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ARTICLE VI ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. Regular

- (a) Those eligible for appointment to a BGC shall be a least twenty (20) years of age. By 8/7/2010 and in conjunction with the YPP implementation schedule, appointees working with JDI in the USA shall be on the current list of CAVs provided by the Executive Manager. By 7/31/2011 and in conjunction with the YPP implementation schedule, appointees working with JDI in Canada or Australia shall be on the current list of CAVs provided by the Executive Manager.
- (b) The Associate Bethel Guardian shall be a Master Mason in good standing in his Lodge.
- (c) The Bethel Guardian shall be:
 - (1) a direct descendant of a Master Mason or the wife, daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, adopted daughter by law, mother, grandmother, sister, half-sister, step-sister, niece, grand niece, daughter-in-law, step-daughter, step-granddaughter, sister-in-law, first or second cousin or widow of a Master Mason or
 - (2) members of an organization basing its membership requirement on Masonic relationship or
 - (3) Past Bethel Guardians or
 - (4) Majority Members of JDI.
- (d) Adults having the above eligibility or who are the parent, grandparent, stepparent or guardian of a member of the Bethel are eligible for appointment as Executive Members, other than Bethel Guardian and Associate Bethel Guardian, or as an Associate member of the BGC.
- (e) Executive members of a BGC who are delinquent in paying fines shall be ineligible for reappointment. (See B-BGC, Art VII, Sec 1(b)).
- (f) A Grand Guardian, Associate Grand Guardian, Vice Grand Guardian or Vice Associate Grand Guardian shall not serve as an Executive Member of a BGC.

Section 2. Special

- (a) The Supreme Guardian, with the consent of the Executive SGC, may appoint five (5) eligible women to serve as Executive members of the BGC in jurisdictions where Masons are prohibited by Masonic law from being Associate Bethel Guardians.
- (b) When a GGC has been organized in such jurisdiction, the Grand Guardian may appoint five (5) eligible women as Executive members of the BGC.

ARTICLE VII ELECTION

Section 1. There is no election of members for the BGC.

ARTICLE VIII APPOINTMENTS

Section 1.

- (a) Members of BGCs shall be appointed by the newly elected Supreme or Grand Guardian following her election at the Annual Session of the SGC or GGC, or within thirty (30) days thereafter. Certificates for all BGC members shall be forwarded to the incoming Bethel Guardian.
- (b) Bethel members shall be privileged to recommend Executive members of the BGC. (See SI 8)
- (c) Instructions for newly organized Bethels are contained in SI 10.

ARTICLE IX TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1. Regular

- (a) The term of office for members of a BGC under Supreme shall run concurrently with the SGC year and shall terminate at the close of the Annual Session of the SGC.
- (b) The term of office for members of a BGC under GGC jurisdiction shall run concurrently with the GGC year and shall terminate at the close of the Annual Session of the GGC.
- (c) Members of BGCs shall continue to perform the duties of their office until their successors have been installed.