

2022 Bylaw Amendment
Section 12. Constitution – Election

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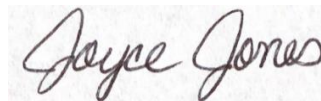
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Reason: In recent years we have occasionally not received a nomination under the Seal of a Subordinate Chapter and nominations from the floor have also not quickly resulted in an election by majority. It seems kinder and more appropriate to allow the 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.

Proposed by:



Sandra Vanneman, PGM, Grand Secretary



Joyce Jones, PGM



Karen Willis, Worthy Grand Matron

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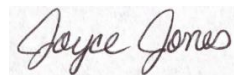
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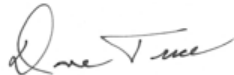
The practice of soliciting votes for any office by any means or in any manner is severely condemned and prohibited as being unmasonic and contrary to the spirit and teachings of our Order.

Reason: This would allow a Trustee to be able to succeed themselves after full-filling a vacated term.

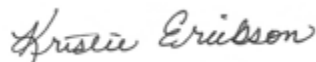
Proposed by the Grand Trustees:



Grand Trustee



Grand Trustee



Grand Trustee

2022 Bylaw Amendment
Section 22. Bylaws Governing Grand Chapter – Grand Secretary

Currently reads:

Section 22. GRAND SECRETARY shall have powers and duties as follows:

- a. Supervise the recording of all transactions of Grand Chapter proper to be written, and immediately after close of each annual Session shall superintend the publication of the same and shall distribute the printed Proceedings of Grand Chapter as specified.
- b. Receive, duly file, and safely keep all papers and documents addressed to, or belonging to Grand Chapter, except the books and records of the Grand Treasurer and the notes, bonds, mortgages, and other evidences of indebtedness to Grand Chapter.
- c. Collect and receive all moneys due the Grand Chapter, including voluntary contributions and donations from the Chapters in support of any authorized project initiated by the Worthy Grand Matron for the benefit of charity, except the income returns from the invested funds.
- d. Keep the Seal of Grand Chapter, and affix the same, with proper attestation, to ALL instruments emanating from Grand Chapter.
- e. Keep in a proper book a correct account, in detail, of all moneys received, together with a record of the sources and shall present such record at each annual Session of Grand Chapter.
- f. Pay to the Grand Treasurer, at least once each month, all money received from any source except on account of the Merchandise Fund, indicating with each payment the particular fund of Grand Chapter to which such payments belong, and shall require the Grand Treasurer's receipt for such payment.
- g. Issue receipts in triplicate for all funds received on account of the Worthy Grand Matron's project or projects, one copy to be sent to the Chapter making the contribution, one copy to the Worthy Grand Matron, and one copy for the files, all such funds to be forwarded to the Grand Treasurer, to be kept in a special Grand Chapter fund or funds.
- h. Have charge of the Merchandise Fund, and manage the same in accordance with the rules set forth. (Refer to Section 32, Grand Chapter By-Laws)
- i. Report at each Annual Session all Chapters in arrears for dues, with the amount of such arrearage, or which have failed or neglected to comply with any of the provisions of the By-Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter.
- j. Conduct the correspondence of Grand Chapter.
- k. Attend all sessions of Grand Chapter with the books and necessary papers belonging to the office.
- l. Issue notices of the Annual Session, and of any General Session which may be ordered, to each Grand Officer, each Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron, and to each Chapter. This shall be sufficient notice to all members of Grand Chapter. Annual Session notices, accompanied by cards outlining the policy of "entertainment" as specified by the Board of Grand Trustees, shall also be sent to ELECTIVE General Grand Chapter Officers and to the Grand Secretary of every Grand Chapter under General Grand Chapter Jurisdiction.
- m. Supply subordinate Chapters with proper blanks for their Annual Reports.
- n. Take charge of the furniture and paraphernalia of Grand Chapter, and of any Chapter whose charter has been revoked.
- o. By virtue of this office shall be the Secretary of the incorporated Grand Chapter, and perform in that capacity only such official acts as shall be authorized and directed by Grand Chapter or by the Board of Grand Trustees.
- p. Immediately on the close of Grand Chapter furnish the Grand Treasurer a schedule of all appropriations voted by Grand Chapter and of all special and contingent funds established.
- q. With the advice and consent of the Board of Grand Trustees, have power to contract for all necessary printing for Grand Chapter.
- r. Within fifteen (15) days after close of Grand Chapter, furnish the Worthy Grand Matron a copy of all legislation passed at the Grand Chapter Session, and with the Worthy

