

BY-LAWS

Article I: Name

The Association shall be known as *“The Alpha-Omega Club”*

Proposed update:

The Association shall be known as “The Alpha-Omega Association”

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of this Association shall be: to form a close relationship among those who shall serve as Worthy Matrons, Associate Matrons, Conductresses and Associate Conductresses during the same term as the Worthy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress, and Associate Grand Conductress; to support the goals of these Grand Officers and our Eastern Star projects; to study and familiarize ourselves with the Ritual; Constitution and By-Laws of the Order, to project love and sociability among our members; and to promote the ideals and purposes of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Proposed update:

The purpose of this Association shall be: to serve as a support system for members of the Order of the Eastern Star through mentoring and relationship building; to support the Eastern Star projects as well as the goals of the Worthy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress, and Associate Grand Conductress; to study and familiarize ourselves with the Ritual; Constitution and By-Laws of the Order, to project love and sociability among our members; and to promote the ideals and purposes of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Article III: Membership

Membership of this Association shall be the subordinate chapter Worthy Matrons, Associate Matrons, Conductress, and Associate Conductress for this fiscal year; the Worthy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress of Kansas; and the Past Matrons of the subordinate Chapters of Kansas.

Proposed update:

Membership of this Association shall be open to any member in good standing of a subordinate chapter for this fiscal year; the Grand Officers of Kansas; and the Past Officers of the subordinate Chapters of Kansas.

Article IV: Visitors

All Grand Officers of Kansas as well as the Worthy Grand Matrons, Associate Grand Matrons, Grand Conductresses and Associate Grand Conductresses of other Grand Jurisdictions are to be invited to attend the Association meetings.

Proposed update:

All Grand Officers of Kansas, as well as the Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions, are to be invited to attend the Association meetings.

Article V: Dues

Section 1: The dues in this Association shall be \$3.00 for each year, due and payable by the opening date of each Grand Chapter Session.

Proposed update:

Section 1: The dues in this Association shall be \$3.00 for each year, due and payable by the annual meeting of the Association.

Section 2: Members whose dues have not been paid by the stated due date shall automatically be suspended.

Section 3: Anyone elected to office after the formation of this Association, or after Grand Chapter time each succeeding year, may join by paying dues pro-rated from that time to our next regular meeting.

Article VI: Meetings

Section 1: Regular meetings of this Association shall be held on the first day of each Grand Chapter Session.

Proposed update:

Section 1: Regular meetings of this Association shall be held in July or August of each year and on the first day of each Grand Chapter Session. The Association's annual meeting will be held at the regular meeting scheduled for July or August of each year.

Section 2: Special meetings may be called by the President, notice of which will be given to each member not less than one week prior thereto.

Section 3: A quorum shall consist of 12 members, two of whom shall be the Worthy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress, or Associate Grand Conductress.

Section 4: No business shall be transacted unless a quorum is established.

Section 5: The Association’s fiscal year shall be from the first day of the current Grand Chapter Session to the second day of the Following Grand Chapter Session.

Proposed change:

Section 5: The Association’s fiscal year shall be from July 1st to June 30th of each year.

Article VII: Officers

Section 1: The elected officers of this Association shall be: President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer. Their term of office shall be limited to one year.

Section 2: President’s duties: To preside at all the meetings and to see that the business is properly conducted; to make the following appointments: Chaplain, Historian and Sunshine Chairman, and other appointments as may be required.

Section 3: Vice-President’s duties: To assume the duties of the President in her absence, to serve as chairman of luncheon arrangements and reservations assisted by the Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be the cashier.

Section 4: Secretary-Treasurer’s duties: To make record of the minutes of all meetings and send copy of the same to the Worthy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress and elective officers of the Association; to read all correspondence; to write and send such correspondence as may be directed by the President or by the Association; to keep an accurate record of the membership and to send notice of meetings to the membership.

To receive all money belonging to the Association and to pay all authorized bills; to make report of all accounts to each meeting; to keep a record of all dues paid; to prepare a record of all transactions and give to the Worthy Grand Matron; Associate Grand Matron; Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress and the Association’s elective officers. Alpha-Omega money shall be deposited in a Federally Insured Financial Institution (bank or savings association). There shall be two signatures on the bank/savings account: The Secretary-Treasurer’s and the President’s so that in the absence of the Secretary-Treasurer, the President may transact the necessary business.

Section 5: Each association officer shall deliver to her successor in office all books, records, papers, monies and other property belonging to the Association.

Article VIII: Election

Section 1: The annual election of the Secretary-Treasurer and Vice-President shall be held at the annual meeting of the Association in April. The current Vice President shall move into the office of the President.

Proposed update:

Section 1: The annual election of the Secretary-Treasurer and Vice-President shall be held at the annual meeting of the Association in July or August. The current Vice President shall move into the office of the President.

Section 2: Open nominations may be made from the floor.

Section 3: Any Associate Matron in good standing present at the election meeting is eligible for the office of Vice President. Any Conductress or Associate Conductress in good standing, present at the election meeting is eligible for the office of Secretary-Treasurer.

Proposed update:

Section 3: Any member in good standing present at the election meeting is eligible for the office of Vice President or Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 4: Any vacancy in an elective office occurring during the year shall be filled by the President by appointment, and will fill out the remainder of the term.

Article IX: Appointments

Proposed addition:

The following appointments may be made for the Association but are not required for the Association to conduct business.

Section 1: Chaplain: Shall lead the Association in its devotions and perform such other duties as are appropriate to the office.

Section 2: Historian: Shall keep a scrapbook of pictures and accounts of the year.

Section 3: Sunshine: Shall send cards from the Association to any member upon their hospitalization or upon the death of a member's spouse.

Article X: Memorials

In case of the death of an Association member, a memorial of \$5.00 will be sent to one of our Eastern Star charities, and a sympathy card sent to the immediate family by the Sunshine Chairman.

Proposed update:

In case of the death of an Association member, the Association may send a memorial to one of the Eastern Star charities if desired, and a sympathy card sent to the immediate family by one of the Association officers or appointments.

Article XI: Parliamentary Authority

No action of this Association shall be in violation of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Chapter of Kansas.

Article XII: Amendments

Section 1: These By-Laws may be amended or repealed by two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.

Section 2: Each member shall be given a copy of these By-Laws.

Amendments to the By-Laws were approved at our business meeting April 18, 2000.

Proposed update:

Changes to the By-Laws previously revised in 1999-2000 were submitted for a member vote at our business meeting on April 21, 2022. As the Association did not have a quorum, no vote could be completed. Changes to the By-Laws were again submitted for a member vote and (approved / not approved) at the business meeting held on July 9, 2022.

Dannell (Danni) Altman-Newell
President, 2022-2023

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