

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

## 2017 SUPREME COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

### AMENDMENT 1:

**Amend:** Eligibility for Membership Part 1 Section 3 Page 5

**Action:** insert new Section (B) and Re letter the remaining paragraphs (B) to (C), (C) to (0), (0) to (E), (E) to (F), (F) to (G), (G) to (H), (H) to (I), (I) to (J), (J) to (K), (K)(1) to (L)(1), (K)(2) to (L)(2), (K)(3) to (L)(3), (K)(4) to (L)(4)

\*(B) Permission is granted to the Subordinate Courts of Ontario, Canada, to accept an application for membership by initiation from a female resident of Ontario, having attained eighteen (18) years of age, being recommended and signed by a Master Mason in good standing in his Masonic Lodge and Amaranth Court and also signed by an Honoured Lady in good standing in her Amaranth Court.\*

**When amended would read:** \*(B) Permission is granted to the Subordinate Courts of Ontario, Canada, to accept an application for membership by initiation from a female resident of Ontario, having attained eighteen (18) years of age, being recommended and signed by a Master Mason in good standing in his Masonic Lodge and Amaranth Court and also signed by an Honoured Lady in good standing in her Amaranth Court.\*

**Rationale:** The eligibility for membership has been open to non-Masonic affiliated persons since the amendment to include Rainbow for Girls and Job's Daughters, then Triangle, Inc. and Constellation of Junior Stars. The only stipulation was that one of the signatures on the petition for membership must be that of a Master Mason in good standing. This would be the same situation. Various concordant bodies in Ontario have recently opened the eligibility for membership to accept applications from persons who have no Masonic affiliation. The Order of the Amaranth in the province of Ontario must open the eligibility for membership or we will cease to exist in the very near future.

Submitted by: Gertrude Bowen DSRM & John Worton DSRP

### AMENDMENT 2:

**AMEND:** Part II, Regulations for Supreme Council, Section 29 Special Committees, subsection 19, Numbers 1 to 4, Page 47

#### **NOW READS:**

(1). Any Grand Jurisdiction or Court (USJ) not having its 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 Seventyfive 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.

**ACTION:** Delete Numbers 1 to 4 and replace with

(1). Bronze level: Any Grand Jurisdiction or Court (SCSJ) not having its own full website linked to the Supreme Council website may have a Basic Level “mini-page” added to the Supreme webpage for free as long as the Web Declaration form is properly filled out and submitted to the Supreme Secretary along with a list of Grand Officers within 60 days of conclusion of Annual Session. A copy of the Web Declaration form shall be emailed to the Chairman of the Supreme Website Committee as well. The page must contain the following information: Grand Royal Matron, Grand Royal Patron, Grand Associate Matron, Grand Associate Patron, Grand Conductress, Grand Associate Conductress, Grand Secretary; date and place of the Grand Court session (corresponding info for SCSJ);

(2). Silver Level: Webpage contains the Bronze Level data plus Grand Royal Matron’s Itinerary, if applicable Grand Lecturer Itinerary, Supreme Officers (Elected & Appointed) and links for Grand Court Session forms. Annual fee is Fifty dollars US (\$50.00) which must be submitted with the Webpage Declaration form to the Supreme Secretary within 60 days of the conclusion of the Annual Session.

(3). Gold Level: Webpage contains all Bronze & Silver Level data plus Subordinate Court information & contacts, links to all Grand Court Session forms and an updatable Photo Gallery. Annual fee is Seventy-five dollars US (\$75.00) under the same times and conditions as above.

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

**RATIONALE:** It is necessary in the modern world for all of our Grand Courts and Courts under Supreme Jurisdiction to have a web presence. Charging for the basic mini-page is detrimental to that goal. Having a basic mini-page is part of what Supreme Council provides to the Grand Courts and SCSJ. The revised tier system is easier to understand and clearer on what is provided for each level.

