

## Amendments Proposed in 2010

### Amendment #1

Chapter B, Article V Sec. 1

Strike the following: "mileage and per diem. If neither the Worthy Matron or Associate Matron are present at Grand Chapter, the Worthy Patron receives mileage and per diem."

When amended would read: Sec. 1. **Officers, Rank of First Three.** The Worthy Matron is the highest in rank. When the Worthy Matron, or Associate Matron, or both of them, are present, the Worthy Patron takes second rank. In the absence of the Worthy Matron, either in the chapter or as a representative of the chapter to Grand Chapter, the Associate Matron succeeds to all her privileges and prerogatives, including authority and rank.

**Rationale:** We no longer pay mileage and per diem.

### Amendment #2

Article III, Section 6. pg. 10

Strike: "upon moving her legal residence from Missouri"

Insert: "if she or he cannot regularly attend chapter meetings in Missouri"

When amended will read: Sec. 6 **Grand Representatives, appointment of.** She may appoint Past Matrons and Past Patrons as Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters and such appointments shall be in force for two years. She may receive and accredit Representatives in other Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter. No Grand Representative may continue to serve as Grand Representative in Missouri if she or he cannot regularly attend chapter meetings in Missouri. Grand Representative appointments shall be given only at Eastern Star Functions. No one may be appointed until at least ten years have lapsed from the expiration of the prior appointment.

### Amendment #3

Chapter B, Article III, Sec.3, pg. 53

Strike: "(1989) they have established residence in Missouri and that"

When amended will read: Sec. 3 (1996) **Dual Membership.** A member of another Grand Jurisdiction wishing to maintain membership in that Grand Jurisdiction and hold membership in Missouri may present a petition for dual membership in any Subordinate Chapter in Missouri providing their Grand Jurisdiction permits dual membership.

**Rationale:** Many chapters have members and potential members who live in adjoining states, who may be eligible for appointments or may wish to become members. Due to our residency laws, they are not eligible.

#### **Amendment #4**

Chapter B, Article IV, Sec. 3, pg. 65

Strike: "residing"

When amended would read: **Sec. 3. Eligibility to Office.** Any member in good standing in this Grand Jurisdiction shall be eligible to hold office in her Chapter; provided that the Worthy Matron, Associate Matron, Conductress, Associate Conductress, Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, and Electa shall be women; and provided further, that no one shall be eligible to the office of Worthy Matron except one who has been installed either as Associate Matron, Conductress or Associate Conductress in a chapter.

Article VI, Sec. 3, pg. 72 **Residence**

Strike entire section

Article VIII, Sec. 3, pg. 76 **Residence of Petitioner**

Strike entire section

Article VIII, Sec. 4, pg. 76 **Non-resident Non-affiliate Cannot Petition.**

Strike entire section

Article XV, sec.2, pg 84 **Powers to receive Petitions for Degrees**

Strike entire section

Article XV, sec. 3, pg. 84 **Investigation**

Strike entire section

Article XV, sec.5, pg. 84 **Waiver of Jurisdiction**

Strike entire section

**Rationale:** Removes residency laws so that potential members in adjoining states may become members in Missouri

#### **Amendment #5**

Chapter B, Article VI, Sec. 5, pg. 72

Strike entire first paragraph.

Insert: No person shall be initiated as a member of a chapter within this Grand Jurisdiction unless the petitioner meets the qualifications as set forth in the ritual and landmarks of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. (Ref: Ritual membership, pages 161-162)

When amended will read: **Sec. 5, Degrees Conferred on Whom.** No person shall be initiated as a member of a chapter within this Grand Jurisdiction unless the petitioner

meets the qualifications as set forth in the ritual and landmarks of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. (Ref: Ritual membership, pages 161-162)

**Rationale:** By inserting this wording into our By-Laws, we will not have to make changes every time the General Grand Chapter changes membership requirements.

#### **Amendment #6**

Article XII, Sec. 2, pg. 30

Strike: "so long as it is within the boundaries of this Grand Jurisdiction.

When amended would read: Article XII, Sec.2. **Appointments.** Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint a District Deputy Grand Matron for each District. The appointee must be a Past Matron and must be a member of a Chapter of the District for which she is commissioned. She must either reside in the District where she will serve or in an adjoining District.

**Rationale:** Allows members whose legal residence is not in Missouri to be appointed District Deputy Grand Matron.

#### **Amendment #7**

Article XIII, Sec. 1, pg. 31

Strike: Distribution

Article XIII, Sec. 4b, pg. 33

Strike entire section

Article VII Powers and Duties of the Grand Secretary, Section 16, pg. 18

Strike the word "Distribution"

When amended will read: She shall cause the annual reports of the Grand Officers, Boards and Officers of Boards who are required to report to the Grand Chapter, and preliminary reports of the Finance Committee to be printed and distributed to the Committee of Jurisprudence, Finance, Appeals and Grievances, and to the chairman of all standing committees at least five (5) days before the opening of the annual session, and also furnish copies to the members of the Grand Chapter present before the reports shall have been read.

