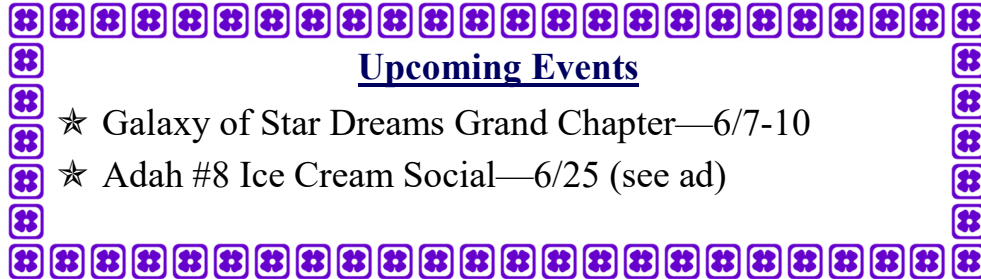
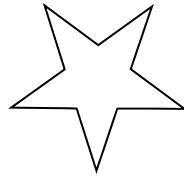
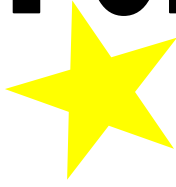


Star Points of Interest



Upcoming Events

- ★ Galaxy of Star Dreams Grand Chapter—6/7-10
- ★ Adah #8 Ice Cream Social—6/25 (see ad)

Idaho Eastern Star

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Announcing the 2025 -2026 Rivers of Love appointed Grand Officers

Grand Chaplain Morgan Frontino (8,63, 65)

Grand Marshal Tammy Bonnett (77, 29)

Grand Organist Lisa Heithe (48)

Grand Adah Barbie McManus (29,36)

Grand Ruth Debbie Winther (66)

Grand Esther Jordan Dansereau (33)

Grand Martha Cindy Lien (10)

Grand Electa Marilyn Newell (22)

Grand Warder Scot Young (3)

We can't wait for all of you to get to know these sisters and this brother during the next year of OES travels.

Star Love and Laughter,
Diana and Dave



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

There is a number of legislation to be presented at Grand Chapter again this year. The Jurisprudence Committee is asking each of you to review the amendments before the business session at Grand Chapter. We are also asking you to bring your own printed copy of the legislation being presented, as copies will not be distributed as in the past.

If you plan to make any changes or to amend any of the amendments, please be prepared to present (3) three copies in proper form signed by (2) two members. A recommended form to make an amendment is attached.

To expedite the process, the Jurisprudence Committee will not, in most cases, be reading the "as now reads" portion of the amendments. We will read "changes", "will then read", and "rationale". Although this isn't the way we presented legislation for years, we feel this process worked well last year given the number of legislative proposals, and will again, help us to complete this year's legislation in a timely manner.

Thank you for your attention and assistance.

Fraternally,

2024-2025 Jurisprudence Committee

Mel Brown, PGP, Chairman
Keri James
Gary Lemarr, PGP

Sue Warner, PGM
Angie Nealis
John Pugh

Mary Lynne "Pete" Nealis, PGM
Howard Gautchi
Rebecca Price, PGM-Oregon

Attachment (Recommended form for amendments to proposed legislation)

Recommended form - To propose an amendment to a published piece of legislation.
Use one form per Section or Subsection Must be signed by two members

Amendment to _____

Legislation #

Name of Code Section _____

Page _____

Article Number _____ Article Name _____

Section Number _____ Section Name _____

Paragraph _____

The information above is found at the top of the Legislation you are amending

I move to amend Section number _____ Subsection Letter _____
or Subsection # _____ of the proposed legislation to read:

Signed _____

Signed _____

Chapter # _____

Chapter # _____

Print and Sign four copies, submit three to the Grand Secretary and keep one for reference.



2025 Grand Chapter Proceedings!!!!

Here is how you can help!!!!

If you are responsible for any of the following
at Grand Chapter in June:

Invocation

Benediction

Welcome

Response

Association meeting

Banquet

Luncheon

Committee report

Tribute

Etc., Etc., Etc.,

Please email a "word" document of your presentation
and/or event to the following email addresses:

idahooesgs@gmail.com

idahoproceedings@gmail.com

We really only want your FINAL draft and you can send it
before Grand Chapter or shortly after Grand Chapter.

A paper copy of your report after you have presented it
should also be given to the Grand Secretary.

Your assistance with this will help the proceedings be
compiled in a timely and less painful manner 😊 Thanks!



The contents of the Grand Chapter Library is being brought to Grand Chapter in June 2025. The items will be on display and available to you, free of charge!!!! Following Grand Chapter any remaining items will be discarded.



This action is being taken with the approval of the Board of Trustees at their meeting on April 5, 2025.



**You are invited to Adah 8's
Ice Cream Social**

**Benefiting the Meridian Elementary
Community School for Extended Break
Food Bags for students in need.**

**June 25, 2025
3-5 PM**

108 W Woodglen Pl. Meridian, Idaho

\$5 Donation

You are invited to

Adah 8's

Hamburger Fry Fundraiser

On August 17, 2025

From 2:00-5:00 PM



At the Scottish Rite Center

1407 W. Bannock St. Boise, Idaho

\$5 for children under 12

\$10 adults



Proceeds to go to the Meridian Elementary Community School for Extended Break Food Bags for students in need.

Come escape the heat and enjoy some food and fellowship in the air-conditioned dining room!



GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE, CELEBRATIONS in DC

March 24, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It seems impossible that it is already 2025! The members of the Celebrations in DC Committee have been working diligently to provide you with events to commemorate the United States' 250th birthday in July 2026, and the General Grand Chapter's 150th anniversary in November 2026, two historical and extremely important times in our history. We are excited as we get closer to our celebrations in 2026. The goal of this Committee is to provide our members and their families and friends ways to enjoy, celebrate, and remember such milestones.

To recognize our nation's 250th birthday, a black tie event is scheduled for July 3, 2026 at the International Headquarters in Washington, DC. The night will be filled with delicious food, drinks, an auction, and amazing music. It will be a very special night. The cost is \$500.00 per person. This is open to all, but it is limited to a maximum of 200 people. All proceeds will benefit the Perry Belmont House Foundation, a portion of which is tax deductible to the purchaser.

For your convenience, we have reserved 40 hotel rooms at the Dupont Circle Hotel—very near the Headquarters. A flyer accompanies this letter to assist you in making your hotel reservations. Please be cognizant of the number of rooms available and appropriate deadlines for said hotel. Reservation information to attend the actual event will be coming to you no later than late summer, early fall.

More information on the November 13-15, 2026 event will be forthcoming closer to that date. If you have any questions or need more information, please reach out to me or any committee member. Contact information is below. Hope to see many of you in attendance.

Fraternally,
Kathy

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Approved by:

Billie Bradfield, Most Worthy Grand Matron
Mike Berry, Most Worthy Grand Patron

United States 250th Birthday Celebration

July 3, 2026

Hotel Reservation Information

The Dupont Circle Hotel
1500 New Hampshire Ave, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

A block of rooms has been reserved for this special event. Reservations can be made beginning July 1, 2025.

DEADLINE to make a reservation is June 11, 2026. Please call 202-483-6000 and reference “**Order of the Eastern Star July 2026 Room Block.**”

Don't delay as only 40 rooms are reserved!

Room rates are \$229 (plus any applicable fees and taxes) for single & double occupancy. These rates are only good for July 2 – 5, 2026.

Valet parking is \$55 per night.



Legislation Number: 1

Date Received: 3-17-25

(Grand Secretary Use Only)

Name of Code Section By-Laws, Page 28

Article X Article Name GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES

Section F Section Name GOLDEN STAR

Now Reads: (write verbatim what is in the Code)

F. Golden Star: This committee shall consist of three (3) members, one of whom shall be appointed annually for a term of three(3) years. The member having served the longest will be the chairman. The committee shall recognize and honor our Fifty (50) Year Members during the annual session of Grand Chapter.

Delete: LAST LINE

ADD: The committee shall:

1. The committee shall recognize and honor our Fifty (50) Year members during the annual session of Grand Chapter
2. communicate with the Worthy Grand Matron for her input
3. communicate with the Board of Trustees with estimated expenses (Refer to Expenses, Article V, Sec 12 B)
4. receive Golden Star membership list from subordinate chapters
5. send a letter to each Golden Star inviting them to Grand Chapter
6. obtain a list of registered Golden star members
7. prepare introduction cards for the Grand Conductresses
8. present a final report during Grand Chapter and electronically submit the report to the Grand Secretary. This report shall include the number of letters sent, number of members that attended the honor session, and a description of the program or method to honor these members.
9. by the end of the session, submit an expense report with receipts to the Board of Trustees and Grand Secretary.

Would then read:

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The committee shall:

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2. communicate with the Worthy Grand Matron for her input

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7. prepare introduction cards for the Grand Conductresses
8. present a final report during Grand Chapter and electronically submit the report to the Grand Secretary. This report shall include the number of letters sent, number of members that attended the honor session and a description of the program or method to honor these members.
9. by the end of the session, submit an expense report with receipts to the Board of Trustees and Grand Secretary.

Rationale: To clarify the duties of the Golden Star Committee.

Submitted by

Pauleen Grant

Mizpah #6

Gailyn Combs

Boise #65 / Queen Esther #12

Legislation Number: 2

Date Received: 3-16-25
(Grand Secretary Use Only)

Name of Code Section ARTICLE IV REVENUE Section 1.

Page 2

Article IV Article Name Revenue

Section 1 Section Name

Paragraph A

Now reads: (write verbatim what is in the Code)

A. The annual per capita assessment shall be \$10.00 plus the General Grand Chapter assessments.

Delete: "A" The annual per capita assessment shall be \$10.00 plus the General Grand Chapter assessments.

Add/Replace

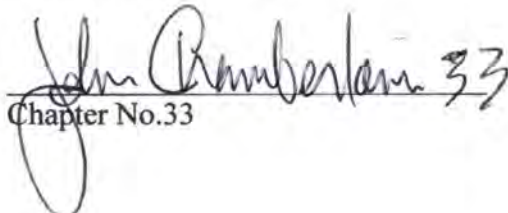
A. The annual Per Capita assessment shall be set by the Board of Trustees by August 31 of each year. The Grand Secretary shall communicate to the chapter secretaries the new Per Capita amount on or about September 15. This amount shall go into effect for the next calendar year Per Capita payment to Grand Chapter.

Would then read:

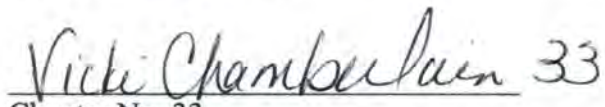
A. The annual Per Capita assessment shall be set by the Board of Trustees by August 31 of each year. The Grand Secretary shall communicate to the chapter secretaries the new Per Capita amount on or about September 15. This amount shall go into effect for the next calendar year Per Capita payment to Grand Chapter.

Rationale: The expenses for Grand Chapter has exceeded the revenue the last few years. The Board of Trustees looks closely at the financial reports in detail and need to adjust income as needed to support Grand Chapter.

Submitted by
John Chamberlain #33

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Chapter No. 33

Vicki Chamberlain #33

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Chapter No. 33

Legislation Number: 3

Date Received: 3-18-25
(Grand Secretary Use Only)

Name of Code Section: By-Laws and Rules

Page: 12

Article IV Article Name: Revenue

Section 1, A

Now Reads:

- A. The annual per capita assessment shall be \$10.00 plus the General Grand Chapter assessments.

Delete letter A and replace with:

- A. The annual per capita assessment for 2026 shall be increased to \$15.00(fifteen dollars) plus the GGC assessments; increased in 2027 by \$2.50 for a total of \$17.50(seventeen dollars and fifty cents) plus GGC assessments; increased in 2028 by \$2.50 for a total of \$20.00(twenty dollars) plus GGC assessments; increased in 2029 by \$2.50 to \$22.50(twenty-two dollars and fifty cents) plus GGC assessments and increased in 2030 by \$2.50 for a total of \$25.00(twenty-five dollars) for 2030 plus GGC assessments.

Rationale:

The operating and session expenses of Grand Chapter have been increasing for several years, which has exceeded our revenue in the last few years. This has caused the Grand Chapter to pull money from our reserve account to cover some of the expenses. We have not had a per capita increase since 2010.

Submitted by:

Jim Grant

Chapter No. Mizpah #6

Paula Grant

Chapter No. Mizpah #6

Legislation Number: 4

Date Received: 3-19-25
(Grand Secretary Use Only)

Name of Code Section BY—LAWS AND RULES

Page 11-12, Article III Article Name ORDER OF BUSINESS

Sections 1-4

Now reads: (write verbatim what is in the Code)

Section 1. The Grand Chapter shall normally convene informally on the second Sunday in June for church service, ESTARL awards, Memorial Service, and Draping of the Altar. The afternoon session shall convene to honor Golden Stars, Masonic Youth organizations, General Grand Chapter Appointees and introduce the General Arrangements Committee. The times and the suggested order of business for the informal session may be modified at the discretion of the Worthy Grand Matron.

Section 2. The informal evening session shall convene for the presentation of flags and introduction of Distinguished Guests and Session Assistants. The times and the suggested order of business for the informal session may be modified at the discretion of the Worthy Grand Matron.

Section 3. The formal opening shall convene the following morning, at which time the Worthy Grand Matron shall see that the stations are properly filled, ascertain the presence of a quorum and open Grand Chapter. The signs and passes shall not be given during the Grand Chapter opening

Section 4. The order of business shall be:

- A. Formal Opening
 - B. Presentation of the American flag, only
 - C. Introductions*
 - D. Announcement of changes in Grand Officers and Standing Committees
 - E. Partial Report of Registration Committee
 - F. Elections (10:00 a.m.)
 - G. Report of Unfinished Business Committee
 - H. Worthy Grand Matron report*
 - I. Worthy Grand Patron report*
 - J. Grand Secretary report*
 - K. Grand Treasurer report*
 - L. Board of Trustees report*
 - M. Benevolent Board report*
 - N. Reports of Jurisprudence*
 - O. Report of Standing Committees*
 - P. Grand Chaplain report*
 - Q. Reports of Special Committees*
 - R. Other reports*
 - S. The business shall be completed prior to Installation
 - T. Closing, per Grand Officer Handbook
 - U. Open Installation of Grand Officers, per Ritual
 - V. Appointment of Standing Committees
- * May be interspersed with the order of business at the discretion of the presiding office

DELETE: entire section

REPLACE WITH:

Section 1. The Grand Chapter shall convene informally at 8 AM on the second Saturday in June for ESTARL/Scholarship awards, to honor the Youth, Golden Stars, General Grand Chapter appointments, recognition of leaders of other organizations, the Memorial Service and Draping of the Altar. The times and the suggested order for this informal session may be modified at the discretion of the Worthy Grand Matron.

Section 2. The Saturday afternoon session shall convene for the formal opening, at which time the Worthy Grand Matron shall see that the stations are properly filled, ascertain the presence of a quorum and open Grand Chapter. The signs and passes shall not be given during the Grand Chapter opening.

Section 3. The order of business shall be:

- A. Formal Opening
- B. Presentation of the American flag, only
- C. Introductions
- D. Announcement of changes in Grand Officers and Standing Committees
- E. Partial Report of Registration Committee
- F. Elections 3 P.M. (*following formal opening*)
- G. Report of Unfinished Business Committee
- H. Worthy Grand Matron report*
- I. Worthy Grand Patron report*
- J. Grand Secretary report*
- K. Grand Treasurer report*
- L. Board of Trustees report*
- M. Benevolent Board report*
- N. Jurisprudence report*
- O. Report of Standing Committees*
- P. Grand Chaplain report*
- Q. Reports of Special Committees*
- R. Other reports, as necessary*
- S. The business shall be completed prior to Installation
- T. Closing, per Grand Officer Handbook
- U. Open Installation of Grand Officers, per Ritual
- V. Appointment of Standing Committees

*May be interspersed with the order of business at the discretion of the presiding office

Section 4. The informal Saturday evening session shall convene for the presentation of flags and introduction of Distinguished Guests and Session Assistants. The times and the suggested order of business for the informal session may be modified at the discretion of the Worthy Grand Matron.

Section 5. The formal opening shall convene the following morning for the continuation of business.

Renumber the remaining sections.

Would then read: as above

Rationale: There has been much discussion about changing the length of Grand Chapter; this is an option. This reduces the cost of the session for Grand Chapter as well as to the members. This proposal begins with an informal session for the honor session, awards and Memorial Service; the formal opening session on a Saturday afternoon with elections; informal session for evening introductions and concludes with continuation of business and installation on Sunday afternoon. Set up times/practices can be at the discretion of the Worthy Grand Matron.

Submitted by

Mary L. Nealis, PGM

Rob Morris #63

Pauleen Grant

Mizpah #6

Legislation Number: 5

Date Received: 3-22-25
(Grand Secretary Use Only)

Name of Code Section: By Laws & Rules

Page 30

Article X Article Name: Grand Chapter Committees

Section 3 Section Name: Session Committees

Paragraph: A. Assistant Tellers

Now reads: (write verbatim what is in the Code)

Section 3. The Session Committees shall consist of as many members as deemed necessary, or as hereinafter provided:

A. Assistant Tellers This committee shall consist of a minimum of twelve (12) members, divided into groups, who shall work under the direction of the Tellers Committee in collecting and tabulating the ballots.

Delete: minimum of twelve (12) members

Add: minimum of seven (7) members

Would then read:

Section 3. The Session Committees shall consist of as many members as deemed necessary, or as hereinafter provided:

A. Assistant Tellers This committee shall consist of a minimum of seven (7) members, divided into groups, who shall work under the direction of the Tellers Committee in collecting and tabulating the ballots.

Rationale: There are significantly fewer number of voting members and twelve assistant tellers are not needed to accomplish the task efficiently.

Submitted by



Jennifer Marshall

Chapter No. 63/32



Diana Bush

Chapter No. 66/8

Legislation Number: 6

Date Received: 3-24-25
(Grand Secretary Use Only)

Name of Code Section	Rules & Regulations – Idaho Subordinate Chapters
Pages	35 - 38
Articles	I CHARTERED CHAPTERS II CHAPTER MEETINGS
Section	All sections
Paragraph	All paragraphs

Now reads: (write verbatim what is in the Code)

ARTICLE I CHARTERED CHAPTERS

Section 1. The existence and authority of all Subordinate Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction shall be evidenced by a charter or dispensation granted by this Grand Chapter, or a dispensation granted by the Worthy Grand Patron, attested to by the Grand Secretary and authenticated by the seal of the Grand Chapter of Idaho.

A. Every chartered Chapter shall choose a name and within thirty (30) days from the date of its granted charter, procure a suitable seal, bearing the name, number, and location of the chapter, and by which all its documents shall be authenticated.

B. Each constituted chapter shall have a photo static copy of its charter filed with the Grand Secretary.

C. There shall be eighteen (18) officers, and none can be added or subtracted from this number.

D. Every chapter is entitled to have four (4) copies of the secret work in its possession. The secret work must not be written or copied as specified in the Ritual. One or more of the four copies should be given to the prompter(s) to use for prompting during the ritualistic work.

E. Every Chapter shall file the annual statistical report and pay the per capita tax at the required time. Any Chapter failing to submit the report shall not be allowed representation in the Grand Chapter. A Chapter failing to do so for two (2) consecutive years shall forfeit its Charter, and its effects shall revert to the Grand Chapter.

Section 2. The powers of a Subordinate Chapter are granted by a Charter or Dispensation, by the Ritual of the Order, the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of the Grand Chapter (Idaho Code and Digest) and by a code of By-Laws framed by itself, which must be consistent with the laws of Grand Chapter. Uniform By-Laws to establish minimum requirements may be purchased from the Grand Secretary.

A. Legislation enacted at a Grand Chapter session, which requires a change in the By-Laws of Subordinate Chapters shall take effect on the date of adoption by the Grand Chapter.

B. Changes made in the By-Laws of a Chapter must be presented in writing at a stated meeting, signed by two members of the Chapter, read and held over until the next stated meeting. After the second reading a two-thirds (2/3) vote is required for adoption. Amendments do not become effective until approved by the Worthy Grand Matron.

