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July 30, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

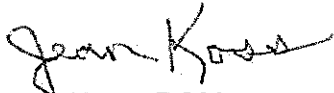
My name is Jean Koss, Past Grand Matron of Iowa and Past Matron of Polk City Chapter #361. I am submitting my name for consideration for the office of Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, Order of the Eastern Star.

As a working professional for many years, I believe I have the skillsets needed to serve Iowa Eastern Star as Grand Secretary. Currently, I am employed by Principal Financial Group where I serve as Executive Administrator. I have worked at Principal for 34 years and have worn many hats over the years. I believe my organizational skills, ability to use many different facets of technology and strong communication skills would serve Grand Chapter well.

I have remained active in both my local chapter and also Grand Chapter since I became a member 50 years ago. I have traveled to other grand jurisdictions over the years and found those trips very important and enlightening.

I have a deep respect for our Order and it would be my honor to a part of the future of Iowa Grand Chapter. Thank you for your consideration and trust.

Fraternally,



Jean Koss, PGM
Past Matron, Polk City Chapter #361

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Jean Koss
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Position of Interest: Grand Secretary for the Grand Chapter of Iowa Order of the Eastern Star

Work Experience:

Principal Financial Group, Executive Administrator (February 1991-present)

Duties Include: Organize schedules, draft and send correspondence, maintain file organization, process invoices for payment, plan and organize meetings (both on campus and offsite), work closely with our Board of Directors and assist with the production of meeting materials.

General Growth Companies, Legal Secretary (1988-1991)

Duties similar to above.

Compass Marketing, Albuquerque, Account Manager (1986-1988)

Received and expedited orders for electronic computer chips, managed accounts receivable and accounts payable.

Iowa State Fair, Receptionist and then Accounting Assistant (1978-1986)

Processed invoices, posted in general ledgers, deposited funds, handled payroll, compiled annual financial report for 103 Iowa county fairs. Managed money room for Iowa parimutuel harness races. Supervised tellers and money room personnel at seven different tracks.

Skills:

Proficient in Microsoft Word products, strong communication skills with diverse groups. Prior experience with Quicken for bookkeeping

Eastern Star History:

50 year member of Polk City Chapter (held many different offices)

Grand Ruth (2000)

District Instructor (2003-2018)

Worthy Grand Matron (2019)

Board of Custodians (2020-2022)

General Grand Chapter Committee Member (2022-2024)

Other Organizations:

Kiwanis Club of Polk City, Treasurer for over 20 years

North Polk Music Boosters (was Treasurer for 5 years)

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Nomination for Associate Grand Conductress

As per Section 17 in the Iowa Code Book, I want to place my name as a candidate for the position of Associate Grand Conductress at the 2025 Grand Chapter Session.

I have been a District Instructor for a total of 16 years: 1986-1987, 1989-1994, 2011-2012, and 2020-2025.

I was Grand Adah in 1988 with the C & C Crew with Carolyn Kropf and Carl Mumme as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

I have served on Grand Chapter Committees: Vision Committee, Chapter Concerns (3 years).

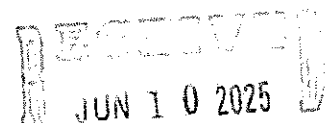
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I have been a Worthy Matron in 5 chapters – Lynds Chapter, Keosauqua; Twin City Chapter, Douds; Diamond Chapter, Fort Madison; Toledo Chapter, Tama; and Newton Chapter.

I was initiated into Lynds Chapter, Keosauqua in 1976 and have held an office almost every year since then. I am currently a member in both Toledo Chapter, Tama and Newton Chapter. I have been a member in 2 chapters for many years, always holding an office in both.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna I. Boecker



BY:

Nomination for Associate Grand Conductress

As per Section 17 in the Iowa Code Book, I want to place my name as a candidate for the position of Associate Grand Conductress at the 2025 Grand Chapter Session.

I have been a District Instructor for a total of 14 years: 1986, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 2011, 2012, 2021-2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025.

I was Grand Adah in 1988 with the C & C Crew with Carolyn Kropf and Carl Mumme as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

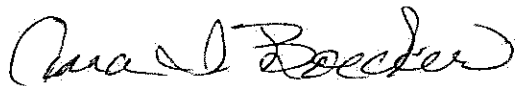
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JoAnn Bergeson
502 E 22nd St S
Newton, Iowa 50208
641-521-3924

Please consider this as my application to become a member of the Board of Grand Trustees for the Grand Chapter of Iowa.

Eastern Star History

Having been a member of Iowa Eastern Star for 45 years, I have served as Worthy Matron in both Altoona and Newton Chapters

In 1994 I was appointed by Sister Betty Shoup to serve Iowa Grand Chapter as a District Instructor. It was my honor to be elected by our Iowa members to serve as Worthy Grand Matron in 2005. Since that time I have served on the Barthell Home Board as well as on the Board of Grand Trustees. It was a joy to attend the Grand Chapter of New Jersey in 2024 as Grand Representative of New Jersey in Iowa.

Work History

Having graduated from Nettleton Business College, Sioux City, with an Executive Secretarial Degree, I worked in the business and professional field for many, many years, starting as a legal secretary for attorneys in both Spirit Lake and Des Moines. In 1994 I was promoted to Executive Secretary and then Administrative Assistant for the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC), retiring in December, 2009. It was a brief retirement as two years later I was hired once again by DMACC on a part-time basis for the Human Resources and Payroll Department, this time as a confidential assistant. I continue to work part-time for them in this capacity.

I appreciate this opportunity to further serve our Grand Chapter by becoming a member of the Board of Grand Trustees. We find ourselves in a challenging time, so remembering our treasured traditions is vital as we work toward better uses of technology in building a stronger, fiscally sound future for Iowa Eastern Star.



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JANE GREEN

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Division II Section 17

TERRI GROVER

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RESOLUTION FOR THE ONE HUNDRED FORTY SEVENTH SESSION OF IOWA GRAND CHAPTER

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

AMENDMENT TO THE CODE TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE CONCLUSION OF 2025 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

PROPOSED CHANGES TO CODE:

SECTION 20, PAGE 11

RESTRICTIONS.

CURRENTLY READS:

No member shall hold more than one Elected office, Appointed office, District Instructor appointment, Committee Member, elected or appointed, or Grand Representative appointment in the Grand Chapter at the same time, during the same Grand Chapter year, and no officer of the Grand Chapter shall be eligible to re-election except the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

In no case shall any two officers of the Grand Chapter, elective or appointive, be chosen from a chapter during the same year, except chapters where the Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress shall hold membership. An exception to this being: after Grand Chapter installation of officers, one chapter with a Grand Officer makes a decision to consolidate with another chapter to which a Grand Officer belongs. If consolidation passes in both chapters, both Grand Officers may continue to serve in their respective capacities and retain membership in their chapter.

In no case shall two District Instructors be chosen from a chapter during the same year. An exception to this being where at least one of the District Instructors is a dual member of another chapter.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

It is necessary to replace the title of District Instructor to District Deputy

RATIONALE:

To have continuity in the Code, the title of District Instructor has to be changed to District Deputy

FINAL WORDING SHOWING CHANGES:

No member shall hold more than one Elected office, Appointed office, District Deputy appointment, Committee Member, elected or appointed, or Grand Representative appointment in the Grand Chapter at the same time, during the same Grand Chapter year, and no officer of the Grand Chapter shall be eligible to re-election except the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

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**RESOLUTION FOR ONE HUNDRED FORTY SEVENTH IOWA GRAND CHAPTER SESSION
ORDER OF THE EASTERN SRAR**

PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOARD OF CUSTODIANS DUTIES OF GRAND CHAPTER

AMENDMENT TO THE CODE TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE CONCLUSION OF 2025 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

BOARD OF CUSTODIANS SECTION 43, PAGE 20

CURRENTLY READS:

A Board of Custodians consisting of the three past Grand Matrons shall have charge of the Ritualistic work, act as examiners and instructors of the District Instructors, and conduct a State School in January of each year. After each Grand Chapter Session the retiring Worthy Grand Matron shall become a member of said Board for a term of three years. Vacancies on this Board shall be filled by appointment by the Worthy Grand Matron for the unexpired term. The Board of Custodians shall examine Sisters who may apply for the Examination required for District Instructors and report their finding to the Worthy Grand Matron and the Associate Grand Matron.

PROPOSED CHANGE: The Board of Custodians will assist the Worthy Grand Matron with the Workshops. To delete "act as examiners and instructors of the District Instructors, and conduct a State School in February of each year. The Board of Custodian shall examine Sisters who may apply for the Examination required for District Instructors and report their finding to the Worthy Grand Matron and the Associate Grand Matron".

RATIONALE;

The duties of the District Instructors being changed, it is no longer necessary for the Board of Custodians to conduct a State School or hold an examination

FINAL VERSION AFTER CHANGE:

A Board of Custodians consisting of the three past Grand Matrons shall have charge of the Ritualistic work and promoting proficiency. The Board of Custodians will assist the Worthy Grand Matron with the Workshops. After each Grand Chapter Session, the retiring Worthy Grand Matron shall become a member of said Board for a term of three years. Vacancies on this Board shall be filled by appointment by the Worthy Grand Matron for the unexpired term.

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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

AMENDMENT TO THE CODE TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE CONCLUSION OF 2025 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CODE:

DISTRICT INSTRUCTORS

SECTION 55, PAGE 24

DISTRICTS FORMED

CURRENTLY READS:

To secure uniformity and thoroughness in the work of the Order, the Worthy Grand Matron is authorized to divide the Grand Jurisdiction into not more than 35 districts; in each of which she may appoint a District Instructor who will be required to pass an examination as hereinbefore provided. The District Instructor so appointed must be a present or Past Matron of a Subordinate Chapter within the district she is to serve. When so appointed, she will receive a commission duly authenticated by the Worthy Grand Matron under the seal of the office. The District Instructors are appointed by and responsible to the Worthy Grand Matron during the term of office.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

This Section would be changed to DISTRICT DEPUTIES

The duties of the District Instructors will be deleted. The Worthy Grand Matron will be authorized to appoint District Deputies. No examination will be required.

RATIONALE:

It will not be necessary for the District Deputies to be required to pass an examination.

FINAL VERSION SHOWING CHANGES:

DISTRICT DEPUTIES

SECTION 55, PAGE 24

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To secure uniformity and thoroughness in the work of the Order, the Worthy Grand Matron is authorized to divide the Grand Jurisdiction into not more than 35 districts; in each of which she may appoint a District Deputy. The District Deputy so appointed must be a present or Past Matron of a Subordinate Chapter within the district she is to serve. When so appointed, she will receive a commission duly authenticated by the Worthy Grand Matron under the seal of the office. The District Deputies are appointed by and responsible to the Worthy Grand Matron during the term of office.

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**RESOLUTION FOR THE ONE HUNDRED FORTY SEVENTH IOWA GRAND CHAPTER
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

PROPOSED CHANGES TO CODE:

**AMENDMENT TO THE CODE TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE CONCLUSION OF 2025 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION
SCHOOL FOR INSTRUCTORS (Under District Instructors)**

SECTION 56, page 24

CURRENTLY READS:

A school of instruction for the District Instructors will be held in February of each year. The Worthy Grand Matron will select the place and date of the meeting and give timely notice. The Worthy Grand Matron shall be an honorary member of the Board of Custodians and with the members of the Board, shall attend the School of Instruction

PROPOSED CHANGE:

This entire section would be deleted as no school of instruction would be necessary for the District Instructors.

RATIONALE:

There are not enough District Instructors to fill the stations at a school held for them. In recent years the stations have been filled by Grand Officers, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. This was not the original intent.

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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CODE:

AMENDMENT TO THE CODE TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE CONCLUSION OF 2025 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

SECTION 57, page 24, 25

DUTIES OF INSTRUCTORS

CURRENTLY READS:

Each District Instructor shall hold a District School. An Inspection Meeting may follow at the discretion of the Chapters involved in the School .

PROVIDED:

- (a) School of Instruction procedures are outlined in guidelines distributed to Chapters by the Board of Custodians who have the responsibility of governing the ritualistic work.
- (b) The Participating Chapter will share the responsibility of providing officers for the District School and/or Inspection. The Demonstrations to be covered in the School.
- (c) The Participating Chapters agree to share in any costs incurred by the host Chapters for said District School/Inspection.
- (d) The date of the School and/or Inspection will be set by the Associate Grand Matron and the District Instructor's Chapters prior to her installation as Worthy Grand Matron.

