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Resolution 01-2020

Resolution to reduce the time a new Arkansas resident has to wait before petitioning for the three degrees

Whereas, the Digest of Laws state, that without special dispensation from the Grand Master, no lodge can accept a petition for the degrees unless a candidate has resided in Arkansas for one (1) year,

Whereas, the Grand Master can grant dispensation to dispense with the necessity of the residency requirement, —

Whereas, this regulation is not a land mark to the fraternity,

Whereas, information being easier to obtain on candidates with today’s technology than when the requirement was adopted,

Whereas, all candidates for the three degrees must now submit to a background check when petitioning,

Whereas, waiting a year risks our fraternity of losing good men who are interesting in Masonry and getting involved in their new communities through our great fraternity if they decide to become members of different organizations that they do not have to wait a year to join,

Whereas, a man can move from one side of Arkansas to the other and is not affected by the time requirement, yet no one may know him any better than if he moved from another state,

Therefore, be it resolved that we vote to amend the Digest of Laws to reduce the time a new resident has to wait to petition for the three degrees from one (1) year to three (3) months as amended below:

2.2.9 The Grand Master may grant a dispensation, dispensing with the necessity of ~~twelve months~~ **three months** residence in this State before a Lodge can initiate an applicant for degrees as this regulation is not a land mark and the dispensing power of the Grand Master is always an implied exception to these rules, which are designed to regulate the action of Subordinate Lodges in selecting material for initiation. - Pro. 1887, p. 72,

and:

3.7.33 No Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall accept a petition for the degrees of Freemasonry from a candidate until he has been a resident of this state for ~~one year~~ **three months**, unless a dispensation is obtained from the Grand Master. -Pro. 1950, p. 87.


Amended Pro. 1993, p. 58,

and:

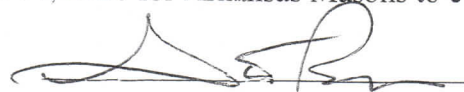
3.7.35 Upon the report of a committee that an applicant for Masonry had not resided within the state for ~~one year~~ **three months**, further proceedings should be delayed, and no ballot taken until the full accomplishment of required residence within the jurisdiction. -Pro. 1950, p. 87.

Amended Pro. 1993, p. 58.

Approved at our Stated Communication of March 04, 2020 for Arkansas Masons to consider.

 W.M.

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Scott Burns

Grand Lodge of AR
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Secretary