

GRAND CHAPTER OF IDAHO
FORMAT FOR PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

Proposed resolutions must be received by the Grand Secretary by March 25 for distribution to the Jurisprudence Committee.

Date: March 14, 2009

Grand Secretary's Use Only
Date Received: 6/15/09
Number: C1

1. SECTION to be changed: (Constitution, By-Laws, Rules & Regulations, etc.): Constitution
2. PAGE NUMBER: 6
3. ARTICLE NUMBER: V. ARTICLE NAME: MEMBERSHIP
4. SECTION NUMBER: 2 SECTION NAME (if any): N/A
5. PARAGRAPH LETTER: A and B PARAGRAPH NAME (if any): N/A
6. SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER: N/A
7. SUB-SUB-PARAGRAPH LETTER: N/A

NOTE: Sections 8 through 12 will require additional pages which should be typed & attached to this cover sheet.

8. CURRENT WORDING OF SECTION TO BE CHANGED:

Section 2. Eligibility for elective and appointive positions:

A. Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Past Matrons or Past Patrons who are members of this Grand Chapter, **are eligible for elective positions and the following appointive positions: Grand Officers with the exception of the Grand Organist*, Grand Representatives and Standing Committee members.

B. Members in good standing of subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter are eligible for appointment to Grand Organist*, session committees, special committees or for special appointments. (All other sections to remain as they are.)

9. CURRENT WORDING WITH DELETIONS: (Lined out or underlined)

Section 2. Eligibility for elective and appointive positions:

A. Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Past Matrons or Past Patrons who are members of this Grand Chapter, **are eligible for elective positions and the following appointive positions: Grand Officers with the exception of the Grand Organist*: ~~Grand Representatives and Standing Committee members.~~

B. Members in good standing of subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter are eligible for appointment to Grand Organist*, session committees, special committees or for special appointments.

10. CURRENT WORDING WITH ADDITIONS: (*Use Italics to highlight additions*)

Section 2. Eligibility for elective and appointive positions:

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B. Members in good standing of subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter are eligible for appointment to Grand Organist*, *Grand Representatives*, session committees, special committees or for special appointments.

11. ENTIRE PARAGRAPH AS INTENDED TO READ IN THE CODE AND DIGEST:
(Not necessary if entire paragraph is new and has been stated in 10, above)

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B. Members in good standing of subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter are eligible for appointment to Grand Organist*, Grand Representatives, session committees, special committees or for special appointments. (All other sections to remain as they are.)

12. RATIONALE (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed):

Any member of Grand Chapter would be able to act in the capacity of Grand Representative. Being a Past Matron or Patron would no longer be necessary. The number of eligible, active members who have not already served is very small. If each chapter is to have a Grand Representative, the eligibility needs to be opened.

13. Printed NAMES, OFFICE and CHAPTER NUMBERS of submitting members:
NOTE: Must be signed by no less than two (2) members of the Grand Chapter.

Joe Alexander Henrietta #21
Nancy Ross Ruth #3

14. SIGNATURES:

Joe Alexander
Nancy Ross

Constitution

Page 7

Article V – Membership

Section 2 – Eligibility for elective and appointive positions

Letter A and Letter B

Letter A Now Reads

Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Past Matrons or Past Patrons who are members of this Grand Chapter, are eligible for elective positions and the following appointive positions: Grand Officers with the exception of the Grand Organist*, Grand Representatives and standing committee members.

Add a period after elective positions and delete the remainder of the sentence.

If passed would then read

Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Past Matrons or Past Patrons who are members of this Grand Chapter, are eligible for elective positions

Letter B Now Reads

Members in good standing of subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter are eligible for appointment to Grand Organist*, session committees, special committees or for special appointments.

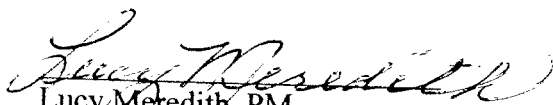
After the words appointment to, add the following: Grand Officer, Grand Representative, standing committees

If passed would then read

Members in good standing of subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter are eligible for appointment to Grand Officer, Grand Representative, standing committees, session committees, special committees or for special appointments.

Rationale: There are many members of this Grand Chapter, who for their own personal reasons have chosen not to become a Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron, but they have chosen to support their Chapter and this Grand Chapter in many other ways throughout their Eastern Star lives. Including the general membership for this appointment allows ALL deserving Eastern Stars the opportunity to experience this fantastic honor.

Submitted by


Lucy Meredith, PM


Karen Cameron, PM

2010

Legislation Number 1
Date Received 3/17/10
Grand Secretary Use Only

Proposed
~~PROPOSED~~ CHANGE TO THE CODE AND DIGEST
BY-LAWS AND RULES
ARTICLE V, SECTION 15
EXPENSES, (PAGE 13)

Now reads:

Grand Chapter shall provide a memorial to a subordinate chapter, not to exceed fifteen dollars (\$15.00) upon notification of the death of a Past Grand Matron, Past Grand Patron or a Grand Officer from that chapter.

Change to read:

Grand Chapter shall keep a record of all Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons and Grand Officers who have passed away during the current year. At the end of the year, a check in the amount of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for each deceased Past Grand Matron, Past Grand Patron and Grand Officer shall be presented to the current Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron's special project in memory of the deceased.

Rationale:

In this day and age, it was felt that these monies would be better served in assisting the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron with their special project for their year.

Submitted:

Rose Mary News, PM
PM - Adon/Chapter # 8

Laura E. Kent, PM
Adon # 8

Lyke Lane, PM

Melki Carr, PM

2010

Legislation Number 2

Date Received 3/20/10

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PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CODE AND DIGEST

**BY-LAWS AND RULES
ARTICLE V, SECTION 15
EXPENSES, (PAGE 13)**

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Change to read:

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Rationale:

In this day and age, it was felt that these monies would be better served in assisting the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron with their special project for their year.