Section 3. A member in good standing is defined as one whose dues are current, and against whom no charges are preferred or pending.

Section 4. Each Chapter shall have power of discipline over its members, but all action shall be subject to appeal to the Grand Chapter. In the event disciplinary action of the Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron is necessary, an appeal shall be made to the Worthy Grand Matron.

A. Members are subject to reprimand, suspension, or expulsion contingent on trial action. (see Penal Code).

B. Non-affiliated members shall be subject to the same discipline as the members of the chapter within whose jurisdiction they reside.

C. A member may be deprived of membership for non-payment of dues. The suspension, expulsion, or demission of a brother from a Lodge of Master Masons deprives him of all rights and privileges of membership in this Order until satisfactory evidence of his reinstatement by said Lodge has been presented to the Worthy Patron.

Section 5. Ballot upon candidates must be without debate and kept secret. The name of a rejected candidate shall not be reported to any person not a member of the Order. No one shall plead ignorance to this rule and any violation shall be subject to trial, which may result in reprimand, suspension, or expulsion from the Order. (See Article XX, Section 2, Book of Instructions)

Section 6. The jurisdiction of a chapter extends in every direction to the geographical center measured by air line, between it and adjacent chapters but not beyond the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter. In matters concerning the eligibility of an individual for membership in a chapter, statewide concurrent jurisdiction is established among the constituent chapters of the Grand Chapter of Idaho.

Section 7. Revenue and expense of Subordinate Chapters shall be set forth in their By-Laws.

Section 8. All officers should have in their possession a current copy of:

A. The Ritual of the Order

B. The Idaho Code and Digest

C. The By-Laws of the Chapter

Section 9. Each member shall be provided with a copy of the Chapter By-Laws. Members may purchase a Ritual and the Idaho Code and Digest.

Section 10. All business shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order Revised, except as may be specifically designated in this Code.

Section 11. A Chapter may endorse Job's Daughters International and/or the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Section 12. Auxiliary Organizations are no part of a Chapter; therefore, the funds are not part of the Chapter funds. If the funds of an Auxiliary Organization are donated to a Chapter they shall be handled by the Chapter in the regular manner.

ARTICLE II CHAPTER MEETINGS

Section 1. The Chapter By-Laws must provide for at least one (1) stated meeting each month, except July and August or two other months more desirable.

A. The day, hour and place shall be specified in the by-laws and no business shall be transacted before the time stated.

B. No meeting shall be postponed if a quorum is present. Seven (7) members including one (1) of the first four officers (Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron and Associate Patron) shall constitute a quorum, unless the By-Laws shall prescribe a larger number. When there are not enough officers to fill all the stations the following must be filled: Worthy Matron (or Worthy Patron), Associate Matron, Secretary, Conductress, Chaplain, Warder, and Sentinel. If one of the first four officers is not present, the chapter cannot be legally opened.

C. Meetings shall be held in Masonic Halls if possible.

D. All officers, if present, shall fill their regular offices and not relinquish their duties to another member without good and sufficient reason. Absent officers shall not appoint their own substitute.

E. A change in a Chapter meeting place, date and/or time will require the vote of the Chapter and a dispensation from the Worthy Grand Matron. In the event of an unforeseen disaster, a dispensation may be requested without a previous vote of the Chapter.

F. All Eastern Star communications shall be read in open Chapter. All correspondence submitted by a Subordinate Chapter for general distribution to other Subordinate Chapters regarding legislation shall be approved and signed by the Worthy Grand Matron.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the Worthy Matron or, in case of her absence or disability, by her lawful representative. All resident members shall be notified of such meeting and no business shall be transacted except that for which the meeting is called.

A. Special meetings shall be opened and closed in regular form. If a stated meeting follows immediately, the special meeting may be closed with one (1) rap of the gavel and the stated meeting opened with one (1) rap of the gavel, provided the specified time for opening has arrived.

B. Sunday meetings shall be restricted to open installation of officers only.

Section 3. No business shall be transacted at a Chapter meeting unless there is a Charter or Dispensation, a Holy Bible, and an American Flag present. In the event the Charter is lost or destroyed, a copy shall be requested from the Grand Secretary.

Section 4. The Chapter shall be opened promptly at the hour specified in the By-Laws and in regular form. Short form opening shall be used no more than five (5) times by Chapters holding two (2) stated meetings per month and no more than three (3) times by Chapters holding one (1) stated meeting per month. This rule shall apply to the period between each annual Installation.

Section 5. The five Star Point signs shall be given at every stated meeting. In the event of a Star Point Officer's absence/vacancy, the signs should be exemplified by the Conductress or at the closing as stated in the Ritual.

Section 6. The initiatory work must be given or exemplified at least two (2) times during each Chapter year. Exemplification at the Worthy Grand Matron School of Instruction does qualify.

Section 7. There shall be an annual meeting to host the official visit of the Worthy Grand Matron. Written invitations should be extended for "The official visit of the Worthy Grand Matron". The purpose of the official visit is to inspect the ritualistic work of the Order. If there is no candidate, the initiation ceremony shall be exemplified.

Section 8. The Obligation, as specified in the Secret Work, and the General Regulations and Landmarks, as specified in the Ritual, shall be presented in open Chapter at least once a year.

Section 9. The annual reports submitted at Grand Chapter, including the irregularities, questions, and answers, as well as the adopted changes to the Idaho Code and Digest, shall be reviewed at a stated meeting, (no later than November 1) and the Worthy Grand Matron notified by the Chapter Secretary.

Section 10. All members of a Chapter are entitled to vote on questions properly submitted. The vote shall be taken by a show of hands unless a standing vote is requested.

Section 11. Pictures must not be taken during any Ritualistic ceremony. The only exception is during open installation.

Section 12. Newspaper publicity should be encouraged, however the name of a person who has petitioned a Chapter must not be made public. The membership list shall not be made available for the purpose of solicitation.

Section 13. Chapter matters which should be kept secret shall not be discussed over the telephone, or in public places with non-members.

Section 14. Political matters shall not be introduced or discussed.

Section 15. Children over one (1) year of age shall be excluded from all stated, special or rehearsal meetings.

Section 16. Lighted (open flame) candles and smoking are prohibited during the Chapter meeting.

Changes: Delete old articles in their entirety and replace with new articles in their entirety.
See detailed list under rationale at the end.
(Additions are the underlined black bold and deletions are red strikethroughs. Capitalization and punctuation (housekeeping) were changed but were not deleted or added, and therefore remain in regular black font.)

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- C. There shall be eighteen (18) officers and none can be added or subtracted from this number.
- D. Every chapter is entitled to have only four (4) copies of the secret work in its possession. The secret work must not be written or copied as specified in the Ritual. One (1) ~~or more~~ of the four (4) copies should be given to the prompter(s) to use for prompting during the ritualistic work.
- E. Every chapter shall file the annual ~~statistical~~ report and pay the per capita assessment ~~tax~~ at the required time. Any chapter failing to submit the report shall not be allowed representation in the Grand Chapter. A chapter failing to do so for two (2) consecutive years shall forfeit its Charter, and its effects shall revert to the Grand Chapter.

Section 2. The powers of a subordinate chapter are granted by a Charter or Dispensation, by the Ritual of the Order, the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of the Grand Chapter (Idaho Code and Digest) and by a code of Uniform By-Laws framed by itself, which must be consistent with the laws of Grand Chapter. Uniform By-Laws to establish the minimum requirements may be ~~purchased-obtained~~ from the Grand Secretary.

- A. Legislation enacted at a Grand Chapter session, and at General Grand Chapter if applicable, requires a change in the Uniform By-Laws of subordinate chapters and shall take effect on the date of adoption ~~by the Grand Chapter~~.
- B. Changes made in the Uniform By-Laws of a chapter must be presented in writing at a stated meeting, signed by two (2) members of the chapter, read and held over until the next stated meeting. After the second reading a two-thirds (2/3) vote is required for adoption. Amendments do not become effective until the Uniform By-Laws are approved by the Worthy Grand Matron.

Section 3. A member in good standing is defined as one whose dues are current and against whom no charges are preferred or pending.

Section 4. Each chapter shall have the power ~~to~~ discipline ~~over~~ its members, but all actions ~~shall~~ may be subject to appeal to the Grand Chapter. In the event disciplinary action of the Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron is necessary, an appeal ~~shall~~ may be made to the Worthy Grand Matron.

- A. Members are subject to reprimand, suspension, or expulsion contingent on trial action. (Refer to the ~~see~~ Penal Code).

~~B. Non-affiliated members shall be subject to the same discipline as the members of the chapter within whose jurisdiction they reside.~~

~~BC. A member may be deprived of membership for non-payment of dues.~~

- ~~BD.~~ The suspension, expulsion, or demission of a Brother from a Lodge of Master Masons deprives him of all rights and privileges of membership in this Order until satisfactory evidence of his reinstatement by his ~~said~~ Lodge has been presented to the Worthy Patron.

Section 5. Ballot upon candidates must be without debate and kept secret. The name of a rejected candidate shall not be reported to any person not a member of the Order. No one shall plead ignorance to this rule and any violation shall be subject to trial, which may result in reprimand, suspension, or expulsion from the Order. (~~See Article XX, Section 2, Book of Instructions~~)

~~Section 6. The jurisdiction of a chapter extends in every direction to the geographical center measured by air line, between it and adjacent chapters but not beyond the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter. In matters concerning the eligibility of an individual for membership in a chapter, statewide concurrent jurisdiction is established among the constituent chapters of the Grand Chapter of Idaho.~~

Section 7. Revenue and expense of subordinate chapters shall be set forth in their Uniform By-Laws.

Section 8. All officers should have in their possession a current copy of:

- A. The Ritual of the Order

B. The Idaho Code and Digest

C. The Uniform By-Laws of the chapter

Section 98. Each member shall be provided with a copy of the chapter Uniform By-Laws. Members may purchase a Ritual and the Idaho Code and Digest, or obtain a copy of the Idaho Code and Digest from the Idaho Order of the Eastern Star website.

Section 109. All business shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, except as may be specifically designated in this Code.

~~Section 11. A Chapter may endorse Job's Daughters International and/or the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.~~

Section 1210. Auxiliary organizations are no part of a chapter; therefore, the funds are not part of the chapter funds. If the funds of an auxiliary organization are donated to a chapter they shall be handled by the chapter in the regular manner.

ARTICLE II CHAPTER MEETINGS

Section 1. The chapter Uniform By-Laws must provide for at least one (1) stated meeting each month, except July and August or two other months more desirable.

A. The day, hour and place shall be specified in the Uniform ~~b~~By-Laws and no business shall be transacted before the time stated.

~~B.C.~~ No meeting shall be postponed if a quorum is present. Seven (7) members including one (1) of the first four (4) officers (Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, and Associate Patron) shall constitute a quorum, unless the Uniform By-Laws ~~shall~~ prescribe a larger number. When there are not enough officers to fill all the stations, the following must be filled: Worthy Matron (or Worthy Patron), Associate Matron, Secretary, Conductress, Chaplain, Warder, and Sentinel. If one (1) of the first four (4) officers is not present, the chapter cannot be legally opened.

~~C.B.~~ Meetings shall be held in Masonic Halls if possible.

D. All officers, if present, shall fill their regular offices and not relinquish their duties to another member without good and sufficient reason. The Worthy Matron or presiding officer ~~Absent officers shall not appoint their own~~ a substitute for absent officers.

E. A change in a chapter meeting place, date and/or time will require the vote of the chapter and a special dispensation granted from the Worthy Grand Matron. In the event of an unforeseen disaster, a special dispensation may be requested without a previous vote of the chapter.

F. ~~All Eastern Star communications shall should be read or summarized in open Chapter. All correspondence submitted by a Subordinate Chapter for general distribution to other Subordinate Chapters regarding legislation shall be approved and signed by the Worthy Grand Matron.~~

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the Worthy Matron or, in case of her absence or disability, by her lawful representative. All resident members shall be notified of such meeting and no business shall be transacted except that for which the meeting is called.

A. Special meetings shall be opened and closed in regular form. If a stated meeting follows immediately, the special meeting may be closed with one (1) rap of the gavel and the stated meeting opened with one (1) rap of the gavel, provided the specified time for opening has arrived.

~~B. Sunday meetings shall be restricted to open installation of officers only.~~

Section 3. No business shall be transacted at a chapter meeting unless there is a the Charter or Dispensation, a Holy Bible, and an American Flag present. In the event the charter is lost or destroyed, a copy shall be requested from the Grand Secretary.

Section 4. The chapter shall be opened promptly at the hour specified in the Uniform By-Laws and in regular form a minimum of seven (7) times during the term. Short form opening may be used all other times. ~~shall be used no more than five (5) times by Chapters holding two (2) stated meetings per month and no more than three (3) times by Chapters holding one (1) stated meeting per month. The term is defined as is rule shall apply to the period between each annual installation.~~

Section 5. The five ~~S~~star ~~P~~point signs ~~must shall~~ be given during the opening at every ~~stated~~ meeting. In the event of a ~~S~~star ~~P~~point ~~O~~fficer's absence/vacancy, the signs should be exemplified by the Conductress or in unison by all members present. The signs and passes may be given by the members under the direction of the Worthy Patron or the Worthy Matron at the closing as stated in the Ritual.

Section 6. The initiatory work must be given or exemplified at least two (2) times during each chapter year. Exemplification at the Worthy Grand Matron School of Instruction does qualify as one.

Section 7. There shall be an annual meeting to host the official visit of the Worthy Grand Matron. Written invitations should be extended for "The official visit of the Worthy Grand Matron". The purpose of the official visit is to ~~inspect~~

~~observe~~ the ritualistic ~~or other~~ work of the Order ~~at the discretion of the Worthy Grand Matron~~. If initiation is to be ~~observed and if~~ there is no candidate, the initiation ceremony ~~shall may~~ be exemplified.

Section 8. The Obligation, as specified in the Secret Work, and the General Regulations and Landmarks, as specified in the Ritual, shall be presented in open chapter at least once a year.

Section 9. The ~~annual reports submitted at Grand Chapter, including the~~ irregularities, questions and answers, as well as the adopted changes to the Idaho Code and Digest, shall be reviewed at a stated meeting, ~~(no later than November 1), and the Worthy Grand Matron notified~~ recorded in the minutes by the chapter Secretary.

Section 10. All members of a chapter are entitled to vote on questions properly submitted. The vote shall be taken by a show of hands unless a standing vote is requested.

Section 11. Pictures must not be taken when the Bible is open ~~during any Ritualistic ceremony~~. The only exception is during open installation.

Section 12. ~~Newspaper~~ Publicity should be encouraged, however the name of a person who has petitioned a chapter must not be made public. The membership list shall not be made available for the purpose of solicitation. Photographs or pictures must not be used without permission of the person(s) in the photos.

Section 13. Chapter matters which should be kept secret shall not be discussed with non-members. ~~over the telephone or in public places with non-members.~~

Section 14. Political and religious matters and opinions shall not be introduced or discussed.

Section 15. Attendance by children at meetings and rehearsals shall be at the discretion of the Worthy Matron; ~~over one (1) year of age shall be excluded from all stated special or rehearsal meetings.~~

Section 16. ~~Lighted (or Open flame)~~ candles and smoking are prohibited during ~~the~~ chapter meetings.

Would then read:

ARTICLE I CHARTERED CHAPTERS

Section 1. The existence and authority of all subordinate chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction shall be evidenced by a charter or dispensation granted by this Grand Chapter or a dispensation granted by the Worthy Grand Patron, attested to by the Grand Secretary and authenticated by the seal of the Grand Chapter of Idaho.

- A. Every chartered chapter shall choose a name and within thirty (30) days from the date of its granted charter, procure a suitable seal bearing the name, number, and location of the chapter by which all its documents shall be authenticated.
- B. Each constituted chapter shall have a copy of its charter filed with the Grand Secretary.
- C. There shall be eighteen (18) officers, and none can be added or subtracted from this number.
- D. Every chapter is entitled to have only four (4) copies of the secret work in its possession. The secret work must not be written or copied as specified in the Ritual. One (1) of the four (4) copies should be given to the prompter to use for prompting during the ritualistic work.
- E. Every chapter shall file the annual report and pay the per capita assessment at the required time. Any chapter failing to submit the report shall not be allowed representation in the Grand Chapter. A chapter failing to do so for two (2) consecutive years shall forfeit its Charter, and its effects shall revert to the Grand Chapter.

Section 2. The powers of a subordinate chapter are granted by a Charter or Dispensation, by the Ritual of the Order, the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of the Grand Chapter (Idaho Code and Digest) and by a code of Uniform By-Laws framed by itself, which must be consistent with the laws of Grand Chapter. Uniform By-Laws to establish the minimum requirements may be obtained from the Grand Secretary.

- A. Legislation enacted at a Grand Chapter session, and at General Grand Chapter if applicable, requires a change in the Uniform By-Laws of subordinate chapters and shall take effect on the date of adoption.
- B. Changes made in the Uniform By-Laws of a chapter must be presented in writing at a stated meeting, signed by two (2) members of the chapter, read, and held over until the next stated meeting. After the second reading a two-thirds (2/3) vote is required for adoption. Amendments do not become effective until the Uniform By-Laws are approved by the Worthy Grand Matron.

Section 3. A member in good standing is defined as one whose dues are current and against whom no charges are preferred or pending.

Section 4. Each chapter shall have the power to discipline its members, but all actions may be subject to appeal to the Grand Chapter. In the event disciplinary action of the Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron is necessary, an appeal may be made to the Worthy Grand Matron.

- A. Members are subject to reprimand, suspension, or expulsion contingent on trial action. (Refer to the Penal Code).
- B. The suspension, expulsion, or demission of a Brother from a Lodge of Master Masons deprives him of all rights and privileges of membership in this Order until satisfactory evidence of his reinstatement by his Lodge has been presented to the Worthy Patron.

Section 5. Ballot upon candidates must be without debate and kept secret. The name of a rejected candidate shall not be reported to any person not a member of the Order. No one shall plead ignorance to this rule and any violation shall be subject to trial, which may result in reprimand, suspension, or expulsion from the Order.

Section 6. Revenue and expense of subordinate chapters shall be set forth in their Uniform By-Laws.

Section 7. All officers should have in their possession a current copy of:

- A. the Ritual of the Order
- B. the Idaho Code and Digest
- C. the Uniform By-Laws of the chapter

Section 8. Each member shall be provided with a copy of the chapter Uniform By-Laws. Members may purchase a Ritual and the Idaho Code and Digest or obtain a copy of the Idaho Code and Digest from the Idaho Order of the Eastern Star website.

Section 9. All business shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, except as may be specifically designated in this Code.

Section 10. Auxiliary organizations are no part of a chapter; therefore, the funds are not part of the chapter funds. If the funds of an auxiliary organization are donated to a chapter, they shall be handled by the chapter in the regular manner.

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Section 1. The chapter Uniform By-Laws must provide for at least one (1) stated meeting each month, except July and August or two other months more desirable.

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- B. Meetings shall be held in Masonic Halls if possible.
- C. No meeting shall be postponed if a quorum is present. Seven (7) members including one (1) of the first four (4) officers (Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, and Associate Patron) shall constitute a quorum, unless the Uniform By-Laws prescribe a larger number. When there are not enough officers to fill all the stations, the following must be filled: Worthy Matron (or Worthy Patron), Associate Matron, Secretary, Conductress, Chaplain, Warder, and Sentinel. If one (1) of the first four (4) officers is not present, the chapter cannot be legally opened.
- D. All officers, if present, shall fill their regular offices and not relinquish their duties to another member without good and sufficient reason. The Worthy Matron or presiding officer shall appoint a substitute for absent officers.
- E. A change in a chapter meeting place, date and/or time will require the vote of the chapter and a special dispensation granted from the Worthy Grand Matron. In the event of an unforeseen disaster, a special dispensation may be requested without a previous vote of the chapter.
- F. Eastern Star communications should be read or summarized in chapter.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the Worthy Matron or, in case of her absence or disability, by her lawful representative. All resident members shall be notified of such meeting and no business shall be transacted except that for which the meeting is called.

