

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS FOR 2016 ASSEMBLY

AMENDMENT 1

Amend Part I – General Regulations, Sec. 4 – Seal, Paragraph (A), Page 8

Which Now Reads:

The Order of the Amaranth has, and shall continue to have, an Official Corporate Seal, bearing the Patented Emblem, name and the word Incorporated and which shall be affixed to all instruments issued by or under its authority.

Action: By deleting the word Patented in line 2 and replacing it with Trademarked

When Amended Would Then Read

The Order of the Amaranth has, and shall continue to have, an Official Corporate Seal, bearing the **Trademarked** Emblem, name and the word Incorporated and which shall be affixed to all instruments issued by or under its authority.

Rational: An emblem cannot be patented it can only be trademarked.

Submitted by: Stephanie Page, PGRM, MN

AMENDMENT 2

Amend Part I – General Regulations, Section 3 - Eligibility for Membership, paragraph (I), page 7:

Which Now Reads:

(I) The Subordinate Courts of British Columbia, Florida, New Jersey, New York and Ontario are granted permission to allow Master Masons (properly vouched for) to visit Subordinate Court meetings only upon taking an Obligation provided by the Supreme Council.

Action: By inserting Queensland

When amended would read:

(I) The Subordinate Courts of British Columbia, Florida, New Jersey, New York, Ontario and Queensland are granted permission to allow Master Masons (properly vouched for) to visit Subordinate Court meetings only upon taking an Obligation provided by the Supreme Council.

Rationale: To further our membership

Submitted by: HL Judy Young, DSRM and HL Joan Smith, DSRM - Queensland

AMENDMENT 3**AMEND Sec. 11 ELECTION OF OFFICERS, Paragraph (M) Page 15****Currently reads**

(M) Any eligible member may be elected to office even though not present at the time of Election, provided a letter of acceptance has been previously placed on the *Supreme/Grand/Subordinate Court* Secretary's desk. (All)

Change to read

(M) Any eligible member may be elected to office even though not present at the time of Election, provided a letter of acceptance has been previously placed on the Supreme/Grand Court Secretary's desk. In a Subordinate Court, a letter of acceptance has been previously placed on the Secretary's desk or a member present may vouch for the electee's acceptance.

Rationale; Needing to have a letter on the secretaries desk in a subordinate court can cause an undue hardship on the court. The subordinate court has to go through the process of a special dispensation to hold another election.

Submitted by: SK Richard Mounsey, Grand Royal Patron, Commonwealth of Virginia

AMENDMENT 4**AMEND Sec. 28 STANDING COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES, (B) (19) (D) page 46-B****Currently reads**

(D) The Supreme Web Page Committee shall carefully examine and approve all proposals for Official Web Pages developed by Grand Courts and Subordinate Courts. The Supreme Web Page Committee shall annually review all approved web page(s) to see that the pages continue to conform to the web page guidelines and provide written notification to the *Web Administrator and Assistant Web Administrator* of record as to their decision.

Change to read

(D) The Supreme Web Page Committee shall carefully examine and approve all proposals for Official Web Pages developed by Grand Courts and Subordinate Courts. The Supreme Web Page Committee shall annually review all approved web page(s) to see that the pages continue to conform to the web page guidelines and provide written notification to the Web Page Committee chairperson of record as to their decision.

Rationale: The Web master or web administrator is under the direction of his/her Web Page Committee and should take directions from them not the Supreme Web Page Committee.

Submitted by SK Richard Mounsey, Grand Royal Patron, Commonwealth of Virginia

AMENDMENT 5

REFERENCE:

Supreme Constitution, PART V- GENERAL REGULATIONS, Section 2 "VISITORS", Paragraphs (C) thru (G), Pages 117, 117a.and 118

ACTION: 1) Delete in their entirety and re-letter accordingly

RATIONAL: It is the goal of the Masonic Fraternity to foster growth and comradeship through the association with and support of other Members while ensuring the integrity of the Order. The Order of the Amaranth , Inc. supports this mandate and encourages its Members to work toward the growth of the Order and the overall support of the Subordinate Courts, Grand Court and Supreme Council while working toward increase in our Order and community representation

The actions specified in the present Supreme Constitutional Law do not support these principles and are in general violation of the Tenets of Freemasonry and the obligation of the Order of the Amaranth. It currently allows **personal dislike** for or **disagreement** with a Member to preclude the visitor(s) from exercising their right of membership and desire to support the other Members in their own or other Courts within the Jurisdiction or the Order in general.

