

The seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan is a circular emblem. It features a central shield with a crown on top, flanked by two figures. The shield is supported by two pillars. The entire emblem is surrounded by a circular border containing the text "GRAND CHAPTER" at the top, "ROYAL ARCH MASONRY" on the left, "SASKATCHEWAN" on the right, and "OF" at the bottom.

*Prepaid Life Membership  
Act  
of the  
Grand Chapter  
of  
Royal Arch Masons  
of  
Saskatchewan.*

*A Law made pursuant to Section 8 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan to provide for the orderly dissolution of the Voluntary Prepaid Membership for Life programme created under Section 52 and its Appendices of the previous Rules and Regulations.*

**Preamble:**

1. a. Nothing in this Act shall be interpreted to prevent any constituent Chapter from remitting the dues of a Companion pursuant to Sec. 49 a. of the Regulations.
- b. The per-capita fee of a Companion whose dues have been remitted by his Chapter is still payable to Grand Chapter, unless it has been remitted by Grand Chapter under Sec. 49 b. of the Regulations.
2. a. Grand Chapter shall hold and invest the money currently held in the Life membership fund, until there are no longer any more Life members left in any Constituent Chapter.
- b. When there are no more Life members in any Constituent Chapter the money left in the Grand Chapter fund will be transferred into the Grand Chapter general fund.
- c. The income from the fund shall be transferred to the general fund of Grand Chapter.
- d. This fund will be invested under the authority of the Executive Committee by the Finance Committee.

**Demits, Suspensions, Transfers and Amalgamations:**

3. A voluntary prepaid member may demit from his Chapter in accordance with the Constitution. There will be no refund made to that member from the Grand Chapter fund.
4. If a voluntary prepaid member affiliates with any other constituent Chapter he will be subject to pay the annual dues of that Chapter and be subject to his per-capita fee to Grand Chapter in the normal manner.
5. If two Chapters amalgamate or one Chapter appends its Charter to another and operate under one of the existing Charters:
  - a. Every prepaid life member from the Chapter whose Charter is returned to Grand Chapter or appended to another will be subject to the Grand Chapter per-capita.
  - b. The prepaid for life fund of the Chapter whose Charter is returned to Grand Chapter or appended will be equally divided between all the prepaid for life members provided that there is no pre-existing bylaw that deals with this situation locally.

*My thinking is that it will operate much like a time sensitive tontine for those members. Their Chapter has basically pocketed all profits from the fund and the other Chapter will be getting their dues.*

6. If two constituent Chapters amalgamate and form a new Chapter under a new Charter the prepaid membership for life fund of either or both Chapters, as applicable, will be dealt with as in 5 b. above.
7. In the event a voluntary prepaid member is suspended, demits or expelled it shall *ipso facto* remove all claims he has to the membership for life fund. If a suspended or demitted member is reinstated to the Chapter where he was a prepaid member he may, on request, be allowed to recover his prepaid for life status at no cost.
8. Prepaid Membership for Life status is not transferrable to another Chapter or a different member.