Approved: Susan E. Patchin, Susan McKinney, James E. Buchanan, Gail Piper

### **AMENDMENT 3:**

**REFERENCE:** Supreme Constitution, PART V – GENERAL REGULATIONS, Section 2 “VISITORS”, Paragraph C, Page 117a

### **Currently Reads:**

(C) No member of the Order, except an Officer of the Supreme Council or Grand Court in the performance of her or his official duty can of right claim admittance to any Court of which she or he is not a member. The right to visit is one of courtesy, and may be denied at the pleasure of three or Members present either before or after the Court is opened.

### **Action:**

1) Add the following between . . . “official duty” and “can of right . . .”

as specified in the Ritual of the Order within the Installation ceremonies and as may be amplified within the By-Laws of the Grand Court of each individual Jurisdiction

2) Add the following between “. . . denied” and “at the . . .”  
to an individual except as stated in the previous sentence,

3) Add the following at the end of the paragraph after “. . . opened”.  
and only at that specific meeting and as dictated by the following guidelines.

**Will then Read:**

(C) No member of the Order, except an Officer of the Supreme Council or Grand Court in the performance of her or his official duty as specified in the Ritual of the Order within the Installation ceremonies and as may be amplified within the By-Laws of the Grand Court of each individual Jurisdiction can of right claim admittance to any Court of which she or he is not a member. The right to visit is one of courtesy, and may be denied to an individual except as stated in the previous sentence, at the pleasure of three or Members present either before or after the Court is opened, and only at that specific meeting and as dictated by the following guidelines.

Submitted by: David L. Ekren, PSRP and Robert E. Pagani, Supreme Lecturer

**AMENDMENT 4:**

**REFERENCE:** Supreme constitution, PART V – GENERAL REGULATIONS, Section 2 “VISITORS”, Paragraph D, line 1 thru 4, Page 117a

**Action:** Delete paragraph it its entirety and change as follows.

**Will then Read:**

(D) If three or more Members present belonging to the Subordinate Court wherein a meeting is to be held, object to the presence of any Visitor(s) due to their firsthand knowledge concerning actions of a violent nature, willful or malicious disobedience of the Obligation, or actions punishable within the Penal Code of the Supreme Council and applicable punishments having been levied, they shall advise the Royal Matron. The Royal Matron shall call a recess of the court, examine the circumstances in respect to the laws of the Order of the Amaranth, take appropriate action per paragraphs E and F below if the circumstances are in accordance with the provisions specified above, ensuring full consideration for the concern of the members.

**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 and civility of the Order. The Order of the Amaranth, Inc. supports this mandate and encourages its Members to work toward the overall support of the Subordinate Courts, Grand Courts and Supreme Council while working toward an increase in our Order, its community representation, and stability within the laws of the Order.

Understandably, the Tenets of Freemasonry do allow a Member or Members of a Lodge to ask for the restriction of another Members presence during their meetings IF they have knowledge that the individual concerned is a threat to the Lodge or the Fraternity in general and therefore should not be allowed to participate in the activity of the Lodge. This would and should consist of illegal or offensive actions that violate the regulations of the Governing Grand Lodge and could or should be punishable under the Penal statutes of the Fraternity or local government: NOT based on simply having personality conflicts or disagreements.

The actions and laws specified in the present Supreme Constitution do not support the above basic fraternal principles and are in general violation of the overall Tenets of Freemasonry along with basic landmarks and obligation of the Order of the Amaranth. However, it does, unfortunately, allow for **personal dislike** or **disagreement** with a Member to cause the exclusion of her or him from exercising her or his right of Membership and desire to support the Members of their own or other Courts within the Grand Court Jurisdiction or the Order of the Amaranth in general.

Submitted by: David L. Ekren, PSRP and Robert E. Pagani, Supreme Lecturer

**AMENDMENT 5:**

**AMEND:** PART II, Section 11, Paragraph (D) Page 14

**Which Now Reads:**

(D) There shall be three (3) tellers, appointed by the Supreme Royal Matron, at each table, along with one (1) member of the Election Committee.

**Action:** change the comma after word “table” to a period and delete the wording “along with one (1) member of the Election Committee”

**When Amended would read:**

(D) There shall be three (3) Tellers, appointed by the Supreme Royal Matron, at each table.

