



Date: October 3, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers.

It's a new year with pent up demand for proposing legislation at the 2021-2022 Grand Chapter Session. The Jurisprudence Committee is asking for your help in making this a very successful session.

Each piece of submitted legislation is reviewed to ensure that it is in proper form for presentation. If the submission is not in proper form, it will be returned to the submitting chapters to be corrected who then must resubmit it back through the Grand Chapter office for review and acceptance.

This can be a lengthy process so please review the following when considering submission:

Section 13: Amendments in the Constitution and By-Laws

Proposed legislation must be received by the Jurisprudence Committee **on or before January 15, 2022**, for examination as to proper form.

[This means your proposal should be into the Grand Secretary with sufficient time to allow it to be recorded and forwarded to the Jurisprudence Committee to be received by them on or before January 15, 2022.]

The following format will be used to submit proposed amendments "in proper form":

- a. Proposed legislation will begin with a heading that identifies the Section of the Constitution or Bylaws, commonly referred to as the "Blue Book". (2018)
- b. The legislation will then list the entire Section or subdivision as is currently written for the "Now Reads" portion of the proposed amendment. (2016)
- c. The "Amend to Read" will essentially list the entire Section under consideration for change. If there will be no changes to a paragraph or subdivision the text of that paragraph or subdivision will NOT be written out. Instead, the number of the paragraph or subdivision will be listed and the notation, "No change 1 - 9 to this paragraph" or "No change to this subdivision" will be made or "only the paragraph number was changed", when re-numbering becomes necessary. If a change within a paragraph or subdivision deletes any existing text, the deletion will be indicated by showing the existing text with a strikethrough.

d. If a change within the paragraph or subdivision adds text to the existing text, the addition will be indicated by bolding and underlining the new text.

e. The strikethrough and bolding and underlining are used only to facilitate understanding of the proposed change and will not appear in the printed legislation if it passes.

f. Proposed amendment changes would then list the Reason or Rationale for the proposed change to facilitate understanding of the proposed change but

said rationale does not become part of the law. (2012)

Thank you,

2021-2022 Jurisprudence Committee

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