

**Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons
In Virginia**



**Executive Order No. 1
2021-2022**

In an effort to secure the best candidate in each Capitular district for the all-important office of District Deputy Grand High Priest, the following procedure is established for the selection of the recommended companion.

1. This executive order should be read as soon as possible but **NO LATER THAN THE NEXT STATED CONVOCATION** of your Chapter. The High Priest of each subordinate Chapter shall notify his members, by the usual means, at least one month in advance that nominations for recommendation for appointment to the office of District Deputy Grand High Priest for 2024 will be considered at a designated stated convocation of the Chapter.
2. At the designated stated convocation, nominations shall be made for **recommendation for appointment** to the office of District Deputy Grand High Priest. The High Priest may have the first nomination. After all nominations have been made and all discussions have been concluded, the Chapter shall vote by ballot to recommend a High Priest or Past High Priest to serve as District Deputy Grand High Priest. A majority ballot is required. If there are more than two nominees for consideration and none receives a majority of the votes on the first ballot, the Companion with the lowest number of votes shall be dropped from consideration and a second ballot taken on as many subsequent ballots as may be necessary for a nominee to be selected by a majority ballot. **All members present must vote and no one can leave the Chapter room during the balloting process.**

This Executive Order applies to nominations for District Deputy Grand High Priest for Capitular year 2024 nominations. The Nominations for Capitular year 2024 will be forwarded to the office of the Grand Secretary, with a copy to the Grand Scribe, prior to June 1, 2022.

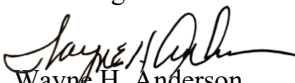
Nothing herein shall be taken to affect the right of the Grand High Priest to appoint whom he will as District Deputy Grand High Priest.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia at the City of Richmond this 1st day of December A.D. 2021, A.I. 2551.



Attest:


Mark Todd Pennypacker, Sr.
Grand High Priest


Wayne H. Anderson
Grand Secretary