



GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

Order of the Eastern Star
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General Grand Chapter Officers
Grand Secretaries
Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons
Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons
Secretaries (Chapters under GGC)
Deputies

Enclosed you will find the Resolutions that will be presented at the 51st Triennial in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. These have been reviewed by the Jurisprudence Committee and they have been found to be in order.

Please distribute them as required by the Red Book, Constitution, Article XIII, Constitution in Force, (a), page 25, and as otherwise needed.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Mr. Charles Chandler, PGP
Right Worthy Grand Secretary

Presentation of Resolutions-51st General Assembly 2024

The following Resolutions are to be **printed and presented** to the General Assembly in the following alpha-numeric order, relative to the referenced categories/topics.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

This resolution would allow Chapters in locations with inclement weather in December and/or January to elect and install their officers in a later month.

RESOLUTION STATEMENT:

Be it Resolved that the below revisions be made in the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations, to allow Chapters in locations with inclement weather in December and/or January to elect and install in other months.

Locations Affected by the Resolution:

BYLAWS, Subordinate Chapters - Chapter VI, Sec. (g) Election and Installation, p. 61-62

Which Now Reads:

(g) ELECTION AND INSTALLATION: The annual election of officers shall be held on the first stated meeting in December. Provided, however, if such time for meeting falls upon a legal holiday, such election shall be held on the last stated meeting immediately preceding. Installation of Officers shall be held on or before the first stated meeting in January following election and may be either within the opened Chapter or in the Chapter hall with invited guests present.

The first eight (8) officers shall be elected by separate and majority ballot, provided that when there is but one (1) nominee for any elective office, Chapter may order otherwise. The next nine (9) officers shall be appointed by the Worthy Matron-elect. The Sentinel may be elected by separate and majority ballot, provided that when there is but one (1) nominee for the office, Chapter may order otherwise, or may be appointed by the Worthy Matron-elect, subject to Rules and Regulations of the General Grand Chapter or the Grand Jurisdiction in which the Chapter is located. (AM 1985)

Change to Read:

(g) ELECTION AND INSTALLATION: The annual election of officers shall be held on the first stated meeting in December. Provided, however, if such time for meeting falls upon a legal holiday, such election shall be held on the last stated meeting immediately preceding. Installation of Officers shall be held on or before the first stated meeting in January following election. **Provided further that if typical weather conditions in December and/or January in the Chapter's location cause meeting and travel in one or both of those months to be risky or inadvisable, the Chapter may put in its bylaws that it will be dark for one or both of those months (the "Dark Period"), in which case, the officers shall be elected at the first Stated Meeting after the Dark Period and shall be installed at or before the second Stated Meeting following their**

election. The installation may be held either within the opened Chapter or in the Chapter hall with invited guests present.

The first eight (8) officers shall be elected by separate and majority ballot, provided that when there is but one (1) nominee for any elective office, Chapter may order otherwise. The next nine (9) officers shall be appointed by the Worthy Matron-elect. The Sentinel may be elected by separate and majority ballot, provided that when there is but one (1) nominee for the office, Chapter may order otherwise, or may be appointed by the Worthy Matron-elect, subject to Rules and Regulations of the General Grand Chapter or the Grand Jurisdiction in which the Chapter is located. (AM 1985)

RULES AND REGULATIONS - Section 2 ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS, page 86

Which Now Reads:

Section 2. ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS. The first eight officers of a Chapter shall be elected annually by a separate majority ballot, excluding blanks, at the first stated meeting in December. If trustees are provided for in the Bylaws of a Chapter, at the first election thereof, one shall be elected for one year, one for two years and one for three years, and thereafter at each annual meeting, one trustee shall be elected for a term of three years. (AM 1985)

If the Chapter desires to elect the Sentinel this must be incorporated in the Bylaws of the Chapter. The election shall take place along with the first eight officers and requires a majority vote to elect.

Change to Read:

Section 2. ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS. The first eight officers of a Chapter shall be elected annually by a separate majority ballot, excluding blanks, at the first stated meeting in December. **However, if typical weather conditions in December and/or January in the Chapter's location cause meeting and travel in one or both of those months to be hazardous or inadvisable, the Chapter may put in its bylaws that it will be dark for one or both of those months (the "Dark Period"), in which case, the officers shall be elected at the first Stated Meeting after the Dark Period.** If trustees are provided for in the Bylaws of a Chapter, at the first election thereof, one shall be elected for one year, one for two years and one for three years, and thereafter at each annual meeting, one trustee shall be elected for a term of three years. (AM 1985)

If the Chapter desires to elect the Sentinel this must be incorporated in the Bylaws of the Chapter. The election shall take place along with the first eight officers and requires a majority vote to elect.

RULES AND REGULATIONS - Section 4, INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, pages 86-87

Which Now Reads:

Section 4. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS. All officers shall be installed either in open Chapter meeting or in closed Chapter meeting before the first stated meeting in January following their election or appointment, and shall hold their offices until their respective successors are elected or appointed and installed. In case of extreme emergency, a Special Dispensation may be granted to install at a later date. If for good reason any of the officers cannot be installed at the time of the installation ceremonies, they shall be installed in their own Chapter as soon as possible thereafter. Objection to the installation of any officer cannot be entertained by the installing officer unless the grounds for objection be of a very serious nature, affecting the moral character of the officer, and can be proven when charges are preferred, which must be done without delay by the objector, to the Most Worthy Grand Matron. The installing officer must be a present or Past Matron or a present or Past Patron of a regularly chartered Chapter. A Sister or Brother against whom charges have been preferred cannot be installed as an officer of a Chapter while same are pending. (AM 1985)

Change to Read:

Section 4. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS. All officers shall be installed either in open Chapter meeting or in closed Chapter meeting before the first stated meeting in January following their election or appointment, **unless the Chapter is dark in January, in which case the officers shall be installed at or before the second Stated Meeting after the meeting at which the officers were elected,** and shall hold their offices until their respective successors are elected or appointed and installed. In case of extreme emergency, a Special Dispensation may be granted to install at a later date. If for good reason any of the officers cannot be installed at the time of the installation ceremonies, they shall be installed in their own Chapter as soon as possible thereafter. Objection to the installation of any officer cannot be entertained by the installing officer unless the grounds for objection be of a very serious nature, affecting the moral character of the officer, and can be proven when charges are preferred, which must be done without delay by the objector, to the Most Worthy Grand Matron. The installing officer must be a present or Past Matron or a present or Past Patron of a regularly chartered Chapter. A Sister or Brother against whom charges have been preferred cannot be installed as an officer of a Chapter while same are pending. (AM 1985)

RATIONALE:

This legislation provides a way for Chapters in high northern latitudes, such as Alaska, where it is often unsafe or difficult for Chapters to meet in December and/or January, to put in their bylaws that they shall elect and install their officers in months other than

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December and/or January for the comfort and safety of our members.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Sarah Jane Schrodetzki, PGM of South Carolina

s/ Sarahann Shapiro, PGM of California

s/ Joseph Russo, PGP of Massachusetts

s/ J. Wayne Harrist, PGP of Louisiana

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

Resolution to revise the Rules and Regulations for the Government of Subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star® to revise the ceremony for affiliated members to include members who are joining a Chapter through plural membership.

RESOLUTION STATEMENT

Be it Resolved that the following revisions be made to the ceremony for affiliating members.

Location Affected by this Resolution:

RULES & REGULATIONS, Section 26. CEREMONY FOR AFFILIATING MEMBERS, (page 101).

Which now reads:

Section 26. CEREMONY FOR AFFILIATING MEMBERS. Members who have been elected to membership by affiliation should be escorted into the Chapter Room by the Conductress after a formal announcement of their presence in the reception room has been made to the Worthy Matron. Standing back of Esther's chair, with the candidate on her right the Conductress will say: "Worthy Matron, I have the pleasure of introducing to you Sister (or Brother) _____ formerly of _____ Chapter, who has been elected to membership in this Chapter." The Worthy Matron, after a few words of welcome, will instruct the Conductress to escort the member to the Secretary's desk where she or he shall sign the Bylaws of the Chapter and thus become entitled to all the privileges of membership.

Change to read:

Section 26. CEREMONY FOR **AFFILIATION OR PLURAL MEMBERSHIP.** **Worthy Matron: "Sister Conductress, you will retire and ascertain if there is a Sister or Brother, in waiting to receive membership into this Chapter." The anteroom door is used exclusively for the ceremony. The Conductress retires in form. Ascertaining the name(s) of the Sister or Brother, or both, she returns, stands West of Esther's chair, gives the salutation sign and speaks. Conductress: "Worthy Matron, I find in waiting Sister/Brother _____ who is desirous of joining this Chapter." Worthy Matron: "Sister/Brother Secretary, has Sister/Brother _____ been elected to become a member of this Chapter and has she/he presented her/his demit?" For plural membership, omit "and has she/he presented her/his demit." Secretary: "She/He has, Worthy Matron." Worthy Matron: "Sister Conductress, you will retire and present Sister/Brother _____ for membership." The Conductress retires in form. She escorts the Sister/Brother using her right arm (conducts if more than one) into the Chapter room. Taking their**

position West of Esther's chair, they give the salutation sign. Conductress: "Worthy Matron, I have the pleasure of presenting Sister/Brother formerly a member of Chapter, who has been elected to become a member of this Chapter." For plural membership, omit "formerly a member of Chapter." Worthy Matron: "Sister/Brother , it is with pleasure that I welcome you to membership in this Chapter. You will now be escorted (conducted) to the Secretary's desk where you will sign the by-laws of this Chapter, after which you will be presented in the East. "The Conductress escorts (conducts) the new member(s) to the Secretary's desk. After signing the by-laws, the new members(s) is (are) escorted (conducted) around the Chapter room to a position in front of the East facing West. The Worthy Matron calls up the Chapter. Worthy Matron: "Sisters and Brothers, I have the pleasure of introducing Sister/Brother who has (have) become a member(s) of this Chapter by Affiliation (or Plural Membership) and is (are) now entitled to all the privileges of membership. You will give her/him a hearty welcome and resume order at the sound of the gavel." After the new member(s) have been welcomed, the Worthy Matron seats the Chapter.

Change form to suit sex and the number of new member(s). If there is to be an affiliation or plural membership ceremony and an initiation ceremony on the same evening, the new member(s) will be seated following the signing of the by-laws and will be welcomed later with the newly initiated member(s).

RATIONALE:

Because membership in more than one Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter is permissible (AM 2012) this ceremony should be revised to include members who are joining a Chapter through plural membership. This revised ceremony also provides additional details to instruct the members of Subordinate Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter and encourage uniformity of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Madeline R. Weidner, PGM of Quebec

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

As an international organization we should not specify the US Military in Rules and Regulations Section 16 on page 94. We must learn to think globally when legislating for the Order.

RESOLUTION STATEMENT:

Be it Resolved that the following revision to Rules and Regulations, Section 16 Residence of Petitioner (page 94) be made to be inclusive of all Jurisdictions.

Location(s) affected by the Resolution:

RULES AND REGULATIONS of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star Section 16, RESIDENCE OF PETITIONER, page 94.

Which now Reads:

Section 16. RESIDENCE OF PETITIONER. No petition for degrees shall be received by any Chapter unless the petitioner shall have actually resided immediately preceding the date of such petition at least six months within the jurisdiction of the Chapter to which the petition is presented; provided, however, that such residence requirement shall not apply to seafaring Masons, whose home is on board ship and without a definite place of family residence, nor to persons who are, and for six months next preceding the date of petition have been, in the United States naval or military service, nor to the female relatives of such persons. A Chapter may refuse for good cause to receive a petition. If the actual residence of a petitioner for degrees is within the jurisdiction of a Chapter, the petition shall be received, though the petitioner is temporarily absent.

Change to Read:

Section 16. RESIDENCE OF PETITIONER. No petition for degrees shall be received by any Chapter unless the petitioner shall have actually resided immediately preceding the date of such petition at least six months within the jurisdiction of the Chapter to which the petition is presented; provided, however, that such residence requirement shall not apply to **persons serving in their country's military or merchant marine** whose home is without a definite place of family residence, nor to persons who are, and for six months next preceding the date of petition have been in **said military or merchant marine service**, nor to the female relatives of such persons. A Chapter may refuse for good cause to receive a petition. If the actual residence of a petitioner for degrees is within the jurisdiction of a Chapter, the petition shall be received, though the petitioner is temporarily absent.

RATIONALE:

As an international organization we should not favor the military service of one country over another.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ B. Judith Fenner, PGM of Massachusetts, GGCCM-Chairman of Deputies in Brazil
s/ Gislaine Maria Ribeiro da Silva de Magalhães, WGM of São Paulo, Brazil
s/ Américo da Silva Corralo, WGP of São Paulo, Brazil
s/ Margareth Cristina Cheque Soffiatti Ruberto, AGM of São Paulo, Brazil
s/ Ramilo Dutra da Cunha, AGP of São Paulo, Brazil
s/ Rogeria Azevedo Souza Pontes, PGM of São Paulo, Brazil
s/ Maria Eliza de Castilho Monfré, PGM of São Paulo, Brazil
s/ Cleude Aparecida de Castro Dutra Cunha, PGM of São Paulo, Brazil
s/ Denise Aparecida Honorato Moraes, PGM of São Paulo, Brazil
s/ Walter Propópiom PGP of São Paulo, Brazil
s/ Odivaldo Siviero, PGP of São Paulo, Brazil
s/ Armando da Silva Filho, PGP of São Paulo, Brazil
s/ Vilma de Castro Barbosa Siviero, PGM of São Paulo, Brazil
s/ Devanir Costa, PGP of São Paulo, Brazil
s/ Sandra de Melo Bertozo Corralo, PGM of São Paulo, Brazil
s/ João Alves de Magalhães Neto, PGP of São Paulo, Brazil
s/ Célio José de Moraes, PGP of São Paulo, Brazil

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To revise the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star® to provide the Worthy Patrons of Subordinate Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter the same privileges granted to the Worthy Matrons of Subordinate Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

RESOLUTION STATEMENT

Be it Resolved that the Worthy Patrons elected and installed during the current Triennial be afforded the same rights and privileges as the Worthy Matrons.

Location(s) Affected by this Resolution

CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE II, Paragraph (d), page 7

Which now Reads:

(d) The three Worthy Matrons elected and installed during the current Triennial of each Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter or their legally appointed proxies; provided that a Worthy Matron elected and installed or who served for more than one term during the current Triennial, shall have no more than one vote, and further provided such Chapter is not in arrears for dues. (AM 1994)

Change to Read:

(d) The three Worthy Matrons **and the three Worthy Patrons** elected and installed during the current Triennial of each Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter or their legally appointed proxies; provided that a Worthy Matron **or Worthy Patron** elected and installed or who served for more than one term during the current Triennial, shall each have no more than one vote, and further provided such Chapter is not in arrears for dues.

CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE VI: VOTE, Paragraph (c), page 13

Which now Reads:

(c) The three Worthy Matrons elected and installed during the current Triennial of each Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter or their legally appointed proxies; provided that a Worthy Matron elected and installed or who served for more than one term during the current Triennial, shall have no more than one vote.

Change to Read

(c) The three Worthy Matrons and the three Worthy Patrons elected and installed during the current Triennial of each Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter or their legally appointed proxies; provided that a Worthy Matron elected and installed or who served for more than one term during the current Triennial, shall have no more than one vote.

CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE VI: VOTE, Paragraph (g) PROXY OF WORTHY MATRON, page 13

Which now Reads:

(g) PROXY OF WORTHY MATRON: A legally appointed proxy of a Worthy Matron of a Subordinate Chapter under General Grand Chapter must be a member in good standing of the same Chapter, whose appointment is in writing and presented to the Credentials Committee when the General Grand Chapter convenes for registration. The proxy must return to the Chapter within three months.

Change to Read:

(g) PROXY OF WORTHY MATRON OR WORTHY PATRON. A legally appointed proxy of a Worthy Matron or a Worthy Patron of a Subordinate Chapter under General Grand Chapter must be a member in good standing of the same Chapter, whose appointment is in writing and presented to the Credentials Committee when the General Grand Chapter convenes for registration. The proxy must return to the Chapter within three months.

BOOK OF INSTRUCTION, PROXIES AND VOTES, Paragraph 4, page 202-203

Which now Reads:

The proxy of a Worthy Matron of a Subordinate Chapter need not be a past officer but must be a member of the same Chapter and will be returning to the Chapter within three months.

Change to Read:

The proxy of a Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron of a Subordinate Chapter need not be a past officer but must be a member of the same Chapter and will be returning to the Chapter within three months.

RATIONALE:

The Worthy Patrons of Subordinate Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter should be extended the same courtesies as the Worthy Matrons. Excluding the Worthy Patrons diminishes their value to our Order instead of encouraging

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their support and participation. We need the full collaboration of these Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons to fulfill their shared responsibility to promote the welfare of our Order.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Madeline R. Weidner, PGM of Quebec

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

To provide voting privileges for all Past Matrons and Past Patrons of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, when present in person at a Triennial Assembly or Special Assembly. No proxy votes shall be issued to these members if they are unable to attend in person. Any member who is currently entitled to vote shall not have an added vote. To receive voting privileges, all members who are entitled must be properly registered and credentialed to attend a Triennial Assembly or Special Assembly.

RESOLUTION STATEMENT:

Be it resolved that voting privileges be given to all Past Matrons and Past Patrons of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, when present in person at a Triennial Assembly or Special Assembly.

Location(s) affected by the Resolution:

CONSTITUTION of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star®, ARTICLE II., (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f), pages 7-8.

Which now Reads:

- (b) All Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of the several Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction, when present in person.
- (c) All Worthy Grand Matrons, Worthy Grand Patrons, Associate Grand Matrons and Associate Grand Patrons of the several Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction, or their legally appointed proxies.
- (d) The three Worthy Matrons elected and installed during the current Triennial of each Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter or their legally appointed proxies; provided that a Worthy Matron elected and installed or who served for more than one term during the current Triennial, shall have no more than one vote, and further provided such Chapter is not in arrears for dues. (AM 1994)
- (e) The Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron appointed for the current Triennial, when present in person. Exception: If a Deputy served as Worthy Matron during the Triennial she will be the delegate as a Worthy Matron, not as a Deputy. (AM 1994) (AM 2015)
- (f) Any Worthy Grand Matron or Past Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron or Past Grand Patron, or other officer of equal or higher rank, of a Grand, Supreme or United Body of the Order not under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, who shall by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a General Assembly be elected an Honorary Member, but such Honorary Member shall not be entitled to vote.

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Each officer and member must be and remain an active member in good standing of some subordinate Chapter owing allegiance to a Grand Chapter under its jurisdiction, or of a Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

ADD new sub-section (q) to read as follows:

(g) All Past Matrons and Past Patrons of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, when present in person. No proxy votes shall be issued to these members if they are unable to attend in person. Any member who is currently entitled to vote shall not have an added vote. To receive voting privileges, all members who are entitled must be properly registered and credentialed to attend a Triennial Assembly or Special Assembly.

