

**PROPOSED LEGISLATION 2019 ANNUAL CONVOCATION  
GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MISSOURI**

**Item No. 1.**

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE **BY-LAWS** OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in ~~strike-through~~, additions appear underlined)

**ARTICLE II, Grand Officers, Section 6. Who are eligible?** Any Companion shall be eligible to any office in this Grand Chapter who is, at the time of election or appointment, a Past High Priest, or a High Priest, of a Missouri Chapter, and a member of this Grand Chapter, except Grand Chaplain, Grand Sentinel and Grand Organist, who shall be members in good standing, of a chapter in this jurisdiction, ~~provided that not more than one elected officer may be a member of the same Chapter.~~ *(Amended May 9, 1998, May 15, 2008, May 14, 2014, June 5, 2019)*

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** With more and more Companions electing to take dual or multiple membership in Chapters to help Chapters to continue to be able to open, perform work and exist, the prohibition of no two elected Grand Chapter officers holding membership in the same Chapter has the effect of either causing an eligible Companion to dimit from or cease his dual membership or decline to accept an elected office. The declining number of active Companions is already causing many Chapters to depend on those who are dual members to assist in keeping their Chapter active. Forcing an active dual member to dimit, from a Chapter is counter-productive to assisting a Chapter remain active. By restricting a dual member Companion from eligibility to a Grand Office deprives the Grand Chapter of the service and leadership of many of the most qualified, active Companions.

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**Item No 2.**

One (1) Proposed Resolution was received, but subsequently withdrawn by the Proposer.