Submitted:

<u>Wanda M. [unclear] Hall #5</u>	<u>Nancy [unclear] Board of Trustees</u>
<u>Wanda M. [unclear] Hall #5</u>	<u>Nancy M. [unclear]</u>
<u>Wanda M. [unclear] Hall #5</u>	<u>House News. Pm Adress 8</u>

ARTICLE VII
POWERS AND DUTIES – GRAND OFFICERS

BY-LAWS AND RULES
Page 16, Code and Digest

Section 2. Worthy Grand Matron

B. When Grand Chapter is not in session, she shall

1. (Now reads: Inspect all Chapter, including the initiatory work and --)

(--She shall arrange her schedule so that no Subordinate Chapter shall receive two official visits during the term --)

Change to read: 1. Inspect all Chapters including the initiatory work or in the case of small Chapters who share officers or dual members to combine them for the Official Visitation, rotating the duties each year so that each Chapter has the opportunity to conduct all the work over a two or three year period if three Chapters are combined. If a new candidate is to be initiated it will be conducted in these Chapters as described as a member of the Chapter who received the petition.

a. The Hostess Chapter (referred to as Chapter A) will open and do balloting.

b. The second Chapter (referred to as Chapter B) will conduct initiation and closing.

c. If a third Chapter is combined (referred to as Chapter C) will conduct introductions and other business as necessary. If a third Chapter is NOT involved the Hostess Chapter will conduct introductions and other necessary business.

2. The Chapters involved in a joint meeting will rotate duties as outlined above year to year. Each Chapter will submit:

a. The Secretary's minutes book for inspection each year.

b. Each Chapter will still be required to conduct initiation twice each year in their own Chapter.

3. No more than three Chapters should share as a joint meeting.

4. Chapters that combine for an Official Visit shall be confirmed initially by the Worthy Grand Matron and jurisprudence and that confirmation will remain standard until such time as membership circumstance improves or the dissolution of such combination is mutually agreed upon by the Chapters involved, the Worthy Grand Matron and jurisprudence.

a. The combination nor dissolution will not require legislation by the Grand Chapter, only the mutual agreement by the ACTIVE members involved, the Worthy Grand Matron and jurisprudence.

Rational: Many of the small Chapters share Officers who are required to do the Official Visitation work twice, often doing the same lectures or are required to memorize two different Officer's work. This would relieve both the Officers of the small Chapters and help the Worthy Grand Matron in expediting her schedule.

Joanna Davidson, PM – Lorraine Chapter #20

Joanna Davidson PM
Jack Sage PM

Colleen Kinloch, PM – Laurel #13

Colleen Kinloch PM
Kelley Brown PM

2010

Legislation Number 4

Date Received 3/20/10

Grand Secretary Use only

Proposed Change to Code and Digest *BY-LAWS AND RULES, Page 22*

Article VIII *POWERS AND DUTIES -- BOARDS*

Section 1. Trustees

Now reads:

K.4. Invest all Grand Chapter funds by the following guidelines:

a. Investments must be in Government Bonds, Savings and Loan Associations or Banks insured by FDIC or other investments deemed fiduciary and prudently responsible by the Board of Trustees, and not more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) in one account.

Change to read:

a. Investments must be in Government Bonds, Savings & Loan Associations, or banks insured by FDIC, or other investments deemed fiduciary and prudently responsible by the Board of Trustees, and no single account shall exceed the FDIC insurance limits.

Rationale:

Remove the Dollar (\$) limit and redefine it in terms of the FDIC insurance rate. This will allow consolidations of investments.

Submitted:

Handwritten notes:
Received from Board of Trustees
March 14, 2010
Board of Trustees
Mary Mary M... PM
Carol AS
William Votaw
PP #16

Legislation Number: 5

Date Received: 3/24/10
(Grand Secretary Use Only)

Name of Code Section Rules & Regulations

Page 37

Article II Article Name Chapter Meetings

Section 1 Section Name D

Paragraph _____

Now reads: (write verbatim what is in the Code)

All officers, if present, shall fill their regular offices and not relinquish their duties to another member without good and sufficient reason. Absent officers shall not appoint their own substitute.

Delete: "and"

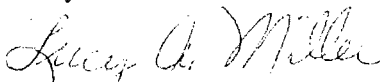
Add: Place a comma after regular officers and insert "open, conduct the business and close the Chapter." They shall not - - balance of paragraph remains the same.

Would then read: All officers, if present, shall fill their regular offices, open, conduct the business and close the Chapter. They shall not relinquish their duties to another member without good and sufficient reason. Absent officers shall not appoint their own substitute.

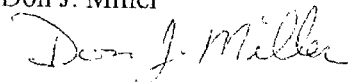
Rational: Page 11 – By-laws & Rules, Art. 1, states “The Grand Jurisdiction of Idaho shall conform to the Ritual & to the Ritualistic Work in the General Grand Chapter Book of Instruction” Opening and Closing of the Chapter IS Ritualistic work. Refer to General Grand Chapter Book of Instruction, page 10 and Rules & Regulations, Page 19, Sec. 54 – Opening Chapter.

Submitted by

Lucy A. Miller


Chapter No. 16/66

Don J. Miller



Chapter No. 16/66

Legislation Number: 6
Date Received: 1/6/10
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Grand Chapter of Idaho
Proposed Legislative Changes

Date: December 28, 2009 Rules and Regulations

1. SECTION TO BE CHANGED: Article II

2. PAGE NUMBER: 37

3. SECTION NUMBER: Section 1, D

4. CURRENT READING OF SECTION TO BE CHANGED:

D. All officers, if present, shall fill their regular offices and not relinquish their duties to another member without good and sufficient reason. Absent officers shall not appoint their own substitute.

5. CURRENT WORDING WITH ADDITIONS:

D. All Officers, if present, shall fill their regular offices and not relinquish their duties to another member without good and sufficient reason, unless the Worthy Matron chooses to have a fun night such as Advance Night, Past Matron/Patron Night or have a joint meeting with another Chapter.


6. ENTIRE PARAGRAPH TO BE READ IN THE CODE AND DIGEST:

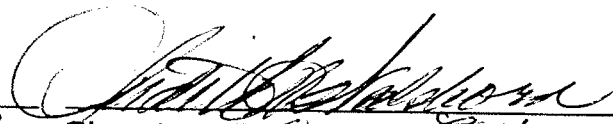
As stated in #5.

7. RATIONALE:

This would allow the Worthy Matron to have several different options in planning her year.

8. SUBMITTED BY:


Chapter # Queen Esther #12


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Rules and Regulations, Page 38, Article III, Election, Section 1.

Legislation passed in 2009 now reads: Office seeking and electioneering for office are contrary to all Eastern Star principles. Officers are selected by secret ballot. Nominations for elective officers may be made from the floor or a nominating ballot may be used. Election of officers by acclamation is allowed.