CONSTITUTION of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star®, ARTICLE VI., subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), pages 12-14.

Which now Reads:

VOTE, who entitled to:

On all questions which shall come before the General or any Special Assembly, the following shall have one vote each:

- (a) All officers of the General Grand Chapter when present in person.
- (b) The Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron of each member Grand Chapter, or their legally appointed proxies.
- (c) The three Worthy Matrons elected and installed during the current Triennial of each Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter or their legally appointed proxies; provided that a Worthy Matron elected and installed or who served for more than one term during the current Triennial, shall have no more than one vote. (AM 1994)
- (d) All Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patron of Grand Chapters which are members of the General Grand Chapter, when present in person.
- (e) The Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron appointed for the current Triennial, when present in person. Exception: If they are a Worthy Matron during the Triennial they will be delegate as Worthy Matron and not the Deputy. (AM 1994)
- (f) PROXY OF GRAND OFFICER: A legally appointed proxy of a Grand Officer of a Grand Chapter must be a Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Associate Patron, Past Matron or Past Patron, in good standing in a Chapter of the same Grand

Chapter, and whose appointment is in writing and filed with the Committee on Credentials.

(g) **PROXY OF THE WORTHY MATRON:** A legally appointed proxy of a Worthy Matron of a Subordinate Chapter under General Grand Chapter must be a member in good standing of the same Chapter, whose appointment is in writing and presented to the Credentials Committee when the General Grand Chapter convenes for registration. The proxy must return to the Chapter within three months.

(h) **WRITTEN BALLOT:** Upon motion for vote by a written ballot, which is not debatable and has been properly made, seconded and adopted by a majority vote by show of hands or by rising vote, a written ballot shall be required on a pending question. After any ballot has been closed, business shall proceed while the ballots are being counted. As soon as the ballot count is complete and reported, the result shall be announced by the presiding officer. The ruling of the Chairman of the Tellers regarding the number of valid written ballots cast or as to the validity of an individual written ballot cast is final and not subject to appeal. (AM 2015)

ADD new sub-section (f) to read as follows:

(f) All Past Matrons and Past Patrons of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, when present in person. No proxy votes shall be issued to these members if they are unable to attend in person. Any member who is currently entitled to vote shall not have an added vote. To receive voting privileges, all members who are entitled must be properly registered and credentialed to attend a Triennial Assembly or Special Assembly.

Correct the remaining sub-section designations to read (g) (h) and (i):

(g) PROXY OF GRAND OFFICER: A legally appointed proxy of a Grand Officer of a Grand Chapter must be a Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Associate Patron, Past Matron or Past Patron, in good standing in a Chapter of the same Grand Chapter, and whose appointment is in writing and filed with the Committee on Credentials.

(h) PROXY OF THE WORTHY MATRON: A legally appointed proxy of a Worthy Matron of a Subordinate Chapter under General Grand Chapter must be a member in good standing of the same Chapter, whose appointment is in writing and presented to the Credentials Committee when the General Grand Chapter convenes for registration. The proxy must return to the Chapter within three months.

(i) WRITTEN BALLOT: Upon motion for vote by a written ballot, which is not debatable and has been properly made, seconded and adopted by a majority vote by show of hands or by rising vote, a written ballot shall be required on a pending question. After any ballot has been closed, business shall proceed while the ballots are being counted. As soon as the ballot count is complete and reported,

the result shall be announced by the presiding officer. The ruling of the Chairman of the Tellers regarding the number of valid written ballots cast or as to the validity of an individual written ballot cast is final and not subject to appeal. (AM 2015)

CONSTITUTION of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star®, ARTICLE XV., AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION, first paragraph, pages 25-26.

Which now Reads:

All proposed amendments, alternations or additions to this Constitution, as promulgated by the General Grand Chapter, shall be in writing by a member of the General Grand Chapter as identified in the Constitution, Article II., (a) through (f) to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary no later than eight (8) months prior to the date of the opening of the General Assembly. Immediately upon receipt, the proposal shall be sent to the Jurisprudence Committee. (AM 2012).

Change to Read:

All proposed amendments, alternations or additions to this Constitution, as promulgated by the General Grand Chapter, shall be in writing by a member of the General Grand Chapter as identified in the Constitution, Article II., **(a) through (g)** to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary no later than eight (8) months prior to the date of the opening of the General Assembly. Immediately upon receipt, the proposal shall be sent to the Jurisprudence Committee.

BYLAWS of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star®, CHAPTER 1, GOVERNING BODIES, sub-section 4., Voting:, pages 31-32.

Which now Reads:

4. Voting: Election of officers shall be as provided in Article V. of the Constitution. All voting except for election of officers shall be by show of hands or by rising vote and, unless otherwise provided in the Constitution or these Bylaws, shall be decided by majority vote; provided, that a roll call shall be had if demanded by representatives of five different Grand Chapters. However, a motion may be made by written ballot as provided for in Article VI., Section (h) of the Constitution. No member or proxy shall be entitled to vote until duly certified credentials have been filed with the proper committee. (AM 2015)

Change to Read:

4. Voting: Election of officers shall be as provided in Article V. of the Constitution. All voting except for election of officers shall be by show of hands or by rising vote and, unless otherwise provided in the Constitution or these Bylaws, shall be decided by majority vote: provided, that a roll call shall be had if demanded by representatives of five different Grand Chapters. However, a motion may be made by written ballot as

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provided for in Article VI., **Section (i)** of the Constitution. No member or proxy shall be entitled to vote until duly certified credentials have been filed with the proper committee.

BYLAWS of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star®, Chapter XI., AMENDMENTS TO THE RITUAL, first paragraph, page 79.

Which now Reads:

All proposed amendments, alterations or additions to the Ritual as promulgated by the General Grand Chapter, shall be submitted in writing by a member of the General Grand Chapter as identified in the Constitution, Article II. (a) through (f) to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary no later than eight (8) months prior to the opening of the General Assembly. Immediately upon receipt, the proposal shall be sent to the Ritual Committee and the Jurisprudence Committee. (AM 2012)

Change to Read:

All proposed amendments, alterations or additions to the Ritual as promulgated by the General Grand Chapter, shall be submitted in writing by a member of the General Grand Chapter as identified in the Constitution, Article II. **(a) through (g)** to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary no later than eight (8) months prior to the opening of the General Assembly. Immediately upon receipt, the proposal shall be sent to the Ritual Committee and the Jurisprudence Committee. (AM 2012)

BYLAWS of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star®, Chapter XIII., AMENDMENTS, first paragraph, page 81.

Which now Reads:

All proposed amendments, alterations or additions to the Bylaws, as promulgated by the General Grand Chapter shall be submitted in writing by a member of the General Grand Chapter as identified in the Constitution, Article II., (a) through (f) to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary no later than eight (8) months prior to the date of the opening of the General Assembly. Immediately upon receipt, the proposal shall be sent to the Jurisprudence Committee for corrections as to form. (AM 2012)

Change to Read:

All proposed amendments, alterations or additions to the Bylaws, as promulgated by the General Grand Chapter shall be submitted in writing by a member of the General Grand Chapter as identified in the Constitution, Article II., **(a) through (g)** to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary no later than eight (8) months prior to the date of the opening of the General Assembly. Immediately upon receipt, the proposal shall be sent to the Jurisprudence Committee for corrections as to form. (AM 2012)

RULES AND REGULATIONS For the Government of Subordinate Chapters under the Jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star®, Section 92. AMENDMENTS., first paragraph, page 128.

Which now Reads:

Section 92. AMENDMENTS. All proposed amendments, alterations or additions to these Rules and Regulations, as promulgated by the General Grand Chapter, shall be submitted in writing by a Member of the General Grand Chapter as identified in the Constitution, Article II., (a) through (f) to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary no later than eight (8) months prior to the date of the opening of the General Assembly. Immediately upon receipt, the proposal shall be sent to the Jurisprudence Committee. (AM 2012)

Change to Read:

Section 92. AMENDMENTS. All proposed amendments, alterations or additions to these Rules and Regulations, as promulgated by the General Grand Chapter, shall be submitted in writing by a Member of the General Grand Chapter as identified in the Constitution, Article II., **(a) through (g)** to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary no later than eight (8) months prior to the date of the opening of the General Assembly. Immediately upon receipt, the proposal shall be sent to the Jurisprudence Committee.

BOOK OF INSTRUCTION of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Proxies and Votes, page 202-203.

Which now Reads:

See Constitution, Article VI., Section (e) and (f). Bylaws, Chapter, 1, (4). Rules and Regulations, Section 57, Section 74.

An officer of the General Grand Chapter, who is also a Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron, is entitled to only one vote in General Grand Chapter.

A Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron holding a proxy is entitled to cast her or his vote and also the votes to which she or he is entitled as proxy.

The proxy of a Worthy Matron of a Subordinate Chapter need not be a past officer, but must be a member of the same Chapter and will be returning to the Chapter within three months.

Change to Read:

See Constitution, Article VI., Sections **(a) through (h)**. Bylaws, Chapter 1, (4). Rules and Regulations, Section 57, Section 74.

An officer of the General Grand Chapter, who is also a Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron, is entitled to only one vote in General Grand Chapter.

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A Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron holding a proxy is entitled to cast her or his vote and also the votes to which she or he is entitled as proxy.

A member, who is a Past Matron or a Past Patron, is entitled to only one vote in General Grand Chapter. Members who are currently entitled to vote shall not be given an additional vote as a Past Matron or Past Patron.

The proxy of a Worthy Matron of a Subordinate Chapter need not be a past officer, but must be a member of the same Chapter and will be returning to the Chapter within three months.

BOOK OF INSTRUCTION of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Amendments, Alterations and Additions, first paragraph, page 209.

Which now Reads:

All proposed amendments, alterations or additions to the Book of Instruction as promulgated by the General Grand Chapter, shall be submitted in writing by a member of the General Grand Chapter as identified in the Constitution, Article II., (a) through (f) to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary no later than eight (8) months prior to date of the opening of the General Assembly. Immediately upon receipt, the proposal shall be sent to the Jurisprudence Committee. (AM 2012)

Change to Read:

All proposed amendments, alterations or additions to the Book of Instruction as promulgated by the General Grand Chapter, shall be submitted in writing by a member of the General Grand Chapter as identified in the Constitution, Article II., **(a) through (g)** to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary no later than eight (8) months prior to date of the opening of the General Assembly. Immediately upon receipt, the proposal shall be sent to the Jurisprudence Committee.

RATIONALE:

Our Order is filled with responsible, caring and intelligent Past Matrons and Past Patrons who have served, often repeatedly, to the benefit of their Chapters and their communities, which is in turn a benefit to all of us as members of Eastern Star. They have much to offer because of the perspectives they've gained by their "hands on" service in our Subordinate Chapters. We are in need of more representation and involvement at our Triennial Assemblies. Who better to encourage to attend and participate than those who continue to contribute and support our Order at the foundational level of our Subordinate Chapters? Our Constitution gives the three Worthy Matrons of each Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter who are elected and installed during a current Triennial the right to vote. It is time for us to give our Past Matrons and Past Patrons the right to vote. Giving Past Matrons and Past Patrons a vote would be a plus for members to see that if they serve their Chapter as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, they can become a participating member of our Triennial Assemblies.

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We need to step up and take advantage of a positive change that will help us to remain a vital organization with appeal to others who want to join us in helping make a difference in the world.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Marianne R. Shenefelt, PMWGM
s/ Carol Girling, PGM of Manitoba
s/ Milton Goble, PGP of Manitoba
s/ William Bracegirdle, PGP of Manitoba
s/ Ron Hall, PGP of Manitoba
s/ Bruce Burke, PGP of Manitoba
s/ Helen Hodge, PGM of Manitoba
s/ Nancy Drewniak, PGM of Manitoba
s/ Ronald Hodge, PGP of Manitoba
s/ Phyllis Dyck, PGM of Manitoba
s/ Georgina Hodgson, PGM of Manitoba
s/ Pamela Eagleton, PGM of Manitoba
s/ Jean Hutchison, PGM of Manitoba
s/ Janet Finlayson, PGM of Manitoba
s/ James Hutchison, PGP of Manitoba
s/ James Finlayson, PGP of Manitoba
s/ Hilda McMillan, PGM of Manitoba
s/ Joan Goble, PGM of Manitoba
s/ Robert McMillan, PGP of Manitoba
s/ Beth McPhaden, PGM of Manitoba
s/ Chris Porter, PGP of Manitoba
s/ Linda Spina, PGM of Manitoba
s/ Lori Thomson, PGM of Manitoba
s/ Chibu Uson, PGP of Manitoba

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

Voting entitlement for Subordinate Chapters' WM, WP, AM, AP, Past Matrons and Past Patrons under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

RESOLUTION STATEMENT:

Be it Resolved that the following amendment be made to entitle members of Subordinate Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of General Grand Chapter the same voting entitlement as members of Grand Chapters under the General Grand Chapter.

Locations Affected by the Resolution:

CONSTITUTION, Article VI. Page 12.14 VOTE, who entitled to:

Which now reads:

(c) The three Worthy Matrons elected and installed during the current Triennial of each Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter or their legally appointed proxies: provided that a Worthy Matron elected and installed or who served for more than one term during the current Triennial, shall have no more than one vote. (AM 1994)

Change to Read:

(c) **The Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Associate Patron or their legally appointed proxies in the same** Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

Which now reads:

(g) A legally appointed proxy of a Worthy Matron of a Subordinate Chapter under General Grand Chapter must be a member in good standing of the same chapter, whose appointment is in writing and presented to the Credentials Committee when the General Grand Chapter convenes for registration. The proxy must return to the Chapter within three months.

Change to Read:

(g) **All Past Matrons and Past Patrons of a Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, when present in person.**

CONSTITUTION Article II (d), Page. 7.

Which now reads:

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(d) The three Worthy Matrons elected and installed during the current Triennial of each Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter or their legally appointed proxies; provided that a Worthy Matron elected and installed or who served for no more than one term during the current Triennial, shall have no more than one vote, and further provided such Chapter is not in arrears for dues. (AM 1994)

Change to Read:

(d) The Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Associate Patron, or their legally appointed proxies, and the Past Matrons and Past Patrons of each subordinate chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

BOOK OF INSTRUCTION: Proxies and Votes Page 202-203. Paragraph 4

Which now reads:

The proxy of a Worthy Matron of a Subordinate Chapter need not be a past officer, but must be a member of same chapter and will be returning to the Chapter within three months.

Change to Read:

The proxy of a Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron and Associate Patron need not be a past officer but must be a member of the same Subordinate Chapter under General Grand Chapter.

RATIONALE:

This change to the Constitution of General Grand Chapter, "VOTE, who entitled to" and Book of Instruction would increase voting entitlement to Worthy Patrons, Associate Matrons, Associate Patrons and their legally appointed proxies, along with the Past Matrons and Past Patrons of Subordinate Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of General Grand Chapter.

With this amendment, they would have the same voting entitlement as Worthy Grand Matrons, Worthy Grand Patrons, Associate Grand Matrons, Associate Grand Patrons and their legally appointed proxies, along with the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Grand Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Glenda G. Winchester, MWGM, PGM of South Carolina
s/ Kaye Rackley, PGM of South Carolina
s/ Laura Babbit, PGM of Virginia

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

Lowering printing costs to the General Grand Chapter regarding our proceedings.

RESOLUTION STATEMENT:

Be it Resolved that the following amendment be made to assist in lowering the cost of publication of our proceedings to allow for a more permanent record of our history.

Locations Affected by the Resolution:

BYLAWS, Chapter II, Officers, Committees, Deputies and Ambassadors (AM 2003) No. 5 (b), Right Worthy Grand Secretary. Page 36

Which now reads:

(b) Prepare such proceedings for publication and cause the same to be printed and distributed without cost to them as follows: one copy to each of the Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons, Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons, the General Grand Chapter Officers who served during the Triennium, and Grand Secretaries of all member Grand Chapters for use of the Grand Jurisdiction. Copies may be sold to any member at a price not less than the cost of printing them (AM 1997)(AM 2003).

Change to Read:

(b) Prepare such proceedings for digital publication and cause the same to be distributed without cost to them as follows: one copy to each of the Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons, Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons, the General Grand Chapter Officers who served during the Triennium, and Grand Secretaries of all member Grand Chapters for use of the Grand Jurisdiction. Copies may be sold to any member at a price not less than the cost of **digitizing and transferable media (i.e., flash drive) - A downloadable copy to be posted on the GGC website along with available previous proceedings** (AM 1997)(AM 2003)**(AM 2024)**.

RATIONALE:

This change to the By Laws would allow the proceedings to be digitized rather than hard-copy printing. Due to the rising costs of printing, binding, and postage, not to mention storage, it would be more cost-effective for the General Grand Chapter to have digital copies of the proceedings for a more permanent record of our history.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Glenda G. Winchester, MWGM, PGM of South Carolina
s/ Judy B. Chandler, PGM of West Virginia

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

To amend who will be provided notice when a Special Assembly is called and to remove the requirement for the Right Worthy Grand Secretary to print and mail the proposed amendments, alterations, and additions to the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Book of Instruction and the notices for Special Assemblies.

RESOLUTION STATEMENT

Be it Resolved that the following revisions be made to duties of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary within the CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS & BOOK OF INSTRUCTION by removing the requirement of printing and mailing:

Location(s) Affected by this Resolution

CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE IV., (b) SPECIAL ASSEMBLY, page 9

Which now Reads:

(b) SPECIAL ASSEMBLY: Special Assemblies may be called by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron, to meet at such time and place as they may determine, provided, however, that at least sixty (60) days prior thereto, the Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall mail to each member a notice of such Assembly.

Change to Read:

(b) SPECIAL ASSEMBLY: Special Assemblies may be called by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron, to meet at such time and place as they may determine, provided, however, that at least sixty (60) days prior thereto, the Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall **send notice to each Grand Secretary of each member Grand Chapter and to the Secretary of each Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.**

CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE XV., AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION, Paragraph 4, page 25-26

Which now Reads:

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall cause all such proposed amendments, alterations and additions to be printed and mailed to each Grand Secretary of each member Grand Chapter and to the Secretary of each Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter...

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Change to Read:

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall cause all such proposed amendments, alterations and additions to be sent to each Grand Secretary of each member Grand Chapter and to the Secretary of each Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter...

BYLAWS, CHAPTER XI., AMENDMENTS TO THE RITUAL, Paragraph 4, page 79-80

Which now Reads:

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall cause all such proposed amendments, alterations and additions to be printed and mailed to each Grand Secretary of each member Grand Chapter and to the Secretary of each Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter...

Change to Read:

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall cause all such proposed amendments, alterations and additions to be sent to each Grand Secretary of each member Grand Chapter and to the Secretary of each Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter...

BYLAWS, CHAPTER XIII., AMENDMENTS, Paragraph 3, page 81-82

Which now Reads:

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall cause all such proposed amendments, alterations and additions to be printed and mailed to each Grand Secretary of each member Grand Chapter and to the Secretary of each Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter...

