

The purpose of this resolution is to allow plural member to serve their chapters since our numbers are getting smaller.

Be it resolved that Code of Laws of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin Order of the Eastern Star, Title IV Officers of a Chapter, Paragraph 29 Section 1(c) Plural Members, which now reads:

Plural Members – A plural member may serve as an elective officer in all Chapters, except Worthy Matron, Secretary and Treasurer may not hold the same office in any of the Chapters. If the same person is to hold the same office in two Chapters, she/he should be allowed to serve in both Chapters at the same time during the period between the time of her/his Installation in the second Chapter and her/his term in the first Chapter ends. A Plural member may also hold an elective office in one Chapter and an appointive office in the other or hold an appointive office in both Chapters. Grand Chapter voting members may represent only one of the Chapters.

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RATIONALE:

Not all chapters have enough members with the skill or desire to do Secretary. There are still the checks and balances of the Worthy Matron and Treasurer not being in more than one Chapter.

Submitted by:



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PGM Brenda Gaulke (Kinnickinnic #80, River Falls , Northwest #98, Clear Lake)

Required to Pass: 95%

REQUIRED TO PASS (2026): 2/3



RESOLUTION #2026-01

Purpose of this resolution is to clarify requirements for eligibility for Appointed Grand Officers.

Be it resolved Wisconsin Code for Qualifications for Office: Article IV- Paragraph 5- Section 1.

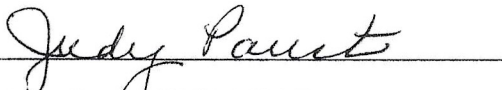
WHICH READS:

Any Worthy Matron, Past Matron, Worthy Patron or Past Patron in good standing in a subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction and a legal resident therein shall be eligible to any Grand Office in this Grand Chapter. The Grand Organist must be a member in good standing but need not be a Past Matron or Past Patron of a Subordinate Chapter. All Grand Officers, with the exception of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Organist and Grand Trustees, must hold a current proficiency card in order to be installed. In order to be nominated to any Elected Grand Office, with the above exceptions, the candidate must hold a current proficiency card. A Grand Trustee must be a Past Grand Matron, a Past Grand Patron or a member in good standing of any subordinate chapter of Wisconsin.

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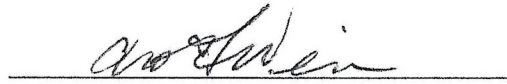
Any Worthy Matron, Past Matron, Worthy Patron or Past Patron in this Grand Jurisdiction and in good standing in a subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction ~~and a legal resident~~ therein shall be eligible to any Appointed Grand Office in this Grand Chapter. The Grand Organist must be a member in good standing but need not be a Past Matron or Past Patron of a Subordinate Chapter. All Grand Officers, with the exception of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Organist and Grand Trustees, must hold a current proficiency card in order to be installed. In order to be nominated to any Elected Grand Office, with the above exceptions, the candidate must hold a current proficiency card. A Grand Trustee must be a Past Grand Matron, a Past Grand Patron or a member in good standing of any subordinate chapter of Wisconsin.

Reasoning: removing the requirement for legal residence allows those members who have served in the East in this Grand Jurisdiction the eligibility to be asked to be a Grand Officer. We have many chapters that have members along our borders of Minnesota, Michigan and Illinois that could be an asset to any Grand Family.



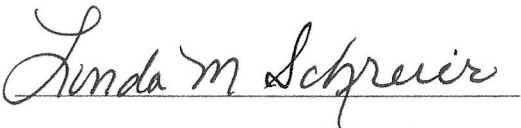
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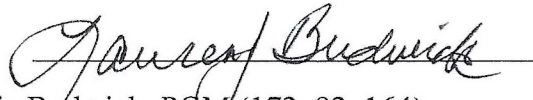
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The purpose of this resolution is to allow Wisconsin members who are also dual/plural members in a chapter in another jurisdiction to hold an office, including an elected office, in both jurisdictions at the same time with the exception of Worthy Matron. Currently they may hold an office in both jurisdictions at the same time but not an elected office in both jurisdictions at the same time.

