

Amendment #1

Part III Regulations for Grand Courts, Sec. 11 Bylaws, sub-Section (B), pp. 59-60A, now reads:

(B) *The Bylaws of every Grand Court and all changes or amendments to Grand Court Bylaws, must after being adopted by a Grand Court, be referred to the Committee on Grand Court Bylaws of the Supreme Council for approval, and unless and until approved by said Committee, they shall not be of any force or effect.

1. Each Grand Court shall furnish four (4) copies of all new or amendments to their Bylaws to the Chairman of the Committee on Grand Court Bylaws, immediately after adoption at the Grand Court Session.
2. All such adopted new or amendments to the Bylaws shall be submitted to the Supreme Committee in typed format on standard business size paper.
3. Both sides of the paper shall be used.
4. Type set shall be either 10 or 12 pitch.
5. Should a Grand Court not enact amendments to their Grand Court Bylaws at their Grand Court Session, the Grand Secretary shall notify the Chairman, Supreme Council Committee on Grand Court Bylaws to that effect, in writing, with a copy to the Supreme Secretary, within Thirty (30) days after the conclusion of the Annual Session.

Any new Bylaw changes or amendments shall include the following:

1. Name of Section (Example, Sec. 28, Standing Committees and Their Duties (C) page __).
2. Submit the Bylaw as it currently stands with the notation Now Reads: or Delete in its Entirety, if applicable.
3. Submit the new or amended Bylaw as corrected with an asterisk at the beginning and one at the end of where the changes were made as approved at the Grand Court Session. This paragraph should begin with Change to Read or Replace With.
4. All four (4) copies of the new or amended Bylaws must be signed by the Grand Secretary and bear the Grand Court Seal on the last page of each copy.
5. The Chairman, Supreme Council Committee on Grand Court Bylaws shall forward one (1) copy of the new or amended Bylaws with a page for the Committee to sign and date, to the other Committee Members for their review and signature, if in agreement.
6. If approved by the Committee, one copy of the new or amended Bylaws will be retained by the Chairman of the Committee on Grand Court Bylaws of the Supreme Council, one to be filed in the Supreme Office, one for the use of the Supreme Royal Matron, and one to be returned to the Grand Secretary with any corrections and approval, signed by a majority of the Supreme Committee and returned to the Grand Secretary within sixty (60) days after receipt by the Committee.
7. Immediately after the Grand Secretary receives the corrected and approved amendments, that Grand Officer must notify the Grand Royal Matron who shall prepare the Official Notice to all Subordinate Courts that such New or Amended Bylaws are now in full force and effect.
8. Immediately after the new or amended Bylaws have been printed, they will be distributed to all Subordinate Courts within that jurisdiction and the Official Notice from the Grand Royal Matron must be forwarded to the Chairman, Supreme Council Committee on Grand Court Bylaws and to the Supreme Secretary.
9. Immediately after having the amended pages of the Grand Court Bylaws printed, the Grand Secretary must forward three (3) complete sets thereof to the Supreme Secretary for distribution to the Supreme Royal Matron, the Chairman, Grand Court Bylaws Committee of Supreme Council, and the Supreme Secretary's Office. These copies to be inserted in the copies of the respective Grand Court Bylaws in the custody of these Supreme Officers.
10. Only when all amendments have been approved and received by the Grand Secretary may total reprints of any Grand Court Bylaws be submitted to the Supreme Secretary.
11. All expenses incurred by this Supreme Council Committee, such as postage, cost of envelopes and making copies of the amendments shall be reimbursed by the Supreme Council upon presentation of paid bills or receipts to the Supreme Secretary and approval of the Supreme Finance Committee.*

Proposed Action: Combine the old first items 2, 3 & 4 together and add to the end of old item 1, move the old first item 5. almost to the end of the sub-section, number the unnumbered sentence just before the old second item 1. as new item 2. and renumber the following items as 3. thru 14. Add one word to new item 11.

