

## NOTICES TO BE MOVED IN GRAND LODGE 2024

### NOTICES OF MOTION

Following each individual Notice of Motion, comments have been included to convey the views on the various motions that have been proposed to assist Lodges in considering how their representative should vote.

### ITEM 5. OPERATIONAL REVIEW REMITS

The Chair of the Board of Directors, VW Bro Warwick Bell has moved the following Remits 11 to 17 and MW Bro Graham Wrigley PGM has seconded.

REMIT 11	DIVISIONAL STRUCTURE
	<p>That the recommendations of the Masonic Structure and Operational Review Working Group regarding establishing two Divisions and new geographic regions be approved and that work be undertaken to facilitate those recommendations, in accordance with the following amendments to the Book of Constitution to come into effect immediately prior to the Communication in October 2025:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="418 1272 1409 1535">1. <u>Masonic Division</u>  Amend the current Book of Constitution Rule 7 Clause a. to read:-  <b>“Division” means one of those areas over which Grand Lodge exercises jurisdiction and which are named respectively Northern and Southern.</b></li><li data-bbox="418 1570 1409 1915">2. <u>Masonic Division Boundaries</u>  Amend the current Book of Constitution Rule 7 Clause b. to read:-  <b>The boundaries of the Divisions are as follows:</b><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="509 1772 1409 1915">i. <b>The Northern Division comprises the North Island of New Zealand and neighbouring smaller islands; and Samoa and any other Pacific Islands with lodges holding Grand Lodge of New Zealand charters.</b></li></ol></li></ol>

- ii. **The Southern Division comprises the whole of the South Island, neighbouring smaller islands including Stewart Island, the Chatham Islands and Ross Dependency.**

3. Lodges in Geographic Area

Amend Book of Constitution Rule 8 Clause c. to read:-

**For the purpose of ensuring that a Lodge is associated with the appropriate geographic region to which, by community of interest, convenience of access or otherwise its members are most closely connected, the Board of Directors may with the written request of the Lodge, resolve that the Lodge be allocated to a geographic region in that Division other than within which it is geographically situated.**

4. Geographic Regions

i. Amend Book of Constitution Rule 9 to read:-

Heading: Delete “Districts” .to be replaced by “Geographic Regions”

ii. And rule to read:-

**The Board of Directors shall establish Geographic Regions comprising local groups of Lodges and may from time to time alter and replace Geographic Regions and establish new Geographic Regions after consultation with the Lodges involved.**

iii. And amend Book of Constitution Rule 2 Clause g to read:-

**g. “Geographic Region” means a group of Lodges established under Rule 9.**

5. Grand Superintendent

That the rank of District Grand Master be repealed and replaced with that of Grand Superintendent, and

- i. The rank of **Grand Superintendent** be added to the order of precedence as detailed in Appendix D of the recommendations of the Masonic Structure and Operational Review Working Group
- ii. The rank shall be titled ‘**Grand Superintendent <region>**’
- iii. The Book of Constitution Rule 144 Clause a. be amended to read:

**Each Geographical Region (subject to the general superintendence of Grand Lodge and the provisions of these Rules) shall, subject to the authority of the Divisional Grand**

	<p><b>Master, be under the control of a Grand Superintendent who shall be accountable to the Divisional Grand Master.</b></p> <p>iv. The rank of <b>Grand Superintendent</b> be added to Rule 124 Clause c.</p> <p>v. The role will be elected in accordance with Rule 159, including for the 2025 – 2028 term.</p> <p>6. <u>Head of Division</u></p> <p>i. Amend the Book of Constitution Rule 138 Head of Division to read:-</p> <p><b>a. Each Division (subject to the general superintendence and authority of Grand Lodge and the provisions of these Rules) shall be under the control of either The Senior Grand Warden or The Junior Grand Warden who shall be accountable to the Grand Master and the Board of Directors.</b></p> <p><b>b. Prior to the expiry of the term of office of The Senior Grand Warden or The Junior Grand Warden, one nomination shall be called for from each Geographic Region in the Division for the office of The Senior Grand Warden or The Junior Grand Warden and such nominations shall be forwarded to the Grand Master for his consideration in making the appointment.</b></p> <p>ii. And add new Clause c. to read:-</p> <p><b>c. Transitional arrangements –</b></p> <p><b>i. For the period from the Communication in 2025 to the Communication in 2028 the roles of The Senior Grand Warden and The Junior Grand Warden shall remain similar to that preceding this period and the two Divisions shall be under the control of a Divisional Grand Master, both of whom will be members of the Change Management Team.</b></p> <p><b>ii. As at the 2028 Communication reference to ‘Divisional Grand Master’ in these rules will be replaced by ‘Grand Warden’.</b></p> <p>iii. And add to Book of Constitution Rule 2 new subclause to read:-</p> <p><b>s. ‘Grand Warden’ means either The Senior Grand Warden or The Junior Grand Warden or both.</b></p>
<p>Rationale:</p>	<p>This change adopts the MSORWG recommendations. Explanation is covered in their report.</p>