TITLE IV- OFFICERS OF A CHAPTER

PARAGRAPH 29- Section 1

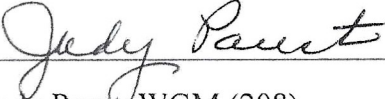
WHICH READS:

All officers of a Chapter, elected and appointed, shall be a member of said Chapter. A plural member holding membership in two Grand Jurisdictions may hold office in both jurisdictions at the same time, however, said member may not hold an elected office in both jurisdictions at the same time.

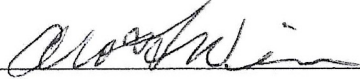
CHANGED TO READ:

All officers of a Chapter, elected and appointed, shall be a member of said Chapter. A plural member holding membership in two (2) Grand Jurisdictions may hold an office in both Jurisdictions at the same time, including an elected office, with the exception of the office of Worthy Matron.

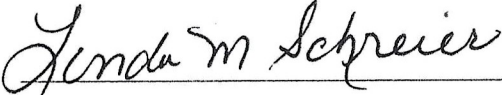
The reason is to help our Chapters remain viable.



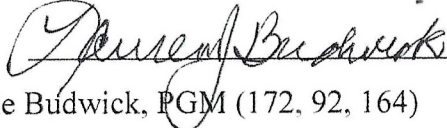
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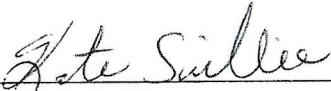
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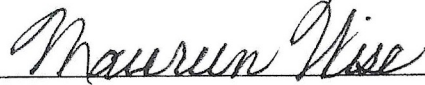
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Required To Pass: 95%

RESOLUTION #2026-03

Purpose of this to clarify membership eligibility

Title VIII; Petition for Degrees

Paragraph 33 Section 1. Who Eligible

WHICH CURRENT READS

Membership is limited to those persons as defined by the adopted Ritual of the General Grand Chapter.

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- a) The affiliated Master Mason must be a member of a Masonic Lodge in Wisconsin or a Masonic Lodge in a Grand Jurisdiction recognized by the Grand Lodge F & A. M. of the State of Wisconsin
- b) An affiliated Master Mason shall be understood to be a Master Mason who had paid all dues and assessments properly chargeable against him and who enjoys all the privileges and benefits that flow from membership in his lodge.
- c) For the purpose of establishing Masonic relationship, the fact of the death of a Master Mason, who while living was an affiliated Master Masons, shall not deprive his female relatives who meet the requirements for membership eligibility as outlined in the Ritual of the General Grand Chapter, to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.
- d) A divorced woman cannot petition a Chapter by virtue of her divorced husband's Masonic standing.
- e) A widow of a Master Mason, a member in good standing as the time of his death, loses her right to petition to become a member in the Order of the Eastern Star if she marries a non-Mason.

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- f) A woman who has Masonic relationship or written sponsorship of a Brother and a Sister in the Order of the Eastern Star.

Reasoning: Is to clarify the woman's eligibility to petition a chapter.

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Required To Pass: 95%

The purpose of this resolution is to remove specific mileage rate and clarify mileage for Appointed Grand Officers whose legal residency is not in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Be it resolved that ARTICLE XII- PAY OF GRAND OFFICERS AND VOTING MEMBERS

PARAGRAPH 13 Section 1. COMPENSATION OR EXPENSES

WHICH CURENTLY READS:

(c) Remuneration or Expenses for Standing and Special Committees: All Standing and Special Committees such as may be ordered by the Grand Chapter or appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron to meet in vacation, excluding ex officio members of the Finance, Ways and Means Committee, shall receive round trip mileage per the current fee schedule and per diem per the current fee schedule when not receiving mileage in conjunction with any other Grand Chapter duties. Grand Officers for Official Visits to their assigned Chapters and District Deputies for their assigned Schools of Instruction and/or Official Visits (not to exceed two visits) shall receive round trip mileage at the rate on the current fee schedule. Grand Officers entitled to other mileage reimbursement will be paid at the rate of 20 cents per mile.