The District Instructor shall attend a stated or special meeting of each Chapter in her District for the purpose of conducting a Business School of Instruction. She shall review the books and records of each Chapter in her District for the purpose of inspecting the paraphernalia as required, as well as to give instruction as may be necessary to assure conformity with the standards of Grand Chapter. The District Instructor shall conduct her School of Instruction during the months of March, April, May shall complete her work not later than June 1st of each year, but for special or emergency, the time may be extended by the Worthy Grand Matron.

It shall be the duty of the District Instructor to attend the School of Instruction and a Business School of Instruction in each of the chapters in her District. She shall be paid a stipend of \$300.00 at the completion of her duties when approved by the Worthy Grand Matron and audited by the Board of Trustees. Such payment to the District Instructor will be made by June 25th of the years the stipend was earned.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

The title of this Section would be changed to Duties of District Deputies

The District Instructors will not be instructing schools and the District Deputies will have different duties.

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RATIONALE:

Over the years, the number of chapters and membership has declined. This has increased the workload of our current District Instructors. This increase has deterred some members from being willing to accept the traditional District Instructor role when asked to serve. This has resulted in less District Instructors covering a large number of chapters within an expansive district.

With this legislation the role of the District Instructor is being changed to a District Deputy. The duties and responsibilities of the District Instructor will be changed beginning with a rebranding of the name, District Deputy.

The role of the District Deputy will be to work with their assigned chapters to attend a regular stated or special meeting, review the books of the chapter, inspect the chapter paraphernalia, provide specific instruction and information given by the Worthy Grand Matron, and other various duties assigned by the Worthy Grand Matron during a given year. The District Deputy will not be responsible for holding a school(s) of instruction for their chapters. The District Deputy will serve for one year with the ability to be reappointed again. Similar to the District Instructor role, the District Deputy will still serve as a link between their assigned subordinate chapters and the Grand Chapter.

FINAL VERSION SHOWING CHANGES:

The District Deputy shall attend a stated or special meeting of each Chapter in her District for the purpose of reviewing the books and records, inspect the paraphernalia as required as well as give information as may be necessary to assure conformity with the standards of Grand Chapter. The date of the meeting will be set by the Associate Grand Matron prior to her installation as Worthy Grand Matron, and the District Deputy. The District Deputy shall conduct her duties during the months of March, April, May and shall complete her work not later than June 1st of each year, but for special or emergency, the time may be extended by the Worthy Grand Matron.

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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CODE:

AMENDMENT TO THE CODE TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE CONCLUSION OF 2025 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

Section 58, page 26

REPORT, EXPENSE, COMPENSATION

CURRENTLY READS:

(2023) Each District Instructor shall within thirty (30) days following the completion of her duties make a report to the Worthy Grand Matron on the condition of the Chapters visited, together with such suggestions and recommendations as may be deemed of interest to the Order. Each District Instructor shall be paid a stipend of \$300.00 at the completion of her duties when approved by the Worthy Grand Matron and audited by the Board of Grand Trustees. Such payment to the District Instructor will be made by June 25th of the year the stipend was earned.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

It would be necessary to change District Instructor to District Deputy.

RATIONALE: For continuity in the Code, the title District Instructor will have to be changed to District Deputy

FINAL VERSION SHOWING CHANGES:

(2024) Each District Deputy shall within thirty (30)d days following the completion of her duties make a report to the Worthy Grand Matron on the condition of the Chapters visited, together with such suggestions and recommendations as may be deemed of interest to the Order. Each District Deputy shall be paid a stipend of \$300.00 at the completion of her duties when approved by the Worthy Grand Maton and audited by the Board of Grand Trustees. Such payment to the District Deputy will be made by June 25th of the year the stipend was earned.

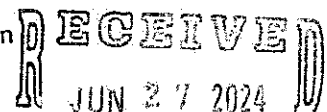
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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CODE:

AMENDMENT TO THE CODE TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE CONCLUSION OF 2025 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION
SECTION 59, PAGE 26

RIGHTS

CURRENTLY READS:

District Instructors other than Grand Officers are not to be considered as officers of the Grand Chapter, but are the personal representatives of the Worthy Grand Matron only when acting as such, and at such times and places as she may direct

PROPOSED CHANGE:

It would be necessary to change District Instructor to District Deputy

RATIONALE:

For continuity in the Code, the title District Instructor will have to be changed to District Deputy

FINAL VERSION SHOWING CHANGES:

District Deputies other than Grand Officers are not to be considered as officers of the Grand Chapter, but are the personal representatives of the Worthy Grand Matron only when acting as such, and at such times and places as she may direct

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RESOLUTION FOR THE ONE HUNDRED FORTY SEVENTH SESSION OF IOWA GRAND CHAPTER
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CODE:

AMENDMENT TO THE CODE TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE CONCLUSION OF 2025 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

SECTION 60, Page 26

WORKSHOPS

CURRENTLY READS:

A District Instructor may hold a workshop for her district, if such is authorized by the Board of Custodians and/or Worthy Grand Matron. These must be held in a Chapter room, and all who attend must show a current receipt for dues or valid demit. All travel expenses by the District Instructor are the responsibility of the District Instructor.

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The Worthy Grand Matron and/or Board of Custodians shall hold a workshop and determine the location of the meeting.

RATIONALE:

The District Instructor will no longer hold a workshop or be responsible for the travel expenses

FINAL VERSION SHOWING CHANGES:

The Worthy Grand Matron and/or Board of Custodians shall hold a workshop for the purpose of imparting information and promoting proficiency. This must be held in a Chapter room, and all who attend must show a current receipt for dues or valid demit.

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RESOLUTION FOR ONE HUNDRED FORTY SEVENTH IOWA GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

PROPOSED CHANGES TO WORTHY MATRON OF THE CODE: (Under Subordinate Chapters)

AMENDMENT TO THE CODE TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE CONCLUSION OF 2025 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

SECTION 96 PAGE 39-41

WORTHY MATRON

CURRENTLY READS:

It shall be the duty of the Worthy Matron:

- (a) To preside over the Chapter when present and make all necessary provisions for the faithful performance of that duty in her absence.
- (b) To preserve the Charter of the Chapter and to deliver it to her successor in office.
- (c) To see that the bylaws of the Chapter and the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter of Iowa are duly explained, respected, and obeyed by the members.
- (d) To represent her chapter in conjunction with the Worthy Patron in the Grand Chapter in each annual session.
- (e) To see that all money due the Chapter is promptly collected.
- (f) To see that the furniture and other valuables are not wasted, damaged, or lost and in cases of forfeiture of Charter, to preserve the same with all property of the Charter to be surrendered to the Grand Secretary.
- (g) To sign all orders drawn upon the treasury with the consent of the Chapter.
- (h) To appoint all Chapter committees not otherwise designated in the Code.
- (i) To see that all members violating the laws of the Order are faithfully dealt with and guarantee to each one charged with improper conduct, a fair trial and an appeal to the Grand Chapter if demanded.
- (j) To select the appointive officers.
- (k) To fill the places of absent officers by protem appointments.
- (l) To convene the Chapter in special meeting whenever there shall appear to her a necessity.
- (m) To install officers, or to provide for their installation.
- (n) To see that visitors from other Chapters have courteous attention and welcome to the Chapter.
- (o) To cast the deciding vote at any time in case of a tie.

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(p) To appoint standing committees on Finance, Relief, Proficiency, and Education on the date of Installation.

(q) To report to her Chapter the proceedings of the Grand Chapter at the first stated meeting following the session of the body.

(r) To decide all questions of order.

(s) to see that the annual returns of the Grand Chapter are properly made out and forwarded by the Secretary within the time required by the Grand Chapter.

(t) To surrender to the Worthy Patron control of the Chapter during initiation and perform such part of the work of initiation as is allotted to her by the Ritual.

(u) To see that the members are informed in the written and unwritten work of the Order and to encourage them to take the Proficiency Examination.

(v) To see that the Chapter under the direction of a District Instructor holds a District School of Instruction followed by an optional Inspection Meeting as provided in Grand Chapter Section 57 of the Code.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

To delete article (v) To see that the Chapter under the direction of a District Instructor holds a District School of Instruction followed by an optional Inspection Meeting as provided in Grand Chapter Section 57 of the Code.

RATIONALE:

If legislation is passed to eliminate School of Instruction, article (v) in the Worthy Matron duties would not be necessary.

FINAL VERSION AFTER CHANGE:

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Section 14, page 9: Rules for Election

1. Section Number and Section Header

Section 14. Rules for Election

2. Current Text as Printed in the Constitution and Code of the Grand Chapter of Iowa Order of the Eastern Star

Section 14. RULES FOR ELECTION

The elective officers of the Grand Chapter shall be elected in the order in which they are named in the Constitution, and the election shall be conducted in the following manner:

The Worthy Grand Matron presides, or she may invite the Worthy Grand Patron to do so.

Three or more tellers shall have been previously appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron.

At 1:00 p.m. on the second day of the annual session, the Presiding Officer shall announce that the annual election of Grand Officers will be next in order and shall announce the officers to be voted upon. Each voting member shall thereupon prepare her or his ballot for the elective officer designated by the Presiding Officer. The tellers shall collect the ballots from the voters present as may be most convenient.

When the ballot has been declared closed by the Presiding Officer, the tellers shall retire to prepare their report. If, from the report of the tellers, it appears that no choice has been made for a particular office, a second or more ballots for that particular office shall be prepared and collected as in the original vote, and this procedure continued until a choice has been made. Members of the Grand Chapter shall not be allowed to leave their seats or carry on conversation in the Chapter room during the election of officers except by permission of the Presiding Officer and except further, that while the tellers are canvassing the vote, other business of the Grand Chapter may be conducted. Any member writing or distributing ballots for the other members to deposit or electioneering within the Grand Chapter room shall be liable to charges and any of the penalties prescribed in this Code. It shall be the duty of any member knowing of these practices to report the same to the Presiding Officer.

Any member selected for an elective position in the Grand Chapter must be present in the Grand Chapter room at the business session of the annual election of officers to accept his/her election.

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3. Proposed Change(s) to the above section

ADD: "... Any candidate who has submitted her or his name for an elected office within Iowa Grand Chapter may not solicit the support of, campaign for, or electioneer for the position they have submitted their name prior to or during a Grand Chapter Session. This includes any stated meeting, official visit, or any event or activity reasonably associated with Iowa Eastern Star. It will not be permissible for candidates to produce any signs, brochures, or other campaign-related materials. No candidate may appoint a designee(s) to solicit support, campaign or electioneer on a candidate's behalf. Any member(s) to have been found responsible for any violations may be liable to charges or penalties prescribed in The Code."

4. Rationale for the Change(s)

Through the work of the Exploratory Committee appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron, the committee heard loud and clear from the membership regarding the concept of campaigning for an elected position in Iowa Grand Chapter. The membership shared that campaigning for any elected position should not be allowed. This was to ensure the candidate elected would be elected on her or his qualifications and merit rather than a popular vote. Per The Code, any eligible candidates' names and qualifications will be sent to chapters by the Grand Secretary's Office after August 15, annually. This is the only printed literature distributed to the membership regarding candidates that would be permissible.

5. Final Version Showing Change(s)

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Section 17, page 10: Elective Offices and Board Members

1. Section Number and Section Header

Section 17, Elective Offices and Board Members

2. Current Text as Printed in the Constitution and Code of the Grand Chapter of Iowa Order of the Eastern Star

It may be permissible for a Worthy Matron or Past Matron, or a Worthy Patron or Past Patron of an Iowa Chapter to submit to the Grand Secretary's office her/his name and qualification for any elective position. Names of nominees other than self shall be accompanied by written consent of the nominee. Names shall be in the Grand Secretary's office at least ninety (90) days before the formal opening of Grand Chapter. Said names and qualifications shall be sent to Chapters along with proposed legislation after August 15th of each year and shall be announced immediately prior to the election.

