

ARTICLE IV COMMITTEES

Section 1. Eligibility

- (d) An elected GGC officer shall not serve on the Finance Committee.

Section 2. Restrictions

- (c) The spouse and/or immediate family members (mother, father, sister, brother, sister or son) of the GG or the AGG shall not serve on the following Standing Committees: Appeals and Grievances, Finance and Jurisprudence.

Section 3. Responsibility

- (a) No committee has the authority to disregard the vote of the body at a GGC business meeting.

(b) Committee chairmen shall be responsible to compile and submit a record folder to the Grand Secretary after the final committee report is presented at the Semi-annual meeting or a business meeting at the Annual Session, unless prevented by law. The Grand Secretary shall issue a receipt for the folder to the chairman. The current committee's folder shall contain: a copy of communication letters sent to all Bethels and to the GGC membership, the final committee report, the financial report, recommendations for the next committee, and any other pertinent data which will aid the successive committee.

Section 4. Jurisprudence Committee

(a) To give careful consideration to all properly submitted proposed amendments to the Manual of Rules and Regulations of the GGC, discuss such amendments with the proposer or ask for a written explanation and then make a detailed report with recommendations for action by the GGC at the Annual Session. At the first business meeting of the Annual Session, this report will be presented by the Chairman, or in her/his absence by another committee member.

(b) Immediately after the close of the Annual Session, the Chairman shall confer and advise with the Grand Secretary regarding the outcome of the proposed amendments. These individuals shall be the persons serving the previous GGC year.

(c) To advise the GG, at her request, concerning the legality of any action or ruling contemplated by her.

(d) To respond to the GG on any question presented to her by a member of the GGC. The answer shall be confirmed and documented.

(e) The Chairman shall keep a permanent file which shall be turned over to his/her successor at the conclusion of the Annual Session.

ARTICLE VI
ELIGIBILITY

Section 1.

(g) No member of the GGC shall be eligible to the office of the Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer for more than five (5) years in each office.

(h) No member of the GGC shall be eligible to the office of Grand Guardian or Associate Grand Guardian who has not passed a GGC or Supreme Ritual and Constitution and Bylaws test.

(i) No member of the GGC shall be eligible to serve as Grand Guardian during the same GGC year as their spouse would be serving as Associate Grand Guardian.

(j) No member of the GGC shall be eligible to serve as Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer during the same GGC year as their spouse and/or immediate family members (mother, father, sister, brother, daughter or son) would be serving as GG or AGG

ARTICLE VII
ELECTION, VOTING PRIVILEGES AND PROXY

Section I. Election

(a) Elective officers of the GGC shall be elected at the Annual Session from eligible members in attendance, unless unavoidably absent.

(b) Candidates aspiring to the office shall be requested to rise and state their name. If only one (1) person aspires to an office the vote shall be viva voce. If more than one (1) person aspires to an office, the vote shall be by ballot without nomination. (See S.I. No. 14.2)

(c) A majority of those present and voting shall elect.

Section 4.

(a) A semi-annual meeting of the GGC may be called at the discretion of the GG, to read committee reports from Installation to date of meeting, and to transact any pertinent business to be brought before the body.

Section 5.

(a) A special meeting of the GGC may be called by the GG and shall be called upon written request of seven (7) members, representing seven (7) different Bethels of the GGC. All members must be given at least five (5) days notice of any special meeting.

Section 6.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution and Bylaws of the SGC and/or the Manual of Rules and Regulations, Robert's Rules of Order Revised (latest edition) shall be the parliamentary authority of the GGC, BGC and Bethels in this jurisdiction. The GG may appoint a parliamentarian.

ARTICLE XIII
HEADQUARTERS

| Section 1.

| (a) The headquarters shall be located at the address of the Grand Secretary and
| he/she shall reside in the State of Maryland.