

Grand Chapter of Kansas, OES

2024

**Proposed Changes to the
Constitution, Bylaws, and Book of
Instruction**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
GRAND CHAPTER OF KANSAS**

Article III

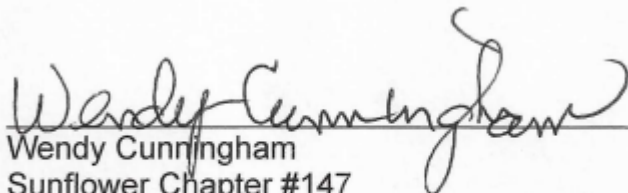
Section 4 – Council of Administration (Page C-8)

Currently reads: The Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress and Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a Council of Administration, who shall administer all affairs of the Grand Chapter except as shall be hereinafter delegated to the Board of Grand Trustees.

Proposed change: Add the Grand Sentinel to the Council of Administration.

The Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress, **Grand Sentinel**, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a Council of Administration, who shall administer all affairs of the Grand Chapter except as shall be hereinafter delegated to the Board of Grand Trustees.

Rationale: The Grand Sentinel is in line for the Grand East and should be allowed to participate in the Council of Administration.



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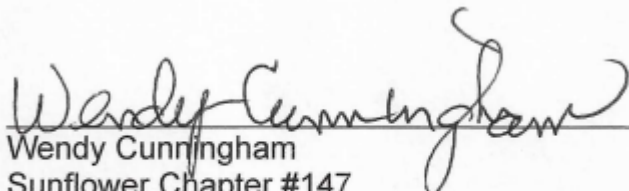
Article III

Section 6 – Grand Secretary (Page C-9)

Currently reads: Section 6. **Grand Secretary.** The Grand Secretary shall keep a faithful record of the transactions of the Grand Chapter; shall issue special dispensations as authorized by the Worthy Grand Matron; shall receive all moneys due the Grand Chapter and pay same promptly to the Grand Treasurer; she/he shall act as Librarian and shall make annual reports to the Grand Chapter of the transactions of her/his office, rendering an account of all moneys received, accompanied by the Grand Treasurer's receipts therefore. She/he shall transmit...

Proposed change: The Grand Secretary shall keep a faithful record of the transactions of the Grand Chapter; shall **communicate requests for special dispensations to the Worthy Grand Matron and** issue special dispensations as authorized by the Worthy Grand Matron; shall receive all moneys due the Grand Chapter and pay same promptly to the Grand Treasurer; she/he shall act as Librarian and shall make annual reports to the Grand Chapter of the transactions of her/his office, rendering an account of all moneys received, accompanied by the Grand Treasurer's receipts therefore. **She/he shall provide warrants, including invoices and receipts, to the Grand Treasurer for payment.** She/he shall transmit...

Rationale: By providing the Grand Treasurer with invoices and receipts, there will be more accountability and balance of accounts between the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.



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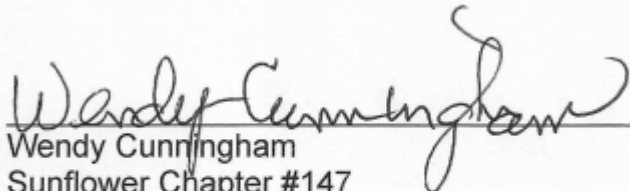
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Section 7 – Grand Treasurer (Page C-9)

Currently reads: **Grand Treasurer.** The Grand Treasurer shall receive all monies from the Grand Secretary and pay it out only on warrants drawn by the Grand Secretary and countersigned by the Worthy Grand Matron, and shall be custodian of all securities belonging to the Grand Chapter. She/He shall make...

Proposed change: The Grand Treasurer shall receive all monies from the Grand Secretary and pay it out only on warrants drawn by the Grand Secretary **accompanied by invoices and receipts**, and countersigned by the Worthy Grand Matron **and Chair of the Board of Grand Trustees**, and shall be custodian of all securities belonging to the Grand Chapter. She/He shall make...

Rationale: The Grand Treasurer needs copies of invoices and receipts to pay the warrants drawn by the Grand Secretary. The Worthy Grand Matron and Chair of the Board of Grand Trustees should both be signing off on Grand Chapter expenditures.



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Proposed Change to the Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of Kansas
Part I Relating to the Grand Chapter

Section I

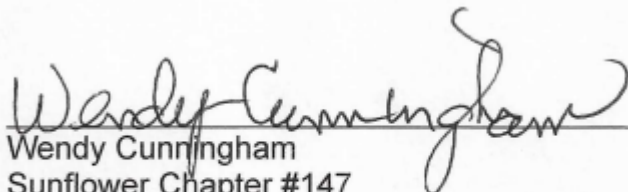
STIPENDS AND ALLOWANCES

1. Stipends (Page B I-15)

Currently reads: The following stipends shall be paid to Grand Officers: to the Worthy Grand Matron \$2,400; to the Worthy Grand Patron, \$750; and to the Grand Treasurer \$750. The following stipends shall be paid: to the Grand Secretary \$10,500; to the assistants to the Grand Secretary such amounts as shall be fixed by the Board of Grand Trustees. The Grand Secretary and her assistants shall be paid monthly. The Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and Grand Treasurer shall be paid quarterly in advance. A-2017

Proposed change: The following stipends shall be paid to Grand Officers: to the Worthy Grand Matron \$3,000; to the Worthy Grand Patron, \$1,500; and to the Grand Treasurer \$1,000. The following stipends shall be paid: to the Grand Secretary \$11,000; to the assistants to the Grand Secretary such amounts as shall be fixed by the Board of Grand Trustees. The Grand Secretary and her assistants shall be paid monthly. The Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and Grand Treasurer shall be paid quarterly in advance.