**Rationale:** This committee has not been functional for several years.

#### **Amendment #8**

Article XVII, Sec. 6, pg. 45

Insert the following: "the Associate Grand Matron and/or the Associate Grand Patron when performing the official duties of the Worthy Grand Matron and/or Worthy Grand Patron, and to recipients of 50 year or longer pins only at the time of the presentation of

the pin. Only those who are entitled to be presented West of the Altar and escorted through the Labyrinth to the East are to be given Grand Honors.”

When amended would read: **Sec. 6 Grand Honors.** Grand Honors shall be given to Worthy Grand Matrons, Worthy Grand Patrons, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Grand Representatives at Grand Chapter Sessions, Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron at the time of installation, the Associate Grand Matron and/or the Associate Grand Patron when performing the official duties of the Worthy Grand Matron and/or Worthy Grand Patron, and to recipients of 50 year or longer pins only at the time of the presentation of the pin. Only those who are entitled to be presented West of the Altar and escorted through the Labyrinth to the East are to be given Grand Honors.

**Rationale:** To include 50 year members as per our ritual page 17.

#### **Amendment # 9**

#### **Article III Chapters and Meetings, Section 9, pg. 55, Purchase of Chapter Supplies**

Strike the word “shall” and insert the word “may”

Strike the last paragraph.

When amended will read: Every chartered chapter may purchase all blank forms, blank record books, or any kind of books used by the chapter, (in the conduct of its affairs), chapter badges, emblems and any new supplies required through the office of the Grand Secretary.

**Rationale:** This change will allow chapters to purchase supplies anywhere they want and also allow for some forms and petitions to be placed on our website to be printed off at no cost to the chapters.

#### **Amendment # 10**

#### **Registration Committee, Article XIII, Section 4 Ⓞ, sentence 4, pg. 37**

Strike: “and be members of a Chapter of the (1999) District in which the Grand Chapter Session is to be held”

When amended would read: They shall be appointed annually.

**Rationale:** Because other Districts are offering invitations to host Grand Chapter in Columbia, members of those Districts should be allowed to serve on the Registration Committee.

## **Amendment #11**

### **Article XIV – Revenue of Grand Chapter, Section 1, pg. 39**

Strike: Four Dollars and Forty Cents (\$4.40)  
Insert: Seven Dollars and Forty Cents (\$7.40)  
Strike Two Dollars and Forty Cents (\$2.40)  
Insert: Five Dollars and Forty Cents (\$5.40)

When amended would read: **Sec. 1. Annual Dues.** Every chapter shall pay annually to the Grand Chapter the sum of Seven Dollars and Forty Cents (\$7.40) for each member borne on the rolls of the Chapter on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December preceding the Annual Session of Grand Chapter. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each Seven Dollars and Forty Cents (\$7.40) so received by the Grand Secretary shall be paid to the General Grand Chapter for Per Capita and One Dollar (\$1.00) shall be set aside and become a part of the Masonic Home Fund. A sum not to exceed Five Cents (\$.05) of the remaining Five Dollars and Forty Cents (\$5.40) shall be set aside to create and maintain an emergency fund of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000). If any Chapter shall collect dues from a suspended member, for non-payment of dues, such Chapters shall pay to the Grand Chapter the amount of Per Capita due for the year suspended, plus the amount of Per Capita due for the year reinstated.

### **Article XIV – Revenue of Grand Chapter, Section 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, pg. 39.**

Strike: 2004  
Insert: 2012

When amended would read: This section does not become effective until Subordinate Chapters send in their 2012 Annual Return.

Rationale: This increase would help a great deal for Grand Chapter to meet its necessary expenses. Each year we lose more members and therefore the Per Capita does not even come close to paying our bills.

## **Amendment # 12**

### **Article VII: Powers and Duties of the Grand Secretary, Section 13, pg. 18**

In the first sentence Strike the word “she” and Insert “Grand Chapter”  
Strike: “Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars  
Insert: Licensed and authorized to do business in the State of Missouri

When amended would read: Grand Chapter shall annually give a good and sufficient bond with a surety company licensed and authorized to do business in the State of Missouri as surety thereon conditioned on the faithful performance of her duties. The bond shall be subject to the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Chairman of

the Finance Committee and any provisions that are in the Constitution and By-Laws and the premium thereon shall be paid by the Grand Chapter.