- A. Special meetings shall be opened and closed in regular form. If a stated meeting follows immediately, the special meeting may be closed with one (1) rap of the gavel and the stated meeting opened with one (1) rap of the gavel, provided the specified time for opening has arrived.

Section 3. No business shall be transacted at a chapter meeting unless there is the Charter or Dispensation, a Holy Bible, and an American Flag present. In the event the charter is lost or destroyed, a copy shall be requested from the Grand Secretary.

Section 4. The chapter shall be opened promptly at the hour specified in the Uniform By-Laws and in regular form a minimum of seven (7) times during the term. Short form opening may be used all other times. The term is defined as the period between each annual installation.

Section 5. The five star point signs must be given during the opening at every meeting. In the event of a star point officer's absence/vacancy, the signs should be exemplified by the Conductress or in unison by all members present. The signs and passes may be given by the members under the direction of the Worthy Patron or the Worthy Matron at the closing as stated in the Ritual.

Section 6. The initiatory work must be given or exemplified at least two (2) times during each chapter year. Exemplification at the Worthy Grand Matron School of Instruction does qualify as one.

Section 7. There shall be an annual meeting to host the official visit of the Worthy Grand Matron. Written invitations should be extended for "The official visit of the Worthy Grand Matron". The purpose of the official visit is to observe the ritualistic or other work of the Order at the discretion of the Worthy Grand Matron. If initiation is to be observed and there is no candidate, the initiation ceremony may be exemplified.

Section 8. The Obligation, as specified in the Secret Work, and the General Regulations and Landmarks, as specified in the Ritual, shall be presented in open chapter at least once a year.

Section 9. The irregularities, questions, and answers, as well as the adopted changes to the Idaho Code and Digest, shall be reviewed at a stated meeting, no later than November 1, and recorded in the minutes by the chapter Secretary.

Section 10. All members of a chapter are entitled to vote on questions properly submitted. The vote shall be taken by a show of hands unless a standing vote is requested.

Section 11. Pictures must not be taken when the Bible is open. The only exception is during open installation.

Section 12. Publicity should be encouraged. However, the name of a person who has petitioned a chapter must not be made public. The membership list shall not be made available for the purpose of solicitation. Photographs or pictures must not be used without permission of the person(s) in the photos.

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Section 14. Political and religious matters and opinions shall not be introduced or discussed.

Section 15. Attendance by children at meetings and rehearsals shall be at the discretion of the Worthy Matron.

Section 16. Open flame candles and smoking are prohibited during chapter meetings.

Rationale:

- *Modernized wording and removed references to printed, photostatic, and newspaper and, as a result, changed some of the sentence structures to align. Removed gender references and standardize wording used throughout other Articles within the Code and Digest.*
- *Added "Uniform" in front of by-laws when referencing chapter by-laws and added "special" in front of dispensations. Changed per capita "tax" to per "capita assessment". Removed several references and renumbered sequences as a result of the various changes.*
- *Removed several obsolete and unnecessary paragraphs. The definition of chapter jurisdictions was removed because plural memberships allow members to belong to numerous chapters throughout the state. Also removed the statement that disciplinary actions apply to non-affiliated members because it didn't make sense.*
- *Added the requirement that General Grand Chapter legislation changes be incorporated into chapter uniform by-laws, as well as Grand Chapter legislation.*
- *Removed Sunday meeting limitations to give each chapter the option to hold meetings on Sunday in order to accommodate the needs of the chapter and allow more members to attend. Older members no longer drive at night and younger members with children may have obligations during week nights.*
- *Changed the number of long form opening required per term. As it was, those chapters meeting once per month were required to open in long form seven (7) times, yet those chapters meeting twice a month were required to open in long form fifteen (15) times. This change would standardize the number of long form openings required, regardless of the number of times a chapter meets per month.*
- *Changed the ritualistic work requirements. Anything in the ritual could be considered Ritualistic. However, for years, the focus of the Worthy Grand Matron visits has been on balloting and initiation, which does not include all the other ritualistic work. The ritual also contains Opening and Closing, as well as Installation and the funeral ceremony.*
- *This change will allow flexibility and give the Worthy Grand Matron the ability to decide what she feels needs to be observed.*
- *Removed the requirement for chapters to read the annual reports of the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Secretary, and Treasurer. The most important things to review with the chapter members are irregularities, questions and answers, and changes to the Idaho Code and Digest.*
- *Added religious matters and opinions to political matters and opinions that should not be discussed.*
- *Changed wording to allow Worthy Matrons to decide if children can attend chapter meetings and practices. Members, including parents, grandparents, and guardians, with children sometimes have difficulty attending meetings and practices.*

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Name of Code Section	Rules & Regulations – Idaho Subordinate Chapters
Pages	38 - 39
Article	III ELECTION IV INSTALLATION V VACANCIES
Section	All sections
Paragraph	All paragraphs

Now reads: (write verbatim what is in the Code)

ARTICLE III ELECTION

Section 1. Office seeking and electioneering for office are contrary to all Eastern Star principles. Nominations for elective officers may be made from the floor or a nominating ballot may be used. If there is more than one nominee, officers are selected by secret ballot. When there is only one nominee, election may be by acclamation.

Section 2. Election shall be held at the first stated meeting in April. The first eight (8) officers of a Chapter shall be elected by a separate majority ballot, excluding blanks (Refer to Section 1 of this Article). After the election of the Worthy Matron other Officers are elected in the following sequence: Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Associate Patron, Secretary, Treasurer, Conductress and Associate Conductress. Failure to elect at the prescribed time will require a special dispensation from the Worthy Grand Matron.

Section 3. At the request of the presiding officer, a member elected to office should signify her/his willingness to serve.

Section 4. Absent members should not be elected to office unless their willingness to serve can be ascertained before the election is closed.

ARTICLE IV INSTALLATION

Section 1. General regulations and detailed instructions for the installation of officers for open and closed installation may be found in the Ritual of the Order, (refer to Book of Instructions, Article XXIII)

Section 2. Members of a Chapter holding a current receipt for dues, are eligible to hold any office in a Chapter.

Section 3. Elective officers shall not be installed unless they hold a proficiency certificate.

Section 4. Officers shall be installed within thirty-five (35) days after election and shall hold office until their respective successors are installed. A Chapter failing to install the elective officers within the prescribed period must obtain a special dispensation from the Worthy Grand Matron.

Section 5. A sister or brother against whom charges have been preferred cannot be installed as an officer of a Chapter while same are pending.

Section 6. Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons who serve once after installation are considered Past Matrons and Past Patrons.

Section 7. The Worthy Matron shall receive in her charge, at the time of installation, the Charter, the Code and Digest governing this Grand Jurisdiction and the By-Laws of the Chapter.

Section 8. The standard form of required installation information shall be submitted to the Worthy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Secretary and Grand Conductress within ten (10) days after installation.

ARTICLE V VACANCIES

Section 1. Vacancies in an elective office may occur by one of the following:

- A. Death, illness, injury, or demission.
- B. Advancement to fill a vacancy.
- C. Moving from the jurisdiction.
- D. Absent for three (3) consecutive meetings without good and sufficient reason.
- E. Failing to appear within thirty-five (35) days from the date set for installation, unless excused by a majority vote of the Chapter.
- F. Suspension or expulsion. Resignation from an elective office is subject to one of the above reasons, and except in the event of death, must be in writing and accepted by the Chapter. A dispensation to elect and install an officer to fill a vacancy shall be granted by the Worthy Grand Matron.

Section 2. Vacancies occurring in elective offices before November 1 shall require the following:

- A. Vacancy declared at a stated meeting.
- B. A dispensation from the Worthy Grand Matron to elect.
- C. Notification to resident members of special election.
- D. Election at a stated meeting.

E. Installation at either a stated or special meeting.

Section 3. Vacancies occurring in elective offices after November 1:

A. The office of Worthy Matron and/or Worthy Patron shall be filled by the Associate Matron and/or Associate Patron.

B. Other elective offices shall be filled at the discretion of the presiding officer.

Section 4. The Worthy Matron may declare a vacancy in an appointive office at any stated meeting provided sufficient reason or circumstances exist. In the event such a vacancy occurs a dispensation from the Worthy Grand Matron is not required to appoint and install.

Changes: Delete old articles in their entirety and replace with new articles in their entirety.

See detailed list under rationale at the end.

(Additions are the underlined black bold and deletions are red strikethroughs. Capitalization and punctuation (housekeeping) were changed but were not deleted or added, and therefore remain in regular black font.)

ARTICLE III ELECTION

Section 1. ~~Office-seeking election to an~~ ~~and electioneering for office~~ ~~is~~are contrary to all Eastern Star principles. Nominations for elective officers may be made from the floor or a nominating ballot may be used. If there is more than one nominee, officers are selected by secret ballot. When there is only one nominee, election may be by acclamation.

Section 2. Election shall be held at the first stated meeting in April. The first eight (8) officers of a chapter shall be elected by a separate majority ballot, excluding blanks ~~(Refer to Section 1 of this Article)~~. After the election of the Worthy Matron, other officers are elected in the following sequence: Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Associate Patron, Secretary, Treasurer, Conductress, and Associate Conductress. Failure to elect at the prescribed time will require a special dispensation from the Worthy Grand Matron.

Section 3. At the request of the presiding officer, a member elected to office ~~should~~shall signify ~~her/his~~ their willingness to serve.

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Section 1. General regulations and detailed instructions for the installation of officers for open and closed installation ~~may~~ is ~~be~~ found in the Ritual of the Order, ~~(refer to Book of Instructions, Article XXIII)~~

Section 2. Members in good standing of a chapter are eligible to hold any office in ~~a~~ the Chapter. (Refer to Rules & Regulations, Article I, Chartered Chapters, Section 3)

~~Section 34.~~ Elective officers shall not be installed unless they hold a proficiency certificate.

~~Section 45.~~ Officers shall be installed within thirty-five (35) days after election and shall hold office until their respective successors are installed. A chapter failing to install the elective officers within the prescribed period must obtain a special dispensation from the Worthy Grand Matron.

~~Section 53.~~ A ~~sister or brother~~ member against whom charges have been ~~preferred~~ filed cannot be ~~elected or~~ installed as an officer of a chapter ~~while same are pending~~.

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Section 8. The ~~standard form of required~~ completed installation ~~information report~~, shall be submitted to the Worthy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Secretary and Grand Conductress within ten (10) days after installation.

ARTICLE V VACANCIES

Section 1. Vacancies in an elective office may occur by ~~one of the following~~:

A. Death, illness, injury, or demission

B. Advancement to fill a vacancy

C. Moving from the jurisdiction

D. Absence ~~for~~ from three (3) consecutive meetings without good and sufficient reason

E. Failing to appear within thirty-five (35) days from the date set for installation, unless excused by a majority vote of the chapter.

F. **Being subjected to reprimand, s**uspension or expulsion. Resignation from an elective office is subject to one of the above reasons, and except in the event of death, must be in writing and accepted by the chapter. A **special** dispensation to elect and install an officer to fill a vacancy shall be granted by the Worthy Grand Matron.

Section 2. Vacancies occurring in elective offices before November 1 shall require the following:

- A. **The** ~~V~~vacancy declared at a stated meeting
- B. A **special** dispensation from the Worthy Grand Matron to elect
- C. Notification **sent** to resident members of **a** special election
- D. Election **held** at a stated meeting
- E. Installation at either a stated or special meeting

Section 3. Vacancies occurring in elective offices after November 1:

A. The office of Worthy Matron and/or Worthy Patron shall be filled by the Associate Matron and/or Associate Patron.

B. Other elective offices shall be filled at the discretion of the presiding officer.

Section 4. The Worthy Matron may declare a vacancy in an appointive office at any stated meeting provided sufficient reason or circumstances exist. In the event such a vacancy occurs, a dispensation from the Worthy Grand Matron is not required to appoint and install.

Would then read:

ARTICLE III ELECTION

Section 1. Seeking election to an office is contrary to all Eastern Star principles. Nominations for elective officers may be made from the floor or a nominating ballot may be used. If there is more than one nominee, officers are selected by secret ballot. When there is only one nominee, election may be by acclamation.

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Section 1. General regulations and detailed instructions for the installation of officers for open and closed installation is found in the Ritual of the Order.

Section 2. Members in good standing of a chapter are eligible to hold any office in the Chapter. (Refer to Rules & Regulations, Article I, Chartered Chapters, Section 3)

Section 3. A member against whom charges have been filed cannot be elected or installed as an officer of a chapter.

Section 4. Elective officers shall not be installed unless they hold a proficiency certificate.

Section 5. Officers shall be installed within thirty-five (35) days after election and shall hold office until their respective successors are installed. A chapter failing to install the elective officers within the prescribed period must obtain a special dispensation from the Worthy Grand Matron.

Section 6. Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons who serve once after installation are considered Past Matrons and Past Patrons.

Section 7. The Worthy Matron shall receive in her charge, at the time of installation, the Charter, the current Code and Digest governing this Grand Jurisdiction, and the Uniform By-Laws of the chapter.

Section 8. The completed installation report shall be submitted to the Worthy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Secretary and Grand Conductress within ten (10) days after installation.

ARTICLE V VACANCIES

Section 1. Vacancies in an elective office may occur by:

- A. death, illness, injury, or demission
- B. advancement to fill a vacancy
- C. moving from the jurisdiction
- D. absence from three (3) consecutive meetings without good and sufficient reason
- E. failing to appear within thirty-five (35) days from the date set for installation, unless excused by a majority vote of the chapter

F. being subjected to reprimand, suspension or expulsion. Resignation from an elective office is subject to one of the above reasons, and except in the event of death, must be in writing and accepted by the chapter. A special dispensation to elect and install an officer to fill a vacancy shall be granted by the Worthy Grand Matron.

Section 2. Vacancies occurring in elective offices before November 1 shall require the following:

- A. the vacancy declared at a stated meeting
- B. a special dispensation from the Worthy Grand Matron to elect
- C. notification sent to resident members of a special election
- D. election held at a stated meeting
- E. installation at either a stated or special meeting

Section 3. Vacancies occurring in elective offices after November 1:

- A. the office of Worthy Matron and/or Worthy Patron shall be filled by the Associate Matron and/or Associate Patron.
- B. other elective offices shall be filled at the discretion of the presiding officer.

Section 4. The Worthy Matron may declare a vacancy in an appointive office at any stated meeting provided sufficient reason or circumstances exist. In the event such a vacancy occurs, a dispensation from the Worthy Grand Matron is not required to appoint and install.

Rationale:

- *Modernized wording and as a result, changed some of the sentence structures to align. Removed gender references and standardize wording used throughout other Articles within the Code and Digest.*
- *Added "Uniform" in front of by-laws when referencing chapter by-laws and added "special" in front of dispensations. Removed several references.*

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Name of Code Section	Rules & Regulations – Idaho Subordinate Chapters
Pages	41-42
Articles	VI DUTIES OF OFFICERS
Section	1, 2 – Worthy Matron, 3 – Worthy Patron

Now reads: (write verbatim what is in the Code)

Section 1. All officers shall review and conform to the instructions set forth in the Ritual of the Order, the Idaho Code and Digest and the By-Laws of their Chapter. It is their duty to memorize their ritualistic work.

Section 2. The **Worthy Matron** shall:

- A. Preside at all meetings and see that the By-Laws of the chapter are implicitly obeyed.
- B. Have sufficient knowledge of parliamentary procedure to ably transact the business of the Chapter.
- C. Ascertain that the Chapter room is properly prepared for all meetings.
- D. Appoint all non-elective officers and committees.
1. ESTABLISH, Finance, Relief and Sick and Visiting committees shall be appointed at the time of installation and consist of not fewer than three (3) members each.
2. Any other committees may be appointed as needed.
- E. Serve as ex-officio chairman of the Chapter Relief committee. She may request immediate relief for a needy recipient from the Worthy Grand Matron.
- F. Ascertain that the Request for Renewal of Benevolent Fund Assistance form is completed and returned to the Chairman of the Benevolent Board. (Refer to By-Laws, Article VI, Relief)
- G. Call special meetings and rehearsals when required for the good of the Order.
- H. Appoint a new Investigating Committee on a petition for membership if the original committee fails to report at the expiration of thirty (30) days and requests no further extension of time.
- I. In the event a petition for membership is rejected within the Chapter, or upon notification of a rejection from a concurrent Chapter within the jurisdiction, she shall immediately read Article I, Section 5, Rules and Regulations for Subordinate Chapters.
- J. Ascertain that the proper returns are made and the per capita tax paid to the Grand Secretary.
- K. Sign the necessary reports submitted to Grand Chapter.
- L. Have the authority to examine the Secretary and Treasurer books.
- M. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Secretary and/or Treasurer, assume charge of the books, secure a **financial review, and deliver the same to the duly elected successor.
- N. Have the authority to request a **financial review of the Chapter financial records by the Finance Committee.
- O. Sign all warrants, minutes, and demits authorized by the Chapter and necessary reports submitted to Grand Chapter.
- P. Direct that the By-Laws of the Chapter be amended immediately to conform in accordance with the legislation enacted at each session of the Grand Chapter.
- Q. Review the annual Grand Chapter Reports of the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Board of Trustees prior to November 1.
- R. Report on the previous Grand Chapter session by either delegate response, or review of the proceedings when received, in regard to membership status, charitable contributions, and other interesting activities.
- S. Consult with the Worthy Patron on all matters of importance.
- T. Determine the necessity of a co-signature with the Treasurer on the Chapter checking and savings account.
- U. Appoint a member to carry the flag if desired.
- V. Appoint an official prompter. She shall appoint the Associate Matron to prompt the Associate Patron during the optional lecture.
- W. Appoint members to fill offices pro tem, or ask any officer to fill another position pro tem. (Refer to Rules and Regulations Article V, Vacancies.)
- X. At the conclusion of the Chapter year, return to the Secretary all Chapter properties received at installation.
- Y. Welcome the new members and refer them to the Chapter Secretary regarding the current dues requirement.
- Z. Preside, or appoint a lawful representative, at any trial by the Chapter.
- AA. Convene the Chapter and surrender the gavel to the Worthy Grand Matron when she shall visit the Chapter in an official capacity other than the annual inspection.
- AB. Be responsible for all planning of receptions or picnics held in honor of distinguished members. These meetings may be held on Sunday, and the formality of the occasion left to the discretion of the Chapter.

- AC. Be responsible for all arrangements regarding the installation of the incoming officers, giving courteous attention to the wishes of the Worthy Matron elect.
- AD. Plan an appropriate memorial in the event of the death of a Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron of this Grand Jurisdiction. Fitting memorials for Chapter members shall be given individually or annually.
- AE. In the event the Chapter dissolves, surrender the Chapter's Charter, paraphernalia, all Chapter records and monies to the Worthy Grand Matron.

Section 3. The Worthy Patron shall:

- A. Preside during the ceremony of initiation and when invited by the Worthy Matron.
- B. Be responsible for one (1) copy of the Secret Work and any transfer shall be accompanied by a written receipt.
- C. Advise and assist the officers in their duties and the ritualistic work of the Order.
- D. Conduct the proficiency examination.
- E. Perform all other duties and exercise such powers as prescribed by the Ritual of the Order.
- F. In the absence of both the Worthy Matron and Associate Matron, appoint any sister in good standing to fill the office pro tem, using a Past Matron if possible.
- G. Be responsible for violations of all laws of the Order by his Chapter.
- H. Report to the Chapter all demits, suspensions, expulsions, and reinstatements from the Masonic Lodge of brothers who are members of the Chapter.

Changes: Delete old articles in their entirety and replace with new articles in their entirety.

See detailed list under rationale at the end.

(Additions are the underlined black bold and deletions are red strikethroughs. Capitalization and punctuation (housekeeping) were changed but were not deleted or added, and therefore remain in regular black font.)