<b>REMIT 12</b>	<b>GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS</b>
	<p><b>That subject to the preceding Remit 11 being adopted</b></p> <p>That the meeting requests the Board of Directors to consider amending the Governance &amp; Management Collective Rulings Part VII 57 Districts to come into effect immediately prior to the Communication in October 2025 and to read:-</p> <p><b>In accordance with Rule 9 the Board has established nine geographic regions which are allocated as follows:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>a. Northern Division — five geographic regions.</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>b. Southern Division — four geographic regions.</b></p> <p><b>The Board considers that future amendments to geographic boundaries may be desirable and may create new geographic regions or consolidate geographic regions as deemed appropriate, in consultation with the relevant Lodges and brethren.</b></p>
Rationale:	<p>This Remit recommends the MSORWG recommendation on geographic regions boundaries to the Board of Directors for consideration. It recognises that the establishment of Districts and their replacements are covered in Collective Rulings of the Board and therefore it is the prerogative of the Board of Directors to decide on. In accordance with Book of Constitution Rule 9 the Board will consult with Lodges in regard to their inclusion in a geographic region prior to making a final decision.</p>

<b>REMIT 13</b>	<b>CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS</b>
	<p><b>That subject to the preceding Remit 11 being adopted</b></p> <p>That the following <u>consequential amendments</u> be approved to come into effect immediately prior to the Communication in October 2025:</p> <p>i. Amend the following Book of Constitution Rules referring to ‘District’</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Rule 3 Clause c. ; Rule 45 Clause c. ; Rule 67 Clause a. ; Rule 85 Clause c. ; Rule 140 ; Rule 146 Clause a. ; Rule 156 Clause a. ; Rule 158 ; Rule 159 Clause a., b. &amp; d. ; Rule 160 Clause a. ; Rule 265 Clauses e., f., g. &amp; h.</b></p>

	<p>ii. And amend the following Book of Constitution Rules referring to ‘District Grand Master’</p> <p><b>Rule 2 Clause f. ; Rule 3 Clause c. ; Rule 45 Clause c. ; Rule 67 Clause a. ; Rule 82 Clause b. ; Rule 117 Clause b. ; Rule 118 Clause b. ; Rule 126 Clause c. ; Rule 125 Clause d. ; Rule 145 ; Rule 146 Clause e. ; Rule 148; Rule 158 ; Rule 159 b. c. e. &amp; f. ; Rule 212 Clauses a. &amp; b. ; Rule 265 Clauses e, f, g &amp; h.</b></p> <p>iii. And amend the following Book of Constitution Rules referring to ‘District Grand Masters’</p> <p><b>Rule 85 Clause c. ; Rule 109 Clause a. &amp; b. ; Rule 122; Rule 123; Rule 126 Clause a. ; Rule 159 Clause a. ; Rule 192 Clause a. &amp; b.</b></p> <p>iv. And such other consequential amendments to the Book of Constitution as are required.</p> <p>v. And amend Rule 186 Clause a. from:-</p> <p><i>District Grand Masters and Past Assistant Provincial Grand Masters</i> The square and five-pointed star</p> <p>To read:-</p> <p><b>“Grand Superintendents, Past District Grand Masters and Past Assistant Provincial Grand Masters</b> The square and five-pointed star”.</p>
<p>Rationale:</p>	<p>These consequential changes arise from adopting the MSORWG recommendations as per Remit 11.</p>

