

# Amendments Considered

Proposed amendments considered at the 126<sup>th</sup> Supreme Council Session

#1 – **Adopted**

#2 - **Adopted as amended...** adding a "," after the word Vision

#3 - **Vote: as amended twice, adopted**

Amended to remember (20) Vision and (21) Webpage.

Amended for Scribner's error, add (A) to the paragraph beginning \*(A)\* The Supreme Associate Conductress.

#4 – **Vote: Defeated** by a vote of 59-104, after amending the proposal

Amended to correct proposal by adding a "." After the words "Standing Committees. " On the last line on page 3.)

Amend #2: add at the end of the amendment: "Special Committees may be drawn from the entire membership."

*Additional amendments were discussed, with a point of order: a proposal that is Amended a third time, by Roberts Rules, is required to be withdrawn. Ruling from Parliamentarian was that the body could vote on the Amended Amendment, with the first 2 amendments to the proposal. We then voted on amendment #4, as amended by the 1st 2 amendments and it was defeated by a vote of 59-104.*

#5 - **Withdrawn by maker**, based on #4

#6 - **Withdrawn by maker**

#7 – **Adopted as amended.** First motion to amend... ADA is "American's with Disabilities Act". Withdrawn... because we are an international organization.

Amend... "...meet the guidelines of *their respective country's laws*." – Adopted

#8 - **Adopted** with no discussion

#9 – **Adopted.** Note: evidently, we can all purchase an electronic copy of the Supreme Constitution.

#10 – **Adopted.**

#11 - **Adopted as amended.** Amended to say "may" not "shall" in line #1.

#12 - **Amended amendment was adopted** 121-52. Amended by deleting extra "," on line 3, after the words "including any"

#15- Related to #12 Discussion: This section of the Penal Code deals with restoration vs expulsion. **Amendment is defeated** 74-99 – the language in the Penal Code remains unchanged.

#16 - **Tabled** (shown on pg 20, in error as #12)

#13 – **Adopted.**

#14 - **passed unanimously...**



**Amendments are complete.**



# Ritual Revision Considerations

Wednesday pm

**Motion:** To have the syllabus translated into the written word, with committee composed of Supreme Line Officers. Noted that we are using 3 different syllabus. The written word is needed to translate the syllabus to other languages as we expand to other countries. **Passed**

## Ritual changes...

It was announced that changes were grouped in 3 sections and would **NOT** be presented in numerical order as on printed page:

1. Housekeeping
2. Revisions
3. New proposals

## **HOUSEKEEPING**

#1 & #2 housekeeping

- Motion to amend IOJD to JDI...
- Motion to amend to correct Triangle, Inc to Triangles, Inc. (by adding "s")

Both amendments to proposals #1 and #2 had to be withdrawn. According to HL June Haas, PSRM, these must match the Articles of Incorporation, which are part of the Constitution and still not updated!

#2. Amended to match #1, by adding "Order of the Triangle & Constellation..." passed.

**As amended, #2 & #1 passed.** *It took us 15+ minutes to do these 2 simple changes. This is going to be a long process!*

## *Additional Housekeeping*

#7 & 45 are both spelling errors: #7 Visting to Visiting and #45 "is" to "it"

**Both adopted**

#47 Spacing error, moving the heading on bottom of page 147 of Ritual "Conductress and Assoc Conductress" to top of next page 148.

SK Stoney Pavlich moved that the items of formatting, spelling, and capitalization (punctuation and spacing were also mentioned in discussions) be taken care of in the printing process. It was not necessary to go through these individually.

**Adopted**

#65 add to pronunciation of Tableaux

**Adopted**

## **NEW PROPOSALS**

#66 - new section - Obligation for Master Masons (Pages 23-24 of the packet).

- At the top of page 24... error in 6th line, the response of Royal Patron is made by the AC. Change RP: to AC. **PASSED**
- Continuing with Master Mason obligation... change places where it says "Brother" to "visiting Mason". Discussion.... about who calls a Mason "Brother". **Revision FAILED**

- Moved by Diana Moulden, WA... where public sign is made, it should be before the spoken word. We rise, salute, then speak. This needs to be changed throughout this proposal. **PASSED**
- Page 23, 6th line from the bottom, should be unbolded and placed in parentheses. (RM hands the gavel to the RP). This is a direction. **PASSED**
- Jeanne Milton- moved to remove the ceremony. She suggested the RP can give an obligation using the Bible on the secretary's desk. There was a little discssion on this... What I kept hearing from the audience was this was a negative motion... and was not appropriate. If we just vote the proposal down, it will not be included.
- We voted to approve the ritual proposal, as amended. **It was DEFEATED & will not be included.**

### Thursday am

**MOTION:** Before beginning our discussions, there was a motion to suspend the Rules of the Day and limit debate further and the number of speakers on each question, which was passed.

#### #10 - Bible Ceremony

Amended: strike in its entirety and replace with, "A Bible Ceremony is optional and at the discretion of the presiding officer." Adopted  
Amended Amendment #10 adopted

#### #42 - Recessional March

Amended: strike in its entirety and replace with, "A Recessional March is optional and at the discretion of the presiding officer." Adopted  
Amended Amendment #42 adopted

### **Changes to Ritual**

#3 - change "shall" to "may" to make advance night optional. Adopted.

#### #4 –

- amended for punctuation. Delete "." And lower case "e" (even not Evan) Amendment adopted.
- Delete extra "." before the , following ceremonies. Adopted.
- Amended to add shall be read by the prompter. Defeated 91-101.
- amended to change must to may. Defeated.
- Amended amendment (with 2 amendments) adopted.

