation of an Eminent Prior the Grand Master's direction shall be obtained through the Grand Secretariat, via the Provincial Grand Master.

### **INSTALLATION LECTURE**

81. A short lecture or talk on a topic of general masonic interest shall feature at all Court Installation meetings and shall appear on the summons for the meeting. The precise length, subject matter and speaker shall be a matter for the Court. Original contributions from members of the Court are intended to be the norm, rather than the presentation of the work of third parties although there is no objection to "guest" speakers from elsewhere within the Order. There is no requirement for pre-approval of such talks by either the Province or Grand Court.
82. Before the Installation of a Master-elect, the presiding Officer shall require his assent to the rules and ordinances as prescribed in the authorised ritual.

### **MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATION**

83. All Candidates for admission into a Court (that is; joining members and candidates for Instruction) must be subscribing members of both a Craft Lodge recognised by the United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland and the Grand

Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland; and a Royal Arch Chapter recognised by the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland and the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland.

### **CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION**

84. All Candidates for admission into a Court (that is; joining members and Candidates for Instruction) must be proposed and seconded by two (2) subscribing members of the Court and to whom the Candidate is well known personally. Such proposition must then be made at a regular Assembly of the Court. To ensure that Candidates are properly qualified for membership, the membership application MUST be accompanied by a current Clearance Certificate (not over twenty-eight (28) days old) from each Craft Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter of which the Candidate is a subscribing member. After the admission of the Candidate, the Clearance Certificates are to be inserted in the Court minute book.

### **INVITATIONAL STATUS – GRAND COURT APPROVAL**

85. The Order is invitational and all candidates for Instruction must have been previously invited to join after a suitable process adopted by each Province has taken place. A candidate for admission into a Court must have been previously approved by Grand Court. The Court, through the Provincial Grand Secretary, must make inquiries to Grand Court via the Grand Secretariat as to the suitability of the candidate. Without said approval, the candidate's details must not appear on the summons and he may not be admitted to the Court.

### **BALLOT**

86. No ballot shall take place unless the full name of the Candidate (that is, joining members and Candidates for Instruction), with his date of birth and place of abode as well as the date of approval from Grand Court and the names of his Proposer and Secunder shall have appeared on the summons to the members of the Court. In the case of all candidates the name and number of a Craft Lodge and of a Royal Arch Chapter of which he is currently a subscribing member and additionally in the case of a candidate for joining the name and number of every Court of which he is, or has been, a member shall be shown on the summons.

### **TIME LIMIT FOR INSTRUCTION TO TAKE PLACE**

87. Once elected by ballot a Candidate must be instructed within one (1) year of his election, otherwise, his election and Grand Court approval become void; likewise, this also applies to Founding Petitioners who are not instructed within twelve (12) months of the Court consecration date. Registration forms and fees (if due) for all Instructees, including founders, must be submitted within 14 days of the Instruction Ceremony.

## **CANDIDATES OR FOUNDERS UNAVAILABLE FOR INSTRUCTION FOLLOWING A BALLOT**

88. Candidates successfully balloted by a Court or founders of new Courts may only be Instructed by that Court unless the dispensation of the Grand Master has been obtained.

## **ON-GOING MEMBERSHIP OF CRAFT AND CHAPTER**

89. Ongoing subscribing membership of both a Craft Lodge and a Royal Arch Chapter recognised by the United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland and their Royal Arch Chapter bodies, is a necessary condition for continued membership of the Order. If a Brother ceases to be a subscribing member of the Craft or Royal Arch (or is unable or unwilling to provide satisfactory proof of membership within three (3) months of such proof being requested by the Grand Secretary) then he shall be deemed to have resigned from the Masonic Order of Athelstan on the date of such cessation, or request by the Grand Secretary for proof of membership, unless he shall have been elected to honorary membership of his Lodge or Chapter for meritorious service. In such circumstances, the brother may remain a member of the Order if a dispensation is granted by the Grand Master. Upon becoming an honorary member of his Lodge or Chapter, as the case may be, the brother shall, as soon as practicable, notify the Secretary of the Court in writing and provide satisfactory proof of the fact. The Secretary shall forthwith apply for a dispensation to be issued by the Grand Master under this rule and shall forward such application to the Grand Secretary via the Provincial Grand Secretary. For the removal of doubt, it is here stated that the brother may continue to attend Court meetings pending the issue of a dispensation, provided that the requirements of this Statute relating to prompt notification and application for a dispensation have been complied with.
90. Suspension from a Craft Lodge and/or a Royal Arch Chapter recognised by the United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland, will result in suspension within the Masonic Order of Athelstan. Likewise, any such suspension when lifted will be automatically lifted by the Order.

## **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

91. Honorary memberships of individual Courts are to be regarded as a specific honour following a minimum of seven (7) years of continuous service and outstanding contributions to the Court by the member concerned and for no other reason. Furthermore Honorary status will not be approved or granted for brethren who have been part of Consecration or Constitution team, or solely on the basis that they have been awarded Grand Rank or Provincial Grand Rank.
92. Any propositions must be first submitted to the Court by a verbal notice of motion in open Court, or on the Summons, then appear on the Summons

agenda of the following Assembly for election by ballot, duly proposed and seconded. Three (3) adverse votes will reject the proposition. A successful ballot must then be submitted, through the Provincial Grand Secretary, to the Provincial Grand Master for consideration.

