

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 2024

AMENDMENT #1

Part I, General Regulations, Section 2, Incorporation Pg. 3

Currently reads:

STATE OF OHIO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE ORDER OF THE AMARANTH, INCORPORATED

The undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a corporation, not for profit, under the provisions of Title XVII, Revised Code, do hereby certify:

FIRST: The name of said corporation shall be The Order of the Amaranth, Incorporated.

Currently reads:

SECOND: The place in this State where the principal office of the corporation is to be located is the city of *Hartville, Stark County*.

Amend to read:

SECOND: The place in this State where the principal office of the corporation is to be located is the city of *Uniontown, Stark County*.

Rationale: To comply with the correct City of the principal office stated in the Article of incorporation.

Submitted by HL Patti Baker – PGRM-Supreme Secretary

AMENDMENT #2

Section 28, STANDING COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES (A), Page 39

Now reads:

The following Standing Committees of the Supreme Council, to consist of not less than five members each, shall be appointed by the Supreme Royal Matron. Unless specified otherwise, the first member to be named to be Chairman, to wit: Addresses and Distribution, Credentials, Delinquents, Dispensations and Charters, Election, Finance, Fraternal Relations, Grand Court Bylaws, Jurisprudence, Leadership Training, Necrology, Press, Printing, Publication, Registration, Ritual, Rules and Regulations of Subordinate Courts (SCJ), Supreme Assembly and Web Page Committee. The Chairman, Supreme Budget Committee is as directed by Part II, Section 28

Action: Add: Vision (before webpage)

Would then read:

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Rationale: Continuity for the forward progression of the Order.

Submitted by: HL Luann Sprouse, HL Judy Harrison,
HL Stacy Harris, HL Cindi Brooks

AMENDMENT #3

Section 28, Now reads: STANDING COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES (A), Page 46-A

Now reads:

(19) The Web Page Committee shall have duties as follows: It is the duty of the Committee to exercise supervision and editorial control over the official Web Page of the Supreme Council. The Supreme Web Page will provide information about the Order of the Amaranth, the Supreme Officers, Grand Courts, Subordinate Courts, Amaranth Diabetes Foundation and their activities.

Action: Renumber Webpage to (20) and add

(19) Vision Committee

This committee will provide a forward-looking vision for the Order and members through regular brainstorming meetings. The committee is not limited in scope. Any area of interest or concern may be in scope for the committee, including existing membership initiatives, mentorship, new Court formation, advertising, etc. This committee will have a living agenda to adapt to the needs of the members, potential members, courts & potential courts.

(A) The Supreme Associate Conductress will recommend to the Supreme Royal Matron two (2) members to be on the committee for four (4) years. The Supreme Royal Matron will appoint a chairperson for a one (1) year term and two (2) members for a four (4) year term.

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Rationale: The duties and continuity of the committee need to be set forth for the future of the committee.

Submitted by: HL Luann Sprouse, HL Judy Harrison,
HL Stacy Harris, HL Cindi Brooks

AMENDMENT #4

Reference: Part III — Regulations for Grand Courts, Section 10 (C) Of Whom Composed, Page 57:

Now reads:

Past Grand Royal Matrons, Past Grand Royal Patrons, together with the Royal Matrons, Royal Patrons, Associate Matrons, Associate Patrons and Past Royal Matrons and Past Royal Patrons of the Courts under their respective jurisdiction and when permitted by the Grand Court Bylaws, Past Royal Matrons and Past Royal Patrons from other Grand Jurisdictions who have either affiliated with or have a dual membership with a Court within the jurisdiction. The Officers / Past Officers in this category are eligible to hold Grand Elected and Grand Appointed Offices, and for appointment to serve on Grand Court Standing or Special Committees.

Action — Omit the words ' or Special'.

Would then read:

Past Grand Royal Matrons, Past Grand Royal Patrons, together with the Royal Matrons, Royal Patrons, Associate Matrons, Associate Patrons and Past Royal Matrons and Past Royal Patrons of the Courts under their respective jurisdiction and when permitted by the Grand Court Bylaws, Past Royal Matrons and Past Royal Patrons from other Grand Jurisdictions who have either affiliated with or have a dual membership with a Court within the jurisdiction. The Officers / Past Officers in this category are eligible to hold Grand Elected and Grand Appointed Officers, and for appointment to serve on Grand Court Standing Committees eligible to hold Grand

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Rational:

Our Grand Courts are getting smaller each year. We need to encourage all members to participate in our Courts and our Grand Court's activities. These members bring so much to our organization even though they may not have yet served as a Royal Matron or Royal Patron in their jurisdictions.

Submitted by: Cherry Costis, PGRM-VA

AMENDMENT #5

Reference: Part II — Regulations for Supreme Council, Section 29, Page 47:

Now reads:

Special Committees of Supreme Council may be appointed by the Supreme Royal Matron. Only members of Supreme Council as set forth in Part II, Section 1, Supreme Constitution, shall be eligible for appointment to a Special Committee of Supreme Council.

