

Proposed amendment to the Grand Constitution and By-Laws of the
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alaska

WHEREAS, It is desirable to provide adequate advance notice of amendments to this Grand Chapter's Constitution and By-Laws to provide adequate notice to the Constituent Chapters and Jurisprudence so that these parties may properly review any such amendments, And;

WHEREAS, There is currently no such provision contained to provide such advance notice, And;

WHEREAS, There also needs to be a mechanism in place so that any properly submitted amendments may be amended on the floor while being considered and the Annual (or other special called) Grand Convocation, And;

WHEREAS, There also needs to be a provision that permits consideration of a proposed amendment that has been submitted later than the specific deadline date,

THEREFORE, be it now RESOLVED that "Article XII Amendments" be adopted and amended to read as follows, with the language in **Bold Type** being the added NEW language:

Article XII
Amendments

No amendment to this Constitution shall be made until it shall have been proposed at the Annual Convocation and adopted by a vote of two-thirds of all the members present.

During consideration and debate at the Grand Chapter annual convocation, proposed legislation may be modified by majority vote if it affects the By-Laws or Code of this Grand Chapter, and may be modified by two-thirds majority vote if it affects the Constitution of this Grand Chapter.

The deadline for the submittal of resolutions for amendment, revision, or repeal must be received by the Grand Secretary for distribution to the Constituent Chapters and Jurisprudence Committee no later than ninety (90) calendar days prior to the next scheduled Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

Any resolution that has been submitted past the deadline date for receipt of resolutions for amendment, revision, or repeal may be considered at such Grand Convocation, provided that the members present vote by unanimous ballot to allow it to be so discussed and balloted upon.

Any resolution that has been properly received for balloting upon may be amended on the floor during discussion, provided that the amendment be balloted upon, the amended resolution so amended then be balloted upon, and that the amendment to the resolution so amended be in writing.

If an amendment is adopted, the amendment shall become effective at the close of that annual convocation where it was adopted, except that by unanimous consent it may be made effective immediately.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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