

# 2011-2012 Changes to the Constitution

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## **Section 96** – *Add Webster County*

SECTION 96. In the cities having two or more lodges the jurisdiction shall be concurrent and extend as provided in Section 95, except, Adair, Allen, Anderson, Ballard, Barren, Bath, Bell, Boone, Bourbon, Boyd, Boyle, Breckinridge, Bullitt, Calloway, Campbell, Carter, Casey, Christian, Clark, Clay, Daviess, Estill, Fayette, Grant, Grayson, Green, Greenup, Hardin, Henderson, Henry, Hopkins, Jackson, Jefferson, Jessamine, Johnson, Kenton, LaRue, Laurel, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Madison, Martin, Marshall, McCracken, McCreary, Mercer, Metcalfe, Monroe, Morgan, Nelson, Nicholas, Ohio, Oldham, Owen, Owsley, Pendleton, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Rowan, Russell, Shelby, Simpson, Taylor, Todd, Wayne, Webster and Woodford counties, the jurisdictions shall be concurrent within said counties and extend as provided in Section 95. Boone, Grant and Kenton counties shall be regarded as one jurisdictional unit. (2011)

## **Section 203** – *added “except in the case of historical significance where the Grand Master may waive the one year limit”*

SECTION 203. Restoration of Charter Limited. A charter surrendered, arrested, or forfeited may, within one year thereafter, be restored by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge; but after the lapse of a year from the time the lodge became defunct, the old charter shall not be returned, nor shall its number be given to that or any other lodge except in the case of historical significance where the Grand Master may waive the one year limit. (2011)

## **Section 12** – *the words “permanent member” are removed from 12(3)*

SECTION 12. Members. The members of the Grand Lodge are as follows:

(1) Permanent Members consist of all Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge and all Masters and Past Masters of Kentucky lodges who are affiliated with lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge.

(2) Representatives are the Master, or in his absence, the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden, or in the absence of the Master and Wardens the Secretary, by virtue of their respective offices.

(3) An Elective Representative shall be chosen by ballot from the members of his lodge, to represent it in case its Master, Wardens or Secretary cannot attend the communication of the Grand Lodge, and such representative shall be given a certificate of his election over the lodge seal. (2011)

## **Section 83** – *The end of 83(A) changed to read “in accordance with Section 108 of the Book of Constitutions”. Section 83(B) changed to read “by the Master, for insubordination and/or neglect of duty, or failure to act”*

SECTION 83. Removal from Office.

A. Elected Officers. Any elected officer of a subordinate lodge other than Master or Secretary may be removed from office by two-thirds vote of the members present, all members having been notified in accordance with Section 108 of the Book of Constitutions.

B. Appointed Officer. Any appointed officer of a subordinate lodge may be removed from office by the Master, for insubordination and/or neglect of duty, or failure to act. (2011)

**Section 180-183, Trial Code & Discipline Section 8** – *Section 180-183 was moved to the Trial Code and Discipline Section as Section 8 (2) (A-D). The Sections now read as follows.*

**TRIAL OF A MASTER**

Section 180-183 has been moved to the Trial Code & Discipline Section 8 (2) (A-D). Sections 180-183 will be referenced here and all subsequent Section numbers will remain the same. (2011)

**SECTION 8 - EXCLUSIVE PROCEDURE.**

1. No Mason may be disciplined except as provided in this article.

2. Trial-Removal of a Master

(A). On Probable Guilt—Investigation. If there be reasonable grounds for believing that the Master of a lodge has been guilty of Unmasonic conduct, the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master may remove him from office and shall furnish him with a copy of the charges and specifications or complaint against him with notice of reference thereof to the Committee on Appeals to fix a time and place for an investigation thereof, after notice to him by said Committee.

(B). Record and Finding. Said Committee shall keep a full, verified record of its proceedings, append its findings and shall recommend whether the removal to be upheld.

(C). Final Action. The Grand Master shall send a copy of the Committee's decision to the accused and to his lodge and transmit the whole record to the Grand Secretary for permanent file in his office.

(D). If the removal shall be upheld, charges may be preferred against such member, in accordance with the Trial Code & Discipline, and he may be tried as in the case of any other member. (2011)

**Section 188** – *Expulsion was removed from the section, and now reads as follows.*

SECTION 188. Before Term Expires. To restore one suspended before the expiration of the time made in the sentence shall require regular petition, reference to committee, action deferred for one month, report of committee and unanimous ballot by the lodge that sentenced him, if in existence. If, however, that lodge be defunct, the restoration can only be made by the Grand Lodge and the suspended member shall not be reinstated within one year from the date of his suspension (2011).

**Standing Resolution Item 5** - *The following Resolution was recommended by the Committee on Fraternal Recognition and adopted. It will be included in the Book of Constitutions under Item 5 of the Standing Resolutions, following the list of Grand Representatives.*

Whereas: The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge (PHGL) of Kentucky, F. & A. M. was constituted under a warrant from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio in 1866, and

Whereas: The membership of PHGL of Kentucky has established a rich tradition of Freemasonry in the Commonwealth, and

Whereas: The PHGL of Kentucky has petitioned the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M. to recognize their sovereignty over lodges chartered under their authority within the Commonwealth of Kentucky, separately and distinct from the sovereignty of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and to enter into an informal relationship between the two Grand Lodges, therefore

Be It Resolved: That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M. confirms the sovereignty of the Prince Hall Grand lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M. as a Regular Masonic body in Kentucky, and welcomes an amicable relationship between the two Grand Lodges.

Further Be It Resolved: In recognition of the sovereignty of both the Prince Hall Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, inter-visitation, dual memberships, etc. are not authorized by this Resolution.

Respectfully submitted,  
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(Adopted at the 212 Annual Communication)