

May 1, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As the Jurisprudence Committee, our role is to review the Constitution and Code of the Grand Chapter of Iowa Order of the Eastern Star (the Iowa Code) for any potential revisions, interpret the Iowa Code when asked to do so, and receive legislative items for review as well as present proposed items to the membership during the business portion of Iowa Grand Chapter.

With the approval of Mary Reicks, Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee has established a template for all members to use when submitting any proposed legislative items or amendments to the Iowa Code.

After a review of the Iowa Code and the General Grand Chapter Red Book, no current guidance or outline for members to refer to when developing any proposed legislative items exists; it merely states that proposals should be "In Form." This template has been created to provide transparency to our membership, and a tool for any member wishing to submit any proposed items. It will be located on the Iowa OES website under the Grand Session section. The template is also enclosed with this letter.

Any member submitting proposed legislation to be considered at Iowa Grand Chapter must follow the outlined template for their proposal to be considered "In Form" by the Jurisprudence Committee. Any proposed items that do not follow the template will not be considered "In Form" by the committee and will be sent back to the member(s) for resubmission.

Using this template allows the Jurisprudence Committee to review any proposals while setting a clear process easily and thoroughly for all members who wish to submit legislative items for the membership to consider at future Grand Chapter sessions.

As a reminder, any proposed legislative items must be submitted to the Grand Secretary no later than **July 15, 2024**, to be considered at the 2024 Grand Chapter Session.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grant Bargfrede', written in a cursive style.

Grant Bargfrede  
Chairman, Jurisprudence Committee

Encl: Iowa OES Proposed Legislation Template