

RESOLUTION

Whereas: Grand Chapter Rules and Regulations Section 23, Stated Meetings currently states,

The stated meetings of a Chapter shall be held at the time Specified in the Bylaws, which should require at least "two" meetings each month, at which all regular business of the Chapter may be transacted.

Whereas: There are currently approximately Sixty (60) Chapters which only meet once a month and most of them have been doing so for years,

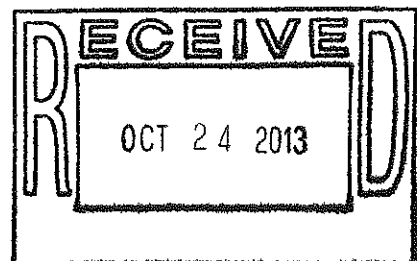
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 23 be changed to read:

Section 23. The stated meetings of a Chapter shall be held at the time specified in the Bylaws, which should require at least "one" meeting each month, at which all regular business of the Chapter may be transacted.

Respectfully submitted:

Alma Yates, PM
Nellie M. Little P.M.
Nancy R. Fitzgerald PM

Cc: Worthy Grand Matron
Finance Committee
Jurisprudence Committee



RESOLUTION

Grand Chapter Bylaws, Article III
Section 21, Dispensations

Whereas, the cost for a dispensation has been \$1.00 since 1911

Whereas, the cost to Subordinate Chapters, which includes postage and more postage for the Worthy Grand Matron to submit to the Grand Chapter Office amounts to more than \$1.00 for each transaction.

Whereas, the contributions to the Maintenance Fund of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home results in an insignificant financial gain.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the second sentence which states that a sum of one dollar \$1.00 be charged for each dispensation, be deleted in it's entirely and that the reference following the end of the sentence be updated to read (See Section 25 and Sections 30, 88 and 92 of the Rules and Regulations).

Respectfully submitted:

Donna Yates, PM
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Cc: Worthy Grand Matron
Finance Committee
Jurisprudence Committee



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Informative and instructional materials are being distributed to members and committees containing erroneous and out dated information; and

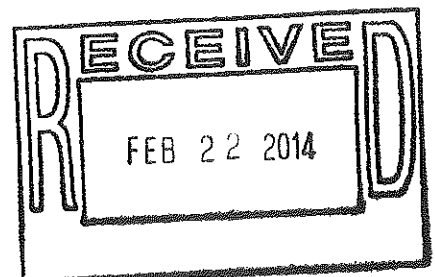
WHEREAS: Article VII, Section 92 of the current BYLAWS state "A majority of the Clearing Committee shall approve all distributed correspondence."; and

WHEREAS: The term correspondence has been interpreted to mean letters and notifications to chapters;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Article VII, Section 75 titled "Jurisprudence Committee" be amended as follows:

dw Section ⁷⁵~~92~~(b): be renumbered Section ⁷⁵~~92~~(c) and
Section ⁷⁵~~92~~(b) be added to read as follows: Section ⁷⁵~~92~~(b). It shall be the duty of the Grand Chapter Jurisprudence Committee to review and approve all informative and instructional materials distributed to members, committees, officers, as well as publications containing instructions, interpretations, and clarifications of Grand Chapter Regulations.

Steven R Burgess P.P.
Donna N. Chesser P.C.M.
Ann McLaughlin P.M.



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, Article VII, Section 92, sets forth the makeup, duties and purpose of the Clearing Committee; and

WHEREAS: The Grand Secretary serves as the Clearing House to Chapters; and

WHEREAS: Section 92 does not adequately explain the procedure for the clearing of correspondence; and

WHEREAS: In addition to mailed correspondence, information is also distributed to members via the Tar Heel Star News and NC OES Website;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the following changes be made to Section 92, "Clearing Committee," of Article VII, Grand Chapter Bylaws:

Change the first paragraph of Section 92 to read as follows:

"The Clearing Committee shall be appointed annually and shall consist of the Worthy Grand Matron as Chairman, one member from the Grand Chapter Finance Committee, and one member from the Jurisprudence Committee. The Grand Secretary shall act as a Clearing House to Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction before presentation to chapters."