Submitted by: Darth Hurlburt

**AMENDMENT 6:**

**Amend: Supreme Constitution, “Landmarks of the Order”, page 3, Paragraph 5**

**Now Reads:**

The Obligations are based upon the honor of those who obtain the Degree, and are framed upon the principle that whatever benefits are due by the Masonic Fraternity to the wives, mothers, daughters, granddaughters, step-daughters, legally adopted daughters, widows, sisters, half-sisters, nieces, grand nieces, aunts, great-granddaughters and grandmothers of Master Masons, as well as to members, either active for three (3) years or majority, of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls or the International Order of Job’s Daughters, each of whom having attained the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Amaranth, corresponding benefits are due from them to the Brotherhood. The granddaughters, nieces, grand nieces, aunts, great-granddaughters and grandmothers must be directly related (not by marriage) to a Master Mason, who is in good standing in his Masonic Lodge.

**Proposed change:** after “grandmothers of Master Masons” add \*or to Ladies of the age of eighteen (18) or over not related to a Master Mason in good standing, upon the recommendation of two Master Masons in good standing in their Masonic Lodge both of whom shall be acquainted with the applicant\*

**Would then read:**

The Obligations are based upon the honor of those who obtain the Degree, and are framed upon the principle that whatever benefits are due by the Masonic Fraternity to the wives, mothers, daughters, granddaughters, step-daughters, legally adopted daughters, widows, sisters, half-sisters, nieces, grand nieces, aunts, great-granddaughters and grandmothers of Master Masons,\*or to Ladies of the age of eighteen {18} or over not related to a Master Mason in good standing, upon the recommendation of two Master Masons in good standing in their Masonic Lodge both of whom shall be acquainted with the applicant\* as well as to members, either active for three (3) years or majority, of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls or the International Order of Job’s Daughters, each of whom having attained the age of eighteen {18} years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Amaranth, corresponding benefits are due from them to the Brotherhood. The granddaughters, nieces, grand nieces, aunts, great-granddaughters and grandmothers must be directly related (not by marriage) to a Master Mason, who is in good standing in his Masonic Lodge.

**Rationale:** To increase membership as the membership in the Masonic Fraternity has decreased.

Submitted By S.K. Bruce Kenney, DSRP NY, H.L. Donna Ozol Lyons, DSRM Ont

**AMENDMENT 7:**

**Amend: Supreme Constitution, “Objects of Organization and Incorporation”, page 2, first 17 lines**

**Now reads:**

The principle objects for which the organization is formed are fraternal, social and charitable, to wit: to unite in one body and its Subdivisions, known as Grand Courts and Subordinate Courts, Master Masons in good standing in the Masonic Fraternity and the wives, mothers, daughters, granddaughters, step-daughters, legally adopted daughters, widows, sisters, half-sisters, nieces, grand nieces, aunts, great-granddaughters and grandmothers of Master Masons, as well as to members, either active for three (3) years or majority, of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls or the International Order of Job’s Daughters or the Organization of Triangle, Inc. or Constellation of Junior Stars, Inc, each of whom having attained the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Amaranth; the granddaughters, nieces, grand nieces, aunts, great-granddaughters and grandmothers must be directly related (not by marriage) to a Master Mason, who are now or were in good standing in his Masonic Lodge at the time of his death.

**Proposed change:** after “grandmothers of Master Masons,” add \*or Ladies of the age of eighteen {18) or over not related to a Master Mason in good standing, upon the recommendation of two Master Masons in good standing in their Masonic Lodge both of whom shall be acquainted with the applicant\*

**Would then read:**

The principle objects for which the organization is formed are fraternal, social and charitable, to wit: to unite in one body and its Subdivisions, known as Grand Courts and Subordinate Courts, Master Masons in good standing in the Masonic Fraternity and the wives, mothers, daughters, granddaughters, step-daughters, legally adopted daughters, widows, sisters, half-sisters, nieces, grand nieces, aunts, great-granddaughters and grandmothers of Master Masons, \*or Ladies of the age of eighteen (18) or over not related to a Master Mason in good standing, upon the recommendation of two Master Masons in good standing in their Masonic Lodge both of whom shall be acquainted with the applicant\* as well as to members, either active for three (3) years or majority, of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls or the International Order of Job’s Daughters or the Organization of Triangle, Inc. or Constellation of Junior Stars, hc. ,each of whom having attained the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Amaranth; the granddaughters, nieces, grand nieces, aunts, great-granddaughters and grandmothers must be directly related (not by marriage) to a Master Mason, who are now or were in good standing in his Masonic Lodge at the time of his death.