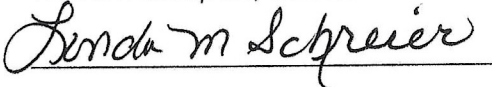
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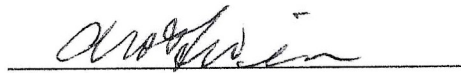
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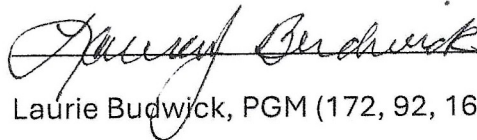
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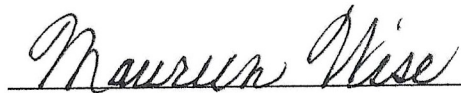
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The purpose of this resolution is to clarify who the members of the Uniform Proficiency Committee are as found in the Code of Laws of Wisconsin.

Be it resolved that that Code of Laws of Wisconsin Article XIV Standing Committees, Paragraph 15, Section 1 (h) Uniform Proficiency Committee.

WHICH NOW READS:

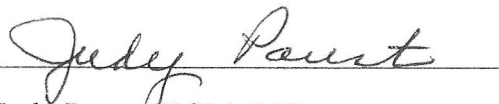
1.(h) Uniform Proficiency Committee, four or five Past Grand Matrons, providing the fifth member is the Worthy Grand Matron going out of office, Worthy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress.

BE CHANGED TO READ:

1.(h) Uniform Proficiency Committee consists of: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress, Grand Lecturer, Grand Sentinel and those Past Grand Matrons who have been asked to serve as Grand Lecturers for the current progressive line.

RATIONALE:

The Brothers in the "Grand Line" have a duty to see that the Officers are proficient in their work and the future Grand Lecturers are included for continuity.



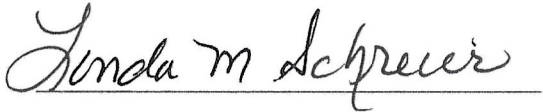
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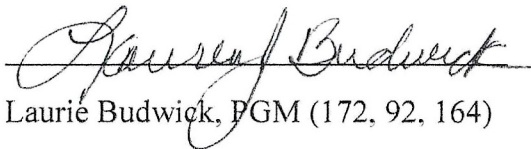
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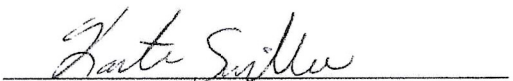
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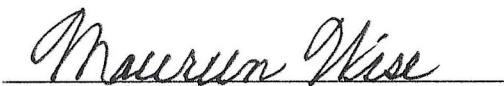
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RESOLUTION #2026-06

The purpose of this resolution is to delete ARTICLE XIV, STANDING COMMITTEES AND DUTIES, **Section 1 subsection (e) Fraternal Relations, Paragraph 15**

Be it resolved that ARTICLE XIV, STANDING COMMITTEES AND DUTIES, **that Section 1 subsection (e) Fraternal Relations of Paragraph 15, be deleted in its entirety.**

Now Reads:

Section 1. (e) Fraternal Relations, one or two members

Delete Section 1 (e) in its entirety.

If this resolution passes, subsection (e) will be eliminated, and the following subsections would be re-alphabetized as: (f) becoming (e) and (g) becoming (f) etc. through (m) becoming (l).

If this resolution passes, Section 2. Subsection (e) Fraternal Relations would automatically be deleted and those following subsections would be re-alphabetized.

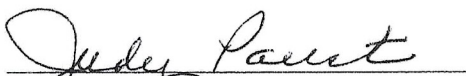
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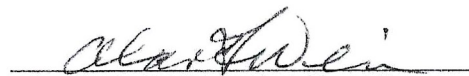
This is not a committee, the AGC is the only person on the committee, and a committee is not composed of just one person. This "committee" is not necessary and has no value to this Grand Chapter.

