

To the Chairman of the Code Commission and the Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence:

Brethren, as of December 31, 2023 I have received the following proposals for Amendment to the Code of Constitutions and Regulation of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina:

### **Amendment Group 1**

**NOTE: 7/10/2024:** *Jurisprudence moved to return to MW Frazier for reconsideration as this component of insurance is believed to fall under the objectives of the Committee on Insurance.*

The following amendment has been submitted by Grand Master Kevan D. Frazier.

*This amendment would require all lodge trustees to ensure their lodge carries Directors and Officers insurance and Errors and Omissions insurance (D&O and E&O Insurance).*

### **Chapter 43 – Subordinate Lodge Powers and Duties**

#### **Reg. 43-2 - Powers and Duties**

**REG. 43-2.14** A lodge shall keep its property insured for reasonable replacement cost, against loss or damage by fire and other hazards. A lodge shall also insure its officers and agents with Directors and Officers insurance and Errors and Omissions insurance. Any lodge failing to insure its property or its officers shall not be granted permission to ask for assistance from other lodges of this jurisdiction on account of loss except by the Grand Lodge on recommendation by the Grand Master. (60-1.3.F). It shall be malfeasance of the three principal officers and the Trustees of the lodge pursuant to Reg 13-3.5 if the lodge fails to keep its property insured as here provided. It shall be malfeasance pursuant to Reg 13-3.5 if the Secretary fails to timely issue a voucher to pay a properly submitted bill for insurance resulting in the loss of insurance coverage, and it shall be malfeasance pursuant to Reg 13-3.5 if the Treasurer fails to timely pay a properly issued voucher to pay for insurance resulting in the loss of insurance coverage if the lodge has the funds to pay the bill. *(This Regulation amended, effective January 1, 2022.)*

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## Amendment Group 2

**NOTE: 7/10/2024:** *Jurisprudence moved to approve this Amendment.*

The following amendment has been submitted by Grand Master Kevan D. Frazier.

*This amendment would amend Regulation 34 to permanently create an Insurance Management Committee. It would also establish a new subsection in the Table of Contents of the Code for this Committee.*

### **Chapter 34 – Grand Lodge Committees Table of Contents**

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### **Chapter 34 – Grand Lodge Committees**

#### **Committee on Insurance**

**REG. 34-26 MEMBERS.** The Committee on Insurance shall consist of five members, appointed by the Grand Master, each of whom shall be a member in good standing and competent of insurance best practices.

1. Members of this committee shall not bid, participate, or contract insurance services for the Grand Lodge, nor shall their associates, family members, or any other person whereby a conflict of interest may be of disservice to the fraternity.
2. The Grand Master shall name the chairman of the Committee on Insurance.
3. At each annual communication of the Grand Lodge the Grand Master shall appoint one member to serve for five years.
4. A vacancy in the Committee on Insurance occurring when the Grand Lodge is in recess shall be filled by the Grand Master until the next succeeding annual communication of the Grand Lodge when the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term on nomination of the Grand Master-elect and confirmation of the Grand Lodge.
5. A quorum of the Committee on Insurance shall consist of three or more members.

**REG. 34-27 MATTERS REFERED** Matters which shall be referred to the Committee on Insurance and its duties relative to these and other things are as follows.

1. To review all proposals to establish, amend, or cancel any guidelines or policies related to the Insurance Coverage applicable for all properties of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina or properties of subordinate lodges.
2. To review all questions touching upon insurance matters of the Grand Lodge

and its subordinate lodges.

3. Any other matters that may be referred to it by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

**REG. 34-28 DUTIES AND POWERS.** The duties and powers of the Committee on Insurance are as follows.

1. To annually review annually the list of current subordinate lodges to ensure each lodge has insurance coverage.
2. To ensure each subordinate lodge, not under the umbrella coverage of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, has adequate coverage for all requirements specified throughout the Code, including but not limit to coverage for fundraisers and required bonding levels for lodge treasurers and secretaries.
3. To recommend to the Board of General Purposes of any additions, revisions, deletions, or amendments to the Grand Lodge Insurance Policy.

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### **Amendment Group 3**

**NOTE: 7/10/2024:** *Jurisprudence moved to approve this Amendment.*

The following amendment has been submitted by Grand Secretary Jonathan A. Underwood.

