

**PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES  
2010-2011**

**Proposal #1:**

Proposed Change to the Constitution of Grand Chapter of South Carolina, Order of the Eastern Star.

Proposed by: Marlene S. Wilds, Past Matron, Inman Chapter #169; Kaye Rackley, Past Matron Seneca Chapter #5; Sandra Rhinehart, Past Matron, Inman Chapter #169

ARTICLE II – OF WHOM IT SHALL CONSIST – Page 11

SECTION 1

NOW READS:

The Grand Chapter shall consist of a Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress, Three Grand Trustees, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Organist, Grand Adah, Grand Ruth, Grand Esther, Grand Martha, Grand Electa, Grand Warder, Grand Sentinel and Grand Lecturer...etc.

CHANGE TO READ:

The Grand Chapter shall consist of a Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Organist, Grand Adah, Grand Ruth, Grand Esther, Grand Martha, Grand Electa, Grand Warder, Grand Sentinel and Grand Lecturer...etc.

RATIONALE: This will exclude Grand Trustees as Grand Officers. Trustees are busy taking care and overseeing the financial business of Grand Chapter and need to devote time to those duties rather than performing additional duties as required by a Grand Officer.

ARTICLE II – OF WHOM IT SHALL CONSIST – Page 11

SECTION 2

NOW READS:

All the above-names officers shall be sisters, except the Worthy Grand Patron and Associate Grand Patron and Grand Sentinel; provided that the Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Trustees, Grand Organist, Grand Warder, and Grand Lecturer may be either sister or brother.

CHANGE TO READ:

All the above-names officers shall be sisters, except the Worthy Grand Patron and Associate Grand Patron and Grand Sentinel; provided that the Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand

Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Organist, Grand Warder, and Grand Lecturer may be either sister or brother.

**RATIONALE:**

This would exclude Grand Trustees should Section 1 change to exclude Grand Trustees as Grand Officers.

/s/Marlene S. Wilds, PM

/s/Kaye Rackley, PM

/s/Sandra Rhinehart

**Proposal #2:**

Submitted by: Kaye Rackley, Past Matron, Seneca #5; Marlene S. Wilds, Past Matron, Inman Chapter #169; Sandra Rhinehart, Past Matron, Inman Chapter #169

Add to page 126 following ARTICLE XIV 10 (b)

(c) A chapter may petition Grand Chapter to go into another district 90 days prior to the Grand Chapter Session.

**RATIONALE:**

Eastern Star chapters in South Carolina continue to close or consolidate which may increase the distance between those surviving in a district. This would give chapters the opportunity to go into a district that may be closer to their location.

/s/Marlene S. Wilds, PM

/s/Kaye Rackley, PM

/s/Sandra Rhinehart

**Proposal #3:**

Submitted by: Marlene S. Wilds, Past Matron, Inman Chapter #169; Kaye Rackley, Past Matron, Seneca #5; Sandra Rhinehart, Past Matron, Inman Chapter #169

ARTICLE II – OFFICERS – page 20

Section 1. Eligibility for Office

Change first sentence at the word Provided.

**Now Reads:**

Provided, that no Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron shall be elected or appointed to any office in Grand Chapter except Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee or Lecturer...

**Change to Read:**

Provided, that no Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron shall be elected or appointed to any office in Grand Chapter except Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee, Lecturer, or Organist...

**Rationale:**

This adds Organist to the list of an appointed Grand Office a Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron may serve; it may be difficult to find an organist in which case it would give the Associate Grand Matron the option of appointing a Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron.

/s/Marlene S. Wilds, PM

/s/Kaye Rackley, PM

/s/Sandra Rhinehart, PM

**Proposal #4:**

Submitted by: Kaye Rackley, Past Matron, Seneca #5; Marlene S. Wilds, Past Matron, Inman Chapter #169; Sandra Rhinehart, Past Matron, Inman Chapter #169

ARTICLE III – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 5 (a) page 28 – DUTIES OF GRAND SECRETARY

Add first and last sentences in SECTION 5 (b) to SECTION 5 (a)

NOW READS:

- (a) General Duties - It is the duty of the Grand Secretary to attend all meetings of the Grand Chapter, keep a true and faithful record of all its proceedings and furnish a copy thereof, together with an abstract of the returns of Chapters, and superintend the printing of the same within 180 days after the closing of each Annual Session of the Grand Chapter: Provided that a permanent cover and color for proceedings shall be used and thus reduce the cost of a new cut each year.

