

Changes to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Uniform Workbook of Instruction
2019 Grand Chapter Session

Please make the following changes to your copy of the CBL and UWI as bolded.

Section 126: Eastern Star Sunshine Board – delete (2019)

Section 124: Regular Committees of the Grand Chapter – delete number 3. Eastern Star Sunshine Board and re-number

Section 116A: Auditing Committee – 2. Remove reference to Sunshine Board (ref Section 126) and the

Section 128: Revenues and Properties

paragraph 3 – For each member reported in the annual returns of a Chapter, except those whose dues have been remitted following the recommendation of the Chapter Relief Committee by a vote of the Chapter, and are confined in a care institution: **(2019)**

For the General Fund (2017)	\$12.00
For Masonic and Eastern Star Home (2019)	\$ 1.00
For Grand Chapter Session (1992)	\$ 0.25
For General Grand Chapter per capita (2016)	\$ 2.00

paragraph 8 – If any Chapter shall collect dues from a suspended member, for non-payment of dues, such Chapter shall pay to the Grand Chapter:

For the General Fund (2017)	\$12.00
For the Masonic and Eastern Star Home (2019)	\$ 1.00

For each year’s dues, so collected, when reinstated within the two (2) year period. (1978)

Section 220: Fees

paragraph 2 – A fee of **Thirteen Dollars (\$13.00)** must accompany all petitions for affiliations and all petitions for affiliation resulting in Plural membership, which fee shall be retained by the Chapter. [Section 128] **(2019)**

paragraph 3 – A fee of **Thirteen Dollars (\$13.00)** must accompany a petition for reinstatement when a petitioner has been suspended for more than two years, which fee shall be retained by the Chapter. [Section 128] **(2019)**

Section 221: Annual Dues, Suspensions, and Reinstatements

paragraph 7 – A member suspended for non-payment of dues may be reinstated within two years from the date of suspension upon payment to the Chapter of all dues charged against her or him upon the books of the Chapter at the time of suspension. If not so reinstated within two years’ time, the suspended member must petition for reinstatement and, upon receiving a two-thirds vote of all members present, taken by uplifted hand, and payment of dues for the current year and the sum of **Thirteen Dollars (\$13.00)** shall be restored to full membership in the Order. No other dues shall accumulate during the period of suspension. [Section 128] **(2019)**

Section 250 Article IV: Fees, Dues and Contributions

paragraph 3 – A fee of **Thirteen Dollars (\$13.00)** must accompany all petitions for affiliation or all petitions for affiliation resulting in Plural membership, and petitions for reinstatement when petitioner has been suspended for more than two years, which fee shall be retained by the Chapter. [Section 128] **(2019)**

Section 103A: Election Procedure – Nominations

paragraph 2 – When there is no contest for the offices of Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress and Grand Sentinel, the Grand Secretary shall cast one written elected vote for each office. When there is a contest, a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for election and shall be by **electronic or** written ballot. **(2019)**

Section 122A: Eastern Star Training Awards for Religions Leadership [See also Section 127(5)]

paragraph 4 – Awards from this fund shall be made in accordance with procedures and regulations formulated by the standing committee **provided these rules shall be approved by the Finance Committee and the Worthy Grand Matron.** **(2019)**

Uniform Workbook of Instructions

Chapter Preparation: 5-4 - Vacancies in stations shall be filed by the Worthy Matron before opening Chapter and all officers must wear the appropriate jewel.

When there are not enough members to fill all offices, but a quorum is present, the following must be filled: Worthy Matron ~~(or Worthy Patron)~~, Associate Matron, Secretary, Conductress, Chaplain, Warder and Sentinel. **If both the WM and AM are absent, it is the duty of the WP to appoint a Sister to fill each of these stations, choosing a Past Matron if possible.** **(2019)** (Reference “Quorum” – Ritual, page 164)

Delete Financial Statement: 5-34 and replace with:

Financial Statement: 5-34 – This statement includes all monies received between the last meeting and the end of the present meeting. When the Financial Statement is given it includes all warrants that will be used because of bills, motions or contributions which cause payments because of this meeting and shall include the balance(s) for any account(s) at financial institution(s). **(2019)**