Change to Read:

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall cause all such proposed amendments, alterations and additions to be sent to each Grand Secretary of each member Grand Chapter and to the Secretary of each Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter...

RULES AND REGULATIONS, Section 92., AMENDMENTS, Paragraph 4, page 128-129

Which now Reads:

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall cause all such proposed amendments, alterations and additions to be printed and mailed to each Grand Secretary of each

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member Grand Chapter and to the Secretary of each Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter...

Change to Read:

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall cause all such proposed amendments, alterations and additions to be sent to each Grand Secretary of each member Grand Chapter and to the Secretary of each Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General-Grand Chapter...

**BOOK OF INSTRUCTION, AMENDMENTS, ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS,
Paragraph 4, page 209-210**

Which now Reads:

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall cause all such proposed amendments, alterations and additions to be printed and mailed to each Grand Secretary of each member Grand Chapter and to the Secretary of each Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter...

Change to Read:

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall cause all such proposed amendments, alterations and additions to be sent to each Grand Secretary of each member Grand Chapter and to the Secretary of each Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter...

RATIONALE:

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary is responsible for performing these duties Internationally. It would be more efficient and cost effective to update how documents are dispersed.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Madeline R. Weidner, PGM of Quebec

s/ Robert A. Weidner, PGP of Quebec

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

To change the manner in which elections and legislation are held during a General Assembly to permit electronic voting.

RESOLUTION STATEMENT

Be it Resolved: That electronic voting is permitted during the election of officers and consideration of all questions during a General Assembly of the General Grand Chapter.

Locations Affected by this Resolution:

CONSTITUTION, Article V OFFICERS, (a) HOW CHOSEN, pages 9-10.

Which Now Reads:

(a) HOW CHOSEN: The Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, three Right Worthy Grand Trustees, at least one of whom shall be a Brother, and Right Worthy Grand Sentinel shall be elected by secret written ballot, except as hereinafter provided for Right Worthy Grand Trustees, and shall hold their offices until the next succeeding General Assembly or until their successors shall have been elected and installed. Provided, however, that nomination shall be made for all elective offices and if there is not more than one such nomination, election may be had by acclamation. One Trustee shall be elected at each Triennial Assembly for a term of nine (9) years, and the senior member shall be Chairman of the Board of Right Worthy Grand Trustees. It is not a requirement for election to the office of Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress to have served as a Right Worthy Grand Trustee. All other officers shall be appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to an election. No member shall be eligible to any office or to appointment on any committee, unless she or he shall have been elected and installed as Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron of a Grand Chapter.

Change to Read:

(a) HOW CHOSEN: The Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, three Right Worthy Grand Trustees, at least one of whom shall be a Brother, and Right Worthy Grand Sentinel shall be elected by secret written **or electronic ballot**, except as hereinafter provided for Right Worthy Grand Trustees, and shall hold their offices until the next succeeding General Assembly or until their successors shall have been elected and installed. Provided, however, that nomination shall be made for all elective offices and if there is not more than one such nomination, election may be had by acclamation. One Trustee shall be

elected at each Triennial Assembly for a term of nine (9) years, and the senior member shall be Chairman of the Board of Right Worthy Grand Trustees. It is not a requirement for election to the office of Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress to have served as a Right Worthy Grand Trustee. All other officers shall be appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to an election. No member shall be eligible to any office or to appointment on any committee, unless she or he shall have been elected and installed as Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron of a Grand Chapter.

CONSTITUTION, Article V OFFICERS, (b) ELECTION OF OFFICERS, page 10.

Which Now Reads:

(b) ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The election of officers shall be held at ten o'clock A.M. on the third day of the General Assembly, but the installation shall not take place until all other business shall have been transacted. A majority of all votes cast, exclusive of blanks, shall be necessary to an election. If on any ballot of three (3) or more candidates, no candidate receives a majority vote, the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped. In the event two or more candidates tie on the lowest number of votes, no one will be dropped from that ballot. Installation shall not take place later than 8:00 P.M. and this is the last Order of Business.

Change to Read:

(b) ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The election of officers shall be held at ten o'clock A.M. on the third day of the General Assembly, but the installation shall not take place until all other business shall have been transacted. A majority of all votes cast, exclusive of blanks or non-votes, shall be necessary to an election. If on any ballot of three (3) or more candidates, no candidate receives a majority vote, the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped. In the event two or more candidates tie on the lowest number of votes, no one will be dropped from that ballot. Installation shall not take place later than 8:00 P.M. and this is the last Order of Business. The presiding officer shall appoint a Chairman of Tellers who shall be charged with oversight of all voting for officers and legislation, whether it be by written or electronic ballot. The presiding officer shall also appoint additional tellers at her or his discretion, but at least one from each jurisdiction where there is a candidate for a contested election.

CONSTITUTION, Article VI VOTE, (h) WRITTEN BALLOT, page 14.

Which Now Reads:

(h) WRITTEN BALLOT: Upon motion for vote by a written ballot, which is not debatable and has been properly made, seconded and adopted by a majority vote by show of hands or by rising vote, a written ballot shall be required on a pending question. After any ballot has been closed, business shall proceed while the ballots are being counted. As soon as the ballot count is complete and reported, the result shall be announced by the presiding

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officer. The ruling of the Chairman of the Tellers regarding the number of valid written ballots cast or as to the validity of any individual written ballot cast is final and not subject to appeal.

Change to Read:

(h) WRITTEN OR ELECTRONIC BALLOT: Upon motion for vote by a written or electronic ballot, which is not debatable and has been properly made, seconded and adopted by a majority vote by show of hands or by rising vote, a written or electronic ballot shall be required on a pending question. As soon as the ballot count is complete and reported, the result shall be announced by the presiding officer. The ruling of the Chairman of Tellers regarding the number of valid written ballots cast or as to the validity of any individual ballot cast is final and not subject to appeal. It is permissible that during the adoption of Standing Rules, the General Assembly may determine that all legislative questions be determined by electronic ballot. Similarly, the presiding officer may, at her or his discretion, elect to use electronic balloting to determine the outcome of any question.

RATIONALE:

As the use of computers has advanced, many Grand Chapters and affiliated Masonic bodies have adopted provisions to allow for electronic voting in the election of officers and when considering legislation during their meetings. This would give General Grand Chapter the ability to research the viability and affordability of qualified and secure software and engage technology capable of making our deliberations more efficient.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Michael E. Berry, PGP of Kentucky
s/ Billie L. Bradfield, PGM of Arizona

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

To provide for visitation by members of Eastern Star Chapters sponsored by Prince Hall Lodges that have been recognized by Grand Lodges within a Grand Chapter jurisdiction.

RESOLUTION STATEMENT:

Be it resolved that the following amendments be made to the Book of Instruction of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star to allow its Grand Chapters (and Subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of General Grand Chapter) to permit visitation by members of Eastern Star Chapters sponsored by Prince Hall Lodges at open or closed meetings and/or events so long as the Grand Lodge of said jurisdiction recognizes the sponsoring Prince Hall Grand Lodge as a legal Masonic body.

Locations Affected by the Resolution:

BOOK OF INSTRUCTION of the GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, VISITORS, Page 137, to be amended by adding a new Paragraph 2

Which shall read:

2. Permission is granted to each Grand Chapter (and Subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of General Grand Chapter) the right to recognize for visitation only at open or closed meetings and/or events, members of Eastern Star Chapters that are sponsored by and recognized by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge in their respective Jurisdictions, provided the Grand Lodge in said Jurisdiction recognizes Prince Hall Lodges as valid Masonic Lodges.

BOOK OF INSTRUCTION of the GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, EXAMINATION OF A VISITOR, Pages 138-141, to be amended by adding new Paragraphs 7 and 8

Which shall read:

7. A Grand Chapter (or Subordinate Chapter under the jurisdiction of General Grand Chapter) which recognizes Prince Hall Lodge sponsored Eastern Star Chapters in its Jurisdiction, shall permit visitation to any Chapter under its Jurisdiction provided each visitor shows a receipt for dues, demit, or certificate of membership. This receipt for dues, demit, or certificate must bear the seal of a recognized Chapter or Grand Chapter, showing dues paid to a date within two years of proposed visit. The demit or certificate of membership must be dated within one year of the date of proposed visit. The Prince Hall Grand Lodge sponsored Eastern Star members must pass the same testing requirements that all visitors must pass to attend closed Eastern Star meetings.

8. As with New York, New Jersey, Scotland, or Australia, the visiting members of Prince Hall Sponsored Chapters shall meet the same Masonic relationship as is required by the General Grand Chapter. That is, they must have joined Eastern Star under the same sponsorship as is defined in the RULES AND REGULATIONS of the GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, page 96, Section 19. QUALIFICATION FOR DEGREES.

RATIONALE:

To allow all Jurisdictions under General Grand Chapter to permit members of Eastern Star Chapters that are sponsored and recognized by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge the privilege to attend open or closed meetings and/or events SO LONG AS the Grand Lodge of said Jurisdiction recognizes the sponsoring Prince Hall Grand Lodge as a legal Masonic body and that Prince Hall Grand Lodge is the sponsoring body of said Eastern Star Chapters. We, in Pennsylvania, are in favor of adoption of this resolution because our Pennsylvania Grand Lodge recognizes Prince Hall Lodges and is experiencing a good rapport with them. Many Grand Lodges now recognize Prince Hall Lodge members as valid Masons. Many of those Prince Hall Grand Lodges have sponsored Eastern Star Chapters. Members of those Chapters are therefore equivalent to our Eastern Star and should be recognized as such.

Jurisdictions which make the decision to permit visitation by Eastern Star Members that are sponsored by Prince Hall Grand Lodges shall require such visitors to meet the same standards of testing and recognition as visitors from any other Chapter operating under the General Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Robert C. Penoyer, PMWGP and PGP of PA

s/ Barbara E. Adams, PGM of PA

s/ John J. Kibler, PGP of PA

s/ Douglas R. Fraley, PGP of PA

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

We come to request changes in the Rules and Regulations of our Order so that we can bring in new members who can continue our work and who have in their essence the passion and love that we must have for our Order. We often lose people of good character precisely because of not having Masonic kinship. This change in our Regulation will bring not only new possibilities for the Order of the Eastern Star but also for Freemasonry, in general, since women initiated in the Eastern Star without Masonic kinship will be able to encourage husbands, significant others and the like, to join Freemasonry.

RESOLUTION STATEMENT:

Be it Resolved that the following revisions be made to the CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS, BOOK OF INSTRUCTION AND RITUAL to allow sponsorship of women without a Masonic affiliation membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.

Location affected by the Resolution:

BYLAWS: Chapter VI, Membership, 2. QUALIFICATIONS FOR DEGREES, page 65

Which now Reads:

2. QUALIFICATIONS FOR DEGREES: Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, and any female relatives who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption to Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death; as well as members — either active for three (3) years or majority — in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International®, each of whom having attained to at least the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. (AM 1997) (AM 2000) (AM 2009) (AM 2012) (AM 2018)

Change to Read:

2. QUALIFICATIONS FOR DEGREES: Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, and any female relatives who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption to affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death; as well as members — either active for three (3) years or majority — in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International®, **and women sponsored by a sister and brother who are members of the Order, and** each of whom having attained to at least the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. (AM 1997) (AM 2000) (AM 2009) (AM 2012) (AM 2018)

RULES AND REGULATIONS: Section 19, QUALIFICATIONS FOR DEGREES, page 96

Which now Reads:

Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, and any female relatives who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption to affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death; as well as members-either active for three (3) years or Majority in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International®, each of whom shall have attained to at least the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. (AM 1997) (AM 2000) (AM 2009) (AM 2012) (AM 2018)

Change to Read:

Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, and any female relatives who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption to affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death; as well as members-either active for three (3) years or Majority in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International®, **and women sponsored by a sister and brother who are members of the Order,** each of whom shall have attained to at least the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. (AM 1997) (AM 2000) (AM 2009) (AM 2012) (AM 2018)

RULES AND REGULATIONS: Section 20, EVIDENCE OF QUALIFICATION, page 97

Which now Reads:

b) Each female petitioner for the degrees, must be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time when the petition is read at a stated meeting of the Chapter and must present, with her petition, either a certificate of qualification, by proper Masonic relationship of membership in a regular lodge of Master Masons or a dues receipt or certificate of majority membership in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International® as proof of membership. It shall be understood that the current year's dues card of the Master Mason upon whose Masonic relationship such female petitioner claims eligibility, shall be considered as a certificate of qualification. (AM 2000) (AM 2006) (AM 2012)

Change to Read:

b) Each female petitioner for the degrees, must be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time when the petition is read at a stated meeting of the Chapter and must present, with her petition, either a certificate of qualification, by proper Masonic relationship of membership in a regular lodge of Master Masons or a dues receipt or certificate of majority membership in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International® as proof of membership. It shall be understood that the current year's dues card of the Master Mason upon whose Masonic relationship such female

petitioner claims eligibility, shall be considered as a certificate of qualification. **If a woman is being sponsored by a sister and brother who are members of the Order, she must submit a letter of recommendation signed by the sponsors.** (AM 2000) (AM 2006) (AM 2012)

RULES AND REGULATIONS, Section 27, APPOINTMENT AND DUTY OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE, page 101

Which now Reads:

It shall be the duty of the Investigating Committee to make inquiry as to the character and standing of the petitioner, and if a woman, also that of the Master Mason through whom she claims to be entitled to membership, and make report in writing. No action shall be taken on any petition until such a report is made. Appointment of committees on investigation must be made at a stated meeting, in open Chapter, in order that all members may have due notice thereof. No member who signed the petition recommending the person may serve as a member of the Investigating Committee. (AM 2012)

Change to Read:

It shall be the duty of the Investigating Committee to make inquiry as to the character and standing of the petitioner, and if a woman, also that of the Master Mason through whom she claims to be entitled to membership **or sponsored by,** and make report in writing. No action shall be taken on any petition until such a report is made. Appointment of committees on investigation must be made at a stated meeting, in open Chapter, in order that all members may have due notice thereof. No member who signed the petition recommending the person may serve as a member of the Investigating Committee. (AM 2012)

BOOK OF INSTRUCTION: PETITIONS, first paragraph page 167

Which now Reads:

The Secretary reads the first petition for the degrees and for the others she or he says: "A petition for the degrees made out in regular form, accompanied by the fee." She or he must then read the signature and residence of the petitioner, give the Masonic relationship or proof of membership for at least three (3) years or certificate of majority membership in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International®, and the names of those who recommended the petitioner. In petitions for restoration (reinstatement) the Secretary will say: "A petition for restoration made out in regular form and accompanied by the necessary dues." She or he must then read the signature and residence of the petitioner and the names of those who recommended the reinstatement. (AM 2000) (AM 2012)

Change to Read:

The Secretary reads the first petition for the degrees and for the others she or he says: "A petition for the degrees made out in regular form, accompanied by the fee." She or he must then read the signature and residence of the petitioner, give the Masonic relationship or letter of sponsorship, or proof of membership for at least three (3) years or certificate of majority membership in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International®, and the names of those who recommended the petitioner. In petitions for restoration (reinstatement) the Secretary will say: "A petition for restoration made out in regular form and accompanied by the necessary dues." She or he must then read the signature and residence of the petitioner and the names of those who recommended the reinstatement. (AM 2000) (AM 2012)

BOOK OF INSTRUCTION, PETITIONS, second paragraph, page 167-168

Which now Reads:

After the Secretary has read all petitions the Worthy Matron will say: "Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the reading of the petitions; they will be referred to Investigating Committees." The Investigating Committee for each petition shall consist of three members of the Chapter, one of whom must be a Brother. No member who signed the petition recommending the person may serve as a member of the Investigating Committee. It shall be the duty of each member of the Investigating Committee to make inquiry as to the character and standing of the petitioner and make a report in writing and no action shall be taken on any petition until such report is made. The Brother on the committee shall investigate the Masonic standing of the applicant or the relative through whom eligibility is claimed when the petitioner relies upon Masonic relationship. The three members of the Investigating Committee should report, but in an emergency the Chapter could act if there were two signatures on the report, provided the Brother had reported. Should there be an unfavorable report, the petition is balloted upon in the same manner as if the report had been favorable. (AM 2000) (AM 2012)

Change to Read:

After the Secretary has read all petitions the Worthy Matron will say: "Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the reading of the petitions; they will be referred to Investigating Committees." The Investigating Committee for each petition shall consist of three members of the Chapter, one of whom must be a Brother. No member who signed the petition recommending the person may serve as a member of the Investigating Committee. It shall be the duty of each member of the Investigating Committee to make inquiry as to the character and standing of the petitioner and make a report in writing and no action shall be taken on any petition until such report is made. The Brother on the committee shall investigate the Masonic standing of the applicant or the relative through whom eligibility is claimed when the petitioner relies upon Masonic relationship. The three members of the Investigating Committee must investigate the applicant who is being sponsored. The three members of the Investigating Committee should report, but in an emergency the Chapter could act if there were two signatures on the report,

provided the Brother had reported. Should there be an unfavorable report, the petition is balloted upon in the same manner as if the report had been favorable. (AM 2000) (AM 2012)

RITUAL: GENERAL REGULATIONS ORDR OF THE EASTERN STAR - MEMBERSHIP, Eligibility for the Degrees, page 163

Which now Reads:

Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, and any female relatives who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption to Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death, as well as to members-either active for three (3) years or majority-in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International®, each of whom shall have attained the age eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.

Change to Read:

Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, and any female relatives who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption to Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death, as well as to members-either active for three (3) years or majority-in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International, **and women sponsored by two members, one sister and one brother**, each of whom shall have attained the age eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.

RITUAL: PETITIONS, page 167

Which now Reads:

A petition for the degrees or membership must be signed by the petitioner and two members of the chapter, who recommend the petitioner. Each male petitioner for degrees or membership must present with his petition, a certificate, or its equivalent, of affiliation and good standing in a regular Lodge of Master Masons. Each female petitioner for the degrees must be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time the petition is read at a stated meeting of the Chapter, and must present with her petition a certificate of qualification by proper Masonic relationship or qualification by — membership either active for three (3) years or majority — in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International®. The petition must be received at a stated meeting of the Chapter, unless the Grand Chapter of its jurisdiction shall otherwise provide; and when received must be referred to a committee of three members, one of whom shall be a Brother, appointed by the presiding officer. No member who signed the petition recommending the person may serve as a member of the investigating Committee. The committee ca report only at a stated meeting.

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Change to Read:

A petition for the degrees or membership must be signed by the petitioner and two members of the chapter, who recommend the petitioner. Each male petitioner for degrees or membership must present with his petition, a certificate, or its equivalent, of affiliation and good standing in a regular Lodge of Master Masons. Each female petitioner for the degrees must be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time the petition is read at a stated meeting of the Chapter, and must present with her petition a certificate of qualification by proper Masonic relationship or qualification by membership - either active for three (3) years or majority — in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International®. **If a woman is being sponsored by a sister and brother, the petition must be accompanied by the letter of recommendation signed by both.** The petition must be received at a stated meeting of the Chapter, unless the Grand Chapter of its jurisdiction shall otherwise provide; and when received must be referred to a committee of three members, one of whom shall be a Brother, appointed by the presiding officer. No member who signed the petition recommending the person may serve as a member of the Investigating Committee. The Committee can report only at a stated meeting.