*This amendment would amend Regulation 19 to permit the option of allowing electronic voting at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge as many other grand jurisdictions are currently and have been doing for several years.*

#### **Chapter 19 – Voting in the Grand Lodge Reg. 19-1 - Methods of Voting**

**REG. 19-1 METHODS OF VOTING.** The methods of voting in the Grand Lodge shall be: by call of the roll; written paper ballot; electronic ballot; by show of hands; and by standing.

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#### **Amendment Group 4**

**NOTE: 7/10/2024:** *Jurisprudence moved to return to MW Frazier for clarification; i.e. does this holding lodge accept members' who's lodge's charter has been arrested? Answer: No, members who's lodge's charter has been arrested cannot be affiliated with this administrative holding lodge.*

The following amendment has been submitted by Grand Master Kevan D. Frazier.

*This amendment would amend Chapter 39 to add a new Regulation, 39-14, which would allow the formation of a new lodge, Long Leaf Pine Lodge No. 777 as a temporary holding lodge. This will allow displaced brethren, (members of defunct lodges who did not merge with another lodge, brethren who may be unaccounted for due to medical or other unknown reasons) to have a continuing membership until they can find a suitable lodge, or their location can be established allowing membership at a lodge best suited for their current needs .*

#### **Chapter 39 – Lodge Under Dispensation Reg. 39-14, New Amendment**

**REG. 39-14 TEMPORARY HOLDING LODGE.** The Grand Lodge shall institute a temporary holding lodge,, to be a temporary home lodge for any displaced brother who has lost his previous membership, not of his own free will and accord, but due to his previous lodge becoming defunct, his becoming unaccounted for due to medical or other unknown reasons. Membership of this grand jurisdiction and as a member of this temporary lodge will continue until he can find a suitable lodge, or his location and health is established. Once the most suitable option is determined, his membership shall be transferred to a lodge best suited for his current location, including any special requirements as may be needed.

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## Amendment Group 5

**NOTE: 7/10/2024:** *Jurisprudence moved to approve this Amendment.*

The following amendment has been submitted by Grand Secretary Jonathan A. Underwood.

*This amendment would amend Regulation 77-1 and Chapter 44, Article 10, to define dues as the amount required by each subordinate lodge to discharge their necessary duties and obligations plus the per capita approved by the grand lodge. This would eliminate the need to update the lodge by-laws when per capita rates are modified.*

### **Chapter 77 – Dues Reg. 77-1 - Minimum Dues**

### **Chapter 44 – Uniform Code of By-Laws for a Lodge Article 10 - Membership Dues**

**REG. 77-1 MINIMUM DUES.** Each lodge shall fix in its by-laws and shall collect such annual dues, inclusive of per capita when applicable, from its membership as may be necessary to enable it to maintain itself and discharge all of its duties and obligations. (5-2.2). (*This regulation amended, effective January 1, 2004.*)

### **ARTICLE 10**

**SECTION 1.** The annual membership dues in this lodge shall be \_\_\_ dollars (\$\_\_\_) plus Grand Lodge per capita tax as specified in Regulation 20-1.1 of The Code which each member shall pay in advance on or before the first day of January.

*NOTE: An amendment to Section 1 of this article shall not become effective until January first next following the date it is approved by the chairman of the Committee on By-laws of Subordinate Lodges. (77-2; 77-3). (*This article amended, effective July 31, 2000.*)*

### **Alternative Form for Article 10, Section 1**

**SECTION 1.** The annual membership dues in this lodge shall be \_\_\_ dollars (\$\_\_\_) which each member shall pay in advance on or before the first day of January.

*NOTE: An amendment to Section 1 of this article shall not become effective until January first next following the date it is approved by the chairman of the Committee on By-laws of Subordinate Lodges. (77-2; 77-3). (*This article amended, effective January 1, 2003.*)*

## Amendment Group 6

**NOTE: 7/10/2024:** *Jurisprudence moved to reject this Amendment.*

The following amendment has been submitted by Grand Master Kevan D. Frazier.

*This amendment would amend Regulation 68-3.12, Regulation 68-3.13 and Regulation 68-3.15 to require a minimum of two black cubes to reject a petitioner for the degrees or affiliation from being elected. It also amends Reg. 44-7, Article 19, Third Alternative Form, in the Uniform By-laws concerning the alternate ballot process if adopted by subordinate lodges.*

### **Chapter 68 – The Secret Ballot Reg. 68-3.12, Reg. 68-3.13, Reg. 68-3.15 - Procedure**

**REG. 68-3 PROCEDURE.** After the reports of the Grand Secretary and the Committee of Investigation have been received the ballot shall be taken as follows.

