

2023 Bylaw Amendment
Section 53. Bylaws Governing Grand Chapter –
Standing Committees – Central Service Correspondent

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***Amended GC 2022**

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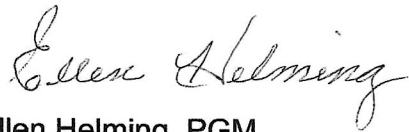
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Reason: The Central Service Correspondent hasn't been receiving requests. Most requests now are directed to the Worthy Grand Matron or Grand Secretary and then forwarded to the appropriate chapter. This would also remove an expense from the budget.

Proposed by:



Ellen Helming, PGM



Sandra Vanneman, PGM, Grand Secretary



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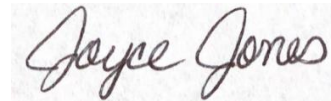
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Sandra Vanneman, PGM, Grand Secretary

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Section 66. Bylaws Governing Grand Chapter – Grand Historian

Currently reads:

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Change to read:

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Delete in its entirety.

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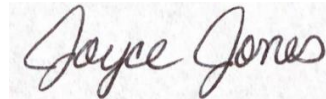
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d. Only one (1) Orthodontic Assistance Grant may be awarded per child.

e. The Committee shall meet at least quarterly to review applications and select qualified applicants. The Grand Secretary shall then be notified of the selections and the address of the payee so warrants can be issued.

f. The Chairperson of the Committee shall be responsible for keeping a permanent record of all Orthodontic Assistance Grants awarded and give a full report at each annual meeting of Grand Chapter. The Chairperson shall keep and submit an accurate accounting to the Board of Grand Trustees.

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Reason: When ACTS became a 501 (c) (3) they became a Board.

Jurisprudence Committee

Chairman

Recommendation for housekeeping

Currently reads:

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Changed to read:

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Reason:

International Order of Job's Daughters was changed by Supreme when they became a 501(c) (3) to Job's Daughters International. International Order of the DeMolay was changed to DeMolay International when they became a 501 (c) (3).

Jurisprudence Committee

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2023 Bylaw Amendment

Section 106. Bylaws Governing Subordinate Chapters – Purchased Life Membership

Section 106. PURCHASED LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Currently reads:

1. Members in good standing of a Subordinate Chapter may purchase a “Purchased Life Membership”, if they so desire, subject to the rules. A memorial “Purchased Life Membership” may be purchased by any person for a deceased Eastern Star Member by following the same rules procedure as outlined.

2. The “Purchased Life Membership” fee shall be equal to twenty (20) times the amount of the annual dues of that Chapter at the time of the purchase, or Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), whichever is greater. The member’s annual dues must also be paid one year in advance.

3. The Purchased Life Membership from a member shall be paid to the Secretary of the Subordinate Chapter, who will make a record and forward the fee to the Grand Secretary.

4. The Grand Secretary will issue permanent “Purchased Life Membership” cards to “Purchased Life Members” and each year Subordinate Secretaries shall issue current dues cards to “Purchased Life Members”.

5. The Grand Chapter Trustees shall establish a “Purchased Life Membership” fund and invest all “Purchased Life Membership” fees from the Subordinate Chapters in such fund.

6. The Trustees shall annually authorize payment from the “Purchased Life Membership” fund to the Subordinate Chapters an amount equal to sixty-seven percent (67%) of the interest earned that year. The remaining thirty-three (33%) shall be paid to the Grand Chapter in lieu of Grand Chapter dues for the Purchased Life Members. In the event of the death of a member having Purchased Life Membership or if a Memorial Purchase Life Membership is purchased for a deceased Eastern Star member the same percentage payments shall apply.*

7. Transfers of a “Purchased Life Member” to another Subordinate Chapter within the state of South Dakota shall have their “Purchased Life Membership” account transferred to their new Chapter, with the new Chapter accepting the “Purchased Life Membership” as previously paid. If a Chapter consolidates, or has its charter revoked the funds credited to that Chapter in the “Purchased Life Membership” fund shall follow the members according to the relevant section of the Grand Chapter By-Laws dealing with Consolidations and Revocation of Charters. Annual fees, in accordance with Section 106 b. 5., of deceased Life Members whose Chapters subsequently has its Charter revoked for whatever reason and does not consolidate shall become that of Grand Chapter, until such Chapter shall be reinstated.

* 2014 Grand Chapter housekeeping

8. A Sister or a Brother who holds plural* membership within this Grand Jurisdiction may purchase a “Purchased Life Membership” in each Chapter in which they hold membership. If members purchased a “Purchased Life Membership” in only one Chapter the member shall be subject to all provisions of dual membership as stated in Section 108.* **Grand Session 2016**

9. Life Members who are suspended or expelled in accordance with the Grand Chapter By-Laws shall be required to surrender their “Purchased Life Membership” card to the Subordinate Chapter Secretary until they are re-instated and the funds shall remain in the “Purchased Life Membership” Fund and apportioned as specified in Section 106 b. 5.