CHANGE TO READ:

- (a) General Duties - It is the duty of the Grand Secretary to attend all meetings of the Grand Chapter, keep a true and faithful record of all its proceedings and furnish a copy thereof, together with an abstract of the returns of Chapters, and superintend the printing of the same within 180 days after the closing of each Annual Session of the Grand Chapter: Provided that a permanent cover and color for proceedings shall be used and thus reduce the cost of a new cut each year. The Grand Secretary shall have the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter bound every two years for filing. The Grand Secretary shall procure all books and stationary necessary for the use of the office and the Grand Chapter.

RATIONALE:

Since the first and last sentences in Section 5 (b) are referring to proceeding, books and stationary, the sentences would be better placed under Section 5 (a) where these items are discussed. Section 5 (b) is mainly talking about Past Grand's jewels rather than procurement of books.

ARTICLE III – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 5 (b) page 28-29 – DUTIES OF GRAND SECRETARY

Delete first and last sentences in paragraph which

NOW READS:

- (b) Procure Books. – By order of the Grand Chapter the Grand Secretary shall procure all books and stationary necessary for the use of the office and the Grand Chapter. The Grand Secretary shall purchase and have suitably engraved a Past Grand Matron's jewel and a Past Grand Patron's jewel, of the same cut and design as adopted by the Grand Chapter, to be presented to the retiring Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron at the Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, Order of the Eastern Star: Provided, that no Past Grand Officer shall receive more than one such Jewel. Provided further, should a Worthy Grand Matron and/or Worthy Grand Patron desire not to receive a jewel from the Grand Chapter, she/he shall notify the Grand Secretary in a timely manner. The Grand Secretary shall have the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter bound every two years for filing.

CHANGE TO READ:

- (c) Jewels - The Grand Secretary shall purchase and have suitably engraved a Past Grand Matron's jewel and a Past Grand Patron's jewel, of the same cut and design as adopted by the Grand Chapter, to be presented to the retiring Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron at the Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina. In lieu of a newly purchased jewel, the Worthy Grand Matron and/or Worthy Grand Patron may request a Past Grand Matron's jewel or a Past Grand Patron's jewel that is or was donated to Grand Chapter and the Grand Secretary shall have suitably engraved, the Worthy Grand Matron and/or Worthy Grand Patron shall notify the Grand Secretary of this request in a timely manner. Provided that no Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron shall receive more than one jewel each. Provided further, should a Worthy Grand Matron and/or Worthy Grand Patron desire not to receive a jewel from the Grand Chapter, she/he shall notify the Grand Secretary in a timely manner.

RATIONALE:

The jewels that were donated previously or that may be donated in the future by Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons need to be used as we no longer have a place to display them. This would save Grand Chapter money if a Worthy Grand Matron and/or Worthy Grand Patron desires and request to receive one of these jewels in lieu of purchasing a new jewel.

ARTICLE III – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 5 (d) page 29 – DUTIES OF GRAND SECRETARY

ADD AFTER THE LAST SENTENCE:

In addition, copies of the credentials for the positions of Webmaster and Palmetto Star News Editor shall be mailed to the Secretary of each Subordinate Chapter along with the above when they have been received by the Grand Secretary.

RATIONALE:

It will be helpful for voting delegates to know the qualifications of those letting their name come up for election to Webmaster or Palmetto Star News Editor.