Submitted by: Robert E. Breckenridge II, PSRP and David L. Ekren, PSRP

AMENDMENT 6

AMEND PART II Section11 ELECTION OF OFFICERS, Paragraph N – Page 15

NOW READS: (N) If a member is currently serving in an elected office is subsequently elected to another office, she/he (if not present) must submit a resignation from that office, to be placed on the Secretary's desk and read or (if present) verbally to the Assembly, prior to accepting the new office. This requirement does not apply to the progressive line officers SAC, SC, SAM, SAP (All)

Action: delete in its entirety and replace with: (N)* A member currently serving in an elected office that requires the member to serve more than the current year (ie: Trustee or Commissioner of Appeal) nominated for another elected office, must resign from that office prior to accepting the nomination or election. The resignation to be given verbally,

if present or by a letter submitted to the Secretary (Subordinate/Grand/Supreme). This requirement does not apply to the progressive line officers SAC, SC, SAM, SAP or the SRM and SRP. (All)*

When amended would read: (N)* A member currently serving in an elected office that requires the member to serve more than the current year (ie: Trustee or Commissioner of Appeal) nominated for another elected office, must resign from that office prior to accepting the nomination or election. The resignation to be given verbally, if present or by a letter submitted to the Secretary (Subordinate/Grand/Supreme). This requirement does not apply to the progressive line officers SAC, SC, SAM, SAP or the SRM and SRP. (All)*

Submitted by John Worton DSRP and Lillian Worton PSRM

AMENDMENT 7

Part II, Section 19, paragraph (B) Page 19: Authority and Duties of the Supreme Royal Matron

Currently Reads:

To appoint Supreme Officers and Supreme Committees in accordance with this Supreme Constitution. The Supreme Royal Matron shall appoint a Diabetes Foundation Coordinator for each Subordinate Court (SCJ) within thirty (30) days following her Coronation. She shall appoint a Chairman, Amaranth Diabetes Coordinators.

Members appointed as Diabetes Foundation Coordinators shall serve until their successor is appointed by the next Supreme Royal Matron. Coordinators within each Grand Court are appointed by the Grand Royal Matron. (Refer to Part III, Section 14(H), and Part V, Section 6, Eleventh Item)

Add new Paragraph between the two above:

The Chairman, Amaranth Diabetes Coordinators shall be responsible for the distribution and sale of the Supreme Council Diabetes project items requested by the Supreme Royal Matron. He/She shall submit an annual report in writing of all Supreme Council Philanthropic Diabetes projects and any assistance provided to Grand Court Diabetes Coordinators and those under SCJ. He/She shall also submit, by May 31, to the Secretary, Amaranth Diabetes Foundation the Diabetes Projects Report for inclusion in the totals for any awards given by the ADF. He/She shall also submit at least two (2) articles each year to the Crown and Sword editor.

Rationale: *No organization or company has titles or positions without job descriptions. This gives the required appointed Supreme Council Diabetes Coordinator a job description.*

Submitted by: Elizabeth S Herbolsheimer, DSRM, President of the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation Board of Directors

AMENDMENT 8

Part II, Regulations for Supreme Council, Section 19 Authority & duties of the Supreme Royal Matron, Paragraph (U), Page 22.

NOW READS:

(U) She shall Officially visit all Grand Courts and Subordinate Courts (SCJ) or delegate her authority to do so, to one of the Supreme Line Officers, or, in case of an emergency, she may delegate her authority to a Past Supreme Royal Matron. However, all Grand Courts and Subordinate Courts (SCJ) must have an Official Visit by a Supreme Royal Matron at least once in three years. She shall list in her Annual Report, by name, all Grand Courts and Subordinate Courts (SCJ) which she Officially visited. She shall furnish a list of her proposed Official Visits to the Supreme Line Officers prior to the Supreme Assembly to assist them in forming their plans for the year. She shall receive traveling expenses not to exceed the appropriation as provided by the annual budget. Withdrawal requests shall include receipts for travel expenses and room accommodations if not provided gratis by the Grand Court or Subordinate Court (SCJ). These travel funds shall not be utilized for attendance at Receptions or other social functions. She shall present a letter of authorization to the Supreme Associate Matron empowering such Officer to assume her duties and responsibilities, when she is absent from the fifty States of the United States of America or Canada. A Jewel shall be provided to be worn during the visitations, also a Seal of the Supreme Council, bearing inscription of the "Supreme Royal Matron", one copy of the Constitution, Ritual, Syllabus, Code Card for Password, Master Mason Obligation, Special Dispensations, and Petitions to Organize Subordinate Courts. These items and any other property of Supreme Council issued to her shall be returned to the Supreme Secretary at the expiration of her term of office, for reissue to her successor.