10. The Worthy Grand Matron shall establish a “Purchased Life Membership” in perpetuity program committee as a standing committee. Said committee shall consist of five (5) members, two (2) of whom shall be Grand Trustees. The other three (3) may be any Eastern Star member in good standing in this Grand Jurisdiction and shall be appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron in cooperation with the Worthy Grand Patron. These three shall initially be appointed for one, two and three year terms. Thereafter, one committee member shall be appointed each year for a three-year term. It shall be the duty of the committee to meet once annually, to evaluate

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11. These rules may be modified or amended at any time by the "Purchased Life Membership Committee"; subject to ratification by the Grand Chapter and that no changes may affect "Purchased Life Memberships" in effect at the time of such change.

12. In the event of demits, "Purchased Life Memberships" are not refunded but remain in the fund.

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(7. through 12. remain the same, but would be renumbered accordingly.)

Rationale:

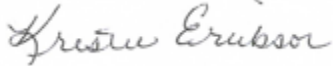
The original intent of the Purchased Life Membership was for chapters to receive enough money to cover Grand Chapter fees and assist their chapters. Under the current system this is not happening. Chapters do not get enough funds from the Purchased Life Membership to help their membership at this point. We are fortunate to have invested and received more dividends at this time, but it still does not replace the income from dues for most chapters. Unfortunately, the

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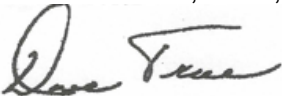
This plan will gradually deplete the Purchase Life Membership Fund, but it will take 70 years at this rate, which should well outlive any current PLM. No PLM will be responsible for paying dues.

By crediting the chapters, we will avoid creating warrants and mailing checks, which will save that expense to Grand Chapter.

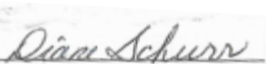
Respectfully submitted



Kristie Erickson, PGM, Grand Trustee



Dave True, PGP, Grand Trustee



Diane Schurr, PM, Purchased Life committee member

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Currently reads:

Section 123. SECRETARY. The Secretary SHALL:

- a. Keep full and proper records of all transactions and proceedings of the Chapter.
- b. Receive all money due the Chapter, giving receipt therefore, making acknowledgment to the Chapter and recording same in the minutes of the next stated meeting, and on or before the first of each month pay all money received to the Treasurer, taking receipt therefore.
- c. Keep a correct account between the Chapter and its members.
- d. To keep a Chapter Ledger in which shall be entered the full name of all members of the Chapter, with detailed records of their connection with the Order.
- e. Issue all notices for stated and special meetings as required.
- f. Notify in writing, under the Seal of the Chapter, all committees of their appointment and petitioners of their election or rejection.
- g. Notify, on or before the first day of each November, all delinquents of the amount of their indebtedness to the Chapter. (Intent to Suspend forms are available from the Grand Secretary)*
- h. Report to the Chapter at its first stated meeting in January and record in the minutes, the names of all members indebted to the Chapter for more than the dues of the current year.*
- i. Report to the Chapter at its first stated meeting in February, and record in the minutes, the names of all members indebted to the Chapter for more than the dues for the current year with the amount of indebtedness of each. Such members shall be automatically suspended as of that date, such fact recorded in the minutes, and written notice of suspension immediately forwarded to such members. (Suspension forms are available from the Grand Secretary.)*
- j. Prepare and transmit to the Grand Secretary the annual report and returns of the Chapter for the year ended June 30th, said report and returns to be postmarked on or before the 10th day of July of each year, approved in writing by the Worthy Matron under the Seal of the Chapter, and with such report transmit to the Grand Secretary all sums due the Grand Chapter for dues, fees, and other charges. Failure to file said annual report and returns shall result in a fine being levied against the Chapter in the amount of \$25.00, said fine to be paid by the said Chapter to the Grand Secretary upon receipt of official notice from the office of the Grand Secretary, and without vote of the Chapter.
- k. Draw warrants as authorized, with the approval of the Worthy Matron, for the amount due the Grand Chapter as soon as such amount can be determined and without vote of the Chapter.
- l. Conduct the correspondence of the Chapter, have custody of its Seal, records and papers. All properties belonging to the Chapter will be delivered to the successor when ordered or to a committee authorized to receive them.
- m. Close the books for the year at the last stated meeting in October and include the business transacted at that meeting.
- n. To transmit to the Grand Secretary WITHIN FIVE DAYS after the Installation, a duly certified list of the newly installed Officers with the date of their installation.
- o. Read annual report at the first stated meeting in November, such report to include a brief summary of total receipts, Chapter work, important events and matters of interest to the Chapter.
- p. Date official documents, i.e. Warrants, Demits, Certificate of Transfer, etc., the same date as that of the stated meeting when such action was authorized (with one exception specifically provided for in Section 143, By-Laws Relating to Subordinate Chapters). * **Adopted GC 2015**

Change to read:

Section 123. SECRETARY. The Secretary SHALL:

a. through m. Remain the same.

n. To transmit to the Grand Secretary WITHIN FIVE DAYS after the Installation Election of Officers, a duly certified list of the newly ~~installed~~ Elected Officers with the scheduled date of their installation.

o. through p. remain the same.