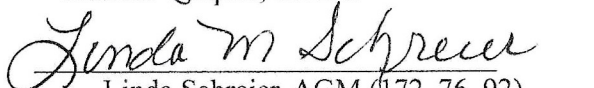
In addition, all fraternal correspondence is handled by the Grand Secretary not the AGC.

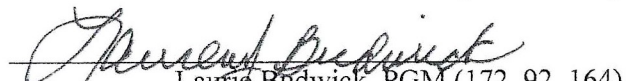
Most of the information contained in the Proceedings, either in paper format or on a thumb drive is not that much different from what we do in Wisconsin.

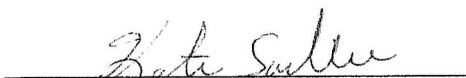
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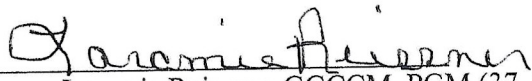

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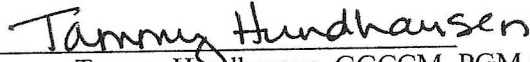

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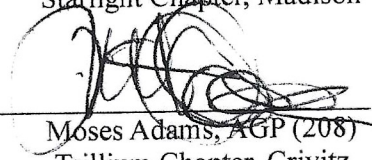
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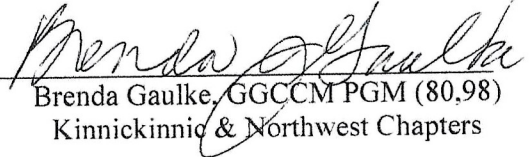
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Required To Pass: 95%

The purpose of this resolution is to change the Code of Laws of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, Rules of Order for the Grand Chapter.

Beit resolved that

ARTICLE XXIV, Rules of Order for the Grand Chapter, Paragraph 25, Rule 5, (5) page 29 of the Code of Laws of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin which now reads:

~~5. a. Books of voting members of the Registration Committee close promptly at 9:00 A.M. Wednesday~~

Be changed to read:

5. a.-Books of voting members of the Registration Committee close promptly at 9:30 A.M. Wednesday.

5.b. Any member who is at the Registration desk waiting to register at the appointed closure time be allowed to register and vote.

Rationale:

It is the objective of the Grand Chapter, and the Order of the Eastern Star, to encourage as many members as possible to participate in the decision-making of the Grand Chapter. Many members are not in a financial position to pay the high fees of housing and meals, especially if they are on a fixed income. Some members try to attend for a day, especially the last day of voting, but despite their best intentions, may face conditions beyond their control while travelling, including adverse weather and road construction, delaying their arrival. As our members age, some may face physical limitations which may either prevent their staying overnight or significantly slow their mobility. It is our responsibility to take these issues into consideration in order to include as many members as possible in our decisions.

It is understood that reports are given at the beginning of the Wednesday morning session. If current software such as Excel is used, current tallies are easily kept and updated to allow accurate accounting for the tallying of voting percentages. With excellent, easy to use spreadsheet applications immediate updates and totals are readily available.

If this resolution passes, Article XXIV, Rules of Order for the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, Paragraph 25, Rule 5 No. 5 will be automatically updated.

Signers:

Name: Sue Skaros Chapter: Ozaukee City: Port Washington

Signature: *Sue Skaros*

Name: Gail O'Connell Chapter: Ozaukee City: Port Washington

Signature: *Gail O'Connell*

Name: Carolyn Heatwole Chapter: Ozaukee City: Port Washington

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Required to Pass: 95%

**RESOLUTION #2026-08
WITHDRAWN**



The purpose of this resolution is to change the Code of Laws of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, Petition for Degrees.