Action — Delete second sentence 'Only members of Supreme Council as set forth in Part II, Section 1, Supreme Constitution, shall be eligible for appoint to a Special Committee of Supreme Council'.

Would then Read:

Special Committees of Supreme Council may be appointed by the Supreme Royal Matron.

Rational:

Our organization is getting smaller each year. If we have members who are interested enough to attend Supreme Council and want to participate in the activities of Supreme Council, we should not limit their participation. There are many jobs to be done at our Assembly that do not require in-depth knowledge of the Constitution.

Submitted by: HL Cherry Costis, PGRM

AMENDMENT #6

I move to amend Part II, Section 19, Subsection (E) as follows:

Currently reads:

(E) To promulgate the Annual Password in Code to the various Grand Royal Matrons and Royal Matrons of the Subordinate Courts (SCJ). It must be mailed, in code, to these Officers who are not present at the Supreme Council Assembly to receive it in person. She shall, also, promulgate the Annual Password to the Supreme Associate

Matron, Supreme Royal Patron and those Past Supreme Royal Matrons and Past Supreme Royal Patrons who are present at the Supreme Council Assembly.

Amend to read:

(E) To promulgate the Annual Password in code to the various Grand Royal Matrons and Royal Matrons of the Subordinate Courts (SCJ). It must be mailed, in code, within 10 days following the close of Supreme Council. She shall promulgate the Annual Password to the Supreme Associate Matron and the Supreme Royal Patron, mouth to ear, immediately following the close of the Supreme Council Assembly.

Would then read:

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Rationale:

We do many unwise things in the Order of the Amaranth, but the worst of them all is kicking all the dignitaries, family and friends out of our Supreme Assembly installation and closing just so that Grand Royal Matrons, Royal Matrons of Courts under Supreme Council Jurisdiction and past Supreme Royal Matrons and Patrons can get the password. It flies in the face of the ritual (part of the Constitution) which states "The Annual Password ...can be received lawfully only from your Royal Matron, or the Honored Lady Associate matron presiding in the absence of the Royal Matron..."

Submitted by: George L. Herbolsheimer IV, PSRP

AMENDMENT #7

Part V – General Regulations

Add: New Section 8: Animals at Amaranth Functions

Would Now Read:

*Section 8: Animals at Amaranth Functions

No animal(s) will be allowed in any function unless they have been fully trained and meet the guidelines of the American Disabilities Act. Owners must be able to answer two questions: (1) is the animal a service animal and (2) what work or task has the animal been trained to perform? All animals shall be maintained and controlled by the owner to which the animal is providing service, to include animal relief. In the case of an out-of-control animal, the owner shall immediately remove the animal from the function. If the owner fails to remove the animal, those in charge of the function shall have the authority to instruct the owner to remove the animal. The owner of the animal shall have sole responsibility and liability for any property damages or injuries to others.*

Rational: Animals are being utilized more and more to assist members with disabilities. These types of animals need to be fully trained and maintained by the person receiving their service. There never should be a time when our members need to be concerned about an animal being disruptive, or lunging, barking or biting. Amaranth should not be held liable for any injuries or damages incurred by an animal at any of their functions.

Submitted by: HL Dorothy Kippie, SK George Ullrich, SK Tony Saitta, HL Linda Millo

AMENDMENT #8

Part IV, Sec. 25 MEETINGS OF A SUBORDINATE COURT, paragraph (G) & (H) page 87.

Currently reads:

(G) Any Meeting of a subordinate Court for any business except Conferring the Degree, Election and Installation of Officers (when a Royal Patron, Associate Patron or a Past Royal Patron must preside), may be opened and held by six members and with the Royal Matron or Associate Matron and the Charter being present. (ALL)

(H) The number of Officers required to confer the Degree is twenty-one (21), of which a Royal Patron, Associate Patron or a Past Royal Patron must be one. (ALL)

Action: Delete in its entirety and renumber following paragraphs

Would then read:

Renumber (I) through (L) as (G) through (I)

Rational: Remove conflict with change passed at the 2023 Session and redundancy with Ritual.

Submitted by: HL June Chalquist Haas, PSRM HL Jeanne Milton, PSRM

AMENDMENT #9

Section 24 Authority and Duties of the Supreme Secretary Page 32 Paragraph U

Now Reads

(U) The Supreme Secretary shall prepare, have printed and distribute annually copies of all pages of the Supreme Constitution which are revised by amendments approved by the Supreme Council Assembly at no cost to the membership.