As per the final report of the 2009 Jurisprudence Committee, the last sentence is incorrect. It was amended to read: "When there is only one nominee, election may be by acclamation." In order to clarify the conflict in this section, Jurisprudence Committee proposes the following:

Delete "Officers are selected by secret ballot" After 2nd sentence, add: If there is more than one nominee, officers are selected by secret ballot. When there is only one nominee, election may be by acclamation.

It would then read: Office seeking and electioneering for office are contrary to all Eastern Star principles. Nominations for elective officers may be made from the floor or a nominating ballot may be used. If there is more than one nominee, officers are selected by secret ballot. When there is only one nominee, election may be by acclamation.

Page 39, Article III, Section 2. 2nd sentence:

Now reads: The first eight (8) officers of the Chapter shall be elected by separate majority ballot, excluding blanks.

After "blanks" add : (Refer to Section 1 of this Article).

Jurisprudence Committee

Margaret Buchanan
Andre Stoyham

Legislation Number: 8

Date Received: 3/23/10
(Grand Secretary Use Only)

Name of Code Section: Rules and Regulations

Page 47

Article VII Article Name: Committees

Section 1 Section Name: Scholarship

Paragraph 1

Now reads:

Section 1. Scholarship: The committee shall consist of no fewer than three (3) members whose primary function is to develop activities to increase the Scholarship Fund during the months of September, November or December. The committee shall work in conjunction with the Scholarship Committee of Grand Chapter, distributing applications to qualified students and assisting them in attaining sponsorship of the Chapter.

Delete: In the first sentence delete the words “during the months of September, November or December.”


Add: In the first sentence, add the words “promote and” before the word “increase.” Add a new second sentence: “The committee shall see that the Chapter makes an annual contribution to the Scholarship Fund each year and will promote the Scholarship Fund during the months of September, November or December.”


Would then read:

Section 1. Scholarship: The committee shall consist of no fewer than three (3) members whose primary function is to develop activities to promote and increase the Scholarship Fund. The committee shall see that the Chapter makes an annual contribution to the Scholarship Fund and will promote the Scholarship Fund during the months of September, November or December. The committee shall work in conjunction with the Scholarship Committee of Grand Chapter, distributing applications to qualified students and assisting them in attaining sponsorship of the Chapter.

Rationale: Chapters may prefer to budget a contribution to the Scholarship Fund rather than hold a specific fund-raiser during September, November or December.

Submitted by


Chapter No. 21


Chapter No. 21

Legislation Number: 9

Date Received: 3/23/10
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Name of Code Section: Rules and Regulations

Page: 47

Article VII Article Name: Committees

Section 2 Section Name: ESTARL

Paragraph 1

Now reads:

Section 2. ESTARL: The committee shall consist of not less than three (3) members whose primary function is to develop activities to increase the ESTARL fund. They shall work in conjunction with the District ESTARL Chairman, observing a period during February to raise funds. They shall distribute applications to potential awardees and assist them in attaining sponsorship of the Chapter.

Delete the entire section and replace with the following:

Section 2. ESTARL: The committee shall consist of no fewer than three (3) members whose primary function is to develop activities to promote and increase the ESTARL fund. It shall see that the Chapter makes an annual contribution to the ESTARL fund. Working with the District ESTARL Chairman, the committee will observe a period during February to promote ESTARL. The committee also shall distribute applications to potential awardees and assist them in attaining sponsorship of the Chapter.

Would then read: as above.

Rationale: Chapters may prefer to budget a contribution to the ESTARL fund rather than hold a specific fund-raiser during February. The rewritten section also addresses grammatical errors.

Submitted by

L. Y. Hill, C.M.
Chapter No. 21

Johanna R. Quat PM
Chapter No. 21

Legislation Number: 10

Date Received: 3/23/10
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Name of Code Section: Rules and Regulations

Page: 47

Article VII Article Name: Committees

Section 4 Section Name: Finance

Paragraph 1

Now reads:

Section 4. Finance: The committee consisting of not less than three (3) members shall **review the Chapter financial records and report at the next stated meeting following installation. Additional **reviews may be performed upon request of the Worthy Matron.

Delete: Strike the entire section and replace with the following:

Section 4. Finance: The committee consisting of no fewer than three (3) members shall review the Chapter financial records and report by the first meeting in June. Additional reviews may be performed upon request of the Worthy Matron.

Will then read: as above

Rationale: Bank statements may not be available by the next stated meeting following installation. This allows the committee to receive necessary bank statements, meet to review financial records and still report in a timely manner. Other change addresses a grammatical error.

Submitted by

[Signature], W.M.
Chapter No. 21

[Signature] PM
Chapter No. 21

Legislation Number: 11

Date Received: 2/23/10
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Name of Code Section: Rules and Regulations

Page: 47

Article VII Article Name: Committees

Section 5 Section Name: Benevolent

Paragraph 1

Now reads:

Section 5. Benevolent: The committee consisting of not less than three (3) members whose primary function is to develop activities to increase the Benevolent fund. They shall work in conjunction with the District Benevolent Chairman, observing a period during October to raise funds.

Delete the entire section and replace with the following:

Section 5. Benevolent: The committee shall consist of no fewer than three (3) members whose primary function is to develop activities to promote and increase the Benevolent fund. It shall see that the Chapter makes an annual contribution to the Benevolent fund. Working with the District Benevolent Chairman, the committee will observe a period during October to promote the Benevolent fund.

Would then read: as above.

Rationale Chapters may prefer to budget a contribution to the Benevolent fund rather than hold a specific fund-raiser during October. The rewritten section also addresses grammatical errors.

Submitted by

James D. Mull, U.M.
Chapter No. 21

J. Hancock
Chapter No. PFI

Legislation Number: 12

Date Received: 3/23/10
(Grand Secretary Use Only)

Name of Code Section: Rules and Regulations

Page 49

Article X Article Name: Donations

Section 1

Now reads:

Section 1. Donations may be received from individuals and organizations to supplement charitable projects or Chapter expenses.

- A. Each Chapter shall observe the month of February for ESTARL contributions.
- B. Each Chapter shall observe the month of October for Benevolent contributions.
- C. Each Chapter shall observe the month of September or November or December for Scholarship Fund contributions.

