# Account of Resolutions 2022 Grand Chapter Session

By Committee on Jurisprudence of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina

In accordance with the Rules of Order set forth in Article X of the Grand Chapter Bylaws, Resolutions were read beginning at 2:00 P.M. on June 14, 2022. The following is an account of action taken by the Grand Chapter on each Resolution:

RESOLUTION 1: Defeated. Resolution 1 addressed permitting the subordinate chapters to conduct legal fund-raising raffles in Grand Chapter Rules and Regulations, Article XII, Section 163.

RESOLUTION 2: Adopted. Resolution 2 addressed guidelines to handle technology issues in the Grand Chapter office. The following language shall be added to Grand Chapter Bylaws, Article V, Duties of Grand Trustees, Section 66:

"(g) The Grand Trustees and the Grand Secretary are to handle all technical issues in the Grand Chapter office, to hire an outside technician when needed and to ensure all membership records, documents and financial records are securely stored on a server in the Grand Chapter office."

And be added to Grand Chapter Bylaws, Article V, Grand Secretary, Section 46:

"(c) The Grand Trustees and the Grand Secretary are to handle all technical issues in the Grand Chapter office, to hire an outside technician when needed and to ensure all membership records, documents and financial records are securely stored on a server in the Grand Chapter office."

RESOLUTION 3: Adopted. Resolution 3 addresses deleting the Music Committee, Article VII, Section 101 of the Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Music Committee, Article VII, Section 101 be deleted in its entirety."

RESOLUTION 4: Defeated. Resolution 4 addressed deleting several duties of the Finance Committee and adding duties to the Grand Trustees.

RESOLUTION 5: Adopted. Resolution 5 addressed the Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, Article II, Section 8 adding to the list of Appointed Officers the Grand Lecturer. The following language be added to Grand Chapter Bylaws, Article II, Section 8:

"In the Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, Article II, APPOINTIVE OFFICERS, Section 8, insert Grand Lecturer under Grand Chaplain."

Section 8 shall read as follows"

Grand Chaplain
Grand Esther
Grand Lecturer
Grand Marshal
Grand Organist
Grand Organist
Grand Adah
Grand Sentinel

Grand Ruth

RESOLUTION 6: Adopted. Resolution 6 addressed Article VII, Book of Instruction, Section 99 deleting the wording "following the General Grand Chapter Assembly." The last sentence of Section 99 shall read: "This Committee shall make a written report at the session of Grand Chapter."

RESOLUTION 7: Adopted. Resolution 7 addressed Article VI, Dual Membership, Section 135(a) and Section 135(b), stating the stations of the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Associate

Patron, Secretary, Treasurer, Conductress, and Associate Conductress may not be held in more than one chapter at a time. As amended, the fourth sentence in Grand Chapter Rules and Regulations Article VI, Dual Membership, Section 135(a) would read as follows:

"A member holding dual membership within this Grand Jurisdiction may hold the offices of Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Associate Patron, Secretary, Treasurer, Conductress and Associate Conductress but not the same office in more than one chapter at a time."

As amended the second sentence in Grand Chapter Rules and Regulations Article VI, Dual Membership, Section 135(b) would read as follows:

"A member holding dual membership outside this Grand Jurisdiction may hold the offices of Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Associate Patron, Secretary, Treasurer, Conductress and Associate Conductress but not the same office in more than one chapter at a time."

RESOLUTION 8. Adopted. Resolution 8 addressed the Grand Trustees not receiving copies of the financial records of the Grand Chapter on a regular basis. The following shall be added to the Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, Article V, Duties of the Grand Trustees, Section 66(g):

"The three (3) Grand Trustees shall receive copies of all financial records in a timely manner."

RESOLUTION 9. Adopted. Resolution 9 addressed the adding to the Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, Article VII, Sections 85(b), 105 and 106 permanent Identifying Charities, Regenerative Medicine Committee and Service Dogs Committee. The following additions shall be made to the Bylaws of the Grand Chapter::

"Article VII, Section 85(b) under NC OES Web Site insert Regenerative Medicine and under Regenerative Medicine insert Service Dogs."

Article VII Sections 105 and 106 shall be renumbered to Sections 107 And 108 with no change in current wording.

Article VII, Section 105 shall read as follows: (New Section)

## **Regenerative Medicine Committee**

(Permanent Identifying Charity)

Section 105. This Committee shall consist of five (5) members, who shall be a past or present Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron, in good standing in a Subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction. The 2023-2024 Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint one member each for five, four, three, two and one year respectively. Thereafter, each year, the Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint a member for a five year-term. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron shall be ex officio members of this Committee.

The duties of this Committee shall be:

- 1. To promote and encourage support of the widespread recognition of this permanent identifying charity of Regenerative Medicine.
- 2. To be knowledgeable, informative and well-spoken regarding Regenerative Medicine.
- 3. To provide support to those involved in this effort throughout this Jurisdiction.
- 4. To assist in the continued success of the objective.
- 5. To ensure the monies collected are to be used to support Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine (WFIRM) research in North Carolina.

Article VII Section 106 shall read as follows: (New Section)

#### **Service Dogs Committee**

(Permanent Identifying Charity)

Section 106. This Committee shall consist of five (5) members, who shall be past or present Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron in good standing in a Subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction. The 2023-2024 Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint one member each for five, four, three, two and one year respectively. Thereafter each year, the Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint a member for a five-

year term. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron shall be ex officio members of this Committee.