Grand Matron's first letter to all Members of the Order of the Eastern Star, a copy of the legislation.

s. Immediately after September 1st, deliver all necessary Account Books, Ledgers, Receipt Books, Bank Statements, etc., and a statement of each account or fund handled in the office, to the chairman of the audit committee, as prescribed in Sec. 24 f., Grand Chapter By-Laws.

t. Perform all such other duties pertaining to the office as Grand Chapter may direct.

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c. Collect and receive all moneys due the Grand Chapter, including voluntary contributions and donations from the Chapters in support of any authorized project initiated by the Worthy Grand Matron for the benefit of charity, except the income returns from the invested funds.

d. Keep the Seal of Grand Chapter, and affix the same, with proper attestation, to ALL instruments emanating from Grand Chapter.

e. Keep in a proper ~~book~~ correct accounting, in detail, of all ~~moneys~~ monies received, together with a record of the sources and shall present such record at each annual Session of Grand Chapter.

f. Pay to the Grand Treasurer, at least once each month, all money received from any source except on account of the Merchandise Fund, indicating with each payment the particular fund of Grand Chapter to which such payments belong, and shall require the Grand Treasurer's receipt for such payment.

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t. Perform all such other duties pertaining to the office as Grand Chapter may direct.

Reason: Updated language to accommodate electronic accounting and accurately reflect how functions are performed.

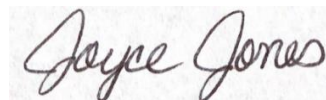
Proposed by:



Sandra Vanneman, PGM, Grand Secretary



Karen Willis, Worthy Grand Matron



Joyce Jones, PGM

Bylaw Amendment
Section 24 By-Laws Governing Grand Chapter - Trustees

Currently reads:

Section 24. GRAND TRUSTEES

The Board of Grand Trustees shall have powers and duties as follows:

- a. Have general supervision of the funds and property of Grand Chapter and determine the fitness of any proposed investment of the same.
- b. The Board of Grand Trustees shall designate a depository or depositories for the funds of Grand Chapter and may change the same at its discretion. Any funds deposited by the Grand Treasurer in depositories duly designated by the Grand Trustees, shall be considered out of the Grand Treasurer's hands so far as personal liability is concerned, but the Grand Treasurer shall be personally liable for any funds of Grand Chapter not so deposited.
- c. Cause the Grand Treasurer to invest such portions of Grand Chapter funds, not immediately needed for the purposes of operation and function of Grand Chapter, in such investments and/or securities as determined by the Board of Grand Trustees. They shall keep a complete record of the same and submit a report in full at each Grand Chapter session. ***Approved 2019 GC**
- d. The Board of Grand Trustees, is specifically authorized and empowered to enter into any agreement necessary or beneficial for the collection and management of all funds of Grand Chapter. ***Approved 2019 amendment**
- e. Have power, and it shall be its duty, to take any steps which may seem to it necessary to secure Grand Chapter against financial loss, and to that end are empowered to institute or to defend suits in the civil courts, or to provide for such suits, in the name of Grand Chapter, in the collection of any moneys due Grand Chapter on any notes, bonds, mortgages, or other evidences of indebtedness, or by reason of any bequest, donation, trust-fund, contingent fund, or otherwise.
- f.
 1. The board of Grand Trustees shall annually, just previous to the Annual Session of Grand Chapter, cause an Audit Committee to audit the books, vouchers and other records of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer; and shall report the results of such audit to the Grand Trustee's. The Grand Trustees shall report at the Annual Session the result of such audit and the actual state of the finances of Grand Chapter. The books shall be audited by an accredited accountant when there is a change in the office of the Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer.
 2. The Grand Trustees shall assist the Worthy Grand Matron in the selection of a new member for the Audit Committee (refer to section 53L). Receive the audit report and make take action to correct any discrepancies.
 3. The Grand Trustee's as part of their annual budget shall appropriate the funds needed by the auditing Committee.
- g. Present to Grand Chapter not later than the first business day of each Annual Session an estimated BUDGET of prospective expenses of Grand Chapter, by classes and items during the ensuing year. Such Budget shall specify: (1.) An estimate of the sums to be immediately paid out for particular and specified purposes; (2.) An estimate of the amounts to be paid as salary or expense to each Grand Officer receiving any such (indicating, in each case, whether the sum specified is for past or future service); (3.) An estimate of a schedule of contingent funds for purposes specified, indicating the maximum amount to be paid out within the ensuing year for each purpose.
- h. Every proposition and resolution involving any appropriation from the General Fund or the establishment of any special fund shall be referred to this Board for its consideration and report before adoption by Grand Chapter.
- i. The Board shall, at each Annual Session of Grand Chapter, render a detailed report of its acts during the previous year and present an estimate of the current worth of all securities and property belonging to Grand Chapter.

