

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE BYLAWS

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2 **SECTION 221 - ANNUAL DUES, SUSPENSIONS, AND REINSTATEMENTS**

3 **Now Reads:**

4 1. A Chapter may, by majority vote, fix the annual dues of its members, which shall not be less than the
5 amount to be remitted to the Grand Secretary as provided in Section 202 (7, 8 & 9) and no dues shall be
6 accepted or receipt issued for less than the full year's dues. (1991)

7 2. Dues for new members shall be computed from the date of initiation in case of membership by
8 initiation, and from the date of election to membership in the case of membership by affiliation, but
9 shall in no case be less than the amount to be remitted to Grand Chapter through the Grand Secretary
10 as provided in Section 202 (7, 8 & 9). (2002)

11 3. Dues for each calendar year are due and payable in advance on the first meeting in January.

12 4. Any member failing to pay dues on or before the first meeting in February of the same year shall not
13 be in good standing and shall be debarred from attending any chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction other
14 than their own until dues are paid or remitted. Any member failing to pay same on or before December
15 31 of the same year is hereby declared suspended from all rights and privileges of membership until the
16 delinquency is paid or remitted. The Worthy Matron at the first meeting in November immediately
17 preceding the date of suspension shall instruct the Secretary to send delinquent notices, calling
18 attention to the fact that upon December 31 suspension will take effect unless dues are paid or remitted
19 on or before that time.

20 5. The Secretary shall immediately upon the suspension of any member notify such member of her or
21 his suspension, stating the amount of delinquent dues.

22 6. The Worthy Matron shall cause the list of members suspended to be read at the first regular meeting
23 following the suspensions.

24 7. A member suspended for non-payment of dues may be reinstated within two years from the date of
25 suspension upon the payment to the Chapter of all dues charged against her or him upon the books of
26 the Chapter at the time of suspension. If not so reinstated within two years' time, the suspended
27 member must petition for reinstatement and, upon receiving a two-thirds vote of all members present,
28 taken by uplifted hand, and payment of dues for the current year and the sum of Fifteen Dollars
29 (\$15.00) shall be restored to full membership in the Order. No other dues shall accumulate during the
30 period of suspension. [Section 128] (2017)

31 8. If any member was dropped for non-payment of dues from a Chapter that is now defunct, she or he
32 may obtain a demit by applying to the Grand Secretary and upon direction of the Worthy Grand Matron,
33 a demit will be issued. (1993)

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

42 10. Grand Chapter dues and Masonic and Eastern Star Home tax shall be paid by the Chapter on all
43 members of the Chapter, except those members referred to in Section 221(8). [See Section 128(11)]
44 (1980)

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

49 **Amend to Read:**

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61 ~~(\$15.00)~~ **Thirteen Dollars (\$13.00)** shall be restored to full membership in the Order. No other dues
62 shall accumulate during the period of suspension. [Section 128] ~~(2017)~~ **(2019)**

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67 **Rationale:** Companion to Section 128 amendment.

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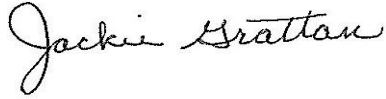
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70 *This legislation, submitted over the signatures of the Worthy Matrons of Meridian Chapter #179 and*
71 *Roseburg Chapter #8 was received by the Jurisprudence Committee by the legal date, approved by the*
72 *Jurisprudence Committee for presentation to the membership, and subsequently reformatted by the*
73 *Grand Secretary for printing purposes as directed by the Jurisprudence Committee.*

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