Delete: Parts A, B, and C. and replace with:

- A. Each Chapter shall make an annual contribution to the ESTARL fund and shall promote ESTARL during February.
- B. Each Chapter shall make an annual contribution to the Benevolent fund and shall promote Benevolent during October.
- C. Each Chapter shall make an annual contribution to the Scholarship fund and shall promote the Scholarship fund during September, November or December.

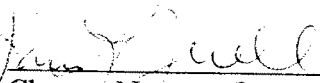
Would then read:


Section 1. Donations may be received from individuals and organizations to supplement charitable projects or Chapter expenses.

- A. Each Chapter shall make an annual contribution to ESTARL and shall promote ESTARL during February.
- B. Each Chapter shall make an annual contribution to the Benevolent fund and shall promote Benevolent during October.
- C. Each Chapter shall make an annual contribution to the Scholarship fund and shall promote the Scholarship fund during September, November or December.

Rationale: Chapters may prefer to budget donations to these funds and not hold individual fund-raisers during the months specified. This allows chapter to do that, but still requires chapters to promote the funds with informational programs during the specified months.

Submitted by


Chapter No. 21


Chapter No. 21

By-laws and Rules, Page 17, Art. VII, 2, B, 11. Delete "forms of Waiver of Jurisdiction"

Rules and Regulation Page 44, Art. VI, Sec. 6, R, 2.

Now Reads: 2. To Chapters having concurrent jurisdiction, the names of all petitioners for initiation or affiliation and of all petitions rejected. Delete entire sentence.

Re-number R, Section 6, omitting #2

Page 45, Art. VI, Sec. 6, R, 7.

Now reads: 7. All requests for waivers of jurisdiction when necessary. Reply must be received before ballot is taken. Out of state requested must be secured through the Worthy Grand Matron.

In first sentence, after waivers, delete of and insert "from other grand". Balance of section unchanged.

Page 50, Art. XII, Petitions, Sec. 3, B

Now reads: Require applicants to reside within the jurisdiction of the Chapter for six (6) months prior to the date of the petition, unless a waiver of jurisdiction is granted.

Change to read: Require applicants to reside within the State of Idaho for six (6) months prior to the date of the petition, unless a waiver of grand jurisdiction is granted.

Page 51 and 52 Article XII, Petitions, Sec. 17 Delete Sec. 17 and 17A. Change 17B to 17C

Change to read: A Chapter may receive the petition of a person residing in another grand jurisdiction.

A. An investigating Committee shall be appointed and waiver of grand jurisdiction requested through the Worthy Grand Matron of Idaho.

B. Said waiver must be received before the Investigating Committee reports and the ballot is cast.

C. A request for waiver from another Grand Jurisdiction shall be:

1. To the Worthy Grand Matron of Idaho.

2. In writing, bearing the seal of the Chapter, and stating name and address of the Petitioner.

Page 78, Article XIII, Book of Instruction, Reading of communications

Delete Section 3 and change Sec. 4 to Sec. 3.

These changes are necessary to eliminate conflict with legislation passed in 2009. Page 36, Art. 1, Section 6. (This section gives jurisdiction statewide.)

Jurisprudence Committee

Melanie Macdonald Elie,

Andru Stajsham

Legislation Number: 14

Date Received: 3/20/10

Grand Secretary Use Only

Rules and Regulations , Page 54, Article XV, Demits, Section 3, last paragraph.

Now reads: A member whose dues are paid to December 31 and who applies for a demit at the first stated meeting in January, shall be deemed to be clear on the books and entitled to demit.

Delete "at the first stated meeting in January" and insert "to be read at the first stated meeting after December 31"

It would then read: A member whose dues are paid to December 31 and who applies for a demit to be read at the first stated meeting after December 31, shall be deemed to be clear on the books and entitled to demit.

Rational: Some Chapters do not meet during January & February, thus they can not grant a demit until their first stated meeting after December 31.

Jurisprudence Committee

Maxine Mackinnon Ch.
Indira Stoyham

Legislation Number: 15

Date Received: 3/20/10

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Rules and Regulations, Page 54, Article XV, Demits, Sec. 4.

Now reads: Duplicate Demits may be issued to members upon request, but shall be so marked and reasons given for issuance.

Add new sentence: "If a former member of a Chapter which has merged requests a duplicate demit, the existing Chapter Secretary may issue a duplicate, after verifying date of original demit".

It would then read: Section 4. Duplicate demits may be issued to members upon request, but shall be so marked and reasons given for issuance. If a former member of a Chapter which has merged requests a duplicate demit, the existing Chapter Secretary may issue a duplicate, after verifying date of original demit.

Rational: If a former member has lost the original demit and desires to affiliate with another Chapter, this will give guidance to the Secretary.

Jurisprudence Committee

Marlene Machanic, Chas.

Andre Stojan

Legislation Number: 16
Date Received: 1/6/10
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Grand Chapter of Idaho
Proposed Legislative Changes

Date: December 28, 2009 Rules & Regulations

1. SECTION TO BE CHANGED: Article X

2. PAGE NUMBER: 75

3. SECTION NUMBER: 2

4. CURRENT WORDING OF SECTION TO BE CHANGED:

Section 2. Introductions shall be made in the following order:

Worthy Grand Matron and/or Worthy Grand Patron

(when both are present they may be introduced together)

Most Worthy Grand Matron and/or Most Worthy Grand Patron

(when both are present they may be introduced together)

General Grand Chapter Officers

General Grand Chapter Committee Members

Worthy Grand Matrons and/or Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions

(when both are present they may be introduced together)

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons

Grand Officers

Members of the Board of Trustees

Emeritus Members

Grand Representatives

Grand Chapter Committee Members and Appointees (optional)

Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons

Fifty-year Members (Golden Stars)

Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Idaho (if present)

Other Distinguished Guests and Visitors

(Guests from other Grand Jurisdictions shall be introduced according to honors due them.)

