

## CONSTITUTION REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT 2020-2021

The Constitution Review Committee wishes to thank Most Excellent A.J. Ahrens for the opportunity to serve him and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. The Committee was most active this year submitting 21 resolutions for amending the constitution to the craft for consideration. The following is a brief summary of the submitted resolutions.

1. Eligibility for office in the Grand Chapter.
2. Allowing emailing of drafts of the Grand Proceedings.
3. Institution of the Duane Blondell Young Award for Chapter competition.
4. Re-design of the Gold Key Award.
5. Fine for delinquent reports.
6. Incompatibility of multiple Grand Chapter Offices.
- 7-10. Issues dealing with proxies, vouchers and qualified voters at Grand Convocation.
- 11-13. Opening Chapter and quorum for business.
14. Virtual meetings.
- 15-17, 19. Amendments involving Appendix D. Since the red ritual book is the approved source for Chapter Work, variances in Appendix D, which were written to conform with Blue Lodge procedures, are changed to coincide with the red ritual book.
- 18, 20. Care of the Book of Essentials and the Key Lecture.
21. Demits and membership records handled by the Grand Secretary.

Seven years ago I was commissioned by then Grand High Priest John Wermann to bring our Constitution up to date, which hadn't been done in over ten years. It was an extensive task which took me approximately 4 months of continuous work. At that time I recommended that it be done yearly to keep it current and to prevent what I had experienced. Unfortunately that was not done. When I

became Grand High Priest three years ago I asked my committee member R.E. Ed Constant to do the task which he accomplished with similar difficulty as I had experienced. He agreed yearly review should be done and volunteered to do the job as long as he was in the Grand Line. Unfortunately he has succumbed to Covid -19 which leaves a vacuum to be filled. It is my recommendation the Grand High Priest appoint one of the younger officers in the Grand Line to handle this task, as there is a learning curve to do this job, and much time and effort can be eliminated if the same person handle this task for a number of years.

Respectfully submitted,  
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