- j. Annually elect one of its number as a Chairperson, who shall preside over the meetings of the Board. No member of the Board of Grand Trustees shall serve as Chairperson for more than two (2) years.
 - k. The Grand Trustees shall receive their necessary expenses for attending to the business of the Board and such additional compensation as Grand Chapter may direct.
 - l. A Grand Trustee may resign from the Board of Grand Trustees by submitting a written resignation to the Chairperson of the Board of Grand Trustees and sending a copy of said resignation to the Worthy Grand Matron. Said resignation becomes effective upon acceptance by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Grand Trustees. The members of the Board of Grand Trustees shall, by majority vote, fill said vacancy by appointment of a Grand Trustee to serve until a successor for the remainder of said term is elected and installed at the next session of Grand Chapter.
 - m. Work with the Grand Secretary to develop and implement electronic processing methods where appropriate to improve the efficiency, accountability and accessibility. Electronic processing methods may include but are not limited to warrant processing, election processing, annual reports and an expansion of the web portal to include online access to the Constitution and Bylaws of Grand Chapter, Grand Chapter Officer Binder Information, Committee Information, Librarian Addendums, and Chapter and Grand Chapter forms.
- *2021 Approved GC**

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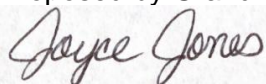
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***2021 Approved GC**

Reason: To help Grand Chapter realize income from the vest possible investments utilizing individuals who have experience in these matters. Additionally, by changing from a salary to a stipend this would release Grand Chapter from Workman's Comp and IRS taxes. The cost of a professional audit is approximately \$10,000 and bids for an outside audit would be requested should the Audit Committee identify major discrepancies that they cannot resolve.

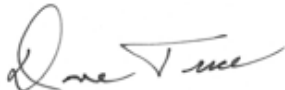
Proposed by Grand Trustees:



Grand Trustee



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2022 Bylaw Amendment
Section 29. Bylaws Governing Grand Chapter – Funds

Currently reads:

Section 29. The funds of Grand Chapter shall be divided as follows:

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| a. | General Fund | e. | Home Fund |
| b. | Educational Fund | f. | Other & Special |
| c. | Merchandise Fund | g. | OES ACTS Fund |
| d. | General Fund Miscellaneous | | |

Change to read:

Section 29. The accounting categories for receipt of funds by of Grand Chapter shall be designated ~~divided~~ as follows:

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|----|----------------------------|----|------------------------------------|
| a. | General Fund | e. | Home Fund <u>ESTARL</u> |
| b. | Educational Fund | f. | Other & Special |
| c. | Merchandise Fund | g. | OES ACTS Fund |
| d. | General Fund Miscellaneous | h. | <u>Service Dogs</u> |

Reason: Updated language to accommodate the financial accounting categories the addition of the General Grand Chapter, include ESTARL which had previously been left off the list, and add the new General Grand category -charity for Service Dogs.