ACTION: Delete Part II Sec. 19 (U) and replace with

(U) (1) She shall Officially visit all Grand Courts and Subordinate Courts (SCJ) or delegate her authority to do so, to one of the Supreme Line Officers, or, in case of an emergency, she may delegate her authority to a Past Supreme Royal Matron.

(2) She may schedule Official Visits to Subordinate Courts (SCJ) as a Unity Meeting of up to four (4) Subordinate Courts (SCJ) in the area. She shall provide the Special Dispensations as required by this Constitution and shall ensure that the following occurs:

(a) Each Subordinate Court (SCJ) participating has a quorum of officers and members in attendance as required for a stated meeting.

(b) The books of the Secretary and Treasurer of each Subordinate Court (SCJ) are inspected.

(c) The officers of the host Subordinate Court (SCJ) preside during the Opening and the business portion of the meeting.

(d) The Royal Matron(s) from the other Subordinate Court(s) (SCJ) declare their Court(s) open as required in the Opening Ceremony and closed as required in the Closing Ceremony.

(e) The officers the other Subordinate Courts (SCJ) participating in the Union Meeting have an opportunity to preside during Escort, Memorial (if meeting occurs in May), and Closing.

(f) The roll is called for each Subordinate Court (SCJ) participating in the Union Meeting.

(3) All Grand Courts and Subordinate Courts (SCJ) shall have an Official Visit by the Supreme Royal Matron at least once in three years.

(4) She shall furnish a list of her proposed Official Visits to the Supreme Line Officers prior to the Supreme Assembly to assist them in forming their plans for the year. She shall list in her annual Report, by name, all Grand Courts and Subordinate Courts (SCJ) which she has Officially visited.

(5) She shall receive traveling expenses not to exceed the appropriation as provided by the annual budget except in the case of travel to Institute and Constitute Courts in Countries where Amaranth does not already exist. Such Instituting and Constituting travel expenses can be approved by the Supreme Board of Trustees. Withdrawal requests shall include receipts for travel expenses and room accommodations if not provided gratis by the Grand Court or Subordinate Court (SCJ). These travel funds shall not be utilized for attendance at Receptions or other social functions.

(6) She shall present a letter of authorization to the Supreme Associate Matron empowering such Officer to assume her duties and responsibilities, when she is absent from the fifty States of the United States of America or the provinces of Canada.

(7) A Jewel shall be provided to be worn during the visitations, also a Seal of the Supreme Council, bearing the inscription "Supreme Royal Matron", one copy of the Constitution, Ritual, Syllabus, Code Card for Password, Master Mason Obligation, Special Dispensations, and Petitions to Organize Subordinate Courts. These items and any other property of Supreme council issued to her shall be returned to the Supreme Secretary at the expiration of her term of office, for reissue to her successor.

WOULD THEN READ: Refer to Part II Sec. 19

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RATIONALE:

Part II Sec. 19 discusses the travel of the Supreme Royal Matron for the purpose of Official Visits. This change incorporates the process which has been used to conduct Union/Unity visits for Subordinate Courts (SCJ). This change also makes this section more readable and provides for potential reimbursement of travel expenses of the SRM to Institute and Constitute Courts in countries where Amaranth does not currently exist.

Signed & Submitted By: HL June Haas, Supreme Associate Conductress & HL Becky Wolbert, DSRM

AMENDMENT 9

Amend Supreme Constitution Part II Regulations For Supreme Council, Section 29 Special Committees, subsection 19 (D) by adding the following:

(1). Any Grand Jurisdiction or Court (USJ) not having it's own full website linked to the Supreme Council website may have a Basic Level "mini-page" added to the Supreme webpage for an annual fee of Twenty-five dollars US (\$25.00) annually by sending payment with the listing of officers to the Supreme Secretary. Payment not accompanying listing necessitates a lock-out from the Supreme Website.

The page must contain the following information: Contact information for GRM, GRP, GAM, GAP and GSec'y (same info for courts USJ), date and place of Grand Court Session or annual election (USJ).

(2). An enhanced "mini-page", Level 1, containing the Basic Level data plus GRM Schedule, Court information of when, where and time of meetings, information and dates for Officer's Visitations, Deputy Supreme Officers (E & A) and Grand Court Session [Courts (USJ) election] application forms. Annual fee is Fifty dollars US (\$50.00) under the same times and conditions as (1) above.

(3). An enhanced "mini-page" Level 2 containing all Basic and Level 1 data plus any additional Grand Court forms and an updatable Photo Gallery. Annual fee is Seventy-five dollars US (\$75.00) under the same times and conditions as (1) above.

(4). All "mini-pages" are administered by the Supreme Council Web Administrator or Assistant upon consent of the Supreme Website Committee Chair.

