



Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia



Executive Order No. 4 2025-2026

**TO BE READ IN ALL SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NO LATER
THAN THE DECEMBER 2025 STATED CONVOCATION**

WHEREAS, each year, numerous Companions are suspended for nonpayment of dues, in accordance with Sections 230-236 of the Digest of Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, it appears that a number of these Companions may be desirous of returning to good standing in their respective Royal Arch Chapters; and

WHEREAS, the present law requires that all outstanding dues owed by a Companion suspended for non-payment of dues be paid or remitted in all Chapters in which he held membership before his reinstatement can be considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KYLE WILLIAM STRICKLAND, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia, do hereby order and declare:

- 1. That during the period from December 1, 2025 until October 31, 2026, a period of amnesty is declared for all Royal Arch Masons suspended from their respective Chapter or Chapters for non-payment of dues, provided that each such Companion shall make application for reinstatement to the Chapter which suspended him and, at the time of such application, shall pay the dues (not prorated) in that Chapter for the current year. He may likewise renew his membership in any other Chapter or Chapters to which he belonged at the time of his suspension, by notifying each other Chapter or Chapters of his reinstatement under the provision of this Executive Order and by paying his dues in such Chapter for the current year. The Grand Secretary shall report the action of the Chapter in the Chapter's monthly activity report and to all other Chapters in the District.**

2. That if the Chapter shall refuse to reinstate the applicant who was suspended for non-payment of dues, it shall refund the payment to the applicant.
3. That each High Priest shall send a blank application for reinstatement, together with a copy of this Executive Order, to every member of his Chapter who was suspended for non-payment of dues during the past ten (10) years, provided the address of such suspended member is known or can be reasonably ascertained. The Grand Secretary's Office shall lend such assistance as possible in identifying suspended Companions to a particular Chapter or upon request, shall furnish such address information as may be available.
4. That every Chapter shall use its best efforts to contact all Companions entitled to reinstatement under the terms of this Executive Order and to impress upon them the advantages of this opportunity to return to good standing.
5. That insofar as any provision of the Digest is inconsistent with the terms of this Executive Order, the same is hereby set aside for the duration of the period of amnesty as aforesaid.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia at the City of Chesapeake, this 23rd day of November, A.D. 2025, A.I. 2555 and in the Two-Hundred and Eighteenth year of our Grand Chapter.




Kyle William Strickland

Grand High Priest

Attest:


Wayne H. Anderson

Grand Secretary