RATIONALE:

Bearing in mind that the order of the Eastern Star has suffered constant losses in its number of members, not only in the United States, but throughout the world;

Bearing in mind that the Order of the Eastern Star is the continuation of scientific, fraternal, charitable and educational studies for members of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® and Job's Daughters International®, and that, in these institutions, affiliated members can be affiliated and no Masonic kinship;

We have therefore come to request changes in the rules and regulations of our order so that we can bring in new members who can continue our work and who have in their essence the passion and love that we must have for our order. We often lose people of good character precisely because of not having Masonic kinship.

This change in our regulation will bring not only new possibilities for the Order of the Eastern Star but also for Freemasonry in general, since women initiated in the Order of the Eastern Star without Masonic kinship will be able to encourage husbands, spouses and the like, to join Freemasonry regular.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ B. Judith Fenner, PGM of Massachusetts, GGCCM-Chairman of Deputies in Brazil
s/ Gislaïne Maria Ribeiro da Silva de Magalhães, WGM of São Paulo, Brazil
s/ Américo da Silva Corralo, WGP of São Paulo, Brazil
s/ Margareth Cristina Cheque Soffiatti Ruberto, AGM of São Paulo, Brazil
s/ Ramilo Dutra da Cunha, AGP of São Paulo, Brazil
s/ Rogeria Azevedo Souza Pontes, PGM of São Paulo, Brazil

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- s/ Maria Eliza de Castilho Monfré, PGM of São Paulo, Brazil
- s/ Cleude Aparecida de Castro Dutra Cunha, PGM of São Paulo, Brazil
- s/ Denise Aparecida Honorato Moraes, PGM of São Paulo, Brazil
- s/ Walter Propópiom PGP of São Paulo, Brazil
- s/ Odivaldo Siviero, PGP of São Paulo, Brazil
- s/ Armando da Silva Filho, PGP of São Paulo, Brazil
- s/ Vilma de Castro Barbosa Siviero, PGM of São Paulo, Brazil
- s/ Devanir Costa, PGP of São Paulo, Brazil
- s/ Sandra de Melo Bertozo Corralo, PGM of São Paulo, Brazil
- s/ Julia Celina Pereira Machado, PGM of São Paulo, Brazil
- s/ João Alves de Magalhães Neto, PGP of São Paulo, Brazil
- s/ Célio José de Moraes, PGP of São Paulo, Brazil
- s/ Jamile Salloume Ricci, PGM of São Paulo, Brazil

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

This resolution would allow women of good moral character, with no Masonic history, to be sponsored by an affiliated Master Mason in good standing, for membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.

RESOLUTION STATEMENT:

Be it Resolved that the following revisions be made to the CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS, BOOK OF INSTRUCTION AND RITUAL to allow sponsorship of women without a Masonic affiliation membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.

Locations by this Resolution:

BYLAWS: Chapter VI. Membership, Number 2, (page 65)

Which now reads:

2. QUALIFICATIONS FOR DEGREES: Affiliated Master Masons in good standing and any female relatives who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption to Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death; as well as members—either active for three (3) years or majority—in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls or in the Job's Daughters International, each of whom having attained the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star (AM 1997) (AM2000) (AM2009) (AM2012) (AM2018)

Change to Read:

2. QUALIFICATIONS FOR DEGREES: Affiliated Master Masons in good standing and any female relatives who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption to Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death; as well as members—either active for three (3) years or majority—in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls or in Job's Daughters International, **and women sponsored by an Affiliated Master Mason,** and each of whom having attained to at least the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. (AM 1997) (AM2000) (AM2009) (AM2012) (AM2018)

RULES AND REGULATIONS: Section 19. QUALIFICATIONS FOR DEGREES, (page 96)

Which now Reads:

Affiliated Master Masons in good standing and any female relatives who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption to Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death; as well as members—either active for three (3) years or Majority in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International®, each of whom shall have attained to at least the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. (AM 1997) (AM 2000) (AM 2009) (AM 2012) (AM2018)

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Change to Read:

Affiliated Master Masons in good standing and any female relatives who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption to Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death; as well as members—either active for three (3) years or Majority in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International®, **and women sponsored by an Affiliated Master Mason**, each of whom shall have attained to at least the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. (AM 1997) (AM 2000) (AM 2009) (AM 2012) (AM 2018)

RULES AND REGULATIONS, Section 20. EVIDENCE OF QUALIFICATION (pages 96 and 97)

Which now Reads:

At the time of petitioning evidence of qualification shall be furnished as follows:

(b) Each female petitioner for the degrees, must be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time when the petition is read at a stated meeting of the Chapter and must present, with her petition, either a certificate of qualification, by proper Masonic relationship of membership in a regular lodge of Master Masons or a dues receipt or certificate of majority membership in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International® as proof of membership. It shall be understood that the current year's dues card of the Master Mason upon whose Masonic relationship such female petitioner claims eligibility, shall be considered as a certificate of qualification. (AM 2000) (AM 2006) (AM 2012)

Where it is impossible to obtain the information in writing, the Brother on the Investigating Committee shall assure himself that the Petitioner possesses the required Masonic eligibility.

Change to Read:

At the time of petitioning evidence of qualification shall be furnished as follows:

(b) Each female petitioner for the degrees, must be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time when the petition is read at a stated meeting of the Chapter and must present, with her petition, either a certificate of qualification, by proper Masonic relationship of membership in a regular lodge of Master Masons or a dues receipt or certificate of majority membership in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International® as proof of membership. It shall be understood that the current year's dues card of the Master Mason upon whose Masonic relationship such female petitioner claims eligibility, shall be considered as a certificate of qualification. **If a woman is being sponsored by an affiliated Master Mason, she must also present a signed letter of recommendation from the sponsoring Master Mason.** (AM 2000) (AM 2006) (AM 2012)

Where it is impossible to obtain the information in writing, the Brother on the Investigating Committee shall assure himself that the Petitioner possesses the required Masonic eligibility.

RULES AND REGULATIONS, Section 27. APPOINTMENT AND DUTY OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE. (page 101)

Which now Reads:

It shall be the duty of the Investigating Committee to make inquiry as to the character and standing of the petitioner, and if a woman, also that of the Master Mason through whom she claims to be entitled to membership, and make report in writing. No action shall be taken on any petition until such a report is made. Appointment of committees on investigation must be made at a stated meeting, in open Chapter, in order that all members may have due notice thereof. No member who signed the petition recommending the person may serve as a member of the Investigating Committee. (AM 2012)

Change to Read:

It shall be the duty of the Investigating Committee to make inquiry as to the character and standing of the petitioner, and if a woman, also that of the Master Mason through whom she claims to be entitled to membership or sponsored by, and make report in writing. No action shall be taken on any petition until such a report is made. Appointment of committees on investigation must be made at a stated meeting, in open Chapter, in order that all members may have due notice thereof. No member who signed the petition recommending the person may serve as a member of the Investigating Committee. (AM 2012)

BOOK OF INSTRUCTION: PETITIONS (page 167, first paragraph)

Which now Reads:

The Secretary reads the first petition for the degrees and for the others she or he says: "A petition for the degrees made out in regular form, accompanied by the fee." She or he must then read the signature and residence of the petitioner, give the Masonic relationship or proof of membership for at least three (3) years or certificate of majority membership in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International® and the names of those who recommended the petitioner. In petitions for restoration (reinstatement) the Secretary will say: "A petition for restoration made out in regular form and accompanied by the necessary dues." She or he must then read the signature and residence of the petitioner and the names of those who recommended the reinstatements. (AM 2000) (AM 2012)

Change to Read:

The Secretary reads the first petition for the degrees and for the others she or he says: "A petition for the degrees made out in regular form, accompanied by the fee." She or he must then read the signature and residence of the petitioner, give the Masonic relationship or Masonic sponsorship, or proof of membership for at least three (3) years or certificate of majority membership in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International®, and the names of those who recommended the petitioner. In petitions for restoration (reinstatement) the Secretary will say: "A petition for restoration made out in regular form and accompanied by the necessary dues." She or he must then read the

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signature and residence of the petitioner and the names of those who recommended the reinstatement. (AM 2000) (AM 2012)

BOOK OF INSTRUCTION, PETITIONS (page 167, second paragraph, page 168, continuation second paragraph)

Which now Reads:

After the Secretary has read all petitions the Worthy Matron will say: "Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the reading of the petitions; they will be referred to Investigating Committees." The Investigating Committee for each petition shall consist of three members of the Chapter, one of whom must be a Brother. No member who signed the petition recommending the person may serve as a member of the Investigating Committee. It shall be the duty of each member of the Investigating Committee to make inquiry as to the character and standing of the petitioner and make a report in writing and no action shall be taken on any petition until such report is made. The Brother on the committee shall investigate the Masonic standing of the applicant or the relative through whom eligibility is claimed when the petitioner relies upon Masonic relationship. The three members of the Investigating Committee should report, but in an emergency the Chapter could act if there were two signatures on the report, provided the Brother had reported. Should there be an unfavorable report, the petition is balloted upon in the same manner as if the report had been favorable. (AM 2000) (AM 2012)

Change to Read:

After the Secretary has read all petitions the Worthy Matron will say: "Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the reading of the petitions; they will be referred to Investigating Committees." The Investigating Committee for each petition shall consist of three members of the Chapter, one of whom must be a Brother. No member who signed the petition recommending the person may serve as a member of the Investigating Committee. It shall be the duty of each member of the Investigating Committee to make inquiry as to the character and standing of the petitioner and make a report in writing and no action shall be taken on any petition until such report is made. The Brother on the committee shall investigate the Masonic standing of the applicant or the relative through whom eligibility is claimed when the petitioner relies upon Masonic relationship. The Brother on the committee shall investigate the Masonic standing of the Master Mason sponsoring women for membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. The three members of the Investigating Committee should report, but in an emergency the Chapter could act if there were two signatures on the report, provided the Brother had reported. Should there be an unfavorable report, the petition is balloted upon in the same manner as if the report had been favorable. (AM 2000) (AM 2012)

RITUAL: GENERAL REGULATIONS (Adopted 1931) (Revised 2015) MEMBERSHIP. Eligibility for the Degrees, (page 163)

Which now Reads:

Affiliated Master Masons in good standing and any female relatives who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption to Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased

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were in good standing at the time of their death; as well as to members—either active for three (3) years or majority—in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International®, each of whom shall have attained the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.

Change to Read:

Affiliated Master Masons in good standing and any female relatives who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption to Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death; as well as to members—either active for three (3) years or majority—in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International®, **and women sponsored by an affiliated Master Mason**, each of whom shall have attained the age of eighteen (18), are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.

RITUAL, PETITIONS. (page 167)

Which now Reads:

A petition for the degrees or membership must be signed by the petitioner and two members of the Chapter, who recommend the petitioner. Each male petitioner for degrees or membership must present with his petition, a certificate, or its equivalent, of affiliation and good standing in a regular Lodge of Master Masons. Each female petitioner for the degrees must be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time the petition is read at a stated meeting of the Chapter, and must present with her petition a certificate of qualification by proper Masonic relationship or qualification by— membership either active for three (3) years or majority — in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International®. The petition must be received at a stated meeting of the Chapter, unless the Grand Chapter of its jurisdiction shall otherwise provide; and when received must be referred to a committee of three members, one of whom shall be a Brother, appointed by the presiding officer. No member who signed the petition recommending the person may serve as a member of the Investigating Committee. The committee can report only at a stated meeting.

Change to Read:

A petition for the degrees or membership must be signed by the petitioner and two members of the Chapter, who recommend the petitioner. Each male petitioner for degrees or membership must present with his petition, a certificate, or its equivalent, of affiliation and good standing in a regular Lodge of Master Masons. Each female petitioner for the degrees must be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time the petition is read at a stated meeting of the Chapter, and must present with her petition a certificate of qualification by proper Masonic relationship or qualification by membership — either active for three (3) years or majority— in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International®. **If a woman is being sponsored by an affiliated Master Mason, the petition must be accompanied by a signed letter of recommendation from the sponsoring Master Mason.** The petition must be received at a stated meeting of the Chapter, unless the Grand Chapter of its jurisdiction shall otherwise provide; and when received must be referred to a committee of three members, one of whom shall be a Brother,

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appointed by the presiding officer. No member who signed the petition recommending the person may serve as a member of the Investigating Committee. The committee can report only at a stated meeting.

RATIONALE:

Our membership is continuously decreasing and we need to be open to new ways of bringing in members of the community that would continue our good works. We are related by the dearest ties to the Masonic Fraternity. This tie should extend to include the sponsorship by an affiliated Master Mason, in good standing, of females with good moral characters, with no history of Masonic affiliation, for membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Dawn E. Torpey, WGM, Michigan
s/ David O'Connell, WGP, Michigan
s/ Dawn M. Talbot, PGM, Michigan
s/ John P. Groves, PGP, Michigan
s/ Elizabeth K. Snodgrass, PGM, Michigan
s/ Michael L. Waldo, PGP, Michigan

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

Allow women with no Masonic relationship to be sponsored for membership in the Order of the Eastern Star by an Affiliated Master Mason in good standing.

RESOLUTION STATEMENT:

Be it resolved that revisions be made to the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules & Regulations, Book of Instruction, and Ritual.

Location Affected by this Resolution

CONSTITUTION: Page 3-4 — Purpose

Which now reads:

The Order of the Eastern Star is a Fraternal Order composed of Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, their female relatives, and the Order of the Eastern Star sponsored youth organizations the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® and Job's Daughters International®, where the members join in a search for TRUTH, and to support each other in the journey of Life by fulfilling the principles of CHARITY and LOVING KINDNESS. The General Grand Chapter, the Grand Chapters, and the Subordinate Chapters shall endeavor to educate and support the members of the Order of the Eastern Star to this end. (AM 2018)

Change to read:

The Order of the Eastern Star is a Fraternal Order composed of Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, their female relatives, **women sponsored by an Affiliated Master Mason in good standing** and the Order of the Eastern Star sponsored youth organizations the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® and Job's Daughters International®, where the members join in a search for TRUTH, and to support each other in the journey of Life by fulfilling the principles of CHARITY and LOVING KINDNESS. The General Grand Chapter, the Grand Chapters, and the Subordinate Chapters shall endeavor to educate and support the members of the Order of the Eastern Star to this end. (AM 2018)

BYLAWS: Page 65-Chapter VI-Membership, 2-Qualifications for Degrees

Which now reads:

2. QUALIFICATIONS FOR DEGREES: Affiliated Master Masons in good standing and any female relatives who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption to Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death; as well as members — either active for three (3) years or majority — in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls or in the Job's Daughters International, each of whom

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having attained the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star (AM 1997) (AM 2000) (AM 2009) (AM 2012) (AM 2018)

Change to read:

2. QUALIFICATIONS FOR DEGREES: Affiliated Master Masons in good standing and any female relatives who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption to Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death; as well as members — either active for three (3) years or majority — in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls or in the Job's Daughters International, **and women sponsored by an Affiliated Master Mason in good standing**, each of whom having attained the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star (AM 1997) (AM 2000) (AM 2009) (AM 2012) (AM 2018)

RULES AND REGULATIONS: Page 96-Section 19-Qualification for Degrees

Which now reads:

Section 19. QUALIFICATION FOR DEGREES. Affiliated Master Masons in good standing and any female relatives who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption to Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of death; as well as members — either active for three (3) years or majority — in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in the Job's Daughters International®, each of whom shall have attained to at least the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star (AM 1997) (AM 2000) (AM 2009) (AM 2012) (AM 2018)

Change to read:

Section 19. QUALIFICATION FOR DEGREES. Affiliated Master Masons in good standing and any female relatives who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption to Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of death; as well as members — either active for three (3) years or majority — in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in the Job's Daughters International®, **and women sponsored by an Affiliated Master Mason in good standing**, each of whom shall have attained to at least the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star (AM 1997) (AM 2000) (AM 2009) (AM 2012) (AM 2018)

RULES AND REGULATIONS: Pages 96- 97-Section 20-Evidence of Qualification (b)

Which now reads:

(b) Each female petitioner for the degrees, must be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time when the petition is read at a stated meeting of the Chapter and must present, with her petition, either a certificate of qualification, by proper Masonic relationship of membership in a regular lodge of Master Masons or a dues receipt or certificate of

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majority membership in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International® as proof of membership. It shall be understood that the current year's dues card of the Master Mason upon whose Masonic relationship such female petitioner claims eligibility, shall be considered as a certificate of qualification. (AM 2000) (AM 2006) (AM 2012)

Where it is impossible to obtain the information in writing, the Brother on the Investigating Committee shall assure himself that the Petitioner possesses the required Masonic eligibility.

Change to Read:

(b) Each female petitioner for the degrees, must be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time when the petition is read at a stated meeting of the Chapter and must present, with her petition, either a certificate of qualification, by proper Masonic relationship of membership in a regular lodge of Master Masons or a dues receipt or certificate of majority membership in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International® as proof of membership. **If a woman is being sponsored by an Affiliated Master Mason, she must present a signed letter of recommendation from the sponsoring Master Mason (who is not a member of the Investigating Committee).** It shall be understood that the current year's dues card of the Master Mason upon whose Masonic relationship **or sponsorship** such female petitioner claims eligibility, shall be considered as a certificate of qualification. (AM 2000) (AM 2006) (AM 2012)

Where it is impossible to obtain the **Masonic relationship** information in writing, the Brother on the Investigating Committee shall assure himself that the Petitioner possesses the required Masonic eligibility.