5. CURRENT WORDING WITH DELETIONS:

(Use underline for deletions)

Section 2. Introductions shall be made in the following order:

Worthy Grand Matron and/or Worthy Grand Patron

(when both are present they may be introduced together)

Most Worthy Grand Matron and/or Most Worthy Grand Patron

(when both are present they may be introduced together)

General Grand Chapter Officers

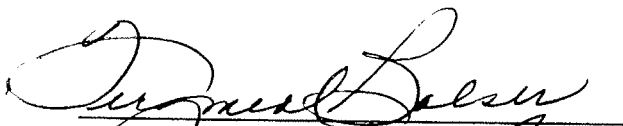
General Grand Chapter Committee Members


Worthy Grand Matrons and/or Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions
(when both are present they may be introduced together)
Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons
Grand Officers
Members of the Board of Trustees
Emeritus Members
Grand Representatives
Grand Chapter Committee Members and Appointees (optional)
Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons
Fifty-year Members (Golden Stars)
Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Idaho (if Present)
Other Distinguished Guests and Visitors
(Guests from other Grand Jurisdictions shall be introduced according to honors
due them)

6. The paragraph would then read the same with the exception of the deletion of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Idaho (if present) as a separate introduction.

7. RATIONALE: The Grand Master is NOT the individual who authorizes Idaho Grand Chapter to freely operate in Idaho as stated in the 2009 Grand Session. (See Idaho Masonic Code & Digest, Pages 8, 13, 131, 132.) We operate under the umbrella of General Grand Chapter and the Grand Master should be introduced under "Other Distinguished Guests and Visitors".

8. SUBMITTED BY:


Chapter Number: Queen Esther
#12


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GRAND CHAPTER OF IDAHO
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Proposed resolutions must be received by the Grand Secretary by March 25 for distribution to the Jurisprudence Committee.

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Date Received: 3/25/10
Number: 17

Date: March 14, 2009

1. SECTION to be changed: (Constitution, By-Laws, Rules & Regulations, etc.): Book of Instructions – Section 2 – Penal Code Grand Chapter of Idaho

2. PAGE NUMBER: 92

3. ARTICLE NUMBER: N/A ARTICLE NAME: N/A

4. SECTION NUMBER: 2 SECTION NAME (if any): Penal Code Grand Chapter of Idaho

5. PARAGRAPH LETTER: N/A PARAGRAPH NAME (if any): N/A

6. SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER: N/A

7. SUB-SUB-PARAGRAPH LETTER: N/A

NOTE: Sections 8 through 12 will require additional pages which should be typed & attached to this cover sheet.

8. CURRENT WORDING OF SECTION TO BE CHANGED:

Please refer to Attachment I of this resolution.

NOTE: To save resources, please refer to your Code & Digest for current wording. Thank you. Denise

9. CURRENT WORDING WITH DELETIONS: (Lined out or underlined)

Delete entire text contained in 8. above. (Attachment I) Except for Section 2. sentence appearing at the top of page 92.

10. CURRENT WORDING WITH ADDITIONS: (Use Italics to highlight additions)

Please refer to Attachment II. Insert entire Attachment II in place of Attachment I.

11. ENTIRE PARAGRAPH AS INTENDED TO READ IN THE CODE AND DIGEST:
(Not necessary if entire paragraph is new and has been stated in 10, above)

Refer to 10 above for text to insert.

12. RATIONALE (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed):

The present penal code is difficult to understand and execute. This resolution removes the default method of trial in the Chapter and leaves the method of trial by commission as the only option. It also expands and clarifies the instructions making the process easier to execute. This relieves the chapter of the difficult and emotional burden of conducting the trial and allows the judgment to be made by an impartial commission. The Chapter remains in control of all other aspects of the trial. This resolution is intended to make it more likely that impartial justice will be done.

13. Printed NAMES, OFFICE and CHAPTER NUMBERS of submitting members:
NOTE: Must be signed by no less than two (2) members of the Grand Chapter.

Joe Alexander, Worthy Patron, Henrietta #21

Karen Juell, Worthy Matron, Henrietta #21

14. SIGNATURES:

Joe Alexander W.P.
Karen Juell W.M.

**PENAL CODE
GRAND CHAPTER OF IDAHO**

**ARTICLE I
OFFENSES**

Every violation of the obligation of the Order or of the established laws, usages, and customs thereof, and every action whatsoever involving moral turpitude by a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, is an offense against this Order for which the offender may be subjected to such lawful punishment as the tribunal having jurisdiction in the case shall adjudge.

**ARTICLE II
JURISDICTION**

All chartered Chapters in this jurisdiction shall have full power and authority to exercise penal jurisdiction over all members of the Order, affiliated or non-affiliated, residing or sojourning within their several jurisdictions over offenses enumerated in Article I, Section 1, of this Penal Code.

No Chapter shall have penal jurisdiction of a member of the Order until it shall have been regularly chartered and its officers duly elected and installed: Provided, that when any offense shall be committed within the jurisdiction of a chapter under dispensation by one not a member of a contiguous Chapter, the matter shall be referred by the Worthy Matron to the Worthy Grand Matron, who shall have power to direct what Chapter has penal jurisdiction.

**ARTICLE III
TRIBUNAL**

Section 1. All trials shall be by a five (5) member commission, consisting of Worthy Matrons or Worthy Patrons, or Past Matrons and Past Patrons, from Chapters other than that of which the accused or accuser are members, and not more than two (2) of whom shall be members of the same Chapter.

Section 2. The Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint all commissions and set the date and place of the trial.

Section 3. The Worthy Grand Matron shall notify each member of their appointment and shall furnish the Worthy Matron and Secretary of the Chapter in which the trial is to be held with a list of the members appointed, giving their addresses. Upon receipt of the names of the members of the commission, the Secretary of the Chapter shall notify each member of the commission of the date and place of the trial as set by the Worthy Grand Matron.

Section 4. The entire proceedings of the trial shall fall within the jurisdiction of the commission, who shall select a chairman and secretary from their number, all rules of procedure as found in this Penal Code are applicable and shall govern the trial, in so far as it is possible or practical to apply them. The commission shall have power, in its judgment, to exclude from the trial all members except those necessary for the prosecution of the trial; except in the case of the Chapter Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron and Secretary.

Section 5. The expenses of such commission shall be borne by the Chapter for which the trial is held.

ARTICLE IV CHARGES

Section 1. No penalties can be inflicted without charges, specifications, notice and trial in due form, except as hereinafter provided in Section 2. Charges shall be made in writing (so far as proper to be written), signed by the accuser, and filed with the Secretary of the Chapter. The offense must be clearly specified, with time, place and particulars. A general charge of misconduct, without specifications shall not be received.

