

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE – RESOLUTION #1

Pass ____ Fail ____

Amended _____

Constitution Pages 6 and 7

PURPOSE OF RESOLUTION: To recognize that all relatives of persons in the Armed Forces of the U.S. should be entitled to equal consideration, provided that they qualify for membership.

TEXT OF THE REVISION:

POWERS OF THE GRAND OFFICERS

Section 41. Worthy Grand Matron. The Worthy Grand Matron has the power:

1. To convene any chapter within this Jurisdiction, preside therein, inspect its proceedings, and require its conformity to Eastern Star Law;
2. To require the attendance of a Grand Officer and any information respecting the office;
3. To appoint such officers, deputies, and committees as may be required by the Constitution
4. To order any officer of a Chapter to prefer, on behalf of the Chapter, charges against any officer or officers, member or members of such Chapter and to suspend officer from office for failure or refusal thus to prefer charges;
5. To arrest the charter of any Chapter for dereliction of duty or violation of the law, said arrest to remain enforced and in effect until the next Session of the Grand Chapter when she shall present, in writing, the reasons for such suspension or arrest, for action by the Grand Chapter;
6. To grant a dispensation:
 - a. to a Chapter, to move its charter either temporarily or permanently; to have joint meetings with other Chapters for the Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron
 - b. to confer the degrees of the Order upon persons in the Armed Forces of the U.S. and the **female** relatives of such persons without waiting a week after election of such persons to membership.
 - c. to extend the time for a petitioner, who through fault of the Chapter, has not received the degrees within a year after election, but such time shall not exceed ninety days from the time the fault is corrected, and notice given the petitioner; and when requested by the Worthy Matron or a majority vote of any Chapter in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Chapter.
7. To appoint Grand Representatives of this Grand Chapter in other Grand Jurisdictions for a term not to exceed two (2) years, and recognize Grand Representatives from other Jurisdictions;
8. To draw upon the Grand Chapter Benevolent Fund for money to use in such cases of need as may seem to her worthy and urgent;
9. to perform such other acts as are inherent in and pertain to her office in accordance with the customs and usages of the Order and the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Chapter.

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