**Amendment # 13**

**Article VIII – Duties of the Grand Treasurer, Section 3, pg. 21**

Strike “she” and Insert Grand Chapter

On the second line of the first sentence Strike: “Ten Thousand Dollars” (\$10,000.00) and Insert “Licensed and authorized to do business in the State of Missouri”

When amended would read: Grand Chapter shall annually give a good and sufficient bond with a surety company licensed and authorized to do business in the State of Missouri as surety thereon conditioned on the faithful performance of her duties. The bond shall be subject to the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and the premium thereon shall be paid by the Grand Chapter.

**Amendment #14**

**Article IX – Masonic Home Advisory Board, Section 4 (b) Secretary, pg. 22**

Strike: “she” and Insert: “Grand Chapter”

Strike: “the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)

Insert: “licensed and authorized to do business in the State of Missouri”

Strike: “The premium thereon shall be paid by the Grand Chapter”

Insert: “The Board shall reimburse Grand Chapter for the premium.”

When amended will read: Grand Chapter shall annually give a good and sufficient bond with a surety company licensed and authorized to do business in the State of Missouri as surety thereon conditioned on the faithful performance of her duties. This bond shall be subject to the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Chairman of the Finance Committee. The Board shall reimburse Grand Chapter for the premium.

**Amendment #15**

**Article IX – Masonic Home Advisory Board, Section 5 (b) Treasurer, pg. 22**

Strike: “she” and Insert: “Grand Chapter”

Strike: “in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)”

Insert: “licensed and authorized to do business in the State of Missouri”

Strike: “The premium thereon shall be paid by the Grand Chapter”

Insert “The Board shall reimburse Grand Chapter for the premium.”

When amended would read: Grand Chapter shall annually give a good and sufficient bond with a surety company licensed and authorized to do business in the State of Missouri as surety thereon conditioned on the faithful performance of her duties. This

bond shall be subject to the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Chairman of the Finance Committee. The Board shall reimburse Grand Chapter for the premium.

**Amendment #16**

**Article X, Section 4 Secretary, paragraph 2, pg. 23**

Strike: "She" and Insert: "Grand Chapter"

Strike: "in the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000)"

Insert: "licensed and authorized to do business in the State of Missouri"

Strike: "and the premium thereon shall be paid by the Grand Chapter"

Insert: "The Board shall reimburse Grand Chapter for the premium."

When amended would read: Grand Chapter shall annually give a good and sufficient bond with a surety company licensed and authorized to do business in the State of Missouri as surety thereon conditioned on the faithful performance of her duties. This bond shall be subject to the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Chairman of the Finance Committee. The Board shall reimburse Grand Chapter for the premium.

**Amendment #17**

**Article X, Section 5 Treasurer, paragraph 2, pg. 24**

Strike: "She" and Insert: "Grand Chapter"

Strike: "in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)"

Insert: "licensed and authorized to do business in the State of Missouri"

Strike: "and the premium thereon shall be paid by the Grand Chapter"

Insert: "The Board shall reimburse Grand Chapter for the premium."

When amended would read: Grand Chapter shall annually give a good and sufficient bond with a surety company licensed and authorized to do business in the State of Missouri as surety thereon conditioned on the faithful performance of her duties. This bond shall be subject to the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Chairman of the Finance Committee. The Board shall reimburse Grand Chapter for the premium.

**Amendment #18**

**Article X-A, The Lois Jackson Newman Youth Fund, Section 5 Secretary, sentence 2, pg. 26**

Strike: "The Secretary" and Insert: "Grand Chapter"

Strike: "in the sum of not less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)"

When amended would read: Grand Chapter shall annually give a good and sufficient bond with a surety company licensed and authorized to do business in the State of Missouri as surety thereon conditioned on the faithful performance of his or her duties.

**Amendment #19**

**Article X-A The Lois Jackson Newman Youth Fund, Section 6 Treasurer, 5<sup>th</sup> sentence, pg. 27**

Strike: "The Treasurer" and Insert: "Grand Chapter"

Strike: "of not less than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00)"

When amended would read: Grand Chapter shall annually give a good and sufficient bond with a surety company licensed and authorized to do business in the State of Missouri as surety thereon conditioned on the faithful performance of his or her duties.

**Amendment #20**

**Article X-B – ESTARL, pg.29**

Insert: Section 9. **Surety bond.** The Estes-McAnally ESTARL Fund, Stella Ashcraft Fund and the Dudeck ESTARL Fund shall all be covered by the surety bond under Grand Chapter's surety bond. This bond shall be subject to the approval of the WGM and the Chairman of the Finance Committee.