93. Brethren elected to honorary membership must comply with the requirements of Statute 89.

#### **NON UGLE CONSTITUTIONS**

94. Should a Brother wish to become a member of the Order from a Masonic Constitution other than the United Grand Lodge of England, but recognised by UGLE, he must make a declaration in accordance with the latest version of the UGLE Book of Constitutions Rule 162 and as amended to fit the requirements of our Order.

#### **FEES PAYABLE FOR INSTRUCTION**

95. The fees payable for instruction as a Brother of the Order and for joining or rejoining a Court shall be such sums as shall from time to time be determined by resolution in open Court after due notice on the summons for the relevant meeting. Provided always that a Brother shall not be instructed as a Brother of the Order for a sum less than the combined registration fees and dues payable to Grand Court and Provincial Grand Court for the time being in force.

#### **PROVISION OF A COPY OF THE STATUTES TO A CANDIDATE**

96. Every Brother on his instruction into the Order and every Court Master on the occasion of his Installation will be advised that the Statutes of the Order are available to read and or download on the Order's website.
97. A printed copy of the Statutes must be available at each Court meeting and held by the Court Secretary and must be presented to a candidate on his instruction and a Court Master on his installation.

#### **MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CANDIDATES FOR INSTRUCTION**

98. A ceremony of Instruction, outside of Court consecration events, must have a maximum number only two (2) candidates. This may be increased by an appropriate Provincial dispensation up to a maximum total of four (4) candidates in anyone (1) ceremony. Founders absent from the consecration may be instructed at any Assembly of the Court within one (1) year of the Court Consecration date, in addition to the above totals and without additional dispensation. If more than one (1) Candidate for Instruction is present, the Circle of Nine must be conducted individually for each Candidate, in the absence, until taken; by any other Candidates taking part at the same Assembly.

#### **COURT BY-LAWS**

99. Every Court shall frame proper by-laws for its government, but no by-law or any alteration thereof shall come into operation until approved in accordance with these Statutes by the Grand Master. The by-laws and

every amendment thereof must be submitted to the office of the Grand Secretariat for approval by the Grand Master and, in the case of a Court in a Province, via the Provincial Grand Secretary for subsequent transmission to the office of the Grand Secretariat. When finally approved by the Grand Master, the by-laws will be issued back through the Provincial Grand Secretary to the Court Secretary. Copies of the approved bylaws must be circulated to every member of the Court.

100. The by-laws of a Court shall state the place and days of regular meetings, and shall specify at which regular meeting the election of the Master, and Treasurer shall take place, and that at which the Master shall be installed. The by-laws shall also state the date on which the annual subscription becomes due. A copy of the by-laws shall be delivered to the Master on his installation, who by his acceptance thereof shall be deemed to pledge himself to observe and enforce the same.
101. A Court shall not hold any regular meeting other than on the day and at the place specified in its by-laws unless the same shall fall on a Bank Holiday, in which event the regular meeting may be changed to a date within seven (7) days before or after the regular meeting, unless by dispensation from the Grand Master via the office of the Grand Secretariat, except that in a Province the power of granting a dispensation for this purpose is delegated to the Provincial Grand Master. The issue of such a dispensation under this Statute shall be notified to the office of the Grand Secretariat.
102. A Court is required to hold a minimum of three (3) meetings inclusive of the Installation meeting and no more than five (5) meetings in total per annum.

### **EMERGENCY MEETING**

103. An emergency meeting of the Court, to be held at the regular place of meeting, may be called at any time by order of the Master, with a minimum of seven (7) days' notice period, or in the Masters absence, the Senior Warden or Junior Warden or the Immediate Past Master. The business to be transacted at such an emergency meeting shall be stated on the summons and no other business shall be transacted.
104. An emergency meeting may not be called for the purposes of instructing candidates into a Court.

### **QUORUM**

105. A Court may not constitutionally work with less than six (6) members including a Guard present.
106. The previous statute notwithstanding, a Court may only be opened and presided over by an Installed Master or Past Master of the Order.
107. The Ceremonies of Instruction, Consecration of Eminent Prior and Installation of Worshipful Master cannot be worked other than in a regularly opened Court, Provincial Grand Court or Grand Court.

108. A Court which is unable to work regularly may nevertheless, at the discretion of the Grand Master, be retained on the roll of the Order.

### **COURT ANNUAL RETURN**

109. Each Court shall render to Grand Court an annual return of all its members as of 30<sup>th</sup> of June, making sure to include the names of all brethren who have been instructed or joined the Court during the preceding twelve (12) months. The Court should also submit the names of those who ceased to be members during the same period. This return shall be submitted before the 31<sup>st</sup> of July in each year. After receipt of this return, the Grand Treasurer will issue an invoice to each Court, via the office of the Provincial Grand Secretary, showing the annual Dues payable (in advance) to Grand Court shown under fees, Appendix B. In the case of a Court in a Province a duplicate copy of this return shall be sent to the office of the Provincial Grand Secretary who may direct that it shall be accompanied by a remittance in respect of the annual Dues payable to the Province.

### **RITUAL OF THE ORDER**

110. Every Court shall adopt the current revision of the rituals promulgated for the use of the Order uniformly. It shall be the duty of the Provincial Grand Masters and Masters of Courts to ensure compliance with this Statute. Failure to comply with this particular Statute may result in the suspension or withdrawal of recognition of the Court or Province concerned.