Rationale: Since these stipends were put into effect, the expenses (i.e. gasoline and hotel rooms, etc.) for these individuals as Grand Officers, have increased enough to warrant this increase.



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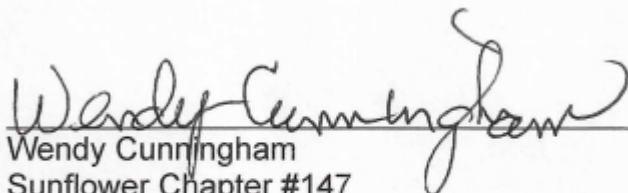
2. Allowances

(a) Postage (Page B I-15)

Currently reads: (a) Postage: The Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, and Associate Grand Patron shall be awarded allowances toward postage expenses during their term of office, the rate for each to be determined by the Board of Grand Trustees.

Proposed change: (a) Postage: The Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, and Associate Grand Patron shall be awarded allowances toward postage expenses during their term of office. The rate for each to be determined by the Board of Grand Trustees **with no less than \$125 for the Worthy Grand Matron and Associate Grand Matron; and no less than \$100 for the Worthy Grand Patron and Associate Grand Patron.**

Rationale: The cost of postage is now \$.66 and continues to rise.



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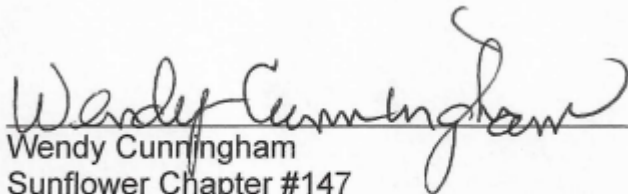
2. Allowances

(b) Telephone (Page B I-16)

Currently reads: The Worthy Grand Matron shall be awarded a telephone allowance toward expenses incurred during her term of office, at a rate to be determined by the Board of Trustees. A-2004

Proposed change: Delete this in its entirety.

Rationale: Most individuals have a cell phone plan and there are no long-distance charges incurred.



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COMMITTEES

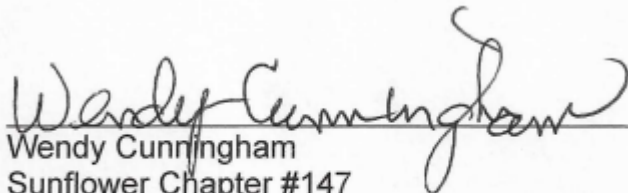
Standing Committees

5. Fraternal Correspondence (Page B I-27)

Currently reads: The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence shall review and report upon Proceedings of other Grand Chapters, gleaning therefrom such matters as may be of general interest to the Order, and noticing all matters relating to the usages, privileges, and laws of other Grand Chapters; also the membership and number of Chapters in each Grand Jurisdiction.

Proposed change: **The Chairman of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee, shall be the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress. Members of this committee shall be comprised of the Grand Representatives who** shall review and report upon Proceedings of other Grand Chapters, gleaning therefrom such matters as may be of general interest to the Order, and noticing all matters relating to the usages, privileges, and laws of other Grand Chapters, also the membership and number of Chapters in each Grand Jurisdiction.

Rationale: This committee has been chaired by the Associate Grand Conductress for many years. The Grand Representatives are our connection to the other jurisdictions and can provide up-to-date information by reaching out to their counterparts or looking up information on their jurisdiction's website.



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Proposed Change to the Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of Kansas
Part II Relating to Subordinate Chapters

Bylaws Part II, page B II-22

Currently reads:

J. MEMBERSHIP

4. Dual Membership

(a) A member in good standing in a Subordinate Chapter in another Grand Jurisdiction, or in a Chapter under the direct jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, which permits Dual Membership, may also become a member of a Subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction, and thereby hold a Dual Membership.

(b) A member in good standing of a Subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction may become a Dual Member of one other Subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction, or of one other Subordinate Chapter in another Grand Jurisdiction, or of a Chapter under the direct jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, provided the Chapter in another Grand Jurisdiction also permits Dual Membership.

Proposed to Read:

Bylaws Part II, page B II-22

4. Dual and Plural Membership

Dual membership is defined as regular membership in two chapters at the same time. Plural membership is defined as regular membership in more than two chapters at the same time.

(a) A member in good standing in a Subordinate Chapter in another Grand Jurisdiction or in a Chapter under the direct jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, where Dual **or Plural** Membership is permitted, may also become a member of **one or more** Subordinate Chapter(**s**) in this Grand Jurisdiction, thereby holding Dual **or Plural** Membership.

(b) A member in good standing of a Subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction may become a Dual **or Plural** Member of **one or more** Subordinate Chapter(**s**) in this Grand Jurisdiction, or of **one or more** Subordinate Chapter(**s**) in another Grand Jurisdiction, or **one or more** Chapter(**s**) under the direct jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter. This is subject to the condition that the Chapter(**s**) in another Grand Jurisdiction also permits Dual **or Plural** Membership, provided that the jurisdiction is recognized by General Grand Chapter.