BOOK OF INSTRUCTION: Pages 166-168-Petitions, Third and Fourth paragraphs:

Which Now reads (Third Paragraph):

The Secretary reads the first petition for the degrees and for the others she or he says: "A petition for the degrees made out in regular form, accompanied by the fee." She or he must then read the signature and residence of the petitioner, give the Masonic relationship or proof of membership for at least three (3) years or certificate of majority membership in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International®, and the names of those who recommended the petitioner. In petitions for restoration (reinstatement) the Secretary will say: "A petition for restoration made out in regular form and accompanied by the necessary dues." She or he must then read the signature and residence of the petitioner and the names of those who recommended the reinstatement. (AM 2000) (AM 2012)

Change to read (Third Paragraph):

The Secretary reads the first petition for the degrees and for the others she or he says: "A petition for the degrees made out in regular form, accompanied by the fee." She or he must then read the signature and residence of the petitioner, give the Masonic relationship or Masonic sponsorship, or proof of membership for at least three (3) years or certificate of majority membership in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International®, and the names of those who recommended the petitioner. In petitions for restoration (reinstatement) the Secretary will say: "A petition for restoration made out in regular form and accompanied by the necessary dues." She or he must then read the signature and residence of the petitioner and the names of those who recommended the reinstatement. (AM 2000) (AM 2012)

Which Now reads (Fourth Paragraph):

After the Secretary has read all petitions the Worthy Matron will say: "Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the reading of the petitions; they will be referred to Investigating Committees." The Investigating Committee for each petition shall consist of three members of the Chapter, one of whom must be a Brother. No member who signed the petition recommending the person may serve as a member of the Investigating Committee. It shall be the duty of each member of the Investigating Committee to make inquiry as to the character and standing of the petitioner and make a report in writing and no action shall be taken on any petition until such report is made. The Brother on the committee shall investigate the Masonic standing of the applicant or the relative through whom eligibility is claimed when the petitioner relies upon Masonic relationship. The three members of the Investigating Committee should report, but in an emergency the Chapter could act if there were two signatures on the report, provided the Brother had reported. Should there be an unfavorable report, the petition is balloted upon in the same manner as if the report had been favorable. (AM 2000) (AM 2012)

Change to read (Fourth Paragraph):

After the Secretary has read all petitions the Worthy Matron will say: "Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the reading of the petitions; they will be referred to Investigating Committees." The Investigating Committee for each petition shall consist of three members of the Chapter, one of whom must be a Brother. No member who signed the petition recommending the person may serve as a member of the Investigating Committee. It shall be the duty of each member of the Investigating Committee to make inquiry as to the character and standing of the petitioner and make a report in writing and no action shall be taken on any petition until such report is made. The Brother on the committee shall investigate the Masonic standing of the applicant or the relative/sponsor through whom eligibility is claimed when the petitioner relies upon Masonic relationship/sponsorship. The three members of the Investigating Committee should report, but in an emergency the Chapter could act if there were two signatures on the report, provided the Brother had reported. Should there be an unfavorable report, the

petition is balloted upon in the same manner as if the report had been favorable. (AM 2000) (AM 2012)

RITUAL: Page 163-168-General Regulations

Page 163-Membership-Eligibility for Degrees

Which Now reads:

Affiliated Master Masons in good standing and any female relatives who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption to Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death; as well as members — either active for three (3) years or majority — in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls* or in the Job's Daughters International®, each of whom having attained to at least the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.

Change to read:

Affiliated Master Masons in good standing and any female relatives who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption to Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death; as well as members — either active for three (3) years or majority — in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in the Job's Daughters International®, **and women sponsored by an Affiliated Master Mason in good standing**, each of whom having attained to at least the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.

Page 167-Petitions

Which Now reads:

A petition for the degrees or membership must be signed by the petitioner and two members of the Chapter, who recommend the petitioner. Each male petitioner for degrees or membership must present with his petition, a current year's dues card, a certification or its equivalent of affiliation and good standing in a regular Lodge of Master Masons as recognized by the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction wherein the petitioned Chapter is located. Each female petitioner for the degrees must be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time the petition is read at a stated meeting of the Chapter, and must present with her petition a certificate of qualification by proper Masonic relationship or qualification by membership — either active for three (3) years or majority — in the International Order of Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International®. The petition must be received at a stated meeting of the Chapter, unless the Grand Chapter of its jurisdiction shall otherwise provide; and when received must be referred to a committee of three members, one of whom shall be a Brother, appointed by the presiding officer. Only a Brother may inquire as to the standing of a Masonic Brother. No member who signed the petition recommending the person may serve as a member of the Investigating Committee. The committee can report only at a stated meeting.

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Change to read:

A petition for the degrees or membership must be signed by the petitioner and two members of the Chapter, who recommend the petitioner. Each male petitioner for degrees or membership must present with his petition, a current year's dues card, a certification or its equivalent of affiliation and good standing in a regular Lodge of Master Masons as recognized by the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction wherein the petitioned Chapter is located. Each female petitioner for the degrees must be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time the petition is read at a stated meeting of the Chapter, and must present with her petition a certificate of qualification by proper Masonic relationship or qualification by membership — either active for three (3) years or majority — in the International Order of Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International®. **If a woman is being sponsored by an Affiliated Master Mason, the petition must be accompanied by a signed letter of recommendation from the sponsoring Master Mason (who is not a member of the Investigating Committee).** The petition must be received at a stated meeting of the Chapter, unless the Grand Chapter of its jurisdiction shall otherwise provide; and when received must be referred to a committee of three members, one of whom shall be a Brother, appointed by the presiding officer. Only a Brother may inquire as to the standing of a Masonic Brother. No member who signed the petition recommending the person may serve as a member of the Investigating Committee. The committee can report only at a stated meeting.

RATIONALE:

Our membership is continuously decreasing and we need to be open to new ways of bringing in members of the community who would continue our good works. Many members know women who would like to join but do not have a Masonic relationship. The Masonic tie should be extended to include sponsorship by an Affiliated Master Mason in good standing of a woman with good moral character, but with no Masonic relationship. Also, we allow former members of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls® or Job's Daughters International® to join and these organizations do not require Masonic relationship.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Kathie Brown, PGM of Minnesota

Resolution #12 for the 51st Assembly in 2024

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

This resolution would allow each Grand Chapter to decide for itself, on behalf of its own subordinate Chapters, if it will admit to membership women of good moral character who lack or cannot prove their Masonic relationship if certain conditions are met. It will also allow each Grand Jurisdiction to decide for itself whether members from other Grand Jurisdictions without Masonic relationship may join their Chapters by affiliation.

RESOLUTION STATEMENT:

Be it Resolved that the below revisions be made in the Constitution, Bylaws, Book of Instruction and Ritual, to the requirements for membership in the Order of the Eastern Star to allow for the following:

- a) Each Grand Chapter may decide whether to allow women of good character, with no Masonic relationship, or who are unable to prove their Masonic relationship, to join the Order if they are sponsored and recommended by no less than two Brothers, neither of whom shall be related to the other and each of whom shall have personal knowledge of the Petitioner for no less than one year so that they may certify her good moral character.
- b) Each Grand Chapter desiring to allow such membership must confirm with the Grand Lodge in whose jurisdiction said Grand Chapter is located that the Grand Chapter shall continue to be recognized as a Masonic Concordant Body if it allows such sponsorship.
- c) Each Grand Chapter desiring to allow such membership shall be required to amend its Constitution and Bylaws to so specify. Each Grand Chapter may set more restrictive standards for its sponsorship qualifications, but such standards may be no less than those specified by General Grand Chapter.
- d) Each Grand Chapter shall have the right to decide whether members who joined by virtue of sponsorship in another jurisdiction shall be allowed to affiliate with Chapters within their Grand Jurisdiction or whether such members shall be required to submit proof of Masonic relationship, or youth group membership, before they can join a Chapter in their Grand Jurisdiction.

Locations Affected by the Resolution:

BYLAWS, Chapter VI, Sec. 2, Membership - Qualifications for Degrees - p. 65

Which Now Reads:

Affiliated Master Masons in good standing and any female relatives who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption to Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death; as well as members — either active for three (3) years or majority — in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in

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the Job's Daughters International®, each of whom having attained the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.

At the time of petitioning evidence of qualification shall be furnished as follows: A male petitioner for degrees or membership must present with his petition a certificate, or its equivalent, of affiliation and good standing in a regular Lodge of Master Masons. A regular Lodge of Master Masons is defined as a Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge wherein the Chapter petitioned is located. A common source is the List of Lodges Masonic issued by the Grand Lodge. This List is supported by the Conference of the Grand Masters of North America. Only the Brother has any right to inquire as to the standing of a Masonic Brother. It shall be understood that the current year's dues card of such Master Mason is considered as the equivalent of a certificate of affiliation and good standing.

Change to Read:

Affiliated Master Masons in good standing and any female relatives who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption to Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death; as well as members — either active for three (3) years or majority --in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in the Job's Daughters International®, each of whom having attained the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. **In addition, in Grand Jurisdictions which allow sponsorship of women of good moral character, a woman who is certified to possess a good moral character by no less than two Brothers of the Order in good standing, who are not related to each other and who recommend her for membership based on their own personal knowledge of her for no less than one year, shall be eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.**

In order to allow sponsored members, the Grand Chapter desiring to add such members shall confirm with the Grand Lodge of such Grand Chapter's jurisdiction that said Grand Chapter shall still be considered a Masonic Concordant Body if sponsored members are allowed to join and such Grand Chapter must thereafter amend its Constitution and Bylaws to allow such membership.

RITUAL p. 163 - Membership - Eligibility for the Degrees

Which Now Reads:

Affiliated Master Masons in good standing and any female relatives who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption to Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death; as well as members — either active for three (3) years or majority — in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in the Job's Daughters International®, each of whom having attained the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.

Change to Read:

Affiliated Master Masons in good standing and any female relatives who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption to Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death; as well as members — either active for three (3) years or majority — in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in the Job's Daughters International®, each of whom having attained the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. **In addition, in Grand Jurisdictions which allow sponsorship of women of good moral character, a woman who is certified to possess a good moral character by no less than two Brothers of the Order in good standing, who are not related to each other and who recommend her for membership based on their own personal knowledge of her for no less than one year, shall be eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.**

In order to allow sponsored members, the Grand Chapter desiring to add such members shall confirm with the Grand Lodge of such Grand Chapter's jurisdiction that said Grand Chapter shall still be considered a Masonic Concordant Body if sponsored members are allowed to join and such Grand Chapter must thereafter amend its Constitution and Bylaws to allow such membership.

BYLAWS, Chapter VI, Sect. 3(c) Membership - Affiliation, pages 65-67

Which Now Reads:

(c) All petitioners for affiliation from New York or New Jersey seeking to become members in Subordinate Chapters under the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star®, and all Grand Chapters using the Ritual of the General Grand Chapter, be required to state to the investigating committee before said petition comes to ballot the Masonic relationship upon which their Eastern Star membership is based, and if such does not conform to the requirements of the General Grand Chapter that such petition shall not be considered.

A lady petitioner for affiliation, lacking the Masonic eligibility required by our General Grand Chapter at the time of her initiation, but who has since acquired and now has the required Masonic eligibility, shall be eligible, if elected, to affiliate with any Subordinate Chapter without having to go through the full Initiatory Work. (AM 1979)

Change to Read:

(c) All petitioners for affiliation from New York or New Jersey seeking to become members in Subordinate Chapters under the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star®, and all Grand Chapters using the Ritual of the General Grand Chapter, shall be required to state to the investigating committee before said petition comes to ballot the Masonic relationship or form of sponsorship upon which their Eastern Star membership is based, and if such does not conform to the requirements of the General Grand Chapter, that such petition shall not be considered.

All lady petitioners for affiliation from a Grand Chapter using the Ritual of the General Grand Chapter which allows sponsored membership, seeking to become members in a Grand Chapter that does not allow sponsored membership, shall be required, unless excused under the Constitution of the Grand Chapter in whose Grand Jurisdiction such membership is sought, to provide proof of Masonic eligibility prior to the consideration of her petition. If said lady petitioner is unable to provide such proof, her petition shall not be considered.

A lady petitioner for affiliation, lacking the Masonic eligibility **or sponsorship** required by our General Grand Chapter at the time of her initiation, but who has since acquired and now has the required Masonic eligibility, **or sponsorship in Grand Jurisdictions which allow such membership**, shall be eligible, if elected, to affiliate with any Subordinate Chapter without having to go through the full Initiatory Work. (AM 1979)

RITUAL, Petitions, p. 167

Which Now Reads:

A petition for the degrees or membership must be signed by the petitioner and two members of the Chapter, who recommend the petitioner. Each male petitioner for degrees or membership must present with his petition, a current year's dues card, a certification or its equivalent of affiliation and good standing in a regular Lodge of Master Masons as recognized by the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction wherein the petitioned Chapter is located. Each female petitioner for the degrees must be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time the petition is read at a stated meeting of the Chapter, and must present with her petition a certificate of qualification by proper Masonic relationship or qualification by membership - either active for three (3) years or majority - in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International®. The petition must be received at a stated meeting of the Chapter, unless the Grand Chapter of its jurisdiction shall otherwise provide; and when received must be referred to a committee of three members, one of whom shall be a Brother, appointed by the presiding officer. No member who signed the petition recommending the person may serve as a member of the Investigating Committee. The committee can report only at a stated meeting.

Change to Read:

A petition for the degrees or membership must be signed by the petitioner and two members of the Chapter, who recommend the petitioner. Each male petitioner for degrees or membership must present with his petition, a current year's dues card, a certification or its equivalent of affiliation and good standing in a regular Lodge of Master Masons as recognized by the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction wherein the petitioned Chapter is located. Each female petitioner for the degrees must be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time the petition is read at a stated meeting of the Chapter, and must present with her petition a certificate of qualification either (a) by proper Masonic relationship, **or (b)** qualification by membership - either active for three (3) years or majority - in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters

International® or (c) in Grand Jurisdictions which allow sponsored membership, by certification and recommendation of two Brothers of the Order in good standing. In Grand Chapters that do not allow sponsored membership, a Sister in good standing who joined by sponsorship in a Grand Jurisdiction that allowed such petitions, may be required to provide proof of either (a) or (b) as set forth above, to accompany any petition for membership in a Chapter of such Grand Jurisdiction, as may be specified in the Constitution of said Grand Jurisdiction.

The petition must be received at a stated meeting of the Chapter, unless the Grand Chapter of its jurisdiction shall otherwise provide; and when received must be referred to a committee of three members, one of whom shall be a Brother, appointed by the presiding officer. No member who signed the petition recommending the person may serve as a member of the Investigating Committee. The committee can report only at a stated meeting.

BOOK OF INSTRUCTION - Petitions – Paragraph 1(b) p. 167

Which Now Reads:

The Secretary reads the first petition for the degrees and for the others she or he says: "A petition for the degrees made out in regular form, accompanied by the fee." She or he must then read the signature and residence of the petitioner, give the Masonic relationship or proof of membership for at least three (3) years or certificate of majority membership in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International®, and the names of those who recommended the petitioner. In petitions for restoration (reinstatement) the Secretary will say: "A petition for restoration made out in regular form and accompanied by the necessary dues." She or he must then read the signature and residence of the petitioner and the names of those who recommended the reinstatement. (AM 2000) (AM 2012)

Change to Read:

The Secretary reads the first petition for the degrees and for the others she or he says: "A petition for the degrees made out in regular form, accompanied by the fee." She or he must then read the signature and residence of the petitioner, give the Masonic relationship or proof of membership for at least three (3) years or certificate of majority membership in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International®, **or, if allowed, the names of the petitioner's certifying sponsors,** and the names of those who recommended the petitioner. In petitions for restoration (reinstatement) the Secretary will say: "A petition for restoration made out in regular form and accompanied by the necessary dues." She or he must then read the signature and residence of the petitioner and the names of those who recommended the reinstatement. (AM 2000) (AM 2012)

BOOK OF INSTRUCTION - Petitions – Paragraph 2 page 167-168

Which Now Reads

After the Secretary has read all petitions the Worthy Matron will say: "Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the reading of the petitions; they will be referred to Investigating Committees." The Investigating Committee for each petition shall consist of three members of the Chapter, one of whom must be a Brother. No member who signed the petition recommending the person may serve as a member of the Investigating Committee. It shall be the duty of each member of the Investigating Committee to make inquiry as to the character and standing of the petitioner and make a report in writing and no action shall be taken on any petition until such report is made. The Brother on the committee shall investigate the Masonic standing of the applicant or the relative through whom eligibility is claimed when the petitioner relies upon Masonic relationship. The three members of the Investigating Committee should report, but in an emergency the Chapter could act if there were two signatures on the report, provided the Brother had reported. Should there be an unfavorable report, the petition is balloted upon in the same manner as if the report had been favorable. (AM 2000) (AM 2012)

Change to Read:

After the Secretary has read all petitions the Worthy Matron will say: "Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the reading of the petitions; they will be referred to Investigating Committees." The Investigating Committee for each petition shall consist of three members of the Chapter, one of whom must be a Brother. No member who signed the petition recommending the person may serve as a member of the Investigating Committee. It shall be the duty of each member of the Investigating Committee to make inquiry as to the character and standing of the petitioner and make a report in writing and no action shall be taken on any petition until such report is made. The Brother on the committee shall investigate the Masonic standing of a male ~~the~~ applicant. or For a female applicant, the Brother on the committee shall investigate either (a) the Masonic standing of the relative through whom eligibility is claimed when the petitioner relies upon Masonic relationship, (b) the claimed standing or status in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or Job's Daughters International® when the petitioner relies on one of those organizations for her membership, or (c) if the petition is sponsored, the membership status of the certifying and sponsoring Brothers and shall confirm their intentional execution of the petition. The three members of the Investigating Committee should report, but in an emergency the Chapter could act if there were two signatures on the report, provided the Brother had reported. Should there be an unfavorable report, the petition is balloted upon in the same manner as if the report had been favorable. (AM 2000) (AM 2012)

(Note: I have not included any changes to the Rules and Regulations because sponsorship under this legislation is not available to Subordinate Chapters under the Jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.)

RATIONALE:

This legislation provides a way for the Order of the Eastern Star to grow its membership with women of good moral character who do not happen to have Masonic relationships or who know that there were Master Masons in their family but who cannot prove the relationship because the records are no longer available, whether they are missing or were deliberately destroyed by anti-Masonic regimes. Other concordant bodies, including the Order of the Amaranth, have already taken this step.

This legislation allows us to reap the benefits of the community recognition and publicity that we hope our adoption of Service Dogs as a worldwide charity cause will bring us, by allowing us to accept Petitions from women of good moral character who hear of our efforts and want to join us. Without the ability to admit to our Order women of good moral character who lack a Masonic relationship, growing our community recognition may cause us to be viewed negatively when we reject and turn away these women. There is no value to the Order to promote our "brand" and raise community awareness of our good works if we have no mechanism to allow interested and worthy ladies to join us.

No one can dispute that we need more members of good moral character to support our purposes and to perpetuate our Order. As time goes on, it becomes harder to sustain ourselves solely out of youth groups or from the female relatives of new Masons, especially in those Grand Jurisdictions whose Grand Lodges are not in a growth mode. There are many women of good moral character who seek to improve themselves and their communities, who could band with us for these purposes if only we would allow them to join our Order. And if one of the purposes of raising awareness of who we are in the community at large is to grow our membership, then we must have a way to allow those ladies who learn about us and want to join us to do so.

At the same time, however, we must respect the values and feelings of members in those Grand Jurisdictions to whom the Masonic relationship is paramount, by giving them the right to disallow sponsored membership in their jurisdiction, if that is their preference. Legislation that creates a right of sponsorship throughout the Order, in all jurisdictions, fails to grant this respect. Therefore, this legislation provides a way for those Grand Jurisdictions who wish to add sponsored women to their numbers to do so without forcing it on others. It allows each Grand Jurisdiction to choose for itself and assures that any Grand Jurisdiction that does this will still be recognized as a Masonic body, since they will not be allowed to do this if it would endanger that status. Very importantly, it also assures that no Grand Jurisdiction will have thrust upon it a member without Masonic relationship who joined elsewhere. Members who join by sponsorship could visit Chapters in those Jurisdictions, but not join them if they lacked the relationship required in such jurisdiction. The rights of each Grand Jurisdiction to decide for itself, and its own Subordinate Chapters, is thus preserved.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Sarahann Shapiro, PGM of California
s/ Art Weiss, PGP of California
s/Sharon M. Cormer, PGM of British Columbia

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Resolution to identify the **PAYMENT of Per Capita and International Headquarter Fees due as per the GGC Annual Report** of the General Grand Chapter due to revised accounting procedures for processing of Annual Reports of the GGC Subordinate Chapters.