### **COURT SUMMONS**

111. An electronic copy of each Court Summons (Consecration, Regular, Installation and Emergency) must be sent to every member of the Court and should be in their possession at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Court Assembly. A posted paper copy may be sent if the recipient requests this.
112. An electronic copy of each Court Summons (Consecration, Regular, Installation and Emergency) must be sent to the Provincial Grand Secretary who shall immediately forward onto the office of the Grand Secretariat. Paper copies submitted by post are acceptable. Four (4) copies for Consecration, Installation and Emergency Meetings and two (2) for Regular Meetings.
113. Summonses for Honorary members should be restricted to the Installation Meeting only unless specifically requested by the Honorary member.

### **COURT SWORD AND BANNER**

114. Individual Courts are not permitted the use of a Court Banner or a ceremonial sword.

### **COURT EMBLEMS AND INSIGNIA**

115. Courts are permitted to use emblems or insignia that are in keeping with the requirements of the Order and that have previously been approved

and authorised for use by Grand Court via the Provincial Grand Master.

### **SPECIAL PROGRESSION**

116. Special Progression is a procedure to prefer a Brother to the rank of Worshipful Master or Past Worshipful Master. Brethren obtaining the rank by this route are considered in every respect equally qualified to those obtaining it by passing through the Chair of a Court.
117. Special Progression may only be conferred by dispensation from the Grand Master. This dispensation naming the brethren subject to Special Progression must be read out in open Court before the commencement of the applicable ceremonials. A dispensation fee is applicable as per the schedule of fees in APPENDIX B.
118. Special Progression is reserved for use only at the formation of a new Court and for no other purpose, nor is it to be used at any other time, including retrospectively.
119. The Grand Master may issue an appropriately worded dispensation for the brethren subject to Special Progression and this dispensation must be read out in open Court before the commencement of the applicable ceremonials. A dispensation fee is applicable as per the schedule of fees in APPENDIX B.
120. Special Progression ceremonies are not to be conveyed outside the consecration meeting of the Court involved unless by dispensation from the Grand Master. A candidate for Special Progression who is unable to attend the consecration meeting may only obtain Special Progression at the first Installation meeting of the new Court.
121. The following offices may be considered suitable for Special Progression and no other offices or ranks; Primus Master, Primus Eminent Prior, Primus Treasurer, Primus Secretary, Primus Marshal and Primus Immediate Past Master.
122. An Overseas Provincial Grand Master is permitted to issue dispensations for no more than a maximum of five (5) brethren for Special Progression per each new Court from ranks and offices listed in Statute 121.

### **REGALIA**

123. The Regalia to be worn by members of the Order is specified in Appendix A hereto and shall be strictly adhered to. In any case where the name or description of an office has changed the holder of that office may continue to wear the regalia prescribed for the previous description of that office.
124. Only regalia provided by manufacturers/suppliers nominated by Grand Court is authorised to be worn at meetings of the Order.

### **FEES AND ACCOUNTS**

125. The fees payable to Grand Court and to Provinces shall be as directed in Appendix B hereto, except that the amounts specified therein in respect of fees payable to Grand Court may be reviewed each year by the Grand Witan and any amended amounts, if approved by the Grand Master, shall become effective from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July following the Annual Assembly of Grand Court. All such Fees payable (in advance) to Grand Court shall be for the General Fund of the Order and shall be paid into the Bank Account of Grand Court and all cheques on this Account shall be signed by the Grand Treasurer or the Grand Secretary. All Grand Court Registration fees are to be paid in advance without exception.

### **COURT ACCOUNTS**

126. An audited Statement of Accounts shall be presented to Grand Court at the annual meeting.

### **ALTERATION TO STATUTES**

127. No mention of intending to alter, add to, or annul any of these Statutes shall be considered unless written notice of the terms thereof shall have been received by the Grand Secretary not later than seven (7) days preceding the next Annual Assembly of Grand Court and following approval by the Grand Witan. No such motion or proposal shall be effective unless affirmed by a majority of those present and voting; if so, affirmed it shall come into force forthwith.

### **GRAND SECRETARY CORRESPONDENCE**

128. The protocol of the Order is that all correspondence to the Grand Master must be addressed to the Grand Secretary, however, a Provincial Grand Master may address the Grand Master or his Deputy or Assistant directly.

### **QUASI- MASONIC ORGANISATIONS**

129. A person who has in any way been connected with any organisation or body which is quasi-Masonic, imitative of masonry, or regarded by Grand Court or the United Grand Lodge of England as irregular may not be instructed as a Brother of the Order except by leave of the Grand Master and any brother who subsequently becomes in any way connected with such body shall be bound to disclaim and finally sever such connection, and on failure to do so when called upon by any proper Masonic authority shall be liable to suspension or expulsion and shall not thereafter resume his place in the Order until he shall have petitioned the Grand Master, made due submission and obtained grace.

### **GRAND MASTERS PREROGATIVE**

130. The prerogative of the Grand Master shall extend to all matters not herein expressly reserved to Grand Court or Grand Witan and, accordingly, he may make or defer the making of such appointments and make such decisions and grant such dispensations and make such directions as, in his absolute discretion, he may consider to be for the benefit of the Order.