/s/Kaye Rackley, PM  
/s/Marlene S. Wilds, PM  
/s/Sandra Rhinehart, PM

**Proposal #5:**

Submitted by: Marlene S. Wilds, Past Matron, Inman Chapter #169; Sandra Rhinehart, Past Matron, Inman Chapter #169; Kaye Rackley, Past Matron, Seneca Chapter #5

ARTICLE III – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 7, page 34 – DUTIES OF GRAND TRUSTEES

Add specific duties (6), (7) and (8)

ADD TO READ:

- (6) They will get three bids for printing of all Grand Chapter printed materials which includes, Itineraries, Programs, Proceedings, CDs and Addresses and Reports.
- (7) They will review the Grand Chapter annual tax return as prepared by the secured Certified Public Accountant prior to Grand Chapter signature and mailing.
- (8) They will, in conjunction with the Grand Treasurer, make decisions and oversee all investments and transfers of Grand Chapter monies.

RATIONALE:

In order that the elected Grand Trustees be fully involved in the supervision of the Grand Chapter financial affairs they need to perform these more specific duties. With a central group of elected officials obtaining bids for all printed materials they can determine the most cost effective approach so as to save Grand Chapter money. These duties also protect the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer from making these decisions alone.

ARTICLE III – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 3, page 27 (a) – DUTIES OF ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON

NOW READS:

- (a) Should the incoming Worthy Grand Matron desire to print an itinerary it shall be handled through her office with the bids for the printing being provided to the Grand Trustees...

CHANGE TO READ:

- (a) Should the incoming Worthy Grand Matron desire to print an itinerary it shall be handled through her office with the bids for the printing being attained by the Grand Trustees

RATIONALE:

The Grand Trustees should get all bids pertaining to printing of all printed materials and books so as to have a central group of elected officials determining the most cost effective approach to printing.

/s/Marlene S. Wilds, PM  
/s/Sandra Rhinehart, PM  
/s/Kaye Rackley, PM

**Proposal #6:**

Submitted by: Proposed by Pat Conner, Past Matron, Corinthian Chapter #297; Nancy Jones, Past Matron, Catawba Chapter # 131; Bob Jones, Past Patron, Catawba Chapter #131

Proposal—Article IV, Section 4—page 36

Add a new subparagraph

Now reads:

Credentials.—The Committee on Credentials shall examine the credentials of the members of the Grand Chapter and report a list of the officers, members and representatives present.

Section 4: Change to read

Credentials. (a) The Committee on Credentials shall examine the credentials of the members of the Grand Chapter and report a list of the officers, members and representatives present.

(b) Voting delegates who are pre-registered may pick up their registration packets between 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 A.M. on Wednesday morning of Grand Chapter.

Rationale: Voting delegates have hardships from work schedules and gas expenses to make two trips to Grand Chapter to pick up packets and to return to vote. By pre-registering, packets would be ready for pick-up. The registration hours could be open for a limited time on Wednesday for these delegates. Time would be available to finalize the total number of voting delegates before the election. District Deputies already compare numbers for the voting totals with credentials before the election.

/s/Pat Conner, PM

/s/Nancy S. Jones, PM

/s/Bob Jones, PP

**Proposal #7:**

Submitted by Pat Conner, Past Matron, Corinthian Chapter #297; Nancy Jones, Past Matron, Catawba Chapter #131; Bob Jones, Past Patron, Catawba Chapter #131

Proposal—Article VI, Section 8 (1)—page 102

Change last part of sentence.

Now reads:

No one may be a Dual Member of more than one Chapter and shall hold an Elective office in only one Chapter.

Change to read:

No one may be a Dual Member of more than one Chapter.

Proposal—Article VI, Section 8 (3)—page 102-A

Change last part of sentence.

Now reads:

Dual members must pay dues in both Chapters and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership of both, except that such Dual members may hold an appointed office in both Chapters and elected in only one.

Change to read:

Dual members must pay dues in both Chapters and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership of both. Dual members may hold an appointed or elected office in both Chapters.

Rationale: Dual members pay dues and have the same rights and privileges as Primary members. Dual members are needed to help fill offices. If an appointed or elected office will best help the dual chapter, the dual member may be allowed to hold an appointed or elected office in both Chapters.

Both sections need to be accepted to achieve the change.