12. If the Master finds that the ballot is clear, or that there is more than ~~one~~ two black cubes, he shall ask the Wardens how they find the ballot and not until then, shall he proclaim the result. (If a lodge has enacted the alternate ballot procedure under special local provision Article 19 of lodge bylaws, pursuant to Chapter 44, that procedure shall be supplemented after and/or in place of the procedure set forth here.) *(This subsection amended, effective January 1, 2009.)*

13. In case only ~~one~~ one or two black cubes appear, the Master shall not then declare the result but immediately at the same communication order a rebalot without discussion on the part of the members or any intervening act or business, the result of the rebalot shall be declared, and it shall be final except as provided in Regulation 68-8. (63-5.4; 68-8.2). (If a lodge has enacted the alternate ballot procedure under special local provision Article 19 of lodge bylaws, pursuant to Chapter 44, that procedure shall be supplemented after and/or in place of the procedure set forth here.) *(This subsection amended, effective January 1, 2009.)*

15. In any secret ballot, white balls are affirmative votes and black cubes are negative votes. A ~~unanimously favorable~~ ballot of no more than two black cubes ~~white balls~~ shall be required to elect a petitioner or an applicant, or to adopt any proposition submitted to the secret ballot. (If a lodge has enacted the alternate ballot procedure under special local provision Article 19 of lodge bylaws, pursuant to Chapter 44, that procedure shall be supplemented after and/or in place of the procedure set forth here.) (42-9; 65-1; 75-11.2; 75-11.3; 75-11.4; 75-11.5). *(This subsection amended, effective January 1, 2009.)*

### **Chapter 44 – Uniform Code of By-Laws for a Lodge Reg. 44-7, Article 19, - Third Alternative Form, Voting on membership**

#### **Article 19, Third Alternative Form**

**SECTION—** When voting upon issues requiring the use of the ballot box (Petitions for the Degrees, Applications for Affiliation, Honorary or Life Memberships), if one or two black cubes ~~is~~ are found on the examination of the ballot, the Master shall destroy the ballot and require the members to ballot again, cautioning them that white balls elect, and black cubes reject and reminding them to vote for the good of Masonry. If a one or two black cubes ~~is~~ are found after the second ballot, the Master shall not immediately announce the result, but shall require the

person(s) casting the black cube to communicate his reason for the negative vote to the Master, who shall keep the identity of the person making the objection in strictest confidence. At the next stated meeting, the Master shall reveal the reason given for the negative vote, but not the identity of the member(s) casting the black cube. The Master will then ask the lodge to vote, by a show of hands, on the validity of the reason for the black cube(s). The majority vote shall govern whether the candidate is elected. If the brother casting the black cubes does not present his reasons to the Master within one week, the Master shall, at the next stated communication, declare the candidate elected and the lodge shall proceed as if there had been no black cubes cast. *(The subsection amended, effective January 1, 2009.)*

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**Amendment Group 7**

**NOTE: 7/10/2024:** *Jurisprudence moved to approve this Amendment.*

The following amendment has been submitted by Grand Secretary Jonathan A. Underwood.

*This amendment would amend Regulation 11-1.2 to change the category of the Grand Chaplain to one requiring installation and consistent with Code requirements of subordinate lodges. This position has been installed as early as 1959 but the Code has never been amended to reflect this practice since 1948. Regulation 11-1.3 would permit, at the Grand Master – elect’s discretion, to install the grand lodge officers listed in this category if he so desires.*

**Chapter 11 – Grand Officers’ Rank, Designation, Title, Qualifications, Term, and Succession of Office  
Reg. 11-1.2, 11-1.3 - Officers**

**REG. 11-1 OFFICERS.** The elective and appointive officers of the Grand Lodge, their ranks, designations, and titles shall be as follows:

2. The appointive grand officers who shall be installed either in person or by proxy are as follows: (12-6; 17-1; 17-2; 17-4).