Be it resolved that TITLE VIII, PARTITIONS FOR DEGREES, Paragraph 33, Section 4, Page 43 of the Code of Laws of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin which now reads:

Section 4. ~~A Chapter may not receive a Petition if any member of the Chapter objects to its reception. The Secretary must record the name of the objector in the minutes.~~

Be removed

Rationale:

All petitions are to be received as of the 2024 revision of the General Grand Chapter Code of Laws, Page 172

Signers:

Name: Sue Skaros Chapter: Ozaukee City: Port Washington

Signed: *Sue Skaros*

Name: Gail O'Connell Chapter: Ozaukee City: Port Washington

Signed: *Gail O'Connell*

Name: Carolyn Heatwole Chapter: Ozaukee City: Port Washington

Carolyn Heatwole

Required to Pass: 95%

RESOLUTION

#2026-09A

WITHDRAWN

RESOLUTION

#2026-09B

WITHDRAWN

The purpose of this Resolution is to change the Red Book of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, Petitions.

Be it resolved that Petitions, page 104 of the Red Book of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin which bow reads:

6. WORTHY MATRON: "Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the reading of this Petition (or these Petitions). If there are no objections, this Petition (or these Petitions) will be received and referred to an Investigating Committee."

Shall be amended to read:

6. WORTHY MATRON: "Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the reading of this Petition (or these Petitions). ~~If there are no objections,~~ This Petition (or these Petitions) will be received and referred to an Investigating Committee."

Rationale:

General Grand Chapter has changed the General Grand Chapter Code of Laws to accepting all petitions (Page 172 General Grand Chapter Code of Laws 2024 revision)

Signatures:

Name: Sue Skaros Chapter: Ozaukee City: Port Washington
Signature: Sue Skaros

Name: Gail O'Connell Chapter: Ozaukee City: Port Washington
Signature: Gail O'Connell

Name: Carolyn Heatwole Chapter: Ozaukee City: Port Washington
Signature: Carolyn Heatwole

Required to Pass: 95%



RESOLUTION #2026-10

The purpose of this resolution is to change the wording for Attending the Doors, tiling the outer door, found in the Red Book of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

Be it resolved that the Red Book of Wisconsin, Page 38, Attending the Doors, #2, second paragraph, WHICH NOW READS:


WORTHY MATRON: "...Warder, you will ask the Sentinel to tile the outer door so that the inner door may remain open."

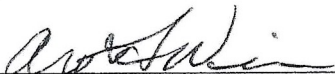
BE CHANGED TO READ:

WORTHY MATRON: "...Warder, you will ask direct the Sentinel to tile the outer door so that the inner door may remain open."


RATIONALE:

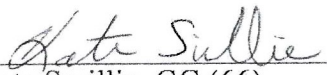
Being the Worthy Matron, she does not have to "ask" anyone to perform a task. Changing to the word "direct" provides consistency with other parts of the Ritual and Red Book.

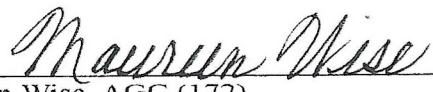

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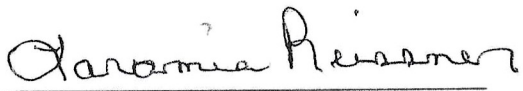

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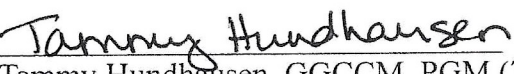

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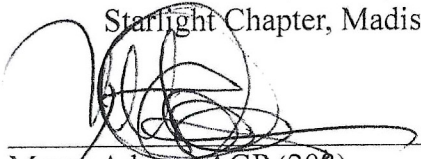

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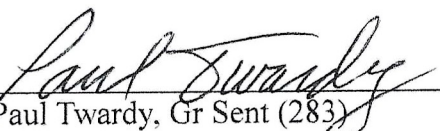

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Required To Pass: MAJORITY

RESOLUTION #2026-11

The purpose of this resolution is to change the wording for Examination of a Visitor found in the Red Book of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

Be it resolved that the Red Book of Wisconsin, Page 52-53, Examination of a Visitor, 18,
WHICH NOW READS:

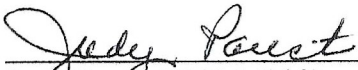
18. "Worthy Matron, I have the pleasure to introduce Sister (or Brother), a member in good standing of . . . Chapter, No of (town and state), who has passed a satisfactory examination and is entitled to a seat in this Chapter." The Worthy Matron welcomes the visitor and asks the Committee Chairperson to escort the visitor to a seat in the Chapter. The rest of the Committee is seated.

