

2025 Grand Chapter Proposed Legislation

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LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2025 GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION

PROPOSAL No. 1

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND 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 IX

Revenues of the Grand Chapters

~~D. Furthermore, each Chartered Chapter shall assess and pay \$.10 (ten cents) for each member name borne on the books on December 31st of each year, with the exception of members whose dues have been remitted, who are endowed, or who have been a Royal Arch Mason in good standing for 50 years or more, to provide for a fund to be used to assist the development and training of future leaders within the Grand Chapter and constituent chapters by supporting attendance at the Grand Encampment and Grand Chapter leadership training programs as may be available within the Southwest Region or its successor area that includes Missouri. (Adopted May 15, 2013)~~

Statement of purpose

Over time the leadership training courses have evolved and are open to ALL Masonic, and Masonic related organizations and have been offered using virtual training using tools such as Zoom. The amount collected each year has no real material affect and all attendees currently cover their own costs. The adoption of this proposal will terminate the fund.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald MacCormick, PHP

Kansas City Chapter No. 28

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2025 GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION
PROPOSAL No. 2

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

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ARTICLE XXVI
Miscellaneous

~~**Section 214. Triennial Fund.** There shall be appropriated annually seven cents per member for each companion on the rolls of the Grand Chapter on the 31st day of December of the immediate proceeding year, to be set apart as a Triennial Fund, with which to pay towards the expenses of the first three officers of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Secretary, and the Past Grand High Priests in attendance. The above listed officers and past Grand High Priests desiring to attend shall notify the chairman of the committee at least six months before the General Grand Chapter and no officer or Past Grand High Priest shall share in the fund expenses to the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter unless he shall have attended at least two of the three convocations of this Grand Chapter next preceding the said Triennial convocation. Provided further, however, that a certified attendance of the Grand Chapter of the jurisdiction in which any Past Grand High Priest may be living outside Missouri shall be regarded as equivalent to attendance at our own Grand Chapter; providing also, however, that no officer or Past Grand High Priest shall share in the Triennial Fund if his expenses are paid by other funds in connection with the meetings of the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter; all sharing to be allotted equitably by the Triennial Committee. (Amended May 9, 1998, May 14, 1999)~~

Statement of purpose

The amount of funds collected each year for the Triennial has no real material affect on the costs of attending the Triennial. Currently all attendees pay their own fees and travel. The removal of Article XXVI, Section 214 together with the amendment to the text of Article X, Section C. together with will remove the Triennial Fund completely.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald MacCormick, PHP

Kansas City Chapter No. 28

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2025 GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION
PROPOSAL No. 3

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

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ARTICLE X
Standing Committees

C. The Triennial Committee shall consist of three Past Grand High Priests and one Grand Chapter Officer, to be appointed at the annual convocation following the convocation of the General Grand Chapter, and who shall serve for three years. ~~The Chairman of the Triennial Committee shall receive the accumulated funds from the Grand Treasurer and pay them out according to the provisions of Article XXVI, Section 214. The Triennial Committee will be responsible for arranging for a State dinner and entertainment, at no cost to either the Chairman or to the Grand Chapter of Missouri, for the assembled Missouri companions and ladies. The Chairman will also give a report of his actions at the annual convocation following the Convocation of General Grand Chapter. (Amended May 9, 1998)~~

Statement of purpose

The amount of funds collected each year for the Triennial has no real material affect, and all attendees currently pay their own fees and travel. This amendment to the text of Article X, Section C. together with the removal of Article XXVI, Section 214 will remove the Triennial Fund completely.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald MacCormick, PHP

Kansas City Chapter No. 28

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2025 GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION

PROPOSAL No. 4

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

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**ARTICLE XII
Chartered Chapters**

A. The stated convocation of a chapter shall be at least ~~once a month~~ quarterly or no less than 4 times per year, provided however, that by vote of the chapter, it may dispense with meetings during the summer months.

Statement of purpose

Having the flexibility to meet quarterly along with Council and Commandery will allow smaller town Chapters to move to a monthly rotation model and focus on one body per month thereby making the meeting time dedicated to more productive and enjoyable formats like education and degree work while keeping the meetings to a reasonable timeframe. This in no way prohibits larger localities from meeting more frequently as defined in their bylaws, but simply allows for creating a more flexible annual calendar.