3. Proposed Change(s) to the above section

ADD: "It may be permissible for a Worthy Matron or Past Matron, or a Worthy Patron or Past Patron of an Iowa Chapter to submit to the Grand Secretary's office her/his name and qualification for any elective position" ... *with the exception of the Associate Grand Conductress. She shall be eligible for nomination to the office of Associate Grand Conductress provided she meet and submit her qualifications based on the following criteria outlined in this section.*

ADD: (As a Second paragraph)

For the office of Associate Grand Conductress:

- (a) *She shall be a member, in Good Standing, for a minimum of ten (10) years*
- (b) *Must have passed an examination administered by the Board of Custodians*
- (c) *Is a Past Matron at the time of submitting her name for consideration*
- (d) *Have served Iowa Grand Chapter through two (2) or more of the following:*
 - a. *A District Instructor*
 - b. *An appointed Grand Officer*
 - c. *A Grand Representative*
 - d. *A Grand Chapter Committee Chairman and/or committee member*
 - e. *Served on the Board of Grand Trustees*

4. Rationale for the Change(s)

For many years, Iowa Grand Chapter has followed an unwritten tradition of electing the Associate Grand Conductress from the current line of District Instructors. With the decline of chapters and membership, this has increased the workload and responsibility of current District Instructors. As a result, this has deterred members from being willing to accept the District Instructor appointment. With less District Instructors, this greatly increases the size of districts. With the steady decline of

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District Instructors, this unwritten tradition is no longer a viable option to select future leaders to serve Iowa Grand Chapter. This would also allow sisters to be District Instructors without the intention or expectation to become a Grand Line Officer.

Through the work of the Exploratory Committee, the committee has met with several representatives from numerous jurisdictions to review their selection processes and took member feedback through the completed surveys. Through these discussions, the committee has developed this procedure and legislation to clearly outline to our members the process to submit eligible candidates' names to be considered for the position of Associate Grand Conductress.

5. Final Version Showing Change(s)

Section 17, Elective Offices and Board Members

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CURRENTLY READS

Section 57. DUTIES OF INSTRUCTORS –

Each District Instructor shall hold ONE BUT NO MORE THAN TWO District Schools within their District as assigned by the Worthy Grand Matron (Effective at the conclusion of the 2025 Grand Chapter Session). An Inspection Meeting may follow at the discretion of the Chapters involved in the School.

PROVIDED-

- (a) School of Instruction procedures are outlined in guidelines distributed to Chapters by the Board of Custodians who have the responsibility of governing the ritualistic work.
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The District Instructor shall conduct one but no more than two Business Workshop(s) with the Chapters in their District prior to the District School. At that Business Workshop(s) the District Instructor shall review the books and records of each Chapter within her District and give instructions on the business portion of our meetings. The District Instructor will provide information to ensure conformity with the standards of Grand Chapter. The District Instructor shall conduct her District School(s) in the months of March, April and May and shall complete her work no later than June first of each year, but for special reasons or emergency, the time may be extended by the Worthy Grand Matron. The District Instructor is encouraged to attend a stated meeting or special meeting at each of her District Chapters during the year of her appointment.

The contents and order of business for the District Schools and the Business Workshops will be the responsibility of the Worthy Grand Matron, and the Board of Custodians.

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(i) The District Instructor shall conduct one but no more than two Business Workshop(s) with the Chapters in their District prior to the District School. At that Business Workshop(s) the District Instructor shall review the books and records of each Chapter within her/his District and give instructions on the business portion of our meetings. The District Instructor will provide information to ensure conformity with the standards of Grand Chapter. The District Instructor shall conduct her/his District School(s) in the months of March, April and May and shall complete her/his work no later than June first of each year, but for special reasons or emergency, the time may be extended by the Worthy Grand Matron. The District Instructor is encouraged to attend a stated meeting or special meeting at each of her/his District Chapters during the year of her appointment.

The contents and order of business for the District Schools and the Business Workshops will be the responsibility of the Worthy Grand Matron, and the Board of Custodians.

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RATIONALE: Through the work of the Exploratory Committee appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron, the Committee has listened to the opinions of the membership and proposed the above modification to the District Instructor role. By passing this resolution, it will enable the position of District Instructor to be filled by either a Sister or a Brother. As long as the person passes the examination to be a District Instructor, she or he should be eligible to be appointed. We have been having a difficult time getting new Instructors and by opening it up to either Sisters or Brothers, we hope to have more people willing to take on the role. The content of the schools will continue to be at the discretion of the Worthy Grand Matron and Board of Custodians. If this legislation passes, there will be minor changes to Code Sections 43, 55, 57, 58 and 60 (gender specific language – she/he, /sister/brother, /her/his, Past Matron/Past Patron, etc.). These changes would need to be made by the Grand Secretary before the next Code revisions are printed.

FINAL VERSION

Section 57. DUTIES OF INSTRUCTORS –

Each District Instructor shall hold ONE BUT NO MORE THAN TWO District Schools within their District assigned by the Worthy Grand Matron (Effective at the conclusion of the 2025 Grand Chapter Session). An Inspection Meeting may follow at the discretion of the Chapters involved in the School.

PROVIDED-

- (a) School of Instruction procedures are outlined in guidelines distributed to Chapters by the Board of Custodians who have the responsibility of governing the ritualistic work.
- (b) The Participating chapter will share the responsibility of providing officers for a District School and Inspection. The chapters will also provide members to perform all other demonstrations to be covered in the School.
- (c) The participating chapters agree to share in any costs incurred by the host chapters for said District School/ Inspection.
- (d) The date of the School and/or Inspection will be set by the Associate Grand Matron and the District Instructor's chapters prior to her Installation as Worthy Grand Matron.
- (e) School of Instruction procedures are outlined in guidelines distributed to Chapters by the Board of Custodians who have the responsibility of governing the ritualistic work.
- (f) The participating Chapters will share the responsibility of providing officers for a District School and Inspection. The Chapters will also provide members to perform all other demonstrations to be covered in the School.
- (g) The participating Chapters agree to share in any costs incurred by the host Chapter for said District School Inspection.
- (h) The date of the School and/or Inspection will be set by the Associate Grand Matron and the District Instructor's Chapters Prior to her Installation as Worthy Grand Matron.

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Proposed Legislation for Grand Chapter, 2025

Proposed by Jane Green PGM, President of the Board of Grand Trustees

Division II Grand Chapter

Section 47 Registration Committee and Fees – (pages 21-22)

Currently Reads:

(a)FEES. Each member of the Order attending any session of Grand Chapter except an open installation shall pay a Registration fee set by the Board of Grand Trustees. Members whose registration and fee are postmarked after the registration deadline and those members who register at the session shall pay the registration fee plus a late fee. No registration fee shall be collected from guests who are not members of the Order who have been invited to attend an open session of Grand Chapter. (page 22) No registration fee shall be collected from guests who are not members of the Order who have been invited to attend an open session of Grand Chapter.

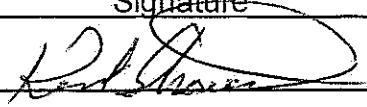
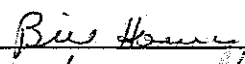
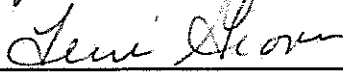
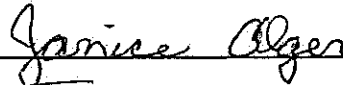
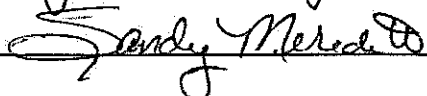
Proposed Change: Eliminate the underlined portion as it is a repeat of the preceding sentence.

Rational: This will make it much easier to read.

Final Version:

FEES. Each member of the Order attending any session of Grand Chapter except an open installation shall pay a Registration fee set by the Board of Grand Trustees. Members whose registration and fee are postmarked after the registration deadline and those members who register at the session shall pay the registration fee plus a late fee. No registration fee shall be collected from guests who are not members of the Order who have been invited to attend an open session of Grand Chapter.

Proponents:

Date	Printed Name	Signature
	Ken T. Strawn	
	Bill Howie	
	Terri G. Geyer	
	Janice Alger	
	Sandy Meredith	

Proponents:

Date	Printed Name	Signature
05/31/25	Vicki Butler	Vicki Butler
05-31-25	Carroll Dayse	Carroll Dayse
05-31-25	LARRY JONES	Larry Jones
5-31-25	Jane Green	Jane Green
5-31-25	Timothy J Ramthun	Timothy J Ramthun
5-31-25	Nancy J. Ramthun	Nancy J. Ramthun

Proposed Legislation for Grand Chapter, 2025

Proposed by Jane Green PGM, President of the Board of Grand Trustees

Division III Subordinate Chapters

Section 117 Fifty-Year Membership Requirements

Currently Reads:

Any living member, who according to the records in the office of the Grand Secretary, has been in affiliated good standing in the Order for a period of fifty (50) years, one or more which have been in an Iowa Chapter, but not necessarily consecutive years, either in an Iowa Chapter or other Chapters of the Order, and whose dues are not delinquent, shall be a fifty-year member, and upon written request from the Secretary of the Chapter wherein the member holds membership in Iowa, or holds their primary membership in Iowa if a dual member, shall, if the records so show the attainment of fifty years status, receive from the office of the Grand Secretary a fifty-year certificate, signed by the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and attested by the Grand Secretary.

A fifty-year certificate will be issued by the Grand Chapter of Iowa to a member holding a dual membership when the requirements are met in the member's primary Chapter in Iowa. The dual secondary chapter would recognize the accomplishment of fifty years of the member. The primary chapter secretary would notify the secretary of the dual secondary chapter. The member shall be exempt from paying dues as stated in the last paragraph of this section 117.

Proposed Change: Change dual to "Plural".

Rational: At General Grand Chapter in Myrtle Beach, SC, it was passed to allow plural membership. Therefore, Dual membership needs to be changed to Plural membership.

Final Version:

Any living member, who according to the records in the office of the Grand Secretary, has been in affiliated good standing in the Order for a period of fifty (50) years, one or more which have been in an Iowa Chapter, but not necessarily consecutive years, either in an Iowa Chapter or other Chapters of the Order, and whose dues are not delinquent, shall be a fifty-year member, and upon written request from the Secretary of the Chapter wherein the member holds membership in Iowa, or holds their primary membership in Iowa if a plural member, shall, if the records so show the attainment of fifty years status, receive from the office of the Grand

A fifty-year certificate will be issued by the Grand Chapter of Iowa to a member holding a plural membership when the requirements are met in the member's primary Chapter in Iowa. The plural secondary chapter would recognize the accomplishment of fifty years of the member. The primary chapter secretary would notify the secretary of the plural secondary chapter. The member shall be exempt from paying dues as stated in the last paragraph of this Section 117.

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	Kent Strawn	Kent Strawn
	Bill Howie	Bill Howie
	Terry Grover	Terry Grover
	Janice Alger	Janice Alger
	Sandy Meredith	Sandy Meredith
05/31/25	Vicki Butler	Vicki Butler
05-31-25	Carroll Duxsen	Carroll Duxsen
05-31-25	LARRY JAMES	Larry Jones
5-31-25	Jane Green	Jane Green
5-31-25	Timothy J Ramthun	Timothy J Ramthun
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Proposed Legislation for Grand Chapter, 2025

Proposed by Jane Green PGM, President of the Board of Grand Trustees

Division 3. Subordinate Chapters – Page 52

Section 122. Grand Chapter Dues

Currently Reads:

The Grand Chapter dues shall be due on the first day of January each year. Each Chapter shall pay Grand Chapter dues for all members upon its roll for the year ending December 31st preceding, including affiliates and initiates (except those whose dues have been remitted, those who hold life certificates, and those entitled to prepaid credit for dues paid before the transfer of membership) a per capita tax of thirty-four dollars (\$34.00) per member plus the General Grand Chapter Per Capita amount, which sum shall be apportioned as follows: fifty cents (\$0.50) for the Eastern Star Board of Relief, the payment of the General Grand Chapter Per Capita and the balance for the maintenance of Grand Chapter.

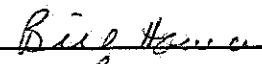
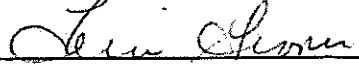
Proposed change to above section: Delete "thirty-four dollars (\$34.00) per member plus the General Grand Chapter per capita amount,"

Rational: Some members thought that the amount paid to Grand Chapter was \$34.00 per member when it is actually \$36.00 which is apportioned at this time as: \$2.00 to General Grand Chapter, \$0.50 for the Board of Relief, and the remainder for Grand Chapter.