/s/Pat Conner, PM

/s/Nancy S. Jones, PM

/s/Bob Jones, PP

**Proposal #8:**

Proposed by Pat Conner, Past Matron, Corinthian Chapter #297; Nancy Jones, Past Matron, Catawba Chapter #131; Bob Jones, Past Patron, Catawba Chapter #131

Proposal—Article X, Section 5-page 107

Change middle of paragraph.

Now reads:

Sec. 5. DELINQUENT DUES.—Any member not having paid the necessary dues on the next March 31<sup>st</sup> after having become due, or whose dues have not been remitted, shall be automatically suspended and the Secretary of the Chapter shall advise the member accordingly. The Secretary shall remove the name of such member from the roll and make a report of such action to the Chapter at the next Stated Meeting; *Provided*, That the name of the delinquent member shall have been read at the Stated Meeting in February, the delinquency reported to the Chapter, entered into the minutes, and the member immediately thereafter notified in writing, addressed to the last known address, of the delinquency and of automatic suspension if dues are not paid by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

In letter to member explaining delinquency of dues shall be included a statement outlining Section 7, first and second paragraphs, in full.

Change to read:

Sec. 5. DELINQUENT DUES.—Any member not having paid the necessary dues on the next March 31<sup>st</sup> after having become due, or whose dues have not been remitted, shall be automatically suspended and the Secretary of the Chapter shall advise the member accordingly.

The Secretary shall remove the name of such member from the roll and make a report of such action to the Chapter at the next Stated Meeting; *Provided*, That the name of the delinquent member shall have been read at the Stated Meeting in January or February, the delinquency reported to the Chapter, entered into the minutes, and the member immediately thereafter notified in writing, addressed to the last known address, of the delinquency and of automatic suspension if dues are not paid by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

In letter to member explaining delinquency of dues shall be included a statement outlining Section 7, first and second paragraphs, in full.

Rationale: Weather issues in February can prevent Chapters from having meetings. Therefore, names of members with delinquent dues cannot be read and a Chapter must continue those members on their roll and pay the per capita. Since most active members have paid their dues by December, the Secretary could read the list in January and allow the delinquent notices to be mailed so that dues could be paid before the notice of dues are mailed for the next year—not later than March 1. A meeting not held in January would still have the current February option to read the needed list.

/s/Pat Conner, PM

/s/Nancy S. Jones, PM

/s/Bob Jones, PP

**Proposal #9:**

Submitted by: Shirley Loftis, Past Matron, Mary Pinckney Ouzts #1; Dorothy James, Past Matron, Hemingway #156; Louise Fountain, Past Matron, Hodges #272

Proposed amendment to Article VI, Section 8, Paragraph (7), at the end of paragraph (7) on page 103

Add paragraph (7a). Procedure for Dual Membership with Chapters Within this Jurisdiction

1. Petitioner shall fill out an application for Dual Membership (obtainable from the Grand Secretary).
2. Petitioner shall fill out an Application for Affiliation form.
3. Submit both of these forms to the secretary of the receiving (secondary) chapter.
4. Prior to reading the applications to the chapter, the secretary of the receiving (secondary) chapter will write to the secretary of the primary chapter and request a letter of good-standing of the petitioner.
5. The secretary of the primary chapter will send a letter affirming the good-standing of the petitioner.

6. After receiving confirmation of good-standing in the primary chapter, the petition is then read to the receiving (secondary) chapter and is assigned to an investigating committee.
7. The investigating committee will report back to the chapter at the next or a subsequent meeting and the receiving (secondary) chapter will ballot on the petition.
8. If the ballot is favorable the petitioner is accepted, she/he becomes a dual member with the secondary.
9. The secretary of the receiving (secondary) chapter will then write a letter to the secretary of the primary chapter informing the primary chapter that the member is a dual member with the secondary chapter. A copy of the letter shall be sent to the Grand Secretary.
10. Each year, the secretary of the secondary chapter must write a letter to the secretary of the primary chapter to ascertain the good-standing of the dual member which must be answered in writing by the secretary of the primary chapter.

Dual members must pay dues to both chapters and if dropped for non-payment of dues in the primary chapter shall lose good-standing in the secondary chapter even if dues have been paid to the secondary chapter. It is incumbent on the secretary of the primary chapter to inform the secretary of the secondary chapter.