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Senior Grand Deacon   | Worshipful        |
| 2. Junior Grand Deacon   | Worshipful        |
| 3. Grand Marshal         | Worshipful        |
| 4. Two Grand Stewards    | Worshipful        |
| 5. Grand Tyler           | Worshipful        |
| <u>6. Grand Chaplain</u> | <u>Worshipful</u> |

3. The appointive grand officers who ~~shall not~~ may be installed are as follows: (17-5; 17-6; 17-7; 17-8; 17-9.1).

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| <del>1. Grand Chaplain</del>    | <del>Worshipful</del> |
| <del>1-2. Grand Historian</del> | <del>Worshipful</del> |
| <del>2-3. Grand Lecturer</del>  | <del>Worshipful</del> |
| <del>3-4. Grand Orator</del>    | <del>Worshipful</del> |
| <del>4 5. Judge Advocate</del>  | <del>Worshipful</del> |

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## Amendment Group 8

**NOTE: 7/10/2024:** *Jurisprudence moved to approve this Amendment.*

The following amendment has been submitted by Grand Secretary Jonathan A. Underwood.

*This amendment would amend Regulation 16-1.30 as Obsolete since this process is made available electronically through the Grand Lodge Membership management program.*

**Chapter 16 – Duties of the Grand Secretary**  
**Reg. 16-1.30 - Duties of the Grand Secretary**

**REG. 16-1 DUTIES OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.** The duties of the Grand Secretary are as follows.

~~30. To prepare and furnish to each subordinate lodge, before November fifteenth of each year, blank returns in duplicate for annual returns, the subordinate lodge to complete both copies forwarding the original to the Grand Secretary and retaining the copy for its permanent file. (Chapter 47). Obsolete~~

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## Amendment Group 9

**NOTE: 7/10/2024:** *Jurisprudence moved to approve this Amendment.*

The following amendment has been submitted by Grand Secretary Jonathan A. Underwood.

*This amendment would amend Regulation 29-7.2 to remove the requirement of printing annually the roster of each grade and class of lecturer in the proceedings. The practice of printing the roster in the annual proceedings ceased in 1964 when the Board of Custodians agreed to print the roster in a separate publication, however, the Code was never amended to reflect this change. This separate printed publication was provided annually until 2004. As a cost savings, printing ceased in 2005, but the roster has been made available electronically since that time.*

### **Chapter 29 – Board of Custodians, Masonic Education, Lecture Service Reg. 29-7 - Class of Lecturers**

**REG. 29-7 CLASSES OF LECTURERS.** The Board of Custodians is authorized, in its discretion:

2. To establish a roster for each grade or class authorized by it, on which shall be posted the names of each brother qualified for the roster of each grade or class. These rosters shall be published annually by the Board of Custodians and made available in an electronic format. ~~printed in the Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge.~~

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## Amendment Group 10

**NOTE: 7/10/2024:** Jurisprudence moved to approve this Amendment following the removal of “Knights of Solomon” from the explanatory note as it does not relate to them (that reference removed, JAU).

The following amendment has been submitted by Grand Secretary Jonathan A. Underwood.

*This amendment would amend Regulation 43-2.4, Regulation 45-2 and Reg. 44-7, Article 8 to update the current practice of bi-monthly or quarterly stated meetings, without the requirement of a dispensation as currently allowed for lodges such as Orphans, Lux Libertas, Sophia, Veritas, Prometheus, Lodge of the Nine Sisters.*

**Chapter 43 – Subordinate Lodges Powers and Duties**  
**Reg. 43-2.4 - Powers and Duties**

**Chapter 45 – Communications of a Lodge**  
**Reg. 45-2 - Stated Communications**

**Reg 44-7 - Uniform By-laws**  
**Article 8 - Stated Communications**

**REG. 43-2 POWERS AND DUTIES.** Some, but not all, of the powers and duties of a lodge are as follows. (2-4; 4-2).

4. A lodge shall hold at least one stated communication each calendar month or it may choose in its by-laws to meet bi-monthly or quarterly, except as provided in Regulation 45-2 or by dispensation of the Grand Master (*This section amended, effective January 1, 2004.*)

**REG. 45-2 STATED COMMUNICATION.** A lodge shall hold at least one stated communication each calendar month, however, it may provide in its by-laws to meet bi-monthly or quarterly, to omit any or all stated communications during either or all of the months of June, July, and August and those falling on legal holidays, or to omit a stated communication by dispensation of the Grand Master. (*This regulation amended, effective January 1, 2003.*)

**REG. 44-7 UNIFORM BY-LAWS.** The Grand Lodge recommends that each lodge adopt by-laws conforming to the articles hereinafter set forth.

## ARTICLE 8

### First Alternative Form for Article 8, Section 1

**SECTION 1.** A stated communication of this lodge shall be held bi-monthly on \_\_\_\_\_ of ~~each month~~ during the months of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ M.

### Second Alternative Form for Article 8, Section 1

**SECTION 1.** A stated communication of this lodge shall be held quarterly on \_\_\_\_\_ of each ~~month~~ during the months of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_M.

