

**PROPOSAL No. 1**

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** the language of **ARTICLE II, SEC. 16A. Grand Council Contracts**, be moved to a new third paragraph under **Article III, Section 18. Standing Committees, Duties of. (4) The Committee on Finance and Accounts.**

As currently written:

**SEC. 16A. Grand Council Contracts.** The execution of any contract by any officer or representative of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri with a duration of more than one (1) year or more or any contract obligating the Grand Council to expend one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in the aggregate, shall require the written approval by a majority of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Captain of the Guard and Grand Recorder. *(Added 5/13/15)*

As revised:

(1) **The Committee on Finance and Accounts** shall examine the financial statements of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder together with the report of the Auditor and report upon the same. It shall also report upon all matters touching the finances of the Grand Council, and no appropriation shall be made without having been considered and reported upon by this committee. The fiscal year of the Grand Council shall end May 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. *(Amended 5/15/03)*

In addition, in the event of the death or disability of either the Grand Treasurer or Grand Recorder, the Finance and Accounts Committee together with the concurrence of the Grand Master shall have the authority to remove all ledgers and financial records and shall retain a qualified auditor not previously involved who shall perform a complete audit of such records. These actions shall be conducted with expediency so as not to interfere with operations of the office. *(Added 5/2/97)*

**Grand Council Contracts.** The execution of any contract by any officer or representative of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri with a duration of more than one (1) year or more or any contract obligating the Grand Council to expend one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in the aggregate, shall require the written approval by a majority of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Captain of the Guard and Grand Recorder. *(Added 5/13/15)*

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To relocate this section to the more appropriate section under the Committee on Finance and Accounts. The relocation of this section does not delegate the authority to execute contracts.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other

## PROPOSAL No. 2

### PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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

If Proposal No. 1 is adopted, to Revise Section 16 by adding Paragraph A, to wit:

**SEC. 16. *Grand Officers, Duties of.*** The remaining officers shall perform such duties as are traditionally appropriate to their stations, or as may be assigned them by the Grand Council.

**A. *Regional Deputy Grand Masters, Duties of.*** The Grand Master shall divide the State of Missouri into seven (7) regions as now established by the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery. He may also sub-divide the larger regions into multiple districts and will appoint one Regional Deputy Grand Master (R.D.G.M.) in each Region/District. In addition to the duties specifically assigned by the Grand Master, the duties of the RDGM shall be:

- (1) To be the personal representative of the Grand Master,
- (2) To deliver or communicate the intended message of the Grand Master,
- (3) To assist the Grand Master in promoting Grand Council and York Rite programs and activities in each region,
- (4) To be fully knowledgeable of, adhere to, and interpret the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri, to seek additional counsel and rulings from the Committee on Jurisprudence on items in question, and to communicate the same to all Council officers and members in his region,
- (5) To make official visits to every Council in his Region no less than annually, and to complete and file with the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master a RDGM visitation report using the forms provided no later than 14 days after each visit,
- (6) To ensure that the IRS Form 990 or a copy of the acceptance of the electronic submission of a Form 990N has been electronically filed and accepted, and a copy of the filing and acceptance thereof has been provided to the Grand Recorder,
- (7) To determine the condition of each Council charter, regalia, and meeting place,
- (8) To review the Finances of each Council and determine that they are collecting enough in the form of dues to cover Grand Council per capita and fees as well as providing for local operational funds,
- (9) To resolve issues and conflicts which may arise within each Region while communicating the same to the Grand Master,
- (10) To work with such district and regional officers as may be appointed by the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery to plan and execute a successful Regional meeting, and
- (11) To perform services and execute duties as they may be instructed by the Grand Master and/or the Grand Council of Missouri.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To officially establish the office and prescribe the duties of Regional Deputy Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris E. Tilley, PM, Hiram Council No. 1

**Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other**

### **PROPOSAL No. 3**

#### **PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

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

If Proposal No. 2 is adopted, to move Standing Resolution No. 3 to a new Paragraph B under Section 16, to wit:

