

## #1

SEC. 74.5 now reads: Each lodge shall remit its share of the cost of the Grand Lodge Blanket Liability Insurance, which covers members while engaging in Masonic activities.

As proposed, SEC. 74.5 would read: Grand Lodge shall arrange for blanket liability coverage for all Masonic Lodges and buildings owned by Masonic-based building associations and related organizations. Each lodge and building association shall remit the cost of insurance on its members and properties.

## #2

Proposed SEC. 74.5a would replace Standing Resolution 19, and would read:

SEC. 74.5a: In addition to the coverage afforded by the Grand Lodge blanket liability insurance for Lodges and Masonic building associations, each lodge or building association shall obtain documentation of suitable liability coverage, including liquor liability coverage, if applicable, from parties leasing or renting Masonic premises, with the Lodge, building association and Grand Lodge named as additional insureds.

The proposed change in SEC. 74.5 and the new SEC. 74.5a will result in bringing all insurance related items together in our Constitution and will codify the Insurance Directive of 2016 with which Maine Lodges and building associations are now in conformance. It also clarifies the need for third party insurance for parties that lease or rent Masonic-based facilities.

## #3

SEC. 2.1 Officers and Members of Grand Lodge. This section includes all elected and appointed officers. It also includes a list of "Other Members" which now includes Very Worshipful – District Education Representatives; Worshipful – Masters of the several chartered constituent lodges; Brother – Wardens of the several chartered constituent lodges. **To this list would be added by this amendment:** Brother – Members of the Committee of Finance.

## #4

As proposed it will be additional language to SEC. 36.6 *On Amendments to the Constitution*, and would read as follows:

"It shall be the Committee's duty to

1. Examine all proposed amendments to the Constitution and Standing Regulations in an impartial manner, without regard to personal opinion as to their bearing or merit. (This does not preclude a member from speaking, apart from the committee and report, on any amendment in his own right as a voting member.)
2. Examine all proposed amendments to ensure that they do not conflict with any other portion of the Masonic Code.
3. Ensure that any proposed amendment is clear and concise, without any ambiguous wording that would knowingly render the amendment itself, or any existing provisions of our Masonic Code, open to differing opinions.
4. Determine if the Constitutional amendment being offered addresses the correct section and/or subsection.
5. Stand ready to assist any brother in drafting new legislation."

## **#5**

Proposed amendment to SEC. 35 which would strike SEC. 35.5 from our Constitution.

**35.5** Committee members, who are not otherwise voting members of Grand Lodge, shall have the same status as other officers of Grand Lodge, while serving on the committee.

## **#6**

Amend that portion of SEC. 7.1 which currently sets the hour for annual Grand Lodge elections at 3:00 p.m. Brother Rustin's proposal would change the voting hour for future Grand Lodge elections to 1 p.m.

By virtue of this proposal, SEC. 7.1 would read: The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, shall be chosen by ballot at the Annual Communication; as shall vacancies incurring or occurring on the Committee of Finance; and Board of Trustees of the Masonic Charitable Foundation. Ballots shall be printed, or electronic voting opportunities prepared, by the Grand Lodge for all who have made their candidacy for the above positions known in writing to the Grand Secretary previous to the election but not later than March 15<sup>th</sup>. The election shall commence at 1 p.m., and a majority of the votes collected shall be necessary for a choice. If a majority is not obtained for any office, a further ballot shall be collected as soon as convenient, the election taking priority over all other matters.