Proposed change:


- Add definition for dual and plural membership for clarity.
- Add “and Plural”, “or Plural” and “one or more” for consistency in verbiage.
- Pluralize “Subordinate Chapter” and “Chapter”
- Add “This is subject to the condition that...” to provide a break in a lengthy sentence.
- Remove the plural from “permits”

- Add “provided that the jurisdiction is recognized by General Grand Chapter.”

Rationale:

Any member in good standing should have the option to choose to engage with Eastern Star at a level that correlates with their comfort and preferences. The decision regarding the extent of participation is a personal one, and no one should dictate what might be deemed excessive for another member. Plural membership has been a successful practice in other Grand Jurisdictions and among our Kansas Masonic Brothers for many years and illustrates the positive outcomes of providing access to the option of multiple memberships.

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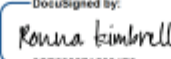
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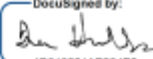
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Currently reads:

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4. Dual Membership

(c) So far as applicable, the procedure to receive and act upon a petition for Dual Membership shall be the same as that of receiving and acting upon a petition for affiliation, as provided in BL-II-L-4, BL-II-L-6 through 10, and BL-II-L-1.

Proposed to Read:

Bylaws Part II, page B II-22

J. MEMBERSHIP

4. Dual Membership

(c) So far as applicable, the procedure to receive and act upon a petition for Dual **or Plural** Membership shall be the same as that of receiving and acting upon a petition for affiliation, as provided in BL-II-L-4, BL-II-L-6 through 10, and BL-II-L-1. **The same form may be used when petitioning for plural memberships as is used when petitioning for a dual membership. In lieu of a Demit, a Certificate of Good Standing from the Secretary of each Chapter to which the petitioner belongs must accompany the Petition for Plural Membership. A petition for plural membership should be presented to and acted upon by only one subordinate chapter at any given time. The procedure for receiving and acting upon a Petition for Plural Membership shall be the same as that on a Petition for Affiliation.**

Dual membership in a Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction may be secured by submitting a Petition for Dual Membership accompanied by the requisite fee and a Certificate of Membership issued by the applicant's primary chapter bearing the Chapter's seal and dated within the preceding 60 days.

Change:

- Add "or Plural" for consistency in verbiage
- Add "The same form may be used when petitioning for plural memberships as is used when petitioning for a dual membership. In lieu of a Demit, a Certificate of Good Standing from the Secretary of each Chapter to which the petitioner belongs must accompany the Petition for Plural Membership. A petition for plural membership should be presented to and acted upon by only one subordinate chapter at any given time. The procedure for receiving and acting upon a Petition for Plural Membership shall be the same as that on a Petition for Affiliation.

Dual membership in a Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction may be secured by submitting a Petition for Dual Membership accompanied by the requisite fee and a Certificate of


Membership issued by the applicant's primary chapter bearing the Chapter's seal and dated within the preceding 60 days." to provide instruction on plural membership processing.

Rationale:

To align with changes made to Bylaw BL-II-J-4-a and Bylaw BL-II-J-4-b.

This only needs to be considered if the proposed changes to BL-II-J-4-a and BL-II-J-4-b pass.

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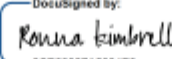
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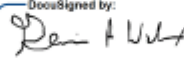
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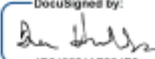
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Bylaws Part II, page B II-23

Currently reads:

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4. Dual Membership

(d) Dual Members shall be entitled to all of the rights and privileges of membership in both Chapters. If a member becomes a Past Matron or Past Patron in their dual membership chapter and if they have never served their primary chapter in Kansas as Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron, they shall be listed as an Affiliated Past Matron or Past Patron on the rolls of the primary chapter in Kansas. R 2003

Proposed to Read:

Bylaws Part II, page B II-23

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4. Dual Membership

(d) Dual **and Plural** Members shall be entitled to all of the rights and privileges of membership in **both all Chapters in which they are members in good standing.** If a member becomes a Past Matron or Past Patron in their dual **or Plural** chapter and if they have never served their primary chapter in Kansas as a Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron, they shall be listed as an Affiliated Past Matron or Past Patron on the rolls of the primary chapter in Kansas. R 2003

The determination of whether plural members can simultaneously occupy any of the four principal officer positions (Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Associate Patron) in more than one Kansas Chapter, or serve as Secretary or Treasurer in more than one Kansas Chapter simultaneously, rests with the discretion of each chapter.

Change:

- Add “and Plural”, change “both” to “all”, and add “or Plural” to allow for consistency in verbiage
- Add “in which they are members in good standing” to promote clarity
- Add “The determination of whether plural members can simultaneously occupy any of the four principal officer positions (Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Associate Patron) in more than one Kansas Chapter, or serve as Secretary or Treasurer in more than one Kansas Chapter simultaneously, rests with the discretion of each chapter.” to serve as guidance for questions related to plural members serving in chapter elected officer positions.

Rationale:

To align with changes made to Bylaw BL-II-L-4 and to provide individual chapters the ability to choose their level of comfort in having plural members serve as elected officers in each chapter.

To align with changes made to Bylaw BL-II-J-4-a and Bylaw BL-II-J-4-b.

This only needs to be considered if the proposed changes to BL-II-J-4-a and BL-II-J-4-b pass.