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## Amendment Group 11

**NOTE: 7/10/2024:** *Jurisprudence moved to approve this Amendment.*

The following amendment has been submitted by Grand Secretary Jonathan A. Underwood.

*This amendment would amend Regulation 45-3.4.H as Obsolete since the requirement for Waiver of Jurisdictions for subordinate lodges no longer exists.*

### **Chapter 45 – Communications of a Lodge Reg. 45-3.4.H - Emergent Communications**

**REG. 45-3 EMERGENT COMMUNICATIONS.** Emergent communications of a lodge may be held at any time at the pleasure of the Master as provided by law and the usages of the Craft. (45-1.2; 45-3.1; 45-4; 45-5; 59-2.5; 59-9.6).

4. A lodge shall not transact the following business at an emergent communication without dispensation:

H. ~~Grant a waiver of jurisdiction, or (42-9)~~ Obsolete

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## Amendment Group 12

**NOTE: 7/10/2024:** *Jurisprudence moved to approve this Amendment. It was noted this would require the Code Commission and Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to meet and produce their reports prior to April 1.*

The following amendment has been submitted by Grand Master Donald E. Kehler.

*This amendment would amend Chapter 10, Sec. 10-1, to permit a prompter distribution of all proposed amendments to the Code.*

### **Chapter 10 – Amendments to the Constitution Sec. 10-1 – Manner of Amendment**

#### **Chapter 10**

#### **Amendments to the Constitution**

**SEC. 10-1 MANNER OF AMENDMENT.** Except when a general revision of THE CODE is ordered by the Grand Lodge, as provided in Section [10-2](#), or any part of this Constitution or any of the Regulations can be amended, repealed, revised or altered in the following manner:

2. Any such proposal shall be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence which shall report thereon, with its recommendations, at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

~~A. By unanimous consent of the Grand Lodge, action on any such proposal may be taken at the same annual communication at which it is presented.~~

A. The Grand Secretary shall, within 90 days after the submission deadline, electronically publish each proposed amendment on an approved electronic database as well as send electronic notice to the craft via email or other electronic method deemed appropriate to ensure due and timely notice is given of the proposed amendments. The Grand Secretary shall also send a copy of each proposed amendment via mail to the Secretary of each subordinate lodge.

B. Any proposal which is properly published as described in section 2.A may be taken up at the annual communication which it is presented. Amendments which are not properly published as described in section 2.A may be taken up at the annual communication at which it is presented only by unanimous consent of the Grand Lodge.

C. A lodge or any member of a subordinate lodge may object to an amendment being taken up at that annual communication under Section 10-1.2.B on grounds that they did not receive due and timely notice of the amendment as required in Section 10-1.2.B. Such objections must be submitted to the Grand Secretary in writing no later than July 1. Objections will be ruled on by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. Failure to file a timely objection as provided in this subsection shall be deemed a waiver of the right to object at that annual communication.

~~B.~~ D. The Grand Lodge shall not act, unanimously or otherwise, on any proposal at the same session of the annual communication at which it is received if it is received later than noon of the second day of such annual communication at which it is received.

3. If the proposal is not acted upon as provided in Section 10-1.2.A or as provided in Section 10-1.2.B, it shall be published in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge under the caption, PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE, and within six months prior to the next annual communication the Grand Secretary shall prepare and mail a copy of any such proposal to each subordinate lodge and one copy to each officer and member of the Grand Lodge, as well as post it on an approved electronic database and send electronic notice to the craft.

4. If upon the report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, such proposal shall receive not less than two-thirds of the votes cast, the proposal shall be declared adopted; but it shall not take effect until January first following its adoption, unless otherwise provided by the Grand Lodge at the time of its adoption. (*This subdivision amended, effective September 27, 2002*)

5. When an amendment to this Constitution or Regulation is under consideration, it may be amended if the proposed amendment is germane to the subject.

6. When this Constitution or Regulations becomes effective, all previous Constitutions, Regulations and enactments of this Grand Lodge which are inconsistent herewith are repealed but those on which it is silent, or those referring to matters not provided for by it, remain in force as provided in Section 7-4.1.

7. The repeal of existing laws shall not affect any act done, right accrued, offense committed, or proceedings commenced prior to the time when such repeal takes effect.