#5 - AC instruction for placing the Bible at rest or at labor. Adopted

#6 - taking the password. Adopted

#8 - amended to count to court. Adopted. Amended amendment adopted.

#9 – NOTE: the password of a dual member, either RM may give password.

- Amend toward end of the second line change 2 to "of more than one court. " adopted
- Amended amendment adopted.

#11- RP rises. Adopted

#12- Adopted

#13- opening - flag Amendments to page 27

- Amended...in the NOTE: (2<sup>nd</sup> line) change show to shown
- In the RM part, RM: Attention!... correct ll to “ in that same line, “...after saying “Attention”...” Adopted.
- Note that paragraph should be indented “All except...”
- Amend to remove verbiage of US Pledge of allegiance. Discussion: This becomes a US Ritual with just the Pledge of Allegiance printed. Citizens should know the pledge to their own flag. Adopted
- After the word country in the same charge as above, “... Flag of our country.” ADD: Members of other sovereign nations will stand in respect. Adopted
- On page 117 (Pg 5 of proposed amendments) add the same phrase after RM charge. ADD: Members of other sovereign nations will stand in respect. Adopted.
- As amended... #13 adopted

#14 - Warder remains standing

- Typo - paragraph 5 should be 6. Will be corrected.
- #14 Adopted

#15 - not considered – in conflict since #66 was defeated

#16- Warder remains standing.

- Remove () . Adopted.
- Amended amendment adopted

#20- seating Court, Warder remains standing. Adopted.

#18- changes charges to have them roll automatically as in closing.

- In the 2nd line of will read. Add: RM - HLs & SKs, \_\_\_ Court #\_\_\_ Omission... Adopted.
- As amended, #18 Defeated (may have been unanimous!)

Since 18 was not adopted, #17 & #19 were not presented, as they were in conflict.

#21- Escort section

- 2 amendments adopted on page 9 of the proposed amendments, page 45 of the Ritual (previously on page 48), paragraph 2 of the proposed change, create a new paragraph “When more than none officer...” (end of line). Adopted. AND. Onn the same page, same section, delete the words,, “without escort” in the last line. Adopted.
- Amend to delete Elective, and change “an” to “a” (page 45 (previously 48) in the paragraph beginning “Officers escorted to the Throne...” in the middle of the paragraph, ...A PGRM or PGRP holding ~~a an Elective...~~ Adopted
- Amend... members unable to be escorted... Add “At the request of the member” ... amended to “any member wishing to be excused... “ Adopted.
- As amended, #21 adopted

With change to #21, change #23 is no longer necessary.

## #22- Priority of Rank

- Delete the word "Present" from items 4, 5, 7 & 8c - Adopted
- Item 10- add Past in from of RM & RP to be PRM and PRP. Adopted
- Question from Jennifer Nielsen (Queensland)... do you add, ..."of the Grand Court" if the Grand Court has closed? The response from the Throne was YES, use this phrase.
- Amend - under #2, in the Note, remove "." After "...is done first" then add "," and change the next word to lower case.... Adopted
- As amended, #22 adopted

## #24- Escort. Adopted

## #26- Escort. Adopted

#27- Note for printing: Sentinel should be spelled out. Discussion: it should be up to the vote of the members, not just the investigating committee if someone becomes a member. #27 Defeated...

## #28- Balloting

- Amend to correct "tbc" to be "the" .... Adopted
- Amended #28 adopted

#29- Defeated. Barbara Ullrich, PSRM, spoke against this one. Officers work in pairs, and members should not have to square the Altar.

With defeat of #29, #30 not presented.

## Thursday pm

**MOTION:** Before continuing our discussions, there was a further motion to suspend the Rules of the Day and limit debate further and the number of speakers on each question, which was passed.

#31- Initiation Song deleted & other changes. Defeated

#32- Initiation Song deleted & other changes.

- Amend by deleting "as the song is finished"
- This was a typo... should not be included. Correction approved.
- As amended, #32 is defeated

#33- Initiation – adding direction

- Amend to insert after all available SK
- Add: , except for the RP and AP,
- Adopted 94-38
- As amended, #33 was defeated.

#34- Intention: update to more current language

- Amend to remove the words "which still exists". Approved.
- As amended, adopted

#35- defeated

#36- remove ",,"

- MOTION: Joe T (CA), moved that correction in punctuation be taken care of in printing, as long as the intent is not changed. There was no 2<sup>nd</sup>, so not placed on floor.

#36 Defeated

37- Amend to correct abbreviation for StB. Ruled as a housekeeping change that will be addressed by the Printing Committee.

- Line 3, 5th word from the end... should not be “this beloved.” Should be “his beloved.”  
Adopted
- As amended, on a vote of 92-93 defeated.

#38- adopted

#39- adopted

#40- adopted

#41-adopted

#43- adopted

#44- defeated, Discussion: A definite time could be problematic

#46- adopted

#48- amend that HL be moved before G/S – approved

- As amended, defeated.

#50- defeated

#49- adopted

At this time, it was decided that we could not get through the rest of the Ritual Revisions at this session. It was moved to suspend the Rules governing Ritual Revision (which is every 10 years) and proposed Ritual changes not considered today be brought up at the 127th assembly. This motion required unanimous consent, which it did not get. One or more persons voted “no.” There was then a reconsideration of that vote, and we voted again and the motion passed unanimously.

There are 16-20 remaining Ritual revision proposals. It is unclear when the Ritual changes adopted at this 126<sup>th</sup> session will become effective. We will be informed by SRM Bizzy Herbolsheimer in the near future. As revised, Ritual pages will be printed to be replacement pages to the current green Ritual.