If amended, it would then read:

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1. Each Grand Court shall furnish four (4) copies of all new or amendments to their Bylaws to the Chairman of the Committee on Grand Court Bylaws, immediately after adoption at the Grand Court Session. *All such adopted New or Amendments to the Bylaws shall be submitted to the Supreme Committee in typed format using either 10 or 12 pitch on both sides of standard business size paper.
- 2.* Any new Bylaw changes or amendments shall include the following:
 - *3.* Name of Section (Example, Sec. 28, Standing Committees and Their Duties (C) page __.
 - *4.* Submit the Bylaw as it currently stands with the notation Now Reads: or Delete in its Entirety, if applicable.

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- *8.* If approved by the Committee, one copy of the new or amended Bylaws will be retained by the Chairman of the Committee on Grand Court Bylaws of the Supreme Council, one to be filed in the Supreme Office, one for the use of the Supreme Royal Matron, and one to be returned to the Grand Secretary with any corrections and approval, signed by a majority of the Supreme Committee and returned to the Grand Secretary within sixty (60) days after receipt by the Committee.
- *9.* Immediately after the Grand Secretary receives the corrected and approved amendments, that Grand Officer must notify the Grand Royal Matron who shall prepare the Official Notice to all Subordinate Courts that such New or Amended Bylaws are now in full force and effect.
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- *12.* Only when all amendments have been approved and received by the Grand Secretary may total reprints of any Grand Court Bylaws be submitted to the Supreme Secretary.
- *13.* Should a Grand Court not enact amendments to their Grand Court Bylaws at their Grand Court Session, the Grand Secretary shall notify the Chairman, Supreme Council Committee on Grand Court Bylaws to that effect, in writing, with a copy to the Supreme Secretary, within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of the Annual Session.*
- *14.* All expenses incurred by this Supreme Council Committee, such as postage, cost of envelopes and making copies of the amendments shall be reimbursed by the Supreme Council upon presentation of paid bills or receipts to the Supreme Secretary and approval of the Supreme Finance Committee.

Rationale: The main purpose of this amendment is to correct the most serious problem of having two lists in this sub-section with identical duplicate numbering thus allowing cross-references to be made to this sub-section without having to include page numbers which are very well known to change. This amendment also moves one item to a much more logical location in the sub-section and also partially addresses some grammatical issues.

Submitted by SK Douglas A. Dewey, PGRP of Indiana

Amendment #2

Part II – REGULATIONS FOR SUPREME COUNCIL, Section 25 AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF SUPREME TRUSTEES Paragraph G page 34

Currently Reads:

(G) At least two Supreme Trustees, designated in writing by the Chairman, Board of Supreme Trustees, shall visit and inventory, in either April or May on each even numbered year, the contents of the Supreme Council Safe Deposit Box. The Chairman shall provide an accurate and complete inventory of the contents thereof, to the Supreme Royal Matron. This inventory shall be attested to by both of the Supreme Trustees who performed the inventory and bear the Seal of the Board of Supreme Trustees.

Action:

Delete and replace with:

(G) The Chairman, Board of Supreme Trustees shall, once every four (4) years, authorize in writing at least two Supreme Trustees to travel to the Supreme Secretary's Office to perform an inventory of the contents of the four drawer Supreme Trustee file cabinet. The inventory shall take place no earlier than four months before the Supreme Council Assembly.

The Supreme Trustees making the inventory shall submit their travel expenses in a timely fashion for reimbursement by Supreme Council.

The Chairman shall provide an accurate and complete inventory of the contents thereof, to the Supreme Royal Matron and include the inventory in the Supreme Trustee’s Report at the Supreme Assembly Session. This inventory shall be attested to by both of the Supreme Trustees who performed the inventory and bear the Seal of the Board of Supreme Trustees. If items are added to the cabinet between inventory years, the annual Supreme Trustee’s Report shall document such actions.

