

2024 Grand Council Proposed Legislation

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LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

PROPOSAL No. 1

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 18. Standing Committees, Duties of.

(4)

Grand Council Contracts. The execution of any contract by any officer or representative of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri with a duration of more than one (1) year or more or any contract obligating the Grand Council to expend one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in the aggregate, shall require the written approval by a majority of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Captain of the Guard and Grand Recorder. (Added 5/13/15, 7/8/18)

Statement of purpose

This corrects the spelling of the word “contract.”

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LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

PROPOSAL No. 2

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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ARTICLE III.

SEC. 18. Standing Committees, Duties of.

(11) Investment Committee

A committee consisting of three companions preferably with a background or expertise in financial matters shall form the Investment Committee. One of whom shall be the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Accounts; the other two shall be appointed by the Grand Master. They shall be charged with the control and management of the surplus funds of this Grand Council in such ways as such, in its judgment, is prudent, and adheres to sound business principles, while balancing the total return in accordance with the specific Council fund needs.

Statement of purpose

This is a specialized committee. There is no merit having a member of this committee based on the Grand Council position they hold. All members of the Investment Committee should possess a knowledge of or acumen in financial matters. It must be assumed that the Grand Master will consider these qualifications when choosing his appointments. By his chair responsibilities, the chairman of the Committee on Finance and Accounts should be well versed in this area as well. The phrase “in such ways as, in its judgment, is prudent and adheres to sound business principles” is further defined in the revised statutes of Missouri.

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PROPOSAL No. 3

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ARTICLE XVI.

Endowed Membership (Renamed 5/19/05)

SEC. 140. Endowed Membership.

7. All monies received by the Grand Recorder from the constituent Councils for the purchase of an Endowed Membership shall be placed in the Endowed Membership Fund. ~~The principal of this Endowed Membership Fund shall be invested in a manner determined by the Governing Body but not less than one-half of the principal must be in obligations of the United States or in securities or accounts fully insured or guaranteed by the United States or an agency of the United Constitution and By Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri States. The remainder may be invested in common stock or equity securities in nationally known corporations traded on the New York Stock Exchange.~~ The Investment Committee shall be charged with the control and management of the surplus funds of this Grand Council in such ways as such, in its judgment, is prudent, and adheres to sound business principles, while balancing the total return in accordance with the specific Council fund needs.

Statement of Purpose

It is the responsibility of the Committee on Finance and Accounts to determine exactly how they will structure the annual return of monies to the individual councils. Any monies not distributed should be placed to maximize their long-term return. The Investment Committee is best suited for making this determination.

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PROPOSAL No. 4

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ARTICLE XVIII

Grand Council Charity Endowment Fund in Memory of Bruce Harmon Hunt

SEC. 142. *Grand Council Charity Endowment Fund in Memory of Bruce Harmon Hunt.*

There is hereby created a foundation to be known as the Grand Council Charity Endowment Fund in Memory of Bruce Harmon Hunt, the income from its investments to be used for religious, educational, and charitable gifts. All funds placed in the above named fund shall be separate and apart from the General Fund of the Grand Council. The Investment Committee shall be charged with the control and management of the restricted base, as designated by the Finance Committee, in such ways as, in its judgment, is prudent and adheres to sound business principles, and in keeping with guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of Missouri Section 402.132-134.

Statement of Purpose

It is the responsibility of the Committee on Finance and Accounts to determine exactly how these monies will be utilized. Any monies not utilized should be placed to maximize their long-term return. The Investment Committee is best suited for making this determination.

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PROPOSAL No. 5

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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**ARTICLE I.
Assemblies of the Grand Council**

SEC. 5. Grand Officers, Elective and Appointive. The elective officers of this Grand Council shall be a

Grand Master
Deputy Grand Master
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Grand Treasurer
Grand Recorder ~~and~~

~~Grand Captain of the Guard.~~ A majority of the votes cast shall elect, and all such elected officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and installed. The appointive officers of this Grand Council shall be a

Grand Captain of the Guard,
Grand Conductor of the Council,
Grand Marshal,
Grand Steward,
Grand Chaplain,
Grand Sentinel,

Grand Organist and Grand Chorister. They shall serve for one year under the Grand Master making the appointment, and such appointment shall in no way be construed to be prerequisite to election to any elective office at some future time.