Final Version:

The Grand Chapter dues shall be due on the first day of January each year. Each Chapter shall pay Grand Chapter dues for all members upon its roll for the year ending December 31st preceding, including affiliates and initiates (except those whose dues have been remitted, those who hold life certificates, and those entitled to prepaid credit for dues paid before the transfer of membership) a per capita tax of thirty-six dollars (\$36.00) per member, which sum shall be apportioned as follows: fifty cents (\$0.50) for the Eastern Star Board of Relief, the payment of the General Grand Chapter Per Capita and the balance for the maintenance of Grand Chapter.

Proponents:

Date	Printed Name	Signature
	Kurt Storch	
	Bill Howe	
	Terri Grover	

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Proposed Legislation for Grand Chapter, 2025

Proposed by Jane Green PGM, President of the Board of Grand Trustees

Division 3 Subordinate Chapters

Section 139 Balloting (pages 58-59) paragraph (a) & (b)

Currently Reads:

- (a) No person can be elected without balloting on a petition for affiliation, dual membership, degrees or reinstatement. Balloting is done by use of white balls and black cubes. If no more than two (2) black cubes appear, the ballot is considered clear. If three (3) or more black cubes appear the ballot is destroyed and a second ballot is taken. If no more than two (2) black cubes appear on the second ballot, the ballot is considered clear. If three (3) or more black cubes appear on the second ballot, the Worthy Matron announces the results of the final ballot. The results of the second ballot shall be final. No other business shall be transacted between ballots.
- (b) At the option of the Presiding Officer, a ballot may be spread upon any number of petitions to receive the degrees, at one, and the same time, not to exceed five (5). If the ballot is found to be clear, the several petitioners shall be declared elected to receive the degrees. Should three black cubes appear in a collective ballot, the chapter shall not reject any one particular candidate. All names in the collective ballot shall be separately voted upon again at that meeting. If, upon the first separate ballot, three black cubes are cast the Presiding Officer shall not announce the results, but shall immediately order another ballot to be taken. The results shall be announced. In like manner, a group of petitions for affiliation, a group of petitions for reinstatement, and a group of petitions for dual membership may be voted upon by a collective ballot following the same procedure.

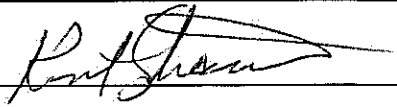
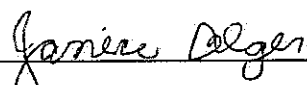
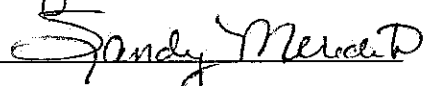
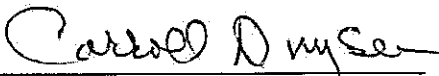
Proposed Change: Eliminate dual membership and insert plural membership. Eliminate the underlined words: one, and in the first sentence of paragraph (b).

Rational: At General Grand Chapter in Myrtle Beach, SC, it was passed to allow Plural Membership. So, we need to change our code to update to plural membership. Eliminating the words: one, and will just make it easier to read and understand.

Final Version:

- a) No person can be elected without balloting on a petition for affiliation, plural membership, degrees or reinstatement. Balloting is done by use of white balls and black cubes. If no more than two (2) black cubes appear, the ballot is considered clear. If three (3) or more black cubes appear the ballot is destroyed and a second ballot is taken. If no more than two (2) black cubes appear on the second ballot, the ballot is considered clear. If three (3) or more black cubes appear on the second ballot, the Worthy Matron announces the results of the final ballot. The result of the second ballot shall be final. No other business shall be transacted between ballots.
- b) At the option of the Presiding Officer, a ballot may be spread upon any number of petitions to receive the degrees at the same time, not to exceed five (5). If the ballot is found to be clear, the several petitioners shall be declared elected to receive the degrees. Should three black cubes appear in a collective ballot, the chapter shall not reject any one particular candidate. All names in the collective ballot shall be separately voted upon again at that meeting. If, upon the first separate ballot, three black cubes are cast, the Presiding Officer shall not announce the results but shall immediately order another ballot to be taken. The results shall be announced.
- In like manner, a group of petitions for affiliation, a group of petitions for reinstatement, and a group of petitions for plural membership may be voted upon by a collective ballot following the same procedure.

Proponents:

Date	Printed Name	Signature
	Kent Strom	
	Bill Howe	
	Teri Groves	
	Janice Alger	
	Sandy Meredith	
05/31/25	Vicki Butler	
05-31-25	Carroll Dwyer	
5-31-25	Nancy J. Ramthun	

Proponents:

Date	Printed Name	Signature
05-31-25	LARRY JONES	Larry Jones
5-31-25	Jane Green	Jane Green
5/31/25	Timothy J. Ranthun	Timothy Ranthun

Proposed Legislation for Grand Chapter, 2025

Proposed by: Jane Green PGM, President of the Board of Grand Trustees

Section 139 Balloting EXCEPTION-

Currently Reads:

EXCEPTION – A collective ballot may be spread upon any number of petitions for affiliation received at one time from members of a Chapter which has surrendered its Charter, providing they are accompanied by demits issued by the Grand Chapter of Iowa within the last year. However, a collective ballot not clear shall not affect the right of any petition to be balloted upon according to paragraph (a) of this section.

Proposed Change: Eliminate this entire paragraph. Chapters no longer "surrender their charter". Chapters do "consolidate".

Rational: Since we no longer Surrender the charter, there is no reason to have this paragraph. When Chapters consolidate, both Chapters must vote to accept this consolidation so then there is no need for demits or to ballot on the acceptance of those members who are going to the other chapter in consolidation.

Proponents:

Date	Printed Name	Signature
	Karl Stinson	Karl Stinson
	Bill Hamer	Bill Hamer
	Terri Grover	Terri Grover
	Janice Alger	Janice Alger
	Sandy Meredith	Sandy Meredith
05/31/25	Vicki Butler	Vicki Butler
05-31-25	Carroll Dwyer	Carroll Dwyer
05-31-25	HARRY JONES	Harry Jones
5-31-25	Jane Green	Jane Green
5-31-25	Timothy J. Ramthun	Timothy J. Ramthun
5-31-25	Nancy J. Ramthun	Nancy J. Ramthun

Proposed Legislation for Grand Chapter, 2025

Proposed by Jane Green PGM, President of the Board of Grand Trustees

Reinstatement:

Section 163 Dues Paid or Remitted

Currently Reads:

A member who has been suspended for non-payment of dues at the last stated meeting in December, and who pays the full amount of dues on or before December 31st of the same year, shall be declared reinstated by the Worthy Matron at the following January stated meeting of the Chapter as of the date of December 31st. No report of such suspension and reinstatement need be made by the Secretary in the annual return to the Grand Chapter. If payment of delinquent dues is made within one year from the date of suspension, or if the same shall be remitted by a vote of the Chapter, then the Worthy Matron shall without vote declare the member reinstated. The reinstatement shall be entered in the record in the proceedings of the Chapter and in the book of account, and the entry shall restore the delinquent to full membership.

Proposed Change: Change the following January to "first stated meeting in the New Year".

Rational: Some Chapters do not meet in January, so it would not be possible to reinstate in January. If it is stated as "the first stated meeting of the new year", this would accommodate those who do meet in January and those who do not.

Final Version:

A member who has been suspended for non-payment of dues at the last stated meeting in December, and who pays the full amount of dues on or before December 31st of the same year, shall be declared reinstated by the Worthy Matron at the first stated meeting of the chapter in the New Year, as of the date of December 31st. No report of such suspension and reinstatement need be made by the Secretary in the annual return to the Grand Chapter. If payment of delinquent dues is made within one year from the date of suspension, or if the same shall be remitted by a vote of the Chapter, then the Worthy Matron shall without vote declare the member reinstated. The reinstatement shall be entered in the record in the proceeding of the Chapter and in the book of account, and the entry shall restore the delinquent to full membership.

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	Janice Alger	Janice Alger
	Sandy Meredith	Sandy Meredith
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05-31-25	Carroll Dwyer	Carroll Dwyer
05-31-25	LARRY SOMER	Larry Somer
5-31-25	Jane Green	Jane Green
5-31-25	Timothy J Rasmussen	Timothy J Rasmussen
5-31-25	Nancy J. Rasmussen	Nancy J. Rasmussen

Printed Name _____

Signature

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Bill Harve

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PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR ONE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHTH IOWA GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

PROPOSED CHANGE TO SECTION 20 RESTRICTIONS OF THE CODE

AMENDMENT TO THE CODE TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE CONCLUSION OF 2025 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

SECTION 20 page 11

RESTRICTIONS

CURRENTLY READS:

No member shall hold more than one Elected office, Appointed office, District Instructor appointment, Committee Member, elected or appointed, or Grand Representative appointment in the Grand Chapter at the same time, during the same Grand Chapter year, and no officer of the Grand Chapter shall be eligible to re-election except the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

In no case shall any two officers of the Grand Chapter, elective or appointive, be chosen from a chapter during the same year except chapters where the Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress shall hold membership. An exception to this being: after Grand Chapter installation of officer with another chapter to which a Grand Officer belongs. If consolidation passes in both chapters, both Grand Officers may continue to serve in their respective capacities and retain membership in their chapter.

In no case shall two District Instructors be chosen from a chapter during the same year. An exception to this being where at least one of the District Instructors is a dual member of another chapter.

PROPOSED CHANGE

FIRST PARAGRAPH REMAINS THE SAME

No members shall hold more than one elected office, appointed office, District Instructor appointment, Committee Member, elected or appointed, or Grand Representative Appointment in the Grand Chapter at the same time, during the same Grand Chapter year, and no officer of the Grand Chapter shall be eligible to re-election except the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

Second paragraph: Strike the entire paragraph and replace with the following:

~~In no case shall any two officers of the Grand Chapter, elective or appointive, be chosen from a chapter during the same year except chapters where the Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress shall hold membership. And exception to this being: after Grand Chapter installation of officer with another chapter to which a Grand Officer belongs. If consolidation passes in both chapters, both Grand Officers may continue to serve in their respective capacities and retain membership in their chapter.~~

To replace with the following wording:

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Proposed legislation Section 20 RESTICTIONS – OF THE CODE

In the case where plural membership is held by a member(s), one or more Grand Officer(s) of the Grand Chapter, elective or appointive, may be selected from a chapter during the same year, providing that said members have different parent chapters.

Third paragraph: to strike the entire paragraph

~~In no case shall two District Instructors be chosen from a chapter during the same year. An exception to this being where at least one of the District Instructors is a dual member of another chapter.~~

To replace with the following wording:

.It shall be that two District Instructors may be chosen from a chapter during the same year providing the District Instructors have different parent chapters.

RATIONALE:

In the past, when the Associate Grand Matron for her year as Worthy Grand Matron is choosing her appointive Grand Officers, if she wishes to appoint persons who hold membership in more than one Chapter, one of them must take a demit for the year, and then that person must petition for affiliation to rejoin the chapter they demitted out of. Plural membership wherein members may hold membership in multiple chapters causes additional work for the Grand Secretary as well as Chapter secretaries in keeping memberships in order when members must demit.

The criteria for appointments for Grand Chaplain, Grand Organist, Grand Marshal, Grand Adah, Grand Ruth, Grand Esther, Grand Martha, Grand Electa, Grand Warder, and Grand Sentinel should be allowed from plural chapters if their parent chapters are different. They should not have to demit from their plural chapters to serve one year as an Appointive Grand Officer.

Membership is growing smaller; the pool of prospective Appointive Grand Officers is too restrictive and the keeping track of demits and affiliations is great task for the Grand Secretary as well as the Chapter Secretaries.

To now read:

No members shall hold more that one elected office, appointed office, District Instructor appointment, Committee Member, elected or appointed, or Grand Representative appointment in the Grand Chapter at the same time, during the same Grand Chapter year, and no officer of the Grand Chapter shall be eligible to re-election except the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

In the case where plural membership is held by a member(s), one or more Grand Officer(s) of the Grand Chapter, elective or appointive, may be selected from a chapter during the same year, providing that said members have different parent chapters.

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FINAL VERSION:

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In the case where plural membership is held by a member(s), one or more Grand Officer(s) of the Grand Chapter, elective or appointive, may be selected from a chapter during the same year, providing that said members have different parent chapters.

It shall be that two District Instructors may be chosen from a chapter during the same year providing the District Instructors have different parent chapters.