Fraternally submitted,

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Springfield Chapter No. 15

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION

PROPOSAL No. 5

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

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ARTICLE II
Grand Officers

Section 9A. Elective Officers. The elective officers of this Grand Chapter shall be a

Grand High Priest,

Grand King,

Grand Scribe,

Grand Treasurer

Grand Secretary

~~Grand Captain of the Host~~

~~Grand Principal Sojourner~~

~~Grand Royal Arch Captain~~

~~Grand Master of the Third Veil~~

~~Grand Master of the Second Veil, and~~

~~Grand Master of the First Veil.~~

A majority of the votes cast shall elect, and such elected officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are installed.

Statement of Purpose

Adopting this proposal streamlines the election process and to allows the incoming Grand High Priest greater flexibility in selecting key officers to form a cohesive and functional leadership team. These offices, while important to ritual and ceremonial operations, are not administrative in nature and do not bear the same long-term responsibilities as the higher elective offices. Allowing these offices to be appointed encourages more participation by creating new leadership opportunities to newer companions.

This change would preserve the democratic election of the principal Grand Officers—those responsible for policy, governance, and finance, while granting the Grand High Priest the ability to assemble a team best suited to serve the needs of the Craft.

Fraternally submitted,

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Columbia Chapter No. 17

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LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2025 GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION

PROPOSAL No. 6

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

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ARTICLE II
Grand Officers

Section 10. *Appointive Officers.* The appointive officers of this Grand Chapter shall be a Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Grand Master of the Third Veil, Grand Master of the Second Veil, Grand Master of the First Veil, Grand Chaplain, Grand Sentinel, Grand Organist, Grand Chorister, and Grand Lecturer.

They shall serve for one year under the Grand High Priest making the appointment. ~~They may succeed themselves by further appointment or may be elected to the progressive line as provided by Section 9.~~

Statement of Purpose

Adopting this proposal streamlines the election process and to allows the incoming Grand High Priest greater flexibility in selecting key officers to form a cohesive and functional leadership team. These offices, while important to ritual and ceremonial operations, are not administrative in nature and do not bear the same long-term responsibilities as the higher elective offices. Allowing these offices to be appointed encourages more participation by creating new leadership opportunities to newer companions.

This change would preserve the democratic election of the principal Grand Officers—those responsible for policy, governance, and finance, while granting the Grand High Priest the ability to assemble a team best suited to serve the needs of the Craft.

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LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2025 GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION

PROPOSAL No. 7

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

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ARTICLE VI

Officers

~~Section 1. B. Nominations for Grand Master of the First Veil shall be entertained at the time called for the election of officers. Past Grand High Priests may collectively select a single individual and introduce that individual to the Grand Chapter by means of a brief, verbally presented biography. Each Chartered Chapter, legally represented and registered with the Credentials Committee, may select and introduce one Companion by means of a brief, verbally presented biography.~~ Availability. Any eligible member of this Grand Chapter desiring to serve in any elective office as provided in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri may, on or before the forty-fifth (45th) day prior to the Annual Assembly, file with the Grand Secretary a "Statement of Availability" for such office; containing a resume of his service to his Chapter(s) in which he holds or has held membership; his service to this Grand Chapter; and a photo, if available.

Such "Statement of Availability" shall be published on the Grand York Rite Website, Social Media, and shall be forwarded by the Grand Secretary to all subordinate Chapters along with all Resolutions and/or Recommendations as required by this Grand Chapter. However, this Grand Chapter may elect any eligible member whether or not he has previously submitted such statement of availability.

Fraternally submitted,

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STANDING RESOLUTION NO. 16

Whereas, the Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Grand Master of the 3rd Veil, Grand Master of the 2nd Veil having been previously elected to those stations by the Grand Chapter, and

Whereas, each would normally advance through each station to the Grand East, and

Whereas, those Offices are now appointed stations.

Therefore, be it resolved, that each elected Officer shall advance through each station as elected by the Grand Chapter. As the current Grand Master of the 1st Veil advances, the Office vacated shall become an appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

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