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Section 3. Executive JGC

- (a) The Executive JGC shall be composed of the officers of the JGC. (The Supreme Guardian may appoint a designated representative as an additional member.)

**ARTICLE VI
ELIGIBILITY**

Section 1.

- (a) No person shall be eligible for an office in a JGC unless she/he is a voting delegate thereof. By 8/7/2010 and in conjunction with the YPP implementation schedule, if the JGC is in the USA the delegate shall be on the current list of CAVs provided by the Executive Manager. By 7/31/2011 and in conjunction with the YPP implementation schedule, if the JGC is in Canada or Australia the delegate shall be on the current list of CAVs provided by the Executive Manager.
- (b) In jurisdictions where Masons are prohibited from serving as Associate Jurisdictional Guardians or Vice Associate Jurisdictional Guardians, the Supreme Guardian may authorize the installation of eligible women to serve in those offices.
- (c) After the first appointment of the JGC Officers, no person shall be eligible to serve as a JGC Officer, except as Jurisdictional Secretary or Jurisdictional Treasurer, who has not served at least one (1) term as a Bethel Guardian or Associate Bethel Guardian of a chartered Bethel.
- (1) Bethel Guardians and Associate Bethel Guardians who are completing their first term in said office at the time of the Annual Meeting of a JGC shall be eligible to serve as an officer of the JGC.
- (d) No member shall be eligible for the office of Jurisdictional Guardian or Associate Jurisdictional Guardian who has not served, or who is not completing service, as an officer of the same JGC for a period of one (1) term.
- (e) A Jurisdictional Guardian, Associate Jurisdictional Guardian, Vice Jurisdictional Guardian and Vice Associate Jurisdictional Guardian may serve two (2) consecutive terms. A Jurisdictional Secretary, Jurisdictional Treasurer or Jurisdictional Secretary/Treasurer may serve for four (4) consecutive terms.
- (f) An elected SGC officer shall not hold an office in the JGC.

**ARTICLE VII
APPOINTMENT, VOTING PRIVILEGES AND PROXY**

Section 1. Appointment

- (a) Officers of the JGC shall be elected for recommendation at the Annual Meeting of the JGC from eligible members in attendance, unless unavoidably absent. The name(s) of all recommended officers shall be forwarded to the Vice Supreme Guardian sixty (60) days prior to her installation for approval and appointment.
- (b) Recommendation shall be by ballot without nomination.
- (c) A majority vote of those present and voting shall recommend.

Section 2. Election and Approval with Incorporation Requirements

- (a) In jurisdictions where incorporation is mandated by governmental laws, officers of the JGC shall be elected and approved as follows:
- (1) Officers of the JGC shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the JGC from eligible members in attendance, unless unavoidably absent. The name(s) of all elected officers shall be forwarded to the Vice Supreme Guardian sixty (60) days prior to her installation for approval.
- (2) Election shall be by ballot without nomination.
- (3) A majority vote of those present and voting shall elect.

Section 3. Voting Privileges

- (a) Members of the JGC shall be entitled to one (1) vote each when present at a special meeting or Annual Meeting of the JGC.

Section 4. Proxy

- (a) No member may have her/his vote cast by proxy except as follows:
- (1) A proxy shall be issued to an Associate member of a BGC only if the Associate member has Masonic status or affiliation for eligibility to become an Executive member of a BGC.

- (2) A proxy shall be limited to the particular Annual Session of the JGC for which it is issued and shall be duly certified by the Executive members of the BGC.
- (3) No person shall have a proxy for more than one (1) office or be entitled to more than one (1) vote.

ARTICLE VIII TERM

Section 1.

- (a) The term of office is one (1) year.

Section 2.

- (a) All officers shall continue to perform the duties of their office until their successors have been installed.

ARTICLE IX INSTALLATION

Section 1.

- (a) Officers present shall be installed according to the Supreme Book of Ceremonies.
- (b) The Installation shall be held no later than October 31.
- (c) No person who is an Executive member of a BGC shall be installed into the office of Jurisdictional Guardian, Associate Jurisdictional Guardian, Vice Jurisdictional Guardian or Vice Associate Jurisdictional Guardian unless approved by the Supreme Guardian.
- (d) Members of the SGC, or a designated representative appointed by the Supreme Guardian, shall install the officers of a JGC. Members of the JGC may be appointed to assist in the ceremony.

ARTICLE X VACANCIES

Section 1.

- (a) If the office of Jurisdictional Guardian becomes vacant, the Vice Jurisdictional Guardian shall assume all the duties and prerogatives pertaining to that office and shall be known as the Acting Jurisdictional Guardian until the close of the next Annual Session of the SGC.
- (b) Information relative to the vacancy shall be directed to the Jurisdictional Secretary who shall notify the Supreme Guardian and Executive Manager, affixing the seal of the JGC thereto.
- (c) The same procedure shall apply to the Vice Associate Jurisdictional Guardian should the office of the Associate Jurisdictional Guardian become vacant.
- (d) When a vacancy occurs in any office, or if deemed advisable by the Supreme Guardian, a special meeting shall be held to recommend name(s) to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE XI MEETINGS

Section 1.

- (a) The Annual Meeting of the JGC shall be held in the month of May. The time and place of the Annual Meeting of the JGC shall be determined by each JGC.
- (b) Meetings shall be conducted according to Rules of Order and Parliamentary Authority (See SI 1)