Delete and replace with;

(U) The Supreme Secretary shall prepare, have printed and distribute annually copies of all pages of the Supreme Constitution which are revised by amendments approved by the Supreme Council Assembly at no cost to the membership. Revised copies of the electronic version of the Supreme Constitution shall be distributed to current electronic copy holders in its entirety. If the revised electronic copy of the Supreme Constitution cannot be sent via email, the Supreme Secretary shall advise the recipient(s) that a new electronic version is available for purchase. The purchase price shall include the cost for the electronic media storage device and all shipping costs.

Rational:

The Supreme Council should not be burdened with the additional cost associated with distributing the revised Supreme Constitution on a thumb drive or other electronic media storage device. This amendment would allow the Supreme Secretary to recover these associated costs.

Submitted by the Supreme Trustees
S.K. George Kuhns, HL Dorothy Kippie, HL June Haas

AMENDMENT #10

Part II, Section 24, Authorities and Duties of the Supreme Secretary, (I), Page 29

Now Reads:

“To notify under Corporate Seal All Grand Courts and Subordinate Courts (SCJ) the names of all Elective and Appointive Officers within such Grand Court or Subordinate Court (SCJ). To prepare a Directory of all Supreme Elective and Appointive Officers and Standing and Special Committees, which shall contain a listing of the Grand Elective Line Officers and Secretaries of all Grand Courts and the same for all Subordinate Courts (SCJ). Also, the dates and place of the next Grand Court Session and the meeting places and dates of the Subordinate Courts (SCJ). It shall also contain a copy of the Supreme Royal Matron’s itinerary, a listing of all Past Supreme Patrons and addresses and telephone numbers of those still surviving. The Directory

will be provided gratis to all Supreme Elective Officers and an Office Copy for each Grand Court and Subordinate Court Secretary (SCJ). Others may purchase a copy for the price determined by the cost of printing plus postage. All orders for the Directory must be received by the Supreme Secretary by July 15 each year. Printing and distribution must be completed by October 1.

Insert on Line 9:

Royal Matrons and Past Supreme Royal

Insert on Line 12:

* A digital copy will be on the Members Only page of the Supreme Web site. *

Will Now Read:

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Submitted by H.L. Dianne Dean, PSRM

AMENDMENT #11

I move to amend Part III, Section 13 Grand Courts, How Dissolved as follows:

Currently reads:

Sec. 13 GRAND COURTS, HOW DISSOLVED

(A) If for any reason a Grand Court wishes to surrender its charter or if the Grand Court consists of a number less than four (4) Subordinate Courts, it shall then become the duty of the Presiding Grand Royal Matron to summon the Representatives of the remaining Subordinate Courts, namely, their Royal Matrons, Associate Matrons, Past Royal Matrons, Royal Patrons, Associate Patrons, and Past Royal Patrons. They may petition Supreme Council that they are ready to surrender their Charter.

(A) Should a Grand Court Charter be, either temporarily or permanently suspended, then the Subordinate Courts thereunder shall be placed under the control of Supreme Council. If the Grand Charter is restored, then all of the Subordinate Courts are again placed under the Grand Court’s control.

Amend to read:

Section 13. GRAND COURTS, HOW MERGED OR DISSOLVED

(A) If a Grand Court consists of a number less than four (4) Subordinate Courts, it shall then become the duty of the Grand Royal Matron, at least once during her term, to summon the Representatives of the remaining subordinate Courts, namely their Royal Matrons, Royal Patrons, Past Royal Matrons, Past Royal Patrons, Associate

Matrons and Associate Patrons to discuss the future of the Grand Court. The Representatives at such meeting may vote to continue the Grand Court as presently constituted, to ask for a merger with a contiguous Grand Court or to surrender their Charter.

- (B) Merger - If the Representatives of the Grand Court (the "Merging Grand Court") vote to request a merger with a contiguous Grand Court (the "Surviving Grand Court"), it shall then become the duty of the Presiding Grand Royal Matron of the Merging Grand Court to request of the Grand Royal Matron of the Surviving Grand Court if the Surviving Grand Court would consider a merger with the Merging Grand Court. Upon such request, it shall be the duty of the Grand Royal Matron of the Surviving Grand Court to summon the Representatives, as aforesaid, of the Subordinate Courts of her jurisdiction. At such meeting, the Representatives of the Subordinate Courts of the Surviving Grand Court shall vote, by majority vote, if they wish to merge with the Merging Grand Court. If the vote is in the affirmative, a committee of five, three appointed by the Grand Royal Matron of the Surviving Grand Court and two appointed by the Grand Royal Matron of the Merging Grand Court, shall be appointed to work out the detail of the merger, including, without limitation, the appropriate ratifying resolutions to be adopted at each Grand Court's Annual Session. These resolutions must be approved by each Grand Court by a 2/3rds majority. The name of the Surviving Grand Court and its officers would be the initial name and officers of the merged Grand Court; however, the date of precedence will be the older of the Grand Courts and further, the committee may suggest another name or officers which would only be effected by the ratifying vote of both Grand Courts at their annual session. The actual merger may be consummated at any time after the affirmative vote of both Grand Courts at their annual session. The charter of the Merging Grand Court shall be kept and preserved by the merged Grand Court.
- (C) Dissolution - If the Representatives vote to surrender the Charter, or if a merger of Grand Courts cannot be effected, it shall then become the duty of the Presiding Grand Royal Matron to offer a Resolution at the Grand Court session to petition Supreme Council that they are ready to surrender their Charter. This resolution must be approved by the Grand Court by a 2/3rds majority. Should a Grand Court Charter be, either temporarily or permanently suspended, then the Subordinate Courts thereunder shall be placed under the control of Supreme Council. If the Grand Charter is restored, then all of the Subordinate Courts are again placed under the Grand Court's control.

