

## **RULES OF ORDER**

**No Signs will be given during this Virtual Sessions. The Gavel raps are for symbolic purposes only, do not rise.**

**We will adhere to the Rules of Order for this Grand Council, as specified in the Constitution (Appendix A and Section 10)**

**Section 10-2. DUTIES. It shall be the duty of the Grand Master:**

1. To preside in Grand Council at all its Assemblies, and from his decisions in the chair there shall be no appeal.

### **APPENDIX A Rules of Order**

**Rule 1.** When Grand Council has assembled, if there be present the representatives of at least 20 per cent of the Chartered Councils, entitled to vote therein, the Grand Council shall be opened.

**Rule 2.** The Committee on Credentials shall then report and the minutes of the preceding Assembly shall be read by the Grand Recorder, unless otherwise ordered. The Report of the Grand Master and reports of the Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer and Grand Director of Ritual shall then be presented and referred to the proper committees, in the order named.

**Rule 3.** The regular order of business shall then be as follows:

1. Reception and action upon or reference of petitions, memorials and appeals.

2. Reports of standing and special committees and action thereon.

3. Motions, resolutions and other business.

4. Unfinished business.

**Rule 4.** All reports submitted, all petitions, memorials and appeals presented and all motions and resolutions shall be in writing and shall be read before any action is taken thereon.

**Rule 5.** No motion to reconsider shall be entertained, unless made during the same session when the question proposed to be reconsidered was decided, nor unless such motion be made by one who voted with the majority upon that question.

**Rule 6.** When a day and hour shall have been named for the election of Grand Officers, such election shall, at that time, take precedence of all other business, unless Grand Council by a two-thirds vote shall otherwise direct.

**Rule 7.** These rules shall be suspended only by unanimous consent, but may at any time be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

**Rule 8.** Any proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which shall report before a vote thereon is taken. When the report of the Committee or Committees to which the amendment has been referred is presented, the vote shall be taken on the amendment and not on the report or reports of the Committees.

**Rule 9.** Business of every kind shall be referred to and reported upon by a Committee before it may be finally acted upon, except by unanimous consent and, whenever referred to more than one committee, all such committees shall report thereon before any vote shall be taken. When the report of the committee or committees is presented, the vote shall be on the business as originally presented and not on the report or reports of the committees.

**...All microphones will be muted at the commencement of the Grand Assembly. You are responsible for unmuting yourself when speaking and re-muting yourself when done speaking.**

**...The Hosts will mute your microphone if there is undue noise. Unruly Companions may be ejected from the room.**

**... All reports, petitions, memorials, and appeals presented and all motions and resolutions shall be submitted via email to [Tom.Krummell@gmail.com](mailto:Tom.Krummell@gmail.com) prior to 10:30 AM today and shall be read before any action is taken thereon.**

**...Anyone addressing this Grand Council must be recognized by raising his hand virtually using the reactions icon at the bottom of your screen. When recognized by the chair, Companion must first state his name, title, and Council.**

**...The election of officers will be presented as a slate and will be elected by acclamation, unless there is an objection raised.**

**...All resolutions filed in accordance with the Constitution which modifies the Constitution will require a two-thirds majority vote for adoption.**

**...Voting will be by "Poll Vote" or the online voting method adopted for this virtual meeting. A poll vote is considered the same as a voice vote. Where the poll screen will pop-up for you to cast your vote. The**

**on-line voting method is where a unique URL link will be posted in the chat widow. Clicking on the link will open your primary internet browser. The form is similar to your registration for this Grand Council. You need to refer to the email sent with the ink to this meeting with your personalized credentials in order to submit your ballot. Only those entitled to vote will be able to submit the ballot. Once your ballot is cast, close that internet window. All Companions are requested to vote for the good of the order.**

**...Copies of the proposed legislation have been published on Grand York Rite and Grand Sessions Websites in advance.**

**...Reports of Committees and Resolutions will be received without motion to accept. The exceptions are the Budget and Omnibus Report.**

**...As stated in the Constitution Rules of Order of the Grand Council page 48 Rule 5: A motion to reconsider shall not be entertained, unless made during the session when the question proposed to be reconsidered was decided, nor unless such motion is made by one who voted with the majority upon that question.**

**...As stated in the Constitution of the Grand Council Section 10: there is no appeal to a decision by the chair.**