**Rationale:** To increase membership as the membership in the Masonic Fraternity has decreased.

Submitted By S.K. Bruce Kenney, DSRP NY, H.L. Donna Ozol Lyons, DSRM Ont

**AMENDMENT 8:**

**Amend: "Part 1- General Regulations, Section 2 "Incorporation", THIRD, first paragraph, page 3**

**Now Reads:**

The purpose or purposes for which said corporation is formed are fraternal, social and charitable and to unite in one body, and its subordinate subdivisions, Master Masons in good standing in the Masonic Fraternity and the wives, mothers, daughters, granddaughters, step-daughters, legally adopted daughters, widows, sisters, half-sisters, nieces, grand nieces, aunts, great-granddaughters and grandmothers of Master Masons, as well as to members, either active for three (3) years or majority, of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls or the International Order of Job's Daughters or the Organization of Triangle, Inc. or Constellation of Junior Stars, Inc., each of whom having attained the age of eighteen (18) years. The granddaughters, nieces, grand nieces, aunts, great-granddaughters and grandmothers must be directly related (not by marriage) to a Master Mason, who is or was at the time of his death, in good standing in his Masonic Lodge.

**Proposed change:** after "grandmothers of Master Masons," add \*or Ladies of the age of eighteen (18) or over not related to a Master Mason in good standing, upon the recommendation of two Master Masons in good standing in their Masonic Lodge both of whom shall be acquainted with the applicant\*

**Would then read:**

The purpose or purposes for which said corporations formed are fraternal, social and charitable and to unite in one body, and its subordinate subdivisions, Master Masons in good standing in the Masonic Fraternity and the wives, mothers, daughters, granddaughters, step-daughters, legally adopted daughters, widows, sisters, half-sisters, nieces, grand nieces, aunts, great-granddaughters and grandmothers of Master Masons,\*or Ladies of the age of eighteen (18) or over not related to a Master Mason in good standing, upon the recommendation of two Master Masons in good standing in their Masonic Lodge both of whom shall be acquainted with the applicant\* as well as to members, either active for three (3) years or majority, of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls or the International Order of Job's Daughters or the Organization of Triangle, Inc. or Constellation of Junior Stars, Inc. ,each of whom having attained the age of eighteen (18) years. The granddaughters, nieces, grand nieces, aunts, great-granddaughters and grandmothers must be directly related (not by marriage) to a Master Mason ,who is or was at the time of his death, in good standing in his Masonic Lodge.

**Rationale:** To increase membership as the membership in the Masonic Fraternity has decreased.

Submitted by H.L. Margaret Kenney, DSRM NY

## **AMENDMENT 9”**

### **Amend: Supreme Constitution, Part 1- General Regulations, Section 3, “Eligibility for Membership”, subsection (A), page 5**

#### **Now Reads:**

No person shall be eligible for membership in the Order of the Amaranth except Master Masons in good standing in the Masonic Fraternity and the wives, mothers, daughters, granddaughters, step-daughters, legally adopted daughters, widows, sisters, half-sisters, nieces, grand nieces, aunts, great-granddaughters and grandmothers of Master Masons who are or were in good standing at the time of their death, as well as to members, either active for three (3) years or majority, of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls or the International Order of Job's Daughters or the Organization of Triangle, Inc.. or Constellation of Junior Stars, Inc., each of whom having attained the age of eighteen (18) years (notwithstanding any other provisions of Section 3 hereof to the contrary, those who were eligible for membership as active or majority members of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls or the International Order of Job's Daughters or the Organization of Triangle, Inc. or Constellation of Junior Stars, Inc. shall retain such eligibility for membership) and shall have been regularly proposed at a Stated Meeting of the Court, and balloted for at the next Stated Meeting, unless further time be granted by the Court. The granddaughters, nieces, grand nieces, aunts, great-granddaughters and grandmothers must be directly related (not by marriage) to a Master Mason, who is or was at the time of his death, in good standing in his Masonic Lodge .Petitions for membership based on membership on Rainbow or Job's Daughters or the Organization of Triangle, Inc. or Constellation of Junior Stars, Inc. membership (specified above) shall include a signed recommendation by a Master Mason in good standing except in those jurisdictions which do not recognize the Order.