Would the read:

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- (A) If a Grand Court consists of a number less than four (4) Subordinate Courts, it shall then become the duty of the Grand Royal Matron, at least once during her term, to summon the Representatives of the remaining subordinate Courts,

namely their Royal Matrons, Royal Patrons, Past Royal Matrons, Past Royal Patrons, Associate Matrons and Associate Patrons to discuss the future of the Grand Court. The Representatives at such meeting may vote to continue the Grand Court as presently constituted, to ask for a merger with a contiguous Grand Court or to surrender their Charter.

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- (C) Dissolution - If the Representatives vote to surrender the Charter, or if a merger of Grand Courts cannot be effected, it shall then become the duty of the Presiding Grand Royal Matron to offer a Resolution at the Grand Court session to petition Supreme Council that they are ready to surrender their Charter. This resolution must be approved by the Grand Court by a 2/3rds majority. Should a Grand Court Charter be, either temporarily or permanently suspended, then the Subordinate Courts thereunder shall be placed under the control of Supreme Council. If the Grand Charter is restored, then all of the Subordinate Courts are again placed under the Grand Court's control.

Rationale:

Many of our Subordinate Courts under Grand Courts could be strengthened by merging their Grand Court, which may also be weak, with a contiguous Grand Court. Members of a Subordinate Court under a Grand Court tend to be more willing to help another Subordinate Court in their Grand Court than they do to assist a Subordinate Court (SCJ) on a regular basis. Surrendering a Charter of a Grand Court and putting its Subordinate Courts under Supreme Council Jurisdiction should be a last resort.

Additionally, many of our Grand Courts have operated for decades with four or fewer Subordinate Courts, and although it is a good idea for the Grand Court to annually discuss the future of their Grand Court, there is no reason that “We’re fine with our Grand Court and two or three Subordinate Courts.” cannot be an acceptable answer.

Submitted by SK George L. Herbolsheimer IV, PGRP, MA

AMENDMENT #12

Sec 43 Page 101 of the Constitution Currently States:

A member can be expelled from the Order only as a penalty of charges filed under the Penal Code of which they have been judged guilty, after due trial. Such expulsion is permanent unless the expelled member is restored to membership in accordance with the article entitled “Restoration” section entitled "Expelled Member" of the Penal Code

Suggested Action:

Delete the last sentence and continue the first sentence with,” subject to compliance with the Penal Code including any, appeal filed by the defendant and appropriate notice in writing informing such defendant of the expulsion and providing full details and time periods regarding the defendant’s right to appeal.” Also, change the word judged to fully adjudicated in the first sentence.

Would then read:

A member can be expelled from the Order only as a penalty of charges filed under the Penal Code of which they have been fully adjudicated guilty, after due trial, subject to compliance with the Penal Code including any, appeal filed by the defendant and appropriate notice in writing informing such defendant of the expulsion and providing full details and time periods regarding the defendant’s right to appeal

Rationale:

Expulsion should be a permanent penalty. Any penalty that allows for return, should be listed under suspension. Fully adjudicated is a more appropriate term describing the completion of proceedings in a matter.

Submitted by: SK Michael Storck DSRP NY

AMENDMENT #13

Part II- Regulations for Supreme Council, Sec. 26, AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF THE SUPREME LECTURER, DEPUTY SUPREME ROYAL MATRONS AND DEPUTY SUPREME ROYAL PATRONS, paragraphs (A) – (N), page 36A-page 38.

Now reads:

(A) It shall be the duty of the Supreme Lecturer to attend the Annual Assembly, and if required, to exemplify the Floor Work and Lectures before the Supreme Council.

(B) The Supreme Lecturer has general supervision over the Ritualistic Work, as adopted by the Supreme Council. The outgoing Supreme Lecturer will be responsible for the Ritualistic Work of Supreme Council through and including the Uncrowning Ceremony. The incoming Supreme Lecturer will be responsible for the Ritualistic Work of Supreme Council beginning with the Rehearsal and Installation Ceremony. The incoming Supreme Lecturer may prepare, have printed and distributed, from the Supreme Office, a letter of instructions on the Ritualistic work. This letter shall be ready at Supreme Council and will be presented to the incoming Chairman, Ritual Committee for review and signature prior to approval of the incoming Supreme Royal Matron.