131. For the avoidance of doubt, and notwithstanding anything else in these Statutes, the Grand Master may by direction delegate any of his powers and discretions to such Brother or Brothers, and for such time or times, as he shall think fit.
132. Subject to any direction of the Grand Master all matters affecting the government of the Order and all rights, powers, duties and obligations of the Grand Master, Grand Court, the Grand Witan and all Officers and brethren of the Order which shall not be expressly or implicitly provided for in these Statutes shall be governed by the Constitutions for the time being in force of the United Grand Lodge of England which shall be applied mutatis mutandis (all necessary changes having been made).

### **UGLE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES EQUIVALENCE**

133. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, it is deemed that in applying those Constitutions to the Order the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Assistant Grand Master, Grand Court and Grand Witan shall correspond respectively with the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Assistant Grand Master, Grand Lodge and the Board of General Purposes of United Grand Lodge of England.

### **FESTIVE BOARD**

134. The proceedings of the Festive Board form part of the Court proceedings, although there is no requirement to take minutes thereof. There will be no wine taking at a Festive Board. Only prescribed formal toasts will be proposed and without "fire". There will be no speechmaking with the sole exception that the Grand Master (or his Deputy or Assistant) or the Provincial Grand Master (or his Deputy or Assistant) may at an Installation Assembly congratulate a new Master of a Court, or if a Court Master wishes to briefly welcome a candidate into the Order. Fundraising activities such as raffles, tombola etc. are not allowed. Charitable collections defined in Statutes 138 & 139 are permitted.

### **SALUTATIONS**

135. Salutations are to be carried out only once during a meeting and to the highest ranking officer present. These are given as follows:
136. Eleven (11) times to the MW Grand Master present and past. Nine (9) times to the RW Deputy Grand Master and Assistant Grand Master present and past. Seven (7) times to other Provincial Grand Masters and Right Worshipful brethren present and past. Five (5) times to Very Worshipful brethren present and past. Three (3) times to other Grand and Provincial Officers present and past.
137. At Provincial Assemblies, or on occasions where a Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Provincial Grand Master or Assistant Provincial Grand Master is visiting a Court within his own Province and there is present a brother or brethren of higher seniority, the Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Provincial

Grand Master or Assistant Provincial Grand Master may receive separate salutation before the entrance and subsequent salutation of that senior brother or brethren. All such brethren shall then be admitted to the Court together and only the most senior shall receive his due salutation. This proviso shall not apply to Grand Officers in Charge or official representatives or to a Deputy or Assistant Provincial Grand Master accompanying his Provincial Grand Master, or to an Assistant Provincial Grand Master accompanying his Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

### **CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS**

138. Charitable Collections are permissible at the Annual Assembly of Grand Court, Provincial Grand Court and the Installation meeting of an individual Court. It is accepted that Brethren of the Order will, when and where so ever possible, support charitable undertakings initiated by either the United Grand Lodge of England or the Supreme Grand Chapter of England.
139. Where a specific Charity/Ecclesiastical Institution/worthy cause is being supported by Grand Court the Grand Master can authorise such additional charitable collections either at Grand Court or by the making of such donations direct to Grand Court, via the Grand Treasurer. A Provincial Grand Master shall have similar such powers within his Province and can also authorise similar charitable collections by Courts within his Province. In order that donations to a Provincial Grand Court or a Court do not inhibit charitable collections which have been or may be authorised by Grand Court advance notification must be given prior to the commencement of such collections to the Grand Master.
140. Only collections so mentioned in this Statute are permitted and collections for any other purpose are not allowed.

### **PHOTOGRAPHS, RECORDING AND SOCIAL MEDIA**

141. The taking of photographs and recording via any media of brethren in full regalia during any ceremony or Court Meeting is prohibited. Photography or any other form of media recording of the workings or demonstration of the workings of our rituals including transmission via internet is forbidden. The use of electronic devices during Court proceedings (other than by the Court Secretary for compiling minutes) is forbidden. The customary practice of taking photographs of brethren in regalia after Consecration or Installation Meeting as a historical record is acceptable.

### **USE OF EMAIL FOR COMMUNICATIONS**

142. When sending bulk emails, it is preferred that BCC (Blind Carbon Copy) is used to prevent the harvesting of email addresses by unwanted third parties should the original email be forwarded outside of the primary recipients. It is acceptable for summonses and other communications to be sent by such means to those members who have requested it. Any member who requests printed communications by post, whether he also receives electronic communications, should continue to receive them.

## **TIES**

143. The official Grand Court tie of the Order must be worn by brethren when visiting Grand Court or a Province of which they are not a member. Members of the Ancient Masonic Order of Alfred the Great (AMOAG) may wear the Order of Athelstan tie designating their status as a member of the AMOAG at all meetings of the Masonic Order of Athelstan.
144. A Provincial Grand Master may authorise the use of a specific Provincial tie to be used within the boundaries of his Province. An approved design is held by the Grand Secretary and for the sake of regularity and appearance, this must be used with the sole addition of the appropriate Provincial insignia or emblem.
145. A Provincial Grand Master may wear the tie of his Province on all occasions with the exception of the Annual Meeting of Grand Court where he must wear the appropriate Grand Court tie.

## **APPENDIX A**

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS AND PROTOCOL**

146. For the purposes of these Statutes: "direction" includes dispensation and the same may be general or specific in any particular case or cases; such direction may be amended or added to or revoked or renewed or made as the Grand Master may from time to time think fit, and any such direction may be in writing or oral and may be communicated as the Grand Master may see fit.
147. The paragraph headings are for convenience of reference only and are not to be referred to in or affect the construction hereof.