Section 1. All officers shall review and conform to the instructions set forth in the Ritual of the Order, the Idaho Code and Digest and the **Uniform** By-Laws of their chapter. It is their duty to memorize their ritualistic work **to the best of their ability.**

Section 2. The Worthy Matron shall:

- A. Preside at all meetings, **to see that chapter business is properly conducted,** and see that the **Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, and the Uniform** By-Laws of the chapter are implicitly obeyed
- B. Have sufficient knowledge of parliamentary procedures to ably transact the business of the chapter
- C. Ascertain that the chapter room is properly prepared for all meetings
- D. Appoint all non-elective officers and committees
 - 1. **Appoint at the time of installation, three (3) members to the**~~ESTABLISH~~**Finance and Relief committees,** and **an appropriate number of members to the** Sick and Visiting committees ~~shall be appointed at the time of installation and consist of not fewer than three (3) members each.~~
 - 2. **Appoint any** other committees ~~may be appointed~~ as needed
- E. Serve as ex-officio chairman of the chapter Relief Committee, **and** ~~She may~~ request immediate relief for a ~~needy~~ recipient **in need** from the Worthy Grand Matron
- F. Ascertain that **any Benevolent Applications for assistance and Benevolent Renewal Application** ~~the Request for Renewal of Benevolent Fund Assistance~~ forms **are** ~~is~~ completed and returned to the Chairman of the Benevolent Board
- G. Call special meetings and rehearsals when required for the good of the Order
- H. Appoint a new Investigating Committee on a petition for membership if the original committee fails to report at the expiration of thirty (30) days and requests no further extension of time
- I. In the event a petition for membership is rejected within the chapter, or upon notification of a rejection from a concurrent chapter within the jurisdiction, ~~she shall~~ immediately read Article 1, Section 5, Rules and Regulations for Subordinate Chapter
- J. Ascertain that the proper returns are made, and the per capita **assessment** ~~tax~~ paid to the Grand Secretary
- K. Sign the necessary reports submitted to Grand Chapter
- L. Have the authority to examine the Secretary and Treasurer books **at any time**
- M. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Secretary and/or Treasurer, assume charge of the books, secure a financial review, and deliver the same to the duly **appointed or** elected **and installed** successor
- N. Have the authority to request a financial review of the chapter financial records by the Finance Committee **as deemed necessary**

- O. Sign all warrants, minutes, and demits authorized by the chapter. ~~and necessary reports submitted to Grand Chapter.~~
- P. Direct that the **Uniform** By-Laws of the chapter be amended immediately to conform ~~in accordance~~ with the legislation enacted at each session of the Grand Chapter **and General Grand Chapter if applicable**
- Q. **Prior to November 1, Review chapter the annual Grand Chapter Reports of the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Secretary (including membership status), Grand Treasurer, and Board of Trustees, read at a stated meeting the irregularities and questions and answers, and summarize and report on the adopted changes to the Idaho Code and Digest prior to November 1. Read the irregularities and questions and answers, and summarize and report on adopted changes to the C&D.**
- ~~R. Report on the previous Grand Chapter session by either delegate response, or review of the proceedings when received, in regard to membership status, charitable contributions, and other interesting activities and legislation.~~
- RS. Consult with the Worthy Patron on all matters of importance**
- S. Prior to each stated meeting, confer with the Secretary regarding correspondence received and any business to come before the chapter**
- T. **Ensure that at least two members are authorized as** ~~Determine the necessity of as~~ co-signatories ~~with the Treasurer~~ on the chapter checking and savings accounts, **one of which is the Treasurer**
- U. Appoint a member to carry the flag if desired
- V. Appoint an official prompter **and**. ~~She shall~~ appoint the Associate Matron to prompt the Associate Patron. ~~during the optional lecture~~
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- X. At the conclusion of the chapter year, return to the Secretary all chapter properties received at installation
- Y. Welcome the new members and refer them to the chapter Secretary regarding the current dues requirement
- Z. Preside, or appoint a lawful representative at any trial by the chapter
- AA. Convene the chapter and surrender the gavel to the Worthy Grand Matron when she ~~shall~~ visits the chapter in an official capacity other than the annual Official Visit ~~inspection.~~
- ~~AB. Be responsible for all planning of receptions or picnics events held in honor of distinguished members. These meetings may be held on Sunday, and the formality of the occasion left to the discretion of the chapter.~~
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- ~~AD. Plan an appropriate memorial in the event of the death of a Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron of this Grand Jurisdiction. Fitting memorials for chapter members shall be given individually or annually.~~
- ABAE. In the event the chapter dissolves, surrender the chapter's Charter, all copies of the Secret Work paraphernalia, all permanent chapter records (minutes, financial records, and the membership ledgers), and monies to the Worthy Grand Matron. Chapter paraphernalia shall be disposed at the discretion of the chapter members.**

Section 3. The Worthy Patron shall:

- A. Preside during the ceremony of initiation and **at other times** when **requested to do so** ~~invited~~ by the Worthy Matron
- B. Be responsible for one (1) copy of the Secret Work and any transfer shall be ~~accompanied by a written receipt~~ **recorded by the Secretary**
- C. Advise and assist the officers in their duties and the ritualistic work of the Order
- D. Conduct the proficiency examination
- E. Perform all other duties and exercise such powers as prescribed by the Ritual of the Order
- F. In the absence of both the Worthy Matron and Associate Matron, appoint any Sister in good standing to fill the office pro tem, using a Past Matron if possible
- G. Be responsible for violations of all laws of the Order by his chapter
- H. Report to the chapter all demits, suspensions, expulsions, and reinstatements from the Masonic Lodge of Brothers who are members of the chapter
- I. Verify that Brothers, including officers, members, or visitors are Master Masons in good standing through dues cards and/or Lodge Secretaries**

Would then read:

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- *Added "Uniform" in front of by-laws when referencing chapter by-laws and added "special" in front of dispensations. Changed per capita "tax" to per "capita assessment". Removed several references and renumbered sequences because of the various changes.*
- *Changed committees to announce at installation and the number of members on Sick and Visiting.*
- *Changed the way the WM reports about Grand Chapter.*
- *Removed the responsibility of special events, installations, and memorials for members.*
- *Added the responsibility of checking dues card of Brothers to the WP*

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Name of Code Section Rules & Regulations – Idaho Subordinate Chapters
Pages 42, 46, 47
Articles **VI DUTIES OF OFFICERS**
Section 4 - Assoc. Matron, 5 - Assoc. Patron, 8 - Conductress, 9 - Assoc. Conductress,

Now reads: (write verbatim what is in the Code)

Section 4. The Associate Matron shall:

- A. Perform the duties pertaining to her office, and in event of vacancy, absence or disability of the Worthy Matron, assume her station, powers and duties.
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Section 5. The Associate Patron shall:

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Section 8. The Conductress shall:

- A. Ascertain that all visitors have a properly signed receipt for dues at all Chapter meetings and the Worthy Grand Matron's school of instruction. She shall greet all visitors, assist in having them sign the Visitors' Register and see that they are introduced to the Worthy Matron and other members. If she cannot vouch for a visitor, she shall notify the Worthy Matron. ■
- B. Instruct newly initiated members on or before the next meeting:
 - 1. How to enter and retire while Chapter is in session.
 - 2. How and when to use the reverent attitude.
 - 3. Meaning of the raps of the gavel.
 - 4. How to ballot.
- C. Instruct a proficiency class for members. A proficiency test should be taken within six (6) months from date of initiation.
- D. Be responsible for one (1) copy of the Secret Work and any transfer shall be accompanied by a written receipt.
- E. Assist the Marshal in the preparation, removal, and storage of the Chapter paraphernalia.

Section 9. The Associate Conductress shall:

- A. Assist the Conductress in:
 - 1. Examining visitor receipts.
 - 2. Instructing newly initiated members.
 - 3. Preparing members for the proficiency test.
 - 4. Introducing, whenever her assistance is needed.
- B. Assure proper preparation and location of the ballot box prior to a meeting in which balloting is likely to occur. The ballot box is placed at the North of the pedestal in the East before the Chapter is opened.
- C. Assist the Marshal in the preparation, removal, and storage of the Chapter paraphernalia.
- D. Be responsible for one (1) copy of the Secret Work and any transfer shall be accompanied by a written receipt.

Changes: Delete old articles in their entirety and replace with new articles in their entirety.

See detailed list under rationale at the end.

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Section 8. The Conductress shall:

- A. Ascertain that all visitors have a current, sealed, and properly signed dues receipt ~~for dues~~ at all chapter meetings and the Worthy Grand Matron's school of instruction. She shall greet all visitors, assist in having them sign the Visitors' Register, and see that they are introduced to the Worthy Matron and other members. If she cannot vouch for a visitor, she shall notify the Worthy Matron.
- B. Instruct newly initiated members on or before the next meeting on:
 - 1. how to enter and retire while chapter is in session
 - 2. how and when to use the reverent attitude
 - 3. the meaning of the raps of the gavel
 - 4. how to ballot

C. Present, introduce, and escort members and visitors

- D. Be responsible for one (1) copy of the Secret Work and any transfer shall be ~~accompanied by a written receipt~~ recorded by the Secretary.
- E. Assist the Marshal in the preparation, removal, and storage of the chapter paraphernalia.
- ~~E~~ F. Instruct a proficiency class for members. A proficiency test should be taken within six (6) months from date of initiation

Section 9. The Associate Conductress shall:

- A. Assist the Conductress ~~in~~ with:
 - 1. the examination of ~~examining~~ visitor dues receipts.
 - 2. the instruction of ~~instructing~~ newly initiated members ~~on~~:
 - a. how to enter and retire while chapter is in session
 - b. how and when to use the reverent attitude
 - c. the meaning of the raps of the gavel
 - d. how to ballot
 - 3. the preparation of ~~Preparing~~ members for the proficiency test
 - 4. introductions ~~introducing~~, when needed
- B. Ensure proper preparation and location of the ballot box prior to a meeting in which balloting is likely to occur ~~The ballot box is placed at the North of the pedestal in the East before the Chapter is opened.~~
- ~~D~~ C. Be responsible for one (1) copy of the Secret Work and any transfer shall be ~~accompanied by a written receipt~~ recorded by the Secretary.
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Would then read:

Section 4. The Associate Matron shall:

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 - 1. how to enter and retire while chapter is in session
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 4. how to ballot
- C. present, introduce, and escort members and visitors
 - D. be responsible for one (1) copy of the Secret Work and any transfer shall be recorded by the Secretary
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 - c. the meaning of the raps of the gavel
 - d. how to ballot
 3. the preparation of members for the proficiency test
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- B. ensure proper preparation and location of the ballot box prior to a meeting in which balloting is likely to occur
- C. be responsible for one (1) copy of the Secret Work and any transfer shall be recorded by the Secretary
- D. assist the Marshal in the preparation, removal, and storage of the chapter paraphernalia

Rationale:

- *Modernized wording and changed some of the sentence structures to align and standardize wording used throughout other Articles within the Code and Digest. Specifically the wording about the secret work.*
- *Added "Uniform" in front of by-laws when referencing chapter by-laws and added "special" in front of dispensations. Changed per capita "tax" to per "capita assessment". Removed several references and renumbered sequences because of the various changes.*
- *Assoc Conductress added the specific duties and reworded to match the Conductress and where the ballot box is placed.*
- *No changes were made to Section 10 - Marshal*

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Name of Code Section Rules & Regulations – Idaho Subordinate Chapters

Pages 42-46

Articles **VI DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 6 - Secretary, 7- Treasurer

Now reads: (write verbatim what is in the Code)

Section 6. The Secretary shall:

- A. Have custody of the Chapter seal, affixing the same to all properly signed Dues Receipts, Demits,**Warrants, correspondence, and all other official documents.
 - 1. The Seal is Chapter property and shall be present at each meeting.
 - 2. The Secretary, or the Secretary pro tem, is the only officer authorized to use the Seal.
- B. Properly record the proceedings of the Chapter, stating the official time of opening (when the Worthy Patron asks non-members to retire) and affixing the seal following Chapter approval and signature of the Worthy Matron. The minutes shall indicate if a regular officer is present and acting pro tem in another position.

Any special dispensation shall be recorded in full in the chapter minutes.

Chapter minutes must not show whether the report of the Investigating Committee was favorable or unfavorable. Record in Chapter minutes when sojourning members exhibit a receipt for dues.

 - 1. Minutes may be recorded in a loose-leaf book.□
 - 2. The reading of the minutes may not be omitted at a stated meeting unless the special order of business is used at the Official Visit.
- C. Prior to each stated meeting, confer with the Worthy Matron in regard to correspondence received (refer to Rules and Regulations, Article II, Section 1F)** and other business to come before the Chapter. Conduct all correspondence, under the supervision of the Worthy Matron, using the Chapter name and number.
 - 1. See Rules and Regulations, Article II, Section 7, when submitting invitations for the annual official visitation of the Worthy Grand Matron.
 - 2. Verify that the Request for Renewal of Benevolent Fund Assistance form is completed and mailed to the Chairman of the Benevolent Fund Board. (Refer to By-Laws, Article VI, RELIEF)
- D. Collect all monies due the Chapter, keep a correct account thereof, report at each stated meeting and pay promptly to the Treasurer taking a receipt for same.
- E. Inform new members regarding dues requirements.
- F. Issue warrants, signed by the Worthy Matron, to the Treasurer for sums authorized by the Chapter.
- G. Issue all receipts and membership cards, designating Chapter name, number and location.
 - 1. A dues receipt shall be issued to each Life Member and each Voluntary Prepaid Life Member by January 1 of each year.
 - 2. Two (2) receipts for dues (one for the current year and one for the delinquent year) shall be issued to reinstated members.
- H. Maintain a ledger sheet for each member, showing all transactions and pertinent information, including date of initiation and proficiency. This record must be kept in an inactive file when membership ceases.
- I. Upon receipt of signed By-Laws from a Chapter conducting a courtesy initiation enter on the membership roll the name of the member with the date of initiation, name and location of the Chapter conferring the degrees
- J. Under the seal of the Chapter request a courtesy initiation and provide a copy of the Uniform By-Laws properly filled out for the candidate to sign. This copy shall be returned to the Chapter for its records.
- K. Purchase from the Grand Secretary and have in her/his possession all official documents, such as Petitions, Demits, Certificates of Transfer, Rituals, Idaho Code & Digest, Uniform By-Laws and other supplies.
- L. On or before the 31st of January, forward to the Grand Secretary a statistical report for the preceding year, signed by the Worthy Matron and Secretary. Indicate fifty year, ++plural and voluntary prepaid life members and include □ the per capita tax and International Headquarters** Fund monies, (Refer to Rules and Regulations ^ Article XVII, Sec 3, C)
- M. Transmit to the Worthy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Secretary, and Grand Conductress within ten (10) days after each installation, a typewritten list of the Chapter officers, signed by the Worthy Matron and the Secretary. This report shall include date of election and installation, name, and title of installing officer, mailing address, phone number and spouse's ^ given name (where applicable) for all officers.

- N. Submit to the Grand Secretary immediately:
1. Twenty (20) times the annual dues paid for VPLM, Memorial VPLM or Associate VPLM. (Refer to Rules and Regulations Article XVII, Sections 4, 5, and 6).
 2. The proceeds of all wills and bequests made to the Grand Chapter of Idaho.
- O. Send a copy of the changes to the Chapter By-Laws plus three (3) copies of the complete Uniform By-Laws, as amended from either Grand Chapter or Subordinate Chapter legislation to the Worthy Grand Matron. Two copies of the approved Uniform By-Laws are returned to the Chapter, one to be in the possession of the Secretary and the second one to be given to the Worthy Matron. Amendments initiated by the Chapter must be approved by the Worthy Grand Matron before becoming effective. The Secretary shall then update the official Chapter By-Laws book. This book should be available during initiation for new members' signatures.
- P. Furnish a copy of the most recent approved Chapter By-Laws to the Worthy Grand Matron when she inspects the minutes.
- Q. Upon the request of a Chapter who has accepted a member with a Certificate of Transfer, immediately issue a demit and report at the next meeting.
- The Secretary must receive the demit of an Affiliated Member before she/he can sign the Chapter By-Laws, however failure to sign does not void membership.
- R. Verify that all petitions for membership are made out in regular form and accompanied by the proper fee and certificate, or its equivalent, of proper Masonic affiliation or relationship before reading them. All petitions must remain in her possession (except during balloting when the Worthy Matron has possession). If a request to have a petition removed and fee returned is made before the petition has been read to the Chapter the Secretary shall return the fee.
- Although the Chapter is under no obligation to return the initiation fee of the candidate who is elected but refused to receive the degrees, the Chapter should return the fee.
- Fees accompanying petitions must be deposited in the general fund of the Chapter as receipts of the meeting when petitions are read.
- S. Notify in writing by regular**or electronic mail, if desired by member:
1. By September first (1st), all members who will, on the first (1st) day of January of the following year, be in arrears for the current year's dues.
 2. All petitioners of the results of the ballot and, if rejected, immediately return the fee and demit or certificate of transfer if applicable.
 3. ++The Grand Secretary of a receipt of a petition for Plural Membership from another Grand Jurisdiction. The Grand Secretary shall ascertain whether the Grand Jurisdiction in which the membership is held permits Plural membership. (Refer to Rules & Regulations Article XII, Section 5 E).++In case of Plural membership petitions from this or other Grand Jurisdictions:
 - a) If the petitioner is elected to Plural Membership, the Secretary of the electing Chapter shall notify the Primary Chapter (Refer to Rules and Regulations Article XVII, Section 1) and the Grand Secretary of this Grand Jurisdiction.
 - b) In case of suspension, expulsion, demit or death the Secretary shall notify the Plural member's Chapter(s) and the Grand Secretary.++
 4. Notify the Grand Secretary of a Petition for Reinstatement from a previous member in Idaho suspended for non-payment of dues from a Chapter which no longer exists. State member's name, name & number of former Chapter and year of suspension. Verification of previous membership must be received from the Grand Secretary before the petition may be read. (Refer to Rules & Regulations, Article XII, Section 6, B.)
 5. All requests for special dispensations from the Worthy Grand Matron when instructed to do so, assuring that sufficient time is allowed to accomplish the request before the annual session of Grand Chapter, including a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) for the following reasons:
 - a) To elect and install officers out of time.
 - b) Change place of meeting.
 - c) Initiate within two (2) weeks of candidate election. (Refer to By-Laws and Rules, Article VII, Section 2, B, 2 (b)).
 6. All requests for waivers from other Grand ^ Jurisdictions when necessary. Reply must be received before ballot is taken. Out of state requests must be secured through the Worthy Grand Matron.
 7. The Worthy Grand Matron that the annual Grand Chapter reports have been reviewed. (Refer to Rules and Regulations, Article II, Section 9) ^.
 8. As soon as possible, all deaths occurring in the Chapter to the Grand Chaplain. Upon the death of a Past Grand Matron, Past Grand Patron, or Grand Officer, send a brief life history of the deceased to the Grand Secretary. (Refer to By-Laws and Rules, Article V, Section 15).
 9. All resident members of special meetings.
 10. The home Chapter of a visiting Member who has passed the proficiency test.
 11. On or before January 25, the Star Information Committee Chairman of changes in the Chapter Roster.
 12. The Golden Star Committee Chairman, of the names, addresses and birthdays of all new 50-year members, the names of deceased 50-year members, and any change of address of a 50-year member.
- T. At the last stated meeting in October, read the names of all members whose current year dues will be in arrears on January 1 of the following year. On January 1 of the following year, issue notices of suspension.
- U. At the first stated meeting in January of each year, report those members suspended for non-payment of dues, and record the

names in the minutes.

