

**RESOLUTION NO. 1a**

TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA:

**WHEREAS:** Multiple Chapters meet on the third or fourth week of the month of December, which conflicts with holiday events, thus causing those Chapters to potentially apply for and purchase a Dispensation to hold their Election of Officers out-of-time.

**WHEREAS:** This change would make it much easier for our local Chapters to schedule and hold their elections and to plan high-quality installation programs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**

**ARTICLE 9, Chartered Chapters**

Section 1. Elections, Chapter Officers, and Members.

The officers of a Chapter shall be the High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer, Secretary, and Captain of the Host who shall be elected at the first Stated Convocation in December of each year.

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

**ARTICLE 9, Chartered Chapters**

Section 1. Elections, Chapter Officers, and Members.

The officers of a Chapter shall be the High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer, Secretary, and Captain of the Host, who shall each year be elected at a designated Stated Convocation in November or December, which shall be provided for in the by-laws.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark K. McFadden [3]  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

**RESOLUTION NO. 1b**

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**

**ARTICLE 9, Chartered Chapters**

Section 16. Convocations.

The stated Convocations of a Chapter shall be at the time and place specified in its by-laws. The Chapter shall be opened in due form (ritualistic form) for a minimum of four (4) stated Convocations annually, including the one in December for the annual election.

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

**ARTICLE 9, Chartered Chapters**

Section 16. Convocations.

The stated Convocations of a Chapter shall be at the time and place specified in its by-laws. The Chapter shall be opened in due form (ritualistic form) for a minimum of four (4) stated Convocations annually, including the one during which the annual election is held, which shall be provided for in the by-laws.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark K. McFadden [3]  
Jon B. Greene [52, 104]

## RESOLUTION NO. 2

TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA

**WHEREAS:** ARTICLE 6 Financial Revenues provides

### Section 1. Financial Revenues

Each Chapter shall pay to the Grand Chapter fees and dues as follows:

- a. Each chartered Chapter shall pay to the Grand Chapter for each member in the database on the 30th day of December, Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to become effective for 2016, plus any assessment now levied or hereafter levied by the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, for its use, except as hereinafter provided.
  - 1) There shall be an assessment in the amount of One Dollar (\$1.00) for each name borne on the rolls, except those members who purchased perpetual memberships prior to April 9, 2005, as an annual contribution to the Royal Arch Research Assistance, which donation is tax deductible to the member, for the use and promotion of our philanthropy.
  - 2) There shall be an assessment in the amount of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per member, for each name borne on the rolls, except those members who purchased perpetual memberships prior to April 9, 2005, as an annual contribution to the Oklahoma DeMolay, which donation is tax deductible to the member, for the use and promotion of the DeMolay.

**WHEREAS:** I feel that raising the fee to \$1.00 is a small charge that can make a big difference to the membership of DeMolay.

**WHEREAS** (2<sup>nd</sup> reason): In today's age, the cost for everything, including basic operations have steadily increased. The increase will help the chapters run strong, meaningful programs.

**WHEREAS** (3<sup>rd</sup> reason): I believe that DeMolay is the future of Freemasonry, and this increase will show our support for them more effectively and invest in the future of their organization, while keeping the costs affordable for each Chapter to absorb.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT ARTICLE 6. Section 1.a. 2. Financial Reviews: be amended to reflect the following changes:**

### Section 1. Financial Revenues

- 2) There shall be an assessment in the amount of ~~twenty-five cents (\$0.25)~~, **one Dollar (\$1.00)** per member, for each name borne on the rolls, except those members who purchased perpetual memberships prior to **April 24, 2026**, as an annual contribution to the Oklahoma DeMolay, which donation is tax-deductible to the member, for the use and promotion of the DeMolay.

*(This resolution strikes the amount of donation to Oklahoma DeMolay of \$0.25 and inserts the increased sum of "one dollar (\$1.00) and exempts perpetuals purchased before this resolution takes effect.)*

Faithfully Submitted,  
Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [103]

### RESOLUTION NO. 3

TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA

**WHEREAS:** ARTICLE 9 Chartered Chapters provides

Section 14. Status of Member of Extinct Chapters.

When the charter of a Chapter shall have been surrendered or arrested, the members thereof in good standing shall be entitled to a Certificate of Good Standing from the Grand Secretary without charge. A suspended member of such Chapter may, upon payment of Five Dollars (\$5.00), be entitled to a Certificate of Good Standing from the Grand Secretary.

**WHEREAS:** I feel that, with the decline in membership, we need a Holding Chapter to provide our members with a home when their Chapter is closed.

**WHEREAS** (2<sup>nd</sup> reason): With the possibility of Chapters becoming regionalized due to a decline in membership, this Holding Chapter will give a member a home if the next nearest Chapter is not within a reasonable driving distance for them to be an active member within, and may help deter a member from demitting from the Chapter.

**WHEREAS** (3<sup>rd</sup> reason): The excess above per capita will go to the Grand Secretary to assist him with any extra financial expenses incurred with the Holding Chapter.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT ARTICLE 9. Section 14. Status of Member of Extinct Chapters: be amended to reflect the following changes:**

#### **Section 14. Status of Member of Extinct Chapter**

- a. When the charter of a Chapter shall have been surrendered or arrested, the members thereof in good standing shall be entitled to a Certificate of Good Standing from the Grand Secretary without charge. A suspended member of such Chapter may, upon payment of Five Dollars (\$5.00), be entitled to a Certificate of Good Standing from the Grand Secretary.
- b. A special Constituent Chapter to be known as Holding Chapter No. 00 shall be chartered. It shall serve as an at-large holding Chapter for the Grand Chapter Jurisdiction of Oklahoma for those Companions whose original Constituent Chapter may have ceased to be active. The Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter shall be the ex officio officers of Holding Chapter No. 00, and the official office of Holding Chapter No. 00 shall be the same as that of the Grand Secretary. Holding Chapter No. 00 shall not be entitled to a vote at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, but Past High Priests assigned to it shall remain voting members of the Grand Chapter. The Grand High Priest is empowered to transfer members of Inactive Constituent Chapters to membership in Holding Chapter No. 00. The annual dues of Holding Chapter 00 shall be \$40.00 plus the annual per capita charged by the Oklahoma Grand Chapter. The excess after Grand Chapter per capita is to be used by the Grand Secretary for administrative expenses.

*(This resolution creates subsection a. and then subsection b., the creation of a Holding Chapter to be numbered 00)*

Faithfully Submitted,

Frank J. Belluardo, Jr., [103]