(C) It shall be the duty of the Deputy Supreme Royal Matron or Patron, who has been designated as the Instructor, to visit the Subordinate Court (SCJ), to whom they have been appointed, when possible. They shall have authority to inspect and instruct the Officers of the Court in the Ritualistic work and perform any other duty authorized by the Supreme Royal Matron, in writing. A copy thereof being provided the Royal Matron of the Subordinate Court.

(D) When a Subordinate Court (SCJ) requests a visit from the Supreme Lecturer or Deputy Supreme Royal Matron or Patron, the mileage of said Officer must be paid by the Subordinate Court making the request. No expenses incurred by the Supreme Lecturer, Deputy Supreme Royal Matron or Patron shall be paid by the Supreme Council.

(E) The Supreme Lecturer shall issue all necessary instructions regarding Ritualistic Work, when authorized to do so by the Supreme Royal Matron, to the Grand Royal Matrons and to Deputy Supreme Royal Matrons and Patrons having Subordinate Courts in the Jurisdiction assigned to them. A copy of instructions on Ritualistic Work shall be furnished to the Supreme Royal Matron, Supreme Secretary for record, and to the Chairman of the Ritual Committee.

(F) The Deputy Supreme Royal Matrons and Deputy Supreme Royal Patrons are held responsible for the Ritualistic Work in the Jurisdiction assigned to them.

(G) The Grand Royal Matrons, Deputy Supreme Royal Matrons and Deputy Supreme Royal Patrons shall make concise Annual Reports to the Supreme Lecturer, regarding the Ritualistic Work in the Jurisdiction assigned to them, at least 30 days before the Annual Assembly. The Supreme Lecturer in turn will report to the Supreme Royal Matron her or his findings at least 10 days before the Annual Assembly. All reports shall be typewritten in triplicate.

(H) The Supreme Lecturer, Deputy Supreme Royal Matrons and Deputy Supreme Royal Patrons shall be provided with an Appointment Card signed by the Supreme Royal Matron, and under the Corporate Seal of the Supreme Council. The Deputy Supreme Royal Matrons and Patrons Appointment Cards will be given to them at the

Supreme Assembly or to the Supreme Royal Patron for distribution to the Officer whom he authorizes to attend to their Installation, if they are not present.

(I) No member shall be appointed Supreme Lecturer, Deputy Supreme Royal Matron or Deputy Supreme Royal Patron who has not served as Grand Royal Matron or Grand Royal Patron, or as a Royal Matron or Royal Patron of a Subordinate Court (SCJ) and retains membership in Supreme Council.

(J) The Deputy Supreme Royal Matrons shall have general supervision over the State or Jurisdiction for which they are appointed.

(K) The Deputy Supreme Royal Matron appointed to represent the Supreme Royal Matron at the Organization of a Subordinate Court (SCJ) shall have the power to communicate the Annual Password to the Royal Matron.

(L) All Deputy Supreme Royal Matrons shall make themselves thoroughly conversant with the Laws, Rules and Regulations and Ritual of the Order, and shall conform to the same and give rehearsals, wherever possible.

(M) Each Deputy Supreme Royal Matron (Instructors) and Deputy Supreme Royal Patron (Instructors) shall officially visit the Subordinate Court (SCJ) to which they are appointed. They shall examine the books and records only if authorized, in writing, by the Supreme Royal Matron. Such Deputies must make a report of their findings, in writing, within thirty (30) days to the Supreme Royal Matron.

(N) Deputies or members who organize Subordinate Courts (SCJ) shall be allowed expenses of \$100.00 per Subordinate Court. Supreme Royal Matron to name the members entitled.

Change to read:

Add to Title:

Sec. 26, *DEPUTY SUPREME ROYAL MATRONS (INSTRUCTOR), DEPUTY SUPREME ROYAL PATRONS (INSTRUCTOR)*

Move paragraph (H) to first paragraph in this section, re-letter (A). Add Deputy Supreme Royal Matron (Instructor), Deputy Supreme Royal Patron (Instructor), after Supreme Lecturer. In the second sentence add Deputy Supreme Royal before Patrons.

Move paragraph (I) to second paragraph in this section and re-letter (B). Add Deputy Supreme Royal Matron (Instructor), Deputy Supreme Royal Patron (Instructor), after Supreme Lecturer.