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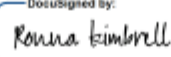
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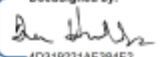
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(e) The privilege of Life Membership in the primary Chapter is not retained as a Dual Member in the secondary Chapter. A Life Membership is always retained in the Chapter in which it was granted. (Ref.: BL-II-J-5-c)

Proposed to Read:

Bylaws Part II, page B II-23

J. MEMBERSHIP

4. Dual Membership

(e) The privilege of Life Membership in the primary Chapter is not retained as a Dual **or Plural** Member in **additional** Chapter(s). A Life Membership is always retained in the Chapter in which it was granted. (Ref.: BL-II-J-5-c)

Change:

- Add “or Plural”, and “additional”, and pluralize Chapter for consistency in verbiage

Rationale:

To align with changes made to Bylaw BL-II-J-4-a and Bylaw BL-II-J-4-b.

This only needs to be considered if the proposed changes to BL-II-J-4-a and BL-II-J-4-b pass.

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(f) A Dual Member shall pay annual dues and any special assessments to the Chapter in which Dual Membership is maintained. The Secretary shall not issue a receipt for annual dues to a Dual Member until a receipt for current dues in the primary Chapter or a demit from their primary Chapter is presented to the Secretary. Once the receipt or demit is presented and the dues and any special assessments are paid the Secretary shall issue an Official Receipt for Due. A-2013

Proposed to Read:

Bylaws Part II, page B II-23

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4. Dual Membership

(f) A Dual **or Plural** Member shall pay annual dues and any special assessments to the Chapter(s) in which Dual **or Plural** Membership is maintained. The Secretary shall not issue a receipt for annual dues to a Dual **or Plural** Member until a receipt for current dues in the primary Chapter or a demit from the primary Chapter is presented to the Secretary. It is the responsibility of the member to ensure they have the necessary paperwork to present to the secretary of each chapter they hold membership in to obtain their receipt of dues from the chapter. It is also the responsibility of the member to provide that documentation in a timely manner so as not to stall the dues process. Once the receipt or demit is presented and the dues and any special assessments are paid the Secretary shall issue an Official Receipt for Dues. **Fifty-year membership must be voted on by each chapter in order for a member to be exempt from dues in that chapter.** A-2013

Change:

- Add "or Plural" and pluralize "Subordinate Chapter" for consistency in verbiage
- Add a voting requirement for chapter fifty-year memberships to provide options for chapters.

Rationale:

To align with changes made to Bylaw BL-II-J-4-a and Bylaw BL-II-J-4-b.

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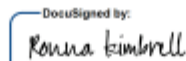
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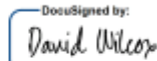
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Proposed Change to the Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of Kansas
Part II Relating to Subordinate Chapters

Bylaws Part II, page B II-23

Currently reads:

J. MEMBERSHIP

4. Dual Membership

(g) Dual members shall conform strictly to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, and the Bylaws of the Chapter in which they hold Dual Membership.

Proposed to Read:

Bylaws Part II, page B II-23

J. MEMBERSHIP

4. Dual Membership

(g) Dual **and Plural** members shall conform strictly to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Kansas and the Bylaws of the Chapter(**s**) in which they hold Dual **or Plural** Membership.

Change:

- Add “and Plural” and pluralize “Subordinate Chapter” for consistency in verbiage.

Rationale:

To align with changes made to Bylaw BL-II-J-4-a and Bylaw BL-II-J-4-b.

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Currently reads:

J. MEMBERSHIP

4. Dual Membership

(h) Dual Members shall be reported on the annual report of the Chapter as of December 31 each year as “Dual Members.” Per Capita dues shall be paid to the Grand Chapter in the same amount and manner for Dual Members as for other members of the Chapter.

Proposed to Read:

Bylaws Part II, page B II-23

J. MEMBERSHIP

4. Dual Membership

(h) Dual Members shall be reported on the annual report of the Chapter as of December 31 each year as “Dual Members.” **Plural Members shall be reported on the annual report of the Chapter as of December 31 each year as “Plural Members”.** Per Capita dues shall be paid to the Grand Chapter in the same amount and manner for Dual **and Plural** Members as for other Chapter members. **Any change in plural membership in either the primary or plural Chapter(s) must be reported to the other Chapter(s), and to the office of the Grand Secretary.**

Change:

- Add “Plural Members shall be reported on the annual report of the Chapter as of December 31 each year as ‘Plural Members’.”
- Add “and Plural” for consistency in verbiage.
- Add “Any change in plural membership in either the primary or plural Chapter(s) must be reported to the other Chapter(s), and to the office of the Grand Secretary.” to provide consistency in communication and reporting.

Rationale:

To align with changes made to Bylaw BL-II-J-4-a and Bylaw BL-II-J-4-b.

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Proposed Change to the Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of Kansas
Part II Relating to Subordinate Chapters

Bylaws Part II, page B II-24

Currently reads:

J. MEMBERSHIP

4. Dual Membership

(i) Loss of membership by expulsion or by suspension for non-payment of dues in the primary Chapter carries with it the loss of Dual Membership in the secondary Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Proposed to Read:

Bylaws Part II, page B II-24

J. MEMBERSHIP

4. Dual Membership

(i) Loss of membership by expulsion or by suspension for non-payment of dues in the primary Chapter carries with it the loss of **Dual Membership membership in all other the secondary Chapter(s) of which they are a member. Any member suspended from a dual or plural chapter will be denied petitioning any other Chapter for plural membership until they have been reinstated in the proper manner in the dual or plural Chapter, and a Demit is issued.**

Change:

- Replace “Dual Membership” with “membership in all other Chapter(s)”
- Remove “the secondary” and add “of which they are a member. Any member suspended from a dual or plural chapter will be denied petitioning any other Chapter for plural membership until they have been reinstated in the proper manner in the dual or plural Chapter, and a Demit is issued.”

