Bylaw Amendment Section 61. By-Laws Governing Grand Chapter – Education Committee

Currently reads:

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- a. Purpose: Grant scholarships to further education through vocational schools, college or graduate schools.
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- c. Application: The applicant shall submit an application form to the chairperson of the committee on education no later than March 31st.; to include a brief resume, their ideals, a photograph, the name and address of the school they are planning to attend or do attend, the address where the applicant can be reached during the summer and two (2) references, (one must be a teacher or administrator).
- d. NO more than two (2) scholarships shall be awarded to one person. The Scholarship money shall be payable to the order of the school and the "student" jointly, wherever the student desires to enroll.
- e. The committee shall meet before June 15th to make Scholarship selections. The Grand Secretary shall then be notified of the selections and the schools, with address, so warrants can be issued.
- f. The Chairperson of the Committee shall be responsible for keeping a permanent record of all Scholarships awarded, give a full report at each annual meeting of Grand Chapter and to notify the Awardees' local news media. The chairperson shall keep and submit an accurate account of all expenses to the Board of Grand Trustees.

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Reason: To allow for these funds to be included in an investment account to hopefully see increased gains.

Proposed by Grand Trustees:

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