- V. Ascertain if the incoming Worthy Matron has the latest revision of the Ritual, Idaho Code & Digest and By-Laws of the Chapter.
- W. Provide the Idaho Code & Digest, the By-Laws of the Chapter, and the Secret Work for the Installing Officer to present to the proper officers at time of Installation.
- X. Provide the Worthy Patron, Associate Patron, Conductress and Associate Conductress with a copy of the Secret Work and record the receipt of same in the Chapter minutes.
- Y. Collect five dollars (\$5.00) for International Headquarters** Fund from all initiated affiliated and plural members and issue a certificate for same. Forward all monies to the Grand Secretary with the annual report.
- Z. Forward to the Grand Secretary, no later than April 1, all monies collected for the Benevolent Fund, ESTARL, Scholarship Fund and special projects.
- AA. Distribute the complimentary proceedings of Grand Chapter as follows: One (1) copy for Chapter, one (1) copy for the Worthy Matron whose year coincides with her WGM.
- AB. Retain for Chapter use the complimentary copy of the Grand Chapter Membership Roster.
- AC. Deliver to the successor all Chapter properties in her/his possession.
- AD. In the event the Chapter dissolves, surrender all Chapter records to the Worthy Matron.
- AE. Immediately dispense all Benevolent Funds when received from Grand Chapter with consideration to the needs and anonymity of the recipients.
- AF. In the event of a merger, the subordinate Chapter Secretary receiving the Voluntary, Associate or Memorial Prepaid Life Membership shall inform the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer prior to December 31 of that year.

Section 7. The Treasurer shall:

- A. Issue receipts for money received from the Secretary and deposit the money.
- B. Issue checks in payment of warrants received from the Secretary.
- C. Report annually, or upon request from the Worthy Matron, all receipts and disbursements.
- D. Keep an accurate account, in permanent books, of all transactions.
- E. Deliver to the successor all Chapter property and money in her/his possession.
- F. In the event the Chapter dissolves, surrender all Chapter records and monies to the Worthy Matron.

Changes: Delete old articles in their entirety and replace with new articles in their entirety.

See detailed list under rationale at the end.

(Additions are the underlined black bold and deletions are red strikethroughs. Capitalization and punctuation (housekeeping) were changed but were not deleted or added, and therefore remain in regular black font.)

Section 6. The Secretary shall:

- A. have custody of the chapter seal, affixing the same to all properly signed minutes, dues receipts, demits, warrants, correspondence, and all other official documents
 - 1. ensure that the ~~The Seal is~~ chapter seal is ~~property and shall be~~ present at each meeting
 - 2. the Secretary, or the Secretary pro tem, is the only officer authorized to use the seal
- B. properly record the proceedings of the chapter following the order of business and affix the seal following chapter approval and signature of the Worthy Matron. **The minutes shall:**
 - 1. state ~~stating~~ the official time of opening (when the Worthy Patron asks non-members to retire) 2. ~~(was B second line)~~ reflect in full any special dispensations which were read ~~shall be recorded in full in the chapter minutes~~
 - 3. ~~(was B first paragraph) The minutes shall~~ indicate if ~~a regular~~ an installed officer is present and the name of ~~any acting pro tem officer in another position~~
 - 4. ~~(was B third paragraph). Chapter minutes must not show whether~~ indicate only that the report of the Investigating Committee was given. The minutes shall not state if the report was favorable or unfavorable 5. not include attachments, pictures, news articles, or publicity
 - 6. ~~Indicate Record in Chapter minutes when sojourning members exhibit a receipt for dues~~
 - 6. ~~B1. Minutes may~~ be recorded in a loose-leaf book if desired
 - 7. ~~B2. The reading of the minutes may~~ not be omitted at a stated meeting unless the special order of business is used at the Official Visit
- C. prior to each stated meeting, confer with the Worthy Matron ~~in~~ regarding any ~~to~~ correspondence received ~~(refer to Rules and Regulations, Article II, Section 1F)~~ and any other business to come before the chapter
- D. ~~(C was second sentence) Conduct all correspondence, under the supervision of the Worthy Matron, using the chapter name and~~

- ~~number~~ **obtain approval from the Worthy Matron for** all correspondence using the chapter name and number and ~~C1. See Rules and Regulations, Article II, Section 7,~~ and when submitting invitations for the annual official visitation of the Worthy Grand Matron
- ~~E.C2.~~ verify that the **Benevolent Application and Benevolent Request for Renewal Application forms are of Benevolent Fund Assistance form is** completed, **signed, affixed with the chapter sealed,** and mailed to the Chairman of the Benevolent Fund Board
- ~~E.D. Collect~~ **receive** all monies due the chapter, **pay them promptly to the Treasurer, taking their receipt,** keep an **accurate correct** account ~~thereof,~~ and **record the receipts in the minutes** ~~report at each stated meeting and pay promptly to the Treasurer taking a receipt for same.~~
- G. have the permanent books, membership ledger sheets, minutes, and warrant books current and available for the annual financial review and/or upon the request of the Worthy Matron**
- ~~H.F.~~ issue warrants, signed by the Worthy Matron **and affixed with the chapter seal,** to the Treasurer for ~~sums~~ **payments** authorized by the chapter
- ~~I. G.~~ issue all **dues** receipts ~~and membership cards~~ **affixed with the chapter seal,** designating chapter name, number, and location
- ~~J. E~~ inform new members regarding dues requirements
- ~~K G#1.~~ **by January 1 of each year, A dues receipt shall be issued a dues receipt** to each Life Member and each Voluntary Prepaid Life Member ~~by January 1 of each year~~
- ~~L. G#2.~~ **issue** two (2) **dues** receipts ~~for dues~~ (one for the current year and one for the delinquent year) ~~shall be issued to~~ reinstated members
- ~~M.H.~~ maintain a ledger sheet for each member, showing all transactions and pertinent information, including date of initiation and proficiency, **all chapter, Grand Chapter, and General Grand Chapter offices and appointments held.** This record must be kept in an inactive file when membership ceases
- ~~N.f.~~ upon receipt of signed **Uniform** By-Laws from a chapter conducting a courtesy initiation, enter on the membership roll the name of the member with the date of initiation, name, and location of the chapter conferring the degrees ~~O.f.~~ under the seal of the chapter, request a courtesy initiation and provide a copy of the Uniform By-Laws **properly filled out** for the candidate to sign. This copy shall be returned to the chapter for its records. ~~P.K. Purchase from the Grand Secretary and have in her/his~~ **their** possession **or readily available** all **current** official documents, such as petitions, demits, Certificates of Transfer, Rituals, Idaho Code & **and** Digest, Uniform By-Laws, and other supplies.
- ~~Q.L.~~ on or before ~~the 31st of January 31,~~ forward to the Grand Secretary ~~a statistical~~ **the annual** report for the preceding year, **affixed with the chapter seal and;** signed by the Worthy Matron and Secretary ~~Indicate fifty year, plural and voluntary prepaid life members.~~
- ~~R.L second sentence~~ **pay all and include the** per capita ~~tax~~ **assessment** and International Headquarters Fund monies **to the Grand Secretary to be included with the annual report**
- ~~S.M.~~ **within ten (10) days after each installation, complete and** transmit to the Worthy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Secretary, and Grand Conductress ~~within ten (10) days after each installation,~~ **an installation report or follow-up installation report affixed with the chapter seal and** ~~typewritten list of the Chapter officers,~~ signed by the Worthy Matron and the Secretary. ~~This report shall include date of election and installation, name, and title of installing officer, mailing address, phone number and spouse's given name (where applicable) for all officers.~~
- ~~T.N.~~ submit to the Grand Secretary immediately:
1. twenty (20) times the annual dues paid for **Voluntary Prepaid Life Memberships, Memorial Voluntary Prepaid Life Memberships, or Associate Voluntary Prepaid Life Memberships** ~~VPLM, Memorial VPLM or Associate VPLM.~~
 2. the proceeds of all wills and bequests made to the Grand Chapter of Idaho
- ~~U.O.~~ send ~~a copy of~~ the changes to the chapter **Uniform** By-Laws plus three (3) copies of the complete Uniform By Laws, as amended **by the chapter,** ~~from either~~ Grand Chapter, or **Subordinate-General Grand** Chapter legislation to the Worthy Grand Matron. Two **(2)** copies of the approved Uniform By-Laws are returned to the chapter, one to be in the possession of the Secretary and the second one to be given to the Worthy Matron. Amendments initiated by the chapter must be approved by the Worthy Grand Matron before becoming effective. The Secretary shall then update the official chapter **Uniform** By-Laws, **which** ~~book. This book should~~ **shall** be available ~~during initiation for new members' signatures. to all members~~
- ~~V.P.~~ furnish a copy of the most recent approved chapter **Uniform** By-Laws to the Worthy Grand Matron when she

inspects the minutes

W.Q. upon the request of a chapter who has accepted a member with a Certificate of Transfer, immediately issue a demit and report at the next meeting. The Secretary must receive the demit of an Affiliated Member before ~~she/he~~ **they** can sign the chapter **Uniform** By-Laws. However, failure to sign does not void membership

X.R. verify that all petitions for membership are ~~made out in regular form~~ **complete** and accompanied by the proper fee and **required documents** ~~certificate, or its equivalent, of proper Masonic affiliation, sponsorship, or relationship before reading them.~~ All petitions must remain in ~~her~~ **the Secretary's** possession (except during balloting when the Worthy Matron has possession). If a request to have a petition removed and **the** fee returned is made before the petition has been read to the chapter, the Secretary shall return the fee ~~Although the Chapter is under no obligation to return the initiation fee of the candidate who is elected but refused to receive the degrees, the Chapter should return the fee. Fees accompanying petitions must be deposited in the general fund of the Chapter as receipts of the meeting when petitions are read.~~

Y.S5. request from the Worthy Grand Matron ~~for~~ a special dispensation when instructed to do so: ~~All requests for special dispensations from the Worthy Grand Matron assuring that sufficient time is allowed to accomplish the request before the annual session of Grand Chapter, including a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) for the following reasons: when instructed to do so for:~~

- ~~1. To elect and install officers out of time.~~ **to initiate within two (2) weeks, provided three (3) days have elapsed after election of candidates;**
- ~~2. Change place of meeting~~ **to elect officers out of time at a stated meeting and to install elected officers out of time at a special or stated meeting**
- ~~3. 2, (b). to change place of meeting, provided the building is appropriate and approved~~ **Initiate within two (2) weeks of candidate election. (Refer to By-Laws and Rules, Article VII, Section 2, B;**
- 4. to change date and/or time of stated meeting**

Special dispensations, accompanied by the fee of \$1, to be submitted to allow sufficient time to complete the request before the Grand Chapter annual session

Z. notify: ~~in writing by regular or electronic mail, if desired by member:~~

- by September 1 ~~first (1st);~~ all members who will, on ~~the first (1st) day of~~ January **1** of the following year, be in arrears for the current year's dues
- all petitioners of the results of the ballot and, if rejected, immediately return the fee and demit or Certificate of Transfer, if applicable
- ~~S4~~ **Notify** the Grand Secretary of a Petition for Reinstatement from a previous member in Idaho suspended for non-payment of dues from a chapter which no longer exists. State member's name, name, **and** ~~&~~ number of **the** former chapter and year of suspension. Verification of previous membership must be received from the Grand Secretary before the petition ~~may be~~ **is** read
- ~~S6.~~ **the Worthy Grand Matron of** all requests for waivers from other Grand Jurisdictions ~~when necessary.~~ **Her** reply must be received before a ballot is taken. ~~Out of state requests must be secured through the Worthy Grand Matron~~
- ~~The Worthy Grand Matron that the annual Grand Chapter reports irregularities, questions and answers, and updates to the Idaho Code and Digest have been reviewed at a chapter meeting.~~
- ~~S8.~~ **the Grand Chaplain, using the current Notification of Death form, of** ~~As soon as possible, all~~ deaths occurring in the chapter **as soon as possible** ~~to the Grand Chaplain.~~
- other chapter Secretaries on the death of a plural member**
- ~~S9.~~ all resident members of special meetings.
- ~~S10.~~ the ~~home primary~~ chapter of a ~~visiting plural~~ member who has passed the proficiency test **9. S11. on or before January 25, the Star Information Committee of changes in the chapter Roster on or before January 25**
- ~~S12.~~ **on or before January 25,** the Golden Star Committee **Chairman,** of ~~a-~~ the **names,** ~~addresses and birthdays contact information, and years of service~~ **all new of all** 50-year members
~~b. the names of deceased 50-year members, and~~
~~c. any change of address of a 50-year member~~
- 11. F. the chapter** at the last stated meeting in October, ~~read~~ the names of all members whose current year's dues

will be in arrears on January 1 of the following year

12. ~~S3.~~ the Grand Secretary of a receipt of a petition for plural membership from another Grand Jurisdiction. The Grand Secretary shall ascertain whether the Grand Jurisdiction in which the membership is held permits plural membership

In case of plural membership petitions from this or other Grand Jurisdictions:

- a) If the petitioner is elected to plural membership, the Secretary of the electing chapter shall notify the primary chapter and the Grand Secretary of this Grand Jurisdiction
- b) In case of suspension, expulsion, demit, or death, the Secretary shall notify the plural member's chapter(s) and the Grand Secretary

AA. ~~S8 second sentence.~~ Upon the death of a Past Grand Matron, Past Grand Patron, or Grand Officer, send a brief life history of the deceased to the Grand Secretary

AB. on January 1, issue notices of suspension to all members suspended for non-payment of dues as of December 31 of the previous year

AB. ~~U.~~ at the first stated meeting ~~in January~~ of each calendar year, ~~report~~ read those members suspended for nonpayment of dues, and record the names in the minutes

AD. verify ~~if that~~ the incoming Worthy Matron has the latest ~~revision~~ versions of the Ritual, Idaho Code ~~and~~ & Digest, and Uniform By-Laws of the chapter

AE. ~~W.~~ provide the current Idaho Code ~~and~~ & Digest, ~~the~~ Uniform By-Laws of the chapter, and ~~the~~ Secret Work to the Installing Officer to present to the proper officers at time of Installation

AF. collect the Secret Work from the outgoing Worthy Patron, Associate Patron, Conductress, and Associate Conductress and properly record the return of the same

AG. ~~X.~~ provide the newly installed Worthy Patron, Associate Patron, Conductress and Associate Conductress with a copy of the Secret Work and properly record the receipt of same ~~in the Chapter minutes.~~

AH. ~~V.~~ collect ~~the~~ International Headquarters Fund fee from all initiated, affiliated, and plural members, ~~and issue a certificate for same. Forward all monies to the Grand Secretary with~~ to be included with the annual report AI. Z. ~~no later than April 1,~~ forward to the Grand Secretary, ~~no later than April 1,~~ all monies collected for the Benevolent Fund, ESTARL, Scholarship Fund, Service Dogs, and special projects

AJ. ~~AA.~~ receive: ~~Distribute the complimentary proceedings of Grand Chapter as follows:~~

1. two 2 complimentary copies of the proceedings of Grand Chapter; one (1) for the chapter and one (1) for the Worthy Matron whose year coincides with the Worthy Grand Matron
2. ~~AB one (1) copy of the membership roster~~ ~~Retain for chapter, use the complimentary copy of the Grand Chapter Membership Roster~~
 - ~~1. Retain One (1) copy for the Chapter, and issue~~
 - ~~2. one (1) copy for to the Worthy Matron whose year coincides with her WGM~~

AK. ~~AC.~~ deliver to their successor all chapter properties in ~~her/his~~ their possession

AL. ~~AD.~~ in the event the chapter dissolves, surrender all chapter permanent record books, minute books, membership ledger sheets, and financial records to the Worthy Matron

AM. ~~AE.~~ immediately dispense all Benevolent Funds when received from Grand Chapter as instructed ~~with consideration to the needs and anonymity of the recipients.~~

AN. retain the chapter's permanent records per the records retention requirements issued by the Grand Secretary

AO. ~~AF.~~ in the event of a merger, the Secretary of the subordinate chapter ~~Secretary~~ receiving the list of Voluntary, Memorial Associate, or Associate Memorial Prepaid Life Memberships shall inform the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer prior to December 31 of that year

Section 7. The Treasurer shall:

A. issue receipts for money received from the Secretary and deposit the money as soon as possible B. issue checks in payment of warrants affixed with chapter seal, received from the Secretary and signed by the Worthy Matron

C. report annually, or upon request from the Worthy Matron, ~~all receipts and disbursements.~~ the beginning and ending balances and a summation of financial activity

D. keep an accurate account, in permanent books, of all transactions

- E. deliver to their successor all chapter property and money in ~~her/his~~ **their** possession
- F in the event the chapter dissolves, surrender all chapter **permanent** record **books**, **financial records**, and monies to the Worthy Matron
- G. have the permanent books, financial records, receipt books, checkbooks, and supporting documentation available for the annual financial review and/or upon the request of the Worthy Matron**

Would then read:

Section 6. The Secretary shall:

- A. have custody of the chapter seal, affixing the same to all properly signed minutes, dues receipts, demits, warrants, correspondence, and all other official documents
 - 1. ensure that the chapter seal is present at each meeting
 - 2. the Secretary or the Secretary pro tem is the only officer authorized to use the seal
- B. *properly record the proceedings of the chapter following the order of business and affix the seal following chapter approval and signature of the Worthy Matron.*

The minutes shall:

 - 1. state the official time of opening (when the Worthy Patron asks non-members to retire)
 - 2. reflect in full any special dispensations which were read
 - 3. indicate if an installed officer is present and the name of any pro tem officer
 - 4. indicate only that the report of the Investigating Committee was given. The minutes shall not state if the report was favorable or unfavorable
 - 5. not include attachments, pictures, news articles, or publicity
 - 6. be recorded in a loose-leaf book if desired
 - 7. not be omitted at a stated meeting unless the special order of business is used at the Official Visit
- C. prior to each stated meeting, confer with the Worthy Matron regarding any correspondence received and any business to come before the chapter
- D. obtain approval from the Worthy Matron for all correspondence using the chapter name and number and when submitting invitations for the annual official visitation of the Worthy Grand Matron
- E. verify that the Benevolent Application and Benevolent Renewal Application forms are completed, signed, affixed with the chapter sealed, and mailed to the Chairman of the Benevolent Fund Board
- F receive all monies due the chapter, pay them promptly to the Treasurer, taking their receipt, keep an accurate account, and record the receipts in the minutes
- G. have the permanent books, membership ledger sheets, minutes, and warrant books current and available for the annual financial review and/or upon the request of the Worthy Matron
- H. issue warrants, signed by the Worthy Matron and affixed with the chapter seal, to the Treasurer for payments authorized by the chapter
- I. issue all dues receipts affixed with the chapter seal, designating chapter name, number, and location
- J. inform new members regarding dues requirements
- K. by January 1 of each year, issue a dues receipt to each Life Member and each Voluntary Prepaid Life Member
- L. issue two (2) dues receipts (one for the current year and one for the delinquent year) to reinstated members
- M. maintain a ledger sheet for each member, showing all transactions and pertinent information, including date of initiation and proficiency, all chapter, Grand Chapter, and General Grand Chapter offices and appointments held. This record must be kept in an inactive file when membership ceases
- N. upon receipt of signed Uniform By-Laws from a chapter conducting a courtesy initiation, enter on the membership roll the name of the member with the date of initiation, name, and location of the chapter conferring the degrees
- O. under the seal of the chapter, request a courtesy initiation and provide a copy of the Uniform By-Laws

for the candidate to sign. This copy shall be returned to the chapter for its records

P. have in their possession or readily available all current official documents, such as petitions, demits, Certificates of Transfer, Rituals, Idaho Code and Digest, Uniform By-Laws, and other supplies

Q. on or before January 31, forward to the Grand Secretary the annual report for the preceding year, affixed with the chapter seal and signed by the Worthy Matron and Secretary

R. pay all per capita assessment and International Headquarters Fund monies to the Grand Secretary to be included with the annual report

S. within ten (10) days after each installation, complete and transmit to the Worthy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Secretary, and Grand Conductress, an installation report or follow-up installation report affixed with the chapter seal and signed by the Worthy Matron and the Secretary

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V. furnish a copy of the most recent approved chapter Uniform By-Laws to the Worthy Grand Matron when she inspects the minutes

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X. verify that all petitions for membership are complete and accompanied by the proper fee and required documents. All petitions must remain in the Secretary's possession (except during balloting when the Worthy Matron has possession). If a request to have a petition removed and the fee returned is made before the petition has been read to the chapter, the Secretary shall return the fee

Y. request from the Worthy Grand Matron a special dispensation when instructed to do so:

1. to initiate within two (2) weeks, provided three (3) days have elapsed after election of candidates

2. to elect officers out of time at a stated meeting and to install elected officers out of time at a special or stated meeting

