

2024 Wisconsin Grand Court Session By-Law Amendments

Article VI – Duties, Reports, and Compensations – Section 6 – Grand Secretary

Currently reads:

(e) All bills and statements must be original, itemized and presented to the Grand Secretary who will make out the vouchers sending same within fourteen (14) days of receipt to the Finance Chairman and his/her committee for approval, sending same last to the Grand Royal Matron for approval after which the Grand Treasurer is authorized to pay the bills.

Changed to:

(e) All bills and statements must be original, itemized, and presented to the Grand Secretary who will **create a digital voucher signed by hand or with certified digital signature** sending same within fourteen (14) days of receipt to the Finance Chairman and his/her committee for approval, sending same last to the Grand Royal Matron for approval after which the Grand Treasurer is authorized to pay the bills. **A physical voucher may be handwritten in cases of technical difficulty.**

Rationale: Supreme Council is digital, and our Grand Court needs to update with the times.

Submitted by: S.K. Jamison Kifer, PGRP, Grand Secretary

Article VI – Duties, Reports, and Compensations – Section 5 – Grand Treasurer

Currently reads:

(c) The Grand Treasurer shall pay all vouchers duly drawn, signed by the Grand Secretary and countersigned by the Grand Royal Matron, accompanied by the bills which have been approved by at least two (2) members of the Finance Committee.

Changed to:

(c) The Grand Treasurer shall pay all vouchers duly drawn, signed **by hand or with certified digital signature** by the Grand Secretary and countersigned **by hand or with certified digital signature** by the Grand Royal Matron, accompanied by the bills which have been approved and signed **by hand or with certified digital signature** by at least two (2) members of the Finance Committee.

Rationale: Supreme Council is digital, and our Grand Court needs to update with the times.

Submitted by: S.K. Jamison Kifer, PGRP, Grand Secretary

Article VI – Duties, reports, and compensations – Section 13 – Gifts/Gratuities

Now reads:

(a) Grand Secretary \$330.00

(b) Grand Treasurer \$120.00

Change to:

(a) Grand Secretary **\$500.00**

(b) Grand Treasurer **\$500.00**

Rationale: These officers deserve an increase due to the time needed to complete their duties effectively.

Submitted by: H.L. Christin Kifer, Royal Matron of Friendship Court No.14

Article VI – Duties, Reports and Compensation

Section 7 – Grand Trustees

New Section:

(c) It is the responsibility of the Trustees to obtain financial assistance in investing the funds of the Grand Court and to assist the Grand Secretary in filing the 990N. The Trustees are responsible for filing the reports and paying the fees

for the raffle licenses for the Grand Court. The Trustees are the financial liaison between the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Trustees and the Grand Court financial institutions to ensure the Grand Court financial accounts are in proper order and the signers of these financial accounts are current.

Rational: to ensure that the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Trustees have our financial information in order and to ensure the processes are correct. The Grand Secretary should not have the authority to obtain financial assistance without working with the Trustees.

Renumber:

(c) to (d)

Submitted by: Mary Schultz, PGRM

Article VI – Duties, Reports and Compensation

Section 13 – Gifts/Gratuities

Now Reads:

(a) Grand Secretary	\$330.00
(b) Grand Treasurer	\$120.00

Rational: We had raised the other officers' gifts/gratuities

Would then Read:

(a) Grand Secretary	\$500.00
(b) Grand Treasurer	\$300.00

Submitted by: Mary Schultz, PGRM

Article V – Revenues of Grand Court, Section 1, page 9

Now Reads - Any member of the Order of the Amaranth attending the Wisconsin Grand Court Session shall pay a registration Fee of ten (\$10.00) dollars local currency. Any member refusing to pay shall not be deprived of their rights and privileges at the Grand Court Session. The fees received from

registration shall be delivered to the Grand Secretary who shall turn it over to the Grand Treasurer to be deposited in the Grand Treasury.

Proposed change – change ten (10.00) to fifteen (15.00)

Would now read – Any member of the Order of the Amaranth attending the Wisconsin Grand Court Session shall pay a registration Fee of **fifteen (15.00)** dollars local currency. Any member refusing to pay shall not be deprived of their rights and privileges at the Grand Court Session. The fees received from registration shall be delivered to the Grand Secretary who shall turn it over to the Grand Treasurer to be deposited in the Grand Treasury.

Rationale – Although the Grand Court is on decent financial footing, the Sessions Hotel is going to begin charging a meeting room rental fee.

Submitted by S. K. Bruce E. Kenney, Deputy Supreme Royal Patron

ARTICLE VII, NEW SECTION D, PAGE 31 (THE SECTION MARKED AS D WAS CHANGED TO C AT THE SPECIAL GRAND COURT SESSION)

Proposed change – **add new section D**

Would then read - After consultation with the Grand Court Jurisprudence Committee, the Grand Secretary shall have the authority to make spelling, grammar, punctuation, syntax, lettering or numbering changes to the Grand Court Bylaws provided that said changes do not change the meaning or intention of the Section so changed. Said changes shall be reported to the Members of the Grand Court at the Annual Session.

Rationale – To make minor changes such as these easier.

Submitted by S. K. Bruce E. Kenney, Deputy Supreme Royal Patron