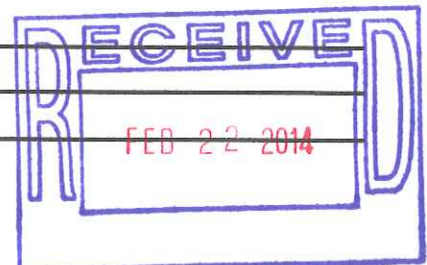
Add the following paragraph as paragraph two of Section 92:

"All correspondence to be cleared shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary who will then forward two copies to each member of the Clearing Committee. Each member of the Committee shall record on one copy either "cleared" or "not cleared" and return same to the Grand Secretary. This copy shall be retained in the Grand Chapter Office in a permanent file. The second copy will be retained by the committee members. The Grand Secretary shall notify the member(s) requesting the correspondence to be cleared the response of the Clearing Committee. All cleared correspondence shall include the notation 'Cleared by the Clearing Committee' at the bottom of the page."

The first sentence of paragraph three shall be amended to read as follows:

"A majority of the Clearing Committee shall approve all distributed correspondence, including information published in the Tar Heel Star News and on the NC OES Website."

Julia M. Marshall PM
Ann McLaughlin PM
Elizabeth S. West PM



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The wonders and convenience of modern technology have greatly impacted our lives and the way we do business as Subordinate Chapters of the Grand Chapter ; and

WHEREAS: Timely transmission and receipt of official correspondence from the Grand Chapter to the Subordinate Chapters directly affect the chapter's order of business and ritualistic ceremonies; and

WHEREAS: Though miraculous and convenient, technology is not error-free nor is it always reliable or accessible; and

WHEREAS: "Time sensitive" correspondence (i.e. "in Memoriums") should be appropriately received by the subordinate chapters; and

WHEREAS: Delays and/or non-receipt of official correspondence have been reported;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That , in addition to computer transmission of official Grand Chapter correspondence, a copy of "time sensitive" correspondence will also be mailed to each Subordinate chapter secretary. Specifically, a copy of "In Memoriums" shall be mailed (US Mail) to each chapter secretary.

Steve Buyers P.P.
Julia M. MacIntosh, B.M.
Ann McLaughlin P.M.



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The principles of our Order demand integrity and high standards of conduct among its members; and

WHEREAS: Rules and Regulations for the Government of Subordinate Chapters, Article XII, Section 160, states: "Whatever is a breach of good morals, contrary to the precepts of the Holy Scriptures, a violation of the criminal laws of this state or of the United States, violation of the obligation of the Order, or the violation of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Chapter or Bylaws of the Chapter, by a member of that Chapter or by a member in the jurisdiction of the Chapter, is an offense against the principles of this Order and must be promptly dealt with."

WHEREAS: Notwithstanding that the judicial process for these offenses and penalties is set forth in the sections of Article XII, the onerous burden of a trial can be very traumatic for the members of a subordinate chapter.

WHEREAS: By definition, the Federal Government defines "felony" as a serious offense "punishable by death or imprisonment." The State of North Carolina classifies felonies according to the seriousness of the offense; nonetheless, the crime remains a felony. Further, under current state law, no felonious act can be expunged.

WHEREAS: The commission/conviction of a felony by a member of the Order of the Eastern Star is a disgraceful and unacceptable violation of our obligation and our protected ideals.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That, the following be added as sub-section (b) under Section 160 of Article XII of the Rules and Regulations for the Government of Subordinate Chapters:

"A member's plea of guilty and/or conviction of a felony, in a court of this state or the United States, shall be grounds for expulsion from the Order."

Ann McLaughlin PM
Robert J. McLaughlin PP
Steve Burgess PP



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: In 2001, the Grand Chapter of North Carolina passed a resolution authorizing Dual Membership within the Grand Jurisdiction of North Carolina; thereby establishing guidelines for Dual Membership in Article VI, Section 135, of the Rules and Regulations for the Government of Subordinate Chapters; and

WHEREAS: At the time of inception, the established rules and regulations for Dual Membership were in keeping with the Rules and Regulations of the General Grand Chapter; and

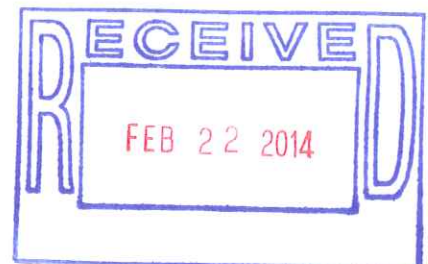
WHEREAS: The current Rules and Regulations of the General Grand Chapter reflect substantial changes in the regulations governing Dual/Plural Membership;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, Article VI, Section 135, be amended as follows:

Section 135(a): Delete last sentence and replace with the following: "The loss of membership by suspension for non-payment of dues or expulsion in either Chapter carries with it the loss of membership in the other."