**B. Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers, Duties of.** The Grand Master shall additionally appoint one Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer (RDGL). In addition to the duties specifically assigned by the Grand Master and the Grand Lecturer, the duties of the RDGL shall be:

(1) To acquaint himself thoroughly with the work and lecturers of the degrees of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri,

(2) To visit the councils in Missouri as extensively as possible, and instruct them in the work, lectures and ceremonies adopted by the Grand Council,

(3) To make written report to the Grand Council of the work done by him, and of the general condition of the councils as to work, and of such other matters connected with his office as are considered of interest or importance,

(4) To prepare and conduct, in conjunction with the Regional Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Lecturer, at least one Regional Assembly in his region per year,

(5) To recommend and, in conjunction with the Grand Lecturer, approve and accredit degree teams in his region for the Royal, Select, and Super Excellent Master degrees,

(6) To have the Super Excellent Master degree conferred at Regional Assemblies. The Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer shall report directly to the Grand Master and the Grand Lecturer or the Grand Master's appointed representative. He is also a member of the Ritual Committee and while functioning in a committee capacity reports to the Chairman committee, and

(7) That each Regional Grand Lecturer must possess a current certificate of proficiency in opening and closing a Council of Select Masters before being appointed. (Amended 5/14/09)

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To codify Standing Resolution No. 3.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris E. Tilley, PM, Hiram Council No. 1

**Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other**

**PROPOSAL No. 4**

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

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

If Proposal No. 3 is adopted, to Rescind Standing Resolution No. 3.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris E. Tilley, PM, Hiram Council No. 1

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**PROPOSAL No. 5**

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

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

If Proposal No. 3 is adopted, to move Standing Resolution No. 2 to a new Paragraph C under Section 16, to wit:

**C. *Grand Lecturer, Duties of.*** The Grand Master shall additionally appoint one Grand Lecturer, whose duties shall be:

(1) To acquaint himself thoroughly with the work and lecturers of the three degrees of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri,

(2) To visit the councils in Missouri as extensively as possible, and instruct them in the work, lectures and ceremonies adopted by the Grand Council,

(3) To make written report to the Grand Council of the work done by him, and of the general condition of the councils as to work, and of such other matters connected with his office as are considered of interest or importance,

(4) To supervise the Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers and give guidance and assistance in the responsibilities of their office,

(5) To prepare a written schedule, in conjunction with the Regional Deputy Grand Masters, of at least one Regional Assembly in each region per year,

(6) To approve and accredit degree teams throughout the state, for the Royal, Select, and Super Excellent Master degrees,

(7) To direct the Regional Degree Teams through the Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers to confer the Super Excellent Master degree at Regional Assemblies. The Grand Lecturer reports directly to the Grand Master or his appointed representative. He is also a member of the Ritual Committee, and

(8) That the Grand Lecturer must possess a current certificate of proficiency in opening and closing a Council of Select Masters before being appointed. (Amended 5/14/09)

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To codify Standing Resolution No. 2.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris E. Tilley, PM, Hiram Council No. 1

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### PROPOSAL No. 6

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

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

If Proposal No. 5 is adopted, to Rescind Standing Resolution No. 2.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris E. Tilley, PM, Hiram Council No. 1

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### PROPOSAL No. 7

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

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

**ARTICLE VI, *Chartered Councils*, SEC. 61. *Annual Returns*.** ~~The returns of each Council shall be made up to and including December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, on forms furnished by the Grand Recorder.~~ On or before December 31 each year, Council Recorders will submit to the Grand Recorder a complete list of remissions for their Council to include the member's full name and type of remission in accordance with **Section 106. Dues, Remission**. On or before February 1 each year the Grand Recorder will provide a Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS) statistical report for the previous reporting year along with a bill for the calculated fees due the Grand Council. The bill will include appropriate fees and credits. Fees shall consist of Greeting Fees, Per Capita and any outstanding balances from the previous year's return. Credits shall consist of approved Remissions, Endowed Memberships and General Grand Council Life Memberships as verified by the Grand Recorder, along with any overpayments from the previous year's return. A Financial Report Form and an Annual Audit Committee Report Form (see **Section 61B. Annual Audit**) will also be included as part of the Annual Return. They All forms shall be forwarded to the Grand Recorder with a copy of the latest IRS Form 990 or a copy of the acceptance of the electronic submission of a Form 990N, no later than the first day of March of each year. Failure

to make such return as provided shall subject the Council to a fine of ~~fifteen~~ twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) dollars for each period of thirty days, or fraction thereof, said return is withheld.

**IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: ARTICLE VI, *Chartered Councils*, SEC. 61. *Annual Returns*.** On or before December 31 each year, Council Recorders will submit to the Grand Recorder a complete list of remissions for their Council to include the member's full name and type of remission in accordance with **Section 106. Dues, Remission.** On or before February 1 each year the Grand Recorder will provide a Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS) statistical report for the previous reporting year along with a bill for the calculated fees due the Grand Council. The bill will include appropriate fees and credits. Fees shall consist of Greeting Fees, Per Capita and any outstanding balances from the previous year's return. Credits shall consist of approved Remissions, Endowed Memberships and General Grand Council Life Memberships as verified by the Grand Recorder, along with any overpayments from the previous year's return. A Financial Report Form and an Annual Audit Committee Report Form (see **Section 61B. *Annual Audit***) will also be included as part of the Annual Return. All forms shall be forwarded to the Grand Recorder with a copy of the latest IRS Form 990 or a copy of the acceptance of the electronic submission of a Form 990N, no later than the first day of March of each year. Failure to make such return as provided shall subject the Council to a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) dollars for each period of thirty days, or fraction thereof, said return is withheld.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** With the completion of all Council membership records being transitioned into and maintained in MMS, the annual return process has changed considerably. Council Recorders will manage all membership changes in MMS as they occur. The Grand Recorder will generate subordinate council returns based on MMS records as of December 31 each year and bill accordingly. It is the responsibility of each Council Recorder to maintain their membership records in MMS.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

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### **PROPOSAL No. 8**

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

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To add Section 61B. Annual Audit, to wit:

**ARTICLE VI, *Chartered Councils*, SEC. 61B. Annual Audit.** There shall be a complete and careful audit of the financial affairs of each subordinate council and of the books, accounts, and vouchers of the Recorder and Treasurer and of others handling, and having in charge, money or

property of the council. Such audit shall cover the period from the last previous audit up to and including the thirty-first day of December of each year.

Upon his election, or as soon thereafter as is possible, the Master-elect, shall appoint an auditing committee of three or more members, whose duty it shall be forthwith to audit the books and accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer and Recorder of the council. If the council has trustees, or other custodians of property or funds, then their books, accounts, and vouchers shall also be audited, and the securities or other property checked, inspected, etc. The books, accounts and vouchers of any other officer, member or committee may also be designated by the Master-elect, and may be subject to an audit.

The Master-elect, may in lieu of an auditing committee designate any certified public accountant or firm of certified public accountants to make the final audit, provided that the certified public accountant or member of a firm of the same is not related by blood or marriage to the out-going Master, Recorder, or Treasurer.

The report of audit shall be in duplicate, in writing, and be signed by the Auditing Committee or by the C.P.A., or firm of C.P.A.'s who made the audit.

One copy of the report shall be delivered forthwith to the Master-elect, who shall see that the same is presented to and read in open council at the next stated assembly following its date and be spread upon the records thereof; and the other copy shall be transmitted to or filed with the Grand Recorder on or before the first day of March (that being the date for the transmittal to or filing with the Grand Recorder of the annual returns of the council).

All of the actions contemplated herein shall be performed with a view to having the audit completed and the report made prior to the first day of March in each year.