Section 2. Procedure for the Suspension of a Member Convicted of a Felony:

1. Any Member who has been convicted of a felony committed after July 1, 2010, in any court of competent jurisdiction, punishable by death or imprisonment for more than one year, shall, by the direction of the Worthy Grand Matron, upon filing with the Worthy Grand Matron a certified copy of the final judgment of conviction and sentence or the order entered after an appeal, if any, as provided in paragraph (2) hereof, be suspended from the Order from that date forward until reinstated as provided in paragraph (5) below without the preferring of charges in accordance with this penal code; provided that no proceedings for such suspension shall be taken while proceedings for reversal of the judgment shall be pending and undecided. The accused shall be served with a true copy of the suspension by certified mail to the last known post office address of the accused within thirty (30) days following the suspension.
2. A certified copy of the judgment of conviction and sentence of the court before whom such conviction was had, together with a certificate that the time for appeal has expired and no appeal has been taken or that an order has been entered showing the affirmance of said conviction on appeal shall be sufficient evidence to justify such suspension.
3. Any Member suspended under the provisions of this Section shall be entitled to the right of appeal as provided in this Code.

4. Duty of the Worthy Matron. It is hereby made the duty of the Worthy Matron of a subordinate Chapter to immediately file with the Worthy Grand Matron a certified transcript of the judgment of conviction and sentence or order on appeal showing affirmance of conviction in the event any member of her Chapter has committed an offense after July 1, 2010, which has resulted in his conviction of a felony as described in Section 2.
5. Length of Suspension – Reinstatement. Any Member suspended from the Order as provided in paragraph (4) above shall stand suspended from the day of suspension throughout any period of imprisonment, probation, or parole, arising from such felony. The suspension provided in paragraph (1) shall continue until such time as all of the following shall have occurred.
 - (a) They shall have completed imprisonment, probation or parole, and (b) they shall have made application to the Worthy Grand Matron and all Chapters of which they were a member at the time the suspension was entered for removal of the suspension and reinstatement, and (c) they shall have obtained approval of the Worthy Grand Matron for their reinstatement, and (d) all Chapters of which they were a member shall have voted to allow their reinstatement by the same method as that provided for the election of new members, and (e) they shall have paid the Chapter dues which were due at the time of the suspension for all Chapters of which they were a member at the time of the suspension, and (f) they shall have paid their current dues for all those Chapters.
6. The automatic suspension as provided herein shall not stay, postpone, or act as a bar to any proceeding for expulsion of a member pursuant to the code for the same offense or any other offense for which a member may now or hereafter may be expelled from the Order.

Section 3. Charges may be preferred only by an affiliated member in good standing. The Worthy Matron, whenever she shall deem it proper, may direct the Associate Conductress to prefer charges.

Section 4. Charges must be filed against a member at a regular meeting within three (3) years after the offense has been committed and action on said charges must be taken at the next subsequent stated meeting. The Secretary shall read the said charges in open Chapter. After such reading the charges shall not be amended except by permission of the person who filed the charges and the Worthy Matron, in open Chapter.

Section 5. Duty of the Worthy Matron. It is the duty of the Worthy Matron of a subordinate Chapter to immediately file with the Worthy Grand Matron a copy, sealed by the Chapter Secretary, of the charges against a member as described in Section 4.

ARTICLE V SERVICE OF NOTICE AND SUMMONS

Section 1. The accused shall be served with a true copy of all charges, together with summons, requiring an appearance and answer, at such time and place as the Worthy Grand Matron shall have directed.

Section 2. The copy and summons may be served by any member of the Chapter; they shall be delivered to the accused in person at least ten (10) days before the time of trial. Provided, however, that if such personal service is not possible or practical and permission is obtained from the Worthy Grand Matron, charges and summons may be sent by certified mail to the last known post office address of the accused at least thirty (30) days prior to the day of trial, and this shall be deemed sufficient notice. If the residence of the accused be unknown to the members of the Chapter, the trial may be held ex parte.

ARTICLE VI ANSWER

Section 1. The answer (guilty or not guilty) of an accused may be given orally or in writing, and in either case shall be forthwith recorded by the Secretary.

Section 2. If the accused neglect or refuse to answer, a plea of "not guilty" shall be recorded, and the trial shall proceed in all things as though an answer had been filed.

ARTICLE VII COUNSEL

Section 1. Either the accuser or the accused may choose counsel, provided that none but members in good standing shall appear as such.

Section 2. If the accused do not appear, the commission Chair shall appoint counsel for the defense, whose duty it shall be to see that the trial is fairly conducted and the accused not unjustly imperiled.

Section 3. A member of the Order under suspension can only appear in the Chapter by counsel, but may appear personally at all meetings of the commissioners in the case.

ARTICLE VIII EVIDENCE

Section 1. The witnesses in all Eastern Star trials, whether members or not, shall be persons who have the use of their reason and such religious belief as to feel the obligation of an oath, and who have not been convicted of any infamous crime.

Section 2. The testimony of members in good standing shall be taken upon their honor and obligation, and shall be given at the time of the trial. Provided that should any such witnesses be unable, through sickness or other disability, to attend the Worthy Grand Matron, prior to the trial, may appoint a commission, of not less than three (3) members, to receive their testimony; provided that the evidence shall be reduced to writing and shall be read in full before the trial commission.

Oath: *Do you solemnly swear to give truthful testimony upon your honor and in accordance with your obligation as a member of the Order of the Eastern Star?*

Response: *I do.*

Section 3. The testimony of non-members, and of members under sentence of suspension or expulsion, shall be taken under oath and before a commission of not less than three (3) members, to be appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron.

Oath: *Do you solemnly swear to give truthful testimony upon your honor?*

Response: *I do.*

Section 4. In all cases of the appointment of commissioners they shall give the accuser and the accused, or their counsel, proper and timely notice of the time and place of their meeting for the taking of testimony.

Section 5. If there be material testimony which can not be produced before the commissioners, the same may be taken at such other reasonable time and place, and before such other competent person or persons as the Worthy Grand Matron may order, proper notice being given the accuser and the accused as above specified.

Section 6. All testimony proper to be written shall be reduced to writing by the Commission Secretary, who shall fully and carefully record all proceedings pertaining to the trial, and shall carefully file and preserve in the archives of the Chapter all papers relating to the case.

ARTICLE IX DELIBERATION

Section 1. Upon the conclusion of testimony and arguments, all persons other than the members of the commission shall retire and the doors shall be closed for deliberation. The secretary of the commission shall record the action of the commission, with reference to the guilt or innocence of the accused, the penalty imposed, and certify the same in writing to the Worthy Matron and the Secretary of the Chapter.