3. to change place of meeting, provided the building is appropriate and approved

4. to change date and/or time of stated meeting

Special dispensations, accompanied by the fee of \$1, to be submitted to allow sufficient time to complete the request before the Grand Chapter annual session

Z. Notify:

1. by September 1, all members who will, on January 1 of the following year, be in arrears for the current year's dues

2. all petitioners of the results of the ballot and, if rejected, immediately return the fee and demit or Certificate of Transfer, if applicable

3. the Grand Secretary of a Petition for Reinstatement from a previous member in Idaho suspended for non-4. payment of dues from a chapter which no longer exists. State member's name, name, and number of the former chapter and year of suspension. Verification of previous membership must be received from the Grand Secretary before the petition is read

4. the Worthy Grand Matron of all requests for waivers from other Grand Jurisdictions. Her reply must be received before a ballot is taken

5. the Grand Chaplain, using the current Notification of Death form, of all deaths occurring in the chapter as soon as possible
6. other chapter Secretaries on the death of a plural member
7. all resident members of special meetings.
8. the primary chapter of a plural member who has passed the proficiency test
9. on or before January 25, the Star Information Committee of changes in the chapter Roster
10. on or before January 25, the Golden Star Committee Chairman, of the names, contact information, and years of service of all 50-year members
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12. the Grand Secretary of a receipt of a petition for plural membership from another Grand Jurisdiction. The Grand Secretary shall ascertain whether the Grand Jurisdiction in which the membership is held permits plural membership

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AB. on January 1, issue notices of suspension to all members suspended for non-payment of dues as of December 31 of the previous year

AC. at the first stated meeting of each calendar year, read those members suspended for nonpayment of dues, and record the names in the minutes

AD. verify that the incoming Worthy Matron has the latest versions of the Ritual, Idaho Code and Digest, and Uniform By-Laws of the chapter

AE. provide the current Idaho Code and Digest, Uniform By-Laws of the chapter, and Secret Work to the Installing Officer to present to the proper officers at time of Installation

AF. collect the Secret Work from the outgoing Worthy Patron, Associate Patron, Conductress, and Associate Conductress and properly record the return of the same

AG. provide the newly installed Worthy Patron, Associate Patron, Conductress and Associate Conductress with a copy of the Secret Work and properly record the receipt of same

AH. collect the International Headquarters Fund fee from all initiated, affiliated, and plural members to be included with the annual report

AI. no later than April 1, forward to the Grand Secretary all monies collected for the Benevolent Fund, ESTARL, Scholarship Fund, Service Dogs, and special projects

AJ. receive:

1. two complimentary copies of the proceedings of Grand Chapter; one (1) for the chapter and one (1) for the Worthy Matron whose year coincides with the Worthy Grand Matron
2. one (1) copy of the membership roster

AK. deliver to their successor all chapter properties in their possession

AL. in the event the chapter dissolves, surrender all chapter permanent record books, minute books, membership ledger sheets, and financial records to the Worthy Matron

AM. immediately dispense all Benevolent Funds when received from Grand Chapter as instructed

AN. retain the chapter's permanent records per the records retention requirements issued by the Grand Secretary

AO. in the event of a merger, the Secretary of the subordinate chapter receiving the list of Voluntary, Memorial, or Associate Memorial Prepaid Life Memberships shall inform the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer prior to December 31 of that year

Section 7. The Treasurer shall:

- A. issue receipts for money received from the Secretary and deposit the money as soon as possible
- B. issue checks in payment of warrants affixed with chapter seal, received from the Secretary and signed by the Worthy Matron
- C. report annually, or upon request from the Worthy Matron, the beginning and ending balances and a summation of financial activity
- D. keep an accurate account, in permanent books, of all transactions
- E. deliver to their successor all chapter property and money in their possession
- F. in the event the chapter dissolves, surrender all chapter permanent record books, financial records, and monies to the Worthy Matron
- G. have the permanent books, financial records, receipt books, checkbooks, and supporting documentation available for the annual financial review and/or upon the request of the Worthy Matron

Rationale:

- *Modernized wording and changed some of the sentence structures to align and standardize wording used throughout other Articles within the Code and Digest. Specifically, the wording about the secret work.*
- *Added "Uniform" in front of by-laws when referencing chapter by-laws and added "special" in front of dispensations. Changed per capita "tax" to per "capita assessment".*
- *Removed several references and renumbered sequences because of the various changes.*
- *Rearranged deleted and added to the Secretary minutes, reworded some lines to add clarity and delete no longer used words, and updated form names.*
- *Reordered the list of items that the Secretary must notify by combining some lines and breaking out others. Removed notification of Grand Chapter reports.*
- *Reorganized who gets the Proceedings and Roster.*
- *Added retention of records*
- *Treasurer added wording to match the Secretary and other sections.*

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Name of Code Section	Rules & Regulations – Idaho Subordinate Chapters
Pages	46 – 47
Article	VII - COMMITTEES
Section	All sections
Paragraph	All paragraphs

Now reads: (write verbatim what is in the Code)

Section 1. Scholarship: The committee shall consist of no fewer than three (3) members whose primary function is to develop activities to promote and increase the Scholarship Fund. The committee shall see that the Chapter makes an annual contribution to the Fund and will promote the Fund during the months of September, November, or December. The Committee shall work in conjunction with the Scholarship Committee of Grand Chapter, distributing applications to qualified students and assisting them in attaining sponsorship of the Chapter.

Section 2. ESTARL: The committee shall consist of no fewer than three (3) members whose primary function is to develop activities to promote and increase the ESTARL Fund. It shall see that the Chapter makes an annual contribution to the ESTARL Fund. Working with the District ESTARL Chairman, the committee will observe a period during February to promote ESTARL. The committee shall also distribute application to potential awardees and assist them in attaining sponsorship of the Chapter

Section 3. Examining: The committee shall consist of three (3) members, one of whom should be a brother -- preferably not officers. All should be thoroughly familiar with the secret work. They shall examine all visitors without proper avouchment. They must determine the eligibility of any member from New York, New Jersey, Scotland, the United Grand Chapter of Australia, or jurisdictions of the Prince Hall Affiliated Order of Eastern Star, verifying that the relationship to a Master Mason is in accordance with the Ritual of the General Grand Chapter and as recognized as regular Masons by the Grand Lodge of Idaho, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. The committee must be satisfied that the visitor is a member.

Section 4. Finance: The committee consisting of no fewer than three (3) members shall review the Chapter financial records and report at the first meeting in June. Additional reviews may be performed upon request of the Worthy Matron.

Section 5. Benevolent: The committee consisting of no fewer than three (3) members whose primary function is to develop activities to promote and increase the Benevolent Fund. It shall see that the Chapter makes an annual contribution to the Fund. Working with the District Benevolent Chairman, the committee will observe a period during October to promote the Fund.

Section 6. Investigation: The committee consisting of two (2) sisters and one (1) brother is an interim committee. No member who signed the petition recommending the person may serve as a member of the Investigating Committee. They are appointed upon receipt of a petition for membership and discharged at the conclusion of their investigation of a petitioner. Their duty shall be to promptly and diligently:

- A. Investigate the character of the petitioner and eligibility requirements for membership as defined in the Ritual.
- B. Ascertain that the petitioner has resided within the /State of Idaho for six (6) months prior to the date of the petition.
- C. Waive residency requirements for petitioners serving in the military service of the United States or for students attending school outside this Grand Jurisdiction.
- D. The Brother shall investigate the eligibility of all petitioners for the degrees with reference to the Masonic relationship. The Masonic standing form must be completed and accompany the petition when presented by the committee.
- E. Sign the report before a ballot can be taken; however, in an emergency the Chapter may act if there are two (2) signatures on the report, provided the Brother has reported.

Section 7. Relief: The committee consisting of not fewer than three (3) members of which the Worthy Matron shall be ex-officio chairman. They shall investigate all applications for relief made to the Chapter. In cases requiring immediate relief, funds may be drawn as established in the Chapter By-Laws. They shall assist applicants in applying to the Grand Chapter Benevolent Board in cases requiring additional benefits. **Section 8.** Sick and Visiting: The committee consisting of not less than three (3) members shall visit the sick and grief-stricken members of the Chapter and other members of the Order.

*Changes: Delete old articles in their entirety and replace with new articles in their entirety.
See detailed list under rationale at the end.
(Additions are the underlined black bold and deletions are red strikethroughs. Capitalization and punctuation (housekeeping) were changed but were not deleted or added, and therefore remain in regular black font.)*

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

Section 17. Scholarship: The committee shall consist of no fewer than three (3) members whose primary function is to develop activities to promote and increase the Scholarship Fund. The committee shall see that the Chapter makes an annual contribution to the Fund and will promote the Fund during the months of September, ~~November, or December.~~ The Committee shall work in conjunction with the Scholarship Committee of Grand Chapter, distributing applications to qualified students and assisting them in attaining sponsorship of the Chapter. ~~The committee shall report to the District Chairman on any promotional and fundraising activities and donations made.~~

Section 2. ESTARL: The committee shall consist of no fewer than three (3) members whose primary function is to develop activities to promote and increase the ESTARL Fund. ~~It The committee shall see that the Chapter makes an annual contribution to the ESTARL Fund and will promote the Fund during February. Working with the District ESTARL Chairman, the committee will observe a period during February to promote ESTARL.~~ The committee shall also distribute Idaho Grand Chapter ESTARL scholarship applications to potential awardees and assist them in attaining sponsorship of the Chapter. ~~The committee shall report to the District Chairman any promotional and fundraising activities and donations made.~~

Section 3. Examining: The committee shall consist of three (3) members, one of whom should be a ~~b~~Brother ~~—preferably not officers.~~ All should be thoroughly familiar with the secret work. They shall examine all visitors without proper avouchment ~~and. They must determine the eligibility of any member from New York, New Jersey, Scotland, the United Grand Chapter of Australia, or jurisdictions of the Prince Hall Affiliated Order of Eastern Star, verifying that the relationship to a Master Mason is in accordance with the Ritual of the General Grand Chapter and as recognized as regular Masons by the Grand Lodge of Idaho, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.~~ must be satisfied that the visitor is a member.

Section 4. Finance: The committee consisting of no fewer than three (3) members shall ~~be announced at the time of installation. This committee shall review the Chapter financial records of the most recent term, including the Secretary's permanent books, membership ledger, minutes, and warrant books, and the Treasurer's permanent books, receipt books, checkbooks, financial records, and other supporting documentation. They will and report at the first on the results of the review to the Chapter before June 30th meeting in June.~~ Additional reviews may be performed upon the request of the Worthy Matron.

Section 51. Benevolent: The committee ~~shall consisting~~ of no fewer than three (3) members whose primary function is to develop activities to promote and increase the Benevolent Fund ~~during the month of October. It shall see that the Chapter makes an annual contribution to the Fund. Working with the District Benevolent Chairman, the committee will observe a period during October to promote the Fund.~~ The committee shall see that the Chapter makes an annual contribution to the Benevolent Fund. ~~The committee shall also assist applicants requesting assistance in completing the necessary forms. The committee shall report to the District Chairman any promotional and fundraising activities and donations made.~~

Section 65. Investigating: The committee shall consisting of ~~at least two (2) sisters and three (3) members, one (1) of whom shall be a b~~Brother ~~is an interim committee.~~ No member who signed the petition recommending the person may serve as a member of the Investigating Committee. ~~They~~ Members of the committee are appointed by the Worthy Matron upon receipt of a petition for membership and discharged at the conclusion of their investigation of a petitioner. Their duty shall be to promptly and diligently:

- A. Investigate the character of the petitioner and eligibility requirements for membership as defined in the Ritual.
- B. Ascertain that the petitioner has resided within the State of Idaho for six (6) months prior to the date of the petition.
- C. Waive residency requirements for petitioners serving in the military service of their ~~country~~ ~~United States~~ or for students attending school outside this Grand Jurisdiction.
- D. The Brother shall investigate the eligibility of all ~~Masonic~~ petitioners for the degrees with reference to their ~~Masonic relationship. The Masonic standing, form completed and the petition when presented by the committee.~~
- E. Sign the investigation section of the petition ~~report~~ before a ballot ~~can be~~ is taken. ~~However, in an emergency the Chapter may act if there are two (2) signatures on the report.~~
- F. If the investigation report is not completed with 30 days, the committee may request an extension of time. If a request is not submitted at the end of 30 days, the Worthy Matron will assign a new investigating committee to perform the investigation as required.

Section 76. Relief: The committee consisting of not fewer than three (3) members of which the Worthy Matron shall be ex-officio chairman, ~~shall be announced at the time of installation.~~ This ~~committeey~~ committee shall investigate all applications for relief made to the Chapter. In cases requiring immediate relief, funds may be drawn as established in the Chapter Uniform By-Laws. They shall assist applicants in applying to the Grand Chapter Benevolent Board in cases requiring additional benefits.

Section 89. Sick and Visiting: The committee ~~consisting of not less than three (3) members~~ shall ~~be announced at the time of installation and~~ visit the sick and grief-stricken members of the Chapter and other members of the Order.

Section 8. Service Dogs: The committee shall consist of no fewer than three (3) members whose primary function is to develop activities to promote Service Dogs during the month of November. The committee shall see that the chapter makes an annual contribution to the Service Dog project. The committee shall report to the District Chairman on any promotional and fundraising activities and donations made.

Would then read:

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

Section 1. Benevolent: The committee shall consist of no fewer than three (3) members whose primary function is to develop activities to promote and increase the Benevolent Fund during the month of October. The committee shall see that the chapter makes an annual contribution to the Benevolent Fund. The committee shall report to the District Chairman on any promotional and fundraising activities and donations made.

Section 2. ESTARL: The committee shall consist of no fewer than three (3) members whose primary function is to develop activities to promote and increase the ESTARL Fund during the month of February. The committee shall see that the chapter makes an annual contribution to the ESTARL Fund. The committee shall also distribute Idaho Grand Chapter ESTARL scholarship applications to potential awardees and assist them in attaining sponsorship of the chapter. The committee shall report to the District Chairman on any promotional and fundraising activities and donations made.

Section 3. Examining: The committee shall consist of three (3) members, one of whom shall be a Brother. All should be thoroughly familiar with the secret work. They shall examine all visitors without proper avouchment and must be satisfied that the visitor is a member of the Order.

Section 4. Finance: The committee consisting of no fewer than three (3) members shall be announced at the time of installation. This committee shall review the chapter financial records of the most recent term, including the Secretary's permanent books, membership ledgers, minutes, and warrant books, and the Treasurer's permanent books, receipt books, checkbooks, financial records, and other supporting documentation. They will report on the results of the review to the chapter before June 30. Additional reviews may be performed upon the request of the Worthy Matron.

Section 5. Investigating: The committee shall consist of at least three (3) members, one (1) of whom shall be a Brother. No member who signed the petition recommending the person may serve as a member of the Investigating Committee. Members of the committee are appointed by the Worthy Matron upon receipt of a petition for membership and discharged at the conclusion of their investigation of a petitioner. Their duty shall be to promptly and diligently:

- A. investigate the character of the petitioner and eligibility requirements for membership as defined in the Ritual
- B. ascertain that the petitioner has resided within the State of Idaho for six (6) months prior to the date of the petition
- C. waive residency requirements for petitioners serving in the military service of their country or for students attending school outside this Grand Jurisdiction
- D. have the Brother investigate the eligibility of all Masonic petitioners for the degrees with reference to their Masonic standing
- E. sign the investigation section of the petition before a ballot is taken
- F. request an extension of time if the investigation report is not completed within thirty (30) days. If a request is not submitted at the end of thirty (30) days, the Worthy Matron will assign a new investigating committee to perform the investigation as required

Section 6. Relief: The committee consisting of not fewer than three (3) members, with the Worthy Matron serving as the ex-officio chairman, shall be announced at the time of installation. This committee shall investigate all applications for relief made to the chapter. In cases requiring immediate relief, funds may be drawn as established in the chapter's Uniform By-Laws. The committee shall assist applicants in applying to the Grand Chapter Benevolent Board in cases requiring additional benefits.

Section 7. Scholarship: The committee shall consist of no fewer than three (3) members whose primary function is to develop activities to promote and increase the Scholarship Fund during the month of September. The committee shall see that the chapter makes an annual contribution to the Scholarship Fund. The committee shall also distribute Idaho Grand Chapter scholarship applications to qualified students and assist them in attaining sponsorship of the chapter. The committee shall report to the District Chairman on any promotional and fundraising activities and donations made.

Section 8. Service Dogs: The committee shall consist of no fewer than three (3) members whose primary function is to develop activities to promote Service Dogs during the month of November. The committee shall see that the chapter makes an annual contribution to the Service Dog project. The committee shall report to the District Chairman on any promotional and fundraising activities and donations made.

Section 9. Sick and Visiting: The committee shall be announced at the time of installation and visit the sick and grief-stricken members of the chapter and other members of the Order.

Rationale:

- *Changed sequence and numbering so committees are listed alphabetically.*
- *Made wording changes so that all committees are consistent in their responsibilities, have an assigned month in which the chapter must promote and recognize, and report to the District Chairman.*
- *Clarified those committees to be announced at installation.*
- *Added the responsibility to assist in distributing applications to eligible individuals for ESTARL and Scholarship. And added the responsibility to assist members in need in fulfilling requirements to receive chapter and Grand Chapter assistance if needed.*
- *Add a paragraph to the Investigating committee stating that if the investigation is not completed within 30 days, and an extension has not been requested, the Worthy Matron will assign another investigating committee.*
- *Made wording changes so that all committees are consistent in their responsibilities and duties.*
- *Removed the references to New Jersey, New York, Australia, and Scotland, as well as Prince Hall.*
- *Added a Service Dog Committee*

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Name of Code Section	Rules & Regulations – Idaho Subordinate Chapters
Pages	47 - 48
Articles	VIII FEES IX DUES X DONATIONS XI EXPENSES
Section	All sections
Paragraph	All paragraphs

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ARTICLE VIII FEES

Section 1. The initiation fee for conferring the degrees shall be established by the Chapter By-Laws but shall not be less than ten dollars (\$10.00).

Section 2. A member desiring a Voluntary Prepaid Life Membership (VPLM) shall be assessed a fee of twenty-one (21) times the annual dues of her/his Chapter. A member in good standing shall pay the fee before December 31 of the current year.

Section 3. A fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for the International Headquarters Fund shall be paid by all petitioners for the degrees. In order that all Chapters show 100% participation plural members and affiliate members must also pay the fee of five dollars (\$5.00).

Section 4. No fee shall be charged for affiliation.

Section 5. No fee shall be charged for reinstatement other than the required dues.

ARTICLE IX DUES

Section 1. Subordinate Chapters dues shall be set forth in their By-Laws. Dues may be pro-rated from the date of initiation; however, in no event shall they be less than the Grand Chapter per capita tax requirement.

Section 2. Chapter dues extend from January 1 through December 31 of the same calendar year and payable in advance, without notice, and become due on January 1 of each year.

Section 3. Members failing to pay dues on or before the first stated meeting in March shall be considered delinquent and debarred from attending any Chapter other than their own in this Grand Jurisdiction until dues are paid or remitted.

Section 4. Any member failing to pay dues on or before December 31 of the same year shall on January 1 of the following year be suspended from all rights and privileges of membership until reinstated.

A. Members suspended for non-payment of dues and desiring reinstatement shall petition the Chapter and submit the equivalent of two (2) years dues. If rejected the amount paid shall be refunded.

B. A member suspended for non-payment of dues cannot petition another Chapter until reinstated and issued a demit.

C. If the suspended member's original Chapter no longer exists due to merger or surrendering of Charter, previous membership must be verified by the Grand Secretary.

Section 5. A Chapter may remit, for good cause, the dues of any member of the Chapter.

A. Remission must be accomplished prior to December 31 of the current year by a majority vote of the Chapter.

B. Grand Chapter per capita tax must be paid for each remitted member.

ARTICLE X DONATIONS

Section 1. Donations may be received from individuals and organizations to supplement charitable projects or Chapter expenses.

