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**Resolution #1: Passed**

Grand Chapter Bylaws, Article X111, Section 167, be amended to read as follows:

“(b) A member’s plea of guilty and/or conviction of a felony, in a court of this state or the United States, shall result in mandatory expulsion from membership in the Order. The effective date of expulsion shall coincide with the date of the court conviction. The Secretary of the Chapter shall notify the expelled member that her/his membership in the Order has been terminated.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That Grand Chapter Bylaws, Article XIII, Section 167, be amended to read as follows:

“No member can be reprimanded, suspended (except for nonpayment of dues) or expelled (except for conviction of a felony as set forth in Section 160 (b)) except upon written charges and specifications, and then days’ notice of time and place of trial. Copies of said notice shall be sent to the Worthy Grand Matron and District Deputy Grand Matron of the District in which Chapter is located at least ten days prior to the time of trial.”

**Resolution #2: Passed**

Grand Chapter Bylaws, Article III, Section 31 (b) be amended to read as follows:

“The appropriation, as approved by the Finance Committee, allotted to any Grand Chapter Session shall not exceed an amount equal to the average registration fee collected over the five0year period next preceding the Grand Chapter Session for which the appropriation is made; thirty-five cents per member per capita tax; and the net revenue from Vendors at the Grand Chapter Session. The approved allocation of funds shall not exceed the amount of available funds on hand at the time.”

**Resolution #3: Passed**

Grand Chapter Bylaws, Section 44, Article V, be amended by adding Section 44 ( c ), such section to read as follows:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 17 ( c ), Article III, of the Grand Chapter Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

“( c ) The Worthy Grand Matron shall ensure that all Committee Chairmen are published in the Tar Heel Star News and are posted on the NC OES Wedbsite. She shall also furnish each Committee Chairman with the name, address and phone number of each committee member on her/his committee.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

Section 44, Article V, of the Grand Chapter Bylaws be amended by adding Section 44 (c) that will read as follows:

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**Resolution #3 Continued:**

“( c ) The Associate Grand Matron shall provide the Grand Secretary with a list of names and membership numbers for all standing and special committees by May 1<sup>st</sup> prior to her installation as Worthy Grand Matron.”

**Resolution #4: Passed**

“Rules and Regulations, Article IX, Section 149, Status of Demitted Members, should read as follows: There is no time limit to a demit. When issued, it is good during the life of the person to who issued for the purpose of affiliation; but deprives the holder thereof of all rights and privileges of the Order except for visiting **Subordinate Chapters** for a period of one year.”

**Resolution #5: Passed**

Grand Chapter Rules and Regulations, Article IX, Section 150 (b) should be changed as follows:

“(b) A member desiring to move membership to another Chapter shall fill out and sign a petition for affiliation, furnish a personal request for a demit, official receipt for dues, and depending on the type of membership transfer, utilize the following forms as needed: (1) Notification of Transfer of Primary Chapter Membership with Demit to Dual and/or (2) Request for Transfer of Primary Chapter Membership with Demit and Termination of Dual Membership. If the petitioner be elected to membership, the Chapter Secretary shall forward request for demit, official receipt for dues and appropriate form to the Chapter in which such applicant has her or his membership; and the application shall be recorded as a member of the electing Chapter on the date when a demit was granted and dropped from the roll of previous chapter on the same date. Secretary of previous chapter shall issue demit and appropriate form to electing chapter together with official receipt for dues marked “demitted” (and give date of demit) which is to be returned to the member involved by the Secretary of electing Chapter. The demit is the property of electing Chapter. If a petition be not elected, the request for demit and official receipt for dues shall be returned to the petitioner, and his or her standing in Chapter of membership shall in no way be affected.”

**Resolution 6: Passed**

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Grand Chapter Rules and Regulations, Article 1, Section 2 (b), should be changed to read as follows:

“(b) A member desiring to become a charter member of a Chapter that is in the making shall have all dues paid, shall obtain a Letter of Good Standing from the Secretary of the Chapter, with the Chapter seal on it, and no action by the Chapter shall be necessary to authorize the Secretary to issue such a Letter. The Letter, together with a signed request for a demit, shall be delivered to the Worthy Grand Patron. When she or he has signed the petition for a new Chapter and on the date of the Institution thereof she or he will be considered a member of the new Chapter and automatically cease to be a member of the old Chapter. Immediately after the Institution, the Worthy Grand Patron shall send the request for demit to the old Chapter and notify the Secretary that the person is now a member of the new Chapter. The Secretary of the old Chapter shall forward the demit to the new Chapter and drop the individual from the roll of membership as of the date of the Institution of the new Chapter, and at the next stated meeting notify the old Chapter of the action taken.”

**Resolution #7: Ruled Out of Order due to not having a third signature.**

“This resolution would have amended Grand Chapter Rules and Regulations, Article II, Section 39 stating every Chapter shall practice the work as adopted by this Grand Chapter in The Constitution, By-Laws, Rules & Regulations and Book of Instruction for subordinate Chapters. One copy of which shall be in the possession of each Chapter’s Secretary. Any chapter willfully violating this provision shall be subject to discipline.”

**Resolution #8: Passed**

“This resolution simply took the information in Grand Chapter Rules and Regulations, Article II, Section 53, instructing a Chapter Secretary on the duties to be done in the Surrender of a Charter and placed that information in a checklist form.”

**Resolution #9: Amended on the floor prior to the Resolution vote to change the month of March to the month of February. After the amended resolution was read and voted on – the Resolution Passed**

Grand Chapter Rules and Regulations, Article VIII, Section 144 should be changed as follows:

“Chapter officers should use their best efforts to prevent failure of members to pay dues. The Chapter Secretary should send statement of dues unpaid with businesslike regularity and should inform the Chapter at the first stated meeting in February of any unpaid dues to receive assistance in contacting these members.”

**Emergency Resolution: Passed**

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This emergency resolution was presented by Sister Ellen Brooks to hold her Grand Chapter Session 2021 from the second Tuesday in June to the third Tuesday in June. This was due to the Hotel booking our Session Regular Session Week.

**Book of Instruction Committee Report:**

The change proposed for Page 38 should read "all Officers shall hold a Proficiency Certificate>" was withdrawn.

Page 26 Dues Cards, should read Article VI, Section 74 was voted on and passed.