Rationale:

To align with changes made to Bylaw BL-II-J-4-a and Bylaw BL-II-J-4-b.

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Bylaws Part II, page B II-24

Currently reads:

J. MEMBERSHIP

4. Dual Membership

(j) Dual Membership may be terminated in this Grand Jurisdiction by the member requesting withdrawal of membership from the secondary Chapter. Said request shall be submitted orally or in writing at a stated meeting of the Chapter, and when granted, shall be issued a withdrawal upon order of the Worthy Matron. A Withdrawal Notice shall be sent to the member and the Primary Chapter. A-2013

Proposed to Read:

Bylaws Part II, page B II-24

J. MEMBERSHIP

4. Dual Membership

(j) Dual **or Plural** Membership may be terminated in this Grand Jurisdiction by the member requesting withdrawal of membership from the secondary **or plural** Chapter(s). Said request shall be submitted orally or in writing at a stated meeting of the Chapter, and when granted, shall be issued a withdrawal upon order of the Worthy Matron. A Withdrawal Notice shall be sent to the member and the Primary Chapter. A-2013

Change:

- Add “or Plural” and pluralize “Chapter” for consistency in verbiage.

Rationale:

To align with changes made to Bylaw BL-II-J-4-a and Bylaw BL-II-J-4-b.

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Currently reads:

J. MEMBERSHIP

4. Dual Membership

(k) A Dual Member desiring to terminate membership in the primary Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction or any other Grand Jurisdiction shall request a Demit from the chapter. Said request shall be submitted orally or in writing at a stated meeting of the Chapter and when granted, shall be issued a demit. This demit shall be mailed to the secretary of the Dual Member's chapter. Her/His secondary chapter then becomes the primary Chapter. A-2013

Proposed to Read:

Bylaws Part II, page B II-24

J. MEMBERSHIP

4. Dual Membership

(k) A Dual **or Plural** Member desiring to terminate membership in the primary Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction or any other Grand Jurisdiction shall request a Demit from the chapter. **A plural member wishing to terminate membership in a dual or plural Chapter and desiring to retain membership in the primary (original) Chapter must request a Demit from the dual or plural Chapter.** Said request shall be submitted orally or in writing at a stated meeting of the Chapter and when granted, shall be issued a demit. This demit shall be mailed to the secretary of the Dual **or Plural** Member's chapter. Her/His secondary chapter then becomes the primary chapter. A-2013

A Dual or Plural Member desiring to change their primary chapter membership to a secondary membership and their secondary chapter membership to primary chapter membership shall send a letter to the Grand Secretary within the jurisdiction of their primary chapter requesting the change, including a copy of all dues cards. The change will become effective upon receipt by the Grand Secretary, providing that the Grand Chapter records show that the Member is in good standing in all chapters. The Grand Secretary shall then notify the respective chapters of the change.

Change:

- Add "or Plural" for consistency in verbiage.
- Add "A plural member wishing to terminate membership in a dual or plural Chapter and desiring to retain membership in the primary (original) Chapter must request a Demit from the dual or plural Chapter." to provide appropriate processes for Chapters and Grand Chapter.
- Add "A Dual or Plural Member desiring to change their primary chapter membership to a secondary membership and their secondary chapter membership to primary chapter

membership shall send a letter to the Grand Secretary within the jurisdiction of their primary chapter requesting the change, including a copy of all dues cards. The change will become effective upon receipt by the Grand Secretary, providing that the Grand Chapter records show that the Member is in good standing in all chapters. The Grand Secretary shall then notify the respective chapters of the change.” to provide appropriate processes for Grand Chapters.

Rationale:

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Bylaws Part II, page B II-24

Currently reads:

J. MEMBERSHIP

4. Dual Membership

(l) Dual Members suspended from their Dual Chapter for non payment of dues can not become a Dual Members of any chapter in any Grand Jurisdiction. Their membership will have to be reinstated in the chapter that they were suspended from. Once that membership has been reestablished, they may request to withdraw from their Dual Chapter and are free to join another chapter. A-2013

Proposed to Read:

Bylaws Part II, page B II-24

J. MEMBERSHIP

4. Dual Membership

(l) Dual **or Plural** Members suspended from their Dual **or Plural** Chapter(s) for non-payment of dues can not become **a Dual or Plural** Members of any chapter in any Grand Jurisdiction. Their membership will have to be reinstated in the chapter that they were suspended from. Once that membership has been reestablished, they may request to withdraw from their Dual **or Plural** Chapter(s) and are free to join **one or more other** chapter(s). A-2013

Change:

- Add “or Plural”, pluralize “Chapter”, and add “one or more other” for consistency in verbiage.

Rationale:

To align with changes made to Bylaw BL-II-J-4-a and Bylaw BL-II-J-4-b.

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Bylaws Part II, page B II-24

Currently reads:

J. MEMBERSHIP

4. Dual Membership

(m) The Grand Secretary shall make available to Subordinate Chapters the necessary forms to process Dual Membership. A-2013

Proposed to Read:

Bylaws Part II, page B II-24

J. MEMBERSHIP

4. Dual Membership

(m) The Grand Secretary shall make available to Subordinate Chapters the necessary forms to process Dual **and Plural** Membership(s). A-2013

Change:

- Add “and Plural” and pluralize “Membership” for consistency in verbiage.