The duties of this Committee shall be:

- 1. To promote and encourage support of the widespread recognition of this permanent identifying charity of Service Dogs.
- 2. To be knowledgeable, informative and well-spoken regarding Service Dogs.
- 3. To provide support to those involved in this effort throughout this Jurisdiction.
- 4. To assist in the continued success of the objective.
- 5. To ensure the monies collected are to be used to support the training of Service Dogs in North Carolina.
- 6. To see the placement of the Service Dog with any resident of North Carolina, who is in need of such a service animal.

Article VIII, Section 107 shall be renumbered to Article VIII Section 109, Article IX Section 108, 109, 110, 111 shall be renumbered to Article X, Section 114 with no change in current wording. Article III, Section 61 after (10) Membership add (11) Regenerative Medicine and (12) Service Dogs. Article III, Sections 72 and 73 shall be renumbered to Section 74 and 75 with no changes in current wording.

Article III, Section 72 shall read as follows: (New Section)

## Regenerative Medicine Committee

(Permanent Identifying Charity)

Section 72. This Committee shall consist of three (3) members whose duty it shall be to see that funds are raised for Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine (WFIRM) in North Carolina. The Committee shall make a written report to the Chapter on or before the second stated meeting in March.

Article III, Section 73 shall read as follows: (New Section)

#### **Service Dogs Committee**

(Permanent Identifying Charity)

Section 73. This Committee shall consist of three (3) members whose duty it shall be to see that funds are raised for the training of Service Dogs in North Carolina. These Service Dogs shall be placed with any resident of North Carolina who might require such a service animal. The Committee shall make a written report to the Chapter on or before the second stated meeting in March.

The remaining Articles and Sections be renumbered accordingly with no change in current wording. The Regenerative Medicine Committee and the Service Dogs Committee would become effective in the 2023-2024 Grand Chapter year.

RESOLUTION 10. Adopted. Resolution 10 addressed the addition of the Duties of the Grand Lecturer after the Duties of the Grand Chaplain in Article V, Section 67.

Article V, Section 68 shall read as follows: (New Section)

#### **Duties of the Grand Lecturer**

Article 68. The duties of the Grand Lecturer shall be:

- (a) To enhance the quality of the Ritualistic work of the Order.
- (b) To work closely with the Worthy Grand Matron and District Deputy Grand Matrons in the instruction of the work.
- (c) To assist the Worthy Grand Matron in directing the Grand Officers' Exemplifications and the District Schools of Instructions.
- (d) Shall perform such other duties as may be delegated.
- (e) Shall serve as the Chair of the Book of Instruction Committee.

The Bylaws of the Grand Chapter Article VI, Sections 68-76 be renumbered to 69-77, Article VII, sections 77-106 be renumbered 78-107, Article VIII, Section 107 be renumbered 108. Article IX

Sections 108-111 be renumbered 109-112, Article X, Section 112 renumbered 113 with no change in current wording.

The Bylaws of the Grand Chapter, Article VII, Section 99 starting on the fifth line delete a Past Grand Matron appointed by the Worthy Grand and first word on line six Matron and replace with the Grand Lecturer who shall serve as the Chair.

The new Article VII, Section 99 with the changes shall read as follow:

#### **Book of Instruction**

Section 99. There shall be a Committee on Book of Instruction which shall be composed of the Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress, a member of the Jurisprudence Committee to be selected by the Worthy Grand Matron and the Grand Lecturer who shall serve as the Chair. The Worthy Grand Matron shall be an ex officio member.

RESOLUTION 11. Adopted. Resolution 11 addressed Article VII, Proficiency Questionnaire, Section 106 of the Bylaws of the Grand Chapter. The following additions are to be made to the Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina Article VII, Proficiency Questionnaire, Section 106, second paragraph starting with the third and fourth sentences and will read as follows:

"The Worthy Patron assisted by the Worthy Matron of each Subordinate Chapter shall have charge of the Proficiency Questionnaire. An oral examination shall be given under their direction, in the absence of the Worthy Patron the oral examination shall be given by the Worthy Matron and the Worthy Patron or Worthy Matron will certify to the Secretary of the Chapter those who have passed the Proficiency Questionnaire."

RESOLUTION 12. Adopted. Resolution 12 addressed membership data in Article V, Keep Books of Account, Section 55(b) of the Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

Article V, Keep Books of Account, Section 55(b) of the Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina shall read follows:

- (b) The Grand Secretary shall secure proper and sufficient information from the secretaries of Subordinate Chapters on all memberships required to keep and maintain an accurate and current membership file of each member of all Subordinate Chapters.
- (c) A list of members' names, addresses, phone numbers (landline or cell) and email addresses, in part or whole, shall not be sold, given or shared with any other organization and/or company.

# RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOOK OF INSTRUCTION FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTH CAROLINA ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

This addressed the section Duties of the Officers of Subordinate Chapters requiring the Sister Officers to wear short white dresses at stated meeting. Under "Duties of the Officers of Subordinate Chapters" in the Book of Instruction for the Guidance of the Subordinate Chapters, number 4, page 8, delete the word white after the word wear and before the word dresses in the first sentence. Then the first sentence would read:

"Sister Officers shall wear short dresses at stated meetings."

The Book of Instruction Report was withdrawn.