

Art. 29 Masonic Triangles

In order to facilitate the establishment of future lodges, the possibility of the creation of Masonic Triangles is permitted in those cases where there are difficulties in establishing new lodges in accordance with the established requirements.

1) The objectives of a Triangle are:

- To maintain fraternal relations between Masons in localities remote from a Symbolic Lodge.
- To make known the existence of Freemasonry in such localities.
- To develop the Masonic education of its members through reflection and rehearsal of ceremonies.
- As a general rule, a Triangle may only be constituted in localities where no Symbolic Lodge exists, except in the case where the triangle has as its objective the creation of a new lodge of a different rite from the existing ones.

2) Creation of a Masonic Triangle:

- A minimum of three MMs may apply for the creation of a triangle in order to the following:

- a) Applicants must be active GLE Master masons in good standing.
- b) They should address their application to the Grand Provincial Secretariat, which will issue a report within one month of receipt of the application, on the fulfilment of the requirements for the constitution of a Triangle.
- c) The PGS shall forward the application together with the report to the Grand Secretariat, which, within 15 days, shall take a decision for or against the constitution of the Triangle.

(d) If the decision is favourable, the GM shall grant authorisation for the creation of the Triangle, indicating its registration number, name, constituent members, language, place and dates of meetings.

(e) If the decision is negative, a period of 10 calendar days shall be allowed for proposers to present the allegations that they deem appropriate to the GS, which will resolve these allegations within a period of 5 working days, making its decision final.

(f) An appeal against the final decision may be lodged with the Court of Justice, which shall decide within one month. If the Court of Justice dismisses the appeal, the proponents may not reapply for a Triangle within a period of one year.

(g) The GM will always decide on the basis of the reports and resolutions issued.

- The application shall clearly state the proposed name of the Triangle, the specific objectives of the Triangle, the list of proponents with name, surname, lodge and registration number, the language, ritual or rituals they will work on, and the place and dates of their regular meetings.
- Once the Triangle has been authorised, the members of the Triangle will draw up a report, within three months, in which they will establish a timetable of actions, objectives, work methodology and internal rules of operation to be sent to the Grand Secretariat, which will make any observations it deems necessary, and which must be included in the report.

- The Triangle must be attached to a Symbolic Lodge of the GLE where all initiations, re-incorporations, affiliations or regularisations that may take place in connection with the activity of the Triangle will be processed. All initiation and elevation ceremonies shall take place in this Lodge of affiliation.
- Any Mason may join the Triangle who wishes to do so, provided he is active in the GLE, irrespective of his degree, rite or lodge of membership.
- The triangle will not hold Masonic ceremonies of any kind.
- Any Triangle activity involving any degree of exposure to the profane world must be supervised and authorised by the GM.
- The Triangle shall keep the books of visitors, minutes and members, independently of the Symbolic Lodge of ascription. This documentation will be kept in the archives of the future new Lodge.
- Within 5 years of the creation of the Triangle, it must become a Symbolic Lodge if it meets the requirements, or it will be dissolved immediately.
- In a location where a triangle has been constituted without a new Symbolic Lodge having been formed, a new triangle may not be constituted within 3 years of the dissolution of the previous triangle.

3) New lodge from a Triangle.

- Within 5 years the Triangle may become a new Symbolic Lodge.
- The new Lodge shall comply with the requirements set out in these Regulations for the establishment of Lodges.

- Exceptionally and in a justified manner, in order to allow for the possibility of effective growth and the establishment of Freemasonry in the locality, the transformation of a Triangle into a Lodge may be authorised by reducing to 7 the number of brethren required to constitute the new lodge, of whom at least 5 must be Master Masons.