

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

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TO: Grand Chapter x Grand Council ___ Grand Commandery ___

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

Grand Chapter: **CHAPTER TWENTY-FIVE --SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS, CONVOICATIONS AND BUSINESS; 25.02 Form of Opening.**

LANGUAGE TO BE AMENDED (deleted, changed, etc.)

25.02 Form of Opening.

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Identification of amended Article, Section, Page, Paragraph, Line, etc.

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In the event that a "Business Communication" is opened to conduct limited business when the quorum of Royal Arch Masons present number less than nine, but are at least six (6) Royal Arch Masons, four (4) of which are members of that particular Chapter, the "Business Communication" may be opened and closed by declaration.

Discussion: This change makes it easier for a Constituent Chapter to accomplish necessary business items in the absence of a necessary quorum of nine Royal Arch Masons, which are required to open a Royal Arch Chapter.

NOTE: This is companion legislation to the resolution amending Article XIII, Section 19.

Effective Date: This resolution is to take effect and be implemented on June 1, 2021.

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