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### Amendment Group 13

**NOTE: 7/10/2024:** *Jurisprudence moved to return to this Amendment to the Committee on Finance for clarification, so the restriction does not unduly affect the ability of the Grand Lodge office to function fiscally.*

The following amendment has been submitted by the Committee on Finance.

*This amendment would amend Regulation 13-4 by adding additional restrictions on the power of the Grand Master as related to the annual budget adopted by the delegates of the Grand Lodge. It also amends the duties of the Grand Treasurer, expands the Powers and Authority of the Board of General Purposes and the Finance Committee.*

#### **Chapter 13 – Powers, Duties and Expenses of the Grand Master Reg. 13-4 – Restriction on Powers**

**REG. 13-4 RESTRICTIONS ON POWERS.** The Grand Master has no authority to:

14. Amend or modify the budget adopted by the Grand Lodge at its annual communication unless and until such budget amendment or modification has been considered by the Committee on Finance, a recommendation is made by the Committee on Finance to amend or modify the budget, and the budget amendment or modification is approved by not less than a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of General Purposes.

15. Spend, cause to be spent, authorize, direct, instruct, or order the Grand Treasurer or the Grand Secretary to disburse or expend funds of the Grand Lodge in an amount in excess of 10% above any budgeted item adopted by the Grand Lodge at its annual communication unless and until such expenditure has been considered by the Committee on Finance, said Committee has, by simple majority vote, recommended such expenditure and thereafter, the expenditure is approved by not less than a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of General Purposes.

*This amendment shall become effective upon adoption.*

#### **Chapter 15 – Duties of the Grand Treasurer Reg. 15-1.7 – Duties of the Grand Treasurer**

**REG. 15-1 DUTIES OF THE GRAND TREASURER.** The duties of the Grand Treasurer are as follows.

7. To pay warrants drawn on him authorized by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, not inconsistent with Regulation 13-4.15, and executed by the Grand Secretary.

*This amendment shall become effective upon adoption.*

**Chapter 28 – Board of General Purposes**  
**Reg. 28-3.5 – Powers and Authority**

**REG. 28-3 POWERS AND AUTHORITY.** The objects and purposes, powers and authority, and limitations of the Board of General Purposes shall be as follows:

5. To receive and consider all recommendations referred by the Committee on Finance to expend funds in excess of 10% above of any amount set forth in the budget adopted by the Grand Lodge at its annual communication. Approval of any such expenditure shall require approval by not less than a 2/3 majority vote of the members of the Board of General Purposes.

*This amendment shall become effective upon adoption.*

**Chapter 34 – Committee on Finance**  
**Reg. 34-4 – Matters Referred**  
**Reg. 35-5 – Duties and Powers**

**REG. 34-4 MATTERS REFERRED.** Matters which shall be referred to the Committee on Finance and its duties relative to these and other things are as follows.

4. Consider all requests by the Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer, or the Grand Secretary to expend funds of the Grand Lodge in excess of 10% above any amount set forth in the budget adopted by the Grand Lodge at its annual communication.

**REG. 34-5 DUTIES AND POWERS.** The duties and powers of the Committee on Finance are as follows.

4. To address all requests by the Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer, or the Grand Secretary to expend funds in excess of 10% above any amount set forth in the budget adopted by the Grand Lodge at its annual communication and thereafter to make such recommendation to the Board of General Purposes, as may be appropriate.

*This amendment shall become effective upon adoption.*

**Amendment Group 14**

**NOTE: 7/10/2024:** *Jurisprudence moved to return to this Amendment to Grand Master Kehler for reconsideration.*

The following amendment has been submitted by Grand Master Donald E. Kehler.

*This amendment would amend Regulation 20-1.1 to increase the Per Capita from \$35.00 to \$40.00 annually*

**Chapter 20 – Per Capita Tax and Initiation Fee  
Reg. 20-1 - Established**

**REG. 20-1 ESTABLISHED.**

Each lodge, including lodges under dispensation, shall pay annually to the Grand Secretary, for the use of the Grand Lodge, the sums hereinafter specified.

1. The sum of ~~thirty five dollars (\$35.00)~~ forty dollars (\$40.00) and for each member of the lodge at low twelve on December thirty-first. A lodge shall be exempt from the payment of the annual assessment to the Grand Lodge for any member who has received the Fifty-Year Service Award and any member of a lodge whose dues have been remitted under Reg. 77-14.2. (5-1.1; 20-1; 81-1; 81-7). *(This regulation amended effective January 1, 2023.)*

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Sincerely and fraternally,

Jonathan A. Underwood  
Grand Secretary