

By-Laws Change, Credentials, Proxy

By – Laws Change

The By-Laws Change Form must be used whenever a Constituent Lodge votes to amend or change its by-laws. A change may be proposed by any member at a Stated Communication of the Lodge. It must lie over until the next Stated Communication before being acted upon. If approved by vote of the Lodge, the change must be submitted to the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodges, in triplicate, on a By-Laws Change Form and all three copies of the form must have the Lodge Seal affixed. If the changes are so substantial as to not fit on the form, they may be attached as separate pages to the form. If it is a change both the old wording and the new wording must be submitted. The change will be examined by the Committee on Lodges and a recommendation will be made to the Grand Master. No approved changes will be effective until the Grand Master has given his approval. The change then becomes effective on the date that the Grand Master has approved it.

Reference: Grand Constitution Article XIII, Section 15 through 18 pages 27 and 28.

Credentials

The Worshipful Master, Senior, and Junior Wardens and the elected Grand Lodge Representative, are the voting members of Grand Lodge. Each of them must be provided with a Credential, signed by the Secretary with the Seal of the Lodge affixed, prior to attending the Annual or Semi-Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Reference: Grand Constitution Article XIV, Section 1

Proxy

Whenever the Worshipful Master, Wardens, or Grand Lodge Representatives are unable to attend Grand Lodge, that officer is to appoint some member of his Constituent Lodge to act as his Proxy. The Proxy form **MUST** be signed by the officer who is to be absent and the Proxy **MUST** present the proper credential to be registered and to vote.

Reference: Grand Constitution Article III, Section 3

Only forms provided by the Grand Secretary are acceptable. A Constituent Lodge may not produce their own forms.