

**Resolution to Amend  
Part One – Constitution  
Article X - Amendments  
(Revised August 29, 2011, Amended September 29, 2014)**

To the Officers, and Members of the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, International:

Whereas, there is confusion created in the Constitution and By-Laws as to the procedure to submit and get Amendments approved, and

Whereas, the procedure needs a single point of reference;

Therefore, let it be resolved that:

Article X, as it reads:

This Constitution may be amended in the following manner at a Triennial Assembly by three- fourths (3/4) vote of the members of the General Grand Council specified in ARTICLE 3, that are present and voting:

By a General Revision – By a general revision of the Constitution/Bylaws when ordered by the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, International. Such revision shall be made by Special Committee appointed by the General Grand Master. This Committee shall submit its report upon completion to the Jurisprudence Committee at least six (6) months prior to the General Grand Council Triennial Assembly. Jurisprudence shall report thereon at the Triennial Assembly.

B. By an Amendment to Specified Articles or Subdivisions of the Constitution/Bylaws – By an amendment proposed in writing, submitted in triplicate, and signed by three (3) members of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International.

1. Such proposed amendments shall be forwarded to the General Grand Recorder at least six (6) months prior to the Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council.
2. The General Grand Recorder shall provide to Jurisprudence Committee and each of the General Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters, Grand Recorders and Grand Masters of each Constituent Grand Council, and Recorder and Illustrious Master of each Subordinate Council a copy of all proposed

amendments which were filed with him, five (5) months prior to the date of the next Triennial Assembly of this General Grand Council

3. The Jurisprudence Committee shall carefully review all such proposed amendments to the constitution and report thereon to the General Grand Council at its next Triennial Assembly. Unless, otherwise provided by the General Grand Council, all adopted amendments shall take effect immediately upon the completion of the session.

C. Format for Proposed Amendments

1. Proposed amendments must be in writing, submitted in triplicate, and signed by three (3) members of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International.
2. Proposed legislation will start with a heading that cited the Title of the Section of the Constitution proposed for change, and the Triennial year it is to be considered.
3. The legislation will then list the "Now Reads" portion of the proposal with the entire Section as is currently written in the Code.
4. Legislation will then present the "Proposed to Read" portion in the following manner.
5. The "Proposed to Read" will again list the entire Section under consideration.
6. If there will be no changes to a paragraph or subdivision the text of that paragraph or subdivision will NOT be written out as in the "Now Reads" portion. Instead, the number of the paragraph or subdivision will be listed and the notation, "No change to this paragraph" or "No change to this subdivision" will be made.
7. If a change within a paragraph or subdivision deletes any text the existing text with strikethrough. [~~example~~]
8. If a change within a paragraph or subdivision adds text to the existing text, indicate said change by underlining the new text. [new example]
9. The strikethrough and underlining will not appear in the revised Constitution if the legislation passes. These formats are utilized only to facilitate understanding of the proposed change to the Section of the Constitution.
10. Those proposing amendments then would provide a "Rational" portion to the proposal explaining the reasons for the proposed change.

Be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Proposed to Read:

Section 1001. This Constitution may be amended at any Triennial or Special Assembly by a three-fourths (3/4) vote provided the procedures of Section 1002 for submitting the Amendment are followed. Amendments will become effective at the close of the Assembly unless moved to take effect immediately by unanimous vote.

Section 1002.

A. By a General Revision – By a general revision of the Constitution/Bylaws when ordered by the General Grand Master who will appoint a Special Committee. This Committee shall submit its report upon completion to the Jurisprudence Committee at least 12 months prior to a legislative session of the General Grand Council. Jurisprudence shall report thereon at the General Grand Council. At least eight (8) months prior to the Assembly, this revision will then be submitted to the Grand Recorders of the Constituent Grand Councils and the Recorders of the Constituent Councils for distribution to the General Grand Council Membership.

B. By Amendment to Specific Articles or Subdivisions of the Constitution/Bylaws – By an amendment proposed in writing, submitted in triplicate, and signed by three (3) members of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International. These Amendments will be submitted to the General Grand Recorder and the Jurisprudence Committee a minimum of six (6) months prior to the Assembly. At least five (5) months prior to the Assembly, these Amendments will then be submitted to the Grand Recorders of the Constituent Grand Councils and the Recorders of the Constituent Councils for distribution to the General Grand Council Membership. (Floor motions to confer honorary membership or of gratitude for services rendered and/or acts performed are not required to follow these procedures.)

C. By Emergent Resolution – By an emergent resolution generated from a recommendation in an Officer or Committee Report, these amendments would not have been processed according to the required submission time. These amendments must be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for consideration. These may be presented to the General Grand Master during the Assembly for consideration and must pass a unanimous ballot to be brought to the floor for debate.

D. By Housekeeping Changes – Spelling, Grammar, or Reference Errors will be corrected as they are noted, and a complete list of these changes will be kept by the General Grand Recorder. In preparation for a Triennial Assembly, the list of these changes will be provided to the Jurisprudence Committee two (2) months prior to the Assembly for inclusion in their report.

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**As Intended to Read:**

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Respectfully submitted,

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