BE CHANGED TO READ:


18. "Worthy Matron, I have the pleasure to introduce Sister (or Brother), a member in good standing of . . . Chapter, No of (town and state), who has passed a satisfactory examination and is entitled to a seat in this Chapter." The Worthy Matron welcomes the visitor. The Worthy Matron directs ~~and asks~~ the Committee Chairperson to escort the visitor to a seat in the Chapter. The rest of the Committee is seated.

RATIONALE:

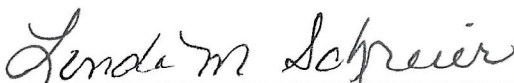
Being the Worthy Matron, she does not have to "ask" anyone to perform a task. Changing to the word "direct" provides consistency with other parts of the Ritual and Red Book.



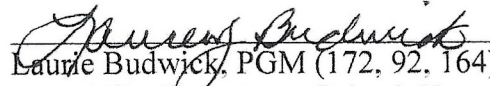
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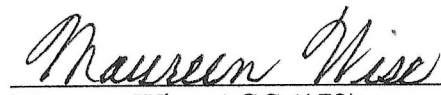
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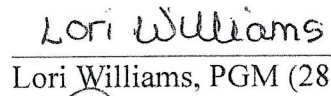
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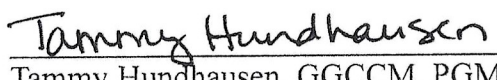
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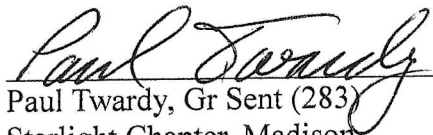
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Required To Pass: MAJORITY

RESOLUTION #2026-12

The purpose of this resolution is to remove the word "Ceremony" from Closing the Bible and Prayer, found in the Red Book of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

Be it resolved that the Red Book of Wisconsin, Page 58-59, Closing the Bible and Prayer, #7,

WHICH READS:

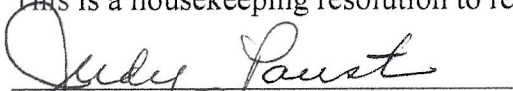
7. As the Conductress reaches this position, ALL OFFICERS AND MEMBERS including the Worthy Patron drop their hands to their sides and ALL, except the Chaplain and Conductress who remain facing the Altar, turn to face east to direct their attention to the Worthy Matron during the remainder of the Closing Ceremony. All remain in this position until Chapter is declared closed and the Worthy Matron has completed her orders to the Warder.

BE CHANGED TO READ:

7. As the Conductress reaches this position, ALL OFFICERS AND MEMBERS including the Worthy Patron drop their hands to their sides and ALL, except the Chaplain and Conductress who remain facing the Altar, turn to face east to direct their attention to the Worthy Matron during the remainder of the Closing Ceremony of the Chapter. All remain in this position until Chapter is declared closed and the Worthy Matron has completed her orders to the Warder.

RATIONALE:

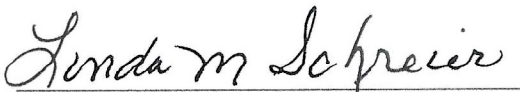
The Ritual of the Order of the Easter Star refers to the Closing of the Chapter; not Closing Ceremony. This is a housekeeping resolution to remove the word Ceremony.



