

Proposed legislation for Grand Commandery 2021

Whereas, each year, at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California, any Grand Master's Decision or Recommendation which alters the California Masonic Code, is required to pass by the same margin as any other vote to change the code, and

Whereas, each of those Decisions or Recommendations is presented individually for consideration by the Grand Lodge, and

And whereas, currently, all Decisions and Recommendations of the Grand Commander are presented and passed in an Omnibus Report, and

Whereas, the Omnibus report only requires a simple majority for passing, and

Whereas, this practice is inconsistent with the Grand Commandery Constitution, with respect to such Decisions or Recommendation which may alter the constitution, as such actions require a 2/3 majority for adoption, and

Whereas, currently, the constitution requires that any normal legislation be filed with the Grand Recorder only 60 days prior to the Conclave, and

Whereas, both the Grand Chapter and Grand Council require that legislation be filed with to the Grand Secretary/Grand Recorder 120 days prior to their annual sessions, and

Whereas, having consistency across the three York Rite bodies is beneficial to all, now therefore

Be it resolved that the Constitution of the Grand Commandery be amended as follows.

Modify

Chapter IX Amendments

Section 394 (1).

Grand Commandery, by two-thirds vote of its members present at any Stated Conclave, may amend or repeal its laws or regulations or any part thereof, provided that any such proposed change shall be filed with the Grand Recorder at least ~~Sixty~~ one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the date of the Conclave at which it is to be presented.

Add

Section 2 Grand Officers

Grand Commandery Powers

Section 281

11. To present any Recommendations he might have regarding changes in the constitution, during his Annual Report. Each such Recommendation shall be considered individually and not as part of the

Omnibus report, and is subject to the same voting requirements as any other change to the constitution.

Section 282 Duties

8. To present any Decisions he has made during his term of office, which, if ratified would change the constitution, as part of his Annual Report. Each such Decision shall be considered individually and not as part of the Omnibus report, and is subject to the same voting requirements as any other change to the constitution.

Chapter IX

Amendments

Section 394 (1)(a). Any Grand Commander's Recommendation or Decision, which modifies the constitution, shall be subject to the same rules and regulations for passing any change to the constitution, except for the requirement to file it 120 days in advance. Such Recommendations or Decisions, shall be eligible for presentation to the Grand Commandery for consideration at any point up to the Annual Report of the Grand Commander during the Annual Conclave.

Signed

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