

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE DECISIONS 2010 & 2011

BYLAWS

Q. Can Bylaws be presented without all members of the Bylaw Committee having read and agreed with them?

A. No. Bylaws changes must be approved and signed by all members of the Bylaw committee. BLSC Article 1, Sec. 7 (2011)

COMMITTEES

Q. Can a member of another chapter who visits frequently be appointed on the chapter membership committee?

A. No. Any chapter committees must be composed of members of that chapter only. (2011)

DISPENSATIONS

Q. Can one dispensation cover a series of meetings at another location?

A. Yes. Dispensations for a series of meetings can be requested on one dispensation. Approval of dispensations are at the discretion of the Worthy Grand Matron. BLGC, Chapter 3, Par. 3.02 c. GGC Rules and Regulations Sec. 89 #6 (2011)

INSTALLATION

Q. Can two or more chapters have a combined installation?

A. No. No allowance is made for dual Installations in our Ritual. No innovations are permitted and no Ritual ceremonies may be changed by addition or omissions.
Most Worthy Grand Matron (2011)

Q. Can my Grandson come in and play the National Anthem after the opening at our Official Visit?

A. Yes, he can do so. (2010)

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Q. Can an investigating committee explain an unfavorable decision on a petition?

A. Yes. The investigating committee does have a right to explain their decision if reporting unfavorable. GGC Bylaws, Chapter VI, Sec. 4, Petitions. (2011)

OFFICERS

Q. When does a first time Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron acquire the title of Past Matron or Past Patron?

A. When they have been elected, installed in and presided over a subordinate chapter. Const. Article 10, Sec.10.01; BLSC, Article II Sec. 5; GGC BOI (2011)

PETITIONS

Q. Can a petition be read at an Official Visit not on the Chapters regular meeting ? (Special Meeting)

A. No. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting except that for which the meeting is called, which may include an Official Visit. BLSC, Article XI, Sec. 3 b. (2011)

Q. Can the petitioner withdraw her petition prior to the vote, or must it carry through the procedure?

A. If the petition has been read to the Chapter, it cannot be withdrawn. If the petition has not been read to the Chapter, it can be withdrawn by the petitioner (and fees returned) BLSC, Article XIII, Sec. 2.h & GGC Book of Instruction, Petitions, page 28, first paragraph, line 5. (2010)

Q. Can a former member (holding a demit) whose husband is no longer a Mason and they have divorced, come off of her demit and affiliate with a Chapter?

A. Yes. A Sister holding a demit and whose husband is not now an affiliated Master Mason may become a member of a Chapter by affiliation. GGC MembershipÓ (2011)

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Q. When holding a Special Meeting should the opening and closing orders of business be conducted?

A. Yes, a meeting is not a legal meeting unless opened and closed in regular form. No other business should be conducted except that for which the Special Meeting was called. BLSC, Article XI, Sec. 3 b. (2011)