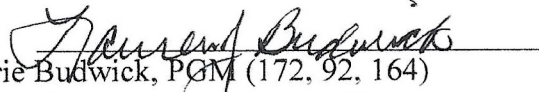
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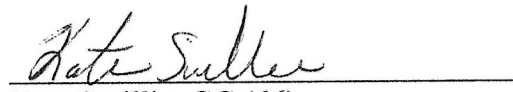
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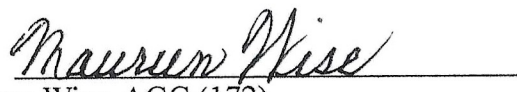
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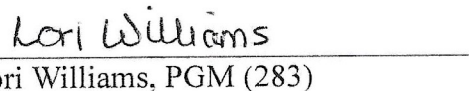
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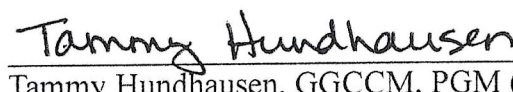
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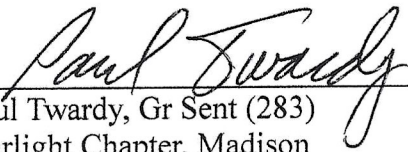
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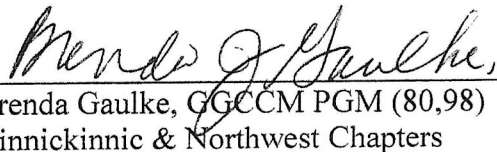
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Required To Pass: MAJORITY

RESOLUTION #2026-13

The purpose of this resolution is to add in Brother as it only states Sister.

PETITIONS

Red book: page 103, #3

WHICH READS:

The Secretary will read the petitions as per the following instructions.

WORTHY MATRON- "Sister Secretary (rises) are there any petitions?"

SECRETARY- "There are Worthy Matron" or There are no petitions, Worthy Matron" (If there are no petitions, the Worthy Matron gavels and continues with the Order of Business) If there are petitions, the Secretary remains standing.

WORTHY MATRON: "Sister Secretary, you will read the Petition(s)"

BE IT RESOLVED TO CHANGE:

Red book: page 103, #3

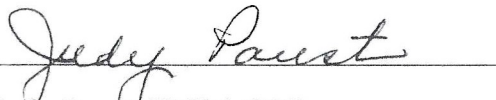
The Secretary will read the petitions as per the following instructions.

WORTHY MATRON- "Sister (or Brother) Secretary (rises) are there any petitions?"

SECRETARY- "There are Worthy Matron" or There are no petitions, Worthy Matron" (If there are no petitions, the Worthy Matron gavels and continues with the Order of Business) If there are petitions, the Secretary remains standing.

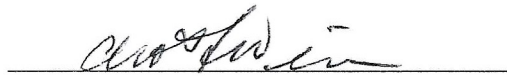
WORTHY MATRON: "Sister (or Brother) Secretary, you will read the Petition(s)"

Reasoning: we have both Sister and Brothers as Secretaries



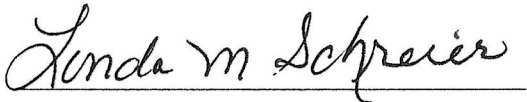
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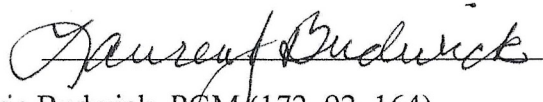
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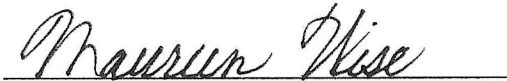
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Required To Pass: MAJORITY

RESOLUTION #2026-14

The purpose of this resolution is to change the Floorwork and Instructions Book (aka Red Book) of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Wisconsin.

Be it resolved that the following revisions be made to the Floorwork and Instructions Book (aka Red Book) of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin:

Section VII Initiation, Prayer Circle, Instructions 7, page 157 and 158

WHICH NOW READS:

“When officers join hands, the Conductresses and new members march directly west into the Prayer Circle. Conductresses ground staffs and join hands with Adah and Worthy Matron.”

