

2024 Recommendation for housekeeping

Section 218. Conferring of Degrees. Final paragraph on page 156.

This text was in the electronic document but was identified during the recent printing of the Blue Book in a page by page comparison to be missing.

“If Rituals or other gifts are to be given to the new members they may be presented after the Conductresses are seated. If the Initiatory Bibles are to be given they shall be presented with the Altar Bible closed.”

(This language has been included in the new printing of the complete Blue Book and would be included as a page update for older Blue Books.)

Section 223. Closing Ceremony

The last line on page 160 is repeated at the top of page 161. In the new printing of the complete Blue Book it was deleted from the bottom of page 160, and would be included as a page update for older Blue Books.)

“At the conclusion of the ceremony, as per Ritual, if a retiring....”

Jurisprudence Committee,

Chairman

2024 Bylaw Amendment

Section 13. Bylaws Governing Grand Chapter – Constitution - Eligibility

Section 13. Eligibility

Currently reads:

The Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Patron and Grand Sentinel shall be brothers. The Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Organist, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Warder and Grand Trustee, may be either sisters or brothers. The other Grand Officers shall be sisters.

No one shall be eligible to hold an Elected office in this Grand Chapter, unless they are a Worthy Matron, Past Matron, Worthy Patron, or Past Patron in good standing of any regularly Chartered Chapter of the Order in this state. The Grand Sentinel shall also be a Worthy Patron or Past Patron

Any deserving member who exemplifies the necessary qualities and has faithfully served for a period of ten (10) years in any Chartered Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction shall be eligible to serve as an Appointed Grand Officer. "" Any member that is in good standing may be appointed to a Grand Chapter Committee. * **Adopted GC 2015**

The Grand Trustees shall consist of five members, three must be a Past Grand Matron and/or Past Grand Patron and two may be a Past Matron or Past Patron. (See Section 96B, #7, page 50). The presiding Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and the past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons from the previous **two years shall not be eligible for election to the office of Grand Trustee. ***Adopted GC 2014**

** **2021 Approved GC**

Changed to read:

Paragraph #1 remains the same.

Paragraph #2 remains the same.

Any deserving member who exemplifies the necessary qualities and has faithfully served for a period of ~~ten (10)~~ seven (7) years or are a Worthy Matron, Past Matron, Worthy Patron, or Past Patron in good standing in any Chartered Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction shall be eligible to serve as an Appointed Grand Officer. "" Any member that is in good standing may be appointed to a Grand Chapter Committee. * **Adopted GC 2015**

Paragraph #4 remains the same.

Reason:

Paragraph two (2) states qualifications to be an elected officer is ONLY be a "Worthy Matron, Past Matron, Worthy Patron, or Past Patron". APPOINTED officers should not be required to serve 10 years if ELECTED officers only have to have filled elected offices in their home chapter.

Proposed by:

Grace Bick, Associate Grand Matron

Grace Bick - Juno # 44 Vermillion

Jessie Burjer - Minnehaha # 130 Colton, SD

Swann Hillman - Juno CHAPTER # 44 Vermillion

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2024 Bylaw Amendment

Section 106. Bylaws Relating to Subordinate Chapters

Currently reads:

Section 106. PURCHASED LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

1. Each year Subordinate Secretaries shall issue current dues cards to “Purchased Life Members”.**

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

3. 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 and dividends 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 a Purchased Life Membership or if a Memorial Purchase Life Membership is purchased for a deceased Eastern Star member the same percentage payments shall apply.**

4. The Purchased Life Membership Committee will determine the amount owed to each chapter as of May 1 of the current fiscal year. Chapters will be notified by June 1. The amount due to the chapter will then be subtracted from the per capita owed to Grand Chapter.**

5. Chapters will annually receive a credit of four dollars (\$4.00) for each Purchased Life Membership purchased by a member of their chapter (living and deceased) from the Purchased Life Membership Fund. This amount will be included in a credit given to chapters owed to Grand Chapter for per capita. Grand Chapter will receive two dollars (\$2.00) for each living Purchased Life Member from the Purchased Life Membership Fund, which will then be forwarded to General Grand Chapter.**

6. 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; **amended GC 2023**

7. 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.*

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8. 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.

9. 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 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.

10. 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.

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

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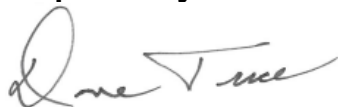
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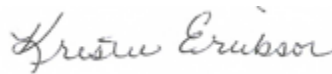
Reason:

A quarterly cutoff date corresponds with the investment quarterly statements. The March 31 date provides a cut-off that allows for the calculation of the chapter disbursements and credits and allows time to distribute that information to the chapters for the annual reports.

Proposed by:



Dave True, PGP, Trustee



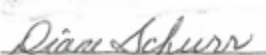
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