Name: Cheryl Payne

Date: 4-26-25

Name: Sandy Merwin

Date: 4-26-25

Name: [Signature]

Date: 4-26-25

Name: Cindy Beatty

Date: 4-26-25

Name: [Signature]

Date: 4/26/25

Name: Anna J. Brecker

Date: 5-10-25

Name: Kathy A. Hackathorn

Date: 5/10/25

Ellen Krupp

5-10-25

Chris Brown

5/17/25

Shirley Keelue

5/17/25

Kelly Walker

5/17/2025

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PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR ONE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHTH IOWA GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

PROPOSED CHANGE TO SECTION 29 GRAND OFFICERS, POWERS & DUTIES OF IN THE CODE

AMENDMENT TO THE CODE TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE CONCLUSION OF 2025 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

SECTION 29

GRAND OFFICERS, POWERS & DUTIES OF

CURRENTLY READS:

Section 29. WORTHY GRAND MATRON –

The Worthy Grand Matron shall open, preside over, and close the Grand Chapter, but she may at her pleasure, invite the Worthy Grand Patron to perform these duties. She shall appoint Grand Representatives, District Instructors, and all committees authorized by the Code, designating committee chairmen. She may appoint the members of other committees which she may consider necessary in the performance of their respective duties. It shall be her duty to interpret the Code, to see that the rules and regulations of the Order are enforced, to oversee the officers in the performance of their respective duties, and to give such instructions and directions as the good of the Order may require. She may make Official Visits, convene any Chapter within the Grand Jurisdiction, preside therein, inspect the records and proceeding, and require conformity to the laws of the Order. She may demand information of any Grand Officer respecting the discharge of her or his official duties and shall report her official acts and recommend any legislation which she may deem advisable.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

To the first paragraph only:

TO ADD THE WORDS UNDERLINED AND IN BOLD PRINT TO FOLLOW "It shall be her duty to interpret the Code **exercising her prerogative in seeking the counsel of the Worthy Grand Patron, the President of the Board of Custodians, the President of the Grand Trustees and the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee,**

RATIONALE:

The responsibility of interpreting the Code should not be solely in the hands of the Worthy Grand Matron. The ability to utilize the counsel and knowledge of a group of consultants would be a valuable service to the Worthy Grand Matron in making decisions in clarifying the Code especially with difficult matters.

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Date: 6-7-25

Name: Mary Reick

Date: 6/7/25

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PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR ONE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHTH IOWA GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

PROPOSED CHANGE TO SECTION 44 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AMENDMENT TO THE CODE TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE CONCLUSION OF 2025 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

SECTION 44 Page 20

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CURRENTLY READS:

The Advisory Committee shall be composed of all Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. They shall act in an advisory capacity to the Grand Officers and the members of the Grand Chapter. The secretary of the Advisory Committee shall, before 1:00 p.m. on the second day of the annual session, report to the Jurisprudence Committee the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on proposed legislation, including the number of Aye and Nay votes cast for or against, said proposed legislation. The Jurisprudence Committee in its report on proposed legislation shall include the recommendation and the vote thereon of the Advisory Committee.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

Strike the following words: "~~The secretary of the Advisory Committee shall, before 1:00 p.m. on the second day of the annual session, report to the Jurisprudence Committee the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on proposed legislation, including the number Aye and Nay votes cast for or against, said proposed legislation. The Jurisprudence Committee in its report on proposed legislation shall include the recommendation and the vote thereon of the Advisory Committee.~~"

Eliminate the sentence: "~~They shall act in an advisory capacity to the Grand Officers and the members of Grand Chapter.~~"

Replace with the following: "**They may act in an advisory capacity as members of Standing and Special Committees.**"

RATIONALE:

Having spoken with several Grand Jurisdictions as to whether they implement an Advisory Committee composed of Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons for the purpose of

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reviewing and voting upon proposed legislation prior to presenting legislation to the general membership, it was found that none of the contacted Jurisdictions follow this procedure.

Transparency is essential for the general membership. An Advisory Committee that is not representative of all of Iowa's membership should have no authority to vote upon legislation ahead of the general membership and then report their vote with the purpose of influencing the vote of the membership.

The responsibility of deciding if amendments to the Constitution, Laws, and Regulations are legal should rest in the hands of the Jurisprudence Committee; it is their responsibility to review all amendments to proposed legislation and to act in an advisory capacity on any questions.

According to Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sandy Meredith to Chapter Members in November, "It has become very difficult for our Line Officers to fill Grand Chapter appointments." It is in this capacity of service that the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons may offer assistance and further serve Iowa Grand Chapter.

FINAL VERSION:

SECTION 44

The Advisory Committee shall be composed of all Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. They may act as an advisory capacity as members of Standing and Special Committees.

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Date: 4-23-2025

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Date: 4-26-2025

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Name: Ann Dyer

Date: 4/23/2025

Name: Martha A Ross

Date: 4-23-25

Name: Marilyn Culver

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Name: Sue Jensen

Date: 4-23-25

Name: Ellen Krupp

Date: 5-10-25

Name: Kathy Hackathorn

Date: 5/10/25

Name: Shirley Kenis

Date: 5/17/25

Name: ~~Ellen Krupp~~

Date: ~~5/11/25~~

Name: Mary Reicks

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Cam Spratte

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Arita Lee

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4-12-2025

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Shin Brown

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Troy Cantrell

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Helen Brown

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Joan Hoyer

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Marla Norman

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John R. Whiteley

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Kathleen Kinner

Date:

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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

PROPOSED CHANGE TO SECTION 46 JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE OF THE CODE

AMENDMENT TO THE CODE TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE CONCLUSION OF 2025 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

SECTION 46 PAGE 21JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE --

CURRENTLY READS:

The Jurisprudence Committee shall consist of three members. Each year one member shall be appointed for a term of three years, thereby staggering the expiration date. To this committee shall be referred all decisions of the Worthy Grand Matron, all proposed amendments to the Constitution or Code and all legal questions calling for the action of Grand Chapter. This committee may act in an advisory capacity on any questions referred to it by any officer board, or committee of the Grand Chapter, but shall only render opinions on such legal matters as come to the committee through the Worthy Grand Matron. Copies of all opinions shall be furnished immediately to the Worthy Grand Matron and to the Grand Secretary. The committee shall also consider and report on all proposed amendments to the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, together with any changes or alterations deemed necessary and shall make such recommendations to the proponents as seen fit.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

To add the words in bold print and to strike the sentence as indicated below.

The Jurisprudence Committee shall consist of three members. Each year one member shall be appointed for a term of three years, thereby staggering the expiration date. ***The Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint a Past Grand Matron or a Past Grand Patron to serve as a consultant serving in an advisory capacity for one year.*** To this committee shall be referred all decisions of the Worthy Grand Matron, all proposed amendments to the Constitution or Code and all legal questions calling for the action of Grand Chapter. This committee may act in an advisory capacity on any questions referred to it by any officer board, or committee of the Grand Chapter, but shall only render opinions on such legal matters as come to the committee through the Worthy Grand Matron. Copies of all opinions shall be furnished immediately to the Worthy Grand Matron and to the Grand Secretary. ~~The committee shall also consider and report on all proposed amendments to the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, together with any changes or alterations deemed necessary and shall make such recommendations to the proponents as seen fit.~~ **The committee shall have the sole responsibility to consider and report on all proposed amendments to the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, together with any changes or alterations deemed necessary and shall make such recommendations to the proponents as seen fit.**

RATIONALE:

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Appointing a Past Grand Matron or a Past Grand Patron to serve for one year allowing the committee an opportunity to rely on their expertise and understanding of Grand Chapter procedures and operations.

FINAL VERSION:**Section 46.**

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Name: Chris Brown

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Name: Trou Cantrell

Date: 4-12-2025

Name: Kim Brown

Date: 04/12/2025

Name: Marla Norman

Date: 4/12/25

Name: Jane Shopper

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Name: Jack Nelson

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Name: Kaylene Kieuer

Date: 4-26-25

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Name: Kathy Hackathorn

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Name: Sharon Jolley

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PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR ONE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHTH IOWA GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

PROPOSED CHANGE TO SECTION 47 REGISTRATION COMMITTEE AND FEES OF THE CODE

AMENDMENT TO THE CODE TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE CONCLUSION OF 2025 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

SECTION 47 Page 21

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE AND FEES

CURRENTLY READS:

The Registration Committee shall consist of six members. Two members shall be appointed for a term of two years and four members for a term of one year. Each year thereafter two members shall be appointed for a term of two years and two for a term of one year. It shall be the duty of the Committee to collect registration fees and issue registration cards.

- (a) FEES: Each member of the Order attending any session of Grand Chapter except an open installation shall pay a Registration fee set by the Board of Grand Trustees. Members whose registration and fee are postmarked after the registration deadline and those members who register at the session shall pay the registration fee plus a late fee. No registration fee shall be collected from guests who are not members of the Order who have been invited to attend an open session of Grand Chapter.
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- (b) REGISTRATION CARD—A registration card shall be issued to all who have paid the registration fee, which must be shown together with a current receipt for dues or a valid demit for admission. The funds thus collected shall be used to apply on the sessional expense.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

To rename this section of the code to be: **REGISTRATION FEES**

To strike the paragraph: ~~"The Registration Committee shall consist of six members. Two members shall be appointed for a term of two years and four members for a term of one year. Each year thereafter two members shall be appointed for a term of two years and two for a term of one year. It shall be the duty of the Committee to collect registration fees and issue registration cards."~~

Section (a) remains the same. EXCEPT TO STRIKE the last sentence FEES: Each member of the Order attending any session of Grand Chapter except an open installation shall pay a Registration fee set by the Board of Grand Trustees. Members whose registration and fee are postmarked after the registration deadline and those members who register at the session shall pay the registration fee plus a late fee. No registration fee shall be collected

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from guests who are not members of the Order who have been invited to attend an open session of Grand Chapter.

~~No registration fee shall be collected from guests who are not members of the Order who have been invited to attend an open session of Grand Chapter.~~

The following (b) remains the same with no change:

- (a) REGISTRATION CARD -- A Registration card shall be issued to all who have paid the registration fee, which must be shown together with a current receipt for dues or a valid demit for admission. The funds thus collected shall be used to apply on the sessional expense.

RATIONALE:

The Registration Committee has no duties throughout the year other than during the registering portion of Grand Chapter. It is unnecessary to have year-long committee to handle registration at Grand Chapter. With the advancement of technology, the tasks required for registration no longer require a "Committee". The task of coordinating meals is a significantly larger task and has been handled by volunteers who are not a "committee" for years. With the difficulty in securing willing persons to fill committees, and since it's a duty performed only at Grand Chapter much like Assistant Sentinels and Tellers who are not on a Committee, the tasks required to register members who do not preregister and distribution of registration materials can be fulfilled at Grand Chapter by "Registration Assistants" appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron.

FINAL VERSION:

SECTION 47 REGISTRATION FEES.

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Date: 5-24-2025

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Date: 4/23/2025

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Mary Rucke

6-7-25

PROPOSED CHANGE TO 55 DISTRICTS FORMED

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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**PROPOSED CHANGE TO 55 DISTRICTS FORMED OF THE CODE**

AMENDMENT TO THE CODE TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE CONCLUSION OF 2025 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

SECTION 55 page 24**DISTRICTS FORMED****CURRENTLY READS:**

To secure uniformity and thoroughness in the work of the Order, the Worthy Grand Matron is authorized to divide the Grand Jurisdiction into not more than (than) 35 Districts; in each of which she may appoint a District Instructor who will be required to pass an examination as hereinbefore provided. The District Instructor so appointed must be a present or Past Matron of a Subordinate Chapter within the district in which she is to serve. When so appointed, she will receive a commission duly authenticated by the Worthy Grand Matron and under the Seal of her office. The District Instructors are appointed to and responsible to the Worthy Grand Matron during her term of office.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

Strike the entire paragraph.

~~To secure uniformity and thoroughness in the work of the Order, the Worthy Grand Matron is authorized to divide the Grand Jurisdiction into not more than (than) 35 Districts; in each of which she may appoint a District Instructor who will be required to pass an examination as hereinbefore provided. The District Instructor so appointed must be a present or Past Matron of a Subordinate Chapter within the district in which she is to serve. When so appointed, she will receive a commission duly authenticated by the Worthy Grand Matron and under the Seal of her office. The District Instructors are appointed to and responsible to the Worthy Grand Matron during her term of office.~~

Replace with the following.