### **DATING CONVENTION**

148. The Order employs a dating convention of the current AD year less 925 years, i.e. 2024 (AD) – 925 = 1099 (AL). This is to recognise that King Athelstan's Coronation took place at Kingston Upon Thames in the Year AD 925. It should be referred to as Anno Lucis.

### **POST NOMINALS USE**

149. The following convention should be followed. See also Statute 152 regarding the use of Ancient Order post-nominals.
150. Title, First Name(s), Initials, Surname, CofM[if applicable], AMOAG Rank [italised if applicable], Current or Past Provincial or Current or Past Grand Rank [bolded if applicable], Current Office if active.

### **ANCIENT MASONIC ORDER OF ALFRED THE GREAT (AMOAG)**

151. The Ancient Masonic Order of Alfred the Great is a Sovereign Order which recognises meritorious service by Past Masters of the Order of Athelstan.

### **USE OF POST-NOMINALS (KAG, KCAG AND GCAG) WITHIN THE ORDER OF ATHELSTAN**

152. Where a Member of the Order of Athelstan is also a member of the Ancient Masonic Order of Alfred the Great (AMOAG) the member is entitled to use the following post-nominals within the Order of Athelstan.
153. *KEAG* (Knight Emeritus of Alfred the Great), *KAG* (Knight of Alfred the Great), *KCAG* (Knight Commander of Alfred the Great) and *GCAG* (Grand Cross of Alfred the Great)
154. *GCh* (Grand Chancellor) and *GHCh* (Grand High Chancellor) as of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 these offices became offices within the Masonic Order of Alfred the Great and are not to be used within the Order of Athelstan
155. Whenever written the rank should not be in bold but must be *italicised* and placed immediately after the member's surname.

### **WEARING THE ANCIENT MASONIC ORDER OF ALFRED THE GREAT REGALIA WITHIN THE ORDER OF ATHELSTAN**

156. The AMOAG Collaret and appended Jewel may be worn at any Order of Athelstan meeting and festive board afterwards.

### **REGALIA**

157. Regalia of the order:

#### **BROTHER**

Apron of white lambskin or imitation, not exceeding 14" x 14", edged with crimson corded ribbon 5/8" wide, with silver tassels on 2" ribbon hangers within the central row of 5/8" ribbon. Two rosettes on the lower edge of the body of the apron have silver buttons, with the emblem of the Order in the centre. The flap is 6 1/2" deep, edged with the same ribbon with the emblem of the crown of Athelstan in its centre worked in crimson silks. All lined in crimson.

#### **OFFICER'S COLLAR**

A 2" crimson corded ribbon with no adornments, lined in crimson, with silver hook and swivel to carry jewel.

#### **WM/PM COLLAR**

As the officers collar, but with silver button and braid.

### **WM/PM APRON**

Apron of white lambskin or imitation, not exceeding 16" wide and 14" deep. The body of the apron edged with 2" crimson corded ribbon, with silver levels in the lower corners, and silver tassels on ribbon hangers. The levels have the emblem of Order at central point. The flap edged with 1 ½" ribbon with the crown of Athelstan in the centre worked in crimson silks. All lined in crimson.

### **PROVINCIAL OFFICERS PAST & PRESENT, APRONS**

Apron of white lambskin or imitation, not exceeding 16" wide, 14" deep. Edged with 2" crimson corded ribbon adorned with gold lace with gold tassels and levels. Within the centre a badge bearing the name of the Province (Font Old English) and emblem of office. The flap has the crown worked in gold and silver wires. Apron has gold fringe on outer edge and lined in crimson.

### **PROVINCIAL COLLAR & JEWEL**

Of 4" crimson corded ribbon, adorned with gold lace edges and button and braid, from which is suspended the appropriate jewel of office (active officers) or past rank jewel (past officers)

### **GRAND OFFICERS PAST & PRESENT, APRON**

Apron of white lambskin or imitation, not exceeding 18 ½" wide, 16" deep, edged with 4" crimson corded ribbon adorned with gold lace and gold tassels. Emblem of office within a wreath composed of two branches of laurel, all embroidered in gold. The flap of 4" ribbon with the crown embroidered in gold and silver wires. All with gold fringe on outer edge and lined in crimson.

### **PRESENT GRAND OFFICERS, CHAIN & JEWEL**

A chain of gold coloured links set on a crimson material backing with crimson bows located on both shoulders. The equally spaced golden links comprise of a link depicting a star, (the number of star links relating to the wearers rank within the Order), a link displaying the enamelled insignia of the Order and a spacing link of snake design. The appropriate jewel is suspended therefrom.

### **PAST GRAND OFFICERS, COLLAR & JEWEL**

Of 4" crimson corded ribbon, adorned with three rows of gold lace, with a rose embroidered in red and green silks and gold wire over the central stripe at the point. Lined in crimson. The past rank jewel is suspended therefrom.

### **PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTERS, APRON**

Same as Grand Officer, but with the name (Font Old English) of Province in gold above the emblem of office and with roses and hyssop branches embroidered in gold on the edging.

### **ASSISTANT GRAND MASTERS, APRON**

Same as Grand Officer, but with roses and hyssop branches embroidered in gold on the edging.