When, and if, restored to good-standing in the primary chapter and if current on dues in the secondary chapter, she/he is restored to good-standing in the secondary chapter.

Read instructions on pages 102 through 103 of our Grand Chapter Rules & Regulations governing Subordinate Chapters known as our Black Book.

**Proposal #10:**

Submitted by: Jan Burriss, Past Matron, Hopewell Chapter #238; Louise Fountain, Past Matron, Hodges #272; Sandra Rhinehart, Past Matron, Inman Chapter #169; Larry Reiss, Past Patron, Leonora #30; Bearice Ayers, Past Matron, Westminster #103; Tom Corbin, Past Patron, Alhambra Chapter #60; Sarah Jane Mock, Past Matron, Azalea Chapter #192; Lucile Mattison, Past Matron, Belton Chapter #105; Grady Rhinehart, Past Patron, Inman Chapter #169

ARTICLE I

Eastern Star Assisted Care Board of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina.

3. NOW READS, "The Board shall consist of thirteen members and shall be composed of six elected Board Members for a term of three years each: The Worthy Grand Matron; Worthy Grand Patron; Associate Grand Matron; Associate Grand Patron; Grand Conductress; Associate Grand Conductress; and Grand Sentinel. Provided that if an

elected Assisted Care Board member should miss three consecutive meetings, the WGM, at the request of the Board members, with the concurrence of the WGP, shall replace the member until the next regular session of Grand Chapter, at which time the members of the Grand Chapter shall elect a member to fill the unexpired term. Any member such appointed shall hold office with all privileges and responsibilities to an elected member."

DELETE PARAGRAPH 3 AND INSERT NEW PARAGRAPHS 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 TO READ:

3. "The Assisted Care Board is created and maintained for the relief of needy members in destitute circumstances due to temporary financial difficulties, in good standing, of the Eastern Star in South Carolina chapters and to assist Chapters in matters of benevolent relief. It is further provided that in order to receive aid, the member must complete an application for assistance which may be obtained from their Chapter Secretary, Committee appointee or a member of the Board; and must be a member in this jurisdiction for a period of not less than three (3) years."
4. "Its receipts consist entirely of the interest earned from the Eastern Star Assisted Care Endowment Fund, and any monies contributed by the membership, to be transferred to the Eastern Star Assisted Care Fund. Any monies contributed to the benevolence should be deposited in the Assisted Care Fund.
5. The Assisted Care Fund is intended as a source of last resort, to be used when a family or individual requesting assistance has explored all other possibilities of help from family, friends, savings or investments. It is intended to be a temporary help during times of financial hardship or crisis.
6. "The Board shall consist of eleven (11) members and shall be composed of six (6) elected Board Members for a term of three years each and the WGM; WGP; AGM; AGP; and GC. *Provided* that if an elected Board member should miss three (3) consecutive meetings, the WGM, at the request of the Board members, and with the concurrence of the WGP, shall replace said member until the next regular session of Grand Chapter, at which time the members of the Grand Chapter shall elect a member to fill the unexpired term. Any member appointed in such manner shall hold office with the same privileges and responsibilities as an elected Board member."
7. "For the administration of such assistance, as may be required, and in order to spread its benefits to all parts of the Grand Jurisdiction of South Carolina, wherever need exists, and to increase the efficiency of charitable service rendered to members by their Chapters, the incoming WGM shall appoint three (3) members, for a term of not more than one year, to serve as Committee members/liaisons (hereinafter "Benevolence Committee") to the Board."

8. "The Benevolence Committee will act on applications for one-time needs of qualified members, as set forth above, in temporary, emergency distress and will provide the Board with a written report of its findings and assistance recommendations, if any."

Renumber remaining paragraphs, and all subsequent paragraphs, beginning with paragraph 4 as paragraph 9.

**Proposal No. 11**

Article II, Paragraph 1.(a) on page 48,

NOW READS: "The Eastern Star Assisted Care Board shall meet no less that once each quarter of each year, the time and place of such meetings to be designated by the President of the Board."

