

WHY IS IT NECESSARY TO “SEAL” DOCUMENTS?

§ **3.1.102** Every Lodge shall have a seal. -Pro 1855, p. 54.

§ **3.1.103** The seal of the Lodge should be used only by the Secretary, and by him only under the direction of the Lodge, or for attesting the Lodge proceedings. -Pro. 1883, p. 12-13.

The Lodge seal is evidence of the will of the Lodge on any matter “proper to be written.” While some documentation is acceptable without the seal (§ **3.1.195** provides that “When a brother has been granted a dimit, it makes no difference whether the certificate thereof be under seal or not.”) the better practice is to affix the seal to certify the fact that the Lodge was indeed the one issuing the documentation. Out-of-State correspondence (Certificates of Good Standing, Dimits, Waivers of Jurisdiction, etc.) should always carry both the Lodge Seal and the Grand Lodge Seal.