

Continuation in Office of a Principal for a second year

The relevant Principal or Principals must have been elected to continue in Office at the preceding Regular Meeting of the Chapter.

ITEMS ON THE SUMMONS

No. – To Install.... Name of Principal(s) or
To Induct.... Name of Principal(s) or
To Proclaim.... Name of Principal(s).

No. - The Principals to Appoint and Invest their Officers.

PROCEDURE - ONE OR TWO PRINCIPALS CONTINUING

Where one or two of the Principals are to be Proclaimed but at least one Principal is to be Installed or Inducted: -

The Zerubbabel should thank and make some suitable comments to the Officers and members of the Chapter and should then ask them to remove their collars.

Before the Installation or Induction(s) commence or the incoming Principals are Obligated, the IPZ, Chapter DC or other nominated Officer should stand in front of the IPZ's Chair and announce that: -

“Companions, E.Comp. (Name of Principal) has been re-elected to continue in Office as Zerubbabel/Haggai/ Joshua for a second year”.

If Zerubbabel is continuing in Office for a further year, then reference should be made to the fact that the IPZ will also continue in that position for a further year (Note that the IPZ is not invested again).

The Installations and/or Inductions of the remaining Principals should then take place as normal.

Finally, at the point when the Companions are re-admitted into the Chapter and are standing in line in the west, the Installing Principal or DC should make the usual Proclamation as per the ritual book, suitably adjusted to include reference to the continuing Principal(s) e.g.

“Companions, during your temporary absence, E.Comp. (Name) has been regularly Installed into the Chair of Zerubbabel, E.Comp. (Name) has been regularly Inducted into the Chair of Haggai and E.Comp. (Name) has been re-elected to continue in the Chair of Joshua, according to ancient custom and I now Proclaim them Principals of theChapter No..... for the ensuing year...”

To Order Companions... (sign of Reverence)

Whom may the True and Living God Most High long preserve”.

The Companions should then be seated and the Installation should proceed as per normal.

PROCEDURE - ALL THREE PRINCIPALS CONTINUING

Where all three Principals are continuing in Office, as soon as the relevant item of business has been announced on the Summons, with the three Principals sitting in their Chairs, the I.P.Z. or DC or other suitable nominated Officer should stand in front of the IPZ's Chair and announce: -

"Companions please rise" (all rise except the 3 Principals)

"Companions, E.Comp. (Name) having been re-elected as First Principal, E.Comp. (Name) having been re-elected as Second Principal and E.Comp. (Name) having been re-elected as Third Principal, I now Proclaim them Principals of Chapter No for the ensuing year.

To order Companions (all stand to order with sign of Reverence)

Whom may the True and Living God Most High long preserve.

Companions please be seated"

Reference should be made to the fact that the IPZ will also continue in that position for a further year (Note that the IPZ is not invested again).

Although the Addresses on the Robes are not strictly required, it is suggested that Chapters seriously consider giving these addresses in order to give each of the Offices the dignity they deserve as well ensure that the ceremony is of a sufficient duration for the enjoyment of all present and also for the instruction and benefit of the newer companions present.

There is no requirement to present the Warrant or Regulations of Supreme Grand Chapter/Chapter Bylaws etc.

The appointment of the new Chapter Officers and the rest of the evening should then continue in the normal way.