After paragraph (I) is moved and re-lettered (B), add sub-sections as follows:

(C) Supreme Lecturer:

- 1) It shall be the duty of the Supreme Lecturer to attend the Annual Assembly, and if required, to exemplify the Floor Work and Lectures before the Supreme Council.
- 2) The Supreme Lecturer has general supervision over the Ritualistic Work, as adopted by the Supreme Council. The outgoing Supreme Lecturer will be responsible for the Ritualistic Work of Supreme Council through and including the Uncrowning Ceremony. The incoming Supreme Lecturer will be responsible for the Ritualistic Work of Supreme Council beginning with the Rehearsal and Installation Ceremony. The incoming Supreme Lecturer may prepare, have printed and distributed, from the Supreme Office, a letter of instructions on the Ritualistic work. This letter shall be ready at Supreme Council and will be presented to the incoming Chairman, Ritual Committee for review and signature prior to approval of the incoming Supreme Royal Matron.
- 3) The Supreme Lecturer shall issue all necessary instructions regarding Ritualistic Work, when authorized to do so by the Supreme Royal Matron, to the Grand Royal Matrons and to Deputy Supreme Royal Matrons (Instructors) and Deputy Supreme Royal Patrons (Instructors) having Subordinate Courts in the Jurisdiction assigned to them. A copy of instructions on Ritualistic Work shall be furnished to the Supreme Royal Matron, Supreme Secretary for record, and to the Chairman of the Ritual Committee.
- 4) When a Subordinate Court (SCJ) requests a visit from the Supreme Lecturer, the mileage of said Officer must be paid by the Subordinate Court making the request. No expenses incurred by the Supreme Lecturer shall be paid by the Supreme Council.
- 5) The Supreme Lecturer will summarize the overall proficiency and quality of the ritualistic work of the members in a report to the Supreme Royal Matron at least 10 days before the Annual Assembly.

(D) Deputy Supreme Royal Matron (Instructor) and Deputy Supreme Royal Patron (Instructor):

- 1) A Certificate of Appointment (Form 401A or B), bearing the signature and seal of the Supreme Royal Matron, shall be issued to the Deputy Supreme Royal Matron (Instructor) or Deputy Supreme Royal Patron (Instructor), who shall personally present same, by October 31st, to the Secretary of the Subordinate Court (SCJ) to which they are appointed to be read at the stated meeting and recorded in the minutes.
- 2) The Deputy Supreme Royal Matron (Instructor) or Deputy Supreme Royal Patron (Instructor) shall have general supervision over the Subordinate Court (SCJ) to which they are appointed. They will be responsible for the ritualistic work in the Court (SCJ) to which they are appointed and shall clarify any questions that may arise pertaining to the ritualistic work of the Order.
- 3) Each Deputy Supreme Royal Matron (Instructor) or Deputy Supreme Royal Patron (Instructor) shall conduct two rehearsals and make one Official Visit to the Subordinate Court (SCJ) under their charge. They shall examine the books

and records, and complete form 400 (Official Report of Deputy Supreme Royal Matron Instructor/Deputy Supreme Royal Patron Instructor). Reports of the Deputy Supreme Royal Matron (Instructor) and Deputy Supreme Royal Patron (Instructor) are to be sent to the Supreme Royal Matron, Supreme Associate Matron, Supreme Lecturer and Supreme Secretary.

- 4) No expenses incurred by the Deputy Supreme Royal Matron (Instructor) and Deputy Supreme Royal Patron (Instructor) shall be paid by the Supreme Council.

(E) Deputy Supreme Royal Matron and Deputy Supreme Royal Patron:

- 1) Deputy Supreme Royal Matrons and Deputy Supreme Royal Patrons shall be appointed to jurisdictions where no Grand Court exists to promote the Order of the Amaranth and organize new courts in those areas.
- 2) All Deputy Supreme Royal Matrons and Deputy Supreme Royal Patrons shall make themselves thoroughly conversant with the Laws, Rules and Regulations and Ritual of the Order, and shall conform to the same.
- 3) The Deputy Supreme Royal Matron appointed to represent the Supreme Royal Matron at the Organization of a Subordinate Court (SCJ) shall have the power to communicate the Annual Password to the Royal Matron.
- 4) Deputy Supreme Royal Matrons, Deputy Supreme Royal Patrons or members who organize Subordinate Courts (SCJ) shall be allowed expenses of \$100.00 per Subordinate Court. Supreme Royal Matron to name the members entitled. Member shall submit expense report with receipts to the Supreme Secretary for reimbursement.
- 5) Deputy Supreme Royal Matrons and Deputy Supreme Royal Patrons should try to make contact with other Masonic Orders in the Jurisdiction they are assigned to promote the Order of the Amaranth and assess the feasibility of starting Amaranth Courts in that Jurisdiction (if no courts currently exist).
- 6) Deputy Supreme Royal Matrons and Deputy Supreme Royal Patrons shall plan at least one event in the jurisdiction they are assigned to promote the Order of the Amaranth or attend a Masonic Open House or similar event to assess the possibility of a new court in that area.

