

CHAPTER 29

LODGE REPRESENTATIVES TO GRAND LODGE

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Constitutional Provisions

The Master and Wardens, or their duly appointed proxies, are the representatives of their Lodge in the Grand Lodge. (Art. X, Sec. 7)

It is the duty of each Worshipful Master of the Particular Lodges in this jurisdiction to make a report of the Proceedings of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge to his Lodge, as soon as practicable after said Communication has been closed, and to impress upon all the members of his Lodge the duty of familiarizing themselves with this Constitution and the Old Charges of the Free and Accepted Masons. (Art. X, Sec. 28)

Regulations

29.01 It is the duty of the Master and Wardens, or at least one of them, of each Chartered Lodge, to attend every Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, but when unable to do so in person it is each of their prerogatives to appoint proxies, confined to the membership of their respective Lodges, to represent them. Such appointments should be in writing and attested by the Secretary and Lodge Seal. However, when the Grand Lodge is satisfied that the proper officers of a Particular Lodge, being absent, intended to appoint a certain Brother their proxy, he may be admitted without formal credentials.

29.02 All proxies must be handed to the Committee on Returns and Credentials at or before the calling of the roll of Grand Lodge on the first day of the session; otherwise, no proxy will be received until recognized by the Grand Lodge.

29.03 When a Master has given his proxy to a member of his Lodge to represent him during a Communication of the Grand Lodge, and the proxy has been recognized as the representative, the Master has the right to withdraw it and assume the duties himself only by action of the Grand Lodge.

29.04 Every Chartered Lodge is entitled to representation in the Grand Lodge; but no Brother representing a Lodge can draw mileage and per diem, or either, unless the Grand Lodge dues and assessments have been paid, remitted, or further time given.

29.05 The Officer in attendance upon the Grand Lodge is entitled to receive the mileage and per diem in preference to the proxy of an Officer higher in rank.

29.06 Officers appointed to serve newly Chartered Lodges will not be allowed compensation or mileage for attending the Grand Communication at which their Lodges were Chartered, unless they have been working more than a year. (Const. Art. II, Sec. 2)

References

The Grand Master cannot appoint a Brother to represent a Lodge in Grand Lodge. Reg. 6.05
Representatives shall not be placed on payroll if Lodge return is not filed five (5) days before Annual Communication. Reg. 30.03
As to mileage and per diem of representatives, See Reg. 12.06
As to Grand Lodge payroll, See Reg. 12.05, 12.06
A Lodge, by majority vote, may give instructions to its representatives to Grand Lodge. Anderson's Constitution, Reg. X, Chapter 1
It is an ancient precept of Freemasonry that every Mason may instruct his representatives to the general meetings of the Craft. Const. Art. XIII, Sec. 3