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PROPOSED CHANGE TO 55 DISTRICTS FORMED

"To secure uniformity and thoroughness in the work of the Order, The Associate Grand Matron for her year as Worthy Grand Matron is authorized to divide the Grand Jurisdiction into not more than 35 districts; in which she may appoint a District Instructor to serve for a one year term and who will be required to pass an examination as hereinbefore provided.

The Associate Grand Matron for her year as Worthy Grand Matron upon request from any Sister desiring to place her name for election as Associate Grand Conductress, may appoint said Sister to serve as a District Instructor provided:

- a. It is understood that the District Instructors are appointed for a term of one year only; the Instructors are responsible to the Worthy Grand Matron during her term in Office.
- b. Sisters who are appointed to be a District Instructor will be required to pass an examination proving sufficient proficiency regarding the Ritual, Secret Work of the Order.
- c. Any Sister who aspires to be elected to the line as Associate Grand Conductress, must make her intent known to the Associate Grand Matron prior to her year as Worthy Grand Matron who may appoint her to the position of District Instructor. Said Sister will be required to pass an examination proving sufficient proficiency regarding the Ritual, Secret Work of the Order
- d. Any qualified Sister serving as a District Instructor may place her name for nomination to the office of Associate Grand Conductress after completing at least three years having served as a District Instructor
- e. A Sister so appointed as a District Instructor must be a present or Past Matron of a Subordinate Chapter within the district in which she is to serve and having served as an appointed Grand Officer.
- f. When so appointed, she will receive a commission duly authenticated by the Worthy Grand Matron and under the Seal of her office.
- g. If a District Instructor reaches the position of number 5 in the line of Instructors, she may decide not to seek the office of Associate Grand Conductress, but may wish to continue instructing. In this case the Associate Grand Matron may appoint her to instruct but will place her at the last position in the District Instructor's line.'

RATIONALE:

This will allow a greater pool of qualified sisters for election as Associate Grand Conductress. This will also allow the Associate Grand Matron to continue to appoint new instructors.

It will also give the instructors the opportunity to continue instructing, pending reappointment, allowing them the option of throwing their hat in the ring, or to go to the end of the line upon reaching the number 5 position in the District Instructors line and continue in their instructing role.

It gives any sister the opportunity to place their name in Nomination for the office of Associate Grand Conductress, provided they have at least three years of service as an Instructor having proved their proficiency in the work of the Order.

It makes it clear that the appointment to the position of District Instructor is a one year appointment, with the Associate Grand Matron retaining the right to reappoint any instructor after taking into account her ability to instruct and knowledge of the work.

FINAL VERSION:

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PROPOSED CHANGE TO 55 DISTRICTS FORMED

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- b. Any Sister who aspires to be elected to the line as Associate Grand Conductress, must make her intent known to the Associate Grand Matron prior to her year as Worthy Grand Matron who may then appoint her to the position of District Instructor
- c. Appointed Sisters who are appointed to be a District Instructor will be required to pass an examination proving sufficient proficiency regarding the Ritual, Secret Work and other work of the Order.
- d. Any qualified Sister serving as a District Instructor may place her name in for nomination to the office of Associate Grand Conductress after completing at least three years as a District Instructor
- e. A Sister so appointed as a District Instructor must be a present or Past Matron of a Subordinate Chapter within the district in which she is to serve.
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- g. If a District Instructor reaches the position of number 5 in the line of Instructors, she may decide not to seek the office of Associate Grand Conductress, but may wish to continue instructing. In this case the Associate Grand Matron may reappoint her to instruct but will place her at the last position in the District Instructor's line.

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Date: 4-23-2025

Name: Matthew A. Barr

Date: 4-23-25

Name: Ben J. [Signature]

Date: 4-26-25

Name: Cindy Beatty
Mary Ruck

Date: 4-26-25
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Jac Reed

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4-12-2025

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Cam Spratter

Date:

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Name:

Chad Sprague

Date:

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Haley Norman

Date:

12 Apr 2025

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Maria Norman

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Jeanne Davis

Date:

5-7-25John White

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PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR ONE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHTH IOWA GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

PROPOSED CHANGE TO SECTION 57 DUTIES OF INSTRUCTORS OF THE CODE

AMENDMENT TO THE CODE TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE CONCLUSION OF 2025 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

SECTION 57

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DUTIES OF INSTRUCTORS

CURRENTLY READS:

Duties of Instructors

Each District Instructor shall hold a District School. An Inspection Meeting may follow at the discretion of the Chapters involved in the School.

PROVIDED—

- (a) School of Instruction procedures are outlined in guidelines distributed to chapters by the Board of Custodians who have the responsibility of governing the ritualistic work.
- (b) The participating chapter will share the responsibility of providing officers for a District School and Inspection. The chapters will also provide members to perform all other demonstrations to be covered in the School.
- (c) The participating chapters agree to share in any costs incurred by the host chapters for said District School/Inspection.
- (d) The date of the School and/or Inspection will be set by the Associate Grand Matron and the District Instructor's chapters prior to her Installation as Worthy Grand Matron.
- (e) School of Instruction procedures are outlined in guidelines distributed to Chapters by the Board of Custodians who have the responsibility of governing the ritualistic work.
- (f) The participating Chapters will share the responsibility of providing officers for a District School and Inspection. The Chapters will also provide members to perform all other demonstration to be covered in the School.
- (g) The participating Chapters agree to share in any costs incurred by the host Chapter for said District School Inspection.
- (h) The date of the School and/or Inspection will be set by the Associate Grand Matron and the District Instructor's Chapters prior to her Installation as Worthy Grand Matron.

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PROPOSED CHANGE TO SECTION 57 DUTIES OF INSTRUCTORS

The District Instructor shall conduct one but no more than two Business Workshop(s) with the Chapters in their District prior to the District School. At that Business Workshop(s) the District Instructor will provide information to ensure conformity with the standards of Grand Chapter. The District Instructor shall conduct her District School(s) in the months of March, April and May and shall complete her work no later than June first of each year, but for special reasons or emergency, the time may be extended by the Worthy Grand Matron. The District Instructor is encouraged to attend a stated meeting or special meeting at each of her District Chapters during the year of her appointment.

It shall be the duty of the District Instructor to attend the School of Instruction and a Business School of Instruction in each of the chapters in her District. She will be paid a stipend of \$300.00 at the completion of her duties when approved by the Worthy Grand Matron and audited by the Board of Grand Trustees. Such payment to the District Instructor will be made by June 25th of the year the stipend was earned.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

STRIKE ALL WORDING AS ABOVE AND REPLACE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

Section 57

DUTIES OF INSTRUCTORS –

Each District Instructor shall hold Schools of Instruction within her assigned District. An Inspection meeting may follow at the discretion of the Chapter(s) involved in the School.

PROVIDED:

- (a) School of Instruction procedures are outlined in guidelines distributed to Chapters by the Board of Custodians who oversee the plans of the Worthy Grand Matron and who have the responsibility of governing the Ritualistic work.
- (b) The Associate Grand Matron will receive letters from Chapters by August 1st requesting joint school approval.
- (c) There shall be no more than four chapters participating in a School of Instruction.
- (d) The Associate Grand Matron will assign Districts prior to her Installation as Worthy Grand Matron.
- (e) The Associate Grand Matron and the Grand Conductress shall choose the locations of their Last and Last/First Schools of Instruction.
- (f) The participating chapters will share in the expense of the School of Instruction and or inspection meeting.
- (g) The participating chapters will supply officers for the School for all demonstrations and work and inspection meeting if held.
- (h) The date of the participating chapter schools will be set by the District Instructor and the Worthy Matrons.
- (i) The date for official visits for participating chapter schools will be set in accordance with the wishes of the Associate Grand Matron for her year as Worthy Grand Matron, and with the approval and consent of the Worthy Matron(s).

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PROPOSED CHANGE TO **SECTION 57 DUTIES OF INSTRUCTORS**

- (j) The District Instructor shall arrange to inspect the books, records and paraphernalia of the Chapter(s) in accordance with the wishes of the Associate Grand Matron for her year as Worthy Grand Matron, and with the approval and consent of the Chapter(s).
- (k) Business instruction may held at a workshop to be set with the approval and consent of the Associate Grand Matron for her year as Worthy Grand Matron, the District Instructor and the Chapters within her district.

The District Instructor shall conduct her School of Instruction during the months of March, April, and May and shall complete her work not later than June 1st each year, but for special or emergency, the time may be extended by the Worthy Grand Matron.

The District Instructor will be paid \$5.00 (five dollars) for each chapter in her District, and an allowance for postage incurred for two mailings to each of the chapters in her District.

The District Instructor will be paid a rate of \$. 40 (forty cents) per mile to cover her expense traveling to and from her schools and to and from State School, at the completion of her duties when approved by the Worthy Grand Matron and audited by the Board of Grand Trustees. Such payment to the district Instructor will be made by June 25th of the year the expense was incurred.

RATIONALE:

District Instructors need compensation that matches their hard work, long travel distances, printing, and other expenses.

District Schools haven't been successful, with attendance, with sustaining proficiency, or with gaining new instructors and maintaining proficiency of instructors.

Assigning Districts and then having chapters conform, is not working, causing hard feelings, causing low attendance by officers, creating travel distance complaints, and decreasing proficiency.

Schools should not be longer than 4 hours. Our membership does not want to and should not be expected to spend an entire day at a School.

Members should not be expected to travel more than 1 ½ hours to their own School unless their Chapter members request to do so.

With District Schools very few members actually do the work. We learn more by doing, rather than by watching.

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PROPOSED CHANGE TO **SECTION 57 DUTIES OF INSTRUCTORS**

Chapters want to choose who they share their Schools with. They know who they work well with. The Associate Matron would be able to assign Districts accordingly after receiving letters from the Chapters.

District Instructors need compensation that matches their hard work, long travel distances, printing, and other expenses.

FINAL VERSION:

Section 57

DUTIES OF INSTRUCTORS –

Each District Instructor shall hold Schools of Instruction within her assigned District. An Inspection meeting may follow at the discretion of the Chapter(s) involved in the School.

PROVIDED:

- (a) School of Instruction procedures are outlined in guidelines distributed to Chapters by the Board of Custodians who oversee the plans of the Worthy Grand Matron and who have the responsibility of governing the Ritualistic work.
- (b) The Associate Grand Matron will receive letters from Chapters by August 1st requesting joint school approval.
- (c) There shall be no more than four chapters participating in a School of Instruction.
- (d) The Associate Grand Matron will assign Districts prior to her Installation as Worthy Grand Matron.
- (e) The Associate Grand Matron and the Grand Conductress shall choose the locations of their Last and Last/First Schools of Instruction.
- (f) The participating chapters will share in the expense of the School of Instruction and or inspection meeting.
- (g) The participating chapters will supply officers for the School for all demonstrations and work and inspection meeting if held.
- (h) The date of the participating chapter schools will be set by the District Instructor and the Worthy Matrons.
- (i) The date for official visits for participating chapter schools will be set in accordance with the wishes of the Associate Grand Matron for her year as Worthy Grand Matron, and with the approval and consent of the Worthy Matron(s).
- (j) The District Instructor shall arrange to inspect the books, records and paraphernalia of the Chapter(s) in accordance with the wishes of the Associate Grand Matron for her year as Worthy Grand Matron, and with the approval and consent of the Chapter(s).

Cheryl Payne

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PROPOSED CHANGE TO **SECTION 57 DUTIES OF INSTRUCTORS**

- (k) Business instruction may held at a workshop to be set with the approval and consent of the Associate Grand Matron for her year as Worthy Grand Matron, the District Instructor and the Chapters within her district.

The District Instructor shall conduct her School of Instruction during the months of March, April, and May and shall complete her work not later than June 1st each year, but for special or emergency, the time may be extended by the Worthy Grand Matron.

The District Instructor will be paid \$5.00 (five dollars) for each chapter in her District, and an allowance for postage incurred for two mailings to each of the chapters in her District.

The District Instructor will be paid a rate of \$. 40 (forty cents) per mile to cover her expense traveling to and from her schools and to and from State School, at the completion of her duties when approved by the Worthy Grand Matron and audited by the Board of Grand Trustees. Such payment to the district Instructor will be made by June 25th of the year the expense was incurred.