ARTICLE X JUDGMENT

Section 1. The deliberation being concluded the commission shall proceed to pass upon the guilt or innocence of the accused.

Section 2. The vote of the commission shall be taken upon each specification, beginning with the first, and shall be upon the question, "**Is the accused guilty or not guilty as charged in the first (second, etc.) specification?**" and finally, "**Is the accused guilty as charged in the general indictment?**"

Section 3. The result of the ballot upon each specification and the general charge shall be recorded by the Secretary of the commission in regular order, with the numbers severally cast for conviction and acquittal. The commission may convict or acquit on a part or all of the specifications, as they shall deem just.

Section 4. The vote of the commission shall be taken by secret ballot. The accused shall be declared acquitted unless three (3) members of the commission vote for conviction.

Section 5. If the accused be acquitted in the general indictment, the judgment of the commission shall be immediately declared and recorded, and the proceedings absolutely terminated so far as regards any further action of the commission. There can be no reconsideration of the vote or recasting of the ballot. The only remedy is by appeal to the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XI PENALTY

Section 1. If the accused be convicted, the vote shall immediately be taken upon the penalty in the following order beginning with the highest and descending until the requisite vote shall be given to declare the sentence

- First -- Expulsion
- Second -- Suspension
- Third -- Finite Suspension
- Fourth -- Reprimand

Section 2. The vote on each penalty shall be by secret ballot, and shall be regulated by similar rules as in passing judgment. If the sentence is finite suspension, the commission shall by a majority vote, fix the duration of the term of suspension.

Section 3. The result of the ballot upon each penalty shall be entered at large upon the record, with the number of votes for and against in each instance, and in the order in which the proceedings occur.

Section 4. At the conclusion of the ballot upon the penalty, the accuser and the accused, with their counsel, the Chapter Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron and Secretary shall be readmitted and the Chair shall at once announce the result and pronounce the penalty.

Section 5. All cases of expulsion and suspension shall be reported to the Grand Secretary and to all Constituent Chapters; and if the person expelled or suspended was a member of another Chapter than the one in which the trial occurs, the Chapter holding the membership shall be immediately notified of the sentence and the cause of the same.

Section 6. Within thirty (30) days after trial the Secretary of the Chapter in which such trial was held shall transmit to the Grand Secretary (to be laid before the Grand Chapter) a complete transcript of the same, with a copy of all evidence heard therein.

ARTICLE XII APPEALS

Section 1. The accused, or any member of the Chapter, may appeal to the Grand Chapter from the decision of the trial Commission.

Section 2. All appeals shall be in writing, shall set forth clearly the grounds upon which the appellant seeks redress, and notice thereof must be given in writing to the Secretary of the Chapter within thirty (30) days after the appellant shall have received notice of the decision from which the appeal is taken.

Section 3. Upon receipt of the notice of appeal, the Secretary shall immediately transmit it to the Grand Secretary. She shall also record upon the minutes the receipt of the notice of appeal and the date of her return to the Grand Chapter.

Section 4. The appeal shall be prosecuted at the first annual session of the Grand Chapter after the time limited for taking the same shall have expired.

Section 5. The appeal shall be made in writing, and may be in the following form

I, _____, a member of the O.E.S. and a member of _____ Chapter No. _____, do declare upon my honor as a member of the Order, that I feel materially aggrieved by your decision in the case of _____ and for rehearing of the case, and to the end that justice may be done in the matter, do take my appeal to the Grand Chapter for the following reasons _____.

Section 6. After a due investigation of the case, the Grand Chapter may, by a majority vote

First ----- Affirm the decision appealed from

Second -- Reverse the decision

Third ----- Modify or change the decision

Fourth --- Award a new trial

Section 7. The reversal of a decision restores the accused to the standing she/he held before the same was rendered.

Section 8. If a new trial be awarded, the standing of the accused shall be, in the meantime, that of a member under charges, and as though no trial had been had.

Section 9. From the taking of an appeal until its determination by the Grand Chapter, the standing of the accused (if suspended or expelled) shall be that of a member under charges, and shall be debarred during said time from sitting in Chapter.

Section 10. When an appeal is taken from the decision of a Commission the same shall be referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, whose duty it shall be to review the case and recommend to Grand Chapter such action as they deem proper.

ARTICLE XIII RESTORATION

Section 1. A member under sentence of definite suspension is restored at the termination of the period for which suspended, to all the rights and privileges of the Order without any action of the Chapter or of the accused.

Section 2. A suspended or an expelled member can be reinstated only by a majority vote of the Grand Chapter, and then only upon the recommendation of a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Chapter from which the member was expelled or suspended; provided, such Chapter be still in existence. If the Chapter from which the member was expelled or suspended is not in existence; then only action by the Grand Chapter is required.

ARTICLE XIV GRAND CHAPTER TRIALS

Section 1. Charges against a Chapter or a Worthy Matron shall only be referred to the Grand Chapter in session, or to the Worthy Grand Matron in recess.

Section 2. All such charges shall be in writing; and when referred to the Worthy Grand Matron in recess, she shall direct the Grand Secretary to forthwith serve the accused with a certified copy thereof and a summons to appear and answer the same at the next session of the Grand Chapter.

Section 3. Trials in the Grand Chapter shall be conducted, as far as practicable, under the same rules as a trial in a Constituent Chapter; provided, that all judicial action in the Grand Chapter shall be taken as the Worthy Grand Matron may direct; and provided, further, that the Worthy Grand Matron shall be the sole judge of the sufficiency of the service of all notices, orders and papers, of whatsoever kind.

ARTICLE XV AMENDMENTS

Section 1. All propositions to amend the Penal Code shall be introduced in writing, signed by two (2) members of this Grand Chapter and received by the Grand Secretary no later than March 25th prior to the annual Grand Chapter session.

Section 2. This Penal Code shall not be suspended except by unanimous consent of the Grand Chapter.

TO WORTHY MATRONS AND SECRETARIES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

The foregoing Penal Code should be carefully studied and strictly followed in all Chapter trials and in the report thereof to the Grand Chapter.