RESOLUTION STATEMENT

Be it Resolved that the following revisions be made to allow the payment of Per Capita and International Headquarters fee due to the General Grand Chapter, by its Grand Chapters, and Subordinate Chapters directly under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter AFTER the Report is submitted.

Location(s) affected by the Resolution

BYLAWS, Chapter II, 16. INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FUND, pages 57-58:

Which now reads:

16. INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FUND:

Each member shall pay five dollars (American funds) at the time of their initiation to the International Headquarters Fund. This will be put in the International Headquarters Fund established for the maintenance of the Headquarters. This Law means "Once-in-a-lifetime to each Chapter to which a member belongs". Therefore, Dual Membership and Affiliation into a different chapter would require the member to pay five dollars to each chapter in order that both chapters might be 100%. The Grand Secretary will forward the money to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary. This shall be done once a year along with the Annual Report (AM 2003) (AM 2006)

Change to Read:

16. INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FUND:

Each member shall pay five dollars (American funds) at the time of their initiation to the International Headquarters Fund. This will be put in the International Headquarters Fund established for the maintenance of the Headquarters. This Law means "Once-in-a-lifetime to each Chapter to which a member belongs". Therefore, Dual Membership and Affiliation into a different chapter would require the member to pay five dollars to each chapter in order that both chapters might be 100%. The Grand Secretary will forward the money to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary. This shall be done once a year along with the **payment for the** Annual Report. (AM 2003) (AM 2006)

BYLAWS, Chapter IV, (f) Revenue to the General Grand Chapter, page 61

Which now reads:

(f) REVENUE TO THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER: Each Subordinate Chapter shall pay over to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, at the time of filing its annual report, the sum of three dollars (\$3.00) for each member on its rolls on the thirty-first day of December preceding such report. (AM 2000)

Change to Read:

(f) REVENUE TO THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER: Each Subordinate Chapter shall pay over to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, **the sum of three dollars (\$3.00) for each member on its rolls on the thirty-first day of December preceding such report. (AM 2000)**

BYLAWS, Chapter V, Returns, page 64

Which now reads:

2. SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS: Each subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter shall make an annual report for the year ending December thirty-first preceding, and file same with the Right Worthy Grand Secretary with a postmark date of not later than March first following. Each report shall set forth the names of the officers of the Chapter, the names and number initiated and affiliated, the names of those restored, demitted, suspended, expelled and deceased during the year covered by the report and at the time of filing such report shall pay to the General Grand Chapter the sum of three dollars (\$3.00) per member on its rolls on said December thirty-first. Any failure to submit such report within the time allowed shall subject such Subordinate Chapter to a fine of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). Failure to file this report shall result in loss of representation at the General Grand Chapter Assembly. In the event of any indebtedness to the General Grand Chapter, the Chapter will lose representation at the General Grand Chapter Assembly. (AM 1976) (AM 2000) (AM 2012).

Change to Read:

2. SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS: Each subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter shall make an annual report for the year ending December thirty-first preceding, and file same with the Right Worthy Grand Secretary with a postmark date of not later than March first following. Each report shall set forth the names of the officers of the Chapter, the names and number initiated and affiliated, the names of those restored, demitted, suspended, expelled, and deceased during the year covered by the report. **For such report, the Chapter shall pay to the General Grand**

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Chapter the sum of three dollars (\$3.00) per member on its rolls on said December thirty-first. Any failure to submit such report within the time allowed shall subject such Subordinate Chapter to a fine of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). Failure to file this report shall result in loss of representation at the General Grand Chapter Assembly. In the event of any indebtedness to the General Grand Chapter, the Chapter will lose representation at the General Grand Chapter Assembly. (AM 1976) (AM 2000) (AM 2012).

RATIONALE:

To allow for electronic payments, GGC Subordinate Chapter reports are submitted, verified and a GGC Invoice is issued to the GGC Subordinate Chapter for payment of the Per Capita, International Headquarters Fee and Dues Receipt expense. Prior procedures required Payment when the Report was submitted. In some cases, the report totals were incorrect and additional payment was required from the Subordinate Chapters directly under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Alma Lynn Bane, PGM of Texas

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

Resolution to clarify the General Grand Chapter Bylaws that an audit review will be performed for each of the 1st two years and a complete audit will be performed the 3rd year of the Triennium.

RESOLUTION STATEMENT:

Be it Resolved that the following revisions be made to the Audit of the Financial Records of the General Grand Chapter.

Location Affected by the Resolution:

BYLAWS of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star®, Chapter II, pages 39-40

Which now reads:

6. **RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TREASURER:** The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer shall have and perform duties as follows:

(a) Attend all Assemblies of the General Grand Chapter, and render a report at each General Assembly, giving a detailed account of all receipts and disbursements along with a complete audit report covering the most recent triennial reporting period. For the purpose of making such report, books shall be closed at a time directed by the Right Worthy Grand Trustees, not to exceed a period of six (6) months prior to the next succeeding Triennial Assembly. (AM 2012)

Change to Read:

6. **RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TREASURER:** The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer shall have and perform duties as follows:

(a) Attend all Assemblies of the General Grand Chapter, and render a report at each General Assembly, giving a detailed account of all receipts and disbursements along with **audit reports** covering the most recent triennial reporting period. **During the Triennium an audit review shall be performed for each of the first two (2) years and a complete audit shall be performed the 3rd year.** For the purpose of making such report, books shall be closed at a time directed by the Right Worthy Grand Trustees, not to exceed a period of six (6) months prior to the next succeeding Triennial Assembly. (AM 2024)

RATIONALE:

To allow for an audit review for each of the first two (2) years and a complete audit the 3rd year of a Triennium of General Grand Chapter. A considerable cost savings shall be realized and numerous Headquarters staff hours shall be saved.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Linn McNary, PGM of Louisiana

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To align Grand Chapter jurisdiction annual report submissions with the close of jurisdiction Grand Chapter sessions.

RESOLUTION STATEMENT

Be it Resolved: That a Grand Chapter's annual report due date be adjusted to a due date of 60 days following the close of the Grand Chapter's annual session.

Location Affected by this Resolution

CONSTITUTION, Article IX., Organization of Grand Chapters, (a) Organization Of: Paragraph 2, page 18.

Which now Reads:

(a) Each Grand Chapter shall make reports to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, prior to the General Assembly, as may be provided in the Bylaws of the General Grand Chapter, and any Grand Chapter failing to do so or to comply with the provision of this Constitution shall forfeit its right to representation in the Assemblies of the General Grand Chapter.

Change to Read:

(a) Each Grand Chapter shall make reports **no later than sixty (60) days following the close of its Grand Chapter session** to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, prior to the General Assembly, as may be provided in the Bylaws of the General Grand Chapter, and any Grand Chapter failing to do so or to comply with the provision of this Constitution shall forfeit its right to representation in the Assemblies of the General Grand Chapter.

BYLAWS, Chapter V., Returns, 1. Grand Chapters, page 63.

Which now Reads:

1. GRAND CHAPTERS: Each Grand Chapter shall cause to be sent to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary a report of its Subordinate Chapters Yearly. Such reports shall include the names and addresses of the officers installed, the number initiated, affiliated, demitted, suspended, expelled and deceased; the total number of chapters and the number of members remaining in the Chapters under its jurisdiction; and shall include payment to the General Grand Chapter in the sum of two dollars (\$2.00) per annum per member on its rolls as of the close of their fiscal year. The report will be due within sixty (60) days of the close of their fiscal year, and any failure to submit such report within the time allowed shall subject such Grand Chapter to a fine of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). Said funds shall be credited to the General Fund (1/3); to the Headquarters Fund (1/3); to the Triennial Fund (1/3). Only by approval of the Board of Right Worthy Grand Trustees may

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funds be transferred from one account to another of the above named Funds. This amendment is effective with Annual Reports due on or after: July 1, 2017. In the event of any indebtedness to the General Grand Chapter, the Grand Chapter will lose representation at the General Grand Chapter Assembly. (AM 2000) (AM 2003) (AM 2006) (AM 2015).

Change to Read:

1. GRAND CHAPTERS: Each Grand Chapter shall cause to be sent to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary a report of its Subordinate Chapters Yearly. Such reports shall include the names and addresses of the officers installed, the number initiated, affiliated, demitted, suspended, expelled and deceased; the total number of chapters and the number of members remaining in the Chapters under its jurisdiction; and shall include payment to the General Grand Chapter in the sum of two dollars (\$2.00) per annum per member on its rolls as of the close of their **Grand Chapter session**. The report will be due within sixty (60) days of the close of their **Grand Chapter session**, and any failure to submit such report within the time allowed shall subject such Grand Chapter to a fine of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). Said funds shall be credited to the General Fund (1/3); to the Headquarters Fund (1/3); to the Triennial Fund (1/3). Only by approval of the Board of Right Worthy Grand Trustees may funds be transferred from one account to another of the above named Funds. This amendment is effective with Annual Reports due on or after: **March 1, 2025**. In the event of any indebtedness to the General Grand Chapter, the Grand Chapter will lose representation at the General Grand Chapter Assembly. (AM 2000) (AM 2003) (AM 2006) (AM 2015).

RATIONALE:

There are Grand Chapters that have their fiscal years ending before their Grand Chapter sessions and other Grand Chapters may have their fiscal years ending after their Grand Chapter sessions. By standardizing on the ending of the jurisdiction's Grand Chapter session, it provides flexibility, should a Grand Chapter change its fiscal year or it's Grand Chapter session.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Judy B. Chandler, PGM of West Virginia

s/ Laura C. Babbitt, PGM of Virginia

s/ Kelly L. O'Malley, PGM of Virginia

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

Due to the growth of General Grand Chapter internationally and the different languages spoken by the members of General Grand Chapter Subordinate Chapters world-wide, portions of our Secret Work do not translate to words that conform to the Secret Work as established by our founder, Dr. Robert Monis. The translations in parentheses would be provided for the understanding of the members but the Cabalistic Word and Motto should always be rendered in English so we can recognize each other worldwide. If adopted, replacement copies would be provided at no cost to the Chapters.

RESOLUTION STATEMENT:

Be it Resolved that the following revisions be made to all of the SECRET WORK of General Grand Chapter and its Grand Chapters and Subordinate Chapters under General Grand Chapter for the Cabalistic Word and Cabalistic Motto (meaning) be in ENGLISH with the translated meaning within parenthesis after the English words.

Locations affected by the Resolution:

SECRET WORK of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star®, Intro Paragraph; Items (17) for WP Cond AND Item (21) WP

Which now Reads:

The reproduction of all or any portion of The Secret Work in any way or manner is positively prohibited.

- Item (17) — Cond. — L. (cabalistic word)
- Item (17) — Cond — (first cabalistic motto word)
- Item (17) — WP — (second cabalistic motto word)
- Item (17) — Cond — (third cabalistic motto word)
- Item (17) — WP — (fourth cabalistic motto word)
- Item (17) — Cond — (fifth cabalistic motto word, and entire cabalistic motto)
- Item (21) — WP — (entire cabalistic motto)

Change to Read:

The reproduction of all or any portion of The Secret Work in any way or manner is positively prohibited. **For translated versions, the Cabalistic Word and Cabalistic Motto are to be said in ENGLISH. The translated meaning of each English word is printed next to the English word in parentheses and is not part of the Secret Work.**

(Item (17)—Cond— L **(cabalistic word) (translated meaning in Chapter's language if not English)**)

Item (17)—Cond—**(first cabalistic motto word) (translated meaning in Chapter's language if not English)**)

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Item (17)—WP—(second cabalistic motto word) (translated meaning in Chapter's language if not English)

Item (17)—Cond—(third cabalistic motto word) (translated meaning in Chapter's language if not English)

Item (17)—WP—(fourth cabalistic motto word) (translated meaning in Chapter's language if not English)

Item (17)—Cond—(fifth cabalistic motto word, and entire cabalistic motto) (translated meaning in Chapter's language if not English)

Item (21)—WP—(entire cabalistic motto) (translated meaning in Chapter's language if not English)

RATIONALE:

As our Eastern Star members meet each other worldwide and we want to make ourselves known to each other by a common mode of recognition, the Cabalistic Word and Cabalistic Motto learned by all members in the same language will allow for confirmation of each one's membership in our Order. Also, not all words will translate into a word in another language with the same FIRST LETTER. For instance, THOUSANDS is "MILHARES" in Portuguese; "MILES" in Spanish; and "MII" in Romanian.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Alma Lynn Bane, PGM, Texas
s/ Clara Wampler, PGM, DC
s/ Linn McNary, PGM, Louisiana
s/ B. Judith Fenner, PGM, Massachusetts
s/ Marilyn Hartoutunian, WGM, DC

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Resolution to identify the **SEAL of a Chapter** found within the Rules and Regulations of the General Grand Chapter:

RESOLUTION STATEMENT

Be it Resolved that the following revisions be made to allow the use of an embossing or electronic Seal on official documents, reports, and correspondence of the General Grand Chapter, its Grand Chapters, and Subordinate Chapters directly under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

Location(s) affected by the Resolution

CONSTITUTION, Article XI, SEAL, page 23

Which now reads:

The official seal of the General Grand Chapter shall be a circle within a ring. The outer edge of the ring shall be a series of dots and upon this ring there shall appear the words: "GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STARR: Within the circle there shall be a shield, divided into four parts. In the upper right corner of this shield there shall appear a sun; in the lower right corner, a broken column; in the upper left corner a sheaf of barley; and in the lower left corner a cup. Within the shield there shall appear a smaller shield, in the center of which shall appear an open Bible; above the shield there shall be clasped hands, and below the larger shield the words: "ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 16th, 1876."

Change to Read:

The official seal of the General Grand Chapter shall be a circle within a ring. The outer edge of the ring shall be a series of dots and upon this ring there shall appear the words: "GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR." Within the circle there shall be a shield, divided into four parts. In the upper right corner of this shield there shall appear a sun; in the lower right corner, a broken column; in the upper left corner a sheaf of barley; and in the lower left corner a cup. Within the shield there shall appear a smaller shield, in the center of which shall appear an open Bible; above the shield there shall be clasped hands, and below the larger shield the words: "ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 16th, 1876." **The official seal of the General Grand Chapter may be an engraved seal or an electronic seal.**

RULES AND REGULATIONS of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star®, Section 59, SEAL, page 111

Which now reads:

Section 59. SEAL. Every Chapter shall, within thirty days from the date of receiving its charter, procure a seal with the name, number and location of the Chapter and such other device as may be deemed proper engraved thereon. No document emanating from any Chapter shall be deemed authentic unless such seal is affixed thereon.

Change to Read:

Section 59. SEAL. Every Chapter shall, within thirty days from the date of receiving its Charter, procure a seal with the name, number and location of the Chapter and such other device as may be deemed proper engraved thereon. No document emanating from any Chapter shall be deemed authentic unless such seal, or an electronic version of the seal, is affixed thereon.

BOOK OF INSTRUCTION of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star®, ORDER OF BUSINESS, page 165

Which now reads:

The Secretary must place the Chapter seal on all Chapter letters. She or he shall write Chapter letters only at the order of the Worthy Matron or by the vote of the Chapter.

Change to Read:

The Secretary must place the Chapter seal on all Chapter letters. She or he shall write Chapter letters only at the order of the Worthy Matron or by the vote of the Chapter. (Rules and Regulations, Section 59).

RATIONALE:

To allow an electronic seal to be placed on official correspondence, reports, and documents to allow for electronic transmission of the documents for General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, its Grand Chapters, and Subordinate Chapters directly under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Alma Lynn Bane, PGM of Texas
s/ Clara F. Wampler, PGM of DC
s/ Linn McNary, PGM of Louisiana
s/ Marilyn Haroutunian, WGM of DC

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Resolution to update the DATES listed for COPYRIGHT DATES found on the first printed page of the Ritual of the Order of the Eastern Star of the General Grand Chapter. The statement "Printed in the United States of America" (or printed in another country with permission) followed by the updated "year" of printing are to remain on this page.

RESOLUTION STATEMENT

Be it Resolved that the following revisions be made to show the ACTUAL Copyright Dates of the Ritual of the Order of the Eastern Star that are on file with the United States Copyright Office.

Location(s) Affected by the Resolution

RITUAL, page 1 (unnumbered)

Which now reads:

Copyright 2009, 2006, 2003, 2000, 1998, 1995, 1986, 1983, 1976, 1956, 1953, 1929, 1914, 1889 by the GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR®

Change to Read:

Copyright **2009, 1986, 1983, 1956, 1953, 1929, 1914, 1889** by the GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR®

RITUAL, page 6 (unnumbered)

Which now reads:

Subsequent editions of the Ritual were copyrighted in 1889, 1914, 1929, 1953, 1956, 1976, 1983, 1986, 1995, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2006, and 2009 (with 2012 changes).

Change to Read:

Subsequent editions of the Ritual were copyrighted in **1889, 1914, 1929, 1953, 1956, 1983, 1986, and 2009.**

RATIONALE:

Many inquiries have been made regarding the Copyright Date and Printed Date of the Ritual. The Ritual of the Order of the Eastern Star was copyrighted in 2009 due to the length of time since the prior official copyright of 1986 and major changes had been made to the Ritual. The Ritual copyright of 2009 is valid for 28 years and maybe renewed if no major changes are made or sections added. Prior 1983, the Ritual could be changed only

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every 9 years. When the Diagram of the Labyrinth was added to the Ritual, the copyright was updated. Each time the Ritual of the Order of the Eastern Star is printed, the "Printed in the United States of America" and the "Year" are printed at the bottom of the First Page of the Ritual, or Page 1 (unnumbered). This information will remain on this page with necessary updates about where the Ritual was printed and the year it was printed. On the PREFACE page, it identifies the incorporation of all amendments and the Triennial Assembly where adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Alma Lynn Bane, PGM of Texas

s/ Clara F. Wampler, PGM of DC

s/ Marilyn Haroutunian, WGM of DC

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

Resolution to remove references in the Ritual to secrecy in installing of Warder and Sentinel in subordinate chapters and Grand Chapters.

RESOLUTION STATEMENT:

Be it resolved that the references in regard to secrecy in installing of Warder and Sentinel in subordinate chapters and Grand Chapters be removed.

Locations Affected by the Resolution

RITUAL - page 122 - installation of Warder and Sentinel in subordinate chapters-I.O. wording in the middle of the page-second sentence.

Which Now reads:

We rely upon you to preserve the secrecy which is essential to our proceedings, and to see that the solemnity of our ceremonies is not interrupted by untimely alarms.

Change to read:

We rely upon you to **see that the solemnity of our ceremonies** is not interrupted by untimely alarms.