BE CHANGED TO READ:

“When officers join hands, the Conductresses and new members march directly west into the Prayer Circle. Conductresses take the Bibles from the new members, the Conductress with her right hand and the Associate Conductress with her left hand. The Conductresses step forward in unison and place the Bibles on the Southeast and Northeast corners of the Altar, with the front edge of both Bibles facing North. Conductresses, in unison, step back into the Prayer Circle. Conductresses ground staffs and join hands with Adah and Worthy Matron. If there are more than two new members, the Conductresses take the Bibles from the new members at the center of the Altar, then from the remaining new members, working outward toward their positions, placing the Bibles on the Altar directly in front of each new member if possible.

Section VII Initiation, Prayer Circle, Instructions 10, page 158

Which now reads, “After the ode, the Conductresses countermarch the new members, single file to face east. The Conductress may find it necessary to angle to her proper position in order to center the new members on the Worthy Patron. (New members do not see the Prayer Circle broken up.)

Be changed to read: “After the ode, the Conductresses place staffs in proper position. They step forward in unison and pick up the Bibles from the Altar, the Conductress with her right hand and the Associate Conductress with her left hand. The Conductresses step back into the Prayer Circle and place the Bibles back into the hands of the new members. The Conductresses countermarch the new members, single file to face east. The Conductress may find it necessary to angle to her proper position in order to center the new members on the Worthy Patron. (New members do not see the Prayer Circle broken up.) If there are more than two new members, the Conductresses pick up the Bibles and hand them back to the new members beginning with the new members closest to them and working toward the center of the Altar, making sure to hand each new member the same Bible they had previously.”

REASONING: It is difficult and awkward for the new members to have the Bibles in their hands once the Conductresses join hands with them and then they join hands with each other. We often see the Bibles get placed in arm pits, which many find offensive, so as not to drop them,

but we have also seen them dropped as well. In addition, the new members are often so focused on not dropping them that they miss the importance of the Prayer Circle altogether.

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Required To Pass: MAJORITY

**RESOLUTION #2026-15
WITHDRAWN**

The purpose of this resolution is to change wording related to Secretary duties on Page 28, #13 and #14 in the Red Book of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, **which now reads:**

#13. All contributions EXCEPT Wisconsin Eastern Star Foundation:

Payable to Grand Chapter, O.E.S. of Wisconsin

Indicate in left hand corner – fund to which check should be applied Chapter name and number should be on the check Mail to the Grand Secretary's office.

All contributions to the Wisconsin Eastern Star Foundation: Mail to the Wisconsin Eastern Star Foundation Secretary.

#14. Check for charitable contributions must be in the Grand Secretary's office as per date in the Code of Laws in order to be recorded for the current year and entered in the Proceedings.

BE CHANGED TO READ (consolidate #13 and #14; #15 in Red Book would be renumbered to #14):

~~#13. All contributions EXCEPT Wisconsin Eastern Star Foundation:~~

~~Payable to Grand Chapter, O.E.S. of Wisconsin~~

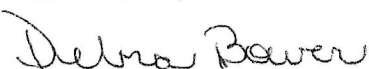
~~Indicate in left hand corner – fund to which check should be applied Chapter name and number should be on the check Mail to the Grand Secretary's office:~~

~~All contributions to the Wisconsin Eastern Star Foundation: Mail to the Wisconsin Eastern Star Foundation Secretary:~~

#13. Checks for charitable contributions must be in the Grand Secretary's office as per date in the Code of Laws in order to be recorded for the current year and entered in the Proceedings. Contributions to Grand Chapter charities are to be recorded on the charities form provided annually in the Secretary packet and sent to the Grand Secretary's office with one check, payable to Grand Chapter OES of Wisconsin. Contributions to the Wisconsin Eastern Star Foundation should be submitted as a separate check, payable to the Wisconsin Eastern Star Foundation, and sent to the Grand Secretary's office, not the OES Foundation secretary.

RATIONALE: Instructions for mailing Foundation checks are not accurate, and the process outlined in the Red Book is confusing. The new language addresses both charity and Foundation contributions in one place and states the process for submission of both.

Submitted by:



Debra Bower, PGM, Grand Secretary (150)

Melody Chapter, Middleton

Required to Pass: MAJORITY