Said report of audit shall be made upon standard printed forms provided by the Grand Recorder, but nothing contained in or omitted from such printed forms shall relieve the auditing committee or C.P.A., or firm of C.P.A.'s from reporting fully and completely their findings in the premises.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** There appears to be an extreme oversight on the part of our by-laws having to do with the requirement of an annual audit to be performed by each subordinate council. It was agreed upon by the Grand Council officers in the early 2000's that an annual audit would be part of the annual return, however it appears such was never codified. I have incorporated language similar to that adopted by the Grand Chapter so as to maintain consistency in reporting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

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**PROPOSAL No. 9**

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

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

**ARTICLE XVII, *Dual-Plural Memberships*, SEC. 141A. *Duties of Council Recorders and of the Grand Recorder.***

(A) The Recorder of each Council of Missouri shall:

(1) ~~Forward to the Grand Recorder the personal application for Certificate of Good Standing for Dual/Plural membership.~~

~~———(2) Forward to the Grand Recorder the Certificate of Good Standing for Dual/Plural Membership;~~

~~———(3) Notify the Grand Recorder upon the election of Dual/Plural member or the formation of a new council containing one or more Dual/Plural members;~~

(4) Notify the Grand Recorder of the suspension for non-payment of dues or otherwise, the expulsion of a Dual/Plural member;

(5) Notify the Grand Recorder of the reinstatement of good standing of a Dual/Plural member;

~~(6) Notify the Grand Recorder of the issuance of the Certificate of Withdrawal of Dual/Plural membership;~~

(8) Forward the Certificate of Dimission from council of “original membership” to the Grand Recorder for certification and transmittal;

~~(9) Submit the Report of Dual/Plural Members as of December 31 of each and every year with the Annual Return.~~

(B) The Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Missouri shall:

~~(1) Forward the personal Application of Good Standing for Dual/Plural Membership to the council of this Jurisdiction and/or other Jurisdiction for the attention and action of the members, respectively.~~

~~(2) Receive and transmit the Certificate of Good Standing for Dual/Plural Membership which shall accompany the Petition for Dual/Plural Membership;~~

~~(3) Notify the other councils involved of the election of a Dual/Plural member, or the formation of a new council containing one or more Dual/Plural members;~~

(4) Notify the other councils involved of the suspension for non-payment of dues or otherwise, the expulsion of a Dual/Plural member;

(5) Notify the other councils involved that a Dual/Plural member has regained good standing after suspension;

(6) Forward the Certificate of Dimission from the council of “original membership” to the council to be regarded by the member as the council of “original membership” to the council to be regarded by the member as the council of “original” or “parent” membership.

**IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: ARTICLE XVII, *Dual-Plural Memberships*, SEC. 141A. *Duties of Council Recorders and of the Grand Recorder.***

(A) The Recorder of each Council of Missouri shall:



(1) Notify the Grand Recorder of the suspension for non-payment of dues or otherwise, the expulsion of a Dual/Plural member;

(2) Notify the Grand Recorder of the reinstatement of good standing of a Dual/Plural member;

(3) Forward the Certificate of Dimission from council of “original membership” to the Grand Recorder for certification and transmittal;

(B) The Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Missouri shall:

(1) Notify the other councils involved of the suspension for non-payment of dues or otherwise, the expulsion of a Dual/Plural member;

(2) Notify the other councils involved that a Dual/Plural member has regained good standing after suspension;

(3) Forward the Certificate of Dimission from the council of “original membership” to the council to be regarded by the member as the council of “original membership” to the council to be regarded by the member as the council of “original” or “parent” membership.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** As membership records are now maintained in MMS, there no need for all of these communications. The subordinate Recorders can validate an applicant’s membership status in MMS. Additionally, none of the deleted items are being complied with. If adopted, the items above will be renumbered accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

**Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other**

## **PROPOSAL No. 10**

### **PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

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**ARTICLE XVII, *Dual-Plural Memberships*, SEC. 141D. *Suspension of Dual/Plural Member for Non-Payment of Dues:*** A member shall become suspended in all Councils for non-payment of dues when he fails to pay dues in either the original Council or the Council/Councils he holds dual/plural membership.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** An oversight in the establishment of Dual/Plural Membership did not address suspension in one or more Councils. This establishes that language, not unlike that of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

**Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other**

**PROPOSAL No. 11**

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

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**ARTICLE IX. Dues SEC. 105. Dues, Minimum.** Council dues shall not be less than ~~\$4.50~~ \$10.00 plus Grand Council per capita and fees in addition to per capita of the General Grand Council, per annum, payable in advance on the first day of January.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To ensure the financial health of subordinate councils.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

**Action Taken:** Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other

**PROPOSAL No. 12**

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

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

**Addition of new ARTICLE XIX, *Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS)***

**SEC 143. *Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS)*.** MMS will be the official repository of all membership records of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri.

