

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Approved by the Grand Assembly C.O.T.S.
meeting in extraordinary session 2/10/95

1. (II, A4) A new sentence shall be added between the fifth and sixth sentences of this section, to read: "Nor shall the right of the Assembly to review and reverse actions taken by the President of the Grand Assembly on his own authority be subject to the veto of the Council."

2. (III, A5) A new section shall be added, to read: "The Grand Assembly shall have the right to review all actions taken by the President of the Grand Assembly while acting on his own authority, and a vote of two thirds of the members present at a meeting of the Grand Assembly shall be sufficient to reverse any such action."

3. (III, C1) The second sentence of this section shall be amended to read: "The date, time, and place of each regular meeting shall be determined by the Executive Committee of the Grand Assembly, and shall be communicated to each member of the Grand Assembly in writing at least thirty days in advance of said meeting."

4. (III, C2) The last sentence of this section shall be amended by the addition of the following words: "...of the Assembly, and all members shall be contacted and notified by the most expedient method." Two new sentences shall be added after the last sentence of this section, to read: "In the event that all members of the Grand Assembly are present at the same place and time, and vote unanimously to hold an extraordinary meeting of the Assembly, the meeting may be held without further notification or delay. No extraordinary meeting of the Grand Assembly shall be permitted to transact business unless a quorum of two thirds of the members is present."

5. (III, C3) The fourth sentence of this section shall be amended as follows: "...and copies thereof provided **within thirty days** to each..."

6. (III, D4) A new section shall be added, to read: "The President and Secretary of the Grand Assembly, together with such additional members of the Assembly who may be elected for this purpose, shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Grand Assembly. The Executive Committee

shall have the power to act for the Grand Assembly in emergencies, but its actions shall be subject to review by the Grand Assembly, and a vote of two thirds of the members present at a meeting of the Grand Assembly shall be sufficient to reverse any such action. In the event that the action reversed involves the expenditure of the funds or assets of the Order, the members of the Executive Committee shall be personally liable for the funds or assets expended."

7. (III, E3) The second sentence of this section shall be amended to read: "These records shall be brought up to date monthly."

8. (IV, A2) This section shall be amended to read: "Each of the subordinate lodges of the Order shall have the right and responsibility to collect all dues and fees due the Order from its members, forwarding the same to the Secretary of the Grand Assembly in such manner as he may from time to time direct. A subordinate lodge may also establish assessments to raise funds for the work of the lodge, provided that any such assessments are used for purposes not incompatible with the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Order, and that such assessments are set forth in the bylaws of the lodge."

9. (IV, A4) The third sentence of this section shall be amended as follows: "...is the current Adept Dirigent **or Adept Adjuvant** of that lodge..."

10. (IV, D4) The third sentence of this section shall be amended by striking out the words from "shall be held in..." through "...elected officers, and". Two new sentences shall be inserted between the fourth and fifth sentences of this section, to read: "Elections shall be held in a regular meeting at least thirty days before the beginning of the term of the newly elected officers. The President of the Grand Assembly shall have the power to permit lodges to hold elections less than thirty days before the beginning of the new term, but in no case shall such elections be held less than seven days before the beginning of the new term."

11. (IV, D7) A new section shall be added, to read: "The Adept Dirigent, Adept Adjuvant and Secretary of a subordinate lodge shall constitute the Executive Committee of that subordinate lodge. The Executive Committee shall have the power to act for the lodge in emergencies, but its

actions shall be subject to review by the lodge, and a vote of two thirds of the members present at a meeting of the lodge shall be sufficient to reverse any such action. In the event that the action reversed involves the expenditure of the funds or assets of the lodge or the Order, the members of the Executive Committee shall be personally liable for the funds or assets expended."

12. (IV, E3) The second sentence of this section shall be amended to read: "These records shall be brought up to date monthly."

13. (V, E) The first sentence of this section shall be amended to read: "...fails to pay membership dues and fees **due the Order** within six..." A new sentence shall be added between the fifth and sixth sentences of this section, to read: "The President of the Grand Assembly shall have the power to issue a waiver of these limits under exceptional circumstances."

14. (V, F) The first sentence of this section shall be amended by elimination of the word "Grand."

15. (VI, C3) The second sentence of this section shall be amended to read: "These records shall be brought up to date monthly."