Section 135(b): Delete last sentence and replace with the following: "The loss of membership by suspension for non-payment of dues or expulsion in either Chapter carries with it the loss of membership in the other."

Car McLaughlin, PIR
Robert J. McLaughlin PP
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Article VII of the Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina lists the Elective and Appointive Committees of the Grand Chapter and further describes the duties of said committees in its sub-sections; and

WHEREAS: Currently, the placement of respective committee narratives does not necessarily correlate to the order in which the committees appear on the lists; and

WHEREAS: "Tar Heel Star News" is listed and subsequently described under Appointive Committees when, in fact, it is an elected committee; and

WHEREAS: The "NC OES Web Site" Committee is described in Section 95 of Article VII; however, this committee does not appear in the list of Appointive Committees; and

WHEREAS: Proper placement of Sections under Article VII would clarify and enhance the application and comprehension of this Article; and

WHEREAS: Sections can be relocated within the Article without altering the contents of the Sections whatsoever;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the following amendments shall be made to Article VII of the Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina:

1. Elective and Appointive Committees shall be properly listed; additionally, respective narratives of said committees shall be sequentially located so as to correspond with the applicable list. Further, the corrective listing and placement of committees shall not in any way alter the narrative contents of said sections.
2. Subsequent to the proper placement of committees listed and described under Article VII, the Sections of that Article will be properly and consecutively numbered.
3. An appropriate sub-section titled "Vendors" shall be added to the narratives of Appointive Committees, appropriately numbered, and shall state: "The Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint a Vendor Committee whose duty shall be to invite and coordinate vendor activity for the Grand Chapter Session. Guidelines for this committee are set forth in Section 73, Article VI, of these Bylaws."

Ann McLaughlin, PM

Robert J. McLaughlin PP

Steve B. Myers PP



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina regulate the business of the Grand Chapter and set forth established guidelines; and

WHEREAS: Uniformity and proper placement of subject matter in said Bylaws contributes greatly to accessibility and clarity; and

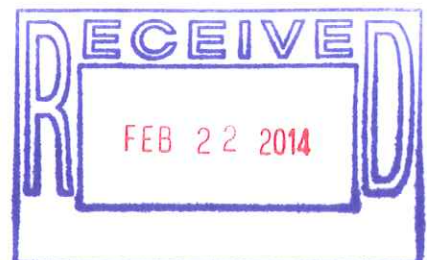
WHEREAS: Current sections of the Bylaws have no relevance to the Article under which they are located – for example, Sections 102 (Official Receipt for Dues), 103 (Instructions to Subordinate Chapters) and 104 (Instructions for Printing) are located under Article VII, “Standing Committees.”

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the following amendments shall be made to the Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina for the purpose of uniformity:

1. Current Sections 102 (Official Receipt for Dues), 103 (Instructions for Subordinate Chapters) and 104 (Instructions for Printing) shall be relocated to Article VI, appropriately numbered and placed as the next three succeeding sections of that Article.
2. The title of Article VI shall be changed to read:
“Grand Chapter Revenue, Instructions, and Official Receipt for Dues”
3. Articles IX and X will be interchanged, making the “Rules of Order” the last Article in the Bylaws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Grand Secretary shall be given permission to make necessary corrections to ensure that all Sections of the Grand Chapter Bylaws are properly numbered.

Ann McLaughlin PM
Robert J. McLaughlin PP
Steve Burgess PP



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Disaster/Benevolent Fund was established in 1999 for the purpose of providing charitable assistance to qualifying members who incur situations to their financial detriment; and

WHEREAS: By resolution, the Disaster/Benevolent Fund Committee was established as a Grand Chapter Standing Committee to administer the application process and fund distribution; and

WHEREAS: Notwithstanding that the Disaster/Benevolent Fund is explained in Article VII, Section 105, Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina; there are misinterpretations regarding the Fund's intended purpose and procedures; and

WHEREAS: The proper administration of the Fund is of vital importance;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That for purposes of clarity, Section 105 of Article VII, Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, is hereby revised to read as follows:

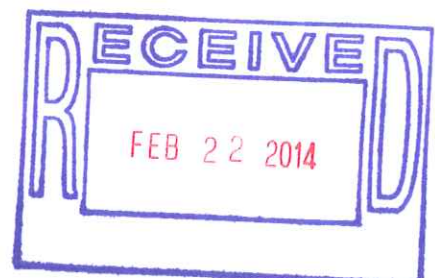
Section 105. "(a) The Disaster/Benevolent Fund was established by the Grand Chapter of North Carolina in 1999 for the purpose of providing charitable assistance to qualifying members of the Order who incur situations to their financial detriment. The Disaster/Benevolent Fund shall have Fifty-Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) permanently invested. The amount of money available for distribution each year shall be all funds in excess of the \$50,000.00 required to be permanently invested. The Disaster/Benevolent Fund shall consist of the existing funds, in addition to income from contributions, fund-raising activities, and investment earnings. The maximum distribution per member will be one-thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per Grand Chapter year.

