

Proposed Amendments to Change the Bylaws

(Needs 2/3 vote to pass at the same session it is read and voted on to become law. [Section 251 (3)])

Amendment to SECTION 221 - ANNUAL DUES, SUSPENSIONS, AND REINSTATMENTS

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SECTION 221 - ANNUAL DUES, SUSPENSIONS, AND REINSTATEMENTS

1. A Chapter may, by majority vote, fix the annual dues of its members, which shall not be less than the amount to be remitted to the Grand Secretary as provided in Section 202 (7, 8 & 9) and no dues shall be accepted or receipt issued for less than the full year's dues. (1991)
2. Dues for new members shall be computed from the date of initiation in case of membership by initiation, and from the date of election to membership in the case of membership by affiliation, but shall in no case be less than the amount to be remitted to Grand Chapter through the Grand Secretary as provided in Section 202 (7, 8 & 9). (2002)
3. Dues for each calendar year are due and payable in advance on the first meeting in January.
4. Any member failing to pay dues on or before the first meeting in February of the same year shall not be in good standing and shall be debarred from attending any chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction other than their own until dues are paid or remitted. Any member failing to pay same on or before December 31 of the same year is hereby declared suspended from all rights and privileges of membership until the delinquency is paid or remitted. The Worthy Matron at the first meeting in November immediately preceding the date of suspension shall instruct the Secretary to send delinquent notices, calling attention to the fact that upon December 31 suspension will take effect unless dues are paid or remitted on or before that time.
5. The Secretary shall immediately upon the suspension of any member notify such member of her or his suspension, stating the amount of delinquent dues.
6. The Worthy Matron shall cause the list of members suspended to be read at the first regular meeting following the suspensions.
7. A member suspended for non-payment of dues may be reinstated within two years from the date of suspension upon the 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 Sixteen Dollars (\$16.00) shall be restored to full membership in the Order. No other dues shall accumulate during the period of suspension. [Section 128] (2022)
8. If any member was dropped for non-payment of dues from a Chapter that is now

37 defunct, she or he may obtain a demit by applying to the Grand Secretary and upon
38 direction of the Worthy Grand Matron, a demit will be issued. (1993)

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40 9. A Chapter may, by vote annually and if it appears necessary according to an
41 investigation by the Relief Committee, refrain from exacting the dues of a Sister or Brother
42 for relief purposes during the current year. In such case, Grand Chapter and Masonic and
43 Eastern Star Home Tax shall be exacted from all members, including those members whose
44 dues have been remitted with the exception of those members whose dues have been
45 remitted following the recommendation of the Chapter Relief Committee by a vote of the
46 Chapter, and are confined in a care institution. A list of those whose dues were so remitted
47 shall be sent to the Grand Secretary in the annual report. [See Section 128(3,8,10,11)]
48 (1996)

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50 10. Grand Chapter dues and Masonic and Eastern Star Home tax shall be paid by the
51 Chapter on all members of the Chapter, except those members referred to in Section
52 221(8). [See Section 128(11)] (1980)

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54 11. Grand Chapter Assessments and Liability Insurance shall be paid by the Chapter on
55 all members of a Chapter including all members whose dues have been remitted, with the
56 exception of those members whose dues have been remitted following the
57 recommendation of the Chapter Relief Committee by a vote of the Chapter, and are
58 confined in a care institution. [See Section 128(11)] (1996)

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60 AMENDED TO READ:

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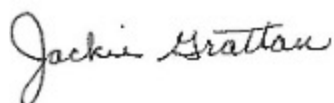
68 7. A member suspended for non-payment of dues may be reinstated within two years
69 from the date of suspension upon the payment to the Grand Chapter of all dues charged
70 against her or him upon the books of the Chapter at the time of suspension. If not so
71 reinstated within two years time, the suspended member must petition for reinstatement
72 and, upon receiving a two-thirds vote of all members present, taken by uplifted hand, and
73 payment of dues for the current year and a sum of Sixteen Dollars (\$16.00) shall be
74 restored to full membership in the Order. No other dues shall accumulate during period of
75 suspension. [Section 128] (2022) **ADD: No fee is collected for the International Eastern**
76 **Star Headquarters. (2023)**

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80 10. No Change
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83 RATIONALE:
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85 Companion to change in Section 128

This legislation, submitted over the signatures of the Worthy Matrons of Parkrose Chapter # 151 and Friendship Rose Chapter #148 was received by the Jurisprudence Committee by the legal date, approved by the Jurisprudence Committee for presentation to the membership, and subsequently reformatted by the Grand Secretary for printing purposes as directed by the Jurisprudence Committee.



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