

Digest of Masonic Law

CHAPTER 7

**DEPUTY GRAND MASTER AND GRAND WARDENS**

**As to Election, Installation, Term, Title, Vacancies, Succession,  
and Discipline of Grand Lodge Officers, See Chapter 5**

POWERS AND DUTIES

**Constitutional Provisions**

It is the duty of the Deputy Grand Master to assist the Grand Master in the discharge of all his official duties, and in his absence to preside. And in case of his death, or incapacity from any cause, to perform the duties of his office, all the duties, powers, and prerogatives of the Grand Master devolve upon the Deputy Grand Master until the next Annual Communication. (Art. VI, Sec. 7)

It is the duty of the Senior Grand Warden to assist the Grand Master in opening and closing the Grand Lodge, and in his absence, and in the absence of the Deputy Grand Master, to preside; and in case of the death, removal, or inability from any other cause to perform the duties of the office of Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden succeeds to all the powers, rights, and prerogatives of the Grand Master. And in case of the death, removal, or inability from any cause to perform the duties of the office of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Senior Grand Warden, the Junior Grand Warden succeeds to all the powers, rights, and prerogatives of the Grand Master. (Art. VI, Sec. 8)

**References**

The Deputy Grand Master is privileged to install a Master-elect in absence of the Grand Master. Const. Art. X, Sec. 9; Chapter 19

**Regulations**

**7.01** Prior to each Annual Grand Communication, the Deputy Grand Master may file with the Grand Secretary a confidential list of names of Brothers whom he desires to have in attendance at such Grand Communication, not to exceed fifty (50) in number, who, if present at such Grand Communication, shall be eligible to be placed on the payroll thereof as specified by the Deputy Grand Master as follows:

(1) Forty-five Brothers for a period not to exceed one day and one night plus mileage; and

(2) Five Brothers for a period not to exceed four days and three nights plus mileage.

The Grand Secretary shall give notice to the named Brothers so listed and designated by the Deputy Grand Master and shall certify such Brothers to the appropriate Grand Lodge Officers and Committees as eligible to be placed on the payroll as above provided.

**7.02** The Deputy Grand Master, prior to the Annual Grand Communication shall be invited to present to the Jurisprudence Committee an outline of his proposed program and projects for the coming year, should he be elected Grand Master. This outline shall give detail as to projects and programs where Lodges and Lodge members are involved. The Jurisprudence Committee will review the Deputy Grand Master's proposed plans and advise him as to the legality of such plans under Masonic Law. (1983)