RATIONALE: Supreme Council pays for a web hosting service. The service is limited by space requirements. The more data placed with the web hosting service the more space Supreme Council has to pay for. Many Grand Courts are small and do not have access or the ability to create and administer their own website. By having the various levels of "mini-pages" a smaller Grand Court has the availability to have all it's data for a nominal fee without the need for hosting service or administrator. The provision of our forms, Constitution and Protocol Manual by Supreme Council on our website has been well received allowing members to access much data. Heretofore, these items required the payment of a fee to obtain but now are downloadable. This is a loss of revenue for Supreme Council and this deficit must be replaced. The Supreme Web Administrator expends a significant amount of time and deserves recognition.

Proposed by: Supreme Website Committee

AMENDMENT 10

Part III, Regulations for Grand Courts, Section 10, Article G

Now reads: All Grand Officers listed above, shall assume their full duties immediately following their installation. This shall include Assistant Grand Lecturers, District Deputy Grand Royal Matrons, or Deputy Grand Royal Matrons and Patrons (not obligatory). However, the outgoing Grand Lecturer shall be responsible for the Ritualistic work of the Grand Court through and including the Uncrowning Ceremony. The incoming Grand Lecturer shall be responsible for the Ritualistic work of the Grand Court beginning with

the Rehearsal and Installation Ceremony of the Grand Court Session at which the new Grand Lecturer is installed.

Change: add new subsection 1 to Article G to read:

1. No member of the Grand Court shall be installed in more than one office, either Elected or Appointed, in the same year in the Grand Court with the sole exception of the office of Grand Representative where a member of the Grand Court may be appointed as Grand Representative to two separate jurisdictions at the same time.

Would then read:

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Rationale: To allow Jurisdictions that are having difficulties filling all Grand Representatives positions the opportunity to do so. There is no prohibition for holding more than one Grand Office at a time, there is one for Supreme but it does not say (ALL). Therefore, in order to allow an exception, the prohibition must be enacted.

Submitted by: S.K. Bruce E. Kenney, Deputy Supreme Royal Patron, New York

AMENDMENT 11

Part III, Section 9, "Vote in Supreme Council"

Now Reads – No Grand Court shall be allowed the privilege of a vote in the Supreme Council unless its Per Capita Tax is fully paid.

Action – Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

No member of any Grand Court whose Per Capita Tax is not fully paid shall be allowed the privilege of a vote in the Supreme Council.

Would then read:

Rationale – Since a Grand Court does not have a vote in the Supreme Council, this would make the intent of this section clearer.

Submitted by: S.K. Bruce E. Kenney, Deputy Supreme Royal Patron, New York

AMENDMENT 12

PART IV, Rules and Regulations Governing Subordinate Courts. Section 11, Election of Officers, Paragraph (A), Page 74

Which now reads:

The Royal Matron invites the Royal Patron to preside. Three Tellers are appointed by the Royal Matron, Royal Patron announces that Election is now in order and invites members to nominate the various members for each office as announced. Where there is only one nominee for an office, then he or she shall be declared elected without the formality of a written ballot. Where there is opposition, a majority of all votes cast must be required to elect. Blank ballots are not to be counted.

Action: Delete the last sentence of the paragraph (Blank ballots are not to be counted).

When Amended Would Read:

With the last Sentence excluded, the rest of the paragraph would remain the same as printed.

Submitted by Darth Hurlburt, PSRP

AMENDMENT 13

PART IV, Rules and Regulations Governing Subordinate Courts. Section 11, Election of Officers, Paragraph (B), Page 74

Which now reads:

The Royal Matron, Royal Patron, Associate Matron, Associate Patron, Treasurer, Secretary, Conductress, Associate Conductress, and one Trustee shall be elected Annually by a ballot at a Stated Meeting prior to April 1, or as specified in the Grand Court Bylaws, a majority of all votes cast being necessary to elect. If a vacancy occurs in the Trustees, for any reason, more than one Trustee may be elected to fill such vacancy. Blank ballots shall not be counted. No Officer shall be Elected or Appointed or installed into Office unless Dues are paid and must be display the Dues Card of the

current year to the Installing Officer. Said Officers, including those appointed, may be installed at the time of election or not later than April 30.

Action: Delete the Third Sentence (Blank ballots shall not be counted).

When Amended Would Read:

With the Third Sentence (Blank ballots shall not be counted) excluded, the rest of the paragraph would remain the same as printed.

Rational: Blank ballots are addressed in PART II, REGULATIONS FOR SUPREME COUNCIL, Section 12 BALLOTS, Paragraph (A)

Submitted by Darth Hurlburt, PSRP