(b) The Disaster/Benevolent Fund Committee shall consist of five members, one of whom shall be appointed annually by the Worthy Grand Matron for a term of five years. The Committee shall administer the application process, including form creation, distribution and review. Applications for Disaster/Benevolent relief shall be completed by the member applying for assistance; after which the completed form shall be submitted to the Fund Committee for review and approval. The Committee shall thoroughly investigate the circumstances surrounding each request for assistance. All application information and committee deliberations are to be confidential. The Committee may request the assistance of a District Deputy Grand Matron and/or a District Deputy Grand Patron when investigating the application. The Committee will promptly notify the applicant in writing of the decision of the Committee. Records of Fund applications and subsequent distributions shall be maintained in the Grand Chapter Office. Written guidelines, to include the application form, shall be established by the Committee and passed year to year, Chairman to Chairman."

Ann McLaughlin P.M.

Robert J. McLaughlin P.P.

Steve Burger P.P.



Resolution 2014

Whereas, Camp Rainbow Inc. has the continuing ability to generate income from Camper Fees, Adult Week Camper Fees, Facility Fees for the Rental of the Cabins throughout the year, Interest and Dividends generated from Investments, The Annual Craft Fair, Memorials and Donations, Food Lion and Lowes Food Store Gift Cards, and

Whereas, Camp Rainbow is owned and operated By Camp Rainbow Incorporated,

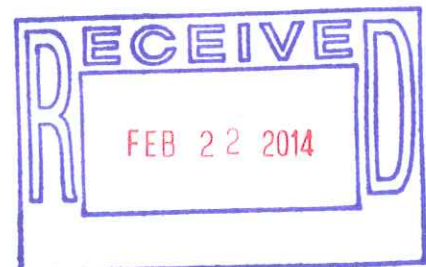
Therefore, be it resolved that "forty cents (\$.40) shall be set aside for the maintenance of Camp Rainbow, Inc." be deleted from Section 69, (b) Article VI of the BYLAWS of The Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

And that "forty Cents shall be set aside for the maintenance of Camp Rainbow, Inc." be deleted from Section 143,{a} Article VII of Rules and Regulations For the Government of Subordinate Chapters.

Section 69. (b) Article VI of the BYLAWS, will then read, "Every Chapter shall pay annually to the Grand Secretary for use by the Grand Chapter of North Carolina the sum of three dollars and twenty-five cent, plus an amount equal to approved per-member General Grand Chapter Per Capita Tax, for each member carried on its roll on the thirty-first day of March in the year of report; thirty-five cents (\$.35) of which shall be set aside for the expense of the Grand Chapter Session, and two dollars and ninety cents {\$2.90) to be set aside for the operation of this Grand Chapter." (GC 2008)

Section 143, (a) Article VII of Rules and Regulations for the Government of Subordinate Chapters, will then read, "Each Chapter under this Grand Jurisdiction has the right to assess and collect from its members, in the provided for in the BYLAWS, such dues as may be deemed necessary to defray the proper expenses of the Chapter; provided, however, that no Chapter shall fix its dues at an amount less than five dollars per annum, three dollars an twenty-five cents of which shall be paid to the Grand Chapter as Per Capita Tax, plus an amount equal to the approved per-member General Grand Chapter Per Capita Tax; thirty-five cents of which shall be set aside for the expenses of the Grand Chapter Session, and two dollars and ninety cents to be set aside for the General Fund." {Bylaws Section 69 {b))

Lloyd D. Miller AP
 Dixie Barker WM
 Juanita Phillips AM
 Linda Bennis, P.M.



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Constitution, Article VI – Voting
Section 1 permits Subordinate Chapter Members present to vote.

WHEREAS: Bylaws, Article VII, Section 83
(Group C – North Carolina Subordinate Chapter Members) is now
obsolete.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. To delete Bylaws, Article VII, Section 83 and
2. Change the heading and first sentence of Section 84 (Group D – Distinguished and Out-of-State Guests) to:
Group C – Distinguished and Out of State Guests.

Grande Wines, P.M.
Jimmy Kirt, SP
Elizabeth Johnson, P.M.