DELETE PARAGRAPHS 1.(a), (b), (c) and (d) AND INSERT NEW PARAGRAPHS 1, (a), (b), and (c) TO READ:

1. "The Board shall meet no less than once each quarter. The time and place of such meetings shall be determined by the President of the Board.
  - (a) A quorum for such meetings shall consist of six members, three of whom shall be elected members of the Board.
  - (b) The President of the Board may call as many meetings as is necessary.
  - (c) The Secretary of the Board shall notify all members of the Board and chairperson of the Benevolence Committee, when appropriate, prior to such meeting."

**Proposal No. 12**

Article II, Paragraph 4(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f)

NOW READS: 4. "The rules governing approval for Assisted Care shall be:

- (a) Applicant must be a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in good standing in a Subordinate Chapter in the Grand Jurisdiction of South Carolina for three consecutive years prior to the time the applicant for Assisted Care is made.

- (b) Should an applicant apply to the Board for assisted care, the Board shall consider such applicant and may accept or reject upon their discretion. Providing further that the Board shall at all times give preference to the applicant for the most needy.
- (c) Approval for Assisted Care will be made by recommendations of the Assisted Care Board, on the recommendation of a subordinate chapter, such recommendations to be fully certified by the proper officers and under seal of Chapter. Approval of all applications for Assisted Care shall require a majority vote of members present at the Assisted Care Board Meeting where the application is presented.
- (d) The Assisted Care Board must act upon any application for assisted care and render a decision favorable or unfavorable, within thirty days (30) after receipt of the application.
- (e) It shall be the responsibility of the Chapter from which a male applicant comes to maintain Masonic affiliation of such member for length of time such member remains in the Assisted Care Program by first requesting waiver of dues for such member in the Lodge to which he belongs and second, failing to get results by such a request the Chapter shall assume responsibility for Masonic dues of such member.
- (f) Applicant to the Assisted Care Program must submit an application, for consideration by the Assisted Care Board, each year.

DELETE PARAGRAPHS 4(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) AND INSERT NEW PARAGRAPHS 4(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h) TO READ:

- 4. "The rules governing application for assistance shall be:
  - (a) Applicant must be a member, in good standing, of the Order of the Eastern Star, in the Grand Jurisdiction of South Carolina, for three (3) consecutive years prior to the time an application for assistance is made.
  - (b) The Secretary of the Subordinate Chapter of which the applicant is a member, must certify, under chapter seal, that the applicant is in good standing and meets the requirements of Paragraph (a) above.
  - (c) The Board shall consider all applications for one-time, emergency and/or temporary financial assistance and may accept or reject, upon their decision.
  - (d) The Board must act upon any application for assistance, and render a written decision, either favorable or unfavorable, within thirty (30) days after receipt of the application.
  - (e) The Board will interview each applicant to determine the merit of his/her application. Not all applications will be approved. In the event assistance is approved, the maximum amount and duration of assistance provided will be determined by the Board.
  - (f) The Board does not discriminate against applicants on the basis of gender, age, disability or any other characteristic protected by law.
  - (g) The Board has the right to deny any application based on applicant's failure to provide sufficient documentation. The Board also has the right to deny any application based on applicant's failure to first apply for assistance from other available sources.

- (h) Applicants requiring renewal or continued assistance must submit an application, for consideration by the Board, annually.”

**Proposal No. 13:**

Article II, Paragraph 5

NOW READS: 5. In the absence of rules and regulations governing a specific incident concerning the Eastern Star Assisted Care Program, the Assisted Care Board shall have authority to act as they see fit, Provided however, that a complete report of such action is contained in the report to Grand Chapter at its next session, and that such action not be contradictory to other laws or rules of the Grand Chapter, Provided further that should a by-law be desired, the Assisted Care Board will submit proposal of such by-law in prescribed manner.

DELETE IN ITS ENTIRETY.

**RATIONALE:** This Section was among the paragraphs related to the day-to-day operations of the Eastern Star Home and was grandfathered in on approval at the June 2007 Grand Chapter Session when we changed over to the Assisted Care Board. This Section should be deleted in its entirety.