Reason: The Grand Chapter Elected Line Officers need a list of the Elected Officers prior to scheduling their Official Visit dates. Far too often the installation lists are being received too late to be of assistance. This list of Subordinate Chapter Elected Officers could be emailed or mailed for the ease of the Subordinate Chapter Secretary.

Additionally, a list of installed officers is contained in the Annual Report and this would eliminate that duplication of effort.

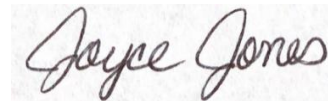
Proposed by:



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Recommendation for housekeeping

Section 143. DEMIT. Second Paragraph

When a request for a Demit is filed with the Secretary in December after the last stated meeting for that month, and it cannot be read until the first stated meeting in January, the granting of the Demit in January by the Chapter shall automatically release the one demitted from paying the dues for the current year, and, in the case ONLY, the Secretary shall date the Demit the same day the request was received.

Changed to read:

When a request for a Demit is filed with the Secretary in ~~December~~ **October** after the last stated meeting for that month **in the current year**, and it cannot be read until the first stated meeting in ~~January~~ **November**, the granting of the Demit in ~~January~~ **November** by the Chapter shall automatically release the one demitted from paying the dues for the current year, and, in the case ONLY, the Secretary shall date the Demit the same day the request was received.

Reason: To conform with Section 128. DUES, AMOUNT, TIME, RECEIPT where it states our current year is to run from November 1 through October 31st.

Jurisprudence Committee,

Chairman

2023 Bylaw Amendment

Section 179. Bylaws Governing Subordinate Chapters – Amendments

Currently reads:

Section 179. UPON NOTICE. Any member of Grand Chapter may give notice of intent to propose an amendment to the By-Laws by sending such notice with a copy of the proposed amendment or amendments to the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, and to each member of the Jurisprudence Committee, thirty days or more before the Annual Session of Grand Chapter. The Grand Secretary shall print adequate copies of such proposed amendment or amendments for each voting member of the Grand Chapter to be available at the Credentials Headquarters during the Annual Session of Grand Chapter. **Any proposition to amend or repeal any provision of these By-Laws shall give the Section number and wording of current By-Law. Any proposed deletions would be crossed out or typed in italics (italics) through each word or letter. Any proposed additions would have an underscore (_) under each new letter.** Provided, that if only a numbered or lettered paragraph of a Section is affected, the paragraphs of the Section that are not affected need not be quoted. The proposal to amend placed before Grand Chapter in proper form, and with the approval of the Jurisprudence Committee may be adopted by a SIMPLE MAJORITY of the voting members present. If disapproved by the Jurisprudence Committee, then TWO-THIRDS (2/3) of those voting is required for passage.

Change to read:

Section 179. UPON NOTICE. Any member of Grand Chapter may give notice of intent to propose an amendment to the By-Laws by sending such notice with a copy of the proposed amendment or amendments to the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, and to each member of the Jurisprudence Committee, ~~thirty~~ forty-five (45) days or more before the Annual Session of Grand Chapter. The Grand Secretary shall ~~distribute print adequate copies of such proposed amendment(s) or amendments~~ using the Grand Chapter E-mail and Website to allow voting members to review, print and bring copies to Grand Chapter. Ten (10) complete sets of an amendment(s) will be available for review by each voting members of the Grand Chapter and will to be available at the Credentials Headquarters Table during the Annual Session of Grand Chapter. **Any proposition to amend or repeal any provision of these By-Laws shall give the Section number and wording of current By-Law. Any proposed deletions would be crossed out or typed in italics (italics) through each word or letter. Any proposed additions would have an underscore (_) under each new letter.** Provided, that if only a numbered or lettered paragraph of a Section is affected, the paragraphs of

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Reason: This allows voting members to have additional time to review amendments prior to attending Grand Chapter. Additionally, the cost of paper and toner required to print one copy per voting member is cost prohibitive to Grand Chapter. Grand Sessions are somewhere between the 5th and 15th of October. The change for submission from 30 to 45 days prior to our session allows the distribution of the amendments prior to the Subordinate Chapters meeting in September.

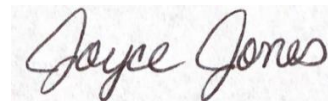
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