

Presented to membership 9-8-2020 to be voted on at next stated meeting.

The following bylaws changes were presented at the September 8, 2020 meeting. They are to be voted on at the next stated meeting. All changes are in italics. The changes in the Table of Contents, Article V, sec 12 and Article 13, Sec 2 are corrections from the changing of the title Executive Secretary to Fraternal Secretary.

The change in Article IV reflects our current situation wherein the Rite Time is Now is our official publication.

The changes in Article V reflect the addition of a 4th officer in the Council, Chapter, and Consistory lines to be appointed along with changing the bottom two officers in the Lodge line to appointed rather than elected.

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ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS

Section 1. The stated meetings of the Bodies shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. The Thrice Potent Master may alter the time or date of the stated meeting by providing notice to the membership by mail, telephone, website notice, *in the official publication of the Valley*, or by announcement at the stated meeting preceding the change of date or time. In the event a stated meeting falls on a legal holiday, the second Thursday shall be the stated meeting day.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

Section 1. Elected officers of the Lodge shall consist of: Thrice Potent Master, Deputy Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden. *Appointed officers of the Lodge shall be the Orator and Master of Ceremonies.*

Section 2. Elected officers of the Council shall consist of: Sovereign Prince, High Priest, and Senior Warden. *Appointed officers shall be the Junior Warden.*

Section 3. Elected officers of the Chapter shall consist of: Most Wise Master, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden. *Appointed Officer will be the Master of Ceremonies.*

Section 4. Elected officers of the Consistory shall consist of: Commander-in-Chief, First-Lieutenant-Commander, Second Lieutenant-Commander. *Appointed Officer shall be the Orator.*

Section 5. Elected Officers of all four constituent bodies shall be the Treasurer, Fraternal Secretary, and the Trustees (3).

Section 6. There shall be a Tyler and Hospitaler, appointed by the Executive Committee, who shall serve all four (4) respective Bodies.

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Section 7. The officers of the Lodge shall be elected annually. *The officers of the Council, and Consistory shall be elected bi-annually in odd numbered years. The Chapter shall be elected bi-annually in even numbered years.* Voting for elected officers shall be by secret ballot and shall be held at the annual meeting. To be elected to office, the candidate must receive a majority of votes cast for that office at the Annual Meeting. A paper ballot will be prepared by the Fraternal Secretary and shall contain the names of a proposed slate of officers recommended by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Executive Committee.

Section 8. Supreme Council Constitution Article 338: When a vacancy in any elective office occurs by reason of death, resignation, advancement, or action by the Deputy of the State of Indiana in removing the incumbent or declaring the office vacant as provided in these Constitutions, an election to fill such vacancy shall be held at a stated meeting upon due notice to the members, except that if the vacancy occurs in the first or second elective office, the officer next in rank shall succeed to and be vested with the title and all the powers and prerogatives of such office until the next regular election, unless the Deputy directs that the vacancy be filled at a special election for the unexpired term.

Supreme Council Constitution Article 339: With the approval of the Deputy for the State of Indiana, the presiding officer of a Subordinate Body may fill the vacancy in any elective office other than those provided for in Article 338 hereof by appointment until such time as it shall be filled by election of the Body. In a Valley with multiple bodies the Executive Committee (or Board of Trustees) may, with the approval of the Deputy, appoint such officer until the next regular election.

Section 9. All officers of all bodies shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the Constitution and Regulations, rules, laws and rituals of the Supreme Council and the Rules and Regulations of the Council of Deliberation, in addition to those herein enumerated.

Section 10. It shall be the duty of the Thrice Potent Master or another designated by the Executive Committee to present to the annual meeting of the Council of Deliberation, a report showing the work done during the preceding year, size of the membership, and other matters as will give the Council of Deliberation full and clear information as to the condition of the bodies.

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Section 11. The Fraternal Secretary for the Bodies shall perform the duties prescribed by the Constitutions and Regulations, rules, laws and rituals of the Supreme Council and Rules and Regulations of the Council of Deliberation. The salary for such services shall be fixed by the Trustees and approved by the Executive Committee.

Section 12. The Treasurer for the four (4) respective Bodies (who cannot be the same person as the *Fraternal* Secretary) shall keep a record of his accounts as treasurer and at all times shall have free access to the various books and accounts kept by the secretary. He shall perform such other duties as are incident to this office and as are prescribed by the Constitutions, Regulations, rules, laws, and rituals of the Supreme Council and the Rules and Regulations of the Council of Deliberation. The Treasurer, Fraternal Secretary and Thrice Potent Master shall be authorized to sign all checks for the payment of money against the general bank account in the name of the Valley. However, should any of said persons be unable to sign checks, the Executive Committee shall designate one of its number who shall sign checks during such disability, but in no event shall there be less than two different signatures on each check.

Section 13. *Appointed Officers shall be recommended by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Executive Committee.*

ARTICLE VI

TRUSTEES

Section 3. The trustees shall be officers of the Lodge and shall be nominated and elected pursuant to Article V, Sec. 7.

ARTICLE XIII

FISCAL YEAR

Section 2. A budget of expected expenditures for the ensuing year shall be prepared by the Treasurer and the *Fraternal* Secretary and submitted to the Trustees and Executive Committee for approval by the Executive committee in the May meeting.