

The Grand York Rite of Freemasonry of the Philippines

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GRAND CHAPTER



GRAND COUNCIL



GRAND COMMANDERY

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Edict No. 1

Series of 2019

To: All Constituent Chapters:

WHEREAS, every Companion is made to understand, when he starts his journey, that he is engaging himself to do Masonic work thereafter;

WHEREAS, the Stated Convocation has always been the means by which that engagement could be satisfied, where a work is to be done, of one form or another, by each member, the chapter officers, past and present, no more than others;

WHEREAS, the Stated Conclave is the primary forum by which the business of the Commandery is conducted;

WHEREAS, on the other hand, the dwindling attendance in the conclaves and at other times, the frequent failure to hold such conclaves were among the present problem areas of subordinate chapters;

WHEREAS, there is a necessity to prescribe additional measures to ensure that all subordinate chapters continue to hold stated conclaves on a regular and consistent basis;

WHEREAS, leadership by precept and example is always paramount;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power in me vested as Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Philippines, I, JUANITO P. ABERGAS, hereby decree as follows:

REQUIRING ALL COMPANIONS IN GOOD STANDING, THE GRAND LINE OFFICERS IN PARTICULAR, PAST AND PRESENT TO HAVE ATTENDED AN AGGREGATE OF SIX STATED CONCLAVES IN THE YEAR (THE 12-MONTH PERIOD EXCLUDING THE MONTH WHEN THE ANNUAL REUNION IS ANNUALLY HELD) IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE ANNUAL REUNION IN ORDER TO BE EITHER NOMINATED OR ELECTED AND APPOINTED TO THE GRAND LINE.

For this purpose, it shall be the duty of the Excellent High Priests, the Secretaries of the Chapters and the Body Supervisors to:

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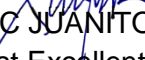
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- a) Make an attestation and a certification that "he has verified the Minutes of previous convocations and the Sentinel's Registry of the Chapter, and had personally ascertained from other documents, record and other mean that all Companions enumerated therein met all the requirements prescribed above".
- b) Include a photocopy/facsimile of the Sentinel's Registry as attachment to such certification and attestation.
- c) Keep and maintain a copy of the said attested/certified listing of qualified Companions to form part of the record of the Chapter.


Failure to meet the above minimum six attendance rule shall mean the disqualification of the Companion to either be nominated or to be elected or appointed to any grand line position.


This Edict shall take effect immediately and shall be read in open convocation of all constituent Chapters in the Jurisdiction during the next stated Convocation following its receipt.

Given by my hand and under the seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Republic of the Philippines this 25th of November 2019.


MEC JUANITO P. ABERGAS
Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Philippines

Conforme:


MIC EMMANUEL R. BRAVO
Most Illustrious Grand Master
Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the Philippines


SK EDGAR D. LIM
Right Eminent Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the Philippines