Would then read:

Sec. 26, AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF THE SUPREME LECTURER, DEPUTY SUPREME ROYAL MATRONS (INSTRUCTOR), DEPUTY SUPREME ROYAL

PATRONS (INSTRUCTOR), DEPUTY SUPREME ROYAL MATRONS AND DEPUTY SUPREME ROYAL PATRONS

- A) The Supreme Lecturer, Deputy Supreme Royal Matron (Instructor), Deputy Supreme Royal Patron (Instructor), Deputy Supreme Royal Matrons and Deputy Supreme Royal Patrons shall be provided with an Appointment Card signed by the Supreme Royal Matron, and under the Corporate Seal of the Supreme Council. The Deputy Supreme Royal Matron (Instructor), Deputy Supreme Royal Patron (Instructor), Deputy Supreme Royal Matrons and Deputy Supreme Royal Patrons Appointment Cards will be given to them at the Supreme Assembly or to the Supreme Royal Patron for distribution to the Officer whom he authorizes to attend to their Installation, if they are not present.
- B) No member shall be appointed Supreme Lecturer, Deputy Supreme Royal Matron (Instructor), Deputy Supreme Royal Patron (Instructor), Deputy Supreme Royal Matron or Deputy Supreme Royal Patron who has not served as Grand Royal Matron or Grand Royal Patron, or as a Royal Matron or Royal Patron of a subordinate Court (SCJ) and retains membership in Supreme Council.

(C) Supreme Lecturer:

- 1) It shall be the duty of the Supreme Lecturer to attend the Annual Assembly, and if required, to exemplify the Floor Work and Lectures before the Supreme Council.
- 2) The Supreme Lecturer has general supervision over the Ritualistic Work, as adopted by the Supreme Council. The outgoing Supreme Lecturer will be responsible for the Ritualistic Work of Supreme Council through and including the Uncrowning Ceremony. The incoming Supreme Lecturer will be responsible for the Ritualistic Work of Supreme Council beginning with the Rehearsal and Installation Ceremony. The incoming Supreme Lecturer may prepare, have printed and distributed, from the Supreme Office, a letter of instructions on the Ritualistic work. This letter shall be ready at Supreme Council and will be presented to the incoming Chairman, Ritual Committee for review and signature prior to approval of the incoming Supreme Royal Matron.
- 3) The Supreme Lecturer shall issue all necessary instructions regarding Ritualistic Work, when authorized to do so by the Supreme Royal Matron, to the Grand Royal Matrons and to Deputy Supreme Royal Matrons (Instructors) and Deputy Supreme Royal Patrons (Instructors) having Subordinate Courts in the Jurisdiction assigned to them. A copy of instructions on Ritualistic Work shall be furnished to the Supreme Royal Matron, Supreme Secretary for record, and to the Chairman of the Ritual Committee.
- 4) When a Subordinate Court (SCJ) requests a visit from the Supreme Lecturer, the mileage of said Officer must be paid by the Subordinate Court making the request. No expenses incurred by the Supreme Lecturer shall be paid by the Supreme Council.

- 5) The Supreme Lecturer will summarize the overall proficiency and quality of the ritualistic work of the members in a report to the Supreme Royal Matron at least 10 days before the Annual Assembly.

(D) Deputy Supreme Royal Matron (Instructor) and Deputy Supreme Royal Patron (Instructor):

- 1) A Certificate of Appointment (Form 401A or B), bearing the signature and seal of the Supreme Royal Matron, shall be issued to the Deputy Supreme Royal Matron (Instructor) or Deputy Supreme Royal Patron (Instructor), who shall personally present same, by October 31st, to the Secretary of the Subordinate Court (SCJ) to which they are appointed to be read at the stated meeting and recorded in the minutes.
- 2) The Deputy Supreme Royal Matron (Instructor) or Deputy Supreme Royal Patron (Instructor) shall have general supervision over the Subordinate Court (SCJ) to which they are appointed. They will be responsible for the ritualistic work in the Court (SCJ) to which they are appointed and shall clarify any questions that may arise pertaining to the ritualistic work of the Order.
- 3) Each Deputy Supreme Royal Matron (Instructor) or Deputy Supreme Royal Patron (Instructor) shall conduct two rehearsals and make one Official Visit to the Subordinate Court (SCJ) under their charge. They shall examine the books and records, and complete form 400 (Official Report of Deputy Supreme Royal Matron Instructor/Deputy Supreme Royal Patron Instructor). Reports of the Deputy Supreme Royal Matron (Instructor) and Deputy Supreme Royal Patron (Instructor) are to be sent to the Supreme Royal Matron, Supreme Associate Matron, Supreme Lecturer and Supreme Secretary.
- 4) No expenses incurred by the Deputy Supreme Royal Matron (Instructor) and Deputy Supreme Royal Patron (Instructor) shall be paid by the Supreme Council.