Name: *[Signature]* Date: 5/7/25

Name: Russell Payne Date: 5/7/25

Name: Jeanne Davis Date: 5-6-25

Name: Scott Davis Date: 5-7-25

Name: Vana Jennings Date: 5-7-25

Name: Linda Messee Date: 5-7-25

Name: Maych Hinson Date: 5-7-25

Name: Lorrie Whitaker Date: 5-7-25

Name: MaryRicks Date: 6-7-25

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Name: Marla Norman

Date: 4/12/25

Name: Jean Schipper

Date: 4/12/25

Name: Pam Spratt

Date: 4-12-25

Name: Chloe Stojan

Date: 4/12/25

Name: Anita Lee

Date: 4-12-25

Name: Kevin Brown

Date: 04/12/2025

Name: Holly Norman

Date: 12 Apr 2025

Name: John Nelson

Date: 04/12/25

Name: Harvey

Date: 04/12/25

Name: Sue Jensen

Date: 4/12/25

Name: Marilyn Culver

Date: 4-23-25

Name: Martha O Row

Date: 4-23-25

Name: Sue Jensen

Date: 4/23/25

Name: Kelly K Walker

Date: 4/26/2025

Name: [Signature]

Date: 4/26/25

Kaylene Kievers

4-26-25

PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR ONE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHTH IOWA GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

PROPOSED CHANGE TO SECTION 58 - REPORT EXPENSE, COMPENSATION OF THE CODE

AMENDMENT TO THE CODE TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE CONCLUSION OF 2025 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

SECTION 58 PAGE 26

REPORT, EXPENSE, COMPENSATION

CURRENTLY READS:

Each District Instructor shall within thirty (30) days following the completion of her duties make a report to the Worthy Grand Matron on the condition of the Chapters visited, together with such suggestions and recommendations as may be deemed of interest to the Order. Each District Instructor shall be paid a stipend of \$300.00 at the completion of her duties when approved by the Worthy Grand Matron and audited by the Board of Grand Trustees. Such payment to the District Instructor will be made by June 25th of the year the stipend was earned.

.PROPOSED CHANGE:

Strike the paragraph

~~Each District Instructor shall within thirty (30) days following the completion of her duties make a report to the Worthy Grand Matron on the condition of the Chapters visited, together with such suggestions and recommendations as may be deemed of interest to the Order. Each District Instructor shall be paid a stipend of \$300.00 at the completion of her duties when approved by the Worthy Grand Matron and audited by the Board of Grand Trustees. Such payment to the District Instructor will be made by June 25th of the year the stipend was earned.~~

TO NOW READ:

Each District Instructor shall within thirty (30) days following the completion of her duties make a report to the Worthy Grand Matron on the condition of the Chapters visited, together with such suggestions and recommendations as may be deemed of interest to the Order. Each District Instructor shall be paid a rate of \$. 40 (forty cents) per mile to cover her expense traveling to and from her schools and to and from State School, at the completion of her duties when approved by the Worthy Grand Matron and audited by the Board of Grand Trustees

The District Instructor will be paid \$5.00 (Five dollars) for each chapter in her District, and an allowance for postage incurred for two mailings to each of the chapters in her District at the completion of her duties when approved by the Worthy Grand Matron and audited by the Board of Grand Trustees. Such payment to the District Instructor will be made by June 25th of the year the stipend was earned.

RATIONALE:

The Stipend of \$300.00 is not sufficient to cover the expenses incurred by the Instructor. The loss of chapters and distance traveled is a hardship.

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FINAL VERSION:

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Each District Instructor shall within thirty (30) days following the completion of her duties make a report to the Worthy Grand Matron on the condition of the Chapters visited, together with such suggestions and recommendations as may be deemed of interest to the Order. Each District Instructor shall be paid a rate of \$. 40 (forty cents) per mile to cover her expense traveling to and from her schools and to and from State School, at the completion of her duties when approved by the Worthy Grand Matron and audited by the Board of Grand Trustees

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Name: Cheryl Payton

Date: 4-23-2024

Name: Martha Alcox

Date: 4-23-25

Name: Mandy Curren

Date: 4-23-25

Name: Sue Jensen
Mary Rerick

Date: 4/23/25
4/7/25

Name: [Signature]

Date: 4-26-25

Name: Marla Norman

Date: 4/12/25

Name: Jan Shaffer

Date: 4-12-25

Name: Cam Spratte

Date: 4-12-25

Name: Jack Nelson

Date: 4-12-25

Name: Charles Stoj

Date: 4/12/25

Name: Anita Lee

Date: 4-12-25

Name: Ken D. Braun

Date: 04/12/2025

Name: Holly A. Norman

Date: 12 Apr 2025

Name: Art Dyer

Date: 4/12/25

Name: Sue Jensen

Date: 4/12/25

Name: Kelly K. Walker

Date: 4/26/2025

Jeff R. Whitaker
Kaylene Kreiner

4/26/25

Russell Payne
Joanne Davis
Dott Davis

4/26/25
5/7/25
5-7-25
5-7-25

Vana Jennings
Linda Messer
Mayer Bendig
Linda Whitaker

5-7-25
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PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR ONE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHTH IOWA GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

PROPOSED CHANGE TO SECTION 111 PLURAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE CODE

AMENDMENT TO THE CODE TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE CONCLUSION OF 2025 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

SECTION 111 (d)

PLURAL MEMBERSHIP

CURRENTLY READS:

(d) A member of this Grand Jurisdiction wishing to hold plural membership as herein provided shall be issued a statement of membership, in good standing, signed by the Secretary of the member's home chapter and by the Grand Secretary of Iowa.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

To eliminate the words "and by the Grand Secretary of Iowa."

RATIONALE:

Chapter Secretaries are the only ones to know if a member has a current dues status. The Grand Secretary does not have this information in real time.

FINAL VERSION:

Section 111 (d)

"A member of this Grand Jurisdiction wishing to hold plural membership as herein provided shall be issued a statement of membership, in good standing, signed by the Secretary of the member's "home Chapter,"

Name: Cheryl Pearce

Date: 3-27-2025

Name: Vicki Skellern

Date: 3-27-2025

Name: Mary Reicks

Date: 3-27-2025

Name: Sue Dyer

Date: 4-12-25

Sue Jensen

4-12-25

Marilyn Culver

4-23-25

Martha A Ross

4-23-25

PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR ONE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHTH IOWA GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

PROPOSED CHANGE 144 PETITION OF THE CODE

AMENDMENT TO THE CODE TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE CONCLUSION OF 2025 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

SECTION 144 page 60-61PETITION

CURRENTLY READS:

Every petition for the degrees must state the name and place of residence of the applicant.

- (a) (2018 GGC) Affiliated Master Masons in good standing and any female relatives who are related by birth, marriage or adoption to Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death; as well as members – either active for three (3) years or majority – in the International Order of the Rainbow of Girls or in Job's Daughters International, each of whom having attained at least the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.
- (b) A male petitioner for the degrees or membership must present with his petition a certificate, or its equivalent, of his affiliation and good standing in a regular lodge of Master Masons. Only the Brother has any right to inquire as to the standing of a Masonic Brother. A current year's dues card of the Master Mason is considered as evidence of good standing.
- (c) Each female petitioner for the degrees must be at least eighteen (18) years of age. She must present either information showing her proper relationship to a Master Mason or a dues receipt or certificate of majority membership in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls or in the International Order of Job's Daughters as proof of membership.
- (d) In all cases, the applicant must state that she/he has a sincere desire to become a member of the Order, and pledges herself/himself to a faithful obedience to all laws, rules, and regulations. The petition must be personally signed by the applicant. The petition shall be signed by at least two members of the Chapter, recommending the applicant, be presented at a stated meeting, and referred to a committee of three for investigation, one of whom shall be a Brother. It shall be the duty of this committee to make diligent inquiry as to the residence, character, habits, and standing of the petitioner, and if a female, to verify that she meets the eligibility requirements. The petition shall lay over at least until the next stated meeting before a ballot is taken.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

Strike the entire section 144

~~Every petition for the degrees must state the name and place of residence of the applicant.~~

- ~~(a) (2018 GGC) Affiliated Master Masons in good standing and any female relatives who are related by birth, marriage or adoption to Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death; as well as members – either active for three (3) years or majority – in the International Order of the Rainbow of Girls or in Job's Daughters International,~~

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~~each of whom having attained at least the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.~~

- ~~(b) A male petitioner for the degrees or membership must present with his petition a certificate, or its equivalent, of his affiliation and good standing in a regular lodge of Master Masons. Only the Brother has any right to inquire as to the standing of a Masonic Brother. A current year's dues card of the Master Mason is considered as evidence of good standing.~~
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Replace with the following:

Every petition for the degrees must state the name and place of residence of the applicant.

- (a) (2024) Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, and any female relatives who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption to Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death, as well as to members either active for three (3) years or majority in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International®, and women sponsored by two members, one Sister and one Brother, each of whom having attained to at least the age of eighteen (18) years are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.
- (b) A petition for the degrees or membership must be signed by the petitioner and two members of the Chapter, who recommend the petitioner. Each male petitioner for degrees or membership must present with his petition, a current year's dues card, a certification or its equivalent of affiliation and good standing in a regular Lodge of Master Masons as recognized by the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction wherein the petitioned Chapter is located.
- (c) Each female petitioner for the degrees must be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time the petition is read at a stated meeting of the Chapter, and must present with her petition a certificate of qualification by proper Masonic relationship or qualification by membership -either active for three (3) years or majority in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International®.
- (d) If a woman is being sponsored by a Sister and Brother, the petition must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation signed by both.

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- (e) The petition must be received at a stated meeting of the Chapter, unless the Grand Chapter of its jurisdiction shall otherwise provide; and when received must be referred to a committee of three members, one of whom shall be a Brother, appointed by the presiding officer. Only a Brother may inquire as to the standing a Masonic Brother. No member who signed the petition recommending the person may serve as a member of the Investigating Committee. The committee can report only at a stated meeting.
- (f) In all cases, the applicant must state that she/he has a sincere desire to become a member of the Order, and pledges herself/himself to a faithful obedience to all laws, rules, and regulations. The petition must be personally signed by the applicant. The petition shall be signed by at least two members of the Chapter, recommending the applicant, be presented at a stated meeting, and referred to a committee of three for investigation, one of whom shall be a Brother. It shall be the duty of this committee to make diligent inquiry as to the residence, character, habits, and standing of the petitioner, and if a female, to verify that she meets the eligibility requirements. The petition shall lay over at least until the next stated meeting before a ballot is taken.

RATIONALE: ADOPTED AT THE 51st General Grand Chapter Assembly, October 25 – November 1, 2024 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and adopted at the 147th Iowa Grand Chapter Session November 9, 2025, to include a female with no Masonic Relationship the opportunity to join upon the recommendation of a Sister and a Brother of the Order. Also, to add the trademark associated with the Youth organizations.

FINAL VERSION:

SECTION 144 PETITION

Every petition for the degrees must state the name and place of residence of the applicant.

- (a) (2024) Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, and any female relatives who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption to Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death, as well as to members-either active for three (3) years or majority-in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International®, and women sponsored by two members, one Sister and one Brother, each of whom having attained to at least the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.
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- (c) Each female petitioner for the degrees must be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time the petition is read at a stated meeting of the Chapter, and must present with her petition a certificate of qualification by proper Masonic relationship or qualification by membership -either active for three (3) years or majority-in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls® or in Job's Daughters International®.

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- (d) If a woman is being sponsored by a Sister and Brother, the petition must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation signed by both.
- (e) The petition must be received at a stated meeting of the Chapter, unless the Grand Chapter of its jurisdiction shall otherwise provide; and when received must be referred to a committee of three members, one of whom shall be a Brother, appointed by the presiding officer. Only a Brother may inquire as to the standing a Masonic Brother. No member who signed the petition recommending the person may serve as a member of the Investigating Committee. The committee can report only at a stated meeting.
- (f) In all cases, the applicant must state that she/he has a sincere desire to become a member of the Order, and pledges herself/himself to a faithful obedience to all laws, rules, and regulations. The petition must be personally signed by the applicant. The petition shall be signed by at least two members of the Chapter, recommending the applicant, be presented at a stated meeting, and referred to a committee of three for investigation, one of whom shall be a Brother. It shall be the duty of this committee to make diligent inquiry as to the residence, character, habits, and standing of the petitioner, and if a female, to verify that she meets the eligibility requirements. The petition shall lay over at least until the next stated meeting before a ballot is taken.

