



Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons State of California

RESOLUTION 2021-05 JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE DUTIES

The proponent of this Resolution seeks to provide clarification and amplification on the purpose and duties of the standing committee on Capitular Jurisprudence.

WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter has already established a standing committee on Capitular Jurisprudence;

WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter requires the Jurisprudence Committee to submit an annual Omnibus report on all the activities of Grand Chapter, its constituent Chapters and any Grand High Priest actions within its purview;

WHEREAS, In recent years, the purpose and individual actions of the Grand High Priest have been called into question by Grand Chapter via exceptions taken to the Omnibus report of the Jurisprudence Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Section 32 subparagraph 2 be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

§32. Standing Committees - Duties.

The following Standing Committees to consist of five (5) members each, unless otherwise provided, shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest at each Annual Convocation, before the close thereof:

1. Executive Committee, which shall provide executive management and leadership to ensure the effective and efficient administration of the Grand Chapter. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Principal Sojourner and Grand Royal Arch Captain.

- ~~2. Committee on Capitular Jurisprudence, which shall consider and report on all questions of Capitular or other Masonic Law, examine and report on amendments to the By-laws of~~

~~constituent Chapters and consider and report on appeals from the decision of Chapters, of High Priests and on all controversies between Chapters and shall review all Capitular trial records.~~

2. Committee on Capitular Jurisprudence, which shall consider and report annually to Grand Chapter while in Session on all questions of Capitular or other Masonic Law impacting the Grand Chapter including all resolutions, regular or emerging, and any recommendations by the Grand High Priest, examine and report on amendments to Bylaws of constituent Chapters, consider and report on appeals to the decisions of Chapters, of High Priests, on all controversies between Chapters and shall review all Capitular trial records. All actions of the Grand High Priest between Grand Chapter Sessions shall be reviewed and reported on for their adherence to the Grand Chapter Constitution. This report has no legislative power and shall be accepted upon presentation as a permanent part of the annual Grand Chapter Proceedings. No approval vote of Grand Chapter is required.

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