#### **DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS, APRON**

Same as Grand Officer, but with roses and hyssop branches embroidered in gold on the edging.

#### **GRAND MASTERS, APRON**

Same as Grand Officer, but with wheat, roses and hyssop branches on the edging of both body and flap, also with fringe of gold bullion. Authorised Jewels and Apron Motifs of the Order

#### **GRAND RANK –JEWELS**

158. The Grand Rank Jewel of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Assistant Grand Master (s) and Provincial Grand Master is metal gilt with a square and compasses. The compasses extended over an arc of 45°, with the segment of a circle at the points and a metal gilt irradiated lozenge, on which an enamel representation of the insignia of the Order i.e. the enthroned King Athelstan in enamel retaining the colours. The segment of the circle is engraved with the appropriate rank. The jewel dimension is 116x 105 mm and is appended to the appropriate Grand Chain.
159. The Acting Grand Officers Jewel design comprises of the insignia of the Order i.e. the enthroned King Athelstan in enamel and metal gilt retaining the colours, surrounded by a green and metal gilt enamelled laurel wreath. The jewel dimension is 80 mm dia. and is appended to the appropriate Grand Chain.

#### **GRAND RANK –APRON MOTIFS**

160. Grand rank apron motifs:

<b>Eminent Grand Prior</b>	The level with mitre within a laurel wreath
<b>Senior Grand Warden</b>	The level with plumb within a laurel wreath
<b>Junior Grand Warden</b>	The plumb rule within a laurel wreath
<b>President of the Grand Witan</b>	The insignia of the Order (Statute 3)
<b>Grand Consul</b>	The insignia of the Order within a laurel wreath
<b>President of DAC Committee</b>	The scales of Justice with lettering DAC on scroll within a laurel wreath
<b>Grand Secretary</b>	Two pens in saltire within a laurel wreath
<b>Grand Treasurer</b>	Single key within a laurel wreath
<b>Grand Registrar</b>	Scroll within a laurel wreath
<b>Grand Marshal</b>	Two horizontal rods in saltire within a laurel wreath

<b>Grand Sword Bearer</b>	Two swords in saltire, point up, within a laurel wreath
<b>Grand High Almoner</b>	Scrip Purse with heart thereon, within laurel wreath
<b>Grand Lecturer</b>	The Rosetta Stone
<b>Grand Historian</b>	Pen overlaying a Scrol with a laurel wreath
<b>Grand Conservator</b>	To Be Confirmed
<b>Grand Warden of Regalia</b>	A Tubalcane and Sword in saltire behind a Saxon round shield
<b>Deputy Grand Marshal</b>	Two vertical rods in saltire within a laurel wreath
<b>Senior Grand Deacon</b>	Compasses and Square with a sun in a laurel wreath
<b>Junior Grand Deacon</b>	Compasses and square, half-moon within facing right within a laurel wreath
<b>Grand Organist</b>	A Lyre within a laurel wreath
<b>Grand Banner Bearer</b>	Single Banner within a laurel wreath
<b>Grand Captain of the Guards</b>	Two swords in saltire, points down, within a laurel wreath
<b>Grand Burgh</b>	Cornucopia within a laurel wreath
<b>Grand Guard</b>	Sentinel figure within a laurel wreath

161. All remaining Deputy and Assistant ranks as for the full office holder surmounted with a scroll with 'Deputy' or 'Assistant' thereon.

### **PAST GRAND RANKS**

162. Aprons will bear the appropriate design above. The Past Grand Collar is described in Appendix A. The jewel will be a generic design comprising the insignia of the Order i.e. the enthroned King Athelstan in enamel and metal gilt retaining the colours within a laurel wreath.

### **PROVINCIAL GRAND RANK – JEWELS AND APRON MOTIFS**

163. The jewel of a Deputy Provincial Grand Master consists of a gilt square set on a ring engraved with the name of the Province (Old English Font), then suspended from a chain of gold links on crimson material.

<b>Eminent Prior</b>	Open Bible
<b>Senior Warden</b>	The level
<b>Junior Warden</b>	The plumb rule

<b>Secretary</b>	Two pens in saltire
<b>Registrar</b>	Scroll only
<b>Treasurer</b>	Two keys in saltire
<b>Marshal</b>	Two horizontal rods in saltire
<b>Almoner</b>	Scrip Purse with heart thereon
<b>Sword Bearer</b>	Two swords in saltire, point up
<b>Deputy Marshal</b>	Two vertical rods in saltire
<b>Senior Deacon</b>	Compasses and square with sun in centre
<b>Junior Deacon</b>	Compasses and square with half-moon facing right
<b>Organist</b>	The Lyre
<b>Banner Bearer</b>	Single banner
<b>Captain of the Guards</b>	Two swords in saltire, point down
<b>Burghs</b>	Cornucopia
<b>Guard</b>	Sword

### **PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND RANKS**

164. Aprons will bear the appropriate design above. The Past Provincial Grand Collar is described in Appendix A.
165. The jewel will be a generic design comprising the insignia of the Order as per the Past Grand Rank ie. the enthroned King Athelstan in enamel and metal gilt retaining the colours but without the laurel wreath.