A. Each Chapter shall make an annual contribution to ESTARL and shall promote ESTARL during February.

B. Each Chapter shall make an annual contribution to the Benevolent Fund and shall promote Benevolent during October.

C. Each Chapter shall make an annual contribution to the Scholarship Fund and shall promote the Scholarship Fund during September, November, or December.

Section 2. Donations to charitable or patriotic causes other than Eastern Star or Masonic purposes shall be left to the discretion of the Chapter. Necessary expenses and per capita tax shall be given first consideration.

Section 3. Chapter solicitation and/or correspondence, whose sole purpose is for the raising of funds, shall be approved and signed by the Worthy Grand Matron and shall be printed with her approval and signature.

A. Letters concerning the raising of funds for the ESTARL, Benevolent and Scholarship Funds shall not need the prior approval and signature of the Worthy Grand Matron.

B. Letters to neighboring Chapters inviting visitation to their Chapter Meeting and participating in such special events, such as dinners, luncheons, money making projects and other events associated directly with Chapter Meetings shall not need prior approval and signature of the Worthy Grand Matron.

Section 4. The giving of entertainments for profit is left to the discretion of the Chapter.

ARTICLE XI EXPENSES

Subordinate Chapter expenses shall consist of the following:

- A. Per capita tax
- B. Chapter supplies
- C. Fines:

1. Two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per day for late submission of annual statistical report, up to a maximum of fifty dollars (\$50.00). Annual Reports, properly signed and bearing the chapter seal, not delivered or post-marked on or before the 31st of January will be considered delinquent and subject to fine.
2. Two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per day for late submission of annual installation report, up to a maximum of fifty dollars (\$50.00). Annual Installation Reports, properly signed and bearing the chapter seal, not delivered or post-marked on or before the tenth calendar day after chapter installation will be considered delinquent and subject to fine.
3. Five dollars (\$5.00) for loss of each copy of the Secret Work.

D. Dispensations, as required.

E. Other expenses as defined in the By-Laws of the Chapter.

Changes: *Delete old articles in their entirety and replace with new articles in their entirety.*

See detailed list under rationale at the end.

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ARTICLE VIII FEES

Section 1. The initiation fee for conferring the degrees shall be established by the chapter Uniform By-Laws ~~but shall not be less than ten dollars (\$10.00).~~

Section 2. A member desiring a Voluntary Prepaid Life Membership (VPLM) shall be assessed a fee of twenty-one (21) times the annual dues of ~~her/his~~ the chapter. A member in good standing shall pay the fee before December 31 of the current year.

Section 3. ~~A fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for t~~The International Headquarters Fund fee shall be paid by all petitioners ~~for the degrees. In order that all chapters show 100% participation. plural membership applicants, and affiliate membership applicants must also pay the fee of five dollars (\$5.00).~~

Section 4. No fee shall be charged for affiliation other than regular chapter dues as defined in the chapter Uniform By-Laws.

Section 5. No fee shall be charged for reinstatement other than the required prior and current year's dues.

ARTICLE IX DUES

Section 1. Subordinate chapters dues shall be set forth in their Uniform By-Laws. Dues may be pro-rated from the date of initiation; ~~h~~ However, in no event shall they chapter dues be less than the Grand Chapter per capita ~~tax~~ assessment requirement.

Section 2. Chapter dues extend from January 1 through December 31 of the same calendar year ~~and payable in advance, without notice, and~~ become due on January 1 of each year.

Section 3. Members failing to pay dues on or before the first stated meeting in March shall be considered delinquent and ~~debarred~~ excluded from attending any chapter other than their own in this Grand Jurisdiction until dues are paid or remitted.

Section 4. Any member failing to pay dues on or before December 31 of the same year shall on January 1 of the following year be suspended from all rights and privileges of membership until reinstated.

A. Members suspended for non-payment of dues and desiring reinstatement shall petition the chapter and submit the equivalent of two (2) years dues (the prior year's and the current year's). If rejected, the amount paid shall be refunded.

B. A member suspended for non-payment of dues cannot petition another chapter until reinstated and issued a demit.

C. If the suspended member's original chapter no longer exists due to a merger or surrendering of their Charter, previous membership must be verified by through the Grand Secretary.

Section 5. A chapter may ~~remit, for good cause~~ pay the dues of any member of the chapter upon a majority vote at a meeting prior to December 31 of the current year.

~~D. This vote Remission must be accomplished prior to December 31 of the current year by a majority vote of the Chapter.~~

~~E. B. Grand Chapter per capita tax assessment must be paid for each remitted member.~~

Section 6. No member may be installed as an officer of the chapter unless they are a member in good standing.

ARTICLE X DONATIONS

Section 1. Donations may be received from individuals and organizations to supplement charitable projects or chapter expenses.

~~A. Each Chapter shall make an annual contribution to the Benevolent Fund, ESTARL, Scholarship, and Service Dogs, and shall promote ESTARL during February.~~

~~B. Each Chapter shall make an annual contribution to the Benevolent Fund and shall promote Benevolent during October.~~

~~C. Each Chapter shall make an annual contribution to the Scholarship Fund and shall promote the Scholarship Fund during September, November, or December.~~

Section 2. Donations to charitable causes other than Eastern Star or Masonic purposes shall be left to the discretion of the chapter. ~~Necessary expenses and per capita tax assessment shall be given first consideration.~~

Section 3. ~~Chapter Public~~ solicitation and/or correspondence, ~~whose sole purpose is for the raising of funds,~~ shall be approved ~~and signed~~ by the Worthy Grand Matron, ~~and shall be printed with her approval and signature~~

A. Letters concerning the raising of funds for the **Benevolent**, ESTARL, ~~Benevolent and~~, Scholarship Funds, **and Service Dogs** shall not need the prior approval ~~and signature~~ of the Worthy Grand Matron.

B. Letters to neighboring chapters inviting visitation to their chapter meeting and participating in such special events, such as dinners, luncheons, money making projects and other events associated directly with chapter meetings shall not need prior approval ~~and signature~~ of the Worthy Grand Matron.

~~Section 4. The giving of entertainments for profit is left to the discretion of the Chapter.~~

ARTICLE XI EXPENSES

Subordinate chapter expenses shall consist of the following:

A. **Grand Chapter** Per capita ~~tax~~ **assessment**

B. Chapter supplies

C. Fines:

1. Two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per day for late submission **to the Grand Secretary of the** annual ~~statistical~~ report **and the installation reports**, up to a maximum of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

~~a. A. Annual reports, properly signed and bearing the chapter seal, not delivered or post-marked submitted by the required due dates on or before the 31st of January will be considered delinquent and subject to fine.~~

b. installation reports are due within ten (10) days after chapter installation and the Annual Report is due no later than January 31.

~~2. Two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per day for late submission of annual installation report, up to a maximum of fifty dollars (\$50.00). Annual Installation Reports, properly signed and bearing the chapter seal, not delivered or post-marked on or before the tenth calendar day after chapter installation will be considered delinquent and subject to fine.~~

~~2.3.~~ Five dollars (\$5.00) for loss of each copy of the Secret Work

D. **Special** ~~Ed~~ dispensations, as required

E. Other expenses as defined in the **Uniform** By-Laws of the chapter

Would then read:

ARTICLE VIII FEES

Section 1. The initiation fee for conferring the degrees shall be established by the chapter Uniform By-Laws.

Section 2. A member desiring a Voluntary Prepaid Life Membership (VPLM) shall be assessed a fee of twenty-one (21) times the annual dues of the chapter. A member in good standing shall pay the fee before December 31 of the current year.

Section 3. The International Headquarters Fund fee shall be paid by all petitioners in order that all chapters show 100% participation.

Section 4. No fee shall be charged for affiliation other than regular chapter dues as defined in the chapter Uniform By-Laws.

Section 5. No fee shall be charged for reinstatement other than the required prior and current year's dues.

ARTICLE IX DUES

Section 1. Subordinate chapter dues shall be set forth in their Uniform By-Laws. Dues may be pro-rated from the date of initiation. However, in no event shall the chapter dues be less than the Grand Chapter per capita assessment requirement.

Section 2. Chapter dues extend from January 1 through December 31 of the same calendar year and become due on January 1 of each year.

Section 3. Members failing to pay dues on or before the first stated meeting in March shall be considered delinquent and excluded from attending any chapter other than their own in this Grand Jurisdiction until dues are paid or remitted.

Section 4. Any member failing to pay dues on or before December 31 of the same year shall on January 1 of the following year be suspended from all rights and privileges of membership until reinstated.

- A. Members suspended for non-payment of dues and desiring reinstatement shall petition the chapter and submit the equivalent of two (2) years dues (the prior year's and the current year's). If rejected, the amount paid shall be refunded.
- B. A member suspended for non-payment of dues cannot petition another chapter until reinstated and issued a demit.
- C. If the suspended member's original chapter no longer exists due to a merger or surrendering of their Charter, previous membership must be verified through the Grand Secretary.

Section 5. A chapter may pay the dues of any member of the chapter upon a majority vote at a meeting prior to December 31 of the current year.

Section 6. No member may be installed as an officer of the chapter unless they are a member in good standing.

ARTICLE X DONATIONS

Section 1. Donations may be received from individuals and organizations to supplement charitable projects or chapter expenses.

Section 2. Donations to charitable causes other than Eastern Star or Masonic purposes shall be left to the discretion of the chapter.

Section 3. Public solicitation and/or correspondence shall be approved by the Worthy Grand Matron.

- A. Letters concerning the raising of funds for the Benevolent, ESTARL, Scholarship Funds, and Service Dogs shall not need the prior approval of the Worthy Grand Matron.
- B. Letters to neighboring chapters inviting visitation to their chapter meeting and participating in such special events, such as dinners, luncheons, money making projects and other events associated directly with chapter meetings shall not need prior approval of the Worthy Grand Matron.

ARTICLE XI EXPENSES

Subordinate chapter expenses shall consist of the following:

- A. Grand Chapter Per capita assessment
- B. Chapter supplies
- C. Fines:
 - 1. Two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per day for late submission to the Grand Secretary of the annual report and the installation reports, up to a maximum of fifty dollars (\$50.00)
 - a. reports not submitted by the required due dates will be considered delinquent and subject to fine
 - b. Installation reports are due within ten (10) days after chapter installation and the Annual Report is due no later than January 31
 - 2. Five dollars (\$5.00) for loss of each copy of the Secret Work
- D. Special dispensations, as required
- E. Other expenses as defined in the Uniform By-Laws of the chapter

Rationale:

- Modernized wording and, as a result, changed some of the sentence structures to align.
- Removed gender references and standardize wording used throughout other Articles within the Code and Digest. Added "Uniform" in front of by-laws when referencing chapter by-laws and added "special" in front of dispensations. Changed per capita "tax" to per capita "assessment". Removed several references and renumbered sequences as a result of the various changes.
- Consolidated several sentences into one to simplify reading.
- Removed the minimum dollar limit of fees charged by chapters. Any fees shall be defined within each chapter's Uniform By-Laws.
- Added the requirement that members must be in good standing in order to be installed into office, rather than just hold a current dues receipt.
- Removed the sentences requiring each chapter to donate to the Benevolent, ESTARL, and Scholarship funds. This is defined in the chapter committee requirements, as well as in the Worthy Matron and Secretary's duties.
- Added Service Dogs since they are now one of the required charities along with Benevolent, ESTARL, and Scholarships.

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Article	XII PETITIONS XIII BALLOT XIV INITIATION
Section	All Sections
Paragraph	All paragraphs

Now reads: (write verbatim what is in the Code)

ARTICLE XII PETITIONS

Section 1. Membership in the Order of the Eastern Star is to be free choice, however prospective members who are eligible may be informed of their eligibility.

Section 2. No publicity shall be given on petitions for membership.

Section 3. All petitions for the degrees shall:

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*Changes: Delete old articles in their entirety and replace with new articles in their entirety.
See detailed list under rationale at the end.
(Additions are the underlined black bold and deletions are red strikethroughs. Capitalization and punctuation (housekeeping) were changed but were not deleted or added, and therefore remain in regular black font.)*

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Rationale:

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Now reads: (write verbatim what is in the Code)

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Section 7. A demit may be presented at any time to accompany a petition for affiliation, regardless of when the demit was issued.

ARTICLE XVI CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER

Section 1. A Certificate of Transfer enables a member to transfer membership from one Chapter to another Chapter without losing membership.

Section 2. Any member in good standing, who is not an elective officer, and desires to transfer membership to another chapter, may request a certificate of transfer. The request must be presented at a stated meeting and granted when requested if the member's dues are paid three (3) months in advance. A vote of the Chapter is not required or taken and no fee is charged. A Certificate of Transfer is void at the expiration of three (3) months, and the holder remains a member of the original chapter and responsible for dues.

Section 3. A petition for affiliation accompanied by a Certificate of Transfer shall be acted upon in the regular manner. (Rules and Regulations Article XII, Section 4)

Section 4. Upon election of the member into the chapter, the secretary of the receiving chapter will request a demit from the original chapter which is sent immediately and reported at the next stated meeting. (Article VI, Section 6, P).

Section 5. Chapters are authorized to accept Certificates of Transfer from other Grand Jurisdictions. If a Grand Jurisdiction does not issue Certificates of Transfer or Certificates of Good Standing, the Chapter receiving the petition is authorized to accept the petitioner's current receipt for dues in lieu thereof.

ARTICLE XVII MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Primary Chapter: If the member's original chapter is still active, and the member has not demitted from that chapter, it is the Primary Chapter.

A. If the original chapter has closed or the member has demitted, then the chapter in which the member has held active membership for the longest time is the Primary Chapter.

B. If the original chapter has merged with another chapter, that chapter becomes the Primary Chapter. In such case, if the member has moved away before the merger and desires to make a chapter in another city the primary chapter, she/he must demit from the original chapter (or the chapter it merged with). She/he may then make the chapter in the new city the Primary Chapter.

Section 2. Life Membership: Any Chapter may, at its discretion, elect to life membership any member of the Chapter under the following conditions:

A. The honor shall be conferred only on members of the Chapter who have held fifty (50) years cumulative membership or have given meritorious service to the Order of the Eastern Star.

1. The member must be in good standing. (Refer to Rules and Regulations Article 1, Section 3).

2. The member who it is proposed to honor must be a member of the Chapter conferring the honor.

3. Chapters having plural members eligible for Life Membership shall verify qualifications with other Chapters involved before issuing a certificate.

B. The name must be proposed in writing at a stated meeting, signed by at least two (2) members of the Chapter and voted upon at the next stated meeting. There must be a two-thirds majority favorable vote to elect.

C. A life membership shall be issued without cost to the member and will exempt the holder from payment of dues. The Chapter must pay the per capita tax.

1. If Chapter correspondence to a life member has been returned for two (2) years and that life member cannot be located, the Chapter secretary will so note "unable to locate" on the annual returns and the Chapter will cease payment of per capita tax on that member.

2. If the life member is later located, the name will be added to the annual returns and the Chapter will pay the per capita tax beginning with the current year.

D. A certificate of Life Membership shall entitle the member to an official receipt for dues, issued annually.

E. Fifty Year Members, when receiving their pin, are entitled to Grand Honors one (1) time only.

Section 3. Plural Membership: This membership is available to all members of the Grand Jurisdiction under the following conditions:

A. The member must be in good standing. (Refer to Rules and Regulations Article 1, Section 3)

B. They may acquire membership in any other chapter(s) in Idaho or any Grand Jurisdiction that permits such membership.

C. A member of a Chapter of any Grand Jurisdiction that permits plural membership or a Chapter under the jurisdiction of General Grand Chapter, may acquire plural membership in Chapter(s) in this Grand Jurisdiction. Plural Membership is permitted with the Grand Chapters of New York, New Jersey, and Scotland providing the Masonic affiliation is in Order

D. A petition for plural Membership shall be presented the same as any other petition for affiliation. (Refer to Rules and Regulations Article XII, Section 5)

E. Plural members must pay dues in all Chapters.

F. Plural members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of membership in all chapters.

G. Chapters shall pay per capita tax on all plural members.

H. A member holding plural membership in this Grand Jurisdiction may demit from any Chapter without affecting her/his membership in the other Chapter(s).

I. Suspension of a plural member for nonpayment of dues in any Chapter shall not affect membership in the remaining Chapter(s). If that loss of membership is in the primary Chapter, the first Chapter Affiliated with becomes the primary Chapter. (Refer to Rules and Regulations Article XVII, Section 1)

J. Suspension for other than nonpayment of dues, or expulsion, of a plural member from membership in any Chapter shall constitute loss of membership in all Chapters. (Refer to Rules and Regulations Article VI, Section 6, S. 3b)

Section 4. Voluntary Prepaid Life Membership (VPLM): This membership is available to all members of this Grand Jurisdiction under the following conditions:

A. The member must be in good standing. (Refer to Rules and Regulations Article 1, Section 3).

1. A fee shall be assessed at twenty-one (21) times the annual dues of the Chapter in which a member desires the VPLM. One year's dues shall be retained by the Chapter and the balance sent to the Grand Secretary.

2. The fee shall be paid before Dec. 31 of the current year.

B. If the member holds plural membership in two or more Chapters within the Jurisdiction of Idaho, VPLM must be paid in the Primary Chapter before any other Chapter.

C. Per capita tax shall be paid to the Grand Chapter on all members holding a VPLM. No per capita tax shall be paid on deceased VPLM.

D. VPLM shall receive an official receipt no later than January 1 of each year.

E. The interest generated from the VPLM investments remain the property of the Subordinate Chapter upon the death of a VPLM, Memorial VPLM or Associate Memorial VPLM, or if a VPLM demits from this Grand Jurisdiction.

F. If a Subordinate Chapter dissolves or surrenders its Charter, and a member with a VPLM and a demit affiliates with another Chapter, the VPLM shall remain with that member. The VPLM will transfer to the member's new Chapter without higher fees. If a VPLM member does not affiliate with another Chapter, the VPLM investment income shall revert to the General Fund Endowment Fund. If a member chooses to demit and transfer to another Chapter, Article XVII, Sec 4, I will apply.

G. The suspension, expulsion, or demission of a Brother from a lodge of Master Masons deprives him of all rights and privileges of membership in this Order until satisfactory evidence of his reinstatement by said Lodge has been presented to the Chapter. The VPLM funds shall remain the property of the Subordinate Chapter.

H. If the Chapter of a VPLM, a Memorial VPLM or an Associate VPLM merges with another Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction, the total funds shall be transferred to the new Chapter with no additional fee required even though the new Chapter has higher dues.

I. A member may transfer VPLM funds when affiliating with another Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction. In the event the new Chapter has higher dues, the VPLM will pay the difference in amount to equal twenty-one (21) times the yearly dues of the Chapter to which she/he is affiliating.

J. Transfer of VPLM, Memorial VPLM or Associate Memorial VPLM funds out of the Grand Jurisdiction of Idaho shall not be permitted under any circumstance.

K. In the event of a merger, the subordinate Chapter Secretary receiving the Voluntary, Associate or Memorial Prepaid Life Membership shall inform the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer prior to December 31 of that year.

Section 5. Memorial Voluntary Prepaid Life Membership: This membership may be purchased by others to honor a deceased member of this Grand Jurisdiction. A fee equal to twenty (20) times the yearly dues of the Chapter shall be required. No per capita tax shall be paid on Memorial VPLMs.

Section 6. Associate Memorial Membership: This membership may be purchased by a Subordinate Chapter in the names of two or more deceased members when the Chapter has accumulated an amount equal to twenty (20) times the annual dues. A minimum of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per name listed shall be required. No per capita tax shall be paid on Associate Memorial Memberships.

Section 7. Honorary Membership: This membership may be conferred only upon members of another Chapter, by a motion and unanimous vote of the Chapter extending the courtesy. The name of the member so honored shall not be listed with the regular membership. Honorary Members shall enjoy all privileges of membership except those of voting or holding office. No per capita tax shall be paid on Honorary Members.

ARTICLE XVIII VISITORS

Section 1. Visitors must exhibit an official receipt for dues to the Conductress or the Associate Conductress. A member of the Order shall have the right to visit any Chapter, if there is no objection, provided she/he presents an official dues receipt or a demit and has been properly vouched for or been examined singly in secret as prescribed in Rules and Regulations Article VII, Section 3.