RITUAL - pages 148-149 -Installation of Grand Warder and Grand Sentinel-I.G.O. wording at the bottom of the page-second sentence.

Which Now reads:

Upon you, therefore, we rely to preserve that secrecy which is essential to our proceedings; to see that our ceremonies are not interrupted by untimely alarms; and to perform such other duties as pertain to your office.

Change to read:

Upon you, therefore, we rely to **see that our ceremonies are not interrupted by untimely alarms** and to perform such other duties as pertain to your office.

RATIONALE:

I don't feel it is good for our Order to over-emphasize secrecy to non-members who may be present at Open Installation Ceremonies.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Kathie Brown, PGM of Minnesota

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

Resolution to change references from all work to "The Secret Work" in two initiation parts in the Ritual.

RESOLUTION STATEMENT:

Be it resolved that the word "all" be replaced with "The Secret Work" in specific parts of the initiatory work of the Conductress and Worthy Patron.

Locations Affected by this Resolution

RITUAL, Pages 53-54-Conductress lecture

Which Now Reads:

Let it warn you to be ever silent and secret as to all that is made known to you here.

Change to Read:

Let it warn you to be ever silent and secret as to **The Secret Work** that is made known to you here.

RITUAL, Pages 57-58, second sentence - Worthy Patron lecture

Which Now Reads:

By it you bind yourself to the most solemn secrecy respecting the work of the Order and to the performance of those acts of kindness and forbearance, which are essential to our welfare and prosperity.

Change to read:

By it you bind yourself to the most solemn secrecy respecting **The Secret Work** of the Order and to the performance of those acts of kindness and forbearance, which are essential to our welfare and prosperity.

RATIONALE:

It is only The Secret Work that is really secret (per the obligation) and I don't feel it is good for our Order to over-emphasize secrecy to our new members.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Kathie Brown, PGM of Minnesota

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

This legislation would shorten the Installation ceremony without compromising the integrity of the Ritualistic work.

RESOLUTION STATEMENT

Be it Resolved: that consideration be given to allow the Secretary and Treasurer be presented together and the Chaplain, Marshal, and Organist be presented together at the Altar when being installed, similar to Conductress and Associate Conductress, five Star Points, and Warder and Sentinel.

Location affected by this Resolution:

RITUAL pages 111 — 113 and pages 115 — 118 and BOOK OF INSTRUCTION pages 191 and 192 for Installation of Officers.

The Ritual currently has the following officers installed separately: Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Marshal, and Organist and currently reads:

Which Now Reads:

RITUAL pgs. 111 — 113

Mar: _____, I have the pleasure of presenting _____ who has been elected Secretary of this Chapter for the ensuing year.

I.O. My _____, yours is a difficult and responsible charge....

_____ Marshal, you will invest our Secretary with the badge of _____ office. The badge of your office is the Crossed Pens . . .

_____ Marshal, you will conduct our Secretary to _____ station in the South-east.

Mar: _____, I have the pleasure of presenting _____ who has been elected Treasurer of this Chapter for the ensuing year.

I.O.. My _____, the proper preservation . . .

_____ Marshal, you will invest our Treasurer with the badge of _____ office. The badge of your office is the Crossed Keys ...

_____ Marshal, you will conduct our Treasurer to _____ station in the North-east.

Change to read:

RITUAL pgs. 111 — 113

Mar. , I have the pleasure of presenting _____ who has been elected Secretary **and _____ who has been elected Treasurer** of this Chapter for the ensuing year.

I.O. _____ Secretary **and _____ Treasurer. Your roles are vital to the success of this Chapter.**

_____ **Secretary**, yours ... (nothing changes in the wording of the Secretary's charge)

_____ **Treasurer**, the proper preservation (nothing changes in the wording of the Treasurer's charge)

I.O. _____ Marshal, you will invest our **Secretary and Treasurer each** with the badge of office. (I.O. gives the Ritualistic wording for the badge after the Marshal invests them with their badges.)

I.O. _____ Marshal, you will conduct our **Secretary and Treasurer to their stations in the South-east and North-east.**

Which Now Reads:

RITUAL pgs. 115 - 118:

Mar: _____, I have the pleasure of presenting _____ who has been appointed Chaplain of this Chapter for the ensuing year.

I.O. My _____, we recognize our dependence ...

_____ Marshal, you will invest our Chaplain with the badge of _____ office. The badge of your office is the Open Bible. . .

_____ Marshal, you will conduct our Chaplain to _____ station in front of and to the right of the Worthy Matron.

Mar: _____, I have the pleasure of presenting _____ who has been appointed Marshal of this Chapter for the ensuing year.

I.O. My _____, the position assigned you . . .

_____ Marshal, you will invest our Marshal with the badge of office. The badge of your office is the Crossed Batons ...

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_____ Marshal, you will conduct our Marshal to _____ station in front of and at the left of the Worthy Patron.

Mar: _____, I have the pleasure of presenting _____ who has been appointed Organist of this Chapter for the ensuing year.

I.O. My _____, your duty is embodied ...

_____ Marshal, you will invest our Organist with the badge of _____ office. The badge of your office is the Lyre ...

_____ Marshal, you will conduct our Organist to _____ station.

Change to Read:

RITUAL pgs. 115 - 118

Mar. _____, I have the pleasure of presenting _____ who has been appointed Chaplain, _____ who has been appointed Marshal, and _____ who has been appointed Organist of this Chapter for the ensuing year.

I.O. _____ Chaplain, we recognize ... (nothing changes in the wording of the Chaplain's charge)

_____ Marshal, the position assigned you ... (nothing changes in the wording of the Marshal's charge)

_____ Organist, your duty is embodied ... (nothing changes in the wording of the Organist's charge)

I.O. _____ Marshal, you will invest our Chaplain, **Marshal, and Organist each** with the badge of office. (I.O. gives the Ritualistic wording for the badge after the Marshal invests them with their badges.)

I.O. _____ Marshal, you will conduct our Chaplain, **Marshal, and Organist to their stations.**

BOOK OF INSTRUCTION, pages 191 - 192

Which Now Reads:

The officers may follow the Marshal single file or she or he may offer her or his arm to each officer. When escorting officers the Marshal should offer the arm which will bring the officer on the inside next to the Altar, i.e. she or he should offer the Worthy Patron, Secretary, Marshal, Associate Matron and Associate Patron the left arm; and should offer the Worthy Matron, Chaplain and Treasurer the right arm.

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The Star Point officers, the two Conductresses and the Warder and Sentinel are always led single file to their stations. The Installing Marshal after passing between Martha and Electa turns East and leads the Conductress and Associate Conductress across the East to the Conductress station. After the Installing Marshal has left the Conductress at her station in the South she or he may offer her or his right arm to the Associate Conductress in escorting her to her station in the North by continuing across the West.

Change to Read:

The officers will follow the Marshal single file to the Altar. Following the investment of their badge of office, the Secretary, Treasurer, the two Conductresses, the Star Point officers, and the Warder and Sentinel are always led single file to their stations. The Installing Marshal after passing between Martha and Electa turns East and leads the Secretary, Treasurer, Conductress and Associate Conductress, Chaplain, Marshal, and Organist across the East to their stations with the Secretary, Conductress, and Marshal dropping off at their station and the Treasurer, Associate Conductress, Chaplain, and Organist following the Installing Marshal around the Chapter room to their station. The Star Points will exit between Martha and Electa and follow the Installing Marshal around the Star Points with each dropping off at her station starting with Adah and ending with Electa. These officers will be seated together when the Installing Marshal bows to them from the Northeast corner of the room. The Warder and Sentinel will follow the Installing Marshal single file between Martha and Electa, turn West and will follow the marching lanes to their stations.

RATIONALE:

With our aging population, presenting these officers together would save time and shorten the Installation ceremony without compromising the integrity of the changes to the office.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Cheryl Maslowski, WGM of Ohio

s/ Margi Wheeler, PGM of Ohio

s/ Evelyn Hardesty, PGM of Ohio

s/ Scott Riddle, PGP of Ohio

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Revise the Book of Instruction of the General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star adding Treasurer to the member(s) who cannot hold the office of Trustee at the same time.

RESOLUTION STATEMENT

Be it Resolved that the following revision be made to ELECTIONS, second paragraph (page 196).

Location Affected by this Resolution:

BOOK OF INSTRUCTION-Elections (Second Paragraph) (page 196)

Which now Reads:

A member cannot hold the offices of Secretary and Trustee at the same time.

Change to Read:

A member cannot hold the offices of Secretary, **Treasurer** and Trustee at the same time.

RATIONALE:

Under the Rules and Regulations, Section 87. MODEL FORM OF BYLAWS, Rule 6. TRUSTEES, Paragraph 3 (pages 121-122) currently states that the Trustees shall examine the books and vouchers of the Secretary and Treasurer. Being a Trustee and a Treasurer at the same time has the potential to create a conflict of interest. For this reason, the Treasurer as well as the Secretary should not be a Trustee.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Madeline R. Weidner, PGM of Quebec

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

To provide written instruction to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in the event of a National or Worldwide Emergency.

RESOLUTION STATEMENT:

Be it Resolved that the following instruction to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in the event of a National or Worldwide Emergency be added to the Bylaws of the General Grand Chapter.

Location affected by the Resolution:

BYLAWS of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star®, Chapter II., Officers, Committees, Deputies and Ambassadors (AM 2003), 1. Most Worthy Grand Matron, Powers and Duties, page 34.

ADD sub-section (q) to read as follows:

(q) In the event of a Declaration of a National or Worldwide Emergency, the Most Worthy Grand Matron, in consultation with the Most Worthy Grand Patron, shall have the authority to Cancel, Delay or Suspend indefinitely all meetings of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Following her decision, she shall direct the Right Worthy Grand Secretary to immediately notify all who comprise the General Grand Chapter (General Grand Chapter Officers, Committee Members, Deputies, Special Appointments, Grand Chapters, and Subordinate Chapters directly under the General Grand Chapter) with a communication stating her decision. The communication shall have the signatures of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, under the Seal of the General Grand Chapter. The Most Worthy Grand Matron's decision to Cancel, Delay or Suspend all meetings of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, indefinitely due to the aforementioned Declaration shall remain in effect until such decision is rescinded by her.

If a National or Worldwide Emergency Declaration timeframe includes a scheduled General Grand Chapter Triennial Assembly, the Most Worthy Grand Matron; the Most Worthy Grand Patron; the General Grand Chapter Elected Officers; the General Grand Chapter Jurisprudence Committee; and the current term appointed General Grand Chapter Parliamentarian shall meet in-person or virtually for the purpose of determining a plan of action regarding the affected Triennial Assembly. The Most Worthy Grand Matron shall chair the meeting.

RATIONALE:

It is essential to have instructions in our General Grand Chapter Bylaws for the purpose of providing the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the leadership of the GGC written

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direction in the event of the declaration of a National and/or Worldwide Emergency. The world was devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020. It is important that we have guidelines in place in our Bylaws should something like this happen again in the future. There is every hope and prayer that these instructions will never need to be used.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Marianne R. Shenefelt, PMWGM

s/ Bobbi White, PMWGM

S/ Jo L. Culifer, RWG Trustee, Chairman

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

To increase the number of voting board members on the Board of Right Worthy Grand Trustees by including the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Right Worthy Grand Conductress as voting members.

RESOLUTION STATEMENT:

Be it Resolved: with the unique characteristics of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, that there should be more than three voting board members serving on the Board of Right Worthy Grand Trustees, making important decisions relating to the current and future financial conditions and the International Headquarters operations.

Location Affected by this Resolution:

BYLAWS Chapter II. Officers, Committees, Deputies and Ambassadors (AM 2003)

4. Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron Page 35

7. Right Worthy Grand Trustees Page 41, 8.) (j) Page 45, 8.) (k) and 8.) (l) Page 46

Which now Reads:

4. Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron: It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron to assist the Most Worthy Grand Patron in such duties as he may assign to him and in case of death or disability of said officer, shall succeed him as provided for in the Constitution.

Change to Read:

4. Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron: It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron to assist the Most Worthy Grand Patron in such duties as he may assign to him and in case of death or disability of said officer, shall succeed him as provided for in the Constitution. **By virtue of his office, he shall serve as a voting board member of the Board of Grand Trustees.**

Insert New:

7. Right Worthy Grand Conductress: By virtue of her office, she shall serve as a voting board member of the Board of Grand Trustees.

7. Which Now Reads:

7. Right Worthy Grand Trustees: The Right Worthy Grand Trustees, acting as a Board, shall have and perform duties as follows:

Change to Read:

8. Right Worthy Grand Trustees: The Right Worthy Grand Trustees, acting as a board, **including the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Right Worthy Grand Conductress** shall have and perform duties as follows:

8.) Which Now Reads

8.) The Trustees, in consultation with the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer and Professional Investment Counselor, shall annually establish and/or review a Policy on Investment Guidelines at the first meeting following the close of the Fiscal Year. Said Policy shall be made a part of the meeting's minutes. (AM 2018)

Change to Read:

8.) The Board of Trustees, **with the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Right Worthy Grand Conductress, in consultation** with the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer and Professional Investment Counselor, shall annually establish and/or review a Policy on Investment Guidelines at the first meeting following the close of the Fiscal Year. Said Policy shall be made a part of the Minutes of the meeting. (AM 2018)

8.) (1.) Which Now Reads:

8.) (j) Shall receive expenses and per diem for attendance at the meetings of the Board of Right Worthy Grand Trustees called by the Chairman.

Change to Read:

8.) (j) Shall receive expenses and per diem for attendance at the meetings of the Board of Right Worthy Grand Trustees called by the Chairman. **Serving by virtue of office on the Right Worthy Grand Trustees Board, the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Right Worthy Grand Conductress shall not receive expenses and per diem for attendance.**

8.) (k) Which Now Reads:

8.) (k) All elected General Grand Chapter Officers shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Right Worthy Grand Trustees, without voting privileges and compensation for attendance, and shall be eligible to attend all meetings of the Board of Right Worthy Grand Trustees with the exception of Executive Sessions. The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for travel expenses when attending in the performance of her or his duties. Each elected officer shall be notified in writing of all meetings of the Board of Right Worthy Grand Trustees. (AM 2009) (AM2012)

Change to Read:

8.) (k) The Elected General Grand Chapter Officers, with the exception of the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Right Worthy Grand Conductress, shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Right Worthy Grand Trustees, without voting privileges and compensation for attendance, and shall be eligible to attend all meetings of the Board of Right Worthy Grand Trustees with the exception of Executive Meetings.

The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for travel expenses when attending in the performance of her or his duties.

The Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Right Worthy Grand Conductress, as voting board members of the Board of Grand Trustees, shall be eligible to attend all meetings of the Board of Right Worthy Grand Trustees including the executive meetings. They shall not be entitled to receive reimbursement for expenses and per diem.

Each elected officer shall be notified in writing of all meetings of the Board.

8.) (l) Which Now Reads:

8.) (l) The Right Worthy Grand Trustees shall have the exclusive rights to sell the Headquarters upon a unanimous vote of the Right Worthy Grand Trustees, which vote shall be taken only after a 2/3 majority of the voting delegates present at a Triennial Assembly approving the sale of the Headquarters. The Right Worthy Grand Trustees shall then have the exclusive right to hire, or not hire, a broker, to establish the sales price and terms and to perform any other act necessary or desirable to conduct said sale including the execution of all documents relating to said sale. Notwithstanding any other language to the contrary, in this section, The Right Worthy Grand Trustees shall have the exclusive right to sell or dispose of, without vote of a Triennial Assembly, any and all personal property or other movable contents located in the Headquarters that is obsolete, damaged, broken, not working or incapable of performing its designed function. However, any such property having a thrift shop value of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) or more cannot be disposed of without sale. (AM 2015) (AM 2018)

Change to Read:

8.) (l) The Right Worthy Grand Trustees, with the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Grand Conductress shall have the exclusive rights to sell the Headquarters upon a unanimous vote of the Right Worthy Grand Trustees, Right Worthy Associate Patron and Right Worthy Grand Conductress, which vote shall be taken only after a 2/3 majority of the voting delegates present at a Triennial Assembly approving the sale of the Headquarters. The Right Worthy Grand Trustees, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Right Worthy Grand Conductress shall then have the exclusive right to hire, or not hire, a broker, to establish the sales price and terms and to perform any other act necessary or desirable to conduct said sale including the execution of all documents relating to said sale. Notwithstanding any other language to the contrary, in this section,

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the Right Worthy Grand Trustees, **Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Right Worthy Grand Conductress** shall have the exclusive right to sell or dispose of, without vote of a Triennial Assembly, any and all personal property or other movable contents located in the Headquarters that is obsolete, damaged, broken, not working or incapable of performing its designed function. However, any such property having a thrift shop value of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) or more cannot be disposed of without sale. (AM 2015) AM 2018)

(Renumbering of subsequent sections of Chapter II. The Right Worthy Grand Secretary has authority to renumber the remaining paragraphs since such changes do not have any effect on the meaning or intent of the paragraph. (Robert's Rules of Order: RONR (12th ed.) 57:18-19.)

RATIONALE:

With the addition of the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Right Worthy Grand Conductress as voting board members on the Board of Right Worthy Grand Trustees, we shall gain in two ways: 1) the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and the Right Worthy Grand Conductress will become more educated in current and future financial conditions and the operations of the International Headquarters, and 2) with a board of five voting members, the organization would be more strengthen in all professional business growth and livelihood.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Glenda G. Winchester, MWGM, PGM of South Carolina
s/ Kelly L. O'Malley, PGM of Virginia
S/ Marilyn Haroutunian, PGM OF DC

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To add a Resolution Format to the Constitution, Ritual, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and Book of Instruction in the General Grand Chapter Red Book.

RESOLUTION STATEMENT

Be It Resolved: That a Resolution Format be added to guide a member in developing an amendment/resolution for a Triennial Assembly.

Location Affected by this Resolution:

CONSTITUTION, Article XV., "Amendments to the Constitution," Page 27, Add after "Constitution immediately upon the close of the Assembly." (AM 1994)

Add new paragraph.

Will Read:

This is the Resolution Format to follow to present an amendment to the Constitution:

- 1. Purpose:**
- 2. Be it Resolved:**
- 3. Location Affected:**
- 4. Now Reads/Will Read:**
- 5. Change to Read:**
- 6. Rationale:**

Location Affected by this Resolution:

BYLAWS, Article XI., "Amendments to the Ritual," Page 80

Add after "become a part of the Ritual immediately upon the close of the Assembly." (AM 1994)

Add new paragraph.

Will Read:

This is the Resolution Format to follow to present an amendment to the Ritual:

- 1. Purpose:**
- 2. Be it Resolved:**
- 3. Location Affected:**
- 4. Now Reads/Will Read:**
- 5. Change to Read:**
- 6. Rationale:**

Location Affected by this Resolution:

BYLAWS, Article XIII., "Amendments," Page 82 Add after "immediately upon the close of the Assembly." (AM 1994)

Add new paragraph.