Rationale:

To align with changes made to Bylaw BL-II-J-4-a and Bylaw BL-II-J-4-b.

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Bylaws Part II

Add:

J. MEMBERSHIP

4. Dual Membership

(n) REJECTION OF PETITION FOR PLURAL MEMBERSHIP. A rejected petitioner for plural membership may re-petition the same or any other Chapter after a period of two months.

Rationale:

To align with changes made to Bylaw BL-II-J-4-a and Bylaw BL-II-J-4-b.

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Proposed Change to the Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of Kansas
Part II Relating to Subordinate Chapters

Bylaws Part II, page B II-25

Currently reads:

J. MEMBERSHIP

5. Life Membership.

(c) Life Member - Dual Membership. The privilege of Life Membership in the primary Chapter is not retained as a Dual Member in a secondary Chapter. (Ref.: BL-II-J-4e)

Proposed to Read:

Bylaws Part II, page B II-25

J. MEMBERSHIP

5. Life Membership.

(c) Life Member - Dual **and Plural** Membership. The privilege of Life Membership in the primary Chapter is not retained as a Dual **or Plural Member** in **any additional chapters**. (Ref.: BL-II-J-4e)

Change:

- Add “and Plural” and “or Plural Member” for consistency in verbiage.
- Change “a secondary Chapter” to “any additional chapters”.

Rationale:

To align with changes made to Bylaw BL-II-J-4-a and Bylaw BL-II-J-4-b.

This only needs to be considered if the proposed changes to BL-II-J-4-a and BL-II-J-4-b pass.

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Proposed Change to the Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of Kansas
Part II Relating to Subordinate Chapters

Bylaws Part II, page B II-25

Currently reads:

J. MEMBERSHIP

6. Honorary Membership.

No one can be a member of more than two Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction at the same time. A Chapter may elect to Honorary Membership a member of another Chapter who may have merited the distinction of long or eminent service to the Order, but such Honorary Membership will not confer any of the rights of regular membership.

Proposed to Read:

Bylaws Part II, page B II-25

J. MEMBERSHIP

6. Honorary Membership.

~~No one can be a member of more than two Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction at the same time.~~ A Chapter may elect to Honorary Membership a member of another Chapter who may have merited the distinction of long or eminent service to the Order, but such Honorary Membership will not confer any of the rights of regular membership.

Change:

- Remove "No one can be a member of more than two Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction at the same time."

Rationale:

To align with changes made to Bylaw BL-II-J-4-a and Bylaw BL-II-J-4-b.

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Proposed Change to the Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of Kansas
Part II Relating to Subordinate Chapters

Bylaws Part II, page B II-28

Currently reads:

L. PETITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

4. Petitions: Reception. A petition for the degrees, for affiliation, for dual membership (affiliation), for reinstatement, or for restoration, shall be read in open Chapter at a stated meeting and the unanimous consent of the members present shall be required for its reception, such consent to be signified by a show of hands. The refusal to receive a petition shall not operate as a rejection, but the petitioner may renew her or his application at any future stated meeting.

Proposed to Read:

Bylaws Part II, page B II-28

L. PETITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

4. Petitions: Reception. A petition for the degrees, for affiliation, for dual **or plural** membership (affiliation), for reinstatement, or for restoration, shall be read in open Chapter at a stated meeting and the unanimous consent of the members present shall be required for its reception, such consent to be signified by a show of hands. The refusal to receive a petition shall not operate as a rejection, but the petitioner may renew her or his application at any future stated meeting.

Change:

- Add “or Plural” for consistency in verbiage.

Rationale:

To align with changes made to Bylaw BL-II-J-4-a and Bylaw BL-II-J-4-b.

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Proposed Change to the Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of Kansas
Part II Relating to Subordinate Chapters

Bylaws Part II, page B II-29

Currently reads:

L. PETITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

7. Dual Membership. (Affiliation.) A petition for Dual Membership (affiliation) shall be in writing, and shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Good Standing, or satisfactory documentary evidence, showing that the petition is in good standing in a Subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction, or in a Chapter in another recognized Grand Jurisdiction of the Order of the Eastern Star; this shall be signed by and under the seal of the Secretary of the petitioner's Chapter, and shall show the petitioner's membership record in the original (primary) Chapter. It shall be signed personally with the first name of the petitioner in full, and shall be recommended by two members of the Chapter receiving the petition, who shall certify to the petitioner's fitness to be admitted to membership.

Proposed to Read:

Bylaws Part II, page B II-29

L. PETITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

7. Dual and Plural Membership. (Affiliation.) A petition for Dual **or Plural** Membership (affiliation) shall be in writing, and shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Good Standing, or satisfactory documentary evidence, showing that the petition is in good standing in a Subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction, or in a Chapter in another recognized Grand Jurisdiction of the Order of the Eastern Star; this shall be signed by and under the seal of the Secretary of the petitioner's Chapter, and shall show the petitioner's membership record in the original (primary) Chapter. It shall be signed personally with the first name of the petitioner in full, and shall be recommended by two members of the Chapter receiving the petition, who shall certify to the petitioner's fitness to be admitted to membership.

Change:

- Add "and Plural" and "or Plural" for consistency in verbiage.

Rationale:

To align with changes made to Bylaw BL-II-J-4-a and Bylaw BL-II-J-4-b.