### **PRIVATE COURT – JEWELS (IN SILVER GILT) AND APRON MOTIFS**

166. Court Jewels and Apron Motifs:

<b>Master</b>	The square
<b>Eminent Prior</b>	The open Bible
<b>Senior Warden</b>	The level
<b>Junior Warden</b>	The plumb rule
<b>Secretary</b>	Two pens in saltire



<b>Treasurer</b>	Two keys in saltire
<b>Marshal</b>	Two horizontal rods in saltire
<b>Almoner</b>	Scrip Purse with heart thereon
<b>Deputy Marshal</b>	Two vertical rods in saltire
<b>Senior Deacon</b>	Compasses and square with sun in centre
<b>Junior Deacon</b>	Compasses and square with half-moon facing right
<b>Organist</b>	A Lyre
<b>Captain of the Guards</b>	Two swords in saltire, point down
<b>Burgh</b>	The cornucopia
<b>Guard</b>	A sword point down
<b>Immediate Past Master/Past Master</b>	Compasses and segment of a circle with sun ( <i>not to be confused with SD</i> )

## ABBREVIATIONS FOR OFFICERS OF THE ORDER

167. Grand Rank abbreviations:

### GRAND RANKS

	<b>Active</b>	<b>Past</b>
1. Grand Master	GM	PGM
2. Deputy Grand Master	DGM	PDGM
3. Assistant Grand Master	AGM	PAGM
4. Eminent Grand Prior	EmGPrior	PEmGPrior
5. Senior Grand Warden	SGW	PSGW
6. Junior Grand Warden	JGW	PJGW
7. President of the Grand Witan	PresGWitan	PPresGWitan
8. Grand Consul	GCon	PGCon
9. President DAC Committee	PresDAC	PPresDAC
10. Grand Secretary	GSec	PGSec
11. Grand Treasurer	GTreas	PGTreas
12. Grand Registrar	GReg	PGReg
13. Grand Marshal	GMar	PGMar
14. Grand Sword Bearer	GSwdB	PGSwdB
15. Grand High Almoner	GHAlm	PGHAlm
16. Grand Lecturer	GLect	PGLect
17. Grand Historian	GHist	PGHist
18. Grand Conservator	GCons	PGCons
19. Grand Warden of Regalia	GWReg	PGWReg
20. Dep Eminent Grand Prior	DepGEmPrior	PDepGEmPrior
21. Dep President DAC & GP Panel	DepPresDAC	PDepPresDAC
22. Deputy Grand Secretary	DepGSec	PDepGSec
23. Deputy Grand Treasurer	DepGTreas	PDepGTreas
24. Deputy Grand Marshal	DepGMar	PDepGMar
25. Deputy Grand Sword Bearer	DepGSwdB	PDepGSwdB
26. Senior Grand Deacon	SGD	PSGD
27. Junior Grand Deacon	JGD	PJGD
28. Grand Organist	GOrg	PGOrg
29. Deputy Grand Organist	DepGOrg	PDepGOrg
30. Grand Banner Bearer	GBannerB	PGBannerB
31. Deputy Grand Banner Bearer	DepGBannerB	PDepGBannerB
32. Grand Captain of the Guard	GCofG	PGCofG
33. Dep Grand Captain of the Guard	DepGCofG	PDepGCofG
34. Grand Burgh	GBurgh	PGBurgh
35. Grand Guard	GGuard	PGGuard
36. Deputy Grand Guard	DepGGuard	PDepGGuard

## PROVINCIAL GRAND RANKS

168. Provincial Grand Rank abbreviations:

	<b>Active</b>	<b>Past</b>
1. Provincial Grand Master	ProvGM	PPrGM
2. Deputy Provincial Grand Master	DProvGM	PDPrGM
3. Assistant Provincial Grand Master	AProvGM	PAPrGM
4. Provincial Eminent Grand Prior	ProvEmGPrior	PPrEmGPrior
5. Provincial Senior Grand Warden	ProvSGW	PPrSGW
6. Provincial Junior Grand Warden	ProvJGW	PPrJGW
7. Provincial Grand Secretary	ProvGSec	PPrGSec
8. Provincial Grand Registrar	ProvGReg	PPrGReg
9. Provincial Grand Treasurer	ProvGTreas	PPrGTreas
10. Provincial Grand Marshal	ProvGMar	PPrGMar
11. Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	ProvGSwdB	PPrGSwdB
12. Provincial Grand Almoner	ProvGAlm	PPrGAlm
13. Provincial Deputy Grand Marshal	ProvDepGMar	PPrDepGMar
14. Provincial Senior Grand Deacon	ProvSGD	PPrSGD
15. Provincial Junior Grand Deacon	ProvJGD	PPrJGD
16. Provincial Grand Organist	ProvGOrg	PPrGOrg
17. Provincial Grand Banner Bearer	ProvGBannerB	PPrGBannerB
18. Provincial Grand Capt'n of the Guard	ProvGCofG	PPrGCofG
19. Provincial Grand Burgh	ProvGBurgh	PPrGBurgh
20. Provincial Grand Guard	ProvGGuard	PPrGGuard

## **APPENDIX B**

### **FEES**

169. Schedule of Fees and Dues payable in advance to Grand Court, Provincial Grand Courts and Courts.

### **GRAND COURT FEES**

170. Fees payable to Grand Court for services to Provinces and Brethren of the Order shall be such amounts as shall have been determined by resolution of Grand Court and shall take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July following the Grand Court meeting. The Grand Witan shall have power to vary any or all fees and dues payable by Provinces and Courts Overseas. Annual Dues payable by each Court for every Brother who has been a subscribing member of that Court for each year or part of a year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June are due on 1<sup>st</sup> July of that year. There is no Value Added Tax payable on any fees or dues payable to Grand Court in respect of Brethren habitually resident in the United Kingdom or European Union.
171. Grand Officers, on promotion to an office or rank for which a higher fee is payable will pay the difference between the fee which is payable for the former rank and that due for the higher rank. On appointment to an office for which the same or lower fee is appropriate he shall pay no further fee.