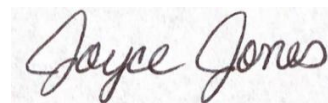
Proposed by:



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Karen Willis, Worthy Grand Matron



Joyce Jones, PGM

Bylaw Amendment
Section 53. By-Laws Governing Grand Chapter – Standing Committees

Currently reads:

Section 53. Standing Committees

Standing Committees shall be:

a. Jurisprudence (five members), shall consist of Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons and one Past Matron or Past Patron, appointed one each year, for a term of five years. No member shall serve two consecutive terms.

b. Registration (six members), appointed two each year, for a term of three years. No member shall serve two consecutive terms.

c. Credentials (three members), appointed one each year for a term of three (3) years.

d. Education (three members), appointed one each year for a term of three (3) years.

e. ESTARL (three members), appointed one each year for a term of three years.

f. Floor Assistants (four members), appointed each year for a term of one (1) year.

g. Fraternal Correspondence shall be the Grand Conductress and the Associate Grand Conductress.

h. The Library committee shall consist of the Grand Librarian appointed annually as Chairperson and the two immediate Past Grand Matrons.

i. Grand Historian (one member), appointed for a term of one year.

j. Central Service Correspondent (one member), appointed for a term of one year.

k. The Purchased Life Membership Committee shall consist of three (3) members in good standing in this Grand Jurisdiction and shall be appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron in cooperation with the Worthy Grand Patron. One committee member shall be appointed each year for a three-year term. It shall be the duty of the Purchased Life Membership Committee to meet once annually, to evaluate procedures and implement changes as may be necessary for the efficient operation of the program. The members of the committee shall attend one of the Grand Trustees' meetings during the year. *** Adopted 2015 GC**

l. Auditing Committee shall consist of three (3) Eastern Star members in good standing to annually audit the books of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer and report to the Grand Trustees (refer to Section 24. f). The Worthy Grand Matron with the assistance of the Grand Trustees shall appoint a member as the term of the existing committee member expires for a term of five (5) years. *** deleted 53m GC 2013**

n. SERVICE DOGS: The Service Dogs Committee shall consist of three members. Each year one member shall be appointed for a term of three years. The duty of this committee shall be to develop a program whereby the Order of the Eastern Star will actively support a service dog organization in our Grand Jurisdiction while promoting and encouraging support of the widespread recognition of Eastern Star's primary and permanent identifying charity of service dogs. Committee members should be knowledgeable and informative regarding service dogs and strive to support our membership and subordinate chapters with ideas for promotion, community involvement and fundraising. *** added to conform with GGC 2019**

Change to read:

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m. SERVICE DOGS: The Service Dogs Committee shall consist of three members. Each year one member shall be appointed for a term of three years. The duty of this committee shall be to develop a program whereby the Order of the Eastern Star will actively support a service dog organization in our Grand Jurisdiction while promoting and encouraging support of the widespread recognition of Eastern Star's primary and permanent identifying charity of service dogs. Committee members should be knowledgeable and informative regarding service dogs and strive to support our membership and subordinate chapters with ideas for promotion, community involvement and fundraising. * **added to conform with GGC 2019**

n. Investment Committee: The Investment Committee shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the Board of Trustees to investigate and make recommendations regarding the surplus funds of the Grand Chapter.

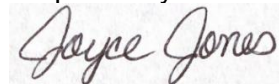
(1) Each member would serve a five (5) year term.

(2) Invest any surplus portions of all funds; General Fund, PLM Fund, ESTARL and Education Funds as recommended by the investment committee. The selection of any brokerage firm to be hired by the Grand Chapter shall have the approval of the Board prior to hiring.

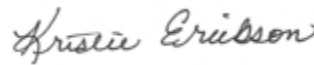
(3) Approve the selling and assignment of the securities of the Grand Chapter.

Reason: The portion on vacancies is being modified to alleviate disruption to the continuity of the committee. The Investment section is to relieve one individual from the responsibility of investigating and determining the best options for Grand Chapter to realize profits from investments and to help formulate a long-term plan for investments.

Proposed by Grand Trustees:



Grand Trustee



Grand Trustee



Grand Trustee

Bylaw Amendment
Section 60. By-Laws Governing Grand Chapter – Memorial Committee

Currently reads:

Section 60.

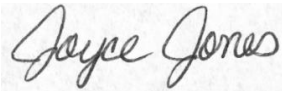
MEMORIAL COMMITTEE shall present a suitable memorial service at each Annual Session of Grand Chapter at approximately 10:30 a.m. following the recess of the morning session of the last day.