**SEC 144. *Use of Data/Content*.** Anyone granted access will agree that the use of the data is only as intended by the MMS system. Each individual granted access to data holds a position of trust and must preserve the security and confidentiality of the information he/she uses or accesses. Users are required to abide by all applicable Federal and State guidelines and Masonic policies regarding confidentiality of data. Any individual with authorized access to data must not divulge this information outside except for approved Masonic business. You may not use or export or re-export any content or any copy or adaptation of such content, in violation of any applicable laws or regulations, including without limitation United States export laws and regulations.

**SEC 145. *Users Must*.**

- A. Access data solely in order to perform his/her responsibilities.**
- B. Not seek personal benefit or permit others to benefit personally or professionally from any data.**
- C. Not permit unauthorized use of any information.**
- D. Not enter, change, delete or add data to any record outside of the scope of his/her responsibilities.**
- E. Not include or cause to be included in any record or report, a false, inaccurate or**

misleading entry known to the user as such.

F. Not alter or delete or cause to be altered or deleted from any records, report or information system, a true and correct entry.

G. Not release data other than what is required in completion of his/her responsibilities.

H. Not exhibit or divulge the contents of any record or system information to any person unless it is necessary for the completion of their responsibilities.

**SEC 146. Your Login and Password.** To protect the account information of our users, you are assigned a unique user name and password. These unique identifiers are disclosed only to you. You are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of your account and password and for restricting access to your computer, and you agree to and accept sole responsibility for any and all activities that occur under your account or password. You agree to notify the Grand Recorder immediately of any unauthorized use of your account or password, or any other breach of security. However, you may be held liable for losses incurred to the system or any other user of or visitor to the site due to someone else using your user login and password.

**SEC 147. (Illustrious) Master Responsibilities.**

A. Shall ensure the utilization of MMS to manage all membership records of the Council in a timely manner.

B. May designate one Information Technology (IT) Representative to assist with managing a council's membership records and will comply with SEC 148. Council Recorder Responsibilities.

C. Shall notify the Grand Recorder immediately of any changes to the office of Recorder or IT Representative in order that old accounts may be deactivated, and new accounts established.

**SEC 148. Council Recorder Responsibilities.**

A. Shall take and be familiar with any training offered by the MMS Administrators and the Grand Recorder's office in order to be able to utilize all aspects of the MMS system.

B. Shall be responsible for maintaining all council membership records in MMS, making necessary changes within 30 days of their occurrence.

C. Shall annually, within 30 days of the installation of officers, update the list of officers of the Council.

D. Recorders and IT Representatives shall log in to MMS no less than monthly to maintain access credentials and to make any approved membership changes.

E. Shall submit to the Grand Recorder a list of all remissions for the reporting year by December 31 each year. Remissions shall include member's full name and type of remission, i.e., Health/Other, or 50-Year Member. Failure to submit remissions list to Grand Recorder by the due date will negate any credits for remissions in the Annual Return calculations for the reporting year.

**SEC 149. Grand Recorder Responsibilities.**

A. Shall manage and monitor all user accounts, coordinating with System Administrators for all activations and deactivations in a timely manner.

B. Shall annually, within 30 days of the installation of officers, update the list of grand officers of the Grand Council.

C. Shall report to the Grand Master any deficiencies in utilization of MMS by any Council.

D. Shall run an Annual Statistical Report for each Council immediately following the close of the reporting year.

E. Shall generate a bill for each Council based on the Annual Statistical Report of each Council, and which shall include all applicable credits and debits, in accordance with **ARTICLE VI, Chartered Councils, SEC. 61. Annual Returns**, presenting said bill to the Council Recorder no later than February 1.

