

## STATEMENT OF THE SPONSORS FOR RESOLUTION 48-01

Background: In preparing Bylaws Amendments for the 2020 Virtual Triennial in September, we noticed that the existing Bylaws (Section 802) states that "Amendments to these By-Laws shall be presented and acted upon as provided in ARTICLE XI of the Constitution."

There is not and never has been an Article XI in the Constitution. While one can use various means of construing away a typographical error, there is some doubt about the amendment of Bylaws in these circumstances. Our Jurisprudence Committee has suggested a more cautious approach.

Secondly, we found if you strictly construe its terms: The Constitution could only be amended "at a Triennial Assembly." (Article X, Constitution).

Unlike the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Encampment, the General Grand Master could not call a Special to specifically consider Amendments to either the General Grand Council's Constitution or its Bylaws.

It appears that the General Grand Chapter once faced this same conundrum and amended its Constitution, Article VI, to provide that: "Amendments to the Constitution or Standing Regulations may be made at any Triennial or Special Convocation as provided for as follows: " (See General Grand Chapter Constitution, Article VI, Section 600.00).

The intention of this Amendment is to place most, if not all, of the procedures for submission and consideration of any Amendment to the Constitution or Bylaws in one section of the Constitution, correctly numbered and identified, thus eliminating confusion, and to permit the General Grand Council to conduct its legislative business in the same manner as the General Grand Chapter.

This also provides for unanimous consent for consideration of Emergent Legislation as can be used under the General Grand Chapter Constitution (See General Grand Chapter Constitution, Article VI, section 604.00).