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Proposed Change to the Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of Kansas
Part II Relating to Subordinate Chapters

Bylaws Part II, page B II-31

Currently reads:

M. BALLOT.

1. Law of the Ballot.

(a) In the ballot upon the petition for the degrees, for affiliation, for dual membership (affiliation), for reinstatement, or for restoration, if no more than two black cubes appear, the ballot is considered clear. If three black cubes appear, the Worthy Matron shall at once, without comment and without permitting remarks order a second ballot, when, if three or more black cubes appear, the Worthy Matron announces the result of the ballot. No member can move for the reconsideration of an unfavorable ballot. R-2001

Proposed to Read:

Bylaws Part II, page B II-31

L. PETITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

M. BALLOT.

1. Law of the Ballot.

(a) In the ballot upon the petition for the degrees, for affiliation, for dual **or plural** membership (affiliation), for reinstatement, or for restoration, if no more than two black cubes appear, the ballot is considered clear. If three black cubes appear, the Worthy Matron shall at once, without comment and without permitting remarks order a second ballot, when, if three or more black cubes appear, the Worthy Matron announces the result of the ballot. No member can move for the reconsideration of an unfavorable ballot. R-2001

Change:

- Add “or Plural” for consistency in verbiage.

Rationale:

To align with changes made to Bylaw BL-II-J-4-a and Bylaw BL-II-J-4-b.

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Proposed Change to the Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of Kansas
Part II Relating to Subordinate Chapters

Bylaws Part II, page B II-31

Currently reads:

M. BALLOT.

1. Law of the Ballot.

(b) At the option of the Worthy Matron, a ballot may be spread upon any number of petitions for the degrees, for affiliation, for dual membership (affiliation), for reinstatement, or for restoration, at one and the same time, and in case the ballot is found to be clear, the several petitioners shall be declared elected to receive the degrees, or to membership as the case may be; but if such ballot is not clear, a separate ballot upon each petition, or group of petitions, shall forthwith be taken and the result announced. However, a collective ballot not clear shall not affect the right of any petition to be balloted upon according to section (a) of this By-Law.

Proposed to Read:

Bylaws Part II, page B II-31

M. BALLOT.

1. Law of the Ballot.

(b) At the option of the Worthy Matron, a ballot may be spread upon any number of petitions for the degrees, for affiliation, for dual **or plural** memberships (affiliation), for reinstatement, or for restoration, at one and the same time, and in case the ballot is found to be clear, the several petitioners shall be declared elected to receive the degrees, or to membership as the case may be; but if such ballot is not clear, a separate ballot upon each petition, or group of petitions, shall forthwith be taken and the result announced. However, a collective ballot not clear shall not affect the right of any petition to be balloted upon according to section (a) of this By-Law.

Change:

- Add “or Plural” for consistency in verbiage.

Rationale:

To align with changes made to Bylaw BL-II-J-4-a and Bylaw BL-II-J-4-b.

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Proposed change to the BYLAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF KANSAS

Part II RELATING TO SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

J. MEMBERSHIP

4. Dual Membership.

(k) A Dual Member desiring to terminate membership in the primary Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction or any other Grand Jurisdiction shall request a Demit from the chapter. Said request shall be submitted orally or in writing at a stated meeting of the Chapter and when granted, shall be issued a demit. This demit shall be mailed to the secretary of the Dual Member's chapter. Her/His secondary chapter then becomes the primary Chapter. A-2013

Change to add (k) (1)

Change of Primary and Secondary Membership. Members wishing to change their primary membership to secondary membership, and their secondary membership to primary membership, shall send a letter to the Grand Secretary requesting the change, including a copy of their current dues cards. The change will become effective upon receipt by the Grand Secretary, providing that the Grand Chapter records show that the member is in good standing in both Chapters. The Grand Secretary shall then notify the respective Chapters of the change.

Rationale:

This situation often comes up, when a member wishes to "flip flop" their Primary and Dual chapters. There is not currently a process that directly applies to this situation, and the result is the member having to Demit from Primary chapter, then reapply for dual membership. This will greatly simplify the process for both the member, and the subordinate chapter secretaries. Involved. It will also match the current policies of our neighboring jurisdictions.

Submitted by:



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Proposed change to the BYLAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF KANSAS

Part II RELATING TO SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

(page B 11-13)

F. OFFICERS: ELECTION AND INSTALLATION.

6. Installation. The Installation of Officers must not be held before the second stated meeting in March and shall not take place later than the last calendar day of March each year. The Officers installed shall hold their offices until their successors are duly installed. A Chapter must install a Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron annually. The Annual Reports will remain on the calendar year, January 1 through December 31. The Triplicate Reports will be sent immediately following Installation of Officers, and no later than April 5 annually, to the Grand Secretary. A – 2001; 2017

Change to :

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Rationale:

With the implementation of Groupable by all subordinate chapters and Secretaries, the method for reporting information has changed. This will bring the By-laws into alignment with the current procedure.