Would then read:

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The Chairman shall provide an accurate and complete inventory of the contents thereof, to the Supreme Royal Matron and include the inventory in the Supreme Trustee’s Report at the Supreme Assembly Session. This inventory shall be attested to by both of the Supreme Trustees who performed the inventory and bear the Seal of the Board of Supreme Trustees. If items are added to the cabinet between inventory years, the annual Supreme Trustee’s Report shall document such actions.

Rationale:

Update section to reflect that Supreme Council no longer has a Safe Deposit Box. A fire-proof drawer cabinet was purchased and placed in the Supreme Secretary’s office when the office was in Wisconsin. Also, extend time between performing on-site inventory to reduce the expense to Supreme Council since airfare and lodging prices continue to increase.

Submitted by: HL June Chalquist Haas, PSRM, S. Trustee

Amendment #3

Part II – REGULATIONS FOR SUPREME COUNCIL, Section 25 AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF SUPREME TRUSTEES Paragraph L page 35

Currently Reads:

(L) The Supreme Trustees shall secure a Fidelity Bond in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) issued on each of the persons installed as Supreme Treasurer and Supreme Secretary, and the Bond shall include the Treasurer and Secretary of the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation Board of Directors and the board of Supreme Trustees.

Action:

Delete and replace with:

(L) The Supreme Trustees shall secure a Fidelity Bond in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) issued on each of the persons installed as Supreme Treasurer and Supreme Secretary, and an additional One Hundred Thousand Dollar Bond which shall include the Treasurer and Secretary of the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation Board of Directors and the Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Supreme Trustees.

In lieu of Fidelity Bonds, the Supreme Trustees may secure Excess Crime coverage not less than Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$475,000) to cover the members serving in the following six positions: Supreme Treasurer and Supreme Secretary, the Treasurer and Secretary of the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation Board of Directors, and the

Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Supreme Trustees and an additional Excess Crime coverage amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollar (\$25,000) to cover all other members of the Order.

Would then read:

(L) The Supreme Trustees shall secure a Fidelity Bond in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) issued on each of the persons installed as Supreme Treasurer and Supreme Secretary, and an additional One Hundred Thousand Dollar Bond which shall include the Treasurer and Secretary of the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation Board of Directors and the Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Supreme Trustees.

In lieu of Fidelity Bonds, the Supreme Trustees may secure Excess Crime coverage not less than Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$475,000) to cover the members serving in the following six positions: Supreme Treasurer and Supreme Secretary, the Treasurer and Secretary of the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation Board of Directors, and the Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Supreme Trustees and an additional Excess Crime coverage amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollar (\$25,000) to cover all other members of the Order.

Rationale:

Update section to reflect changes in insurance terminology and coverage offerings and to allow the Supreme Trustees to select the most cost-effective option while maintaining appropriate Coverage. For a number of years, the Supreme Council insurance has included Excess Crime coverage which covered the Supreme Treasurer, Supreme Secretary, the Treasurer and Secretary of the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation Board of Directors, and the Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Supreme Trustees with an additional \$25,000 covering all other members instead of Fidelity Bonds.

Submitted by: HL June Chalquist Haas, PSRM, S. Trustee

Amendment #4

Part IV RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING SUBORDINATE COURTS, Section 46 LIFE MEMBERSHIP Paragraph D, page 105

Currently Reads:

(D) The Fund so created shall remain as a Trust in care of the Trustees, the income to be paid into the General Fund of the Court (ALL).

Action:

Add the following sentence after Court and before (ALL) *In the event that there are not at least two (2) installed Trustees, the Treasurer may assist in the care of the Trust.*

Would then read:

(D) The Fund so created shall remain as a Trust in care of the Trustees, the income to be paid into the General Fund of the Court *In the event that there are not at least two (2) installed Trustees, the Treasurer may assist in the care of the Trust.* (ALL).

Rationale:

Subordinate Courts struggling for officers are not able to fill all elected positions and many times the Trustee positions are vacant. These Courts have a Life Membership fund and provision needs to be included for its oversight in these cases.

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