Section 2. Any member shall have the unrestricted right to object to the visit of anyone not a member of her/his Chapter; provided that the objector must be present, and make the objection to the Worthy Matron in person. The Worthy Matron shall appoint a committee of three (3) members to hear the objection. If the committee upholds the objection the visitor shall be requested to retire; otherwise the visitor shall be allowed to remain. Lawful objections are:

- A. Failure to exhibit an official receipt.
- B. Inability to pass a satisfactory examination.
- C. Unaffiliated with a demit more than one (1) year old.
- D. Under charges.

Changes: Delete old articles in their entirety and replace with new articles in their entirety.

See detailed list under rationale at the end.

(Additions are the underlined black bold and deletions are red strikethroughs. Capitalization and punctuation (housekeeping) were changed but were not deleted or added, and therefore remain in regular black font.)

ARTICLE XV DEMITS

Section 1. A demit terminates membership in a chapter and certifies that the member was in good standing at the time it was granted.

Section 2. Any member whose dues are current may submit a written request ~~in person, or in writing~~, for a demit. ~~It is not necessary to state~~ The reason for requesting a demit is not necessary. When a member has been ~~adjudged declared incompetent of unsound mind~~, a relative or guardian may submit the request.

Section 3. A request for a demit must be presented and granted at a stated meeting; ~~a~~ A vote of the chapter is not ~~necessary~~ required and no fee is charged. An objection against the granting of the demit is equivalent to charges against the applicant. The demit will be withheld until the next stated meeting and if charges are not ~~preferred~~ submitted, the demit must be granted. A member whose dues are paid to December 31 and who applies for a demit to be read at the first stated meeting after December 31, shall be deemed to be clear on the books and entitled to demit.

Section 4. Duplicate demits may be issued to members upon request, but shall be so marked and reasons given for issuance. If a former member of a chapter which has merged requests a duplicate demit, the existing chapter Secretary may issue a duplicate, after verifying date of original demit.

Section 5. ~~A demitted member may petition the Chapter from which the demit was granted for affiliation.~~ A member may submit a petition for affiliation to the chapter from which the demit was granted. The petition must be acted upon in the regular manner. (Refer to Rules and Regulations, Article XII, Section 4) If the petition is rejected, the member may still visit ~~the~~ any chapter for one (1) year from the date the demit was issued.

Section 6. A demitted member is not permitted to visit on a demit after one year from date of issuance, except to present a petition for affiliation. Visitors with demits must be properly vouched for, or pass a satisfactory examination, and present ~~her/his~~ their demit in lieu of a dues receipt ~~for dues. It is contrary to the precepts general rules of the Order for any unaffiliated member to hold a demit for more than one (1) year without making an effort to unite with a chapter.~~

Section 7. A demit may be presented at any time to accompany a petition for affiliation, regardless of when the demit was issued.

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Section 1. A Certificate of Transfer enables a member to transfer membership from one chapter to another chapter without losing membership.

Section 2. Any member in good standing, who is not an elective officer, and desires to transfer membership to another chapter, may request a certificate of transfer. The request must be presented at a stated meeting and granted when

requested if the member's dues are ~~current~~ ~~paid three (3) months in advance~~. A vote of the chapter is not required ~~or taken~~ and no fee is charged. A Certificate of Transfer is ~~void at the expiration of~~ valid for one (1) year ~~three (3) months~~, and the holder remains a member of the original chapter and responsible for dues.

Section 3. A petition for affiliation accompanied by a Certificate of Transfer shall be acted upon in the regular manner. (Rules and Regulations Article XII, Section 4)

Section 4. Upon election of the member into the ~~other~~ new chapter, the Secretary of the new ~~receiving~~ chapter will request a demit from the original chapter which is sent immediately. Both chapter Secretaries will report ~~and reported~~ at the next stated meeting. ~~(Article VI, Section 6, P).~~

Section 5. Chapters are authorized to accept Certificates of Transfer from other Grand Jurisdictions. If a Grand Jurisdiction does not issue Certificates of Transfer or Certificates of Good Standing, the chapter receiving the petition is authorized to accept the petitioner's current dues receipt ~~for dues~~ in lieu thereof.

ARTICLE XVII MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. A ~~P~~primary chapter is defined as: ~~If the member's original chapter~~ if it is still active, and the member has not demitted from that chapter, ~~it is the Primary chapter.~~

A. If the original chapter has closed or the member has demitted, then the chapter in which the member has held active membership for the longest time is the Primary chapter.

B. If the original chapter has merged with another chapter, that chapter becomes the primary chapter. In such case, if the member has moved away before the merger and desires to make a chapter in another city the primary chapter, ~~she/he~~ they must demit from the original chapter (or the chapter it merged with). ~~She/he~~ They may then make the chapter in their new city the primary chapter.

C. If a plural member, you may choose to be honored in whichever chapter you wish.

Section 2. Life Membership: Any chapter may, at its discretion, elect to life membership any member of the chapter under the following conditions:

A. The honor shall be conferred only on members of the chapter who have held fifty (50) years cumulative membership or have given meritorious service to the Order of the Eastern Star.

1. The member must be in good standing. (Refer to Rules and Regulations Article 1, Section 3).

2. The member ~~who it is proposed to honor~~ must be a member of the chapter conferring the honor.

~~3. Chapters having plural members eligible for Life Membership shall verify qualifications with other Chapters involved before issuing a certificate.~~

B. The name must be proposed in writing at a stated meeting, signed by at least two (2) members of the chapter, read and held over until the next stated meeting. After the second reading a two-thirds (2/3) vote is required for election.

~~and voted upon at the next stated meeting. There must be by a two-thirds majority favorable vote to elect.~~

C. A life membership shall be issued without cost to the member and will exempt the holder from payment of dues. The chapter must pay the annual per capita assessment ~~tax~~.

1. If chapter correspondence to a life member has been returned for two (2) year and that life member cannot be located, the chapter secretary will so note "unable to locate" on the annual return and the chapter will cease payment of per capita assessment ~~tax~~ on that member.

2. If the life member is later located, the name will be added to the annual returns and the chapter will pay the per capita assessment ~~tax~~ beginning with the current year.

D. A certificate of Life Membership shall entitle the member to an official dues receipt ~~for dues~~, issued annually.

E. Fifty Year Members, when receiving their pin, shall be escorted through the labyrinth to the East, and given ~~are entitled to~~ Grand Honors ~~one (1) time only.~~

Section 3. Plural Membership: This membership is available to all members of the Grand Jurisdiction under the following conditions:

A. The member must be in good standing. (Refer to Rules and Regulations Article 1, Section 3)

B. They may acquire membership in any other chapter(s) in Idaho or any Grand Jurisdiction that permits such plural memberships.

C. A member of a chapter of any Grand Jurisdiction that permits plural membership or a chapter under the jurisdiction of General Grand Chapter, may acquire plural membership in chapter(s) in this Grand Jurisdiction. Plural Membership is permitted with the Grand Chapters of New York, New Jersey, and Scotland providing the Masonic affiliation is in Order

D. A petition for plural Membership shall be presented the same as any other petition for affiliation. (Refer to Rules and Regulations Article XII, Section 5)

E. Plural members must pay dues in all chapters.

F. Plural members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of membership in all chapters.

G. Chapters shall pay per capita assessment ~~tax~~ on all plural members.

H. A member holding plural membership in this Grand Jurisdiction may demit from any chapter without affecting ~~her/his~~ their membership in the other chapter(s).

I. Suspension of a plural member for nonpayment of dues in any chapter shall not affect membership in the remaining chapter(s). If that loss of membership is in the primary chapter, the first chapter affiliated with becomes the primary chapter. ~~(Refer to Rules and Regulations Article XVII, Section 1)~~

J. Suspension for other than nonpayment of dues, or expulsion, of a plural member from membership in any chapter shall constitute loss of membership in all chapters. ~~(Refer to Rules and Regulations Article VI, Section 6, S, 3b)~~

Section 4. Voluntary Prepaid Life Membership (VPLM): This membership is available to all members of this Grand Jurisdiction under the following conditions:

A. The member must be in good standing. (Refer to Rules and Regulations Article 1, Section 3).

1. A fee shall be assessed at twenty-one (21) times the annual dues of the chapter in which a member desires the VPLM. One year's dues shall be retained by the chapter and the balance sent to the Grand Secretary.

2. The fee shall be paid before Dec. 31 of the current year.

~~B. If the member holds plural membership in two or more Chapters within the Jurisdiction of Idaho, VPLM must be paid in the Primary Chapter before any other Chapter.~~

~~B.C.~~ Per capita assessment ~~tax~~ shall be paid to the Grand Chapter on all members holding a VPLM. No per capita assessment ~~tax~~ shall be paid on a deceased VPLM.

~~C.D.~~ VPLM shall receive an official dues receipt no later than January 1 of each year.

~~D.E.~~ The interest generated from the VPLM investments remain the property of the subordinate chapter upon the death of a VPLM, Memorial VPLM or Associate Memorial VPLM, or if a VPLM demits from this Grand Jurisdiction.

~~E.F.~~ If a subordinate chapter dissolves or surrenders its Charter, the total amount of the accrued interest shall revert to the Grand Chapter Benevolent Endowment Fund.

~~F.G.~~ The suspension, expulsion, or demission of a Brother from a lodge of Master Masons deprives him of all rights and privileges of membership in this Order until satisfactory evidence of his reinstatement by said Lodge has been presented to the chapter. The VPLM funds shall remain the property of the subordinate chapter.

~~G.H.~~ If the chapter of a VPLM, a Memorial VPLM or an Associate VPLM merges with another chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction, the total funds shall be transferred to the new chapter with no additional fees required even though the new chapter may have ~~has~~ higher dues.

~~H.I.~~ A member may transfer VPLM funds when affiliating with another chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction. In the event the new chapter has higher dues, the VPLM will pay the difference in amount to equal twenty-one (21) times the yearly dues of the chapter to which ~~she/he is~~ they are affiliating.

~~I.J.~~ Transfer of VPLM, Memorial VPLM or Associate Memorial VPLM funds out of the Grand Jurisdiction of Idaho shall not be permitted under any circumstance.

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Matron shall appoint a committee of three (3) members to hear the objection. If the committee upholds the objection, the visitor shall be requested to retire. ~~Otherwise~~ Otherwise the visitor shall be allowed to remain. Lawful objections are:

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- B. inability to pass a satisfactory examination.
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Would then read:

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 - 1. The member must be in good standing. (Refer to Rules and Regulations Article 1, Section 3).
 - 2. The member must be a member of the chapter conferring the honor.
- B. the name must be proposed in writing at a stated meeting, signed by at least two (2) members of the chapter, read, and held over until the next stated meeting. After the second reading a two-thirds (2/3) vote is required for election.
- C. a life membership shall be issued without cost to the member and will exempt the holder from payment of dues. The chapter must pay the annual per capita assessment.
 - 1. If chapter correspondence to a life member has been returned for two (2) years and that life member cannot be located, the chapter secretary will so note "unable to locate" on the annual return and the chapter will cease payment of per capita assessment on that member.
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- E. Plural members must pay dues in all chapters.
- F. Plural members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of membership in all chapters.
- G. Chapters shall pay per capita assessment on all plural members.
- H. A member holding plural membership in this Grand Jurisdiction may demit from any chapter without affecting their membership in the other chapter(s).
- I. Suspension of a plural member for nonpayment of dues in any chapter shall not affect membership in the remaining chapter(s). If that loss of membership is in the primary chapter, the first chapter affiliated with becomes the primary chapter. (Refer to Rules and Regulations Article XVII, Section 1)
- J. Suspension for other than nonpayment of dues, or expulsion, of a plural member from membership in any chapter shall constitute loss of membership in all chapters. (Refer to Rules and Regulations Article VI, Section 6, S. 3b)

Section 4. Voluntary Prepaid Life Membership (VPLM): This membership is available to all members of this Grand Jurisdiction under the following conditions:

- A. the member must be in good standing. (Refer to Rules and Regulations Article 1, Section 3).
 - 1. a fee shall be assessed at twenty-one (21) times the annual dues of the chapter in which a member desires the VPLM. One year's dues shall be retained by the chapter and the balance sent to the Grand Secretary.
 - 2. the fee shall be paid before Dec. 31 of the current year.
- B. per capita assessment shall be paid to the Grand Chapter on all members holding a VPLM. No per capita assessment shall be paid on a deceased VPLM.
- C. VPLM shall receive an official dues receipt no later than January 1 of each year.
- D. the interest generated from the VPLM investments remain the property of the subordinate chapter upon the death of a VPLM, Memorial VPLM or Associate Memorial VPLM, or if a VPLM demits from this Grand Jurisdiction.
- E. if a subordinate chapter dissolves or surrenders its Charter, the total amount of the accrued interest shall revert to the Grand Chapter Benevolent Endowment Fund.
- F. the suspension, expulsion, or demission of a Brother from a lodge of Master Masons deprives him of all rights and privileges of membership in this Order until satisfactory evidence of his reinstatement by said Lodge has been presented to the chapter. The VPLM funds shall remain the property of the subordinate chapter.
- G. if the chapter of a VPLM, a Memorial VPLM or an Associate VPLM merges with another chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction, the total funds shall be transferred to the new chapter with no additional fees required even though the new chapter may have higher dues.

H. a member may transfer VPLM funds when affiliating with another chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction. In the event the new chapter has higher dues, the VPLM will pay the difference in amount to equal twenty-one (21) times the yearly dues of the chapter to which they are affiliating.

I. transfer of VPLM, Memorial VPLM or Associate Memorial VPLM funds out of the Grand Jurisdiction of Idaho shall not be permitted under any circumstance.

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- A. failure to exhibit an official dues receipt
- B. inability to pass a satisfactory examination
- C. unaffiliated with a demit more than one (1) year old
- D. under charges

Rationale:

- Modernized wording and as a result, changed some of the sentence structures to align. Removed gender references and standardize wording used throughout other Articles within the Code and Digest. Added "Uniform" in front of by-laws when referencing chapter by-laws and added "special" in front of dispensations. Also changed per capita "tax" to per capita "assessment". As a result of changes, sequences were renumbers.
- Removed obsolete and unnecessary sentences, such as references to New Jersey, New York, and Scotland.
- Changed the Certificate of Transfer validity from three months to one years to be consistent with demits.
- Added that a member may be honored by whatever chapter they choose if they are a plural member. Honors don't have to be the member's primary chapter.
- Clarified conferring honors upon a new fifty-year member.
- Deleted the requirement to verify qualifications from the member's other chapters before granting Life Memberships.
- Removed the requirement to pay for a VPLM in a member's primary chapter before being allowed to pay for a VPLM in another chapter to which the member belongs.

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Article	XIX MERGER OF CHAPTERS XX INSTITUTION OF CHAPTERS XXI CHAPTERS UNDER DISPENSATION XXII DISSOLUTION OF CHAPTERS XXIII REINSTATEMENT OF CHAPTERS
Section	All sections
Paragraph	All paragraphs

Now reads: (write verbatim what is in the Code)

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- J. Chapter B retains its name, number, charter, and by-laws.
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- M. If the merger occurs at the end of the calendar year, dues will be payable to Chapter B on January 1st and a current dues receipt issued.
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Membership Roll, Warrant Book, Treasurer's Cash Book, Treasurer's Receipt Book and Officers, Members, and Visitors Register.

E. Petitioners who are not members of the Order shall be balloted upon by only those holding a Demit or Certificate of Transfer who have signed the Petition for Dispensation. Balloting shall be secret and in the presence of the Worthy Grand Patron.

F. The Worthy Grand Patron shall call a meeting of the signers of the petition for the purpose of electing by written ballot, the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Associate Patron, Secretary, Treasurer, Conductress and Associate Conductress.

1. A majority vote of all signers present shall be necessary for an election. 2. Minutes of the meeting shall be kept and become a permanent record of the Chapter.

G. The Chapter shall be instituted by the Worthy Grand Patron following the granting of the dispensation. All petitioners shall be obligated by the Instituting Officer. Charter Members will be those obligated at the time the Chapter is organized as well as those obligated and admitted during the period the Chapter will work under Dispensation.

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B. Two (2) copies of the proposed By-Laws (approved and signed by the Worthy Grand Matron) The proposed By-Laws shall be referred to the Jurisprudence committee for approval

C. A record of its proceedings, and application for a Charter

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D. Failure to make annual reports or pay per capita tax for two (2) years.

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B. Every member must be notified at least four (4) weeks previous to the time of action upon the motion.

C. A Charter shall not be surrendered if seven (7) members vote against the motion.

D. Remitting dues and disposing of property preparatory to disbanding is illegal. Section 5. In the event the Chapter dissolves, it shall be the duty of the Worthy Matron to surrender the Chapter's Charter, paraphernalia, all Chapter records and monies to the Worthy Grand Matron.

Section 6. All members who are in good standing (refer to Rules and Regulations Article 1, Section 3) at the time of surrender or revocation of the Chapter Charter shall be given a demit. Any member who is in arrears may receive a demit by paying her/his dues in full.

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Rules and Regulations Article I, Section 3) in the original Chapter.

B. The request for the original Charter and number must be accompanied by a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

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Changes: Delete old articles in their entirety and replace with new articles in their entirety.

See detailed list under rationale at the end.

(Additions are the underlined black bold and deletions are red strikethroughs. Capitalization and punctuation (housekeeping) were changed but were not deleted or added, and therefore remain in regular black font.)

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- B. disregard of the authority of the Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron.
- C. failure to meet for six (6) consecutive months.
- D. failure to make annual reports or pay per capita assessment for two (2) years.

Section 3. The Charter of a chapter shall not be suspended without due notice to give the chapter the opportunity to correct the condition which prompted the suspension. A suspension by the Worthy Grand Matron shall not extend beyond the next annual session of the Grand Chapter. She may, at her discretion, set aside a suspension at any time.

Section 4. A chapter desiring to dissolve by voluntarily surrendering its charter shall proceed as follows:

- A. a motion to surrender must be made in writing and read at a stated meeting.
- B. every member must be notified at least four (4) weeks previous to the time of action upon the motion.
- C. a Charter shall not be surrendered unless a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present is in favor of the surrender
- D. remitting dues and disposing of property prior to disbanding is illegal.

Section 5. In the event the chapter dissolves, it shall be the duty of the Worthy Matron to surrender the chapter's Charter, all copies of the Secret Work, all permanent chapter records (minutes, financial records, and the membership ledgers) and monies to the Worthy Grand Matron. Chapter paraphernalia shall be disposed of at the discretion of the chapter members.

Section 6. All members who are in good standing (Refer to Rules and Regulations Article 1, Section 3) at the time of surrender or revocation of the chapter Charter shall be given a demit. Any member who is in arrears may receive a demit by paying their dues in full.

ARTICLE XXIII REINSTATEMENT OF CHAPTERS

Section 1. A petition for a dispensation to reinstate a defunct chapter shall be as follows:

- A. the petition shall be signed by at least seven (7) members, one of whom must be a Brother, who were in good standing (Refer to Rules and Regulations Article 1, Section 3) in the original chapter.
- B. the request for the original Charter and number must be accompanied by a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- C. upon reorganization, any monies, paraphernalia or proceeds from the sale of property surrendered to, or deposited with the Grand Chapter shall be returned, or an equivalent cash value shall be refunded to the reorganized chapter.
- D. any debt of the defunct chapter remaining unpaid to the Grand Chapter shall be deducted from the cash value returned to the reorganized chapter.

Rationale:

- Modernized wording and as a result, changed some of the sentence structures to align.
- Removed gender references and standardize wording used throughout other Articles within the Code and Digest. Added "Uniform" in front of by-laws when referencing chapter by-laws and added "special" in front of dispensations. Changed per capita "tax" to per capita "assessment"
- Updated the supplies list to be provided to newly instituted chapters.
- Deleted the reference to the outdated ceremony for instituting new chapters to obtain the most current ceremony on file with the Grand Secretary.
- Changed wording regarding voting requirements and handling of chapter records and paraphernalia when a chapter surrenders their charter so it is consistent with other parts of the Code and Digest.

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