F. Shall not allow any prior year corrections in a billing cycle due to the failure of any Council Recorder or IT Representative to manage and maintain their membership records.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** The Grand Council of Missouri formally adopted the MMS solution as our official membership database program. We need to establish rules governing the use of the system.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

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### **PROPOSAL No. 13**

#### **PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

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

**ARTICLE II. SEC. 11. ~~The Grand Master, Powers and Duties.~~** (2) He may appoint and commission Representatives of this Grand Council near other Grand Councils, and may also receive and accredit Representatives from such other Grand Councils, who must be permanent members of this Grand Council. When a representative shall fail to attend two consecutive Annual Assemblies of the Grand Council, the Grand Master shall request the Grand Master of the jurisdiction he represents to declare the position vacant, and recommend and appoint a suitable companion to be his successor.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** I propose the entire section be repealed. The Grand Representative program has not been functional for many years. Those appointed as Grand Representatives rarely meet the expectations of the program, those of traveling to the respective jurisdiction, communicating with their counterpart, and filing an annual report with the Grand Recorder's office concerning the activities and news of interest of their Grand Council to be included in the annual reports of our Grand Council. Additionally, many jurisdictions are doing away with the program since the transactions of their meetings can be found online in jurisdictional web sites and the primary role of a Grand Representative is null and void.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

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**PROPOSAL No. 14**

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

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

**ARTICLE II. SEC. 13. Grand Treasurer, Duties.**

(7) Investments. A committee consisting of ~~¶~~ the Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, and Chairman of the Committee on Finance for and on behalf of this Grand Council, and in the name of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri, to invest any surplus funds of the Grand Council. This Committee shall publish an investment policy where ~~in an amount not~~ no less than one-half of all investments ~~are in obligations of the United States government bond,~~ or in the securities or accounts fully insured or guaranteed by the United States or an agency of the United States, except for those received by gift or bequest which may be retained in kind. The remainder may be invested in common stock or equal securities in nationally known corporations traded on the New York Stock Exchange, or NASDAQ and rated “A”[:] or better by Standard and Poor[e]’s or Moody’s or some equally well recognized investment rating service. This shall be a separate fund and not commingled with other funds.

**IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: ARTICLE II. SEC.13. Grand Treasurer, Duties.**

(7) Investments. A committee consisting of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, and Chairman of the Committee on Finance for and on behalf of this Grand Council, and in the name of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri, to invest any surplus funds of the Grand Council. This Committee shall publish an investment policy where no less than one-half of all investments are in government bond, or in the securities or accounts fully insured or guaranteed by the United States or an agency of the United States, except for those received by gift or bequest which may be retained in kind. The remainder may be invested in common stock or equal securities in nationally known corporations traded on the New York Stock Exchange, or NASDAQ an “A”[:] or better by Standard and Poor[e]’s or Moody’s or some equally well recognized investment rating service. This shall be a separate fund and not commingled with other funds

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** All nonprofit, tax-exempt entities are required to follow best practices in the administration of their revenues and investments or face a loss of tax-exempt status. Masonically, the due safeguards require that no one person be empowered to act without the guidance and documentable consent of the nonprofit entity’s designated investment decision-makers and consistent with a specific investment policy. This further provides for specific accountability for the Grand Council’s investments.

Respectfully submitted,  
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David Witte, PM, Independence Council No 49  
Aaron Shoemaker, PM, East Gate Council No 51  
Chris Tilly, PM, Hiram Council No 1

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**PROPOSAL No. 15**

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

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

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**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** This is aimed at seeing that all financial obligations of the Grand Council and local councils are reasonably met in the purchase price of an endowed membership as should have been done at its inception. Presently, a per capita charge is incurred by the Grand Council that can be avoided by inclusion of the purchase of a General Grand Council Life Membership for the endowed member. This further increases the opportunity for a significant return to the benefit of the Grand Council and the local councils from the endowed membership program.

Respectfully submitted,  
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David Witte, PM, Independence Council No 49  
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