

2022 Bylaw Amendment
Section 12. Constitution – Election

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Grand Trustees shall be elected to serve for a term of five years, and upon expiration of that term shall not be eligible to succeed themselves.

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Change to read:

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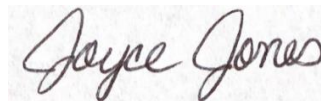
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Reason: In recent years we have occasionally not received a nomination under the Seal of a Subordinate Chapter and nominations from the floor have also not quickly resulted in an election by majority. It seems kinder and more appropriate to allow the position to remain vacant and allow additional time for a committed candidate to come forward rather than pressuring someone to accept who has not had time to thoughtfully consider the level of work required or the financial expenses. In the meantime, the WGM would be able to appoint a Past Grand Matron to fill the station until the next election. It might also be appropriate for Chapters to develop a plan to financially assist potential candidates who find the funds a stumbling block to advancement of their name.

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