Change to read:

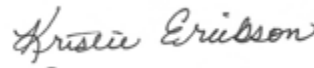
MEMORIAL COMMITTEE shall present a suitable memorial service at each Annual Session of Grand Chapter at approximately ~~10:30 a.m.~~ following the conclusion of business ~~recess of the morning session of the last day.~~

Reason: In the event that circumstances would require a change, the memorial hour could be modified accordingly.


Proposed by Grand Trustees:



Grand Trustee



Grand Trustee



Grand Trustee

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

Currently reads:

Section 61.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE shall consider all applications for “Eastern Star Educational Scholarship”. The amount of each Scholarship is Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). The number of scholarships available to be determined by: using 75% CD interest and saving account interest for the previous fiscal year (Aug 31) and all donations contributed to the Education fund between June 1st of the previous fiscal year and May 31st of the current fiscal year, except such contributions designated by the donor to become part of the permanent funds. Remaining funds not given in scholarships revert back to the Scholarship Fund to draw interest and will be added to the following years’ Scholarship Funds.

***amended 2013 GC**

- a. Purpose: Grant scholarships to further education through vocational schools, college or graduate schools.
- b. Eligibility: The recipient of a scholarship shall have completed a four-year high school education or its equivalent. Preference (Preference not a requirement) will be given to members of the Order of the Eastern Star, those who have Eastern Star or Masonic relationships, the child or dependent of a US War Veteran, Citizens of SD and to those attending schools within the State of SD.
- 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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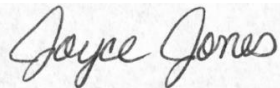
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Reason: To allow for these funds to be included in an investment account to hopefully see increased gains.

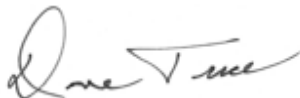
Proposed by Grand Trustees:



Grand Trustee



Grand Trustee



Grand Trustee

Bylaw Amendment
Section 67. By-Laws Governing Grand Chapter – ESTARL Committee

Currently reads:

Section 67. ESTARL COMMITTEE (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership) shall receive and review all applications for awards. The number of awards shall be determined by the number of applicants and the financial need of the applicant. The awards shall not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and awards of a lesser amount may be determined by the committee. The number of such awards available by using CD interest and savings account interest from the previous fiscal year (August 31) and all donations contributed to the ESTARL fund between June 1st of the previous fiscal year and May 31st of the current fiscal year, except such contributions designated by the donor to become a part of the permanent fund. Remaining funds not given in awards shall revert back to the ESTARL Fund to draw interest and will be added to the following year ESTARL Fund.

a. Purpose: Grant awards to individuals preparing for leadership in religious service to include ministers, missionaries, directors of church music and/or religious education and counselors of youth leadership in an accredited institution of higher education.

b. Eligibility: The recipient of an award shall have completed a four-year high school program or its equivalent. Preference will be given to members of the Order of the Eastern Star or those who have Masonic or Eastern Star relationships, although this is not a requirement. The applicant must be a resident of South Dakota.

c. Application: The applicant shall submit all forms provided by the ESTARL Chairperson to include a brief resume, a photograph, name and address of school to attend, address where applicant can be contacted, a recent official transcript of credit from an accredited institution and a statement of financial need. Three (3) character references sent with name and address to chairperson (one reference must be from a minister or religious leader). All applications must be received by the ESTARL Chairperson no later than May 1st preceding the fall term to be considered for an award.

d. NO more than four (4) awards shall be awarded to one person. The award money shall be payable to the order of the school and the "student" jointly, wherever the student is enrolled. Awards are to be made for one year, subject to renewal with a letter stating continuation of education, the latest transcript of credit and a reference letter from a teacher/administrator/counselor in the applicant's program. This must be submitted by May 1st to receive an award.

e. The Committee meets by June 15th to select the awardees using the approved criteria. The number of awards will be determined by the available funds.

f. The Chairperson sends all application forms to interested candidates, arranges a meeting of the Committee to review applicants, notifies all those who have applied if chosen or not, notifies the Grand Secretary of the awardees so proper warrants may be drawn, notifies the awardees' local news media, selects a speaker for the Opening Evening of Grand Chapter and determines if an awardee is no longer in the religious field (name to be given to the Grand Trustees). The Chairperson will submit a short summary on past awardees to be printed in the Proceedings and keep an accurate account of all expenses and submit to the Board of Grand Trustees.

g. All Committee members will promote ESTARL whenever possible, (when visiting other Chapters, publicity, churches and community events), help in the selection of the awardees and attend Grand Chapter, if possible, to be recognized.

