

Resolution No. 1

WHEREAS: The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia has, since 1995, approved the Alzheimer's Association of Virginia as an officially sanctioned recipient of its philanthropic support; and

WHEREAS: the Mental Health Association has also been officially sanctioned by the Grand Chapter; and

WHEREAS: in 2007 the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia rescinded its philanthropic support of the Mental Health Association; and

WHEREAS: the Masonic Home of Virginia has a Memory Care Unit available to the residents; and

WHEREAS: support of the Alzheimer's Association and Memory Care has been the focus of philanthropy for the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia; and

WHEREAS: This Grand Chapter expresses its approval of the Alzheimer's Association and The Masonic Home of Virginia – Richard E. Brown Memory Support Unit as officially sanctioned recipients of its philanthropic support.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 71. Committee on Philanthropic Activities. At each Grand Annual Convocation, the Newly installed Grand High Priest shall appoint a Grand Almoner who shall be the Chairman of the Committee on Philanthropic Activities and responsible for carrying out the duties of the Committee. (Amended 11/15/14)

Duties – It shall be the duty of the Committee to:

- (a) *Devise and conduct programs to support:*
 - the Alzheimer's Association of Virginia, as the Grand Chapter's primary philanthropy;
 - Alzheimer's related programs including but not limited to projects to find lost Alzheimer sufferers;
 - the Mental Health Association;
 - and such other charities and charitable activities as the Grand High Priest or the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in its Annual Convocation shall decide to support.
- (b) *Receive the report of The Grand Almoner* who shall provide the Grand High Priest, the Grand King, and the Grand Secretary with a report of his activities and, such activities as are not private and confidential, shall be reported at the Grand Annual Convocation.

Be amended to Read:

Section 71. Committee on Philanthropic Activities. At each Grand Annual Convocation, the newly installed Grand High Priest shall appoint a Grand Almoner who shall be the Chairman of the Committee on Philanthropic Activities and responsible for carrying out the duties of the Committee.

Duties – It shall be the duty of the Committee to:

(a) *Devise and conduct programs to support:*

- the Alzheimer's Association of Virginia, as the Grand Chapter's primary philanthropy;
- **Alzheimer's related programs which include but are not limited to projects to find wandering Alzheimer's sufferers;**
- **The Masonic Home of Virginia Richard E. Brown Memory Support Unit;**
- and such other charities and charitable activities as the Grand High Priest or the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in its Annual Convocation shall decide to support.

(b) *Receive the report of The Grand Almoner* who shall provide the Grand High Priest, the Grand King, and the Grand Secretary with a report of his activities and, such activities as are not private and confidential, shall be reported at the Grand Annual Convocation. (Amended 11/22/2025)

REASON: Since its establishment in 2004, the Memory Support Unit at the Masonic Home of Virginia has provided compassionate, specialized care for Brethren and their families facing the challenges of Alzheimer's and related conditions. While our organization has consistently supported this vital resource, this proposition seeks to formally acknowledge and affirm that support.

We remain committed to continuing our contributions to the Alzheimer's Association and broader research efforts; however, with this proposition, we also officially sanction and encourage direct support of the Memory Support Unit at our Masonic Home—where care is provided to members of our own Masonic family.

Let it be resolved that this body formally recognizes the importance of the Masonic Home of Virginia's Memory Support Unit and encourages all members to support its mission of care, dignity, and brotherly love.

Respectfully submitted,

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Resolution No. 2

WHEREAS: The verbiage of Candidate and Companion may cause confusion with the possible affiliation process, the following change for clarification is requested.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 195. Rejected Candidate May Reapply. A Companion rejected for membership may renew his application to the same Chapter after the expiration of one month. He may apply to any other Chapter at any time.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

Section 195. Rejected Candidate for Affiliation May Reapply. A Companion rejected for membership **by affiliation** may renew his application to the same Chapter after the expiration of one month. He may apply **for affiliation** to any other Chapter at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Brandon Hale

Past High Priest

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Resolution No. 3

Whereas the perpetual membership contributions have decreased to an all-time low and,

Whereas the perpetual membership should be an asset to the member, the constituent Chapter, and to Grand Chapter and,

Whereas having multiple tiers based on age would entice members to purchase perpetual memberships and,

Whereas the annual amount due to Grand Chapter nor the annual distribution of earnings to the subordinate Chapters shall not be changed,

Now therefore, be it resolved that:

Section 70(f). Perpetual Membership Contributions. Every Chartered Chapter shall promptly forward to Grand Chapter any perpetual membership contributions made by its members. The amount of the contribution shall be a minimum of twenty-five times the annual dues of the Chapter (including fifteen times the Grand Chapter per capita dues) at the time of the contribution. All contributions received by the Grand Secretary shall be promptly transferred to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia Perpetual Membership Fund. The minimum contribution may be changed by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia Perpetual Membership Board of Trustees upon due notice being given to each Chapter prior to the next Capitular Year. (Amended 11/13/93)

Be amended to read:

Section 70(f). Perpetual Membership Contributions. Every Chartered Chapter shall promptly forward to Grand Chapter any perpetual membership contributions made by its members. The amount of the contribution shall be determined in the following manner: **Members 29 years of age or younger shall contribute 25 times the annual dues of the Chapter (including 25 times the Grand Chapter per capita dues) at the time of the contribution. Members 30-54 years of age shall contribute 20 times the annual dues of the Chapter (including 20 times the Grand Chapter per capita dues) at the time of the contribution. Members 55-64 years of age shall contribute 15 times the annual dues of the Chapter (including 15 times the Grand Chapter per capita dues) at the time of the contribution. Members 65-74 years of age shall contribute 12 times the annual dues of the Chapter (including 12 times the Grand Chapter per capita dues) at the time of the contribution. Members 75 years of age or older shall contribute 10 times the annual dues of the Chapter (including 10 times the Grand Chapter per capita dues) at the time of the contribution. A memorial perpetual membership may be purchased for a deceased Royal Arch Mason, who was in good standing in the Grand Chapter of Virginia at the time of his death by contributing eight (8) times the current annual dues of the Chapter (including eight (8) times the Grand Chapter per capita dues) at the time of the Contribution.**

All contributions received by the Grand Secretary shall be promptly transferred to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia Perpetual Membership Fund.

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