Statement of Purpose

To democratize the election of Grand Officers and shorten the line.

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LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

PROPOSAL No. 6

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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ARTICLE I.

Assemblies of the Grand Council

SEC. 7. Grand Officers, How Elected. The elective officers of this Grand Council shall severally be elected by ballot, and by a majority of all the votes cast for that purpose, at each Annual Assembly of this Grand Council. Should there only be one Companion in nomination for each elective office, the election may be by acclamation.

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PROPOSAL No. 7

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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ARTICLE I.

Assemblies of the Grand Council

SEC. 8. Grand Officers, How Appointed. The appointive officers of the Grand Council shall be appointed by the Grand Master. ~~with the approval of the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.~~

Statement of Purpose

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LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

PROPOSAL No. 8

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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**ARTICLE I.
Assemblies of the Grand Council**

SEC 11. Availability. Any eligible member of this Grand Council desiring to serve in any elective office as provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masters of the State of Missouri may, on or before the forty-fifth (45th) day prior to the Annual Assembly, file with the Grand Recorder a “Statement of Availability” for such office; containing a resume of his service to his Council or Councils in which he holds or has held membership; his service to this Grand Council; and a photo, if available.

Such “Statement of Availability” shall be published on the Grand York Rite Website, Social Media, and shall be forwarded by the Grand Recorder to all subordinate Councils along with all Resolutions and/or Recommendations as required by this Grand Council. However, this Grand Council may elect any eligible member whether or not he has previously submitted such statement of availability.

Statement of Purpose

To further democratize the election process and allow those worthy Companions a mechanism to step forward and serve.

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PROPOSAL No. 9

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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ARTICLE III.

SEC. 20. Reports, ~~Must Be in Writing. The reports of all the committees shall be submitted in writing, typewritten on sheets approximately 8 1/2x11 inches.~~ should be submitted electronically in Word, PDF, or any other editable electronic format. All reports must be submitted to the Grand Recorder at least 45 days prior to the Annual Assembly. They are to be printed and distributed by the Grand Recorder to each registrant at the Annual Assembly. It is acknowledged that some reports due to their nature cannot be completed and made available until the date of the Annual Assembly, and this will be permitted by recommendation of the Grand Master. (Amended 5/2/97)

Statement of Purpose

Committee reports are already submitted electronically to the Grand Recorder, this brings the bylaws inline with reality.

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LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION

PROPOSAL No. 10

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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ARTICLE VI
Grand Secretary

~~Section 30. *Standing Resolutions.* He shall print on replacement pages all the standing resolutions and amendments, as adopted, and shall mail a copy to each secretary, Past Grand High Priest and officer of the Grand Chapter of Missouri.~~

Statement of Purpose

All standing resolutions and amendments, when adopted are provided online for download,

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LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

PROPOSAL No. 11

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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ARTICLE II.

SEC. 11. The Grand Master, Powers and Duties.

~~(2) He may appoint and commission Representatives of this Grand Council near other Grand Councils, and may also receive and accredit Representatives from such other Grand Councils, who must be permanent members of this Grand Council. When a representative shall fail to attend two consecutive Annual Assemblies of the Grand Council, the Grand Master shall request the Grand Master of the jurisdiction he represents to declare the position vacant, and recommend and appoint a suitable companion to be his successor.~~

Statement of Purpose

The Grand Representatives Program has not been active for several years, and the vast majority of the Grand Representatives do not visit their designated jurisdiction nor report to the Grand Council. The removal of this section of the Constitution and By-Laws will terminate the Grand Representatives Program.

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