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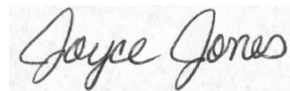
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g. All Committee members will promote ESTARL whenever possible, (when visiting other Chapters, publicity, churches and community events), help in the selection of the awardees and attend Grand Chapter, if possible, to be recognized.

Reason: To allow for these funds to be invested to potentially see increased gains.

Proposed by Grand Trustees:



Grand Trustee



Grand Trustee



Grand Trustee

2022 Bylaw Amendment
Section 89. Bylaws Governing Grand Chapter – Funds

Currently reads:

Section 89. DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDINGS. The Grand Secretary shall forward free of cost, one copy of the Annual Proceedings of Grand Chapter to each Subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction, one copy to each Officer of the Grand Chapter, one copy to each Grand Officer of the preceding year, one copy to each Past Grand Matron and each Past Grand Patron of this Grand Jurisdiction for a period of five (5) years, one copy to the Grand Secretary of every other Grand Chapter recognized by General Grand Chapter, one copy to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of General Grand Chapter, and one copy to each duly commissioned Grand Representative in, and of this Grand Jurisdiction. When request is made, one copy may be sent to any Grand Lodge of Masons, the Eastern Star or Masonic Library, any Eastern Star or Masonic Journal and the State Historical Society. Any member of the Order may order the Proceedings from the Grand Secretary by January 1st after the Grand Chapter Session with cost to be determined by the Grand Secretary.

Change to read:

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Reason: I only received 3 pre-orders of the Proceedings and we have extra copies on hand should anyone want to purchase a copy. Additionally, it is also available electronically for a lower fee.

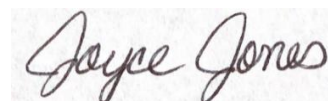
Proposed by:



Sandra Vanneman, PGM, Grand Secretary



Karen Willis, Worthy Grand Matron



Joyce Jones, PGM

2022 Bylaw Amendment
Section 93. Bylaws Governing Grand Chapter – Grand Representatives

Currently reads:

Section 93. GRAND REPRESENTATIVES of other Grand Jurisdictions recognized by the Grand Chapter of South Dakota shall be a Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Past Matron, Past Patron or any deserving member who has faithfully served for a period of seven (7) years* in a Chartered Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction recognized by the Grand Chapter of South Dakota. Further, any member who has had a time lapse of two (2) years* from the completion of a Grand Representative appointment, Grand Office appointment or election and has remained active in the Chapter is eligible for an appointment. No person shall represent more than one Grand Chapter. A member may be appointed to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term and still be eligible for another full-term appointment. Removal from this GRAND JURISDICTION, election or appointment to a Grand Office, shall cancel that Commission and the Worthy Grand Matron shall immediately fill the vacancy.

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Reason: Elected and appointed officers travel to other jurisdictions and it would be a benefit to continue their appointments as Grand Representatives and allow them the opportunity to represent our jurisdiction in a dual capacity. Additionally, our jurisdiction incurs large expenses in purchasing and mailing pins and commissions. There are several other jurisdictions who are currently utilizing a 3-year term. A 3-year term will benefit individuals in planning and saving for trips to their appointment jurisdictions.

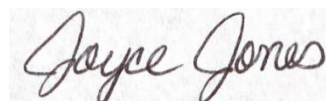
Proposed by:



Sandra Vanneman, PGM, Grand Secretary



Karen Willis, Worthy Grand Matron



Joyce Jones, PGM

2022 Bylaw Amendment
Section 96. Bylaws of Grand Chapter – Election of Grand Officers

Currently reads:

Section 96.

