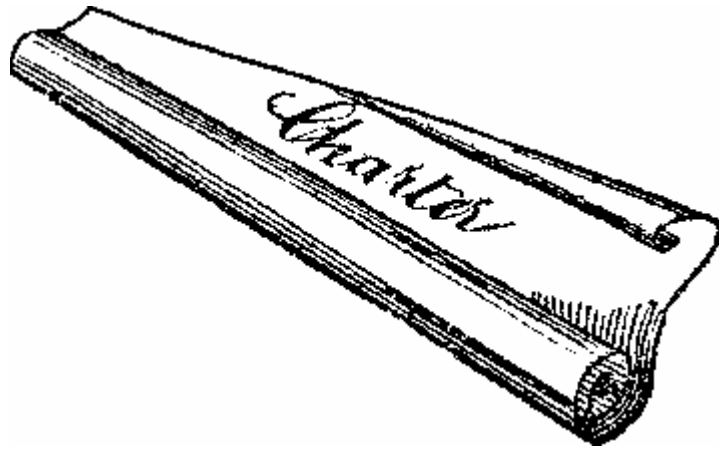


# CHARTER



In Freemasonry, a document issued by a Grand Lodge, or Chapter, or other grand body, to a certain number of members, empowering them to organize a Lodge or Chapter, etc., and confer degrees is called the Charter. A Lodge can never be opened for labor unless the Charter is present and it is the right of every visiting brother to see it before he enters the Lodge.