

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND JURISPRUDENCE (2019)

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren

Your committee has received FIVE (5) proposed amendments to the Constitution of Grand Lodge.

The 1st **proposal** deals with determining when a lodge could be compelled to cease to meet and reads as follows: (R.W. Bro. Robert Kliaman)

Whenever the number of dues paying members of any Lodge, as shown on the last return to Grand Lodge shall be fewer than twenty-five (25), subject to the decision of the Grand Master, on a semi-annual basis, to grant a dispensation for the continuation of the Lodge, the Lodge shall cease to meet. In the event that the Grand Master determines that dispensation shall not be granted initially or upon a subsequent review, the Warrant, books and papers shall forthwith be delivered up to the Grand Master and the Lodge shall be erased.

YOUR Committee finds this proposal: **IRREGULAR**

The 2nd **proposal** deals with the elimination of the Office of Grand Registrar and reads as follows: (R.W. Bro. Richard Kaufman)

Sec 11 Delete "The Right Worshipful the Grand Registrar"

Sec 12 Delete "The Grand Registrar"

Sec 48 Delete "the Grand Registrar"
48. The Grand Senior Warden, the Grand Junior Warden, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, ~~the Grand Registrar~~ and the members of the Board of General Purposes elected as such by Grand Lodge shall be elected by ballot after nomination. All other officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master.

Sec 50(b) Delete "or Grand Registrar"
(b) A candidate for office as District Deputy Grand Master or ~~Grand Registrar~~ must be in possession of a "Past Master's Course Certificate of Completion" as offered by our Grand Lodge, College of Freemasonry on or before June 15, of the year seeking office.

Sec 63 Delete "and Grand Registrar" Insert the word "and"
63. The candidate for the office of Grand Senior Warden, **and** Grand Junior Warden ~~and Grand Registrar~~, respectively, obtaining the greatest number of votes shall be declared duly elected.

Sec 114 Replace ~~114. Grand Registrar The Grand Registrar may, at the pleasure and direction of the Grand Master, take charge of any district or lodge for which there is not a District Deputy Grand Master. (2013)~~

The Grand Master may appoint and/or direct any qualified Brother to take charge of any district or lodge for which there is not a District Deputy Grand Master.

Sec 131(a) Delete "Grand Registrar"
131. The Board of General Purposes shall consist of the following: (a) Grand Lodge Officers — The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Masters of each District, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Registrar and Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Sec 400(h) Delete Entire Section
(h) Grand Registrar — the Scroll

YOUR Committee finds this proposal: IRREGULAR

The 3rd proposal deals with terms of office and reads as follows:
(Strategic Planning Committee)

New – 44 (e) The Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary and an elected Member of the Board of General Purposes shall not be eligible for re-election for more than five consecutive elected terms of office.

44(c) The Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary shall be eligible for re-election, **subject to Section 44(e)**. (1981)

(d) The members of the Board of General Purposes shall be elected or appointed for two years and shall be eligible for re-election or reappointment, **subject to Section 44(e)**.

YOUR Committee finds this proposal: IRREGULAR

The 4th proposal deals with Section 150 (a) and the addition of subsection (ix) reading as follows:
(R.W. Bro. Ray Borland)

The Order of Women Freemasons and Concordant Bodies

YOUR Committee finds this proposal: IRREGULAR

The 5th proposal deals with Section 384 (c) and the number of Past Masters jewels that can be worn in Lodge and the addition of the William Mercer Wilson Medal to read as follows:
(R.W. Bro. Ronald Campbell)

(c) No jewels or medals shall be worn in a lodge other than those specified for the officers, except: a single Past Master's jewel, the Veteran Jubilee Medal, a Lewis Jewel, a Royal Arch Companion jewel, a Scottish Rite Member jewel, and a jewel or medal presented by any jurisdiction with which this Grand Lodge is in amity, each worn on the left chest outward in the preceding sequence; the William Mercer Wilson Medal; the Grand Master's Award for Distinguished Service; the Maple Leaf pin with the square and compasses; and any other jewel, medal, or button specifically designed and/or authorized by Grand Lodge, and any lodge insignia approved by the Grand Master.

YOUR Committee finds this proposal: REGULAR