- A. ANNUAL SESSION (no changes to this section)
- B. ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICES.
(See Constitution, Sections 12 and 13.)
 - 1. The Election shall be the first order of business on the first afternoon of the Annual Session, immediately following the FINAL Report of the Credentials Committee to Grand Chapter.
 - 2. Voting delegates SHALL remain in the Grand Chapter room during voting procedure.
 - 3. Tellers shall be appointed. Reports of tellers on ALL written ballots shall be made AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
 - 4. Officers shall be elected, SEPARATELY, in the following order: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress, Grand Trustee.
 - 5. The Presiding Officer will call for nominations from the floor for the first SEVEN (7) elective Officers in the above order, each separately. When there is only one nomination for the respective office, the Presiding Officer will call for a vote for election by acclamation. If there is more than one nominated, or if there is a negative vote on election by acclamation, a written ballot shall be used and the election of that particular Officer shall be completed BEFORE proceeding to the next ranking Officer.
 - 6. The Associate Grand Conductress shall be elected by written ballot. The Presiding Officer will read nominations, under the Seal of the Subordinate Chapter and in a sealed envelope to be opened at the time of election, presented or sent to the Worthy Grand Patron previous to the time for elections, listing an eligible Past Matron's name that will accept if elected, her Chapter name and number. The presiding officer will then proceed with the ballot WITHOUT nomination from the floor. The first ballot shall be considered a nominating ballot except when a majority is obtained by one nominee, constituting an election. Following the report of tellers on the first ballot, the nominees who will accept if elected, will go to the East and give their name, the name and location of their chapter. Nothing shall prohibit the election of any eligible member who has not been nominated on the first ballot, but is nominated on a subsequent ballot, and is present.
 - 7. The Grand Trustee shall be elected by nomination from the floor. The Presiding Officer will call for nominations from the floor. When there is only one nomination for this office, the Presiding Officer will call for a vote for election by acclamation. If there is more than one nomination, a written ballot shall be used with a simple majority of ballots cast constituting an election.
(Refer to Section 12 and 13 for eligibility)
 - 8. The above provisions MAY APPLY to election of officers in subordinate Chapters.
 - 9. Any member writing or distributing ballots for other members to deposit, or electioneering, either for one's self or for another, at any time or any place, shall be liable to charges of offense against the principles of the Order, and it shall be the duty of any member knowing of these practices to report the same to the Presiding Officer.
 - 10. No introductions or presentations are to be made during the Election of Officers; reports may be given. (If a report is in progress it shall be completed.)
- C. INSTALLATION. (no changes to this section)
- D. JEWELS AND BADGES. (no changes to this section)
- E. EMERITUS STATUS. (no changes to this section)

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7. The Grand Trustee shall be elected by nomination from the floor. The Presiding Officer will call for nominations from the floor. When there is only one nomination for this office, the Presiding Officer will call for a vote for election by acclamation. If there is more than one nomination, a written ballot shall be used with a simple majority of ballots cast constituting an election.

(Refer to Section 12 and 13 for eligibility)

8. The above provisions MAY APPLY to election of officers in subordinate Chapters.

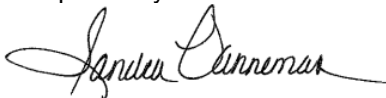
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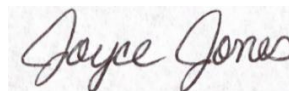
- C. INSTALLATION. (no changes to this section)
- D. JEWELS AND BADGES. (no changes to this section)
- E. EMERITUS STATUS. (no changes to this section)

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 to an elected line office.

Proposed by:



Sandra Vanneman, PGM, Grand Secretary



Joyce Jones, PGM



Karen Willis, Worthy Grand Matron

2022 Bylaw Amendment
Section 106. Bylaws Governing Grand Chapter – Life Members

Currently reads:

Section 106. Life Membership

- a. Certificates of Life Membership are no longer issued in South Dakota. A member who received a Certificate of Life Membership PRIOR to October 10, 1978, shall not be required to pay dues. Such Members are removed from the Roll of Membership only upon their death. A presumption of death may be made after seven (7) years of inability to contact such members.

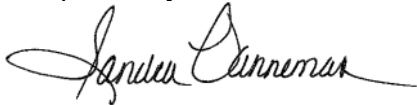
Change to read:

Section 106. Purchased Life Membership

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- b. Purchased Life Membership.

Reason: Since the Life Membership added in 1946 was eliminated so many years ago and we are 40+ years beyond 1978, this language can be deleted. This eliminated wording will allow the Grand Secretary to remove this line category from the Annual Report.

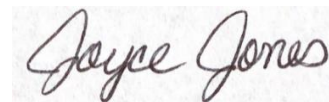
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