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Proposed change to the BYLAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF KANSAS

Part II RELATING TO SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

(Page B II-16)

G. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

5. Secretary.

(k) Shall make an annual report for the fiscal year beginning January 1, and ending December 31, and shall file same with the Grand Secretary on or before January 15 following and previous to the Annual Session of the Grand Chapter. This report shall include the names of the officers of the Chapter, the names, dates, and number of members who were initiated, affiliated, reinstated, restored, demitted, suspended, expelled and deceased; shall show the total numbers of members of the Chapter as of December 31. At the time of the filing of this report, the Chapter shall pay over to the Grand Secretary the amount of the Grand Chapter per capita dues and the International Headquarters fees as set forth in BL-1-H-2. Chapters failing to make annual reports and to pay per capita dues by February 1st shall be assessed \$1.00 for each delinquent day until February 15 at which time they shall pay \$2.00 a day until the Annual Report is received by the Grand Chapter Office and all assessments are paid. It is the duty of the Grand Secretary to report such delinquents. No Chapter shall be allowed representation at any Annual Session if the Annual Report and all required fees are not filed by March 1st. The dates and fees will be determined by post mark. The Worthy Grand Matron may demand their Charter and properties. Should there be existing circumstances that would prevent the Annual Report submission by due date the Chapter may apply to the Worthy Grand Matron for an extension and the Worthy Grand Matron may approve an extension at her discretion. A-2013

Change to :

(k) Shall make an annual report for the fiscal year beginning January 1, and ending December 31, and shall file same with the Grand Secretary on or before January 15 following and previous to the Annual Session of the Grand Chapter. ~~This report shall include the names of the officers of the Chapter, the names, dates, and number of members who were initiated, affiliated, reinstated, restored, demitted, suspended, expelled and deceased; shall show the total numbers of members of the Chapter as of December 31.~~ **This report shall be generated by Groupable (member management software) once the membership information regarding additions and deletions of members for the year as of Dec. 31st has been updated by the subordinate secretary and/or their assistants. It will also include a synopsis of chapter stated and special meetings and activities, documenting each time the Degrees were conferred or exemplified.** At the time of the filing of this report, the Chapter shall pay over to the Grand Secretary the amount of the Grand Chapter per capita dues and the International Headquarters fees as set forth in BL-1-H-2. Chapters failing to make annual reports and to pay per capita dues by February 1st shall be assessed \$1.00 for each delinquent day until February 15 at which time they shall pay \$2.00 a day until the Annual Report is received by the Grand Chapter Office and all assessments are paid. It is the duty of the Grand Secretary to report such delinquents. No Chapter shall be allowed representation at any Annual Session if the Annual Report and all required fees are not filed by March 1st. The

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Rationale:

With the implementation of Groupable by all subordinate chapters and Secretaries, the method for reporting information has changed. This will bring the By-laws into alignment with the current procedure.

Submitted by:

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Christy Hard PM North Star #483, dual with Silver Leaf #464.

Proposed change to the BYLAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF KANSAS

Part II RELATING TO SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

(page B -II 17)

G. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

5. Secretary.

(n) A Triplicate (Installation) Report shall be made by April 5th of each year, to be sent to the Grand Secretary. The Subordinate Chapter Secretary shall retain one copy for Chapter Records. These reports shall be prepared by the outgoing Secretary and signed by the outgoing Worthy Matron of the Chapter for the said election year. The Grand Secretary shall copy the reports for the Associate Grand Matron and Grand Conductress and shall retain one copy for the Grand Chapter Office. A-2001

Change to :

~~(n) A Triplicate (Installation) Report shall be made by April 5th of each year, to be sent to the Grand Secretary. The Subordinate Chapter Secretary shall retain one copy for Chapter Records. These reports shall be prepared by the outgoing Secretary and signed by the outgoing Worthy Matron of the Chapter for the said election year. The Grand Secretary shall copy the reports for the Associate Grand Matron and Grand Conductress and shall retain one copy for the Grand Chapter Office.~~

A Certificate of Election will be filed in Groupable (member management software) following Installation of Officers, and no later than April 5 annually. These reports will be accessible by the Worthy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress , and Associate Grand Conductress, and Grand Secretary.

Rationale:

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Constitution: Article III Section 1. Now Reads

Worthy Grand Matron. The duties, powers, and prerogatives of the Worthy Grand Matron shall be such as usage has been required of, exercised by, and according to to this high office by the General Regulations and Landmarks of the Order of the Eastern Star. It shall be her duty to preside over the Grand Chapter, to see that its business is properly conducted and to secure obedience to the laws and regulations of the Order in the Grand Jurisdiction.

Prerogatives. By prerogatives is meant a personal right by virtue of her office during its continuance: (1) to convene a Chapter in special of stated meeting, and therefore she has the right to visitation; (2) to preside over every assemblage of the Order where-so-ever and when-so-ever held in this Grand Jurisdiction; (3) to fill all vacancies in office by appointment; (4) to appoint all Committees of the Grand Chapter and she may act ex-officio as Chairman of each; (5) to constitute new Chapters and install the officers; (6) to arrest the charter of a Chapter; (7) to suspend the Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron of a Chapter; (8) to conduct private and public ceremonies or to authorize any Past Matron or Past Patron to act for her; (9) to interpret the laws and require their observance; (10) to declare, for just cause, a vacancy in any elective office of a Chapter; (11) to authorize the issuance of a copy of a Charter; (12) to grant, or authorize to grant, dispensation to do, in an irregular manner and without compliance in manner of form merely, those things which, by the laws and regulations, may be done in regular order.

While the Grand Chapter is not in session, she shall exercise all its executive powers except so far as they are made the duty of the Worthy Grand Patron. She may call upon the Worthy Grand Patron to preside at any time.

Propose to Read:

By deleting under Prerogatives all of #12 and replace by a new #12 and #13

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Rational: There is nothing that we do as a Grand Chapter or a Subordinate Chapter that would require us not to follow or uphold the Constitution, By Laws and Book of Instructions as they have been written and voted on by the membership of this Grand Chapter.

Finally, no one person regardless of their title should be able to override any law or instruction voted on by the membership.

Respectfully Submitted,

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