<b>REMIT 14</b>	<b>GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF CEREMONIES AND EDUCATION</b>
	<p>That the recommendation of the Masonic Structure and Operational Review Working Group regarding the establishment of the role and rank of The Grand Superintendent of Ceremonies and The Grand Superintendent of Education and disestablishment of the rank of Grand Lecturer, be approved, in accordance with the following amendments to the Book of Constitution to come into effect immediately prior to the Communication in October 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Rules 122 &amp; 123 a. be amended to reflect the revised Order of Precedence as detailed in Appendix D of the recommendation of the Masonic Structure and Operational Review Working Group.</li> <li>ii. Rule 124 Clause c. be amended to add <b>Grand Superintendent of Education.</b></li> <li>iii. Rule 186 Clause a. be amended to add:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Grand Superintendent of Ceremonies</b> <i>Two batons in saltire superimposed by the shield of the Armorial Bearings of Grand Lodge</i></li> <li><b>Grand Superintendent of Education</b> <i>A closed book</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>iv. such other consequential amendments to the Book of Constitution as are required.</li> </ul> <p>And noting that the Board will re-establish Collected Ruling 76 Duties of the Grand Superintendent of Ceremonies, which will include that, if Rule 11 is not passed, that the Grand Superintendent of Ceremonies will undertake the role of a Grand Director of Ceremonies in one of the three Divisions.</p>
Rationale:	<p>This change adopts the MSORWG recommendation to establish these roles. The collar jewels are as previous for the Grand Superintendent of Ceremonies and adopts that of the Grand Lecturer for the Grand Superintendent of Education</p>

<b>REMIT 15</b>	<b>GRAND ALMONER AND GRAND SECRETARY – BoC Rule 124</b>
	<p>That the recommendation of the Masonic Structure and Operational Review Working Group in regard to the rank of The Grand Almoner and The Grand Secretary being raised to Right Worshipful be approved, and that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. the Book of Constitution Rule 124 b. be amended to add <b>Grand Almoner</b> and <b>Grand Secretary</b> to read:- <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><b>Present and Past: Deputy Grand Masters, Divisional Grand Masters, Grand Wardens, Grand Almoners, Grand Secretaries and Past: Presidents of the Board of General Purposes, Provincial Grand Masters, Presidents of the Board of Benevolence and Grand Superintendents of the Freemasons Charity, are entitled to the style of "Right Worshipful", and are accorded on formal occasions the address of "Right Worshipful Brother".</b></p> </li> <li>ii. the Book of Constitution Rule 124 c. be amended to delete <b>Grand Almoner</b>, and <b>Grand Secretary</b></li> <li>iii. to make such other consequential amendments to the Book of Constitution as are required.</li> </ul>
Rationale:	This change adopts the MSORWG recommendation. It recognises the significant responsibilities brethren in these two roles have and the work they undertake.

<b>REMIT 16</b>	<b>RW BRETHREN REGALIA – BoC Rule 194</b>
	<p>That the recommendation of the Masonic Structure and Operational Review Working Group in regard to Right Worshipful brethren who have served active rank being entitled to dress regalia be approved, and that the Book of Constitution rule 194 be amended from:-</p> <p>194 Past Grand Officers’ Regalia</p> <p>A Past Grand Officer below the rank of Past Provincial Grand Master and Past Divisional Grand Master may wear the dress regalia of his office when required to discharge the duties of the present Grand Officer. On all other occasions he may wear either the undress regalia or Craft Lodge regalia.</p> <p>To read:-</p> <p><b>194 Past Grand Officers’ Regalia</b></p> <p><b>A Past Grand Officer below the rank of Past Provincial Grand Master and Past Divisional Grand Master who has served an active term of office in a role entitled to the style of address of 'Right Worshipful Brother' may wear the dress regalia of his Office or the un-dress regalia of his Office.</b></p>
Rationale:	This change adopts the MSORWG recommendation. It enhances and recognises those who have held active rank in the role.

<b>REMIT 17</b>	<b>MEETING ON LICENSED PREMISES – BoC Rule 86</b>
	<p>That the recommendation of the Masonic Structure and Operational Review Working Group in regard to meeting on licensed premises be approved, and that the Book of Constitution <b>Rule 86 Meeting on Licensed Premises Forbidden</b> be repealed.</p> <p>“86. Meeting on Licensed Premises Forbidden</p> <p>No meeting of any Lodge shall be held in premises licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquors without the prior permission of the Board of Directors.</p>
Rationale:	Any change of meeting location is subject to Dispensation, as a meeting on a Licenced Premises would require such a Dispensation request. This would also mitigate the future potential for a Lodge to meet on a co-located Licenced Premises.