

Summary of Changes – General Topic Areas

Grand Lodge Membership is clearly defined

- The voting membership, defined as Voting Members, consists of the following:
 - o Past Grand Presidents
 - o Grand Officers
 - o Elected Delegates
- The term “representative” is removed

Grand Lodge general procedures are clarified

- When and where the next convention will be held is replaced with the name of the local branch hosting the next convention.
- The Grand Secretary is notified of duly elected delegates and alternates 60 days in advance of the convention
- Motions
 - o Two motions added
 - To call for a recess
 - Rise to a point of order
 - o One motion clarified
 - Refer to a committee

Grand Lodge election of officers are modified

- A new section is added stating any voting member of the convention shall be eligible for nomination to a Grand Lodge office

Grand Lodge financial procedures are clarified to reflect current practices

- A line list of Grand Officers entitled to draws from the General Fund for expenses is added
- Specific amounts entitled to the Grand President and the Grand Marshall are removed
- Language is added stating amounts of all draws will be voted on at the Annual Convention
- References to the use of bonds are updated to accommodate instances where they are either not required or not utilized.
- Corrected the name used for checks or money orders made payable to the Grand Lodge in order to align the bank account name with the name recorded by the IRS

Local Branch procedures are updated to reflect present-day membership

- Organization of a new branch is reduced from twenty (20) to ten (10)
- The number of required meetings is updated from one meeting per month to three meetings per year
- The office of Property Custodian is optional
- Auditors may not sign on bank accounts and financial holdings
- Medical certificate requirements are removed for membership transfers
- Member types are clearly defined
 - o Primary
 - o Secondary
 - o Honorary

General housekeeping

- Minor updates are made to punctuation, capitalization, and document formatting
- An annotation is added reflecting 2019 amendments to the Constitution

Ongoing Housekeeping

- A section is added to provide the Grand Secretary authority to performing ongoing “housekeeping” changes regarding capitalization, punctuation, and document formatting