

# The Grand York Rite Bodies of Freemasonry of Florida

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons • The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons • The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

## JOINT (SINGLE) RESOLUTION FORM

Date September 21, 2020

Originating Body(s) NASSAU CHAPTER NO. 49 RAM

City/State/Zip Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

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TO: Grand Chapter  Grand Council \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Commandery \_\_\_\_\_

Regulation to be amended (Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.)

Grand Chapter CHAPTER 30, SECTION 30.01 D (Pg. 33) (CHAPTER RETURNS AND REPORTS TO GRAND CHAPTER)

Grand Council \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Commandery \_\_\_\_\_

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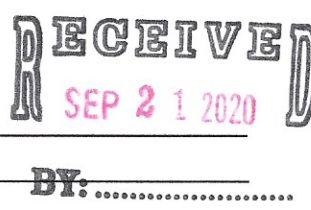
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### NEW LANGUAGE

D. Any Constituent Chapter failing to make its Annual Return by February 15<sup>th</sup> shall be considered delinquent and at the discretion of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, be assessed a late fee of \$25.00 monthly, starting March 1st, not to exceed \$150.00. (Effective upon adoption June 20, 2021).

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This resolution seeks to restore the Constitutional Power granted to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest to be the Preeminent Authority of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida.

Before any financial penalty is imposed on a Constituent Chapter, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest being ultimately responsible for the Operational and Financial Condition of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, must be informed and have the opportunity to inquire as to the reason(s) for any Constituent Chapter to be in violation Article XV, Section 3i, and Article XVIII, Section 1 of the Constitution.

Article XV, Section 3i – Already provides for financial penalty for any Secretary not filing by 15<sup>th</sup>.

**“To transmit to the Grand Secretary the annual return of work and the condition of the Chapter as of December 27th of each year, together with the full amount of money due Grand Chapter as required by this Constitution or Grand Chapter regulations such report and remittance to be made prior to the 15th day of February of each year. In the event these requirements are not met, a fine of five dollars shall be assessed against each negligent Secretary, not against the Chapter, as a penalty for the neglect of duty. It shall not be in the power of Grand Chapter to remit this penalty.”**

Article XVIII, Section 1 – Monthly Returns and Annual Reports – Already provides a penalty of Non-Representation at Grand Convocation.

**“All monthly reports of constituent Chapters must be in the Grand Secretary's office on or before the 5th of each month, and monthly reports must be submitted each and every month even though there be no change in the status of the constituent Chapter. The Capitular Year shall end December 27th of each year, and each constituent Chapter shall make Annual Returns to the Grand Chapter, which must be in the Office of the Grand Secretary, with fees as the Grand Chapter shall from time to time prescribe, on or before the 1st day of February of each year. Any Chapter failing to make its Annual Return by the 15th day of February shall be considered delinquent, and not entitled to representation in the Grand Chapter at its next Annual Grand Convocation, except by action of the Grand Chapter; if the Annual Return is not made when the Annual Grand Convocation convenes, such delinquent Chapter will be subject to revocation of its Charter, unless the Grand Chapter shall otherwise decide.”**

In recent years, before the penalty of non-representation has been enforced it has been waived for those Chapters making payment at the Grand Convocation by vote of the Companions present. This sets the precedent to provide the Most Excellent Grand High Priest the same authority to waive any penalty should conditions warrant.

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