### **PROVINCIAL GRAND COURT FEES**

172. Fees payable to any Provincial Grand Court by Courts or Brethren of the Order shall be such amounts as shall have been determined by resolution of the Provincial Grand Court after notice on the summons for an annual meeting and shall take effect from the date of such meeting. Fees of Honour shall not exceed twenty five percent of the equivalent Grand Court fee of honour.
173. Provincial Grand Officers, on promotion to an office or rank for which a higher fee is payable will pay the difference between the fee which is payable for the former rank and that due for the higher rank. On appointment to an office for which the same or lower fee is appropriate he shall pay no further fee.
174. For the avoidance of doubt the office of Provincial Grand Master is a Grand Court rank and not a Provincial rank. No brother may be appointed or promoted to Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master or Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master. A Brother appointed to Deputy Provincial Grand Master or Assistant Grand Master shall pay a fee of honour equivalent to Senior Grand Warden.
175. It is not within the power of a Provincial Grand Master to issue a Dispensation Nunc Pro Tunc.

## GRAND RANKS FEES OF HONOUR (EFFECTIVE 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2016)

### 176. Grand Ranks Fee of Honour

Grand Master	£500.00
Deputy Grand Master	£350.00
Assistant Grand Master	£300.00
Provincial Grand Master	£250.00
Grand Prior ( <i>Nil if a Clerk in Holy Orders</i> )	£200.00
Senior Grand Warden	£200.00
Junior Grand Warden	£200.00
President of Grand Witan	£200.00
Grand Consul	£200.00
President of DAC	£200.00
Grand Secretary	£100.00
Grand Treasurer	£100.00
Grand Registrar	£100.00
Grand Marshal	£100.00
Grand Sword Bearer	£100.00
Grand High Almoner	£75.00
Grand Lecturer	£75.00
Grand Historian	£75.00
Grand Conservator	£75.00
Grand Warden of Regalia	£75.00
Deputy Grand Prior ( <i>Nil if a Clerk in Holy Orders</i> )	£75.00
Deputy President of DAC	£75.00
Deputy Grand Secretary	£75.00
Deputy Grand Treasurer	£75.00
Deputy Grand Registrar	£75.00
Deputy Grand Sword Bearer	£75.00
Senior Grand Deacon	£75.00
Junior Grand Deacon	£75.00
Grand Organist	£75.00
Deputy Grand Organist	£75.00
Grand Banner Bearer	£50.00
Deputy Grand Banner Bearer	£50.00
Grand Captain of the Guards	£50.00
Deputy Grand Captain of the Guards	£50.00
Grand Burgh	£50.00
Grand Guard	£50.00
Deputy Grand Guard	£50.00

177. On first appointment every Brother on the first appointment to any active office or any past rank shall pay Grand Court the fee as specified above.
178. On promotion to an office or rank for which a higher fee is appropriate, he shall pay the difference between the fee which is payable for the former rank and that due for the higher rank.

#### **OTHER FEES**

179. Other fees:
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| Warrant                                | £45.00 |
| Patent of Appointment                  | £45.00 |
| Duplicate Grand Court Certificate      | £20.00 |
| Dispensation Issued by Grand Secretary | £25.00 |
| Dispensation (nunc pro tunc)           | £45.00 |

#### **ANNUAL DUES**

180. The Annual Dues and Fees payable by each Court for each year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June in respect of every Brother who has been a subscribing member of that Court during any part of that year are due on 1<sup>st</sup> July of that year.
181. They shall be such amounts as shall have been determined by resolution at Grand Court to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July following that Grand Court meeting.
182. The Grand Witan shall have the power to vary any or all of the Dues and Fees payable by Courts Overseas.

#### **REGISTRATION FEES (EFFECTIVE 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2025)**

Registration fees ratified by Grand Court on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024

183. When a brother joins a Court either as an Initiate or as a Joining Member, the Court must pay:
- I. Annual dues for the new member for their first year (or part of year; annual dues would have already been paid for all current members on the 1st of July)
  - II. A registration fee.
  - III. Where members join as part of the foundation of a new Court, an additional founder registration fee becomes payable.

New Member Registration fee	£10.00
Joining Member Registration Fee	£10.00

Re-Joining Member Registration Fee	£10.00
Founder Registration Fee	£10.00

**New Member** (Instructed into an existing Court)

Annual Fee	£10.00
First Years Annual Dues (irrespective of the time of year the member is admitted)	£10.00

**Total    £20.00**

**Founder** (who is an existing member of the Order)

Founders Fee	£10.00
First Years Annual Dues (irrespective of the time of year the member is admitted)	£10.00

**Total    £20.00**

**Founder** (who is a NEW member of the Order)

Founders Fee	£10.00
New Member Registration fee	£10.00
First Years Annual Dues (irrespective of the time of year the member is admitted)	£10.00

**Total    £30.00**