

**GRAND**  **CHAPTER**  
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**ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**  
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TO: Voting Delegates of Minnesota Grand Chapter  
FROM: Worthy Grand Matron and Jurisprudence Committee  
RE: Procedure to be used at Grand Chapter Legislative Session

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

In an effort to expedite and complete all legislation in a timely manner, the following procedure will be followed:

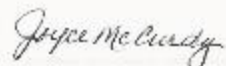
- A. **NO READING OF LEGISLATION:** Legislation will not be read, as it has been printed and submitted to the delegates. It is prudent that the voting delegates read the proposed legislation before attending the Friday and Saturday business sessions. Grand Chapter distributed a copy of the proposed legislation to each chapter. Voting delegates should request additional copies from their chapter's secretary.
- B. **ADDRESSING THE ASSEMBLY:** To obtain the floor to address the assembly, the voting delegate shall go to the nearest microphone, address the presiding officer. After being recognized by the presiding officer, the delegate shall state her or his name, title, chapter and state whether she or he is for or against the question. The delegate shall then speak to the question.
- C. **LIMITATION ON DEBATE:** Upon approval of the Assembly, debate shall be limited to two (2) minutes for each speaker. A proponent of the pending question will be the first speaker to be recognized if she or he desires to speak to the question. There shall be no more than three (3) delegates recognized to speak for the question and three (3) delegates to speak against the question. They shall be recognized alternately after which time a vote shall be taken. No delegate may speak more than once on the same question except the proponent of the question may speak a second time before the vote is taken.
- D. **AMENDMENTS TO LEGISLATION:** All amendments to legislation proposed during the Grand Chapter Session must be presented in writing to the Grand Secretary to ensure that the exact and proper wording is recorded and understood. The time limit for presenting a written amendment shall be five (5) minutes. If not submitted in this time, no action shall be taken.
- E. **TAKING THE VOTE:** All questions may be decided by a show of hands unless a roll call vote is demanded by not less than five (5) voting delegates or call of the chair. In the event a roll call vote is demanded, it shall be conducted by either a counted standing vote or a written ballot.
- F. **PARLIAMENTARY DECISIONS:** All parliamentary decisions shall be covered by *Revised Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* so far as the same is not in conflict with the "Ritual, Constitution, or Laws & Regulations" of the Grand Chapter.

Sisters and Brothers, we urge you to study the legislation and the proposed procedure to be used, so you will understand what you are voting on. Remember, no part of the legislation will be read, however a short synopsis of the change will be given,


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