

The Grand Registrar has moved the following, and it has been seconded by the President of the Board of General Purposes;

Communications and Triennial General Meetings

Remit 1

195A. (New) Annual Communication

- a. An Annual Communication of Grand Lodge shall be held each year between the Grand Installations, in the month of October or November, at a location and on a date determined by the Board of General Purposes, in consultation with the Grand Secretary.
- b. The Grand Secretary shall, at least two months before the date fixed for an Annual Communication, make available to every Lodge and to every Officer of Grand Lodge a Notice summoning the Annual Communication together with a statement of the business to be transacted.

and Consequential Amendments

being add 'Annual Communication' after 'Communication' to Rule 14, Rules 197-200, Rule 228, Rule 244.e. Rule 265.a. and Rule 265.c.

Remit 2

3. Construction of Rules:

Amended to read:

- d. Reference to Communication means a Triennial Communication under Rule 195 only and shall not include an Annual Communication nor a Special Communication, which in terms of these Rules must be specified as such.

Remit 3

195. Communication

Amended to read:

- a. A Communication of Grand Lodge in conjunction with the Grand Installation shall be held in the month of October or November, commencing in 2022 in Wellington and thereafter every third year by

rotation in the three Divisions – Southern, Northern and Central, and on a date determined by the Board of General Purposes, in consultation with the Grand Secretary.

- b. The Grand Secretary shall, at least two months before the date fixed for a Communication, make available to every Lodge and to every Officer of Grand Lodge a Notice summoning the Communication together with a statement of the business to be transacted.

Remit 4

196. Special Communication

Clause b. amended to read:

- b. The Special Communication shall be held at a location and on the date set by the Officer calling it, in consultation with the Grand Secretary.

Remit 5

219. Accounts

Amended to Read:

The Board of General Purposes shall require proper accounts to be kept and shall make available to Grand Lodge at the Communication or Annual Communication not less than 21 days prior to the holding of the meeting, detailed financial statements and related reports and do all such other things as may be necessary to give Grand Lodge full information respecting the receipt and application of its funds and property.

Remit 6

220. Audit

Amended to read:

- a. The Grand Lodge accounts shall be audited annually and submitted with an auditor's certificate to Communication or Annual Communication, with the copy of the accounts being made available to members of Grand Lodge on the Freemasons New Zealand website.
- b. The Auditor shall be appointed by Grand Lodge at Communication or Annual Communication and shall be paid such fee as may be agreed between the Auditor and the Board of General Purposes.
- c. If, for any reason, the Auditor so appointed is unable to complete an audit for the year of appointment, the Board of General Purposes shall appoint a replacement Auditor.

Remit 7

225. Annual Report

Amended to read:

- a. The Board of General Purposes shall make available to Grand Lodge at every Communication or Annual Communication not less than 21 days prior to the holding of the Communication or Annual Communication, a report of the Board's activities covering the financial year just ended and of any recommendations it may think fit to make. Any such recommendation requiring a change to the rules shall be considered at the next Communication or Annual Communication or Special Communication.
- b. A copy of the report shall be made available to members of Grand Lodge on the Freemasons New Zealand website.

Board Explanation

The new Rule 195A and changes to Rules 195 and 196 are to enable the holding of an Annual Communication and provide flexibility of dates and locations for future Communications and Special Communications of Grand Lodge.

Changes to Rules 3.d., 14, 197 to 200, 219, 220, 225, 228, 244e, 265.a. and 265.c. are consequential of holding an Annual Communication and are also to align the rules with each other as well as current practise.