(E) Deputy Supreme Royal Matron and Deputy Supreme Royal Patron:

- 1) Deputy Supreme Royal Matrons and Deputy Supreme Royal Patrons shall be appointed to jurisdictions where no Grand Court exists to promote the Order of the Amaranth and organize new courts in those areas.
- 2) All Deputy Supreme Royal Matrons and Deputy Supreme Royal Patrons shall make themselves thoroughly conversant with the Laws, Rules and Regulations and Ritual of the Order, and shall conform to the same.
- 3) The Deputy Supreme Royal Matron appointed to represent the Supreme Royal Matron at the Organization of a Subordinate Court (SCJ) shall have the power to communicate the Annual Password to the Royal Matron.

- 4) Deputy Supreme Royal Matrons, Deputy Supreme Royal Patrons or members who organize Subordinate Courts (SCJ) shall be allowed expenses of \$100.00 per Subordinate Court. Supreme Royal Matron to name the members entitled. Member shall submit expense report with receipts to the Supreme Secretary for reimbursement.
- 5) Deputy Supreme Royal Matrons and Deputy Supreme Royal Patrons should try to make contact with other Masonic Orders in the Jurisdiction they are assigned to promote the Order of the Amaranth and assess the feasibility of starting Amaranth Courts in that Jurisdiction (if no courts currently exist).
- 6) Deputy Supreme Royal Matrons and Deputy Supreme Royal Patrons shall plan at least one event in the jurisdiction they are assigned to promote the Order of the Amaranth or attend a Masonic Open House or similar event to assess the possibility of a new court in that area.

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AMENDMENT 14

Sec 19, AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF THE SUPREME ROYAL MATRON, paragraph (N), page 21

Now reads:

(N) She shall appoint Deputy Supreme Royal Matrons and Deputy Supreme Royal Patrons to States or Countries where no Grand Court exists. No Deputies shall be named to any country not officially recognized by the Government of the Nation wherein the Charter of the Order of the Amaranth has been granted.

Change:

Add the following sentence:

She shall appoint one Deputy Supreme Royal Matron (Instructor) or Deputy Supreme Royal Patron (Instructor) to assist the Subordinate Court (SCJ) to which they are appointed. Duties of these officers shall be as described in Part II- Regulations for Supreme Council, Sec. 26.

In existing paragraph, change "States or Countries" to Jurisdictions. Change "Deputies" to Deputy Supreme Royal Matron or Deputy Supreme Royal Patron.

Would then read:

(N) She shall appoint one Deputy Supreme Royal Matron (Instructor) or Deputy Supreme Royal Patron (Instructor) to assist the Subordinate Court (SCJ) to which they are appointed. Duties of these officers shall be as described in Part II-Regulations for Supreme Council, Sec. 26.

She shall appoint Deputy Supreme Royal Matrons and Deputy Supreme Royal Patrons to Jurisdictions where no Grand Court exists. No Deputy Supreme Royal Matron or Deputy Supreme Royal Patron shall be named to any country not officially recognized by the Government of the Nation wherein the Charter of the Order of the Amaranth has been granted.

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AMENDMENT #15

Penal Code

Currently reads:

ARTICLE VI: Restoration Section I Expelled Member

(A) Any person who is expelled wishing to be restored, must submit a Petition for Membership, "Form 101 or Form 102, as applicable to the Subordinate Court of which they were a member at the time of the trial. Such petition must be presented at a stated meeting of the Subordinate Court, and must lie over to the next stated meeting, and an Investigation Committee must be appointed.

(B) All Members of the Subordinate Court shall be notified that such a Petition has been presented and will be acted upon at the next Stated Meeting.

(C) The vote shall be by Paper ballot, and if it be unanimously favorable, such member shall be restored to her or his original membership and standing. If the vote is not unanimously favorable but is 2/3rds (two thirds) favorable such person shall be restored to good standing, but not to membership, and such person shall be given a Certificate of Good Standing, setting out in such petition the fact that application had been made to the Subordinate Court and had resulted in rejection.

(D) No Petition for restoration to membership shall be received from an expelled member until two years after the date of expulsion

Action suggested:

Delete A, B, C, and D and replace with

(A) An Expelled Member is not eligible for reinstatement.

Would then read:

(A) An expelled Member is not eligible for reinstatement.

Rationale:

Suspension Covers the possibility of reinstatement. Expulsion should be a permanent status. Clarity of the Constitution and Penal Code

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AMENDMENT #12

Page 37 Section 3: Court Ceased to Exist

Currently Reads:

- (B) If the Subordinate Court in which an expelled person was last a member of the Subordinate Court ceased to exist, such person may petition the Grand Court or Supreme Council under whose jurisdiction such defunct Subordinate Court was held, for membership in the Order.

Action Suggested: Delete in its entirety.

Rationale: Expelled persons are not eligible for membership

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