**Proposal No. 14:**

14. NOW READS, "The President of the Board shall forward monthly reports of the expenses of the Assisted Care Program to each Grand Trustee.”

14. CHANGE TO READ, "The President of the Board shall forward monthly reports of the expenses and disbursements of funds by the Assisted Care Board, to each Grand Trustee.”

**Proposal No. 15:**

Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph (2) on page 36,

NOW READS: "The Committee on Benevolence shall perform such duties and make such reports as shall appertain thereto, and as may be required by the Grand chapter or the Worthy Grand Matron.

DELETE PARAGRAPH 2 AND INSERT NEW PARAGRAPHS 2, (a), (b), and (c) TO READ:

- 2. "The Benevolence Committee is created and maintained for emergency relief of needy qualified members in destitute circumstances, in good standing, of the Eastern Star in South Carolina chapters and to assist Chapters in matters of benevolent relief. It is further provided that in order to receive aid, the member must complete an application for

assistance which may be obtained from their Chapter Secretary, Committee appointee(s) or a member of the Assisted Care Board; and must be a member in this jurisdiction for a period of not less than three (3) years."

- (a) "For the administration of such assistance, as may be required, and in order to spread its benefits to all parts of the Grand Jurisdiction of South Carolina, wherever need exists, and to increase the efficiency of charitable service rendered to members, by their Chapters, the incoming WGM shall appoint three (3) members, for a term of not more than one year, to serve as Committee members/liaisons (hereinafter "Benevolence Committee") to the Assisted Care Board".
  
- (b) "The Benevolence Committee will act on applications for one-time needs of qualified members, as set forth in above, in temporary, emergency distress and will provide the Board with a written report of its findings and assistance recommendations, if any."
  
- (c) "Its receipts consist entirely of the interest earned from the Eastern Star Assisted Care Endowment Fund, and any monies contributed by the membership, to be transferred to the Eastern Star Assisted Care Fund. Any monies contributed to the Benevolence fund should be transferred to the Assisted Care Fund."

/s/ Jan Burriss, PM, President, Elected Assisted Care Board  
/s/ Louise Fountain, PM, Assisted Care Board Member  
/s/ Sandra Rhinehart, PM, Elected Assisted Care Board Member  
/s/ Larry Reiss, PP, Elected Assisted Care Board Member  
/s/ Shirley Loftis, PM, WGM  
/s/ Beatrice Ayers, PM, AGM  
/s/ Tom Corbin, PP, AGP  
/s/ Sarah Jane Mock, PM, GC  
/s/ Lucile Mattison, PM, AGC  
/s/ Grady Rhinehart, PP, GS

**Proposal #16:**

Submitted by: Sarah Jane Mock, Past Matron, Azalea Chapter #192; Lucile Mattison, Past Matron, Belton Chapter #105; Grady Rhinehart, Past Patron, Inman Chapter #169

1: ARTICLE III - DUTIES OF OFFICERS SECTION 5 (m) page 30 -  
DUTIES OF GRAND SECRETARY

NOW READS:

(m) Disposition of Proceedings - The Grand Secretary shall dispose of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter as follows: One copy to each of the Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter; one

copy each to the elected Grand Officers of the General Grand Chapter; one copy to each subordinate chapter; one copy to each Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron; one copy to each District Deputy, provided the appointive Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons and Patrons of the Grand Chapter shall receive one copy of the proceedings of the Grand Session in which they were installed, also a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Session for which they served. Proceedings not specified above will be sold at the cost of the proceedings to Grand Chapter. Provided, further, that pictures contained in the proceedings will not exceed 15 pages.

DELETE THE PHRASE AFTER “DISTRICT DEPUTY” AND CHANGE TO READ:

(m) . . . “*provided* the appointive Grand Officers and District Deputies shall receive one copy of the proceedings of the Grand Session in which they served.”

Continue with the remainder of the paragraph.