Will Read:

This is the Resolution Format to follow to present an amendment:

1. Purpose:
2. Be it Resolved:
3. Location Affected:
4. Now Reads/Will Read:
5. Change to Read:
6. Rationale:

Location Affected by this Resolution:

RULES AND REGULATIONS, Section 92, Page 129

Add after "Rules and Regulations immediately upon the close of the Assembly." (AM 1994)

Add new paragraph.

Will Read:

This is the Resolution Format to follow to present an amendment:

1. Purpose:
2. Be it Resolved:
3. Location Affected:
4. Now Reads/Will Read:
5. Change to Read:
6. Rationale:

Location Affected by this Resolution:

BOOK OF INSTRUCTION, "Amendments, Alterations and Additions" Page 211

Add after "of instructions immediately upon the close of the Assembly." Add new paragraph.

Will Read:

This is the Resolution Format to follow to present an amendment:

1. **Purpose:**
2. **Be it Resolved:**
3. **Location Affected:**
4. **Now Reads/Will Read:**
5. **Change to Read:**
6. **Rationale:**

RATIONALE:

There have been many questions about a "proper format" to submit an amendment/resolution for consideration at a General Grand Chapter Assembly. There is no written Resolution Format in the Red Book to follow. Adding a Resolution Format will guide the proponent in developing a resolution in a standardized format.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Glenda G. Winchester, MWGM, PGM of South Carolina
s/ Judy Chandler, PGM of West Virginia
s/ Charles L. Chandler, PGP of West Virginia
s/ Kelly L. O'Malley, PGM of Virginia

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To address the deadlines for amendment proposals in proper form.

RESOLUTION STATEMENT:

Be it Resolved that the following revisions be made to the BYLAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS & BOOK OF INSTRUCTION:

Locations Affected by this Resolution

CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE XV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION, Paragraph 3, pages 25-26.

Which now Reads:

The Jurisprudence Committee will make any suggested changes for proper form within thirty (30) days after receipt and the proponent shall have thirty (30) to resubmit to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary's office the corrected Resolution. If the proponent has not resubmitted within thirty (30) days, it shall be deemed submitted as originally proposed, and could be declared out of order at the Assembly. All proposals must be in proper form no later than (7) months prior to the date of the opening of the General Assembly or it shall be deemed submitted as most recently proposed, and could be declared out of order at the Assembly. (AM 2012)

Change to Read:

The Jurisprudence Committee will make any suggested changes for proper form within thirty (30) days after receipt and the proponent shall have thirty (30) to resubmit to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary's office the corrected Resolution. If the proponent has not resubmitted within thirty (30) days, it shall be deemed submitted as originally proposed, and could be declared out of order at the Assembly. All proposals must be in proper form no later than **(6) months** prior to the date of the opening of the General Assembly or it shall be deemed submitted as most recently proposed, and could be declared out of order at the Assembly. (AM 2012)

BYLAWS, CHAPTER XIII. AMENDMENTS, Paragraph 2, page 81-82

Which now Reads:

The Jurisprudence Committee will make any suggested changes for proper form within thirty (30) days after receipt and the proponent shall have thirty (30) to resubmit to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary's office the corrected Resolution. If the proponent has not resubmitted within thirty (30) days, it shall be deemed submitted as originally proposed, and could be declared out of order at the Assembly. If the proposal is in proper form, the proponent will be notified by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary upon receipt of a letter

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from the Jurisprudence Committee Chairman. All proposals must be in proper form no later than seven (7) months prior to the date of the opening of the General Assembly or it shall be deemed submitted as most recently proposed, and could be declared out of order at the Assembly. (AM 2012)

Change to Reads:

The Jurisprudence Committee will make any suggested changes for proper form within thirty (30) days after receipt and the proponent shall have thirty (30) to resubmit to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary's office the corrected Resolution. If the proponent has not resubmitted within thirty (30) days, it shall be deemed submitted as originally proposed, ad could be declared out of order at the Assembly. If the proposal is in proper form, the proponent will be notified by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary upon receipt of a letter from the Jurisprudence Committee Chairman. All proposals must be in proper form no later than **six (6) months** prior to the date of the opening of the General Assembly or it shall be deemed submitted as most recently proposed, and could be declared out of order at the Assembly. (AM 2012)

RULES AND REGULATIONS, Section 92, AMENDMENTS, Paragraph 3, page 128-129

Which now Reads:

The Jurisprudence Committee will make any suggested changes for proper form within thirty (30) days after receipt and the proponent shall have thirty (30) to resubmit to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary's office the corrected Resolution. If the proponent has not resubmitted within thirty (30) days, it shall be deemed submitted as originally proposed, ad could be declared out of order at the Assembly. If the proposal is in proper form, the proponent will be notified by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary upon receipt of a letter from the Jurisprudence Committee Chairman. All proposals must be in proper form no later than seven (7) months prior to the date of the opening of the General Assembly or it shall be deemed submitted as most recently proposed, and could be declared out of order at the Assembly. (AM 2012)

Change to Read:

The Jurisprudence Committee will make any suggested changes for proper form within thirty (30) days after receipt and the proponent shall have thirty (30) to resubmit to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary's office the corrected Resolution. If the proponent has not resubmitted within thirty (30) days, it shall be deemed submitted as originally proposed, ad could be declared out of order at the Assembly. If the proposal is in proper form, the proponent will be notified by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary upon receipt of a letter from the Jurisprudence Committee Chairman. All proposals must be in proper form no later than **six (6) months** prior to the date of the opening of the General Assembly or it shall be deemed submitted as most recently proposed, and could be declared out of order at the Assembly. (AM 2012)

BOOK OF INSTRUCTION, AMENDMENTS, AMENDMENTS, ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS, Paragraph 3, pages 209-210

Which now Reads:

The Jurisprudence Committee will make any suggested changes for proper form within thirty (30) days after receipt and the proponent shall have thirty (30) to resubmit to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary's office the corrected Resolution. If the proponent has not resubmitted within thirty (30) days, it shall be deemed submitted as originally proposed, and could be declared out of order at the Assembly. If the proposal is in proper form, the proponent will be notified by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary upon receipt of a letter from the Jurisprudence Committee Chairman. All proposals must be in proper form no later than seven (7) months prior to the date of the opening of the General Assembly or it shall be deemed submitted as most recently proposed, and could be declared out of order at the Assembly. (AM 2012)

Change to Read:

The Jurisprudence Committee will make any suggested changes for proper form within thirty (30) days after receipt and the proponent shall have thirty (30) to resubmit to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary's office the corrected Resolution. If the proponent has not resubmitted within thirty (30) days, it shall be deemed submitted as originally proposed, and could be declared out of order at the Assembly. If the proposal is in proper form, the proponent will be notified by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary upon receipt of a letter from the Jurisprudence Committee Chairman. All proposals must be in proper form no later than six (6) months prior to the date of the opening of the General Assembly or it shall be deemed submitted as most recently proposed, and could be declared out of order at the Assembly. (AM 2012)

RATIONALE:

Currently the deadline to submit Resolutions to the RW Grand Secretary is no later than Eight (8) prior to the date of the opening of the General Assembly. After Resolutions are received the appropriate Committee has thirty (30) days to make any suggested changes for proper form, then the proponent has thirty (30) days to resubmit. The current process should remain but the mathematics need to be revised. Eight months minus sixty (60) days would equal six (6) months not seven (7) months.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Madeline R. Weidner, PGM of Quebec
s/ Robert A. Weidner, PGP of Quebec

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

To eliminate the need of obtaining a personal subscription for the Eastern Star Journal and the need for the Right Worthy Grand Trustees to fix a price for the publication.

RESOLUTION STATEMENT

Be it resolved that the following revisions be made to alleviate the need to purchase a subscription for the Eastern Star Journal.

Location affected by the Resolution:

BYLAWS of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter II, OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, DUPUTIES AND AMBASSADORS (AM 2003), 11 (g), page 49

Which now reads:

(g) EASTERN STAR JOURNAL COMMITTEE: The Eastern Star Journal is the official publication of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star®, to be obtained by personal subscription. Subscription prices, plus postage, will be determined as appropriate. The Eastern Star Journal shall be published, no less frequently than semi-annually. The Right Worthy Grand Trustees shall be empowered to fix the subscription price. (AM 2000)

Change to read:

(g) EASTERN STAR JOURNAL COMMITTEE: The Eastern Star Journal is the official publication of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star®, **and shall be available on the General Grand Chapter website for all Members to enjoy.** The Eastern Star Journal shall be published, no less frequently than semi-annually. **The Eastern Star Journal Committee duties are to encourage Members to send articles to the Editor of the Journal for publication and to promote the online version of the Eastern Star Journal for the pleasure of all Members.** (AM 2000)

RATIONALE:

This resolution if passed, will provide the ability to all Members, to view and enjoy the official publication of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star® and the need for the Right Worthy Grand Trustees to fix a subscription price as the publication would be free of charge. This resolution would also give additional guidance on the duties of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Helen Delaney, RWGT, PGM of Ontario

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

To change the name and function of the Standing Committee "Benevolence" to "Disaster Relief".

RESOLUTION STATEMENT:

Be it Resolved: That the name of the Benevolence Committee be changed to read Disaster Relief Committee and that its function be changed to oversee and authorize the distribution of funds contributed to General Grand Chapter for the purpose of relief in the event of natural disasters.

Locations Affected by this Resolution

BYLAWS, Chapter II, 11. Standing Committees, (b), pages 47-48.

Which Now Reads:

11. STANDING COMMITTEES: As soon after her installation as possible, the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint the following STANDING COMMITTEES of three or more members each, which shall serve until the close of the next succeeding General Assembly, namely:

- (a) Appeals and Grievances
- (b) Benevolence
- (c) Bylaws
- (d) (etc.)

Change to Read:

11. STANDING COMMITTEES: As soon after her installation as possible, the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint the following STANDING COMMITTEES of three or more members each, which shall serve until the close of the next succeeding General Assembly, namely:

- (a) Appeals and Grievances
- (b) Bylaws
- (c) Charters
- (d) Credentials
- (e) Disaster Relief**
- (f) (etc.)

Which Now Reads:

(b) BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE: To contribute and disburse such funds as may be, from time to time, appropriated for its use or contributed to it, for the purpose of relief of

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the destitute and distressed. Such committee shall consist, ex officio, of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron and Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and such other members as the Most Worthy Grand Matron may wish to appoint.

Change to Read:

e) DISASTER RELIEF COMMITTEE: To contribute and disburse such funds as may be, from time to time, appropriated for its use or contributed to it, for the purpose of relief **during natural disasters.** Such committee shall consist, ex officio, of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, **the Right Worthy Grand Trustees** and Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and such other members as the Most Worthy Grand Matron may wish to appoint.

RATIONALE:

There has been little activity in recent trienniums by the Benevolence Committee to provide financial relief for the destitute and distressed. Conversely, in the wake of multiple natural disasters throughout the world, the General Grand Chapter has been active in extending financial aid in disaster relief recovery. This will provide the committee with a more defined focus in assisting areas where the need is dire and immediate.

If the motion is passed, other paragraph letters, and the like, in Section 11, will be adjusted accordingly during the printing process.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Billie L. Bradfield, PGM of Arizona
s/ Michael E. Berry, PGP of Kentucky

Resolution #27 for the 51st Assembly in 2024**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:**

To create a new Standing Committee, the "Historical Landmarks Committee", to promote and support the four physical landmarks of the General Grand Chapter: International Headquarters (District of Columbia), International Peace Garden Chapel (Manitoba/North Dakota), Little Red Schoolhouse (Mississippi) and Rob Morris Home (Kentucky).

RESOLUTION STATEMENT:

Be it Resolved: That a new Standing Committee be created, the "Historical Landmarks Committee", and the existing International Headquarters and International Peace Garden Chapel Committees be incorporated therein with the Little Red Schoolhouse and Rob Morris Home added.

Locations Affected by this Resolution:

BYLAWS, Chapter II, Number 11, Standing Committees, (j) and (k), pages 47-53

Which Now Reads:

11. STANDING COMMITTEES: As soon after her installation as possible, the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint the following STANDING COMMITTEES of three or more members each, which shall serve until the close of the next succeeding General Assembly, namely:

- (a) Appeals and Grievances
- (b) Benevolence
- (c) Bylaws
- (d) Charters
- (e) Credentials
- (f) Distribution
- (g) Eastern Star Journal
- (h) ESTARL
- (i) Educational
- (J) International Headquarters
- (k) International Peace Garden Chapel
- (l) Jurisprudence
- (m) Membership
- (n) Necrology
- (o) Public Relations
- (p) Registration
- (q) Ritual
- (r) Service Dogs
- (s) Unfinished Business
- (t) Youth

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Change to Read:

11: STANDING COMMITTEES: As soon after her installation as possible, the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint the following STANDING COMMITTEES of three or more members each, which shall serve until the close of the next succeeding General Assembly, namely:

- (a) Appeals and Grievances
- (b) Benevolence
- (c) Bylaws
- (d) Charters
- (e) Credentials
- (f) Distribution
- (g) Eastern Star Journal
- (h) ESTARL
- (i) Educational
- (j) Historical Landmarks**
- (k) Jurisprudence
- (l) Membership
- (m) Necrology
- (n) Public Relations
- (o) Registration
- (p) Ritual
- (q) Service Dogs
- (r) Unfinished Business
- (s) Youth

Which Now Reads:

(j) INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE: To inform the members of the Order regarding the value and significance of the facilities and the services provided through the International Eastern Star Headquarters and to solicit adequate support for the maintenance of the Headquarters of the Order.

(k) INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN CHAPEL COMMITTEE: To inform the members of the Order regarding the value, the significance of the facilities and the services provided through the International Peace Garden Chapel.

Change to Read:

Delete letters (j) and (k) and insert a new letter (j) to read:

(j) HISTORICAL LANDMARKS COMMITTEE: To inform the members of the Order regarding the value and significance of our physical landmarks, to include the International Headquarters, International Peace Garden Chapel, Little Red Schoolhouse and Rob Morris Home. This support could come in the form of

raising funds and awareness for the renovation, preservation, and promotion of these historic structures.

RATIONALE:

Our Order is fortunate to have these four historic structures as physical representations of the importance and heritage of our Order. With the creation of the Perry Belmont Home Foundation, we are reaching more resources for the International Headquarters. Those who own and are responsible for the management of the other three facilities also need our assistance in the upkeep and the advancement of their important missions.

If the resolution is adopted, other paragraph letters, and the like, in Section 11, will be adjusted accordingly during the printing process.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Michael E. Berry, PGP of Kentucky

s/ Billie L. Bradfield, PGM of Arizona

Resolution #10 for the 51st Assembly in 2024

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

To promote, support and explain to members worldwide, the importance of Regenerative Medicine as a charity for the Order of the Eastern Star. To provide to Grand Chapters and the chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, a comprehensive informational packet of literature explaining the sophisticated and progressive medical breakthroughs, with the use of stem cell research. To work in collaboration with other General Grand Chapter Committees, when appropriate to share the importance of this project whose emphasis is a cure, not just a treatment.

RESOLUTION STATEMENT:

Be it Resolved that the following addition be made to the powers of the General Grand Chapter to provide for the implementation of Regenerative Medicine as one of the standing committees of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Location affected by the Resolution:

BYLAWS, Chapter II, Officers, Committees, Deputies and Ambassadors (AM2003), Section 11. Standing Committees, page 47

Which now reads:

11. STANDING COMMITTEES: As soon after her installation as possible, the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint the following STANDING COMMITTEES of three or more members each, which shall serve until the close of the next succeeding General Assembly, namely:

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| (a) Appeals and Grievances | (k) International Peace Garden Chapel |
| (b) Benevolence | (l) Jurisprudence |
| (c) Bylaws | (m) Membership |
| (d) Charters | (n) Necrology |
| (e) Credentials | (o) Public Relations |
| (f) Distribution | (p) Registration |
| (g) Eastern Star Journal | (q) Ritual |
| (h) ESTARL | (r) Service Dogs |
| (i) Education | (s) Unfinished Business |
| (j) International Headquarters | (t) Youth |

(AM 1994) (AM 2003) (AM 2006) (AM 2009) (AM 2015)

The Educational and ESTARL Committees are identified as separate Committees (AM 1976)

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The Most Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint such other committees as may from time to time be necessary to promote the projects of the General Grand Chapter. The duties of such standing committees shall be as follows:

Change to read:

11. STANDING COMMITTEES: As soon after her installation as possible, the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint the following STANDING COMMITTEES of three or more members each, which shall serve until the close of the next succeeding General Assembly, namely:

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| (a) Appeals and Grievances | (l) Jurisprudence |
| (b) Benevolence | (m) Membership |
| (c) Bylaws | (n) Necrology |
| (d) Charters | (o) Public Relations |
| (e) Credentials | (p) Regenerative Medicine |
| (f) Distribution | (q) Registration |
| (g) Eastern Star Journal | (r) Ritual |
| (h) ESTARL | (s) Service Dogs |
| (i) Education | (t) Unfinished Business |
| (j) International Headquarters | (u) Youth |
| (k) International Peace Garden Chapel | |

(AM 1994) (AM 2003) (AM 2006) (AM 2009) (AM 2015)

The Educational and ESTARL Committees are identified as separate Committees (AM 1976)

The Most Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint such other committees as may from time to time be necessary to promote the projects of the General Grand Chapter. The duties of such standing committees shall be as follows:

Which now Reads:

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| (p) Registration Committee | (s) Unfinished Business Committee |
| (q) Ritual Committee | (t) Youth Committee |
| (r) Service Dogs Committee | |

Change to Read:

(p) Regenerative Medicine Committee: To promote understanding of the benefits of Regenerative Medicine to members and non-members. Also, to emphasize the importance of supporting this charity and to distribute comprehensive informational packet of literature explaining stem cell research. The chairperson shall report to the General Assembly the results accomplished each triennial.

Other locations affected by this Resolution: Sections 11(p) through (t) will be renumbered (q) through (u).

(q) Registration Committee

(r) Ritual Committee

(s) Service Dogs Committee

(t) Unfinished Business Committee

(u) Youth Committee

RATIONALE:

What a unique opportunity for the Order. We can "reach beyond the stars" by providing not only our members but also non-members a connection to gene therapy, organ transplant and 3-D printing technology. We can be a catalyst in sharing knowledge through better medical coverage, increased community activities and charitable donations. This is going to offer widespread visibility for the Order of the Eastern Star as TOGETHER WE HELP HUMANITY, as a charitable committee that usage knows no bounds.

The approval of this resolution is paramount. It can help the future of our organization by being a 21st Century endeavor to create a reason to grow in knowledge, in service and in helping mankind throughout the world. After all, that is our philanthropic vision and pride in being a member of the order of the Eastern Star.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Peg Reiterman, PGM of Ohio

s/ Margaret (Marge) Wheeler, PGM of Ohio

s/ Charles (Chuck) Meickle, PGP of Ohio

s/ Cynthia K. Chadwell, WGM of Ohio

s/ Scott Riddle, WGP of Ohio

s/ Michelle Howell, PGM of Ohio