2023 Bylaw Amendment Section 53. Bylaws Governing Grand Chapter – Standing Committees – Grand Historian

Currently reads:

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Reason: The Grand Secretary files the History Reports by Chapter and they remain on file forever. We do not post these reports anywhere and there has not been a request for information from these reports. Should a Chapter wish to continue the History Report they can appoint a special committee to maintain that process at the chapter level.

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