/s/ Sarah Jane Mock, PM, GC

/s/ Lucile Mattison, PM, AGC

/s/ Grady Rhinehart, PP, GS

**Proposal No. 17:**

Submitted by: Beatrice Ayers, Past Matron, Westminster Chapter #103; Tom Corbin, Past Patron, Alhambra Chapter #60; Sarah Jane Mock, Past Matron, Azalea Chapter #192; Lucile Mattison, Past Matron, Belton Chapter #105; Grady Rhinehart, Past Patron, Inman Chapter #169

ARTICLE I GRAND CHAPTER BY-LAWS- SECTION 8–  
REVENUE OF THE GRAND CHAPTER, (f) page 19

NOW READS: Registration Fee – All delegates and members attending the annual Business Session of the Grand chapter shall pay a registration fee of \$10.00. The registration fee shall be applied toward financing the expenses of the annual session of Grand Chapter.

CHANGE TO READ: Registration Fee – All delegates and members attending the annual Business Session of the Grand chapter shall pay a registration fee of \$15.00. The registration fee shall be applied toward financing the expenses of the annual session of Grand Chapter.

/s/ Beatrice Ayers, PM, AGM

/s/ Tom Corbin, PP, AGP

/s/ Sarah Jane Mock, PM, GC

/s/ Lucile Mattison, PM, AGC

/s/ Grady Rhinehart, PP, GS

**Proposal No. 18:**

Submitted by: Sarah Jane Mock, Past Matron, Azalea Chapter #192; Lucile Mattison, Past Matron, Belton Chapter #105; Grady Rhinehart, Past Patron, Inman Chapter #169

**ARTICLE III, DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**SECTION 1. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF WORTHY GRAND MATRON,**

( r), pg. 25

NOW READS: The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron shall promote the following projects: The ESTARL Scholarship Fund, Benevolence Fund, General Fund, Youth Fund, Palmetto Star News and any special project requested by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and approved by a majority vote of the membership in attendance of the Grand Chapter prior to the establishment of such additional project.

Any project approved by the membership of the Grand Chapter must be given to the designated charity at the conclusion of the project year. This includes any monies from donations by chapters or individuals, proceeds from any social events and fund raising activity or returns from General Grand Chapter. Funds received from any other purpose and unless approved by the Grand Chapter for a specific cause, shall be placed in the Benevolence fund.

DELETE THE PHRASE “BENEVOLENCE FUND” FROM PARAGRAPH ONE, CHANGE TO READ:

“The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron shall promote the following projects: The ESTARL Scholarship Fund, General Fund, Youth Fund, Palmetto Star News and any special project requested by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and approved by a majority vote of the membership in attendance of the Grand Chapter prior to the establishment of such additional project.”

DELETE THE PHRASE “BENEVOLENCE FUND” FROM PARAGRAPH TWO, CHANGE TO READ:

“Any project approved by the membership of the Grand Chapter must be given to the designated charity at the conclusion of the project year. This includes any monies from donations by chapters or individuals, proceeds from any social events and fund raising activity or returns from General Grand Chapter. Funds received from any other purpose and unless approved by the Grand Chapter for a specific cause, shall be placed in the ESTARL Scholarship fund.”

/s/ Sarah Jane Mock, PM, GC

/s/ Lucile Mattison, PM, AGC

/s/ Grady Rhinehart, PP, GS

**Proposal #19:**

Submitted by: Elaine McDaniel, Past Matron, Ackerman Chapter #198; Lana Griffin, Past Matron, Harmony Hope #229 and Ackerman #198

Article VI, Section 8, Page 102-103: DUAL MEMBERSHIP

Add a sub paragraph #8 to read as follows:

A dual member wishing to change the primary chapter to secondary and the secondary chapter to primary, retaining membership in both chapters, must submit a written request to both chapters, requesting the changes. At the next stated meeting of both chapters, the request is read. The Worthy Matron makes a declaration that the request is granted. The change becomes final when the primary chapter grants the change of affiliation. All records are posted accordingly by each chapter secretary.

Rationale:

A vote of the chapter or processing an application for affiliation is not required, because the individual is already a member of both chapters through either initiation or affiliation.

/s/Elaine McDaniel, PM

/s/Lana Griffin, PM