

1 **Proposed Amendment to Section 103A – Election Procedure - Nominations**

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3 **SECTION 103A – ELECTION PROCEDURE - NOMINATIONS**

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5 **CURRENTLY READS**

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7 1. Nominations for all elected officers shall be made from the floor of the Grand Chapter without
8 a second. A nominating speech, not to exceed two minutes, will be permitted for all nominees except
9 those continuing in the normal line of succession. After all prospective candidates have been given a
10 opportunity to be nominated, they shall then be introduced by the Worthy Grand Matron or the Worthy
11 Grand Patron. (1971)

12 2. When there is no contest for the offices of Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron,
13 Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Conductress,
14 Associate Grand Conductress and Grand Sentinel, the Grand Secretary shall cast one written elected vote
15 for each office. When there is a contest, a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for election and
16 shall be by written ballot. (2011)

17 3. The term of office for the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall no exceed ten
18 consecutive years.

19 a) After a minimum of 5 (five) years the retiring officer may be honored with the lifelong title of
20 “Emeritus Grand Officer”. A nomination being received by the Grand Chapter for Emeritus Grand Officer
21 shall receive the benefit of the ballot during election of Grand Officers. Emeritus officers receiving that
22 honor prior to 2017 by Resolution shall retain the title conferred upon them. (2017)

23 4. All candidates for election to the office of Associate Grand Conductress, new candidates for
24 Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and Grand Sentinel shall file a letter of intent and introduction
25 between September 1 and May 1. (2009)

26 a) Candidates for the Offices of Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall also submit a resume’
27 and a proposal for an alternate office space in or near their home, including anticipated costs. (2009)

28 5. Notice of receipt of letter of intent will be sent to all subordinate chapter by the Grand
29 Secretary in the next official mailing after receipt of such letter. (2009)

30 6. The provisions in Paragraphs 3 and 4 do not prevent any member, who is qualified under the
31 Constitution, Section 4 – Qualification of Office, from being nominated and elected under Section 101,
32 agenda item #9, Election. (2007).

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34 **PROPOSED TO READ**

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36 1. No change to this paragraph.

37 2. When there is no contest for the offices of Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron,
38 Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Conductress,
39 Associate Grand Conductress and Grand Sentinel, the Grand Secretary shall cast one written elected vote

40 for each office. When there is a contest, a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for election and
41 shall be by **electronic or written** ballot.

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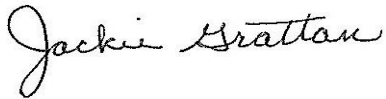
47 **RATIONALE:** This brings Section 103A in line with Section 103 – Votes – Grand Chapter

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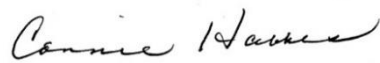
50 *The legislation is submitted by the Revision of Constitution and Bylaws Committee was received by the*
51 *Jurisprudence Committee by the legal date, approved by the Jurisprudence Committee for presentation*
52 *to the membership, and subsequently reformatted by the Grand Secretary for printing purposes as*
53 *directed by the Jurisprudence Committee.*

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56 Jackie Grattan, Chairman Jurisprudence



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