

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

Amendment: 47

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Article: IV

Section: 1

Subsection: (a-c)

NOW READS:

**ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Members

(a) Girls between the ages of ten (10) and twenty (20) years who bear a Masonic relationship shall be eligible for membership. Masonic relationship shall be interpreted to mean a relationship by blood, marriage, or law to a:

(1) Mason (See POL-BOT-2),

(2) his wife or widow,

(3) a member of Job's Daughters,

(4) or a Majority Member of Job's Daughters.

(b) If, after diligent and exhaustive search, Masonic relationship cannot be verified for an Applicant, a Majority Member and a Master Mason (other than the Bethel Guardian or Associate Bethel Guardian) may sponsor the Applicant.

(c) A woman under the age of twenty (20) years who has been married, divorced, whose marriage has been annulled or who is pregnant, or has ever been pregnant, except in the case of rape (or its equivalent terminology) or incest is not eligible for membership.

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☒ **ADD NEW TO READ**
☐ **AMEND TO READ (Underline all changes or additions)**

WILL READ:

Add new c: and renumber existing "c" to "d"

(c) In the case where the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction does not recognize Job's Daughters and denies support to Job's Daughters by Masons within the Jurisdiction. the applicant may be sponsored by two Majority Members of the Bethel (other than the Bethel Guardian and Associate Bethel Guardian).

REASON FOR CHANGE:

In a Jurisdiction where a Master Mason could lose his Masonic membership by supporting Job's Daughters, by decree of the Grand Lodge, no Mason will sign an application for membership. Although a sponsorship could be given by a Master Mason from another jurisdiction, this does not make sense since that Master Mason probably would not know the applicant. When the Bethel is not supported by the Masons, we need to be in control of our own membership.

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