

RESOLUTION FOR GRAND CHAPTER SESSION 2018

1. Purpose of the Resolution:

WHEREAS the Brothers available to hold an elective office in subordinate Chapters are decreasing each year, we propose the following change for consideration of elective positions a Brother may hold while being a plural member:

2. Resolution Statement:

Be it resolved that the following changes be made to our Constitution and Laws, Section 85:

3. Current Wording Portion:

Section 85 which currently reads:

Any Sister or Brother in good standing in the Chapter is eligible for election, or appointment, to any office in the Chapter which may be filled by a Sister or Brother, as provided by the Ritual of the Order. Subject to the foregoing qualifications, Officers may VOLUNTARILY obtain a Certificate of Proficiency on completion of examination papers prepared for this purpose and receiving 75% credit. Plural members may hold elective office in their Chapters, but shall not hold a line office (Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Associate Patron, Conductress or Associate Conductress) or same elective office in both chapters simultaneously. This does not include Trustees.

4. Proposed Changes:

After the sentence ending *75% credit*, start the next sentence with **“With the exception of a Brother,”** after the words " elective office in their Chapters"; and **remove the words “Worthy Patron and Associate Patron”** within the bracketed list of offices.

5. New Wording:

The section would then read:

Any Sister or Brother in good standing in the Chapter is eligible for election, or appointment, to any office in the Chapter which may be filled by a Sister or Brother, as provided by the Ritual of the Order. Subject to the foregoing qualifications, Officers may VOLUNTARILY obtain a Certificate of Proficiency on completion of examination papers prepared for this purpose and receiving 75% credit. **With the exception of a Brother**, plural members may hold elective office in their Chapters, but shall not hold a line office **(Worthy Matron, Associate Matron, Conductress or Associate Conductress)** or same elective office in both chapters simultaneously. This does not include Trustees.

6. Rationale:

As our membership decreases, the positions for our Brothers are being held as a pro-tem due to the current restriction. This change will allow a Brother to hold the position of Worthy Patron in one chapter while holding the position of Associate Patron in another chapter.

7. Proposed by:

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