

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE SUPREME GUARDIAN
COUNCIL
Year: 2026**

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Article: XIII

Section: 1

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The purpose of this amendment is to provide a framework through which the Supreme Honors may be administered in a manner that is, at a minimum, consistent and equitable throughout all Jurisdictions. By allowing Jurisdictions to adopt and adapt the official Rules and Regulations, as published by the Supreme Guardian Council and without alteration, the integrity of the Honors is preserved while also making their implementation accessible worldwide.

This measure seeks to eliminate disparities in understanding, eligibility, and administration that may arise from the absence of clear authorization for local adaptation. At the same time, it ensures that the standards established by the Supreme Guardian Council remain unchanged and universally respected.

The amendment therefore supports the global unity of the Order, promotes fairness in recognition, and affirms that Supreme Honors should be considered and conferred under substantially equal conditions in every part of the world.

SUBMITTED BY:

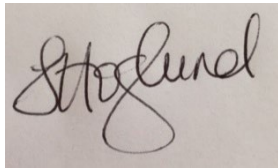
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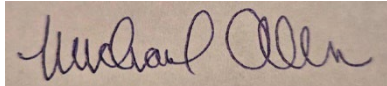
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