PENAL CODE CHECKLIST

In all cases for Eastern Star offenses, the following steps should be carefully followed:

- First -** Written charges must be filed with the Secretary, read in open Chapter and the charges transmitted to the Worthy Grand Matron
ARTICLE IV
- Second -** Worthy Grand Matron must appoint commission and fix date for trial
ARTICLE III
- Third -** Secretary must issue summons, showing time and place of trial
ARTICLE V
- Fourth -** The copy and summons may be served by any member of the Chapter
ARTICLE V
- Fifth -** Answer of the accused
ARTICLE VI
- Sixth -** Introduction of evidence
ARTICLE VIII
- Seventh -** Deliberation of trial commission
ARTICLE IX
- Eighth -** Judgment of trial commission
ARTICLE X
- Ninth -** Penalty if convicted
ARTICLE XI

Tenth - Within thirty (30) days the Secretary of the Chapter shall transmit to the Grand Secretary complete transcript.
ARTICLE XI

Eleventh - Appeal process
ARTICLE XII

FORMS UNDER EASTERN STAR PENAL CODE

General Form Instructions

Title. All proceedings for misconduct should be entitled in the name of the Chapter against the accused member.

Testimony. The testimony taken on the trial shall be reduced to writing and carefully preserved. The purpose being that all the testimony used on trial shall become a part of the record.

The record of the testimony of each witness shall be commenced as follows:

_____, a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, a witness on behalf of the accuser (or accused, as the case may be), testified as follows:

Or, _____, a non-member, a witness on behalf of the accuser (or accused), on oath duly administered, testified as follows:

No. 1

Form of Charges for Eastern Star Offenses

Charges should be definite, so as to allow the accused the opportunity to defend specifically, yet there are cases that do not require specifications of time and place, as the evidence will determine that, and the accused can question the witness and elicit the truth.

The charges should be substantially in the following form:

To the Worthy Matron, Officers and Members of _____ Chapter No. _____,
O.E.S.:

I hereby charge _____, a member of this Chapter (or a "non-affiliated member residing within the jurisdiction of this Chapter, (or "a member of _____ Chapter No. _____" as the case may be) with offense against this order in this, to-wit:

Specification First. For that the said _____, on or about the _____ day of _____ A.D., _____, did (here state the facts constituting the offense, in ordinary and concise language).

Specification Second. For that the said, etc. (proceed in the same manner as in the first specification).

Dated this _____ day of _____ A.D., _____.

(Signed) _____,

Associate Conductress (or by an affiliated member in good standing)

No. 2

If the offense is a continuation of the same or like acts, such as habitual drunkenness or profanity, the statement may be thus:

For that the said _____, on or about the _____ day of _____ A.D., _____, and habitually from that date to the present time did, etc.

No. 3

If different offenses are intended to be charged, each offense must be set forth in a separate charge, and after the first may commence thus:

I hereby further charge the said _____ with (specifying the facts of the offenses as before explained).

The charges must be signed by the accuser and delivered to the Secretary of the Chapter, who should mark the same filed thus:

Filed this _____ day of _____ A.D., _____.

No. 4

The attestation of the charges by the Secretary may be as follows:

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original charges on file in my office.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the Chapter this _____ day of _____ A.D., _____.

(Signed) _____,
Secretary

No. 5

Form of Summons

The summons shall be substantially in the following form:

To _____ (name of accused):

You are hereby notified that at a stated meeting of _____ Chapter No. _____, O.E.S., held on the _____ day of _____, A.D., _____, charges were preferred against you, an attested copy of which is hereto annexed, and that the trial thereof will be held at _____ on _____ day of _____ A.D., _____, commencing at _____ o'clock p.m., at which time and place you are hereby summoned to appear and make defense thereto.

Given under my hand and seal of the Chapter this _____ day of _____ A.D..

(Signed) _____,
(seal) Secretary

No. 6

Certificate of Personal Service

I hereby certify that on the _____ day of _____, A.D. _____ (not less than ten (10) days before the trial)

I delivered to _____, personally, the original summons, of which the within is a copy, together with an attested copy of the charges therein referred to.

(Signed) _____

No. 7

Certificate of Service by Mail

I hereby certify that on the _____ day of _____ A.D., _____, I forwarded by mail to _____, the original summons, of which the within is a copy, together with an attested copy of the charges therein referred to, addressed to _____, in the State of _____, where the accused resides.

Dated this _____ day of _____ A.D., _____.

(Signed) _____,
Secretary

No. 8

Caption of Transcript

To the Grand Chapter, O.E.S. of Idaho:

In the Matter of _____ Chapter No. _____, O.E.S.

Against _____, Charged with _____.

No. 9

Transcript to Grand Chapter

Masonic Hall, (name of place) _____ A.D., _____

Regular meeting of _____ Chapter No. _____, O.E.S.

Present: (here insert names of officers and members present)

The Chapter was opened in due form, whereupon, among other proceedings, the Secretary read to the Chapter the following: (here copy the charges preferred). And afterward, on the _____ day of _____, A.D. 20____, I forwarded said charges to the Worthy Grand Matron who thereupon appointed (here insert the commission members, date and time fixed) for the purpose of the trial of said _____ on said charges.

And afterwards, to-wit: on the _____ day of _____, A.D., _____, I served (or caused to be served) on the accused an attested copy of said charges, and the following summons: (here copy the summons).

And afterwards, on the _____ day of _____, A.D., _____ said summons was filed in my office with the following return of service thereon: (Here copy the Certificate of Service of summons as per forms No. 6 or No. 7).

Here insert the complete transcript of the trial, as described in ARTICLE XI Section 6 of the penal code.

Signed: (seal) _____,
Secretary

If an appeal be taken, the transcript should proceed thus:

And afterwards, to wit: On the _____ day of _____ A.D., _____, there was filed in my office the following notice of appeal: (here copy notice of appeal)

On said notice of appeal is the following certificate of service thereof. (here copy service or acceptance of notice).

The Secretary will then add her certificate in the following form:

Hall of _____ Chapter No. _____, O.E.S.

_____ A.D., _____

I, _____, Secretary of Chapter No. _____, O.E.S., hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the charges, proceedings had, and evidence given in the trial of the case of _____,

Chapter No. _____ against _____, on charges above set out.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Chapter hereto affixed this _____ day of _____, A.D., _____.

(Seal) _____, Secretary.

The full and complete transcript of each separate case must be sent to the Grand Secretary, and must not include two persons in same charge or transcript. All papers should be duly attested by the Chapter Seal.