**Proposed change:** after "death" in line #5, add \*or Ladies of the age of eighteen (18) or over not related to a Master Mason in good standing, upon the recommendation of two Master Masons in good standing in their Masonic Lodge both of whom shall be acquainted with the applicant\*

#### **Would then read:**

No person shall be eligible for membership in the Order of the Amaranth except Master Masons in good standing in the Masonic Fraternity and the wives, mothers, daughters, granddaughters, step-daughters, legally adopted daughters, widows, sisters, half-sisters, nieces, grand nieces, aunts, great- granddaughters and grandmothers of Master Masons who are or were in good standing at the time of their death \*or Ladies of the age of eighteen (18} or over not related to a Master Mason in good standing, upon the recommendation of two Master Masons in good standing in their Masonic Lodge both of whom shall be acquainted with the applicant\*, as well as to members, either active for three (3) years or majority, of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls or the International Order of Job's Daughters or the Organization of Triangle, Inc. or Constellation of Junior Stars, Inc. each of whom having attained the age of eighteen (18) years (notwithstanding any other provisions of Section 3 hereof to the contrary, those who were eligible for membership as active or majority members of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls or the International Order of Job's Daughters or the Organization of Triangle, Inc. or Constellation of Junior Stars, Inc. shall retain such eligibility for membership} and shall have been regularly proposed at a Stated Meeting of the Court, and balloted for at the next Stated Meeting,

unless further time be granted by the Court. The granddaughters, nieces, grand nieces, aunts, great-granddaughters and grandmothers must be directly related (not by marriage) to a Master Mason, who is or was at the time of his death, in good standing in his Masonic Lodge. Petitions for membership based on membership on Rainbow or Job's Daughters or the Organization of Triangle, Inc. or Constellation of Junior Stars, Inc. membership (specified above) shall include a signed recommendation by a Master Mason in good standing except in those jurisdictions which do not recognize the Order.

**Rationale:** To increase membership as the membership in the Masonic Fraternity has decreased.

Submitted by HL. Margaret Kenney, DSRM NV

**AMENDMENT 10:**

**Amend: Supreme Constitution, General Regulations, Section 3, "Eligibility for Membership", subsection D, page 6**

**Now Reads:**

The widow of a Master Mason, marrying a man not a Mason, again becoming a widow, is not eligible to receive the Degree, unless she is eligible in accordance with paragraph (A). The widow of a Master Mason, marrying a man not a Mason, becoming divorced, is not eligible to receive the degree, unless she is the mother, daughter, granddaughter, step-daughter, legally adopted daughter, sister, half-sister, niece, grand niece, aunt, great-granddaughter or grandmother of a Master Mason.

**Proposed change:** add at the end of the paragraph after the words "Master Mason",\*or unless she is eligible in accordance with paragraph (A)\*

**Would then read:**

The widow of a Master Mason, marrying a man not a Mason, again becoming a widow, is not eligible to receive the Degree, unless she is eligible in accordance with paragraph (A). The widow of a Master Mason, marrying a man not a Mason, becoming divorced, is not eligible to receive the degree, unless she is the mother, daughter, granddaughter, step-daughter, legally adopted daughter, sister, half-sister, niece, grand niece, aunt, great-granddaughter or grandmother of a Master Mason \*or unless she is eligible in accordance with paragraph (A)\*.

**Rationale:** To increase membership as the membership in the Masonic Fraternity has decreased.

**Submitted by** Honored Lady Hillary Johnson, Grand Royal Matron of New York