Name: Cheryl PayneDate: 4-23-2024Name: Kelly K. WalkerDate: 4/26/2025Name: Mark DyerDate: 4/23/2025Name: Martha A RossDate: 4-23-25Name: Marilyn CusnerDate: 4-23-25Name: Sue JensenDate: 4-23-25Name: Don SpratteDate: 4-23-25Name: Anita LeeDate: 4-23-25Name: [Signature]Date: 4-26-25Name: Anna J BeckerDate: 4-26-25

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Name: Jordan Whitehead

Date: 4/26/25

Name: [Signature]

Date: 4/26/25

Name: Kaylene Kinner

Date: 4-26-25

Name: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

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PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR ONE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHTH IOWA GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

PROPOSED CHANGE TO 164 PETITION OF THE CODE

AMENDMENT TO THE CODE TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE CONCLUSION OF 2025 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

SECTION 164

PETITION

CURRENTLY READS:

Paragraph two, and second sentence: upon payment of all dues to the date of suspension or their remission by a three-fourths vote of the Chapter and by payment of current year's dues, the delinquent may be reinstated to full membership if the vote by ballot contains no more than three black cubes.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

To change the number of black cubes required to two black cubes.

RATIONALE:

Section 139 of the Code states: if no more than two black cubes appear, the ballot is considered clear.

FINAL VERSION:

Section 164 PETITION

PARAGRAPH TWO AND THE SECOND LINE SHALL READ: Upon payment of all dues to the date of suspension or their remission by a three-fourths vote of the Chapter and by payment of current year's dues, the delinquent may be reinstated to full membership if the vote by ballot contains no more than two black cubes..

Cheryl Payne
Name: Pam Spratto

4-23-2025
Date: 4-23-25

Name: Sue Jensen

Date: 4/23/25

Name: Mont Dyer

Date: 4/23/2025

Ana I Backer
[Signature]

4-26-25
4-26-25

PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR ONE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHTH IOWA GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

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PROPOSED CHANGE TO SECTION 168 HOW RESTORED OF THE CODE

AMENDMENT TO THE CODE TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE CONCLUSION OF 2025 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

SECTION 168

HOW RESTORED

CURRENTLY READS:

Paragraph two and the last line: if no more than three black cubes appear on the ballot of the members present and voting, the membership of the Brother shall be restored.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

To change the number of black cubes required to two black cubes.

RATIONALE:

Section 139 of the Code states: if no more than two black cubes appear, the ballot is considered clear.

FINAL VERSION:

Section 168 HOW RESTORED

PARAGRAPH TWO AND THE LAST LINE SHALL READ: If no more than two black cubes appear on the ballot of the members present and voting, the membership of the Brother shall be restored.

Name: Cheryl Payne Date: 4-23-2025
Maribon Culva Date: 4-23-25

Name: Matthew DeRan Date: 4-23-25

Name: Sue Jensen Date: 4-23-25

Name: Pam Spratto Date: 4-23-25

Ana I Backer 4-26-25
[Signature] 4-26-25
Cindy Beatty 4-26-25

PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR ONE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHTH IOWA GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

PROPOSED CHANGE TO 174 PETITION FOR OF THE CODE

AMENDMENT TO THE CODE TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE CONCLUSION OF 2025 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

SECTION 174 page 70

PETITION FOR

CURRENTLY READS:

First two sentences read:

A member who has been expelled or suspended for any reason other than non-payment of dues or loss of Masonic standing may at a stated meeting petition the Chapter in writing for restoration, setting forth the facts of her/his case. At a stated meeting such petition shall take the same course as a petition for membership, but in all such cases a ballot with no more than three black cubes shall be necessary to restore.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

To Strike the word "three".

A member who has been expelled or suspended for any reason other than non-payment of dues or loss of Masonic standing may at a stated meeting petition the Chapter in writing for restoration, setting forth the facts of her/his case. At a stated meeting such petition shall take the same course as a petition for membership, but in all such cases a ballot with no more than ~~three~~ black cubes shall be necessary to restore.

To replace with the word "two".

RATIONALE:

Section 139 of the Code states: if no more than two black cubes appear, the ballot is considered clear.

FINAL VERSION:

Section 174 PETITION FOR

At a stated meeting such petition shall take the same course as a petition for membership, but in all such cases a ballot with no more than two (2) black cubes shall be necessary to restore.

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Cheryl Payne 4-23-2025
Name: Mandi Culver Date: 4-23-25
Name: Sue Jensen Date: 4-23-25
Name: Pam Spratte Date: 4-23-25
Name: Anita Lee Date: 4-23-25
Anna L Becker 4-26-25
Kip Smith 4-26-25

Lauri Dyer 4/23/2025
Martha A. Ross 4-23-25
Kelly K. Walen 4/26/2025
Cindy Beatty 4/26/25

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PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR ONE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHTH IOWA GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

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PROPOSED CHANGE TO 193 BALLOT OF PETITIONS OF THE CODE

AMENDMENT TO THE CODE TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE CONCLUSION OF 2025 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

SECTION 193 page 76

BALLOT OF PETITIONS

CURRENTLY READS:

Lines two and three under Ballot of Petitions: "No one shall be admitted with more than three black cubes on the first ballot. In the event more than three black cubes appear on the first ballot, balloting shall proceed as provided in Subordinate Chapters Section 139."

PROPOSED CHANGE:

To strike the word "three."

Lines four and five under Ballot of Petitions: No one shall be admitted with more than ~~three~~ black cubes on the first ballot. In the event more than ~~three~~ black cubes appear on the first ballot, balloting shall proceed as provided in Subordinate Chapters Section 139.

To replace with the word "two".

No one shall be admitted with more than two (2) black cubes appearing on the first ballot. In the event that more than two (2) black cubes appear on the first ballot, balloting shall proceed as provided in Subordinate Chapter Section 139.

RATIONALE:

Section 139 of the Code states: if no more than two black cubes appear, the ballot is considered clear.

FINAL VERSION:

Section 193 BALLOT ON PETITIONS

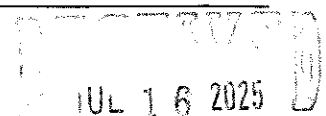
No one shall be admitted with more than two (2) black cubes appearing on the first ballot. In the event that more than two (2) black cubes appear on the first ballot, balloting shall proceed as provided in Subordinate Chapter Section 139.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____



PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR ONE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHTH IOWA GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

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PROPOSED CHANGE TO 193 BALLOT OF PETITIONS OF THE CODE

AMENDMENT TO THE CODE TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE CONCLUSION OF 2025 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

SECTION 193

Name: <i>Cheryl Kasper</i>	<i>4-23-2025</i>
Name: <i>Marilyn Cohen</i>	Date: <i>4-23-25</i>
Name: <i>Sue Jensen</i>	Date: <i>4-23-25</i>
Name: <i>Don Spratte</i>	Date: <i>4-23-25</i>
<i>Anna I Boecker</i>	<i>4-26-25</i>
<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>4-26-25</i>
<i>Harold Dyre</i>	<i>4/23/2025</i>
<i>Martha A Ren</i>	<i>4-23-25</i>
<i>Anita Lu</i>	<i>4-23-25</i>
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SECTION 194

LIMITATIONS

CURRENTLY READS:

No dispensation shall be issued for a new Chapter to be located in a town where there is no Masonic Lodge.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

Strike the paragraph.

~~No dispensation shall be issued for a new Chapter to be located in a town where there is no Masonic Lodge.~~

REPLACE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

There are no location limitations in Iowa.

RATIONALE:

Section 188 does not require a chapter to be located in a city or town where there is no Masonic Lodge therefore, a new chapter, with the consent of the members and the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron should be allowed to find a suitable location which may or may not be in another city or town.

FINAL VERSION:

Section 194 LIMITATIONS

There are no location limitations in Iowa.

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Proposed Legislation for Grand Chapter, 2025

Proposed by Jane Green PGM, President of the Board of Grand Trustees
And Nancy Ramthun PGM, Grand Secretary

Division II: Grand Chapter

Section 17: Elective Officers and Board Members

Currently Reads: It may be permissible for a Worthy Matron or a Past Matron or a Worthy Patron or a Past Patron of an Iowa Chapter to submit to the Grand Secretary's office her/his name and qualifications for any elective position. Names of nominees other than self shall be accompanied by written consent of nominee. Names shall be in the Grand Secretary's office at least ninety (90) days before the formal opening of Grand Chapter. Said names and qualifications shall be sent to Chapters along with the proposed legislation after August 15th of each year and shall be announced immediately prior to the election.

Proposed Change: Eliminate "after August 15th of each year" and insert: "60 days before the formal opening of Grand Chapter".

Rational: If Grand Chapter should change when it is held, this section would again need to be rewritten. If it is 60 days prior to the opening of Grand Chapter, there would not need to be any rewriting of this Section. Also, the 30 days difference from receipt of legislation and name consideration and when it is sent out to chapters, will allow time if the jurisprudence committee needs to review legislation.

Final Version: It may be permissible for a Worthy Matron or a Past Matron or a Worthy Patron or a Past Patron of an Iowa Chapter to submit to the Grand Secretary's office her/his name and qualifications for any elective position. Names of nominees other than self shall be accompanied by written consent of nominee. Names shall be in the Grand Secretary's office at least ninety (90) days before the formal opening of Grand Chapter. Said names and qualifications shall be sent to Chapters along with the proposed legislation sixty (60) days before the formal opening of Grand Chapter and shall be announced immediately prior to the election.

Proponents:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Printed Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>
7-15-2025	Nancy J. Ramthun	Nancy J. Ramthun
7-15-2025	Terri Grover	Terri Grover
7-15-2025	Greg Grover	Greg Grover

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PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR IOWA GRAND CHAPTER SESSION 2025

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**PROPOSED CHANGE TO SECTION 58 – REPORT EXPENSE, COMPENSATION OF THE CODE
AMENDMENT TO THE CODE TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE 2025 GRAND
CHAPTER SESSION**

SECTION 58 PAGE 26

REPORT, EXPENSE, COMPENSATION

CURRENTLY READS:

Each District Instructor shall within thirty (30) days following the completion of her duties make a report to the Worthy Grand Matron on the condition of the Chapters visited, together with such suggestions and recommendations as may be deemed of interest to the Order. Each District Instructor shall be paid a stipend of \$300.00 at the completion of her duties when approved by the Worthy Grand Matron and audited by the Board of Grand Trustees. Such payment to the District Instructor will be made by June 25th of the year the stipend was earned.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

Strike the paragraph:

~~Each District Instructor shall within thirty (30) days following the completion of her duties make a report to the Worthy Grand Matron on the condition of the Chapters visited, together with such suggestion and recommendations as may be deemed of interest to the Order. Each District Instructor shall be paid a stipend of \$300.00k at the completion of her duties when approved by the Worthy Grand Matron and audited by the Board of Grand Trustees. Such payment to the District Instructor will be made by June 25th of the year the stipend was earned.~~

TO NOW READ:

Each District Instructor shall within thirty (30) days following the completion of their duties, make a report to the Worthy Grand Matron on the condition of the Chapters visited, together with such suggestions and recommendations as may be deemed of interest to the Order. Each District Instructor shall be paid a rate per mile as determined by the Board of Grand Trustees to cover the expense of traveling to and from their assigned schools and to and from State School at the completion of their duties, when approved by the Worthy Grand Matron and approved audited by the Board of Grand Trustees.

The District Instructor will be paid an amount determined by the Board of Grand Trustees for each chapter in their District, and an allowance for postage incurred for two mailings to each of the Chapters in their District at the completion of their duties when approved by the Worthy Grand Matron, and approved and audited by the Board of Grand Trustees. The payments to the District Instructors will be made by June 25th of the year the compensation was accrued.

RATIONALE:

The current stipend of \$300.00 is not sufficient to cover the expenses incurred by the District Instructors due to the number of chapters and increased distance between chapters. Not having a designated amount

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per mile will allow the Board of Grand Trustees to adjust the rate per mile for travel and the amount per chapter as deemed appropriate eliminating code changes for each updated amount.

FINAL VERSION:

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Proposed by Terri Grover, Grand Treasurer

Name: Terri Grover Terri Grover Date: 7/15/25

Name: Greg Grover Greg Grover Date: 7/15/25

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